

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - November 15, 2015

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What a great pickleball week we have had. Thanks to all the MRPBClub volunteers who continue to go above and beyond to do lessons, scheduled events, recycle cans, clean courts, load up the ball holders, run clinics, organize social events, etc. You make our club the place to be in the East Valley!!! **THANKS** each and every one of you!!

Remember to fill in a **membership form** this year if you haven't already done so. So far we have processed 220 memberships and it isn't even the busy time of the year yet!!

Scheduled Play for this Week

Thank you for wearing your Name Badge!!

Mon, Tues, Thurs-Sunday 7:30-10:30 & Wed. 7:30-9:30 Open play

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) email Lorne Johnson

nmjohanson@shaw.ca for more information or sign up

6:00-8:00 p.m. Beginners Mixed Social (Guys & Gals, drop in - courts as needed)

Tuesday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Intermediate Social play - (drop in - all courts)

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

Wednesday - Ladders - 9:30-11:00 & 11:00-12:30. (arrive 10 min early - all courts)

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

****** Social play 12:30-3:00 **** This is the day the Top Dogs from Cal Am are touring our facility and we would like as many of our courts to be full as possible. So please, make the effort to come down and play....it will be open play at another time! **Let's show Cal Am that we NEED MORE COURTS!!****

Thursday - 10:30-12:30 Ladies Intermediate Social play - (drop in - all courts)

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

1:00-3:00 p.m. Challenge Courts for 2.5 & 3.0- (guys & gals drop in, courts as needed).

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.****

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL FUNDAY

A HUGE THANK YOU to Katie and her committee for setting up the Funday yesterday. Tennis hosted us for this great day and thanks to **Dee Evoy** for organizing food and **Helen Wright** for doing up the draw. There were lots of smiles, chit chat and remarks 'that is great fun' on both sides of the court. There are so many skills that are transferable between the sports and just great to see everyone enjoying each others' company and sport. **WELL DONE ALL!!** I did hear a few rumours about possibly Pickleball

hosting another Funday like this in the Spring. We'll look forward to that!

INTERESTING MRPBCLUB STATISTICS

Thanks to all of you for filling in the membership form this year. If you are playing but have not filled one out yet, please do so. There are now lots of membership forms on the patio and at courts 6 & 7.

I put together some interesting statistics for our meeting with Cal Am management to show the growth of pickleball at Mesa Regal.

2013-14 Membership - 258

2014-15 Membership - 441 (70% increase - 205 new members)

2015-16 Membership - 515 (close to 100% increase from 2013)

Currently this fall season (Oct. 22-Nov. 15)

Membership forms filled in - 214

New Fall 2015 Members - 86

These current year numbers are for 3 weeks only, we are not yet into our busy season!

Mesa Regal is following the National trend for pickleball growth.....we are increasing our membership numbers at a very fast rate. Our programs, lessons and camaraderie truly are making Mesa Regal a pickleball wannabe resort. Along with that comes the need for more courts to accommodate our growing numbers. Rest assured we are working hard with Cal Am Management to build more courts!

INTERPARK PLAY

Last year Maurice Michaud had the lead role in getting Interpark Play happening for all levels in our club and around the East Valley. It is a great experience to play people from other parks not only for pickleball but to meet new friends as well. 4.0+ Interpark play is up and running and Eric Phillips just attended a meeting to determine start dates and times for 2.5/3.0 and 3.5 Interpark leveled play. If you are interested in joining one of the Interpark Leagues at 2.5-3.5 levels, contact Eric Phillips at skippy3@hotmail.ca. Thanks Eric for getting this organized. Dates and times will be determined shortly and outlined hopefully in next weeks' newsletter then sign up sheets will follow and be posted on the Pickleball Club bulletin board.

CHALLENGE COURTS

Currently we have a scheduled challenge court for 2.5 & 3.0 levels from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Fridays. Brenda Bruntlett and Jack Rafuse will be down at the courts and you can drop in to have some fun playing with others at your level. It is a fun time and is a little change from paddles in the racks. Come on down and check it out.

For November, there is a trial run of challenge courts one day a week from 7:30-10:00 a.m. on courts 6 & 7 Friday mornings for the 3.5 & 4.0+ levels. There has been great participation and awesome competition. This is an opportunity for you and your partner to see how you rank with your fellow players. If you need help deciding on your skill level, please contact Maurice Michaud or Nancy Stern.

Guidelines:

1. Find a partner & sign in (partner is with you) at either 3.5 or 4.0+ level
3. Play one game to 11...win by two

4. Winners stay for one more game, next partner group comes on. If winners win again all four come off
 5. Winners on 3.5 court may challenge on the 4.0+ court after two wins
 6. Losers and winners may sign up again
- Any questions contact DAVE MORGAN or come on down Friday mornings to check out another twist to the pickleball fun.

WEDNESDAY LADDERS

Thanks to Cindy Phillips and Noella Johnson for running our ladders. It is a lot of work to organize and they appreciate you showing up 10 minutes before start time to ensure all courts are full. If you are not in ladders and find yourself with nothing to do on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 11:00 pop on down to the pickleball patio with you paddle, Cindy & Noella may need you to spare.

THERE IS ROOM FOR MORE PLAYERS in the 11:00 ladders and there is a sign up sheet on the board if you are interested. Also, if you can't make the weekly commitment but know you may be able to sub, please sign your name on the sub list.

IF YOU CANNOT BE AT LADDERS THIS WEDNESDAY, Nov. 18th and have signed up, please email Cindy at cjphill56@gmail.com prior to Monday so she can readjust the groups.

MESA REGAL LADIES PICKLEBALL MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

All lady pickleball players and significant others of our male pickleball players are welcome. We are planning to have a luncheon at a restaurant on the first Friday of each month of the Season ending with one in March. The sign up sheets will be at the ladies intermediate pickleball time or you can contact Stella Rafuse at Site 1575 for December's luncheon. We just need numbers for the restaurant... I've discovered that some restaurants have a limit of 30...so sign up early. For December we will go on Friday, December 4 at 11:30 a.m. to the Olive Garden at 6201 East Southern Avenue (Power Road @ Superstition Springs Mall). Please arrange your own transportation. Looking forward to seeing you:) Leslie Walts, Site 866... P.S.: Just a 'heads up' for January, we are planning to take the light rail to Tempe to a restaurant there -- Jan. 8/16--mark your calendars :)

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

East Valley @ VENTURE OUT (across the street) - Tues-WDoubles, Wed-MDoubles, Thurs-Mixed

Ride you bike across the street and watch many of our own Mesa Regal players compete in this great tournament. If you can come over to cheer and/or referee some games, it would be appreciated by all. **Good Luck Mesa Regal competitors!!**

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!!!!