



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

February

FROM OUR ACTING "PREZ"



Hutch

Although I expect for not much longer (more on this below); Greetings from the Acting Prez! January has been busy as the new Board settles in and Pickleball play continues. Since I heard the President carries a lot of power with it, as Acting Prez, I thought I would try out some of this power by ordering some really cold weather for a few days. Amazing! It worked, but since I really don't like the cold, I ordered some warmer weather. And darned if it didn't work again. This is heady stuff and too much for me so, with some luck, our President will be back in the saddle soon.

Yes, if you hadn't heard, our President, Jack, is now home and continuing to recover. He sounds great and can't wait to get his "sea legs" back so he can come out to the courts. I know we all hope that happens soon.

New addition to the club: if you hadn't noticed, we now have our own pickleball practice board for individual use. This was designed, built, and

installed by Wendy and Ron D'Entremont and John Sena—who happen to also be our Volunteers of the Month (see our VOM section below for more info). So, when you see them, you can both thank them and congratulate them.

BTW; our newest member to the Club, the Pickleball Practice Board (our newest member goes by the nickname PPB) and is ranked a 5.0. PPB never fails to return a shot, no matter how hard, soft, or how much spin you put on it. Plus, PPB has such a "good eye", whenever the ball is going to be too wide or too high, PPB will not hit it back. PPB is amazing!!

WELCOME HOME JACK!

We are all so happy to have our SCTPC President back in town. As you may recall, Jack and his wife Dorothy, traveled to Casa Grande, AZ back in November so he could participate in the USAPA National Championships. Jack ended up with a silver medal in Mixed Doubles 75-79. Unfortunately, he fell very ill after the tourney was over and has been in the hospital and in rehab in Las Vegas. We are thrilled that he is on the mend and back in Sun City!





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW SCTPC FACEBOOK PAGE

If you're on Facebook, please stop by our brand new SCTPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SCTXPickleball/>

LOST AND FOUND

Looking for an item that you may have left by the courts? Please check the cabinet on Court #2. It's newly marked with a cool "Lost & Found" sign.

SAVE THE DATES

Quarterly Meeting SCTPC – Monday, March 13, 1:00 PM – Cowan Creek Salado Room

Spring Tournament & Social Event – Saturday, April 1, 2017 (stay tuned for details)

Fall Tournament & Social Event – Saturday, October 14, 2017

THANKS TO THE "BACK-SEAT" ENGINEERS!

Story and photo submitted by Hutch



Court 3's net suspension had broken (let's not ask how!) and due to the mental engineering suggestions of Scott Brady and the Club's maintenance guru, Bob Cleaver, the net was going to be temporarily fixed. However, as everyone knows, you absolutely cannot fix anything properly unless you have the appropriate backseat engineers (BE) telling you what to do. This was accomplished with our own BE group, Charlie Hagen, John Steele and Hutch. And to make the whole experience worth the effort, we finished the the task with an admiring crowd of one, Brad Duffy.



LEAGUES & TRAINING (PEG O'TOOLE)

"DROP-IN" LEAGUES - 1:00 PM

Beginner – Mondays – through 3/6
Intermediate – Wednesdays – through 3/8
Advanced – Fridays – through 3/10

BEGINNER SKILLS & DRILLS

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM through 2/14

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Classes are full. Stay tuned for when the next series of classes will start.

INTERMEDIATE SKILLS & DRILLS

Starts on Thursday, 2/16 (1:00 pm) and continues every Thursday through 3/16.

BEGINNER MENTORING

Next class will be from Saturday, 3/4 through Saturday, 3/25 (4 weeks). Contact Peg O'Toole jgmlo@yahoo.com to register.

ADVANCED SKILLS & DRILLS

Stay tuned for details.

FUN FACTS

- ▶ In 2016, 203 SCTX residents took our Introduction to Pickleball Class and 126 of them joined the club. That's a "join rate" of over 62%! Way to go Peg and all of the instructors and assistants!
- ▶ As of the end of last year, our SCTPC Club had 542 paid members.



WELCOME NEW SCTPC MEMBERS!

Jan	Breen
Jim	Breen
Bob	Bunch
Erica	Bushner
Barbara	Carter
Charlotte	Carter
Harvey	Carter
Boyd	Chessman
Shari	Croegaert
Charlie	Davis
Joanie	Davis
Dianne	Delisi
Carol	Dishongh
Harold	Dishongh
Karen	Dobrowolski
Michael	Doebler
Sharon	Douglas
Dan	England
Kate	England
Susan	Fleck
Edward	Flynn
Genie	Flynn
Annette	Franke
Ron	Franke
Karen	Furnans
Wilson	Giles
Rick	Gilger

Troy	Pennington
Alline	Healy
Dennis	Healy
Polly	Herriott
Peggy	Howard
John	Hrobsky
Val	Hrobsky
Cindy	Hutzler
Bobby	Johnson
Rick	Jordan
Sue	Jordan
Lori	Julian
Sherry	Keyes
Keith	Laubscher
Veronika	Ledbetter
Jack	Lester
Bridget	Manuel
Larry	Manuel
Michael	Morrison
Selma	Morrison
Ann	Neff
Rob	Neff
Marilyn	Pennington
Troy	Pennington
Jean	Persilver
Annette	Ransom

Jeff	Ransom
Margie	Reis
Rick	Schmidt
Susan	Schmidt
Celeste	Scholl
Frank	Shuman
John	Sotak
Marliene	Sotak
Kathy	Stiles
Pat	Sweeney
Jana	Syring
Paul	Syring
David	Tanner
Don	Thompson
Roger	Thrun
Sandra	Treichel
Dwain	Upham
Fred	Warman
Brenda	Watson
Paul	Watson
Fran	Weiner
Larry	Weiner
MaryAnn	Witter
Wayne	Wright
Carol	Laubscher
John	Lombardi
Sharon	Lombardi



FROM YOUR USAPA DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



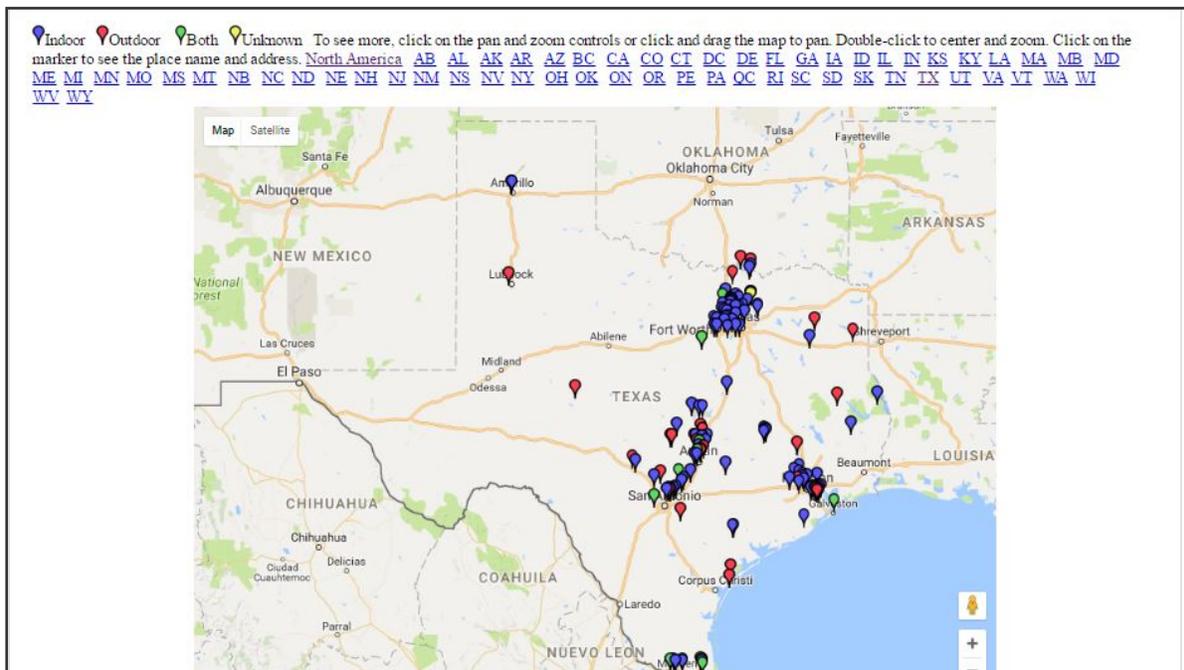
Chuck Flanagan

USAPA PLACES TO PLAY

As most of you know, this is January. Well, it was when I wrote this for the February issue of “Kitchen Talk”. January is an important month for the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA). That’s the month that the pickleball ambassadors update all the venues listed on the USAPA “Places to Play” web page. There were 4,747 listed on the web site as of December 31st of last year. That’s a lot of places to individually contact in order to ensure that the information listed is accurate and current.

Fortunately, we have a bunch of dedicated people who have volunteered to be ambassadors to promote our sport. There are 161 places in Texas on this list, 60 of which are in the Central & South Central Texas district. The good news (for me) is that I have 29 local ambassadors, spread across the state from San Angelo to McAllen. That spreads the load and makes this all possible.

Updating these sites is one of the most important tasks that ambassadors perform. The Places to Play list is one of the ‘go-to’ sites for traveling players and having accurate information about the play days and times, as well as valid contact information, can make visits to new venues a very enjoyable experience. I’ve personally used the site many times. Whether it was accompanying Elaine to visit her mom in the Chicago area or to attend a dulcimer festival in St Louis, it was a way to keep me out of the way and out of trouble...but not always "out of the kitchen!"





VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

WENDY & RON D'ENTREMONT

In a galaxy far, far away, Ron and Wendy were born (Lynn, Massachusetts and Chicago, Illinois respectively)! Through the twists and turns of life, we eventually married. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren all happy and healthy.

We were transferred to Austin, Texas, by my employer 25 years ago. I eventually started a business in 1999, and I still work part time doing contract and consulting work.

We moved to Sun City around 9 years ago and enjoy the many activities, including golf (Wendy loves to play more than life itself!), pickleball, which we have grown to love because of the exercise, being outdoors and all of the great people who are involved.

Also like playing games like poker and Trivial Pursuit.

One more interesting point, did you know that at one point I was a “Chippendale” dancer, better known as “Rambo Ron.”

THAT'S OUR STORY AND WE'RE STICKING TO IT!

JOHN SENA

John and his wife, Maria, moved to Sun City in December 2014, from Yukon, Oklahoma, to be closer to family. John is retired from the US Army (27 years) and the US Postal Service (20 years).

John had never heard of pickleball until moving to Sun City but had played racquetball. Now he plays as often as he can. It's addictive!

Besides playing pickleball, John is a member of the Horticulture club.



Brand new backboard, designed, built and installed by Wendy & Ron D'Entremont and John Sena. Terrific job!



Pat Hall, January's VOM, receives her award from Hutch.



FUN WITH THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

On two consecutive Saturday afternoons in January 42 members of the Pickleball Club (20 on 1/7 and 22 on 1/13) went to Cowan Creek and met with members of the Table Tennis Club to learn more about their great sport. Virginia Laird, TTC President, told us that their members "enjoyed watching how quickly people improved during the short time they played." In addition she said that several of our SCTPC members joined their club and reminded us that even non-members may play Table Tennis during their community time (listed on their web-

site). There were several of our members who were on a waiting list (space was limited due to safety reasons) and Virginia explained that there is a Table Tennis Club Open House on February 4th in the Florence-Georgetown Room (Cowan Creek) from 1:00- 3:00 PM. So anyone who was unable to make one of the January events is welcome to come to the Open House in February.

Thanks to all of the Table Tennis Club members for their help and hospitality!

BRRRRRR...ARE WE SURE WE ARE IN TEXAS?



It was the coldest day of the 2017 so far and we couldn't believe who we saw out on the courts! Saturday (1/7/2017) it was 17 degrees and the next day it was 32 degrees, but that didn't stop these ~~idiots~~ die-hard players. If we could find out who they are, we think we should give them a prize. Anybody know who they are?

Submitted by Hutch



MEET THE PICKLEBALL PRO - MATT LAZARINE



AUSTIN TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CENTER PRESENTS *"MEET THE PRO MIXER"*

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017

Time: 11am-2pm

Place: Austin Tennis & Pickleball Center

7800 Johnny Morris Road
Austin, TX 78724

Join us for this FREE event to help welcome Matt Lazarine as our new Director of Pickleball at the Austin Tennis & Pickleball Center. New players and existing players are invited to join us for an afternoon of pickleball play, mini-clinics, and hot dogs! Invite your friends!

Prizes awarded for: best 3rd shot drop, hardest overhead, longest dink rally & deepest serve.

Paddle giveaways! Ball machine rental giveaways!

Joe Nguyen, one of the top over 50 players in TX, will be on hand to play against/with, offer advice and share his experiences.

RSVP is encouraged, but not required. For info & to RSVP email: info@playatctennis.com

To learn more about Matt, click here – [Matt Lazarine Bio](#)

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SEEN AROUND THE COURTS



Hey David Persilver – you win
"Fashionable Player of the Month"
for this ensemble!



Hmmmm...which one of the
trainers hard at work?



Joyce Cadwallader – this is what
happens when you hit an overhead too
hard!



YES - WE STILL HAVE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!



My neighbor was working in his yard when he was startled by a late-model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair. He said with excitement, "You appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough, that I don't even need a driver's license anymore."

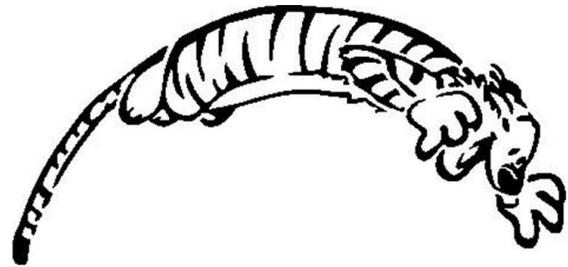
He asked "How do you know?"

"The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him, yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the

drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the waste basket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore.' So I thanked him and left!"



Cop: You were going fast.
Me: I was just trying to keep up with traffic.
Cop: There isn't any.
Me: I know! That's how far behind I am.



Bounce it?
Oh, I thought you said "Pounce it!"

WATERSON



2017 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

President - Jack Warner

Vice President - Hutch

Secretary - Judy Blackman

Treasurer - Kathy Goodall

Player Development Director - Peg O'Toole

Communications Director - Barb Patterson

Maintenance Manager - Bob Cleaver

Pickleball Machine Coordinator - Lee Miller

Complaint Manager - Al Panetta

(Complaint Department is open from 2:15-2:30 pm on the third Tuesday of every month that only has 28 days).