



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.

As this is our last newsletter of the season we would like to give **THANKS TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL PICKLEBALL SEASON**. As we know, **VOLUNTEERS** are what make things happen, so we send out a **HEARTFELT** thanks to all of you who gave up your time for our club!

SEASON WINDING DOWN....

As our 2020-21 season finishes, many of our scheduled programs are finishing up. Please check with the coordinator of your activity to see how much longer it may be happening.

THANK YOU CLUB COMMITTEE/COORDINATOR VOLUNTEERS!!

A HUGE THANK YOU to our 2020-21 Board members (Shelly Athmann, Tim Aylward, Colleen Janus, Clarence Lindblom & Harold Patterson), all our scheduled play program coordinators and all our committee chairs, who have worked diligently this past season to make MRPClub a place to be. Although our membership numbers were down this year because of travel restrictions, we are expecting a BUMP in membership to surpass what we had in 2019-20. **ALL OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS** are encouraged to question Mesa Regal Management and Cal Am Corporate about their timeline for additional pickleball courts to meet the growing needs of our pickleball players.

2018-19 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS - 554!!

2019-20 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS - 686!!

2020-21 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS - 303 (COVID YEAR)!!

Suggestions/comments?? Email: suggestion@mrpickleballclub.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT SEASON

MRPclub is already busy planning events for next season. Hopefully, we will be back to normal and EVERYONE will be back in the fall. Events and dates for next season are:
STEVE JUDY MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT - Nancy Stern - Chairperson
November 29th, 30th & December 1st, 2021

This has been an annual tournament where the all the proceeds go to running your club with **NO MEMBERSHIP FEE**. MRPC puts on a wonderful tournament that is a lot of fun for players and volunteers alike. Our tournament will be listed on www.pickleballtournaments.com early April. Check it out to see when registration opens and to get all the info you need to sign up.

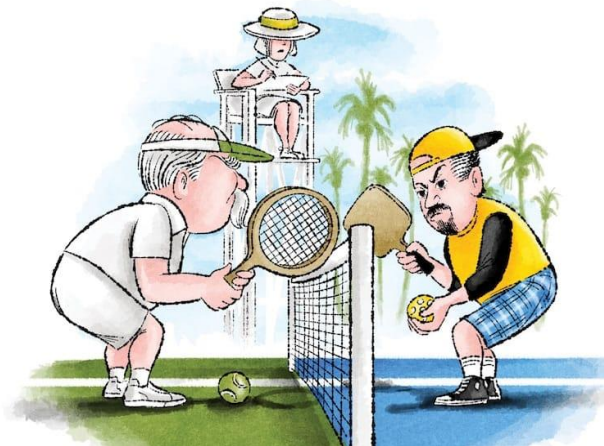
MRPC PICKLEBALL DANCE - Cindy St. John - Coordinator
Friday, March 4th, 2022

Everyone has a great time at this party.....and we are always **SOLD OUT**. I wonder what next season's party theme will be??

PICKLEBALL/TENNIS FUN DAY - Mary Ellen Benjamin (tennis coordinator) and we will be looking for a pickleball coordinator to help her out. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, email Clarence at president@mrpickleballclub.com.

Saturday, March 5th, 2022

This is an amazing opportunity for pickleball players to partner up with tennis players to teach each other their sport! It is a fun morning and lunch get together where we spend a bit of time on the pickleball and tennis courts with our partners then meet at the fountain for lunch.



VOLUNTEERS MAKE MRPClub A GREAT PLACE TO BE

While we did not have a chance to meet all of our wonderful volunteers through the newsletter interviews, we still would like to thank you all for your valued service to the club! Our 2021-22 Club President, Clarence Lindblom will be our feature vounteer for this last newsletter.

Clarence Lindblom - Clarence and his wife Lois call Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada home and are glad to be away from the cold and the snow!!! Clarence is looking forward to playing some pickleball this summer in Grande Prairie where they are adding the first pickleball courts.....10 new courts (how lucky is that?). Look out Lois, Clarence is seeing you as his practice partner so you will both be upping your games for sure.

Clarence has been a member of the club since 2017 and always willing to help out. This is Clarence's second year on the MRPC Executive and his current role is President. As well, Clarence coordinates 2.5-3.0 Round Robin on Thursdays and the 3.5 Training program with Lionel on Sundays. Clarence started playing this addictive sport of pickleball 3years ago and this has been the best of the years. You will always see Clarence around the courts making sure everyone is having a good time!

What was your first impression of MR pickleball courts?

We compared MR with other Cal Am resorts and found MR to have the best pickleball complex. I believe that is one of the reasons why other parks like to play here. The club added 70 new members and players from February 1st.....having these courts at MR is attracting new people to the game.

What are the one or two things you enjoy about the MRPC?

The one thing I enjoy about MRPC is that it does not take very long to create friendships. The second is when I first started playing people were very kind to help grow my game. Now I am trying to pay it forward. I have received my IFP instructor certification allowing me to help players up to the 4.4 skill level rating. I am looking forward to helping our training coordinator next season any way I can to make MRPC the best experience.

What is the best/worst thing to happen since you started volunteering?

The best thing is that there have been many volunteers taking over programs and starting new programs for the benefit of others which creates a great experience for all. Maybe not a worst thing, but a challenge with the sport of pickleball growing in some states as much as 20%, our MRPC in the peak season could see as high as 900 members. We had 300 members in this pandemic year where other resorts somewhat struggled for play.

What do you wish other people knew about MRPC and volunteering?

If you want to volunteer you are not alone. So many current and past volunteers are here to help make your time fun. If you are interested in volunteering with anything this upcoming season (2021-22) please reach out to a Board member, our club could sure use your talent.

THANKS, CLARENCE, for your service to the club, we are glad you 'landed' at Mesa Regal !!



Clarence Lindblom.....
 We tried to find some 'action' shots of Clarence but could only come up with MEDAL shots....it must be good training at MR!! Congrats for 'upping' your game, Clarence, we will be watching you next year after practicing all summer with Lois!



MRPC 2021-22 EXECUTIVE

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WHERE TO PLAY THIS SUMMER

While Mesa Regal courts are open all summer long, some days it is just too hot! A few indoor places you may want to check out :

Paloma Sports Complex - 3215 Sossaman Road

Red Mountain Multigenerational Centre - 7550 East Adobe

Apache Junction Multigenerational Centre - 1035 N. Idaho Road

Or find other places to play on the USAPA site under 'Places to Play'.

Have a great summer of pickleball fun!!!!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

PRESCOTT SPRING FLING - (sanctioned) April 8-11

DID YOU KNOW that you can keep up to date on tournaments in our area by going to: www.pickleballtournaments.com AND you can follow participant wins & losses by looking up a specific event for the tournament when people are playing. It is a fun way to watch our pickleball friends' progress throughout their tournament experience.

REMEMBER, 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!

Have a superb summer, stay safe and enjoy your friends and family!!

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

