

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club Weekly Announcements

January 29, 2017

Thank you for wearing your Name Badge!!

Scheduled Play for the week of Jan 29

- 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 - **9:45-10:30 Into to our PICKLEBALL MACHINES** (drop in, Courts 1 & 2)
10:30-12:30 Beginner Lessons (sign up on bulletin board, limit 8)
10:30-12:30 Training - **Intermediate 3.5 skill level players** - (Courts 3-5) Sign up with SIGN UP GENIUS - email Russ at russrb@msn.com
2:00-4:00 Men's Competitive 3.5 & 3.75 Play (courts 3-7)
4:00-6:00 Ladies Competitive 3.5+ Play (sign up genius email Barb Benedetti at barb555@yahoo.com - 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 - (drop in)
12:30-2:00 Training - **3.0 skill level players** - (Courts 3-5) SIGN UP GENIUS - John Morrison at jumpballjm@yahoo.com
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-Blake at t3palmer@gmail.com) (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 douglas.dodge@yahoo.com or sign up on bulletin board by Saturday
1:00-3:00 Interpark 3.5 Mixed (sign up genius - courts 2-7)
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-all courts)
2:30-4:30 Interpark 3.5 Mixed (sign up genius - courts 2-7)
6:00-7:30 p.m. **Training 2.5 skill level** - sign up genius - email Pat at sportport3@gmail.com to get on the list (limit 12 - Courts 3-5)
- Friday - 10:30-12:30 - **Beginner 2 lessons** (must have taken beginner lesson, sign up on bulletin board, limit 12) (Courts 1 & 2)
8:15-10:15 **4.0+ Skill Level Play** (Courts 6 & 7) mauricemichaud1@gmail.com
10:15-12:30 **3.5 Skill Level Play** (Courts 3-7) jake.grandy@yahoo.com
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 (Sign up Genius** - email brenda.bruntlett@gmail.com - courts all courts)

FUN, FAIR & FRIENDLY

Sportsmanship, having fun, being fair and always being friendly are of the utmost importance on our pickleball courts and while we are representing Mesa Regal at other clubs. Remember, none of us are going to the 'Wimbledon' of pickleball and we are all on the courts for exercise and fun. So.....if a line call is close, **play it**.....if you disagree with a line call.....**who cares**.....if you or your partner miss a shot.....**it is not the end of the world**. As well, if you find you are a much stronger player than your opponents or partner, challenge yourself to keep the rally going. There are all kinds of ways to make **EVERYONE** on the court feel good. Thanks for being a friendly Mesa Regal club member!!

CAL-AM PARKS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - February 22, 23, 24th

PLEASE, sign up for this fun tournament. We need 3 teams and 2 alternates for Women's, Men's & Mixed events. This is a great opportunity for you to grab a partner and play for Mesa Regal. **Sign up sheets are inside the clubhouse and only those players rated 3.5 & 3.0 are eligible to play**. If need be, we will run a round robin in each division to determine the teams going to Canyon Vista. Round robins will be held on the following dates at Mesa Regal:

Saturday, February 11th - Mixed round robin

Sunday, February 12th - Ladies & Men's round robins

All the information and sign up sheets are at the pickleball clubhouse. In the Cal Am tournament, Women's doubles will be played Wednesday, February 22, Men's Thursday, February 23, and Mixed Friday, February 24th. **NOTE**: Friday, February 24th is Men's tournament day at Leisure World which conflicts with the Mixed Cal Am day. If you have any questions, email Neil Ranson at dnranson@hotmail.ca.

MESA REGAL LADDERS & SCHEDULED SKILL LEVEL PLAY

PLEASE, if you are signed up for ladders and cannot make it this Wednesday, email Doug at douglas.dodge@yahoo.com to let him know. **LADDERS ARE EVERY WEEK** and if you sign up **YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE** (or find a sub at your level)!! Early warning helps Doug plan the draw for all of you. **If your name is on the ladder but should not be, let Doug know**. **The draw for this Wednesday is posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse and attached to this newsletter**.

If you are interested in skill level play scheduled activities (Interpark, training, Sunday challenge, competitive play), **you must have been rated at that skill level and email the coordinators** of the activity to get your name on the sign up genius list. You will then be invited to the scheduled play and only those who fill the available slots (sign up first) will be able to play. Scheduled play coordinators and their emails are posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.

MEET the TUTOR and SIMON - Monday Morning

An introduction to Simon and the new Tutor pickleball machines is happening on court 1 & 2 tomorrow (Monday) at 9:45. Thanks to Ron Michaluk who will be introducing you to Simon and John Morrison who will introduce you to the Tutor. Not only will you be

shown how to set up and care for the machines but you will learn some easy drills as well.

MESA REGAL RATINGS

As a club, we have decided to move to skill level play for many of our scheduled activities. The hope is that you will be able to play with people of a similar skill level. Each skill level has a wide range of skills within it from a lower to higher level. For example, a high 3.0 is not far from a low 3.5 but a low 3.5 can be quite far from a high 3.5. Consistency, diversity of shots, fewer unforced errors, etc., are all defining features of a skill level.

The Mesa Regal rating committee feels strongly that we are not qualified to rate a player at the 4.0 level. Tournaments are a great place to test your 3.5 skills and when successful a few times, often tournament directors will recommend you be moved up. This is not a guarantee as the USAPA rating committee will review your tournament history and make a decision. If you are moved up by the USAPA rating committee, you will receive an email to that effect.

If you would like to be rated in Mesa Regal ratings for a 3.0 or 3.5 level, please sign up at the pickleball patio for this Thursday, February 2 from 8-10 a.m. Thanks to the rating committee for volunteering their time to do this!

MESA REGAL MINI TOURNAMENT - Feb. 5th

Last week due to the inclement weather (courts under water), the mini tournament was postponed. The tournament for 3.5 & 4.0 players has been rescheduled for next Sunday, February 5th with registration at 8:15 and play to begin at 8:30.

It is a 14 team tournament with the majority of teams involved already paying their \$5 registration fee. Teams are to bring their own lunch/snacks with refreshments to follow at the end of the mini tournament. Water and oranges will be provided.

If interested in refereeing, please speak with Pat Porter or email sportport3@gmail.com.

All 7 courts will be in use with 3.5 teams on 4 courts and 4.0 teams on 3 of the courts. **EVERYONE is invited to the pickleball courts to cheer on your favourite teams**, see you there!

FRIDAY SKILL LEVEL OPEN PLAY - 3.5 & 4.0

The trial run for skill level play during open play time in January was very successful and will continue throughout February. The main purpose of the skill level play is to alleviate the congestion on the courts during open play on Fridays, just as ladders does on Wednesday and ladies social does on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The other point of consideration is an opportunity for players to play in a similar skill environment, on their home courts, which improves everyone's level of play in a friendly competitive game setting.

Wait times for open play on courts 1-5 have been pleasantly reduced so all members are seeing more playing time on the courts during open play and less waiting

time on the patio. Sign up for 3.5 skill level play on Fridays allows for about 20 people. If you **do not get into the skill level play**, then by all means **JOIN** open play from 7-10:30. If you **do get in to the 3.5 skill level play** on Friday then you **SHOULD NOT** be at open play from 7-10:30.

MESA REGAL PICKLE BALL SOCIAL UPDATES

MARDI GRAS

Thanks to Katie, Alison and their team for again another **PARTY OF THE YEAR**. Dancing, laughing, food and fun was the recipe which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Keep your eye on our website www.mrpickleballclub.com for some great pictures!!

PARK MODEL FOR RENT - May 1-December 31, 2017

Rental available anytime from May 1- Dec. 31, 2017. Newer 2 bedroom park model. Contact Lois Rieger at lkr0338@hotmail.com or call 319-240-3280.

TOURNAMENTS

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

Congratulations to our club members who have received medals in the Towerpoint Beginners Tournament.

Sam O'Neill & Rockey Gibney - GOLD - 3.0 Men's Doubles

Sam O'Neill & Karen Cox - GOLD - 3.0 Mixed Doubles

VENTURE OUT - February 8-11

This is a great tournament for you to see some great play and watch some of our own Mesa Regal club members compete as well. Bike across the street and cheer on your MR buddies!!!

Website: www.mrpickleballclub.com

Suggestion email: suggestion@mrpickleballclub.com

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