



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 MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP ON THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM.

EVERYONE needs to sign up for the 2020-21 season. As of today, **289** 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	2.5-3.0 Training	Open Play	Open Play
9:30	Open Play	Open Play	All Courts	Open Play	Courts 1-2, 9-11am	Open Play	Open Play
10:00	Open Play	Open Play	9:00 - 10:30am	Open Play	(Mike Pecot)	Shoot out	3.5 Training
10:30	Beginner 1 Lessons	Ladies Social	(Marilyn Kehl)	Ladies Social	4.0 mixed		Courts 4-7
11:00	Courts 1 - 2	All Courts	Ladders Group 2	All Courts	Courts 5-7	All Courts	10:00 - 12:00
11:30	10:30 - 12:30	10:30 - 12:30	All Courts 10:30 - 12:00	10:30 - 12:30	10:30 - 12:30	10:00 - 1:00	(Clarence Lindblom & Lionel Fauchoux)
12:00	(Craig Carlton)	(Shirley Seely)	(Marilyn Kehl)	(Shirley Seely)	(Dale Hartman)	(Craig Carlton)	
12:30	3.5 mixed Courts 3-7	Ladies 3.5	Ladies 3.5	Challenge Court, 3.5+	Men's 4.0	3.5+ Round Robin	Shoot out
1:00	12:00 - 2:00pm	Courts 4-7	Courts 4-7	Courts 1-2	12:30 - 3:00	4.5	
1:30	(Larry Cloud)	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30	12:30 - 2:30	Courts 3-7	Competitive	All Courts
2:00	Lorne's Men's League	(Connie C/Judy K)	(Connie C/Judy K)	(Colleen Janus)	(Dale Hartman)	Courts 4-7 1:00 - 3:00	12:30 - 2:30
2:30	Courts 3-7				(Larry Cloud)	Lionel Fauchoux	(Ric Gonzalez)
3:00	2:00 - 4:00					2.5 - 3.0 Round Robin	
3:30	(Lionel Fauchoux/Dale Hartman)	3.75+ mixed				Courts 2-7	
4:00	Ladies 3.5	Courts 3-7		Couples Play, 2.5 - 3.5			
4:30	Courts 3-7	3:30 - 5:30		Courts 3-7	3:00 - 5:00		
5:00	4:00 - 6:00			5:00 - 7:00	(Clarence Lindblom)		
5:30	(Barb Benedetti)	(Ken Smith)		Mary Alai / Donnie Torres			
6:00	Social Play	2.5-3.0 Round Robin	Social Play				
6:30	All Courts	All Courts	All Courts				
7:00	6:00 - 8:00	6:00 - 8:00	6:00 - 8:00				
7:30	(Cindy & Gary St John)	(JoAnn Miller)	(Cindy & Gary St. John)				
8:00							

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MRPCLub AGM TIME AND DATE

Mark those calendars for the club's AGM for the 2020-21 season. **Friday, March 12th at 5pm** at the **pickleball patio**. There is a link to the agenda in the email and we hope that anyone who is able will come by to hear all the special things going on at our club.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE MRPClub A GREAT PLACE TO BE

This week we are featuring a few more of our club volunteers who we have not previously mentioned. These fine volunteers coordinate activities on our court schedule and or have dedicated their time on our Executive. Let's meet some of your MRPClub volunteers - Ken Smith, Barb Benedetti, JoAnn Miller, Brad Fischer and Tim Alyward.

Ken Smith - Hailing from Michigan and has been a resident of Mesa Regal for 5 years. It only took him a year of watching us...lol...and started playing pickleball 4 years ago. Although Ken plays most of his pickleball here at Mesa Regal, he occasionally plays at home in the summer.

Ken has been a valued volunteer over the years for our club, not only coordinating scheduled activities but managing the recycling program in its early days. Currently, Ken is the coordinator for the 3.75+ Mixed round robin and is always a willing volunteer at our annual pickleball tournament in late November-early December.

What was your first impression of the MR pickleball courts?

My first impression of MR courts was A Great facility

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

The support for learning and improving.

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

Getting to know new people is the best thing about volunteering.

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

The club is 'ours', run by 'us' and needs 'you' to be part of the future!

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



Ken Smith.....

Whether Ken is on the court playing, coordinating a scheduled activity or taking part in a club social event.....he is a committed MRPClub member!!



JoAnn Miller - JoAnn is a year round Arizonian and likes to play pickleball throughout the summer as well. You can find JoAnn at the Paloma Sports Complex on Sossaman practicing her pickleball skills this summer. JoAnn has been playing pickleball for 2.5 years and is hooked!

JoAnn has been a super addition to our volunteers here at Mesa Regal Pickleball Club this year. JoAnn coordinates the 2.5-3.0 round robin on Tuesdays and also took over clothing sales this year for the club. You can thank JoAnn for all the wonderful club attire you are all sporting this year!!!

What was your first impression of the MR pickleball courts?

Very nice! I like the adequate space on all the courts.

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

Pickleball is wonderful for your health and has a great social aspect. So much fun and laughter!

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

The best is making new friends and feeling more connected to Mesa Regal Pickleball Club.

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

Other club members would have a greater appreciation for all the work involved and hopefully more people will become inspired to join us!

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



JoAnn Miller

Active on our courts, coordinating a scheduled event or looking after the designing, ordering, and distributing of our Club clothing....JoAnn is an amazing MRPClub member!



Brad Fischer - Brad is a 'newbie' to Mesa Regal arriving last September. Welcome Brad! We at MRPClub are glad to have introduced you to this great sport of pickleball and appreciate that you have already stepped up to volunteer!

Brad and Teresa travel throughout the summer so will have their new paddles with them and be on the lookout for courts to play on. *Editor's Note.....Brad, check with Craig Carlton, one of last week's featured volunteers, for great spots to visit and play pickleball as you travel this summer!*

What was your first impression of the MR pickleball courts?

Great facilities. Well maintained, well organized and great people!

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

The activity, obviously, but the people, their stories and making new friendships.

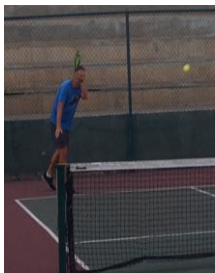
What is the best/worst thing to happen since you started volunteering?

The best is having the opportunity to meet many new people.

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

It helps you improve your own skills while helping others. Also, it helps increase your knowledge and understanding of the game, rule and the strategies for success.

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



Brad Fischer

For a newbie....your game on the court is looking GREAT!! Always nice to have our new members contribute to our amazing pickleball club!



Barb Benedetti - Barb is one of our original Mesa Regal club members and has been wintering in Mesa for 12 years! If you want to know what the courts were like in the 'early' days, Barb is the one to ask. When Barb discovered the game of pickleball you could only purchase a paddle online...*was it wooden...lo!* Everyone on the courts were gracious and loaned their paddles so Barb could experience the sport. That kindness is still shared throughout the pball community today! Barb spends the summer now in Indiana after a recent move from Illinois. She quickly found the pickleball group in her new community and already is making great friends.

Barb has always been one to volunteer for our club. Barb currently coordinates Ladies 3.5+ competitive play and is always a willing volunteer at our annual club tournament. *Editor's note.....Barb was one of the first people I met at Mesa Regal and was welcoming and instrumental in helping me learn the game. We had many fun times on not know what we were doing on court and participated in the very first Cal Am Resorts tournament back in 2011? Thanks, Barb, for being a pball buddy!*

What was your first impression of the MR pickleball courts?

When I started playing at MR, we only had courts 1 & 2. There were not regulation by any means.....no separation and a door that didn't latch. We were thrilled to have 2 courts. Then, courts 3-5 were added (the old basketball court) and we had hoops and manholes to deal with. We did not care, we were just glad to have more courts! When courts 6 & 7 were built (old batting cage) Mesa Regal redid all the courts to regulation size and surface.

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

I do appreciate our courts especially when I play elsewhere and we are always stopping play as pballs from other courts roll onto our!

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

The best thing is getting to know and play with a lot of people through the various activities that our club offers. The worst thing is not having enough courts.

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

Volunteering is a great way to support the club and meet a lot of great people.

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



Barb Benedetti

Also known by her buddies as 'Smiley Barb', she loves being on the court and playing this game we are all addicted to.



Tim Aylward - Although we missed Tim this season at Mesa Regal (darn COVID!), that did not stop him! As a member of our MRPClub Executive for the last two years, Tim continued in that position from afar. Not only has Tim been a valued member of the

Executive, he also is a great volunteer. Last season Tim also coordinated 3.0 & 3.5 Challenge Play and some of the Shootouts! His motto.....**get everyone playing and have fun!**

Tim hails from Thunder Bay, Ontario but spends most of his time now in Collander which is also in Ontario (it is pretty cold there in the winter...lol). Tim started playing pickleball in 2012 when he arrived at Mesa Regal. He enjoys most of the summer in the beauty of a Provincial Park in Geraldton, Ontario and trying to catch fish!! Pickleball games are a bit scarce for Tim over the summers but he loves to get on our courts in the winter season.

What was your first impression of the MR pickleball courts?

A favourable impression of the courts as I knew nothing about the club or the game when I arrived at Mesa Regal. I did note that areas of improvement could be lighting, court availability, reservations, appearance and of course, **MORE COURTS!**

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

As a coordinator I enjoy working with the players, trying to keep them happy and making certain they were having a good time socializing and having fun!

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

It was great being able to get the better skilled players playing with and against lesser skilled players. It was an opportunity for better skilled players to take something off their game so that all players had some level of success on the court. It was always better to ask higher skilled players to help others understand the game without a blowout score. The most difficult area was matching skill sets of the players so everyone would have success in the games.

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

I always like to emphasize the **SOCIAL** aspects of the game and emphasize the **POSITIVE!!**

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



Tim Aylward

Whether Tim is on the courts, coordinating an activity for our club, socializing or fishing in the summer..... he always wants to have **FUN!!**



A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO OUR TRAINERS!!

We received a special request to thank our 3.5 Training Group.....so, from all the participants to **CLARENCE, LIONEL, NICK, JIM & DALE**, your 'groupies' would like you to know.....

All of us appreciate the time you spent mentoring us. Your wisdom, experiences, techniques and inspiration has added to our 'toolboxes'! THANK YOU so much for all your valuable training!

TOURNAMENT TALK

OOPS...we missed a MRPClub MEDAL last week.....so we will redo them all. CONGRATS to..

Colleen Janus & Jody McGill - WD 3.0 - **GOLD**

Colleen Janus & Clarence Lindblom - MXD 3.5 - **BRONZE**

Greg Singer - MXD 3.0 - **BRONZE**

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

SUN CITY SPRING SLAM (sanctioned)- March 5-7

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!

Tournaments, currently, are limited.

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

