

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - January 11, 2015

Wow, lots of new faces and returning friends have been on the pickleball patio this last week. Welcome to the newbies and welcome back to all our last year's pickleball family. It is great to see everyone out there on the courts, smiling and improving their game. Here is what is happening this week.

Scheduled Play for this Week

Mon, Tues, Thurs-Sunday 7:30-10:30 & Wed 7:30-9:30 Open play
Monday - ** 10:30-11:30 * will begin after meeting ends Beginner Lessons (sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)
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 @ MRegal
Wednesday - 9:30-11:30 & 11:30-1:30 Ladders sign up on bulletin board if you want to join ladders (looking to fill two more courts)
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)
1:00 - Challenge courts - level 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 (one court each, drop in)
Recycle Cans Friday...bring those crushed cans down in the morning for the club.
\$172.70 was made on cans so far this year. Well done MRPBClub, keep drinking!!

GENERAL PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

Please come down to the courts on Monday (Jan. 12th), rain or shine, to participate in our first of the year General Meeting. Our main item is our vote on the club bylaws which were developed by a committee of members last Spring. The agenda is as follows and we do rely on you, our members, to help us make decisions that make MRPBClub a great place to be.

- 9:30** Defibrillator training
- 10:00** Welcome/Outline agenda
- 10:05** Bylaws vote - PP 15 min
- 10:20** Treasurers report LR
- 10:30** Court reservations AP
- 10:45** Skills & Drill Lessons, Simon ball machine NS/PP & Vitos fundraiser JG
- 10:50** Open discussion
 - Open play - mornings (3 suggestions from members) WR
 - Other ideas, concerns, etc. from members

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Background information to Monday's 9:30-10:30am General Meeting, from the President's perspective.

Goal: To promote enjoyment, exercise/good health, and social friendships, at all levels...Beginner- Intermediate -Advanced, for both recreational and competitive players.

Vision: 1. For everyone to feel welcome and valued. The court etiquette guidelines outline how we can begin to accomplish this as a club.

2. To generously make available programs for all levels, for both recreational and competitive players. This speaks to "fair and equal" access to club scheduled programs for all members.

3. Please refer to the outline below for Club Scheduled Programs. There are 36 total hours of scheduled programs per week.

****Recreational Play: 28 hrs out of 36 scheduled hours = 77.7%**

Open Play
20 hr/wk

Beginners' Social
4 hr/wk

Ladies' Social
4 hr/wk

Competitive Play: 8 hrs out of 36 scheduled hours = 22.3%

Ladders
4 hr/wk

Inter-Park Play
2 hr/wk

Challenge Play
2 hr/wk

**** Please note Beginners' Lessons are not included.**

Role: As an executive are we elected to maintain the status quo or are we elected to promote growth within our club? I firmly believe that we are elected to promote growth within our club. To make decisions by examining and responding to the needs of all levels, Beginner—Intermediate—Advanced, for both recreational and competitive players alike. As an executive, we are always looking for feedback from the membership. A great way to receive feedback, is through the Suggestion Box. When suggestions are signed, they will be responded to by a member of the executive.

We have been given 3 suggestions from the Suggestion Box to consider regarding open play. On Monday morning at the General Meeting we will seek out membership feedback on the following :

Suggestions:

- Open play to remain 7:30 - 10:30 everyday seven days a week.
- One day a week, Open Play to run from 7:30-9:30, thus permitting, ladders to start at 9:30 am on Wednesdays.
- One day a week, ladders to start at 8:00am, with Open Play later in the day.

If you wish your point of view to be heard, please attend the General Meeting. All members are encouraged to voice their opinions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Monday morning meeting.

Jake

Success is a journey.

3.5 SCRAMBLE - Thursday, January 22 6-8:00 p.m.

Sign up for this fun event. It is a \$2.00 fee and you play with different players with the money pot redistributed to top point winners. If that is of interest to you, register on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse.

On January 17, if there are still spots open from the 24 available spots, then other clubs will be asked to participate as well. Need more info, email jake @ jake.grandy@yahoo.com . Thanks, Jake, for organizing this event!!

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME?? NEED A LESSON??

The Mesa Regal Pickleball Club has wonderful volunteers that would like to help you improve your game. If you would like to work on a specific skill (see list on bulletin board) just call one of our Instructor volunteers (list on the bulletin board) and set up a time to take a lesson. Preferably, you should have a group of 4 people at a similar skill level to take the lesson. It is up to the person calling the instructor to set up an agreeable time then reserve the hour court time. Thanks to all of those members who have volunteered their time to do lessons and help improve the level of pickleball at Mesa Regal!!

Oh, by the way, if you would like to help out other members and be an instructor,

just email Nancy at ndstern@shaw.ca to become involved.

SIMON - A GUY WORTH RESERVING

Simon, our club's pickleball training machine is ready to put you through the pickleball paces. While we are still trying to find the perfect storage shed and learn all Simon's intricacies, he is ready to reserve. We do need to make sure that we look after Simon as he is an expensive investment so needs TLC!! This week during open play (weather permitting, he doesn't like rain!), Simon will be on court 1 during open play Tues. to Friday for you to drop by and learn how to 'set him up' for different training shots. Once you feel comfortable with Simon, you can reserve him for your personal training session. Remember, unlike us, Simon runs on a battery that does need to be recharged. With that in mind, he needs to be plugged in after each use and has maximum staying power to 6 hours (gotta like that...ha ha). Check out our club website: mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com to watch some of the training videos with Simon.

INTERPARK PLAY & LADDERS

A huge thanks to our volunteer coordinators for these scheduled programs. Cindy Phillips and Noella Johnson are running ladders and if you have not signed up and interested in playing, sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. In ladders, you get a good 1.5 hours of play with people of similar skill level. It is a great way to improve your game and have fun!! Interpark continues to be popular and is a super opportunity to meet other players at your skill level from other clubs. Contact skill level captains if you are interested in joining Interpark play. Eric Phillips (3.0) skippy3@hotmail.com, Dale Hartman (3.5) hartman@sonic.net, Maurice Michaud (4.0+) maruicemichaud1@gmail.com.

REMINDER, if you are in scheduled play, please make sure you show up 15 minutes prior to starting time so you are not considered a 'NO SHOW'. Also, if you are enjoying your scheduled play, be sure to thank your coordinators now and then, after all they are volunteering their time.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Towerpoint Beginner Tournament - January 21-23. Lots of Mesa Regal players are competing in this tournament but the organizers are still looking for four 1-1.5 Mens teams and one lady at 3.0 level to play partner up with someone in ladies doubles and mixed. If you are interested email Sharon Athey at shathey44@gmail.com. As well, refs are needed at the tourney and if you can help out with the reffing sometime over the three days, email Sharon and she will schedule you in. Towerpoint will also be offering a reffing clinic next week which Sharon can give you the details on.

Cal Am Pickleball Tournament - February 23 (Ladies & Mens doubles) & 24 (Mixed doubles) at VDO (Valley Del Oro Resort). If you are interested in representing Mesa Regal in this tournament, please sign up as a team and we will run a mini qualifying round robin to choose the two teams and one alternate for each event prior to Feb. 13th.. The poster and sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact Neil Ranson @ Site# 2069 dnranson@telus.net or Nancy Stern @ Site# 1116 ndstern@shaw.ca.

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