

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

Weekly Announcements - Jan. 1, 2017

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HAPPY NEW YEAR. Here's to a great 2017. We hope it comes with superb health, lots of happiness and tons of fun!

Scheduled Play until week of Jan 1-2017

THANKS to all of you who coordinate and run our scheduled events...you make MRPBClub a great place to be!! We all appreciate your **VOLUNTEER TIME!**

Thank you for wearing your Name Badge!!

Open Play - Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sunday 7:00-10:30 (Courts 1-7)

-Wed 7:00-9:30 (Courts 1-7) & Fri 7:00-10:30 (Courts 1-5)

Monday - 10:30-12:30 Beginner Lessons (sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)

2:00-4:00 Men's 3.5 & 3.75 Play (courts 3-7)

4:00-6:00 Ladies Competitive 3.5+ Play (courts 3-7)

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-courts as needed)

3:30- 5:30 Interpark 4.0+ mixed play (sign up genius) (courts 3-7)

6:00- 8:00 p.m. Interpark 3.0 mixed play (sign up genius) (all courts)

Wednesday - Ladders - 9:30-11:00 & 11:00-12:30 (arrive 15 min early - all courts for 9:30 play, as necessary for 11:00) **ladders draw on bulletin board****

If you haven't signed up....contact Doug at site 1987 or call

406-860-1186 or sign up on bulletin board by Saturday

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-courts as needed)

2:30-4:30 Interpark 3.5 Mixed (sign up genius - courts 3-7)

Friday - 10:30-12:30 - Beginner 2 lessons (must have taken beginner lesson, sign up on bulletin board, limit 12) (Courts 1 & 2)

**** NEW SKILL LEVEL PLAY (January trial - sign up genius)**

8:15-10:15 4.0+ Skill Level Play (Courts 6 & 7)

10:15-12:30 3.5 Skill Level Play (Courts 6 & 7)

1:00-3:00 2.5/3.0 Challenge Courts....just drop in (courts as needed)

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****

Saturday - 12:30-2:30 - 4.5 Interpark Play Mixed (sign up genius - courts 3-7)

Sunday - 6:00-8:00 p.m. 3.0/3.5 Challenge Courts... drop in (courts as needed)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - MRPBClub General Meeting - Jan 17 @ 10 a.m.

MRPBClub is a great place to be because of a terrific membership, a dedicated executive and many wonderful volunteers. Please join the executive on Tuesday, Jan. 17th at the pickleball patio @ 10 a.m. to review our accomplishments, discuss our season goals with skill level play and training and come together as a group to share ideas and suggestions.

MESA REGAL LADDERS

A **HUGE** thanks to Doug Dodge for co-ordinating our Mesa Regal ladders. The draw for this Wednesday is posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. **PLEASE**, if you were in ladders in December and have left Mesa Regal for new adventures, **LET DOUG KNOW** so he can remove your name from the ladders list. If you are **NOT ON THE LIST** but back at Mesa Regal and want to join ladders, **LET DOUG KNOW!!** It is very difficult for our coordinators to schedule games if you are not communicating with Doug. If you are on the 11:00 play list, Doug could use your help to sign in the players in your time slot. If you can help him out, please let him know. **He would appreciate your help in this.** You can contact Doug at his site # 1987 or call him at 406-860-1186.

NEW SCHEDULED PLAY

We are adding some new times to the schedule this month. There will be skill level play (4.0+ & 3.5 USAPA or Mesa Regal rating) during our Open Play time on Fridays on Courts 6 & 7. As well we have added training times for 2.5 and 3.0 skill level players to the schedule.

SKILL LEVEL PLAY - OPEN PLAY from Jan. to March is very busy at our club with many players waiting for access to play. Assigning skill level play during Open Play hours is one strategy that is used at other clubs to minimize wait times. By only using 2 courts on Friday for January as a trial run, we are hoping to assess the feasibility of this strategy for skill levels on other courts and days. The idea is to reduce the wait times but continue to utilize the courts. We will be looking for feedback from all our members on this strategy. Players will be invited to sign up to these sessions through sign up genius using their USAPA tournament or Mesa Regal ratings.

4.0 skill level - email Maurice Michaud at mauricemichaud1@gmail.com

3.5 skill level - email Jake Grandy at jake.grandy@yahoo.com

Training - Starting Jan. 9th weekly training sessions for 3.0 & 3.5 players and Jan 18th 2.5 players. This is a great way to learn some new skills and drills to take your game to the next level. Most sessions are limited in numbers so sign up early and once you sign up, be sure to show up!! **NOTE that 3.5 training is changing from Fridays to Mondays.**

Times and info re training are:

Monday 10:30-12:30 **Training - Intermediate 3.5 skill level players** - (Courts 3-7) Sign up with SIGN UP GENIUS - email Russ Bracewell at russrb@msn.com to get your name on the list. **** Continuing Jan. 9th**

Tuesday 12:30-2:00 **Training - 3.0 skill level players** - (Courts 3-5) Sign up sheets at the courts or email John Morrison at jumpballjm@yahoo.com **** Beginning**

Jan 10th

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm Training - 2.5 skill level players - (Courts 1 & 2) Lessons will be organized during Beginners Social play - email Pat Porter at sportport3@msn.com **** Beginning Jan. 18**

Thanks so much to Russ, John and Pat for coordinating these training sessions and all the volunteer coaches who come out to teach the lessons.

MESA REGAL SKILL LEVEL RATINGS

Many of our club members do not play tournaments therefore do not have a USAPA skill level rating. Most of you initially self rated at the skill level you are. If you think your skills have improved and you would like to be rated by our Mesa Regal rating committee, you could sign up for a rating session during open play. Having a proper rating allows you to find the correct scheduled play activities to join - such as training, Interpark play, competitive play, etc.

This week members of the rating committee will be at Open Play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00-10:00 to do ratings. Please sign up at the pickleball patio if you would like to be rated and what day you will be at Open Play. Limited to 10 players/session. To review the Mesa Regal skill levels, look on the website www.mrpickleballclub.com and you will find the skill levels under the training bar at the top.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Thanks to **Ken Smith** for taking over the recycling duties from **Kathy and Dan Hobbs**. When you volunteer your time to make MRPBCLub a great place to be, we all appreciate it. Many hands make light work!! We hope Kathy and Dan continue to enjoy their retirement, just in another spot. **Thanks again, Kathy and Dan for volunteering for our club!**

MESA REGAL PICKLE BALL SOCIAL UPDATES - Mark your calendars

TENNIS - PICKLEBALL MIXER SOCIAL

JANUARY 21st - This is your chance to try tennis with tennis club members and tennis players to try pickle ball with our club members - details to follow but will be a morning of fun followed by lunch at the Fountain! Sign up info in next week's newsletter.

MARDI GRAS

JANUARY 29th in REGAL HALL 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. - FOOD, DANCING and FUN!!
TICKET SALES EARLY JANUARY - to Pickleball Members only. Look at next week's newsletter for more info on ticket sales.

FEBUARY/MARCH HAWAIIAN "LAY" TIME

Date to be announced - crazy mixer - pickle ball game and who knows what else. We will get the date to you asap.

LADIES JANUARY PICKLEBALL LUNCHEON

Wednesday January 25th at the Cheesecake Factory. Contact Sandy Johnson 418-277-3430 site 607. Sign up sheet is on the table at the courts. All welcome.

TOURNAMENTS

All upcoming and past tournaments can be viewed at www.pickleballtournaments.com as well as you can see results of play as it is happening at current tourney. **Check it out!**

East Valley Tournament @ Venture Out - February 7-10

This is a great 'close by' tourney to cheer on our own club members and volunteer to referee. VO is just across the street and this is an opportunity to watch some good play and help out volunteering as well. More info in later newsletters about how you can help.

Grand Canyon State Games @ Pueblo El Mirage - February 22-26

This is a great opportunity to see many of the upper level players strut their stuff, the young ones too who really do add a PIZAZZ to the game. They can actually execute the shots we all dream of... ha ha.

Leisure World - February 23-25

Another close to home tournament with many of our own club members participating. It is a great opportunity to cheer on our club members and offer your services refereeing. More info in later newsletters about how you can help.

Duel In The Desert - March 2-5 @ Palm Creek, Casa Grande

Robson Ranch - March 15-19 @ Robson Ranch, Casa Grande

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