

# Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

## Weekly Announcements - November 1, 2015

[www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com](http://www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com)

November is here and people are arriving at Mesa Regal every day. It is so good to see everyone!! We had our first MRPBClub Board meeting Friday and we would like to welcome Russ Bracewell to our team. Russ is filling in for Wayne Reynolds who was on our Board but is pursuing new adventures this year in Columbia. We do thank Wayne for being a valued part of our team.

Most of our schedule is up and running now and it will continue to grow as our volunteers who run sessions/programs arrive. I will be sending weekly newsletters to keep you updated on what is happening around our pickleball club.

If you would like to start a group or organize any type of scheduled play or special event for the club (i.e. evening scrambles, appy night, etc.), please bring your idea to the Board members so it can be discussed. We are always looking for new activities for club members.

We are asking **EVERYONE** to fill in a **membership form** this year. We have added a club waiver to the form and would like to update the 2015-16 membership list as evidence to Cal Am we are very active, **GROWING** and need **MORE COURTS**. Membership forms are on the patio and the table by courts 6 & 7.

### Scheduled Play for this Week

**Thank you for wearing your Name Badge!!**

**Mon - Sunday 7:30-10:30 Open play this week.**

**Monday - 10:30-12:30 Beginner Lessons** (sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)

**2:30-4:30 Men's 3.5 & 3.75 Play** - (courts 4-7)

**6:00-8:00 p.m. Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals, just drop in)

**Tuesday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Intermediate Social play** - (just drop in)

**3:30-5:30 Interpark 4.0+ play** (courts 3-7)

**Wednesday - Ladder sign up on bulletin board Monday. Begins in one more week.**

**6:00-8:00 p.m. Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals, just drop in)

**Thursday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Intermediate Social play** - (just drop in)

**Friday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner 2 lessons** (must have taken beginner lesson, sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)

**Recycle Cans Friday...bring those crushed cans down in the morning for the club. **\*\*if you can take the cans out of the plastic bags and add them to the big bin, that would help out. Thanks!****

### RESERVATION BOARD

Courts 5, 6 & 7 and court 1 (Simon) may be reserved during any **UNSCHEDULED** times. The reservation board is on the bulletin board and the guidelines are there. Please read the guidelines and reserve the courts if you want to play.

## CLUB VOLUNTEERS

As you know, our club is only as good as its volunteers and things don't happen without all of you. Currently we have 5 Board of Directors, 5 Committees, 7 program coordinators, a webmaster and recycling crushers...ha ha. We will be meeting with all these volunteers for a planning session for our upcoming season this week.

As well as our organized volunteers, there are many behind the scenes volunteers that are always there when they are needed. All of you are valued, recognized and are an integral part of our club. **THANK YOU!!**

## OPEN PLAY

Open play is scheduled every morning and is for **Mesa Regal Park residents and their guests only**. A guest is a person that you have visiting you and who is wearing a Mesa Regal Guest Badge (you get these in the office). If you would like to play with people who are not Mesa Regal guests, the court reservation system is a great way to accommodate this.

Court guidelines are posted on the entry doors of the courts and if you are not playing in a scheduled time or have not reserved the court, these guidelines should be followed. For example, if you are playing in the evening and all courts are full with people waiting, please follow the two games only guideline and come off and put your paddle in the rack. If you do not want to follow this system, please reserve the court on the white board.

Open play time tends to become very congested (and will only get worse as our club increases in size) with lots of players waiting to get on court. Courts 1 & 2 (beginners) and 3-5 (intermediates) have next on court assignments using the paddle rack system on the patio. Currently these courts do a TWO game rotation before coming off. To help eliminate the congestion on these courts, the Board is implementing **NEW GUIDELINES FOR NOVEMBER** on a trial basis. **When there are MORE THAN 16 PADDLES in the rack, play will change to a ONE GAME ROTATION.** We are hoping that this will reduce the amount of time that people are sitting on the patio waiting for a court. Currently this is the practice on courts 6 & 7 and seems to work well for shorter off court times. Of course there will be issues that come up and need to be worked out but we are counting on all of you to problem solve during the month and make some suggestions when we review the trial run.

We are always looking for solutions to congested court times during open play. **We need you to help us by making suggestions.** Other ideas that could be considered are:

- 1 - changing open play time from 7-11 (on non scheduled days) and splitting it into two groups i.e. Mon 7-9 (3.0 players and below) Mon 9-11 (3.5 players & above) then reversing this for Fri. 7-9 (3.5 and above) 9-11 (3.0 and below). All 7 courts would be for these players to use.
- 2 - have two open play times, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
- 3 - **MORE COURTS**, we all like this solution but it is not for the short term. We constantly discuss this option with Cal Am at every opportunity.

As our club numbers grow and our playing abilities diversify, wait times will

continue to increase. While it is great to socialize we are also there to play pickleball. If you have any suggestions or experiences from other clubs that you can share, just chat with one of the board members or **PUT IT IN THE SUGGESTION BOX** (by bulletin board on clubhouse).

### **PICKLEBALL/TENNIS FUN DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

We are really excited to be working with the tennis social committee to have a fun, social morning of tennis and pickleball. It is a great opportunity for us pickleball people to introduce our game to our tennis pals and for our tennis pals to introduce their game to us. This is NOT A COMPETITION, just an opportunity to try something new and meet some new friends. The morning will be split into two groups starting at 8:30 and 10:00 and finish with a pot luck social at the fountain at 11:30. In each morning group, we will partner up, two pickleball and two tennis players and put you on either a tennis or pball court. Of course if you are on the tennis court, the tennis people will introduce to the game. If on the pickleball court, the pball people will introduce their partners to the game. After 30 minutes, you stay with the same partners and switch to the opposite sport court for an intro to the new sport. Remember, it is a chance to put a paddle/racquet in your hand and hit around. Thanks so much for Katie and Dee for organizing this. Sign up sheets for playing in this and coming to the potluck social afterwards are on our bulletin board. **Sign up early** as we are limited to 48 pickleball players. Please note, racquets for pball players and paddles for tennis players will be supplied on the courts.

### **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS**

**USAPA Nationals - November 8 - 16<sup>th</sup> @ Casa Grande (Palm Creek & Robson Ranch.**

There will be some great pickleball to watch and they are always looking for people to referee so it is a great opportunity to get involved. If people want to carpool, maybe you could set up a sign up sheet on the patio. To see the schedule of events, go to [www.pickleballtournaments.com](http://www.pickleballtournaments.com) and click on tournaments to find it. This is also a great way to follow results as they are updated as matches finish.

**East Valley @ VENTURE OUT (across the street) - November 17-19<sup>th</sup>**

Lots of our own Mesa Regal players will be competing in this tournament so make sure you come on over and cheer for our team. As well, VO will be looking for volunteers to help ref the games. VO people help us out in our December tourney so let's help them out too.

**Steve Judy Mesa Regal - December 7-9**

This is our annual Club tournament which is a favourite of many players. Mark your calendar and keep posted as lots of our members play in this and many of them volunteer as well.

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