



# Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

## WELCOME BACK

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## Thanks for wearing your name badge on the courts!!

Welcome back to those who have arrived at Mesa Regal and hurry back to those who have not yet made it to the 'fun in the sun!' Remember, wearing your name tag at the courts helps us with.....

- **Your safety**....if by chance you are injured on the courts, we know who you are and who to contact!
- **Your name**....lol...after all we are all Seniors and sometimes after 7 months forget names!!
- **Your residency**....we are all paying a 'pretty penny' to be here at MR and your up-to-date name badge helps us know you are actually a paying member of Mesa Regal!

Thanks again to all our volunteers who continue to take time and do what they can to ensure MRPClub continues to be the BEST!! Thanks for **being safe, kind, caring** and **volunteering for our club**....**all of you** help make it a great place to be!!

## MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB BOARD members - 2023-2024

President - **Clarence Lindblom** - [president@mrpickleballclub.com](mailto:president@mrpickleballclub.com)

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## CAN RECYCLING!!!

Remember to save your (and your neighbours) aluminum cans (crush if you can) for our pickleball club. Not only do we help the environment but we even make some money for the club. There are bins behind the golf driving range and beside the clubhouse for the cans. Be sure to **take the cans out of the plastic bags** and put any **garbage in the garbage can**....not the aluminum can bin!! Thanks to Mike Baril and his team for volunteering to collect the cans AND to Gina Trammell and her crew who continued to collect cans for the club through the summer.

**YOU ALL ROCK!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Clarence Lindblom - MRPB President

On behalf of the Mesa Regal Pickleball Club, welcome back to those returning pickleball players and welcome to all new residents. For the 23-24 season your pickleball courts have expanded by 3. There are now 10 courts which will host additional and expanded programs starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.... please visit [www.mrpickleballclub.com](http://www.mrpickleballclub.com) for the latest **COURT SCHEDULE, PROGRAM COORDINATORS** and our **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** (every Sunday night). The club wouldn't exist without the many volunteers. Thank you for providing your time to the MRPC. If you would like to assist in programs or volunteer in any capacity we would like to hear from you.

If you are playing on the courts, please register as a member. Membership is free, but we need everyone to register every year even if you were here last year and registered. This is very important as it helps us determine numbers of folks playing, what programs are needed and it's the only way to get your name on the invite list of special play times. Registration can be found Online at [www.mrpickleballclub.com](http://www.mrpickleballclub.com).

Looking forward to seeing you on the courts.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **2023 11<sup>th</sup> Annual STEVE JUDY MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT...**

is scheduled for Monday, November 27- Wednesday, November 29 this year.

### **PLAYER REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SIGNING UP!!**

Sign up through [www.pickleballbrackets.com](http://www.pickleballbrackets.com). Remember, you **MUST HAVE** a USPickleball membership to register and play in any USPickleball sanctioned tournament. You will also need to create a PICKLEBALLBRACKETS profile at [www.pickleballbrackets.com](http://www.pickleballbrackets.com) if you do not have one...it is easy and free.

We will be looking for lots of volunteers to help with making this another exceptional experience for the 150+ players who sign up and their supporters.

**ALL** proceeds from this tournament go towards our club and paying **ALL ANNUAL** expenses for you to ensure we continue our club with **no pickleball membership fees**.

Watch upcoming newsletters for how you can help at the tournament. A huge **THANKS** to Tournament Director **Connie Craig** and her team for always doing an amazing job for our club, running the tournament.

## ARE OUR COURTS READY FOR ACTION??

Manny and his crew have done a great job completing our extra 3 courts. Not only do we have 3 extra courts but court 4 now has its own access door. So, no more running through courts to find a free one!! Repairing our other courts should be happening as well so we should be all set for our season to get going November 1!!

**Please thank Manny and the crew when you see them for their efforts on our courts.**

Our 2023-24 seasonal court schedule with coordinators listed is on our website. **To contact a coordinator** of a program, **CLICK** on the coordinators name on the specific court schedule spot OR find the coordinators contact info listed on the website. Most **scheduled play will not begin until November 1<sup>st</sup>** or when the coordinator arrives. Every year some things change and none of the scheduled events can run without a MRegal coordinator. As of right now, courts are open for play but please follow the court guidelines that are listed at the gates.

**Please join our facebook page (Mesa Regal Pickleball and Friends-link above) for messages from program coordinators on starting times.**

# MRPC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

2023-24

**EVERYONE...must register each year!!**

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 **every one of you to sign in** and update your info if necessary. If you were a member or not last year, 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, preferably with online registration, as outlined below.
- 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 throughout the season.**
- The membership fee is volunteering for helping around the club 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 <https://mrpickleballclub.com/Member> (web link is case sensitive!) or scan this QR-code on your smart phone and it will open the website for you.
- If you remember your email & password, log into the memberships system. If you fail to remember your Password, ensure your email is entered & click the Reset 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 2023-2024 membership.

**Any questions or issues on registration, please send an email to [mrpickleballclub@mrpickleballclub.com](mailto:mrpickleballclub@mrpickleballclub.com) or an email can be sent directly from the website, look for the little envelope in the top left corner!**

## **PROGRAM COORDINATORS.....LISTEN UP – EXCITING NEWS !!**

New for this season, Program Coordinators have an alternative to Signup Genius for creating & maintaining signup lists.

The MRPC Signup System is designed to make it easier to create signup groups for MRPC members.

Here are some of the benefits of using this system.

- Designed to work on a smartphone but will work on almost any internet connected device.
- No Advertising
- Our Emails are not shared with another system.
- Minimal amount of typing most items are clicked to select.
- Members are added without having to type in their name or email address.
- Verifies Member registration & current rating at time of adding to Sign up.
- Groups can contain Members and Non-members for inter-park play.
- Signing up is as easy as 2 clicks of the screen.
- Lists may include a wait list of members, when a member accepts & then declines later the next person on the wait list moves up automatically and receives a Confirmation Email to say they have been accepted to the event.
- Coordinators may invite all members at once or select 1 or more members to invite if additional members are needed after the original invitation is sent out.
- Coordinators may send an email to all members or select 1 or more members to email additional information like the event is cancelled due to rain or some other issue.
- All email addresses are BCC (blind copied) so no one sees the list of email addresses.
- Program Coordinators may assign an alternate to send out invitations in their absence.

Additional information can be found at

<https://www.mrpickleballclub.com/Member/MRPCSignupGuide.pdf>

Any questions can be sent to Lawrence at

[mrpickleballclub@mrpickleballclub.com](mailto:mrpickleballclub@mrpickleballclub.com)

**THANKS,  
LAWRENCE....YOU ARE  
BRILLIANT!!**

## **NEW EVENT STARTING NOVEMBER!!**

### **Major League Pickleball (MLP) Scoring - Mixed Round Robin Program:**

We have a new event starting on Wednesday, November 8, 4:30-6:30, and running weekly on courts 3-7. It's called "MLP Scoring" and is open to those guys and gals with 3.5 and 4.0+ ratings! I'm excited about getting our strong 3.5s the opportunity to play with our advanced 4.0+ players. The format will be a mixed round robin with MLP scoring. Games go to 21 with rally scoring. Rally scoring stops for the first team to 20 and they need to win the last point on their serve. Partners do not change serving sides either. Pick a side and play there the entire game. If the score is even, the right side serves, and if odd the left side serves. If you'd like to be on the list to receive sign up genius invites weekly, please let the Coordinator, Colleen Janus know by November 3, at [colleenlouisejanus@gmail.com](mailto:colleenlouisejanus@gmail.com).

**THANKS, Colleen, for coordinating this program...YOU ROCK!!**



## **NOVEMBER LADDERS INFORMATION - Starting November 1!!**

'MRPC Ladder's will begin on Wednesday November 1st. This year's format will incorporate DUPR play scoring. All players must have a DUPR account and agree to have their game scores entered into DUPR.

This format change will give players an opportunity to improve their ratings through multiple DUPR recorded games.

All 2.5 - 4+ rated players are welcome to participate in Ladders. Players will be grouped by rating/skill level. The program commitment will run weekly for November and December with monthly commitment beginning January 2024.

Please contact **Carol Bowers** if you would like to be added to the group invite. Carol can be **reached by selecting the Ladders program from the MRPC court schedule.**

**THANKS, Carol, for coordinating this program...YOU ROCK!!**

## **NOVEMBER BEGINNER'S SOCIAL PLAY**

The Beginner's Social is back! Play begins October 30th at 6:30 pm. This social, like all social play, requires no advance registration and is open to all players wanting to begin their pickleball journey or are looking for a less competitive environment. However, **membership in the Mesa Regal Pickleball club is required.** Assistance in joining the club will be available during social play.

Paddles and balls are available for those who have not purchased their own yet. Comfortable athletic wear, and good court shoes are the only things any participant needs. Oh, and leave your aggressive play at home, but stay kind folks!

This season the Beginner's Social Play will be Monday and Friday, 6:30-8:30pm and Wednesday afternoons 12:30-2:30pm.

**THANKS, Judy Rehder, for coordinating this program...YOU ROCK!!**

## **SKILL LEVEL RATINGS - WHAT ARE THEY AND WHAT DO THEY MEAN?**

Our club volunteers have worked very hard to help our members understand ratings and how our club will proceed this year. The information is on our club website [www.mrpickleballclub.com](http://www.mrpickleballclub.com) and we encourage all of you to familiarize yourself with our club rating protocols going forward this year.

**Pro-Certification Ratings: SIGN UP FOR SESSION #1 on NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>!!**

As you know, we are encouraging our members to receive ratings (DUPR, Pro-Certification, USAP, PCO) which will be good for two years. We have scheduled a **Professional Rating Certifier to come to Mesa Regal on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 and two Saturdays, December 16, and January 13, at 3:30** to provide our members ratings. The fee is \$10 cash, at time of rating.

If you have any questions or are interested in a pro-cert rating, please contact Colleen Janus, Ratings Chair, at [colleenlouisejanus@gmail.com](mailto:colleenlouisejanus@gmail.com). She'll add you to the list.

### **DUPR Ratings:**

MRPC will also offer DUPR ratings if members sign up with a DUPR.com account, choose, MESA REGAL as their club and then sign up to play ladders and a DUPR rating will be a result. Easy peasy way to get a rating with no fee!

## WELCOME BACK STREET DANCE INVITE - GET READY TO PARTY ON !!!

Wow, the season is just starting and our club members have been invited to join our tennis buddies on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 4-7PM** at the tennis skybox parking lot. Sam & The Band will be playing and while there is no charge, you can drop in a donation for the music. Also, pizza from **MARCO'S PIZZA** will be available for purchase....BYOB.

A huge **THANKS** to our tennis buddies for giving us this opportunity to socialize and mingle with you to start off what should be another amazing SPORTS season at Mesa Regal!!



## WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR PICKLEBALL GAME????

**Private lessons** are available for MRPC members each Wednesday between 12:30 and 2:30 on court 2.

We have 4 certified instructors (Tammy Van Lydegraf/Lionel Fauchoux/Craig Carlton/Clarence Lindblom) ready to assist you on the road to becoming a better player. There is a small fee associated with these lessons - each of the instructors has spent countless hours and a considerable amount of money to attain their certifications along with invaluable experience playing in tournaments and giving their time for free clinics and instruction - they deserve to be compensated to give you their personal attention.

**Price structure is as follows:**

**1 Person (per hour)** - \$40 - one on one, work on specific aspects of the game or just general coaching.

**2 Persons** - \$60 - perfect if you have a team that needs help preparing for a tournament

**3 Persons** - \$75 - ideal for simulating real game play, playing with the coach and receiving real time feedback

**4 Persons** - \$80 - great for 2 teams, instructor can give specific training, lead the teams through different in game scenarios

information on the instructors can be found at [MRPC INSTRUCTORS](#) - you can contact each directly, or contact [craig.carlton@gmail.com](mailto:craig.carlton@gmail.com) who can match you with someone to suit your specific needs.

# TOURNAMENTS

**REMEMBER**...If the tournament you are signing up for is sanctioned, you **MUST** have a USA Pickleball membership to register. [www.usapickleball.org](http://www.usapickleball.org) and look under memberships.

**WOOHOO...**

**COUNTDOWN TO OUR STEVE JUDY MESA REGAL TOURNAMENT IS ON...28 MORE SLEEPS!!!** Find out how you can **VOLUNTEER** by reading the **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**.....Found on our website..... [www.mrpickleballclub.com](http://www.mrpickleballclub.com)!!

**UPCOMING LOCAL TOURNAMENTS** - all tournaments can be found at [www.pickleballbrackets.com](http://www.pickleballbrackets.com)

**12<sup>th</sup> EAST VALLEY TOURNAMENT** - A great tournament across the street at Venture Out. Mesa, Az - November 14-16<sup>th</sup> - This is a superb opportunity to play a 'close to home' tournament. Registration is open until November 1<sup>st</sup> for 50+ and 65+ skill level events. This is a **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT** and you must have a **USPickleball Membership** to register.

**STEVE JUDY MESA REGAL** - This is our tourney....whether you are registering to play or just volunteering to help, you will have a lot of fun!  
Mesa, Az -November 27-29<sup>th</sup> - Registration is open!! This is a **SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT** and you must have a **USPickleball Membership** to register.

**\*\*\*\*\* Be sure to let Nancy ([ndsterno54@gmail.com](mailto: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!!!!**

