



# Kitchen Talk

*Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter*

## March

### FROM YOUR SCTPC BOARD



February was a busy month for the Sun City Pickleball Club. Leagues were in full swing. Members were flocking to Intro to Pickleball and Beginner Mentoring Classes. The new Intermediate Mentoring Classes and new Advanced Training sessions were also filled to capacity. Players who are headed to the National Senior Games in Birmingham, AL in June (approximately 10 from SCTPC) started practice sessions. We advertised the April Fools Tournament and received an overwhelming response there too. We had representatives at the Charter Club Fair this month and had many attendees sign up for the Intro Class.

Obviously, none of these activities and events can happen without a lot of hard work and effort from club member volunteers. Our hats are off to them! There aren't many sports around where people can join a club and receive free training, free leagues, free tournaments, etc. So be sure to thank the people who do volunteer their time to prepare lesson plans, teach new skills, assist with classes, run ball machines, set up schedules, etc.

And since we are experiencing such amazing growth in our Pickleball Club this year, it would be terrific to see a surge in attendance at our quarterly meetings too. So, mark the time/date below on your calendar and join us there!

### QUARTERLY SUN CITY TEXAS PICKLEBALL CLUB MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: SALADO ROOM AT COWAN CREEK.





# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NEW MEMBER WELCOME PACKETS

As you may recall, all new members in SCTPC receive a "Welcome Packet" when they join. It includes a welcome letter, Emergency Form and Bag Tag, Pickleball Central discount coupon and of course, a pickle! In the past we've had a group of club volunteers deliver these to our new members all over Sun City. Due to growing membership numbers, we may now be mailing out these packets. We appreciate all of our "Welcome Committee" members and their time and effort in the past. Thanks to Judy Blackman, Peg O'Toole and Hutch for handling this new procedure.

## EMERGENCY FORMS

It's a new year and a good time to review the information on the Emergency Tag (that's hopefully attached to your Pickleball bag!) An easy way to do this is to head to our Pickleball website. Then just click on the Emergency Form button on the right-hand side to download a new copy of the Emergency Form. You can either fill it out in your word-processing program or print it and fill it out by hand.

## WE NEED YOU!

We are in the midst of planning some fun social tournaments and events for 2017. But, we can't do it without your help. If you'd like to organize an event such as a men's or women's tournament, "Pickle Ball," "Dinks and Dogs" or some other idea you have – please let us know. Send an email to [sctxpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:sctxpickleball@gmail.com) or contact one of our SCTPC board members.



## GUEST POLICY

We have had some questions about what the policy is for guests or non-SCTPC-members using the pickleball courts. This policy is spelled out in the Rules and Regulations section of our Pickleball website, but this is it, in a nutshell:

During Club Hours (which vary depending on time of year, Club Hours are posted on the courts, as well as on our website), non-members may use the courts if there are less than four members waiting and courts become available. During Open Time (non-club hours), qualified guests/non-members may use the courts. As always, the paddle rack system will be used to determine play.



# LEAGUES & TRAINING

## "DROP-IN" LEAGUES - 1:00 PM

Beginner – Mondays – through 3/6

Intermediate – Wednesdays – through 3/8

Advanced – Fridays – through 3/10

## BEGINNER MENTORING

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

## BEGINNER SKILLS & DRILLS

Starts on Tuesday, 3/7 (1:00–2:00 pm) and continues every Tuesday through 4/4.

## INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

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



## INTERMEDIATE SKILLS & DRILLS

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

## ADVANCED SKILLS & DRILLS

Stay tuned for details about when the next session will start.





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mike Boothe

Ann Brown

JoAnn DeDobbelaere

Elise Desmond

Richard Desmond

Annie French

Edward French

Margaret Hawkins

Keith Jameson

Mary Kelly

Susan Lane

Phil Luis

Jim Marshall

Kathy Pickel (<== extra points for her name!)

Darrius Plantz

Andrew Purdes

Anne Purdes

Fred Redeker

Anna Ruth

Hey!  
WELCOME  
We're *very* GLAD  
you're here!



# SPRING TOURNAMENT & SOCIAL

**NOTE: Last day for Tourney entries is March 2nd. Dinner reservations open through CA system on March 3-17.**

## **APRIL FOOLS FOLLIES & BBQ**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017**



Join the fun with the Pickleball gang at our "April Fools Follies" Tournament and BBQ Dinner. The "April Fools Follies" will be a same-skill level tournament with Novice, Intermediate and Advanced teams of four players. Tournament check-in time is 9:00 am at the Sun City Courts and play should be completed by early afternoon.

Happy hour for the BBQ (catered by Mopsie's) starts at 5:30 pm at the Cowan Creek Pavilion. BYOB, but water and iced tea will be provided. Dinner will be served around 6:30 pm. You may participate in both the tournament and the dinner, or just one of the two.

**Tournament Registration\* will be via email**, starting immediately. To enter the tournament, send the following information to [sctxpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:sctxpickleball@gmail.com): **Name, phone number, skill level (Novice, Intermediate or Advanced). You do NOT need to enter with a partner; teams will be assigned.** Please do NOT try to enter the tournament at the CA office (they won't know what you're talking about!) or online; entries will be accepted only by email. **Entry deadline is March 2nd.** You will be notified via email when your entry is received; if you don't receive an email reply, please contact Barb Patterson. There is no entry fee for the tournament. Breakfast items for players will be served during the morning. Lunch for players will be provided by Jan Schmidt of the Stacy Group.

*\*Must be a member of the Sun City Texas Pickleball Club to play in the tournament, but guests are welcome at dinner.*

**Dinner Registration will be online** through the [SCTEXAS.org](http://SCTEXAS.org) website starting on 03/03/2017; **last day to register is 03/16/2017.** Cost is \$10 for club members and \$13 for non-members. The BBQ will be limited to 150 people.

**Help Needed** - as always, we'd welcome any & all assistance! We need the following "helpers:"

- Coaches for the Novice Teams
- Tournament Scorekeepers & Check-in people
- Set-up crew for both the tournament and dinner

Questions or offers to help? Contact Barb Patterson, Tournament Director  
(847-207-2112 or [barbpatter1@gmail.com](mailto:barbpatter1@gmail.com))



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## OKLAHOMA STATE GAMES

Nancy Grafton and her partner, Joy Cook (Memphis, TN) earned a Bronze medal in the Women's Doubles 70-74 age group. The tournament was held on 1/27/2017 in Oklahoma City. Way to go Nancy!



## THE "REAL DILL" - HOUSTON

The "Real Dill" was held on 2-09 through 2-12 at the Houston Badminton Club in Stafford, TX. They had a record number of participants, including some who flew in from Tennessee, California and Canada. It was a tough group of competitors, but our Sun City crew held their own.

Here are some results from our participants:

**Mary Payne/Kathy Carr** – Bronze (Women's 55-59)

**David Laird/Fred Thompson** (Robson Ranch, TX) – Bronze (Men's 65-69)

**Barb Patterson/Steve Timmons** – Bronze (Mixed Doubles 60-64)

**Pocket D'haeseleer/Tom Burkhardt** (LA) – Bronze (Mixed Doubles 70-74)

**Mary Payne/Claudia Guzman** (Georgetown, TX) – Bronze (Women's 4.0)

Congrats to everyone who participated; it was terrific competition and you made us proud!



Kathy Carr & Mary Payne



Barb Patterson & Steve Timmons



Mary Payne & Claudia Guzman



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS (CONT'D.)

## BRAZOS VALLEY SENIOR GAMES

The Brazos Valley Senior Games were held on 2/24-2/26 with several entrants from our SCTPC. Here are the results:



David Persilver  
Gold (Men's Singles 70-74)



David Persilver/Bill Treadway  
Silver (Men's Doubles 70-79)



Mary Payne/Jeannie Whitley  
Silver (Women's Doubles 55-59)



Mary and Stan Payne  
Gold (Mixed Doubles 55-59)

## CEDAR PARK PADDLE BATTLE

Don't forget the big tournament coming up at Cedar Park Recreation Center on May 11-14. This is a USAPA-sanctioned event and is a skill-based tournament with levels from 3.0 through 5.0. Players must be USAPA members in order to participate (but it's easy to join, so don't let that stop you!) [Click here to register.](#)





## FROM YOUR LOCAL USAPA AMBASSADOR



### IS IT OK TO YELL "OUT" TO YOUR PARTNER?

Your team has the serve. Your opponent hits a return lob and while the ball is still in the air, your partner calls "OUT." However, the ball lands IN and you play it.

Is this considered a "distraction" and therefore a violation of USAPA rules? Should players be using a word other than "OUT" to let their partners know a ball is heading out of bounds?

The short answer is "no," it's not against the rules and it's not considered a distraction. You are free to say "watch it," "bounce it," "let it go," "no," "whoa, whoa, whoa" (<=== that's

what I say!), or "OUT" or whatever words (other than profanity!) that you choose to tell your partner not to hit the ball.

This is considered "player communication" according to Official Tournament Rule Book and it is perfectly acceptable.

From the USAPA Rulebook:

6.D.12. If, while the ball is in the air, a player yells "out," "no," "bounce it," or any other word to communicate to his or her partner that the ball may be out, it shall be considered player communication. If the ball lands in, play will continue. If the out call is made after the ball has hit the playing surface, it shall be considered a line call and play shall stop. (revised April 1, 2011)

So as long as you are telling your partner "out" BEFORE the ball hits the ground, you are fine.

(Submitted by Barb Patterson, USAPA Ambassador, North Austin)



OFFICIAL  
TOURNAMENT  
RULEBOOK



# FROM OUR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Bob Cleaver and his crew still getting 'er done! Kudos to all of them.

Maintenance Activity Log & Expense Report (If Applicable)				
<b>Name</b> Bob Cleaver <b>Month</b> February 2017 <b>Total Reimbursement Due</b> <b>\$3.44</b>				
				
Date	Location	Description / Activity	Date Completed	Amount
1/11/17	Court #3	Contacted CA maintenance requesting an update on the scheduled delivery of the two replacement cables.	Open	N/A
1/12/17	Court - #5	Assisted John Sena with shimming of practice hard board and painting a white "top of net" stripe. Reinstalled windscreen on outside of fence.	1/12/17	N/A
1/12/17	Court - #1 - 4	Contacted CA grounds and superintendent about water on the courts in the AM. Carlton Mathis confirmed that the sprinklers are programmed to run as the 1st zone(s) in the evening. (Winds were blowing hard out of the SE	1/12/17	N/A
1/14/17	Court - All	Replaced ties on various windscreens that had broken during heavy wind.	1/14/17	N/A
1/19/17	Court #3	Contacted CA maintenance requesting an update on the scheduled delivery of the two replacement cables.	Open	N/A
1/23/17	Court - All	Replaced ties on various windscreens that had broken during heavy wind. Clock on Court #4 was blown down and broken.	1/23/17	N/A
1/23/17	Court - #5	Removed a SCTXPB club banner at court #5 after CA notified club that it needed to be taken down.	1/23/17	N/A
1/23/17	Court - #5 & 6	Modified schedule information on Introduction To Pickleball and Beginners Mentoring class signs - had them laminated at the Postal Annex and then installed them.	1/23/17	\$3.44
1/31/17	Court #3	John Steele and others modified the temporary cable on Court #3. Top cap of pole was being pulled off by temporary cable fix. Modified cable can remain in place as it is secured properly to the bottom hook on the post.	1/31/17	N/A
2/2/17	Court #3	Picked up the two replacement cables from the CA maintenance office. Have stored them in the Simon cabinet on Court #5.	2/2/17	N/A
<b>Total Reimbursement:</b>			<b>Total Reimbursement:</b>	<b>\$3.44</b>

## ATTENTION TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

If you've attended a Pickleball Tournament and would like to have your results noted here in "Kitchen Talk," please be sure to send the info (and some photos too!) to [sctxpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:sctxpickleball@gmail.com) and we will make every effort to get it into a subsequent newsletter.



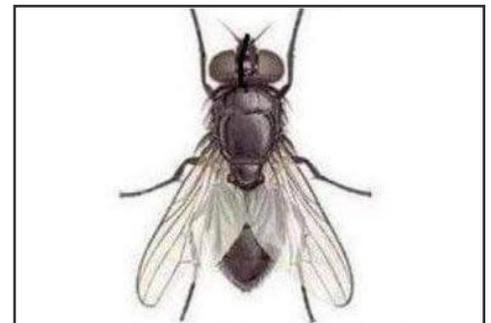
## JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

A husband and wife are shopping in their local HEB. The husband picks up a case of Budweiser and puts it in the cart. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife. "They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans" he replies. "Put them back, we can't afford them", demands the wife. They carry on with their shopping. A few aisles farther on, the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket. "What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband. "It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife. Her husband retorts, "So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price."

That's him on Aisle 5.



Future (2077) Sun City Pball Club member?



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"Hunting flies," He responded.

"Oh! Killing any?" she asked.

"Yep, 3 males, 2 females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked.

"How can you tell them apart?"

He responded,

"3 were on a beer can,  
2 were on the phone."

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband the following text: "If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!"  
The husband, typically non-romantic, replied: "I am on the toilet. Please advise."



## MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

### When Grandma Goes To Court

**Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.**

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, 'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'



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## 2017 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

President – Jack Warner

Vice President – Hutch Hutchins

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 3rd Tuesday of months that have only 28 days.)