



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!! (436 registered already!!)
Thanks for wearing your name badge on the courts!!

COURT SCHEDULE

The latest court schedule and all the event coordinators are listed on our website www.mrpickleballclub.com. You can also find information on Ratings, Executive, Club Minutes, Program Coordinators, Interpark play, etc. There is a wealth of info on our website, including many pictures of Club tournaments and events. Thanks Craig and Lawrence for keeping us all updated! You both **ROCK!!**

HOW DO I GET MY NAME ON THE SCHEDULED PLAY LIST?

A huge THANKS to our MRPC executive and the many volunteer coordinators for putting together such an amazing court schedule for this season. If you would like to be a part of any of these playing sessions or would like to find out more about the program, you can go to our club website www.mrpickleballclub.com and pull up the **COURT SCHEDULE**. Each scheduled program will have a coordinator's name (which is underlined). Click on the coordinator's name and you will be able to email them and find out all the ins and outs of that program.

You MUST be a registered member of the club to participate in any scheduled program. It is free and easy....go to the club website at www.mrpickleballclub.com and click on the link 2023-24 Season now available.

PICKLEBALL RULE CHANGES FOR 2024

The DinkPickleball blog just outlined some of the main rule changes that may be happening in 2024. Nothing huge that I can see....biggest change is on the 'carry rule'. Previously, if you 'carried' a ball in a forward direction **UNINTENTIONALLY**, it was a good hit. Now, any 'carry' is a fault. Darn....those were my best shots....lol. Yet to be determined is the on-going discussion about pickleball scoring....possibly USAPA is considering rally scoring....but not yet!!

To see other main changes, click [HERE](#).

ASSESSMENT FOR RATINGS

FYI.....a pro certified pickleball rater has taken courses on how to assess your pickleball skills. View the overview for a Certified Rating Specialist - here [click here](#) .

Wondering what some of the skill criteria may be for different levels? USAPICKLEBALL has **skill assessment sheets** for each level. To review the assessment at each level, click [HERE](#) and choose the skill assessment .pdf on the right side of the page. .

For those who have no rating and need one ASAP to be invited to organized events, contact Colleen Janus, the ratingschair@mrpickleballclub.com or colleenlouisejanus@gmail.com and let her know your self skill rating, she will pair you with others so you can go to Gene Autry for a rating in 3-5 days.

CHILLY WEATHER AND PICKLEBALLS!!!

As the weather cools down, it takes a toll on our pickleballs on court. We have found that the ONIX pure pickleball has endurance in these conditions so often you will see these pickleballs in our hopper. Thanks to **MIKE PECOTS** for keeping our hoppers stocked!

This is a good time of the year to PRACTICE your 'soft touch' on the courts...haha. Seriously, instead of smashing the pickleball when you have a 'juicy one', try something different. Possibly a **CUT DROP** (click [HERE](#) for video tips on this shot) or an **ANGLE BLOCK** shot will be easier on the pickleball and give you an opportunity to practice adding an additional shot to your repertoire!!! Remember, **open play and rec play** are perfect times to work on diversifying your game. Anyone can hit hard but few can reset the hard drive or drop into the NVZ....aka KITCHEN from midcourt to the baseline. This is a perfect time to work on this part of your game.

CAL AM RESORTS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

With the growth of pickleball in all the Cal Am resorts, Cal Am has decided to host 2 separate tournaments this season. The first is January 31-Feb 2 down the street at Val Vista and the second is the beginning of March at Canyon Vistas. Players must have a rating of 3.999 or less (you cannot have a 4.0 rating) to participate in this event. As each resort is allowed to enter 3 teams/event (Men's, Ladies, Mixed), our club will hold try outs early January to determine teams. Keep checking the newsletter for more information on tryouts which will be scheduled for early January.



WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR PICKLEBALL GAME ????

Private lessons are available for MRPC members each Wednesday between 12:30 and 2:30 on court 2. Information on the instructors can be found at [MRPC INSTRUCTORS](#) - you can contact each directly, or contact craig.carlton@gmail.com who can match you with someone to suit your specific needs.

PICKLEBALL MACHINE - ANOTHER WAY TO IMPROVE YOUR GAME !!!!

Our club has a pickleball machine that you can reserve and practice those shots you want in your repertoire! To see the updated **GUIDELINES** for reserving the pickleball machine.....lovingly called **THE LOBSTER** go to our website www.mrpickleballclub.com , and click on **BALL MACHINE GUIDELINES**.

SATURDAY SHOOTOUT RESULTS

Results unavailable this week due to a **MIXUP**.....how much fun is that....lol....**BUT....THANKS** to Ric for coordinating this activity and all you wonderful club members who take part in **SHOOTOUT!**

WEDNESDAY LADDER RESULTS

Thanks to Carol Bowers for coordinating this scheduled play. **NOTE:** There will be **TWO** ladder sessions starting January. 3.5-4.0 session 10:30-12:00 & 2.5-3.0 session 12:00-1:30. Check out the court schedule and **CONTACT Carol** to get your name on the sign-up list.

NOTE: Ladders will **resume January 3, 2024, with TWO sessions!**

Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5
Carol S-59 Michelle R-55 Clovis M-47 Nancy S-32	Ian H-66 Rick L-45 Brian G-36 Lance V-31	Chris B-61 Greta J-51 Kathy F-47 Bea R-41	Wayne T-61 Walter P-53 Heidi T-39 Julia B-38	Brian M-60 Rick J-59 Kathy C-58 Tammy H-53
Court 6	Court 7	Court 8	Court 9	Court 10
Craig P-65 Paul B-49 Jennifer P-44 Maggie N-34	Bruce N-66 Gina T-45 Doug T-41 Jacinthe-38	Tammy V-62 Bob G-51 Lawrence G-47 Steve G-40	Brian B-57 Don L-50 Dan G-48 Daryl H-23	Kevin C-60 Mike P-51 Murray C-45 Larry B-44

NEW MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL ATTIRE

Just in time for your holiday shopping... Mesa Regal pickleball clothing has arrived. New colors and new styles. Ladies' racer back and v neck tees, men's tees and muscle shirts. Long sleeve unisex. All are nice light microfiber. Priced at a reasonable price. Contact Tammy for purchase... text...775-354-8381.

THANKS, Tammy, for volunteering your time to coordinate this fabulous attire!!!



MRPCLUB 'OLD TIME' CHRISTMAS SHENNANIGANS...HO,HO,HO!!

Remember, if you or any of your buddies want to organize an event for our club...take your ideas to the MRPclub Executive to set a date. Club social events are lots of fun but we need volunteer organizers to lead the way!!



TOURNAMENTS

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

CAL AM - VAL VISTA, Cal Am residents **ONLY** (Skill 3.999 & under) **January 31-Feb 2**
VENTURE OUT ALL CITY, Mesa Az - February 6-8 - **Registration opens January 5**. 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**

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

