



Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

WEEKLY NEWS

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WEBSITE: www.mrpickleballclub.com

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/groups/696462040860449

(Mesa Regal Pickleball Friends and Players).

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Thanks for wearing your name badge on the courts!!

THANKS FOR SIGNING UP ON THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM. We now have 50 members signed up for the 2020-21 season!!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - TUESDAY @ 7 a.m.

To assist with court cleanup.

One hour shifts begin at 7a.m.

Sign up sheet on the pickleball patio.



MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD members - 2020-21

President - **Shelly Athmann** - president@mrpickleballclub.com

Vice President - **Clarence Lindblom** - vicepresident@mrpickleballclub.com

Secretary - **Colleen Janus** - secretary@mrpickleballclub.com

Treasurer - **Tim Aylward** - treasurer@mrpickleballclub.com

Member at Large - **Harold Patterson** - memberatlarge@mrpickleballclub.com

ARE OUR COURTS READY FOR ACTION??

Yes.....Our courts are in great shape thanks to our volunteer members who continue to wash and clean them!! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU for VOLUNTEERING your time!!!!

Although our seasonal schedule is not posted yet, the following activities are available for you on the courts.

OPEN PLAY

Daily from 7-10:30 a.m.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING SOCIAL

Monday & Wednesday - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Just drop on by and have some FUN!!

SATURDAY SHOOTOUT

Saturday - 7:00 - 10:a.m.
*** email Harold to get your name on the sign up genius email at hpattsr@gmail.com.

Oct. 14 Crt Winners:	Oct. 17 Crt Winners
Brad A	7:00 Harold/Bill/Gary/ Shelly A. Dan T/Mike B
Paul P.	8:30 Clarence/Dan A/ Mike P. Marilyn/Brad A/Mike P

Great play, everyone!!

UPCOMING COURT INFORMATION HOLD MY COURT

Court reservation system - Reservations for pickleball courts in Hold My Court are scheduled to become available early November 2020.

SKILL ASSESSMENT/RATINGS

Skill assessments and ratings are scheduled to begin early November 2020.

A NEW SEASON & NEW PLAYERS A REMINDER!!

Pickleball Open Play: Playing Up and Down

(from Sarah Ansboury blog)

My partner and I were trying to find a game during warm-up. Would someone let us in? Luckily, I asked the right person, "How do we get a game?" And to this day she is one of my closest friends. She was so happy to let some new players in and she was a 5.0 player without a clue who we were.

Sometimes I will go to places and it's not always easy to jump into open play. At times someone will invite me to play but will intentionally exclude the person I am with. I don't like that.

I understand that we all want good practice and we want to keep it challenging. I realize that people feel that they will improve more if they "play up". In fact, I play better when I play up. However, I believe you can do both...practice and play.

When I am at open or recreational play I am all about having fun and playing multiple players and I don't really care what level I am playing with or against. When I play a lower level player I want to give them the experience of playing with someone more consistent so they can play some longer points than they are used to. I don't intentionally smash a high ball at them to intimidate them. Likewise, if the two players are of differing skill levels, I try to mix it up. I don't avoid the stronger player and pick on the weaker player. Nor do I exclude the less experienced player. This isn't a competition. We aren't playing for a title or money...this is supposed to be FUN! I want them to see a stronger player reaching out to other levels that need more experience so that when a new person comes in they will welcome them into the group.

...cont'd...Open Play vs. Competitive Practice

Pickleball-Open-Play - When I want competitive practice, I set up a time outside of open or recreational play. It is usually a group of 4-6 and it is about playing back to back and maybe playing with a certain partner. We will intentionally look for courts that aren't in use or a time when the courts are not used for open play. From time to time, someone might wander by and want to join. I explain we are practicing but they can join us for a game or two. I'm lucky because the players I typically practice with are very welcoming of new players. However, occasionally, a player may groan a little or give me the evil eye. But I remember that I was once that player that players groaned at, and I remember exactly how it felt. I felt disrespected when a player would not play very well on purpose, or would be focused on a game in a nearby court that they found more interesting. (I also remember how good it felt when I was able to surprise them with my ability.)

My goal whenever I go to open or recreational play, is to have fun and to help the people I am playing with to have fun too. I am going to give the person in front of me the respect that everyone deserves. We all love this game. We all want it to grow. Let's go have some fun!

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2020-21

Our club is as great as it is because of the many people who volunteer to help. So, thanks to all of you for continuing to be involved in a variety of ways for the benefit of our club and its members. Membership in our club for the season continues to be free (thanks to the annual Steve Judy pickleball tournament) but we need each and every one of you to resign in and update your info if necessary. If you were a member or not last year, the online membership is easy to do. Just follow these instructions:

Key points to note on this season's memberships for all members:

- Every member must re-register each season, either by paper or online registration, as outlined below. (but not both)
- Members wishing to exclude their email from the membership, need to fill out a paper registration.
- Online registration is easier every season, as last season's information is refreshed automatically.
- Last season online account is retained, a new account is not required, password is the same as last season.
- A forgotten password can easily be reset to a new password.
- If you have never registered before, you will need to create an online account to register.

- Double check the registration information, edit or add any additional information.
- **Gender is important for gender specific emails on events through the season.
- Membership fee is volunteering for helping and ensures our club never charges a membership fee.
- To complete the registration process the 'SUBMIT' button must be clicked, if the submit button is not clicked the registration fails to go anywhere.

HOW TO SIGN UP ONLINE

- Open an internet web browser at mripickleballclub.com/Members/Members.php (web link is case sensitive!)
- If you remember your email & password, log into the memberships system. If you fail to remember your password, click the 'Reset Password' button to get a temporary password. **Check your junk/spam email if you fail to get a temporary password to your email
- Once logged in, the system should present your last season's information.
- Add, edit or confirm any or all of the information.
- Click the 'Submit' button to confirm your registration.
- If a second membership exists under the same email, the second membership record will appear.
- Feel free to update any of the information during the season, with this same process. Thank you for registering your 2020-2021 membership.

Any questions or issues, please send an email to mripickleballclub@mripickleballclub.com

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS - www.picklenballtournaments.com

All Arizona tournaments have been cancelled for the fall other than Red Mountain Classic December 11-13th in Mesa

BUT.... something fun for Ladies who have been exhausted looking after their husbands since March and what some get away time with pickleball engage is offer a camp and spa in November.

LADIES ONLY CAMP at JW MARRIOTT PHOENIX RESORT & SPA, Phoenix, AZ - Nov 10 - 12. Two packages available (All-Inclusive Getaway (pricing TBD) or Camp only) for a 3-day Pickleball camp for Ladies Only. Learn the techniques and strategy that are specific to Ladies play and Mixed doubles. Pros: Jessie Irvine, Jennifer Lucore, Gigi LeMaster & Jodi Elliott

******* Be sure to let Nancy know when you medal in a tournament and we will share your success with all our MRPBClub members!!!**

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

