

Mesa Regal Pickleball Club

WELCOME BACK - October 2018

www.mrpickleballclub.com

Thanks for wearing your name badge on the courts!!

Our first newsletter of the season hopes to find all our Mesa Regal friends in good health, ready to get back on the courts, have some fun and soak up the lovely Arizona sun!! Here is to a great 2018-19 pickleball season at Mesa Regal **all of you** help make it a great place to be!!

COURTS ARE JUST ABOUT READY FOR PBALL ACTION

It is a slow start to our pickleball season thanks to those MONSOON rains that just kept on coming. The courts have been a mess and Cal Am had problems with the pumps in the retention area. Your MRPC Executive is working with Cal Am management to try and expedite the cleaning process and necessary resurfacing that will need to be done. As well, our clubhouse building is in the process of being renovated. This is a priority for not only our MR members, but we also are hosting over 300 people during our **Steve Judy Mesa Regal Tournament** in 5 weeks!

PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH COURT CLEANERS OR RESURFACERS WITH QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS - LEAVE THEM TO IT!!

MESA REGAL PICKLEBALL CLUB

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. Two very important upcoming items that you need to be aware of.

1 - **Mesa Regal Pickleball Club Membership Forms** - Thanks to Lawrence and all his hard work over the summer, we have automated our membership. **Information is listed below on how to access the online membership form.** We are asking everyone to go into the membership form to register & create a login to enable you to put in info (if you are new) or update any of your information from last year if you are a past club member. **EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO CREATE A LOGIN ACCOUNT.** Again, we ask that you let us know on your membership form your talents and areas in our club that you may be able to help with. As you know, there is **no membership fee** for our club and if we continue to have many people volunteer to help (**especially during our Mesa Regal Pickleball Tournament - Dec 3rd-5th**) we will not burn out a few volunteer worker bees.

2 - **Steve Judy Annual Pickleball Tournament - December 3rd - 5th, 2018.** The popularity of this tournament was evident again as all events filled up in minutes of registration opening. The tournament committee will be meeting early November to ensure that all volunteers are organized and plans made last Spring are ready to put into

place. Thanks so much to Nancy and Katie (tournament co-chairs) and the tournament committee for putting on this fabulous event. There is sure to be some awesome pickleball showcased by the 300+ participants!!!! **This tournament and any profits that are made go back into the club which is one of the reasons we have no membership fee.** Well done MRPBall Club!!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - Paper or ONLINE

Membership in the Mesa Regal Pickleball club **continues to be free** this season, but members must initially create a login and re-register each season.

Registration for beginners or those with not email can still be done by filling out the paper form (will be down on pickleball patio once building is renovated) but this season re-registration can be done online. Once you have a login, you will be able to update your membership information at any time during the season.

Start by creating a new online account with your email & password. Here are the steps listed below:

1. Go to www.mrpickleballclub.com/Members/Members.php (**be sure to use correct capitals) **You can click on this link and go directly to the site to register using your email address.**
2. Fill in your email address & click the button 'Click here to create account'
3. An email will be sent to your email account with a temporary password.
4. Check your junk mail if you fail to receive an email with your temporary password.
5. Login with your email address & temporary password.
6. Fill in your new password & confirm your new password.
7. If you were registered last season, your information will appear on the screen.
8. If you were not registered last season, the screen will appear for you to fill out.
9. Add or change any information on the form.
10. Clicking the 'Submit' button will complete the registration process for you.
11. If a second membership is attached to the same email, it will appear next
12. Feel free to update any of your membership information online with this address.

Questions or problems, please send an email to mrpickleballclub@mrpickleballclub.com

COURT GUIDELINES & SCHEDULED PLAY

When you do get on court, remember that Court Etiquette signs are posted at the entry to the courts and please refresh your memories of respectful play. Pickleballs are now available on the courts and our club volunteers will be filling the ball containers each morning. Please make sure you replace the ball you use in the container and put any broken balls into the bin on the stage for practice. Once our season starts, Onix Pure 2 pballs will be on courts 1-5 and Dura Fast 40 pballs on 6 & 7. If you are entering a tournament and need to practice with one of these pballs, feel free grab the desired pball and play with it on any court (just replace it when you are done). As well, there are racks outside of the courts for you to hang your jackets when you are warmed up, the

ball containers **will not** hold the weight of jackets.

As a new season opens, we will have many **new beginners** coming to the game. Please be respectful and help them out. Do not **SMASH** the ball at them or try to win every point so you can say you won the game...it is more important to make friendships and help teach new skills to the newbies, than win the game. And, if you are on the court with **more advanced** players, make sure you also **include them in your play**, it is no fun to be on court and never get to be in a rally.

SCHEDULED PLAY

Scheduled play will start as soon as our courts are ready and club volunteers begin to arrive at Mesa Regal. **REMEMBER** to **wear your name badge** so we can call each other by the correct names...ha ha, and know you are a Mesa Regal resident. This is what we have scheduled so far at the courts this week:

All Days: Open play 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Courts #1 & 2 beginner play, #3-5 intermediate play, #6 & 7 advanced play. If there are people waiting be sure to use the paddle placement system on the stage and at courts 6 & 7 and if only a few beginners, hopefully intermediates will play some games with them and make everyone at Mesa Regal Pickleball feel welcome :)!

REFEREE TRAINING

The MRPClub is proud to bring you our first annual training session for all our aspiring referees. Lynn and Linda Laymon from Surprise are certified referee trainers and will be presenting this session. The training will be a huge benefit for our upcoming Steve Judy tournament to be held December 3-5th.

If you'd like to get in on some valuable training as a referee, this class is for YOU!! And, it will also provide clarification on what it takes to obtain your Certified Referee certificate, if you're interested in that as well.

When: Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Where: Royal Hall

Time: 12 Noon - 4 p.m.

We will have snacks, water and soft drinks available for your enjoyment. Paper and pencils will be provided. And, did I mention, it's **FREE!!** **Please contact Jacquee Ware** at clovistc@aol.com **to reserve your spot**. We'll see you there!!

RECYCLING

Recycling is a huge part of our club's fundraising for pickleball supplies. We collect aluminum cans from beer & soda and last season raised \$1000.00 from this for our club. Once Hammy returns to MR we will get this program underway, but in the meantime, please **SAVE** all those cans (crush them too) and we will let you know when to bring them to the clubhouse. Again, **THANKS** to you and your neighbours **for drinking!!!!**

P.S. NO PLASTICS!!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

USAPA Nationals - November 3 - 11th @ Indian Wells - Palm Springs, Ca.

To see the schedule of events, go to www.usapa.org.

East Valley @ VENTURE OUT (across the street) - November 13-18th

Lots of our own Mesa Regal players will be competing in this tournament so make sure you come on over and cheer for our team. As well, VO will be looking for **volunteers to help ref the games**. VO people help us out in our December tourney so let's help them out too.

Steve Judy Mesa Regal - December 3-5

This is our annual Club tournament which is a favourite of many players. Mark your calendar and keep posted as lots of our members play in this and **we need as many volunteers as possible** for this event.

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

