

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - January 10, 2016

Mesa Regal Website - www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com (see tourney photos!)

Mesa Regal Suggestion Box - email suggestion@mrpickleballclub.com

Remember to fill in a **membership form** this year if you haven't already done so. **We need all people playing on our courts to fill this out.**

Membership update: 300 Membership forms filled in this season

124 New Members this year

549 Members on our membership list (249 who have not filled in MF)

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 12)

10:30-11:30 Intermediate Training (Courts 6 & 7) **See note below

2:00-3:30 Men's 3.5 & 3.75 Play (courts 3-7) 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) **** Participating in a beginner's instructional class is required to play in this scheduled time.**

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

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

6:00-8:00 Interpark 2.5 & 3.0 play (courts 4-7)

Wednesday - Ladders - 9:30-11:00 & 11:00-12:30. (arrive 15 min early - all courts)

NOTE: groups switch this month - Dec. 11:00 group now at 9:30, Dec. 9:30 group now at 11:00

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

needed) **** Participating in a beginner's instructional class is required to play in this scheduled time.**

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

2:30-5:00 Interpark 3.5 play (courts 4-7)

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

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. ****please take cans out of the plastic bags and add to the big bin.**

Saturday - 2:00-5:00 Interpark 4.5+ Play (Courts 5-7)

NEW SCHEDULED PLAY

We are very excited to be adding two new scheduled times for our members.

1. Training sessions for 3.5 players are now available on Mondays from 10:30 - 11:30. **Thanks to Dave Morgan and Jim Pelletier for volunteering their time to instruct during this time.** See below for information to sign up for this great opportunity.
2. Interpark 4.5+ play on Saturday 2:00-5:00. This is a great opportunity for people in our club to drop by and watch some great match play. **Thanks to Jim Pelletier for organizing this.**

MESA REGAL 3.5+ INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Dave Morgan and Jim Pelletier will be offering intermediate players (all levels of 3.5 and above) the opportunity to have Jim & Dave critique their game which includes ball handling, court positioning, personal tips, game strategy, etc. This training starts on Monday Jan 11th at 10:30 and will run each Monday in January. This session will be held on courts 6 & 7 for 1 hour and will be limited to 12 players for each session. If you want to sign up, please provide Jim Pelletier your name and email address to Jim at brewnut44@yahoo.com and you will be sent an invitation via Sign-Up-Genius. You will be required to create an account on Sign-Up-Genius @ <http://www.signupgenius.com>. Please sign up for only one session in the month of January so we can accommodate as many players as possible. If this training is deemed successful, we will continue through February and some of March. **Thanks Jim & Dave for volunteering to do this!**

Stay tuned for more information for **2.5 & 3.0 training** opportunities. Thanks to all our Mesa Regal Pickleball Club members who are volunteering their time and experience to help the club and its members!

LADDERS - Wednesdays

Ladders is a **COMMITMENT** and players need to make sure they arrive 15 minutes early for their scheduled playing time. If you **CAN NOT** make ladders, please let Cindy or Noella know via email (Cindy - cjphill@gmail.com or Noella - nmjohnson@shaw.ca) so they can fill in your spot. Please try and get your own sub to play if you are not able to make it. If you **DO NOT** show up, you are letting the other people in your group down. **Two no shows = drop off of ladders list.** Check the bulletin board at the pickleball club for the ladders line up for this week. If you cannot commit to each week, please just put your name down as a sub. **Court assignments will be posted no later than Monday prior to ladder play** on the pickleball bulletin board.

2.5 INTERPARK PLAY AT LEISURE WORLD - Starting Jan. 14

****** Be sure to email Pat to get involved with 2.5 Interpark Play at Leisure World**

Leisure World (on Power Avenue) is organizing Interpark play at their club on Power Avenue for players at the 2.5 skill level Thursday afternoons from 2-3:30 p.m. They will use a web program for you to sign up with but you need to register to get your name on the list if you are interested. Please forward your email to Pat Porter (sportport1@msn.com) if you are interested in joining this play and he will forward your name & email to the Leisure World contact. You will receive an invite to play (through SIGN UP GENIUS) and you can sign up to go whenever you are available with no obligation (unless of course you sign up to go). LW will use 4

courts so players will be limited to 19. This is a great way to meet some more friends in the East Valley and a super way to play some pickleball with players at your level.

WHAT SKILL LEVEL AM I?

Are you wondering what skill level you might be.....do you want to participate in 2.5 or 3.0 or 3.5 skill level play? Contact Maurice Michaud at mauricemichaud1@gmail.com or Nancy Stern at ndstern@shaw.ca and we can set up a time to rate you. Skill level play allows you to have some great games with people at similar skill levels. Mesa Regal website has skill level definitions, go to mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com and look under training to find the definitions. **Maurice and Nancy will be at Ladies Social this week to rate any ladies that may like to know their skill level.**

REFEREE TRAINING

Playing pickleball is only one aspect of the sport. Knowing the rules and getting involved in refereeing can help improve your pickleball skills and your understanding of the game. There are two upcoming sessions that you can sign up for if you are interested in giving back to the game. Remember, you **DON'T** have to be a top player to be a **GREAT** referee!!!

Mesa Regal Rules Clinic with Pat Porter - Thurs., January 21st @ 10:30-12:30 in the Lounge (last room at the main pool by where the band plays).

USAPA Referee/Line Judge Workshop - Tues., January 26 @ 1:30-4:30 at Encanterra Country Club - Mallorca Room. If you are interested email Lynn & Linda Laymon at pbreferee@gmail.com or call 801-243-6415 to register or with questions. I have attached the poster with all the information. We do have some club members attending so if you are interested and sign up, let me know as Mesa Regal people may like to carpool.

COURT RESERVATION SYSTEM

Thanks to the 2014 Board, MRPBClub has a court reservation system whereby members can reserve courts (5-7 for play and court 1 for Simon) a week in advance if there is no scheduled time. Our scheduling coordinator, Alison Pelletier, has done a great job in organizing this on the white board at the courts. Alison is now introducing to the club an **ONLINE RESERVATION** system to reserve courts.

We are asking members to, as of this week, start using the **ONLINE RESERVATION** system **AND** the white board when you are reserving courts. This will give us a chance to work out any 'problems' with the new system. The **ONLINE RESERVATION** system will replace the white board reservations once we know all is working well (possibly within 2 weeks).

To reserve online, go to www.holdmycourt.com/reserve2/mrpbc and create a sign in by entering your email address. The system will send you a password which you will use to get on the first time then you can change your password by clicking on 'change profile'. If you need help or notice a problem, please call Alison at 435-659-5627 or email her at booapell@gmail.com **Please be sure to reserve online and on the white board for the next two weeks** so we can make sure everything is working properly. We will also have the reservation link on our website www.mesaregalpickleballclub.wordpress.com in the near future. Thanks to Alison for helping to make reserving courts easier on the computer.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Tickets are now on sale for Dancing With the Stars on January 25th at 7 p.m. The pickleball club is prepared to purchase a BLOCK of seats for our members to CHEER for our pickleball participants but we need your names. Both Dan Trammell and Karen Murphy will be dancing the night away and we can support them by cheering them on. If you would like tickets for the event (\$15.00/person), email Nancy at ndstern@shaw.ca and we will get a block of seats together for some **LOUD CHEERING**.

TOWERPOINT BEGINNERS TOURNAMENT - 3.0 AND BELOW

This is a great tournament next door to our park that helps new pickleball players ease in to a competitive game in a friendly way. The focus is on fun and experience, **NOT KILLER COMPETITIVE STYLE!!** TPoint would really like to **discourage 'sandbaggers'**, those who are a heartbeat away from a 3.5 from signing up!!! Entry forms are on the pickleball bulletin board and the table on the patio, there is limited space so sign up asap. Thanks to Marian Pasela and her committee for hosting this great event!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS - www.pickleballtournaments.com

Just a reminder that as of January 1, 2016, any **USAPA Sanctioned tournament** requires all participants to be members of USAPA. To find out more info or to sign up for a USAPA membership, visit www.usapa.org.

TOWERPOINT BEGINNERS TOURNAMENT - Jan 28-30

This is a great tournament close to home to get some competitive experience in a friendly, fun environment.

2016 ALL CITY @ VENTURE OUT - February 2-4, 2016

Registration full. Come out and cheer on many of our club members play this tourney.

CAL AM FUN PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - February 11 & 12

Keep watching the newsletter for information about this tournament,

1st ANNUAL LEISURE WORLD TOURNAMENT - February 18-20, 2016

Another opportunity for you to play in a tournament close to home. Register at www.pickleballtournaments.com

GOOD LIFE RV RESORT - March 3 & 4, 2016

It is a 50+ tourney in age groups (50+, 60-64, 65-69, 70+). Sign up early - this **IS NOT** a USAPA sanctioned tourney so you **DO NOT** have to be a member of USAPA. Info and registration forms are on the bulletin board at the pickleball courts.

3rd ANNUAL AHWATUKEE FUN TOURNAMENT - March 7-10, 2016

This is a fundraising tournament focusing on beginning pball players with a new 4.0 skill level being added. The club is trying to raise funds to add lighting to their courts. Registration information is at the bulletin board at the pickleball club. Let's support the clubs in the East Valley as they continue to grow to meet the needs of the community.

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