



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

December

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Wow, what a year....it seemed to start out slow and then.....things happened. If it hadn't been for a bunch of great people supporting me, I would have been swamped. That makes me a very lucky guy and I feel so lucky for everyone's support. Fortunately for me and y'all, we have a wonderful group of Board members who pitch in and work hard behind the scenes and for that, I want to thank them. I also want to point out that the club's volunteers should be recognized for their part this year. So let me give a big **Shout Out** to all of the members who stepped up in all kinds of small and big ways. I know things aren't always perfect, but everybody pitches in and that's what makes this club work!

I know this sounds trite, but when they say a group of people from different backgrounds work and play together as a Family, I believe that's what we have, a Pickleball Family. We have our little gripes now and then, but we stick together and make this a wonderful place to have fun.

So, as I write this on Thanksgiving Day, let me finish by saying thanks for a great bunch of friends, a great year, and looking forward, to a most Wonderbeautimousful New Year.

Hutch





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCTPC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 8th at Cowan Creek. Minutes from the meeting can be found here -

[2017 Annual Meeting Minutes.](#)



2018-2019 OFFICERS

The following members were elected as officers of SCTPC for the 2018-2019 term. Thanks to everyone who voted in our first on-line election.



President
Hutch



Vice-President
Charles Desa



Secretary
Judy Blackman



Treasurer
Kathy Goodall



Director of Training
Peg O'Toole



Maintenance Director
Bob Cleaver



Communications
Director
Barb Patterson



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

2017 SCTPC MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS



Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our recent Member Survey. We do have the results from the multiple-choice questions but are still waiting to receive the "comment" answers from the SCTX IT department.

You can view the survey results here - [2017 SCTPC Member Survey Results](#).

(Only members can view the survey results, so please be sure to log into your SCTexas.org account first.)

FROM OUR TREASURER

The Pickleball Club fund balance as of October 31st is \$11,478. Total revenues were \$9,437 and total expenses were \$7,329 for net income of \$2,108. We budgeted a loss for the year of \$2,000 giving us a positive variance of \$4,108.

The 2018 Budget was submitted to the CA. Budgeted revenues are \$7,250 and expenses are \$10,500 for a net loss of \$3,250. Membership dues for 2018 will be \$10 and can be purchased beginning Dec. 1st.



"DINKS AND DOGS" SATURDAY MORNING



Don't forget - this Saturday, December 2nd, we will be holding the 2nd Annual "Dinks and Dogs Duos" Contest at the courts from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Participant teams will be given two minutes to see how many dinks they can hit consecutively across the net. We will also be collecting toys and/or donations for Blue Santa (make checks payable to "Blue Santa"). A reporter from the Williamson County Sun will be there to cover "Dinks and Dogs."

Thanks to Nancy Grafton for once again coordinating this terrific event!



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

FACEBOOK PARTNER SEARCH



Our [Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Facebook](#) page now has a way for folks to search for partners for tournaments. Just head over to our page and click on the pinned post at the top to enter your request for a partner and/or search for a partner. Thanks to Dare Plantz for suggesting we add this search capability.

DINKS, CHOW AND CHAT - TUES., DEC. 5TH

December's "Dink, Chow and Chat" is Tuesday, December 5th, from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Wiggley's Pub. Come on down and join your SCTPC pickleball friends for some fun times!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Corri Baker

Richard Baker

Bob Brown

Jeffrey Edmundson

Linda Franklin

Chet Fry

Sally Graham

Bob Hedderman

Leigh Hedderman

Bill Neville

Richard Piland

Bob Steitz

Judy Steitz

Patty Wilson



PICKLEBALL CLUB EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL "PICKLE BALL" - NOV. 11TH

Our 2nd Annual "Pickle Ball" Pot Luck and Dance was held on Saturday, November 11th at the courts. It was a beautiful evening with plenty of food, dancing and fun! Thanks to the Social Committee for organizing this event.





LEAGUES & TRAINING

WINTER LEAGUES

The Winter Leagues will start in January. Dates will be announced and added to the calendar.

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00. Two classes will be scheduled in January - dates to be announced. You do not need to be a Club member for this class. Equipment is provided. **YOU NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THE CLASS** with Peg O'Toole (see email address below).

BEGINNER MENTORING

The current classes are full and will complete on 12/1 and 12/8. Another session will be scheduled in the January/February time-frame - dates to be announced. If you are interested in being added to the wait-list, please send an email to Peg O'Toole (see email address below).

BEGINNER SKILLS AND DRILLS

There are two more sessions for December Mondays from 2:00 to 3:00. You do not need to sign up in advance for this training. Sign up will begin at approximately 1:45 on the day of the class.

12/04/17 - Lobs

12/11/17 - Overhead, Defend Smash, Dropshots

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Classes will be scheduled in January. Class size is limited to 12 participants. There is a wait-list for these classes. If you are interested in being added

to the wait-list, please send an email to Peg O'Toole at (see email address below). Before re-requesting to be added to the wait-list, please review the minimum prerequisites:

- 1) Participants must have completed the Beginners' Mentoring Program (waiverable), **played pickleball in Sun City for at least 6 months, and participated in the Club's Intermediate League.**
- 2) Should know 100% of basic rules
- 3) Can execute basic shot strokes (serve, forehand, backhand, volley, dink, lob, overhead smash)
- 4) Can maintain slow-paced rallies with players of equal ability
- 5) Can routinely get to the NVZ to hit volleys
- 6) Are strategic about how and where to hit the ball
- 7) Understand court coverage
- 8) Can work with his/her partner to win a point

ADVANCED TRAINING

Advanced Skills & Drills with Chuck Flanagan Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 (beginning 30 Nov 2017). Open to the first 12 club members who show up each week.

Click - [Pre-requisites for Advanced Training Classes](#) - to learn about pre-requisites for attending these drills.

For all training and leagues, except the Introduction to Pickleball Class, you need to be a member of the Pickleball club.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP

If you are interested in any of the training classes, please send an email to Peg O'Toole, Director of Player Development, at jgmlo@yahoo.com.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



WAYNE SCHAEFER

From Barb Patterson: *We are so lucky to have Wayne Schaefer in our club; he is one of those volunteers who is always there to pitch in and lend a hand without even being asked. If you've ever taken any of our training classes or drills then chances are good that Wayne has been there working the ball machines and giving you tips. When Lee Miller said he was resigning as our Ball Machine Coordinator, Wayne stepped right up to say he would take the spot (well, OK, we did sweet talk him a little bit...). Thank you for all of your time and effort Wayne!*

From Wayne Schaefer:

I was very surprised when Hutch told me that I

was a 'Volunteer of the Month'. I feel fortunate to be a part of this great club.

I grew up in Austin and married Bonnie in Austin. We moved to Georgetown in 1987. I worked and retired (1975 to 2005) from The Department of Public Safety within the IT service. I was a mainframe systems programmer and then a section manager.

From 1989 to 1999, I was a member of the Georgetown Fire Department. I was President for 3 years and Training Coordinator for 2 years. That is where I got exposed to serious training.

Bonnie and I lived in our house on Williams Drive until 2015. We decided that a move to Sun City would be good for us. I had shoulder surgery in January 2016 and Bonnie started investigating which clubs to join. She picked pickleball in September 2016.

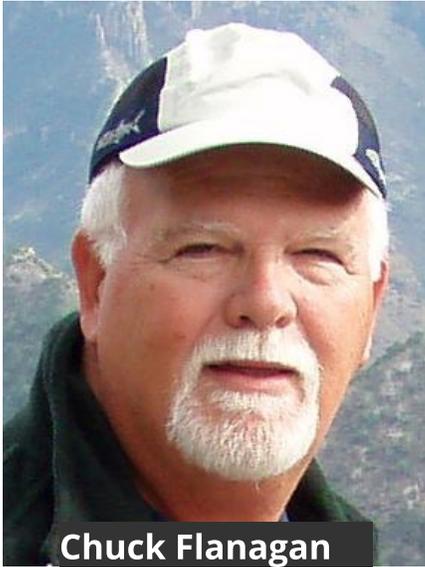
I played all sports during my youth and played some tennis in college. We both played racquetball for a few years also. I started playing a few weeks after Bonnie. After I finished Peg's Intro class and Kathy Carr's intermediate class, I told Bonnie that I needed to start giving back to the club. Helping with training was a perfect fit.

There are so many great people within this club that I feel very fortunate to say I am a member of SCTPC.

Do you have someone you'd like to nominate for our "Volunteer of the Month?" If so, click here - [Volunteer of the Month Program](#) to learn more.



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

USAPA NATIONALS

As many of you know, several Sun City players attended the 2017 USAPA National Championships, in Casa Grande,

AZ, last month. This was my second visit to the Nationals and I was blown away by the extravaganza it has become. The stats alone are impressive: 1,334 players, ages 11-86, came from 43 states and three provinces, to play a total of 2,874 matches. The event was so big that they had to use two venues; Palm Creek (32 courts) and Robson Ranch (8 miles away w/12 courts).

The great news about all this is that two of our own players, Elaine Brogden and Jack Warner, won medals during the



competition. Elaine won silver in Women's Doubles 70-74 3.0/3.5 and Jack took gold in Men's Doubles 80+ 4.0/4.5 and bronze in Men's Singles 80+ 4.0/4.5. Here's a link to Pickleball Channel's video overview of this Grande event...

[**Pickleball Channel USAPA Nationals 2017**](#)

RULES CHANGES COMING

Just when you think you finally have a handle on the rules, they change them. That's right, the rules are changing. I had a nice talk with former USAPA Training Committee member, Linda Laymon, and found out that over the past months the USAPA rules committee has been reviewing the rules with an eye towards cleaning up some of the confusing language, rearranging some entries (e.g., why isn't 7.D. under 4.E.), adding some new rules and changing others. Linda didn't go into specifics but did tell me that the committee's plan is to be finished in early December and to implement the new rules by the first of the year.



USAPA NATIONALS, NOVEMBER 4-12



Jack Warner, Gold -
Men's Doubles 80+,
4.0/4.5



Elaine Brogden, Silver
- Women's Doubles
70-74, 3.0/3.5



Jack Warner, Bronze -
Men's Singles 80+,
4.0/4.5

Mark your calendars now for the 2 hour Pickleball Special on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 pm. Watch some of the action from USAPA Nationals.

THE NEW COURTS ARE ALMOST DONE!



The fencing is up at the new courts in the Queen Tract. The courts are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.
(Thanks to Ken Patterson for the pictures.)



INTER-COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL

The first-ever ICPM (Inter-Community Pickleball Meet) was held on Thursday, November 16th at the Kissing Tree courts in San Marcos. 48 players from Del Web Sweetgrass (Richmond), Del Webb Hill Country Retreat (San Antonio), Kissing Tree and Sun City Texas converged on the courts for a morning of terrific round robin pickleball followed by a delicious lunch court-side. SCTPC had 10 players in the "A" division and 8 players in the "B" group. Hill Country ended up winning in both categories, but Sun City players did a great job of representing our club. Thanks to Bill Treadway, and the ICPM committee, for organizing this fun league. The next meet will be in early 2018. Click [Inter-Community Pickleball Meets](#) to learn more; you can still sign up for future meets.



A TEAM PLAYERS

- John Carter
- Bill Chalmers
- Phil Coraggio
- Charles Desa
- Chuck Flanagan
- Larry Hudson
- Joe Lish
- Stan Payne
- Mary Payne
- Will Saunders

B TEAM PLAYERS

- Bob Bellmaine
- Elaine Brogden
- Diane Cleaver
- Joanie Davis
- Charlie Davis
- Hutch
- Karen Saunders
- Paul Syring



PICKLEBALL AROUND THE AREA

The following is a list of some tournaments and leagues around the Greater Austin area, sponsored by **GAP (Greater Austin Pickleball)**.

NEW Seniors League at the Quarries!

This league is for those GAP members 50 years and older. Tuesdays, beginning 1/16/18-3/6/18 from 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at the Quarries. Format is a ladder league. Limited registration...don't delay!

[Register here](#)



Hat Tournament

Tuesday, December 5 @ [The Quarries](#)
9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Warm up begins at 9:30; names will be drawn promptly at 10:00 AM and games will begin immediately after.

Format is a hat tournament; register as an individual. Partnerships are drawn from a hat just prior to the start of the tournament! Limited registration! All registrants will be entered in a drawing to win a FREE PADDLE!

\$15 (GAP members); \$20 (non-members)

[Register here](#)

Mixed Doubles Tourney

Friday, December 8 @ [The Quarries](#)
3:30-9:00 PM

Mixed doubles teams play one another in this two division tournament.

3.0/3.5: warm-up begins at 3:30; games begin at 4:00 PM.

4.0+: warm-up begins at 6:30; games begin at 7:00 PM.

Register as an individual and list your partner on the registration form. You'll play the whole tournament with the same partner (not a scramble).

All registrants are entered to win a free paddle!

\$15/per player - GAP members

\$20/per player - non-members.

Registration is limited!

[Register here](#)



JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

Yesterday I got my permit to carry a concealed weapon.

So, today I went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a 9mm handgun for home/personal protection.

When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, - "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

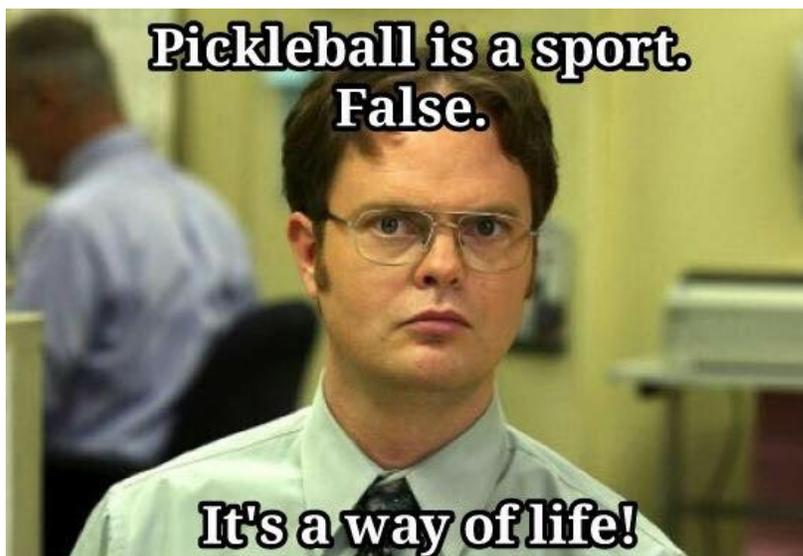
When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!

As a senior citizen, I do not get flustered often, but this time it took me a while to get my pants back on.

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to seniors a little more clear. I still don't think I looked that bad! Just need to wear underwear more often...

(Submitted by VA Miller)



THE DENTIST:



I WAS SITTING IN THE WAITING ROOM FOR MY FIRST APPOINTMENT WITH A NEW

DENTIST. I NOTICED HIS DDS DIPLOMA, WHICH BORE HIS FULL NAME.

SUDDENLY, I REMEMBERED A TALL, HANDSOME, DARK-HAIRED BOY WITH THE SAME NAME HAD BEEN IN MY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS SOME 40-ODD YEARS AGO. COULD HE BE THE SAME GUY THAT I HAD A SECRET CRUSH ON, WAY BACK THEN??

UPON SEEING HIM, HOWEVER, I QUICKLY DISCARDED ANY SUCH THOUGHT. THIS BALDING, GRAY-HAIRED MAN WITH THE DEEPLY LINED FACE WAS WAY TOO OLD TO HAVE BEEN MY CLASSMATE. HMMM.....OR COULD HE???

AFTER HE EXAMINED MY TEETH, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ATTENDED MORGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL.

"YES. YES, I DID. I'M A MUSTANG," HE GLEAMED WITH PRIDE.

"WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE?" I ASKED. HE ANSWERED, "IN 1969. WHY DO YOU ASK?"

"YOU WERE IN MY CLASS!" I EXCLAIMED. HE LOOKED AT ME CLOSELY.

THEN, THAT UGLY, OLD, WRINKLED SON-OF-A-GUN ASKED,

"WHAT DID YOU TEACH?"

MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

Subject: A Matter of Perspective

(Submitted by Jeri Sandusky)

A husband and wife were having dinner at a very fine restaurant when this absolutely stunning young woman comes over to their table, gives the husband a big open mouthed kiss, then says she'll see him later and walks away.

The wife glares at her husband and says,

"Who the hell was that?"

"Oh," replies the husband, "she's my mistress."

"Well, that's the last straw," says the wife. "I've had enough, I want a divorce!"

"I can understand that," replies her husband, "but remember, if we get a divorce it will mean no more shopping trips to Paris, no more wintering in Barbados, no more summers in Tuscany Hills, no more Infiniti or Lexus in the garage and no more yacht club. But the decision is yours."

Just then, a mutual friend enters the restaurant with a gorgeous babe on his arm.

"Who's that woman with Jim?" asks the wife.

"That's his mistress," says her husband.

"Ours is prettier," she replies.



2017 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

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Secretary - Judy Blackman

Treasurer - Kathy Goodall

Player Development Director - Peg O'Toole

Communications Director - Barb Patterson

Maintenance Director - Bob Cleaver

Pickleball Machine Coordinator - Lee Miller

Social Committee Chair - Sharon Douglas

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