

# **Mesa Regal Pickleball Club**

## **Weekly Announcements - January 4, 2015**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! All the best to you and yours in 2015. Here is the news for the 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 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  
4:00-6:00 Interpark 4.0 play @ MRegal**

**3.5 Interpark play (check with your captain for time and park)**

**6:00-8:00 Interpark 3.0 play @ TPoint  
4:00-6:00 Interpark 3.0 play @ Leisure World**

**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...thanks for bringing those crushed cans down in the morning for the club to collect.**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **Skill Level Play**

The purpose of Skill Level Play is to compete with players of your same skill level. This option gives you the chance to gain experience and to hone your skills within your comfort zone. To help you determine your particular skill level, please contact Maurice Michaud at [michaud1@gmail.com](mailto:michaud1@gmail.com) and he will schedule a time for you to become Mesa Regal rated.

Pickleball skill level definitions (Clubhouse Bulletin Board or MRPB website) are a guide for evaluating the different levels of play. The Club uses this information to develop training clinics and for seeding players in tournament play. As individual members, you can self-rate for all other non-rated club events. This means you make your own decision determining your level of play. In existing non-rated events, use the guidelines posted to assist you in making that decision.

The purpose of rated events is to ensure a consistent and competitive level of play for all players within that event as much as possible. The following MRPBC sponsored activities are examples of events related to skill level play: Steve Judy Tournament, Cal Am Tournament in Feb. , Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 3.5 Scramble and Inter park Play for levels 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 players.

#### **\$2 Scramble Social**

On Jan 22/15 from 6-8pm, at our park, there will be a \$2 Scramble for 3.5 Mesa Regal rated players or USAPA. rated players. If you are interested, sign up on the 24 Player Sheet on the bulletin board. The deadline entry is Jan 14/15

If other members of our club are interested in this format of skill level play, then perhaps on the following Thursday evenings, other levels could be involved (ie) 2.5, 3.0, and/or 4.0 skill level players. Please contact me for assistance in organizing your level scramble. I would be more than willing to help all of the skill levels to organize an evening of skill level play.

"Looking forward to seeing you on the courts."

Jake

**Success is a journey**

## GENERAL PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

Mark your calendars..... Monday, January 12th, 2015 on the pickleball patio

9:30

Defibrillator update and training

10:00

General meeting - reread Draft bylaws, we will be voting on these.

## WELCOME SIMON - A NEW ADDITION TO MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB

Simon is the pickleball training machine that our club has just purchased. We are currently working on setting up Simon and becoming familiar with his needs...ha ha. Upcoming sessions on how to work Simon in a safe way will be happening soon. If you want more information on Simon and how you may use him for helping improve your pickleball skills, just google **Simon pickleball machine** and watch some of the videos showing how to practice overheads, windshield wiper drill, groundstrokes, fast volleys, etc. Simon is a great addition to our club and we will be counting on all of you to look after him and treat him kindly :)!

## INTERPARK PLAY & LADDERS

Interpark play is going strong with new parks wanting to join in. Eric Phillips, 3.0 Captain is looking for more 3.0 players who would like to participate on Tuesday afternoon/evenings. Please email the captains at your skill level if you want to join. Eric Phillips (3.0) [skippy3@hotmail.com](mailto:skippy3@hotmail.com) , Dale Hartman (3.5) [hartman@sonic.net](mailto:hartman@sonic.net) , Maurice Michaud (4.0+) [maruicemichaud1@gmail.com](mailto:maruicemichaud1@gmail.com) . **LADDERS** start this Wed at 9:30 & court assignments will be posted on bulletin board Monday. Sign up if you want to join.

## BROKEN PICKLEBALLS

This cold weather is not only hard on us but on our pickleballs as well. We have gone through dozens of pickleballs during this cold spell so for the time being, the pickleballs will be taken off the courts at night and stored in an orange bucket just inside the clubhouse door by the whiteboard. When you arrive to play in the morning, take one or two balls to the court you are playing on and then leave them on that court. We hope keeping the pickleballs inside over these cold nights will keep breakage down.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

**Towerpoint Beginner Tournament** - January 21-23. Only a few spots left at the 1.0-2.5 levels. Email Dave Athey at [davidagb62@gmail.com](mailto:davidagb62@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating or need more info.

**Cal Am Pickleball Tournament** - February 23 & 24 at VDO. More info soon.

January 12th @ 1:00 p.m. at Valley Del Oro (VDO) - Jack and Gail will be at VDO to give a referees clinic. If you are interested in helping to referee at the Cal Am tournament or just want to update your reffing skills, email Jack at [jderlein@gmail.com](mailto:jderlein@gmail.com) for more info or to register for the clinic.

## MESA REGAL WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep up to date on what is happening at the club. Check out the website and even put a message on the blog at [www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com](http://www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com) or the facebook page by going on to facebook and searching Mesa Regal Pickleball. Let us know if we have missed anything on the website, it is a work in progress and new things will be added and updated every month.

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