

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

WELCOME BACK - October 2015

www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com

Our first newsletter of the season hopes to find all of our Mesa Regal friends in good health and ready to get on the courts, have some fun and soak up the lovely Arizona sun. I am just getting my bags packed and feeling excited to meet everyone again for another great season of pickleball. We had a wonderful summer on Vancouver Island and were happy to get together with so many of our Mesa Regal friends who travelled North for a visit both on the Island and in the Interior of British Columbia.

THANKS TO THE EARLY BIRDS

We have had a few MRPBClub members arrive early this year and they have been working hard, in some very HOT weather, to get the courts up and running for us. A HUGE thank you to Mary & Mark Eggleston, Bob Calver and Dan Trammell for cleaning the courts, moving all supplies from watersafe storage and for just doing what was needed to get people playing on our courts.

Remember that Court Etiquette signs are posted at the entry to the courts and please refresh your memories of respectful play. Also, remember that our club volunteers fill the ball containers each morning free of charge to our club. Please make sure you replace the ball you use in the container and put any broken balls into the bin on the stage for practice. As well, there are racks outside of the courts for you to hang your jackets when you are warmed up, ball containers **will not** hold the weight of jackets.

MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB

Our club is as great as it is because of the many people who volunteer to help out. So, thanks to all of you for continuing to be involved in a variety of ways for the benefit of our club and its members. Two very important upcoming items that you need to be aware of and a few extra tidbits of info re the club.

1 - Scheduled programs and events

Pickleball/Tennis Fun Day - Saturday, November 14th 9-4:00

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar for a fun filled day with our tennis friends. We hope to introduce the tennis community to some pickleball and the pickleball community to some tennis. It is sure to be a great day so keep tuned for future updates! Thanks to Katie and her social committee and the tennis club for organizing this day.

We hope to have a variety of programs and schedules up and running for November once all of our volunteers arrive and organize their volunteer time for the season.

2 - Steve Judy Annual Pickleball Tournament - December 7-9th. Thanks so much to Jack Derlein and his committee for putting on this fabulous tournament which again will be seeing some awesome pickleball by the 220+ participants!!!! This tournament and any profits that are made go back into the club which is one of the reasons we have no membership fee. Well done MRPBClub!!

3 - Tidbits - We are asking each of you to fill in a 2015-16 membership form this year that will keep our email list updated and also supply us a contact person in case of injury. It is also a good way to show Mesa Regal management that our sport continues to grow and maybe we could use more courts..ha ha.

4 - Beginner Lessons - Our Beginner Pickleball trainer, Pat Porter, is arriving the weekend of October 10th and if you would like lessons prior to an organized schedule being posted, please see him at **site #144**.

5 - Simon - is up and running and ready for you to practice those pickleball shots you have been dreaming about all winter. Simon is stored in the clubhouse and will be available throughout the day. The storage room will be locked at night and opened up in the morning thanks to some of our MRPBClub volunteers. Just a reminder that Simon is to be used on courts 1 or 2 and please refresh yourselves with the directions you find on Simon and treat him with TLC!!

6 - Recycling - Don't forget to **start saving those soda & beer cans** from all your neighbours for our recycling program. All proceeds go to the club to help with purchasing pickleballs and supplies for our club. Thanks again for being such great drinkers....ha ha.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Your current Board of Directors, Committee Representatives & Program Coordinators are:

President - Jake Grandy (jake.grandy@yahoo.com)

Vice President - Pat Porter (sportport1@msn.com)

Treasurer - Lorie Ranson (lranson@telus.net)

Secretary - Nancy Stern (ndstern@shaw.ca)

Member At Large - Wayne Reynolds (wreynolds178@gmail.com)

We are sorry to see Wayne Reynolds resign from our Board. He has decided to try another part of the world this winter season and is off to Columbia to teach English. Thanks, Wayne, for your dedicated service to our club, we will miss you this season but wish you all the best in your new venture. **If anyone is interested in filling Wayne's position on the Board until elections in 2016, please let me know via email at ndstern@shaw.ca. We welcome a 5th person on our Board until elections this Spring.**

Tournament Committee - Jack Derlein

Social Committee - Katie Hicks

Maintenance Committee - Neil Ranson

Scheduling Committee - Alison Pelletier

Training Committee - Gail Miller

Website Coordinator - Mary Eggleston

Skill Ratings Coordinator - Maurice Michaud

3.0 Interpark League Coordinator - Eric Phillips

3.5 Interpark League Coordinator - Dale Hartman

4.0+ Interpark Coordinator - Maurice Michaud

Ladies Social Coordinator - Brenda Bruntlett

3.5 Mens Skill Level Play - Lorne Johnson

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The executive board will be meeting early on this season for a goal setting session and will seek input from the Committee reps and Program coordinators to help prioritize these goals and timelines.

Don't forget to check out the website www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com for information and updates on upcoming events.

If you have any suggestions for the board please make sure you use the suggestion box or email/chat to any of our board members with your ideas or feedback about schedules or programs.

**That's all for for now folks....keep positive, keep smiling
and happy playing!**