



Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

WEEKLY NEWS

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Thank you for wearing your mask at the courts when you are not playing and for using the supplied hand sanitizer.

Please wear your name badge so we know who you are and for safety in case of injury.....we need to know who to contact!!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP ON THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM.

EVERYONE needs to sign up for the 2020-21 season. As of today, 193 MRPBClub members!!

Mesa Regal Pickleball Court Schedule 2020-2021							
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:30	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play
8:00	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play
8:30	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play	Open Play
9:00	Open Play	Open Play	Ladders Group 1	Open Play	2.5 Training	Shoot out	3.5 Training
9:30	Open Play	Open Play	All Courts	Open Play	Courts 1-2, 9-11am	All Courts	Courts 4-7
10:00	Open Play	Open Play	9:00 - 10:30am	Open Play	(Mike Pecot)	9:00 - 12:00	9:00 - 11:00
10:30	Beginner 1 Lessons	Ladies Social	(Marilyn Kehl)	Ladies Social	4.0 mixed	(Harold Patterson)	(Clarence Lindblom)
11:00	Courts 1 - 2	All Courts	Court Cleanup	All Courts	Courts 5-7		
11:30	10:30 - 12:30	10:30 - 12:30	10:30 - 12:00	10:30 - 12:30	10:30 - 12:30		
12:00	(Craig Carlton)	(Shirley Seely)	(Cal-Am All Courts)	(Shirley Seely)	(Dale Hartman)		
12:30	3.5 mixed Courts 3-7	Ladies 3.5	Ladies 3.5	Begin II Lessons	Men's 4.0	Men's EVIL League	
1:00	12:00 - 2:00pm	Courts 4-7	Courts 4-7	Courts 1 - 2	12:30 - 3:00	Courts 2-7	
1:30	(Larry Cloud)	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30	Courts 3-7	12:30 - 2:30	
2:00	Men's 3.5 - 3.75	(Connie C/Judy K)	(Connie C/Judy K)		(Dale Hartman)	(Larry Cloud)	
2:30	Courts 3-7						
3:00	2:00 - 4:00						
3:30	(Dale Hartman)	3.75 - 4.0 mixed					
4:00	Ladies 3.5	Courts 3-7					
4:30	Courts 3-7	3:30 - 5:30					
5:00	4:00 - 6:00	(Dale Hartman)					
5:30	(Barb Benedetti)						
6:00	Beginners Social	2.5-3.0 Round Robin	Beginners Social	3.5 Men's Challenge	3.0 - 3.5 Challenge		
6:30	All Courts	All Courts	All Courts	Courts 3-7	All Courts		3.0 - 3.5 Challenge
7:00	6:00 - 8:00	6:00 - 8:00	6:00 - 8:00	6:00 - 8:00	6:00 - 8:00		All Courts
7:30	(Cindy&Gary St. John)	(JoAnn Miller/Patty&Ken Colton)	(Cindy&Gary St. John)	(Ken Smith)			6:30 - 8:30
8:00							(Tim Aylward Jan. 21)
							12-3-20

PICKLEBALL MACHINES - The Club has TWO!!

If you would like to use a pickleball machine contact vicepresident@mrpickleballclub.com for training and/or access information. **THANKS, CLARENCE!**

RATINGS - SIGN UP ON PICKLEBALL PATIO TO GET YOUR RATING

WHY should you sign up to have your pickleball skill rated? MRPBClub has worked hard to provide and coordinate scheduled play that meets the needs of all its members. To do this the club has implemented **SKILL LEVEL** play and to **PARTICIPATE IN SKILL LEVEL PLAY**, you must have either a **USAPA** or **MRPBClub** rating.

It is easy to be rated, you just need to sign up on the **RATING SIGN UP SHEET** at the pickleball patio and Harold and the rating team will organize a time to watch you play. Don't be shy, sign up and get your rating this week!! **THANKS** to **Harold** and his helpful team.

WEEKLY SKILLS & DRILLS TRAINING - 2.5 & 3.5 SESSIONS

Take advantage of some great, **FREE** training by our club volunteers. **YOU MUST** have a rating to participate in training. **THANKS** to Craig for 2.5 training this week, 2.5-3.0 Mike Pecot & Brad Fischer and Clarence with his team of Lionel & Nick for 3.5 training. **YOU ALL ROCK!!**

WEEKLY COURT CLEANING

Court cleaning will occur each Wednesday between 10:30-12:00 by Cal-Am. If you are on the courts at this time, when Albert and his Cal-Am maintenance crew come by, please step off the courts and allow the crew to clean up your court.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED LAST WEDNESDAY CLEANING THE COURTS.....YOU ALL ROCK!!

If you want to feel good about helping make MRPBClub successful, just check with any of our Executive members and find out where we could use some help.

VOLUNTEERS are what make MRPBClub a **PLACE TO BE!!**

PICKLEBALL SINGLES ANYONE???

While pickleball is known most for doubles play, singles is a great game and a good way to get/stay in shape and improve your doubles game.....and stay COVID safe! Many of the top level pickleball pros play both singles and doubles and do find that singles help them with court movement/footwork, groundstrokes and ball placement. A great way to learn more about singles play is to watch some games on YouTube.....it definitely is fun!


In singles you only get one serve, and you serve from either the even or odd side of the court, depending on your score. If your score is even, you start serving in the even court, if your score is odd, you start serving from the odd court. Here are a few singles strategies for you to think about when you try the singles game.

- Keep serves deep with good pace. Vary direction, but make sure they're in bounds.
- Serve from near the centerline so you can get at most returns more easily.
- Try to keep returns deep and to the corners.
- Generally, stay near the back third of the court (although getting to NVZ forces your opponent to hit a lower % shot down the sidelines)
- Try to force opponents to use their backhand; most players' backhands are weaker.

- Whenever you can, hit a deep forcing shot into the corners, where your opponent doesn't have time to set up for their shot. That gives you a chance to come to the non-volley line and hit a passing shot.
- Face your opponent. This puts you in a better position to return a shot to either side.
- Never hit a drop shot when your opponent is deep. Good players will get to it quickly and be in position to hit a passing shot.
- Vary your shots so opponents can't anticipate you. Occasionally try to make them think you're doing one shot but hit another.
- Generally, move left or right as your opponent moves, but stay closer to the center line.
- Use lobs only when necessary and your opponent is at the non-volley line.
- If your opponent has managed to get to the non-volley line and you are still back, you have 3 choices:
 - A hard passing shot.
 - A drop shot that hits the ground at your opponent's feet.
 - A lob.

The right choice depends upon your skill level with each type of shot. The best players rarely lob because it's a difficult shot to hit deep enough to keep a good player from putting it away.

REMEMBER, a good strategy whether you play doubles or singles is **PLACEMENT OVER POWER** and just put the ball where the **HOLE IS**....lol.



PICKLEBALL

Let's get out and play some singles....it will be a blast and improve our doubles game!!!



WEDNESDAY LADDER RESULTS

9:00-10:30 & 11:00-12:30

THANK Marilyn personally for organizing this!

Want to sign up for ladders play?

** Email Marilyn at m.greenekehl@gmail.com

to get your name on the list!



LADDERS COURT WINNERS - December 2

Court 1 - Mike C

Court 2 - Kim R

Court 3 - Mike B

Court 4 - Jody M

Court 5 - Colleen J

Court 6 - Paul P

Court 7 - Clarence L

CONGRATS TO ALL PLAYERS FOR YOUR GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE COURTS!!!

SATURDAY SHOOTOUT - December 5

Saturday - 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. **Thank Harold personally for coordinating this!!!**

***** email Harold to get your name on the sign up genius list at hpattsr@gmail.com.**

Shootout Results - First Round

9am Court Winners!

Court 1 - Tammy C
Court 2 - Jim W
Court 3 - Ric G
Court 4 - Gina T (44pts Perfect Score)
Court 5 - Colleen J (44pts Perfect Score)
Court 6 - Paul P (44pts Perfect Score)
Court 7 - Harold P (44pts Perfect Score)

Shootout Results - Second Round

10am Court Winners!

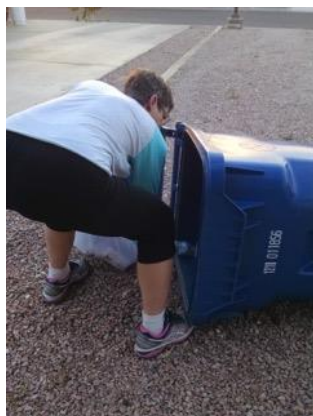
Court 1 - Janet R
Court 2 - Tammy C (44pts Perfect Score)
Court 3 - Ken S
Court 4 - Don S (44pts Perfect Score)
Court 5 - Jacquee W
Court 6 - Larry C
Court 7 - Harold P

WATER FOUNTAIN - WATER BOTTLE REFILL STATION

THANKS to all our wonderful club members who have been supplying cases of water for our members during organized play while the fountain has been out of commission. An auto water bottle refill station has been ordered and will arrive shortly.

RECYCLING NEWS

Time to remind your neighbours to save their aluminum cans (beer/soda) for our pickleball club. Not only are we making some moola for the club, but we are also helping our environment by not 'trashing' the cans and adding to the landfills. A huge **THANKS** to **MIKE BARIL** for leading our recycling charge this season. Please bring yours or your neighbours' crushed cans to the recycling bins at the pickleball club by court#3. **CRUSHED CANS** are preferred and **PLEASE, DO NOT** leave the cans in the bag you bring them in as Mike has to open those bags and dump out the cans. As always.....**THANKS FOR DRINKING**.....lol.



Our club members do whatever it takes to collect those cans.....haha!

Any guesses who these two dumpster divers are??

Hint...both Canadians who are not at Mesa yet...!



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

If you play in a tournament and have a result you would like to share with the club...email newsletter@mrpickleballclub.com and I will add that to our newsletter!

Tournaments, at this time, are very limited. Keep up to date on tournaments in our area by going to:

www.pickleballtournaments.com

For anyone signing up to tournaments this season, **YOU & YOUR PARTNER MUST HAVE A PLAYER PROFILE** on pickleballtournaments.com to sign up and **YOU & YOUR PARTNER MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE USAPA MEMBERSHIP** (which runs throughout the tournament your are registering for) when you sign up.

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

