

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - November 6, 2016

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Remember to fill in a **new membership form** this season (2016-17) if you haven't already done so. **We need both new and returning members playing on our courts to fill this out.** We have added a section where you can sign up to volunteer when the need arises. While we have coordinators for many activities, we are always needing others to help.

It is great to see everyone back here in the Resort!! Some of our scheduled activities are up and running and some are waiting for the volunteer coordinators to arrive. I will be sending weekly newsletters to keep you updated on what is happening around our pickleball club during the upcoming week.

If you would like to start a group or organize any type of scheduled play or special event for the club (i.e. evening scrambles, appy night, etc.), please bring your idea to the Board members so it can be discussed. We are always looking for new activities for club members. There is a suggestion box by the bulletin boards at the pickleball building or you can email your suggestions to suggestions@mripickleballclub.com.

Scheduled Play for this Week

Thank you for wearing your Name Badge!!

- Mon - Sunday 7:30-10:30 Open play this week. See guidelines on the website.**
- Monday - 10:30-12:30 Beginner Lessons** (sign up on bulletin board, limit 8, courts 1 & 2)
2:30-4:30 **Men's 3.5 & 3.75 Play** - (courts 4-7)
6:00-8:00 p.m. **Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals, just drop in) (courts as needed)
- Tuesday 10:30-12:30 Ladies Intermediate Social play** - (just drop in-courts as needed)
3:30-5:30 **Interpark 4.0+ play by invitation** (courts 3-7)
- Wednesday - Ladder sign up on bulletin board this week. Ladders begin Nov. 16.**
6:00-8:00 p.m. **Beginners Mixed Social** (Guys & Gals, just drop in - courts as needed)
- Thursday - 10:00 Referee Clinic - meet on the pickleball patio**
10:30-12:30 **Ladies Intermediate Social play** - (just drop in-courts as needed)
- Friday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner 2 lessons** (must have taken beginner lesson, sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)(Courts 1 & 2)
1:00-3:00 **2.5.0 Challenge Courts...just drop in** (courts as needed)
- Sunday - 6:00- 8:00 p.m. - 3.0/3.5 Challenge Courts...just drop in** (courts 5-7)
Recycle Cans Friday...bring those crushed cans down in the morning for the club. **** take the cans out of the plastic bags and add them to the big bin**

COURT RESERVATIONS - ONLINE

Courts 5, 6 & 7 and court 1 may be reserved during any **UNSCHEDULED** times. Instructions for reserving courts are on our website. It is a great way to make sure you have a court when you go down to play. Please read the guidelines and reserve the courts if you want to play. Any questions, email Alison at alison_pelletier@yahoo.com or call 45-659-5627. **Thanks, Alison for volunteering your time to do this!!**

CLUB VOLUNTEERS - 5th Annual Steve Judy Mesa Regal Tournament - Dec. 5-7

The tournament committee has met and plans are underway to ensure that this years' tournament is a great success. Registration is closed and we are expecting between 60-66 teams per day. To host a tournament of this size we will need many of our club members, their significant others and friends to help. Keep your eyes posted on the bulletin board for signup sheets for areas of the tournament that we need volunteers to help. This year we will be parking cars by the main gate in the fenced off bull pen. Some golf carts will be provided by Cal Am but we need Mesa Regal residents to drive them and shuttle players back and forth to the courts. This is a super opportunity to meet some of the tournament players and give back to the club. This is the season event that helps pay for all the programs, services, supplies, etc. in the club that allow you to have NO membership fee. So, sign up to volunteer, this helps share the load!!

REFEREE CLINICS

Pat will be offering Referee clinics this month prior to our tournament on the following dates:

Thursday, November 10 & 17 and Tuesday, November 22 & 29

Meet at 10 a.m. on the Pickleball patio at Mesa Regal. This is a good opportunity to learn some of the rules, reffing tips or just to refresh your skills. **WE WILL NEED MANY OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS TO HELP AND REFEREE AT THE TOURNAMENT NEXT MONTH.** These clinics are a good opportunity for you to learn and practice scorekeeping during games.

Club members are also invited to join Venture Out members for a video on keeping score using the scoresheet. Drop over to VO on **Tuesday, November 8 @ 3 pm** in the main centre at Venture Out - the Sonoran Room. Venture Out Pickleball Club helps at our tournament and it would be great if our members helped at the VO tourney too.

OPEN PLAY

Open play is scheduled every morning and is for **Mesa Regal Park residents and their guests only.** A guest is a person that you have visiting you overnight and who is wearing a Mesa Regal Guest Badge (you get these in the office). If you would like to play with people who are not Mesa Regal guests, the court reservation system is a great way to accommodate this.

Court guidelines are posted on the entry doors of the courts and if you are not playing in a scheduled time or have not reserved the court, these guidelines should be followed. For example, if you are playing in the evening and all courts are full with people

waiting, please follow the two games only guideline and come off and put your paddle in the rack. If you do not want to follow this system, please reserve the court on the white board.

Open play time tends to become very congested (and will only get worse as our club increases in size) with lots of players waiting to get on court. Courts 1 & 2 (beginners) and 3-5 (intermediates) have next on court assignments using the paddle rack system on the patio. Currently these courts do a TWO game rotation before coming off. This week when numbers waiting get to 16, we will try some innovative ideas (suggested by those waiting) to help eliminate the wait time on these courts. We will be looking at how these ideas work and getting feedback from the players. Please let any of the Board members know what you think by using the suggestion box/email or by chatting to them. Currently courts 6 & 7 switch to a one game rotation if there are players waiting.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

USAPA Nationals - November 5 - 14th @ Casa Grande (Palm Creek & Robson Ranch.

To see the schedule of events, go to www.pickleballtournaments.com , click on tournaments to find it. This is a great way to follow results, they are updated as matches finish. Good luck to our club members Dave Morgan, Jim Pelletier and Nancy Stern as they compete.

East Valley @ VENTURE OUT (across the street) - November 15-17th

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.

Steve Judy Mesa Regal - December 5-7

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 **we need as many volunteers as possible** for this event.

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