

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - November 8, 2015

www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com

We are a week into November and things are starting to pick up around the courts. This week ladders will start on Wednesday and our first social of the season - the Pickleball/Tennis Fun day in this upcoming Saturday. More information on our Fun day will come to you this week via email so you know where and what time to meet prior to your group starting.

Remember to fill in a **membership form** this year if you haven't already done so. So far we have processed 180 memberships!!

Scheduled Play for this Week

Thank you for wearing your Name Badge!!

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri., 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)

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). **Thanks to Jack Rafuse & Brenda Bruntlett for organizing this scheduled play!**

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 to Kathy and Dan Hobbs for taking on this volunteer job!

Saturday - Pickleball/Tennis Fun Day 8:30-11:30 - All courts **Still 7 spots to fill!****

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Growth Process: A Three Year Plan

Another season is fast upon us. The courts are starting to get busy with old and new friends returning. On behalf of your executive and all the committee chairpersons, "Welcome Back"!

Three years ago the present executive was elected. We followed a very forward

thinking executive that started our club on the path of growth. As with every executive, a choice is made whether or not to maintain the status quo or to pursue the growth process. The status quo in any business/organization does not allow for growth and when an organization stops growing, it no longer continues to meet its memberships growing needs. In order to meet people's needs an organization has to grow along with the members' growth. This brings us to your current executive's three year plan.

Year 1: As an executive we listened to the memberships' ideas, concerns, hopes and dreams. All during our first year we listened. This was the time when the weekly newsletter began...all part of the listening /communicating process.

Year 2: In order to meet the memberships' needs, we initiated a few of the programs which members were requesting. For example: Ladders on Wednesday began at 9:30 a.m., Interpark play at the 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0+ levels began, Challenge court on Friday afternoon & Men's social play on Mondays also began.

The process of improved communication with collegial and collective decision making began with the first committee chairpersons meeting.

Year 3: This year, we will continue to seek out member's input and embrace the growth process according to our club's/membership's needs, both recreational and competitive. For example, the Fun Day on November 14th with the tennis club.

One of the most important opportunities is coming soon. "The Steve Judy Annual Tournament" which through the hard work of many volunteers provides all of us the opportunity to play the game of pickleball which we all enjoy at no cost during the whole season.

It is through the memberships input that new programs/are being discussed and if the interest is there, then, implemented on a trial basis and then after membership feedback is positive, implemented on the schedule.

For Example: There has been ongoing discussion regarding "skill level play" for all levels (2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+). Is this of interest to you? If yes, become involved.

Other programs/ideas/suggestions would be welcomed in meeting the memberships ever growing needs. If you have something in mind, please come forward. Each and every one of us is a leader in our own way. Volunteers make a successful club.

The bottom line is very simply stated: "When our members Succeed, Our club Succeeds".

SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY

See you court side, Jake.

MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS - Regular Daily & Tournament Maintenance

Neil and Chris are looking for members who could volunteers to be on one or two Maintenance groups.

1. **REGULAR MAINTENANCE** (retrieving broken balls, sweeping/blowing courts, checking net heights, zap straps at bottom and food clean up when required).
 - a. Several volunteers are required for regular daily maintenance that would be willing to work two week rotations to do what is needed.
 - b. A group of volunteers who would be willing to come out after a flood and help clean up. The person/s responsible in the two week rotation would arrange

the time and email the volunteers to help clean up.

2. **TOURNAMENT PREP** (Sunday, Dec 6-cleaning courts, taping tennis courts, moving things from loan centre, setting up tables/chairs, PA system setup & Thursday Dec. 9 - tournament cleanup, tables/chairs back to loan centre, etc.). During the tournament there are also daily early morning and later evening duties.

If you can volunteer to help on REGULAR DAILY MAINTENANCE or TOURNAMENT MAINTENANCE, please email either Neil dnranson@hotmail.com or Chris Bruntlett chris.bruntlett@gmail.com. The tournament is our major fundraiser for the year and we thank you for helping out.

REFEREES CLINIC - Saturday, November 14th @ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We will need many club members to referee during our Dec. 7- 9th Pickleball Tournament. Gail Miller will be conducting a referee's clinic this Saturday to review/teach using the score sheet and give you an opportunity to practice with a mentor. Meet at the stage at 2 p.m. for score sheet training then move to the court with a mentor to ref some games. Prospective referees should, on their own time, study and become familiar with the current USAPA rule book - available to download at www.usapa.org website. Any rule questions you have can be addressed by Gail during the refing practice session.

Contact Gail at gailmiller@bendcable.com if you can make the ref clinic or volunteer to be a mentor for the practice game session. **Thanks, Gail, for organizing the Referee Clinic!!**

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

USAPA Nationals - November 8 - 16th @ Casa Grande (Palm Creek & Robson Ranch.

To see the schedule of events, go to 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 17-19th

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.

2015 Shootout - Prospector Park Pickleball Courts - November 20 & 21

The City of Apache Junction is putting on this tournament and you can get more info on the poster up at the bulletin boards.

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!!!!