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Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

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WEEKLY NEWS

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QR Registration Code



PLEASE REGISTER at www.mrpickleballclub.com to ensure you can participate in pickleball programs!! (513 registered already!!)

Thanks for wearing your name badge on the courts!!

COURT SCHEDULE - 2024/PRO CERT RATING TIME

Again, a huge **THANK YOU** to all our coordinators for providing so many wonderful playing opportunities here at our club! Don't forget if you want to see the **CURRENT SCHEDULE** or **get your name on the invite** to a scheduled play, go to the club website www.mrpickleballclub.com and click on the court schedule then click on the coordinator's name and it will take you to their email.

NEED TO GET RATED? If you need to be rated for club activities, the next Pro Cert rating at our courts is: **Sunday, Feb 4, 12:30, courts 8-10**. Contact our ratings chairperson, Colleen Janus, at colleenlouisejanus@gmail.com to get signed up!

THIS FRIDAY - NEW 2024 RULES REVIEW & REFEREE TRAINING SESSION

A **FREE** new 2024 rules review and referee training session is taking place at Venture Out Resort (Oasis Room) on January 26th. There are two sessions to sign up for....the rules review 8:00-8:30 and USA Pickleball Referee Training 8:30-12:30. Please sign up using this **SUG link**. Learning the official rules and knowing how to apply them will benefit your personal game and maybe give you the confidence to help out local clubs during organized and tournament play by volunteering to ref.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY WITH A PRO!!

A **PRO** is coming to MR on February 1 to provide clinics for our members! Susannah Barr, Pro, and 26 gold medals winner in 2023 will come to Mesa Regal to do 2-hour clinics for interested members. The fee is \$90/person (limit 8 participants/session) and fee will be due upon registration,....information will be forwarded by Colleen once you have registered.

This is planned and will happen based on enough interest and sign ups so please let ColleenLouiseJanus@gmail.com know **ASAP** if you'd like to reserve a slot and in which clinic.

The times will be

Intermediate 10:30 - 12:30 (3.0 - 3.5)

Advanced 1:00 - 3:00 (strong 3.5s - 4.0+)

GOOGLE Susannah Barr training videos to see Susannah in action.

APPL LEAGUE

The APPL (Arizona Pickleball Players) League is a skilled level competitive team event that takes place all over the East Valley. Players combine as a team and compete against other teams of similar skill levels. It rivals tournament play so great fun to watch and excellent pickleball. Our MRPC members are currently on 4 teams. They play all over the East Valley but we will try and highlight close by matches so you can get out there and cheer them on!

Mixed 4.0

VV/Kevin Degelman
MR/Donnie Torres
MR/Clarence Lindblom
MR/Colleen Janus
OP/Tracy Houck
LW/Wanda Lazar
MR/Connie Craig



MIXED 4.0 SCHEDULE

Come and cheer on the Mixed team. Home games are held at Gene Autry Tennis/Pickleball Centre at the corner of Greenfield and McKellips.

Fridays 1-3pm

Jan. 26

Feb 9

Feb 23

March 8

ARE YOU A 3.5-4.0+ PICKLEBALL PLAYER? MLP SCHEDULED PLAY IS FOR YOU!!

There is a new program called MLP Scoring. It is a fun, by invite only, different way to play our favorite game. We play Wednesday at 5:30PM and would love to see you come out and join us.

MLP stands for Major League Pickleball and we use just the scoring portion of the pros MLP format for our event. The format is doubles and/or mixed doubles using MLP scoring. Games are played to 21 with rally scoring (point every serve). When you hit 20 (and above 20 on winning point), you must win on a serve.

Partners agree who will play on the even and odd side and stay on the left/right side throughout the game. No switching sides after winning points on a serve. The person on the even (right) side always serves when the score is even, and the person on the odd (left) side always serves when the score is odd. You win by ONE!

This event is targeted to STRONG 3.5 and 4.0+ players. You do not need a partner to sign up. Coordinator may choose Kings Court, a round robin, or pair teams to keep play fairly balanced and competitive.

WANT TO TRY OUT THE FUN? Please contact Don at dcletkeman@gmail.com with your name and email address and I will put you on the list for this scheduled play invite!!










Thanks, Don, for volunteering your time to coordinate this activity!!

YEE HAW....MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL PICKLEBALL PARTY

Saturday, February 24th. Put that date on your calendar and keep your eyes on our Facebook page and the weekly newsletter to find out about ticket sales. **WESTERN THEME, grab your boots!**



WEDNESDAY LADDERS RESULTS

Court 1 2.5-3.0 	Court 1 3.5+ 	Court 2 2.5-3.0 	Court 2 3.5+ 	Court 3 2.5-3.0 	Court 3 3.5+ 	Court 4 2.5-3.0 	Court 4 3.5+ 
Court 5 2.5-3.0 Greg W-61 Bridgette M-60 Mary R-46 Nancy S-39	Court 5 3.5+ Doug T-60 Maggie N-56 Paul B-53 Barb H-37	Court 6 2.5-3.0 Bea R-59 Randy G-54 Cindy S-52 Theresa H-33	Court 6 3.5+ Tammy H-57 Stan T-57 Gina T-55 Sue J-37	Court 7 2.5-3.0 Rick L-60 Lance V-43 Clovis M-43 Carol S-26	Court 7 3.5+ Ed G-64 Calvin J-57 Craig P-56 Dan G-55	Court 8 2.5-3.0 Ken V-66 Kathy F-44 Gail N-39 Heidi T-39	Court 8 3.5+ Allison M-65 Tammy V-53 Don L-44 Cindy L-42
Court 9 2.5-3.0 Walter P-58 Gary S-56 Greta J-50 Chris B-42	Court 9 3.5+ Brad V-61 Ken L-58 Robin C-51 Bill S-48	Court 10 2.5-3.0 Wayne T-59 Ian H-59 Brian M-58 Jennifer P-48	Court 10 3.5+ Ric G-58 Kevin C-57 Mike P-47 Bruce N-39	THANKS to Carol for coordinating this activity! 			

HOW ABOUT THAT 2.5 TRAINING ON FRIDAY??

What can we say about Mike Pecot and his team who volunteer Fridays from 10:30-12:30 to help train our 2.5 pickleball club members? Last Friday there were 25 lucky MRPC players who had Mike Pecot, Kevin Carver, Wanda Herpe & Cindy St. John helping them master their pickleball game. This training combined with Beginner Lessons led by club volunteer Bob Porter are introducing and reinforcing the rules and skills to help all our beginners and 2.5 players enjoy this amazing game. **A huge THANKS to our trainers for volunteering their time for our club!!**



The **LOBSTER** is great for helping to train up our players. Here are Mike and Wanda with a few of you 2.5 trainees!!!

NEW 2.5 MIXED ROUND ROBIN




Thursday 2:30-4:30!!

2.5 players can email Nancy Smith @ nancy.smith.thompson@gmail.com to be invited to this fun activity!

MRPClub TOPS 500!!!

WOW, our membership in our amazing club has topped **500** registered members this season. This is because of our wonderful volunteers who provide an incredible amount of scheduled play time for **EVERYONE** in our club. I counted **38** scheduled playtimes on our court schedule, all run by club volunteers. Not only do we support our beginning pickleball club members with lessons and training, we are providing opportunities for people to improve their skills with a variety of levelled play. **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU AT MRPC** who volunteer your time to make this one of the best clubs in the valley!! **REMEMBER**...if you would like to volunteer to organize a **MRPC social event** (i.e. 2.5/3.0 tourney), a **fun event** (i.e. Valentines Round Robin/Dink Fest, etc.) **contact the Board** to schedule in court times.

SATURDAY SHOOTOUT RESULTS

Court 1 Rnd 1 	Court 1 Rnd 2 	Court 2 Rnd 1 Kathy F-40 Gail N-39 Dana M-38 Terri B-33 Terry K-24	Court 2 Rnd 2 Jana M-44 Heidi-39 Terri B-32 Terry K-30 Louise-24	Court 3 Rnd 1 Ian H-44 Terry M-29 Colette G-29 Heidi T-28 Louise J-26	Court 3 Rnd 2 Terry M-44 Marketha-35 Chris-31 Gail N-31 Kathy F-17	Court 4 Rnd 1 Ray Ray-44 Randy G-37 Wayne T-36 Chris B-33 Marketha L-26	Court 4 Rnd 2 Ian H-41 Paul B-37 Wayne T-36 Colette G-33 Mike R-25
Court 5 Rnd 1 Brian M-38 Brian B-38 Laura H-31 Mike R-29 Paul B-24	Court 5 Rnd 2 Ken B-40 Laura H-39 Randy-32 Barb H-29 Ray Ray-24	Court 6 Rnd 1 Andre G-43 Edith G-42 Doug D-36 Ken V-35 Barb H-26	Court 6 Rnd 2 Gina-37 Brian M-35 Doug D-34 Lois-25 Brian B-19	Court 7 Rnd 1 Don L-40 Mary L-36 Lou L-35 Gina-30 Lois-21	Court 7 Rnd 2 Lou L-43 Bruce-36 Ken-29 Andre-26 Edith-26	Court 8 Rnd 1 Robert S-43 Calvin J-32 Brad V-32 Bruce N-30 Ken L-15	Court 8 Rnd 2 Ralph-41 Kurt-40 Calvin-32 Mary-28 Don L-25
Court 9 Rnd 1 Rich V-37 Paul S-37 Wynne S-36 Ralph L-31 Kurt G-31	Court 9 Rnd 2 Brad V-38 Wynne-38 Mike-35 Carrie-31 Rob S-26	Court 10 Rnd 1 Bill S-41 Ric G-37 Tammy V-30 Mike P-26 Carrie B-24	Court 10 Rnd 2 Paul S-44 Rich V-39 Bill S-31 Tammy V-29 Rick G-29	 THANKS to Ric for coordinating this activity!			

Great turnouts for our Wednesday Ladders and Saturday shoot out!!! Well done everyone!

TIPS.....PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS - PLAYING THEM BOTH!!

An interesting article written by a Certified tennis and pickleball Professional outlines how tennis and pickleball techniques tie together. Read about it [here](#).

PROGRAM COORDINATORS APPRECIATION DANCE

A great time was had by all our hard working club volunteers last weekend at the MRegal Saturday night dance. The MRPC Board of directors hosted all those volunteers who were available to attend and recognized the time and effort they all put in to making our club the BEST. You all ROCK!!

Here are a few fun highlights from the evening, more can be found on our MRPC FB page.

**THANK YOU MRPClub
VOLUNTEERS...
YOU ROCK!!!**



MESA REGAL CAL AM TOURNAMENT TEAMS ARE READY!!

MRPClub is happy to announce our club members who will be representing us in the Cal Am Pickleball tournament January 31-February 2 at Val Vista Resort. Congratulations to all of our teams and **THANKS** to **Nancy Smith** for organizing our groups!!

Ladies Doubles Teams

Carrie Beechler and Allison Manning
Cheryl Kottom and Barb Harris

Men's Doubles Teams

Paul Schwob and Kevin Carver
Steve Gibson and Brian Boettger
Bill Steele and Brian Shelley

Mixed Doubles Team

Barb Harris and Ralph Lambertus
Tammy VanLydegraf and Kevin Carver
Sharon & Jay Slemp

**** If you can help out reffing at the tournament please contact Nancy Smith so she can forward your name.**

SCHEDULE

January 31 - Women's play Wednesday

February 1 - Men's play Thursday

February 2 - Mixed play Friday

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS NEAR BY

REMEMBER...If the tournament you are signing up for is sanctioned, you **MUST** have a **USAPickleball** membership to register. www.usapickleball.org and look under memberships.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS - all tournaments can be found at www.pickleballbrackets.com

CAL AM - VAL VISTA VILLAGES (Main Street), Cal Am residents **ONLY** (Skill 3.999 & under) January 31-Feb 2

VENTURE OUT ALL CITY, Mesa Az - February 6-8 - **Registration open**. This is a **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT** and you must have a **USAPickleball Membership** to register. This tournament is across the street and offers age/skill divisions (50+/60+/70+)

LEISURE WORLD, Mesa Az - February 15-17 - **Registration opens December 4**. This is a **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT** and you must have a **USAPickleball Membership** to register.

CAL AM - CANYON VISTA, Cal Am residents **ONLY** - **March 6-8**

******* Be sure to let Nancy (ndsterno54@gmail.com) know when you medal in a tournament and we will share your success with all our MRPClub members!!!**

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

