



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

November

FROM THE PRESIDENT



This fall has been stupendiwonderfullous and how 'bout that Shrimp Boil? I can't thank everyone who volunteered that day to make the tournament work very smoothly as well as the dinner that night. The weather has made playing out on the courts seem like we are in heaven (compared to August) and there's a lot more to come.

We've got a pot luck, "Pickle Ball" scheduled for Nov. 11 followed by our 24th annual (I think it's the 24th.....maybe not!) "Dinks and Dogs" scheduled for Dec. 2. So start your dinking practice now and let's see if we can exceed 100 uninterrupted dinks in 2 minutes.

And don't forget to vote online Oct. 30 - Nov. 6

(if you don't see the candidate of your choice, write in the best person for the job)

See y'all on the courts.

Hutch

"IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU WIN OR
LOSE.....UNTIL YOU LOSE."

SNOOPY



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCTPC ELECTIONS - VOTE NOW!



Officer elections will take place on-line this year from October 30th - November 6th. Please log into your SCTEXAS.org account and head here -

2018-2019 Officer Elections

Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on November 8th at Cowan Creek - 1:00 pm.

NEW LOST AND FOUND POLICY

The Lost and Found is located in the cabinet on Court #2. There will be two boxes in the Lost and Found - one for this month's items and one for last month's items. Items which are not claimed within 60 days will be donated to the Caring Place. There were a number of items left (including some nice chairs!) at the Sun City Showdown; please double-check that you have everything you brought that day.



VETERANS DAY - 2017



Veterans Day will be celebrated on Saturday, November 11th at Veterans Memorial Plaza. The pickleball courts will be closed during the morning, until about noon when the ceremony will be over.

Thanks to all of our veterans.

We appreciate your service on our behalf.



EVENTS

"DINKS, CHOW AND CHAT" - NOV. 7TH



Come join us for Pickleball Club "Dinks, Chow and Chat" on the first Tuesday of every month at Wriggleys from 2-5 pm. Tuesday, November 7th is our next gathering; enjoy discounts on house drinks and pitchers!

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

Eat, Drink, Dance and be Merry at our 2nd Annual "Pickle Ball" Pot Luck and Dance. The fun starts Saturday, November 11th at 5:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share, BYO drinks, a chair, casual attire and your rubber soled dancing shoes! Tables will be set up for Pot Luck dishes and courts 5 & 6 will be for our social and dancing to great tunes! Free event, no tickets or registration required.

"DINKS AND DOGS DUOS" - DEC. 2ND

It's that time again - the 2nd Annual "Dinks and Dogs Duos" to benefit Blue Santa will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 11:00 - 1:00 pm. We will have four levels of play - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Potpourri (mixed levels). So grab a partner and start practicing! To learn more and get registered, click [Dinks & Dogs](#).

Registration will close on November 26th.

Thanks to Nancy Grafton for once again organizing this fun event!





SUN CITY SHOWDOWN AND SHRIMP BOIL

The Sun City Showdown Tournament was held on October 14, 2017. A total of 96 players, plus 5 coaches signed up for the event.

Fortunately the weather did cooperate for our fall tournament and we were able to get all 5 rounds of play completed. We played 11-point games, starting at 9:00 am, with the last match over at 3:15.

A lunch was served to an estimated 110 tournament players and volunteers by the Stacy Group courtside. A Shrimp Boil Dinner was served to approximately 150 members and guests of SCTPC at the Cowan Creek Pavilion. Dinner was prepared by members Lonnie Ray and Bert Perkins. Sharon Douglas, Kim Stout and members of the Social Committee coordinated the dinner and all food for the Tournament day. Thanks so much to all of our terrific volunteers who helped make the day such a huge success!

Following is a list of the Medal Winners for the Sun City Showdown Tournament:

NOVICE	FIRST PLACE - Team 4	SECOND PLACE - Team 5
COACHES	Ron Longino	Stan Payne
PLAYERS	Louise Bradshaw	Charlotte Carter
	Ed Cahill	Christine Delamater
	Al Kitamorn	Barbara Kitamorn
	Buddy Lane	Susan Lane
	Sue Long	Gregg Moyer
	Ken Tupacz	Ira Winsten

INTERMEDIATE	FIRST PLACE - Team 4	SECOND PLACE - Team 1
CAPTAINS	Terri Desa	Wayne Schaefer
PLAYERS	Charlie Davis	Kat Barras
	Ralph Fisher	Marsha Doebler
	Mark Furnans	Terri Klein
	Barbara Holmes	Kiki Poole
	Gale Scott	Dwain Upham
		Steve Cramb



SUN CITY SHOWDOWN (CONT'D.)

ADVANCED	FIRST PLACE - Team 1	SECOND PLACE - Team 4
CAPTAINS	Larry Hudson	Will Saunders
PLAYERS	Larry Black	Richard Bradley
	Charles Desa	John Carter
	Betty Fredrickson	Shaz Douglas
	Kathy Goodall	WR Helge
	Don Hunt	Tom Walsh

Click [SHRIMP-BOIL-PICS](#) to see more photos from the Sun City Showdown and Shrimp Boil.





LEAGUES & TRAINING

"DROP-IN" LEAGUES - 1:00 PM

Fall Leagues complete November 3. Final results can be found on the website and on the bulletin board at the courts.

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays. Classes are currently scheduled for November 4 and November 18 from 3:00 to 5:00. You do not need to be a Club member for this class. Equipment is provided. **YOU NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THE CLASS.**

BEGINNER MENTORING

Because of many conflicts in training, pickleball events, and holidays, we are going to do the next Beginner Mentoring classes on Fridays from 1:00 to 3:00 with two weeks in November and two weeks in December. The dates will be 11/10, 11/17, 12/1 and 12/8. Participants need to commit to all four weeks.

BEGINNER SKILLS AND DRILLS

A new session of Beginner Skills and Drills will begin on November 13. The day has changed to 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.

11/13/17 - Groundstrokes

11/20/17 - Volleys

11/27/17 - Dinks

12/04/17 - Lobs

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

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

No classes are currently scheduled. Class size is limited to 12 participants. There is a wait list for these classes. Before 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

See article on next page.

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.



TRAINING NEWS

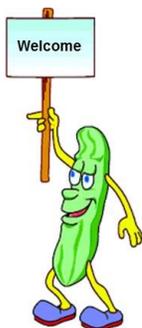
NEW ADVANCED TRAINING CLASS (WITH CHUCK FLANAGAN)

- Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 (beginning 30 Nov 2017).
- Open to the first 12 club members who show up each week.
- Participants must be rated 3.5 or above. Non-tournament (T) rated participants should use the following criteria to self rate (S) themselves:
 - a. Demonstrates improved stroke dependability with directional control on most medium-paced balls and some faster-paced balls.
 - b. Demonstrates improved control when trying for direction, depth and power on their shots.
 - c. Needs to develop variety with their shots.
 - d. Exhibits some aggressive net play.
 - e. Beginning to anticipate opponent's shots.
 - f. Learning about the importance of strategy and teamwork in doubles.

What will we do?

Each week we will work on specific shots and drills designed to improve your consistency and confidence. We'll spend a lot of time on dinking skills and strategy as well as third-shot drops. We'll do three-ball drills, volley blocking/return drills, and lob-volley drills. We will often use the ball machines for drills but will also play some games designed to improve your skills and the mental part of your game.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Cathy Corbell

Alan Graham

David Lashomb

Brett Mainz

Alan Tisser

Sheryl Yeary



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



BARB CARTER

Nominated by Toni Briggs:

"Our club has had several mini tourneys between graduating intermediate players, and previous graduates. Each time asked Barb has jumped in with scoring matches on the leader board, as well as helping with table and snack set up and take down. In addition to that she has also been a major player with our yearly ice cream social. Not only running around with some of the errands needed to bring the event to fruition, but early arrival for set up, serving up root beer floats, then leaving late because of clean up and break down. She really is the personification of a true volunteer."

From Barb Carter:

After having lived in Minnesota our entire lives, we moved to Sun City about a year ago. I in search of a warmer climate and my husband in search of all year long golfing buddies. We had never heard of pickleball.

Well if you move across the street from Kathy Carr and Tony Briggs, you will not remain ignorant for long. As soon as the moving van departs, you will be dragged down to the courts. In my case, a hose was dragged across the street to act as the net, chalk lines were drawn for the kitchen, and a paddle was placed in my hand. My husband was instantly addicted and has become a passionate player. Due to a spinal injury from a car accident, I've learned my limits are about an hour of play a couple times a week. While I enjoy the game, for me, pickleball is all

about the people. Some of the finest people in Sun City are down at those courts. I love the atmosphere of support, the complimenting of your team, and complimenting your opponents as well. I feel so fortunate that we have made incredible friends through pickleball and traveling to tournaments. Our pickle ball crew has become family.

A few fun bio facts:

- I was the National Judo Champion in the light weight division in high school.
- After college, I studied ballet and danced professionally for a whopping two weeks.
- Was an educator for 43 years and taught 1,000+ first graders to read. I loved my career and still miss my colleagues.
- The Minnesota Institute of Legal Education was my favorite summer job. I worked there for about a decade. (Yes, I do know most of those Minnesota politicians :). My second favorite summer job was bartending on a yacht while I worked on my MS.
- My goal now is to become a certified Therapy Reading Dog Team with Toni's dog, The Mighty Quinn. Hopefully we'll be certified and able to go into the Georgetown Library and schools by fall of 2018.

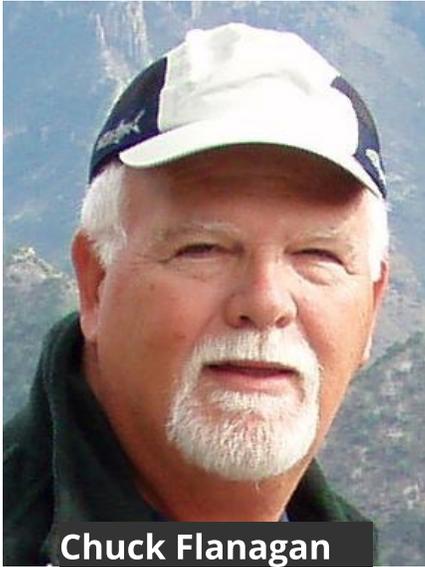
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the instructors who have been so patient, kind, and supportive of me and my fellow beginners. You know we are terrified of making idiots of ourselves and you never make us feel that way.

I know I also speak for all of us who are so grateful to those volunteers who teach all the classes, leagues, skills and drills, tournaments, put together the fun events, newsletters, keep up the courts, and so much more! We are are so lucky that there are so many of you willing to give so generously of your time, your knowledge, and you have made this a stellar community.

When we left Minnesota, we never pictured how much better our life would become because of a sport with such a stupid name. Life is grand. Thank y'all!



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

PLAYER ETHICS

I was playing in the GAP ladder league the other night when someone asked a question about player ethics. That led to an interesting discussion about the various ways player ethics

affects the game and the way other players perceive us. The only specific rule addressing ethics is 6.D., Code of Ethics for Line-Calling. It states:

“The line-calling responsibilities of players are different from those assigned to referees or line judges. The officials make impartial judgment calls with all players’ interests in mind. The player, when assigned line-calling duties, operates under the principle that all questionable calls must be resolved in favor of the opponent.”

6.D.2 - “The opponent gets the benefit of the doubt on line calls made.”

6.D.3 - “Spectators should not be consulted on any line calls.”

6.D.4. - “All participants should strive for accuracy in making line calls”

6.D.5. - “No player should question an

opponent’s call unless asked....An opponent’s opinion, if

requested, shall be accepted.”

6.D.7. - All “let” or “out” calls must be made “instantly...”

6.D.8. Any ball that cannot be called “out” is presumed to be “in.”

6.D.10. In doubles play, if one player calls the ball “out” and the partner calls it “in,” then doubt exists, and the ball must be declared “in”...”

Those are the principles for line-calling. There are, however, other ethical behaviors that can make (or break) our enjoyment of the game.

- Don’t cheer when your opponent makes a bad shot. That is considered very unsportsmanlike.
- Do encourage your partner, on good as well as bad shots.
- Look at 6.D.5. again. Just like you, your opponents are trying to make good calls. If you disagree and there is a referee, appeal the call, then accept the ruling and play on. Arguing gets you nothing but a bad reputation.

Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. That reputation will help you find (and keep) partners and make the game fun for everyone involved.



INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

On October 7th the Club celebrated its latest class to complete the Intermediate Pickleball Training Program. Following a ceremony in which graduates received a certificate of completion, they had an opportunity to showcase the skills and strategies they learned in a 'No-Frills Mini-Tournament'. The "Rookies" were matched against previous course graduates called the "Old Hands".



Intermediate Pickleball Training Program Class #0004 receives their certificate of completion.

Participants played 4 games to 15 points with the Team and Individual earning the most points to be declared the winners. As things played out, there was a 4-way tie among the Old Hands with John Carter, Diane Cleaver, Dare Plantz and June Sewell all scoring 60 out of a possible 60 points. In a sudden death playoff that consisted of round robin play to 5 points, John Carter emerged the winner. So, for this round of competition, the Old Hands outplayed the Rookies.

Congratulations to our newest graduating class:

Intermediate Training Class #0004

April Anson	Ron D'Entremont	Lynn Hensley	Jan North
Mike Boothe	Wendy D'Entremont	Cheryl Janssen	Cathy Stateler
Elaine Brogden	Terri Desa	TL Luttrell	Davey Stateler
Charlie Davis			

Many thanks to our program trainers: Bob Cleaver, John Carter, Scott Brady and Ron Longino and to our volunteer referees for the mini-tournament: Pocket D'Haeseleer, Mary Payne, Clark Grafton, Nancy Grafton, Bill Treadway and Jack Warner. Lastly, kudos to prior graduates who came out to challenge the graduating class:

The Old Hands

John Carter	Joan Davis	Sandy Piland	Toni Briggs
Diane Cleaver	Jay Hangartner	Bonnie Shaeffer	Karen Saunders
Dare Plantz	Allie Bower	Shaz Douglas	Wayne Shaeffer
June Sewell			



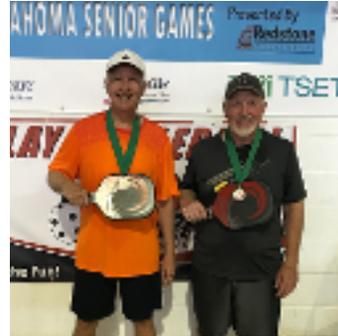
OKLAHOMA SENIOR GAMES (OCT. 19-21)



Jim Brown - Silver,
Men's Singles 60-64



Steve Timmons and
Chuck Flanagan -
Gold, Men's Doubles
65-69



Jim Brown and Dave
Stout - Gold, Men's
Doubles 60-64

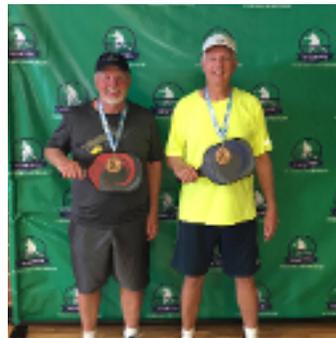


Crazy fans waiting in
the stands.

CEDAR PARK CHAMPIONSHIPS (OCT. 26-29)



Will Saunders and
Steve Timmons - Gold,
Men's Doubles, 65-69



Dave Stout and Jim
Brown - Gold, Men's
Doubles, 60-64



David Persilver and
Bill Russell - Gold,
Men's Doubles, 70-74



David Stout and San-
dra Carillo - Gold,
Mixed Doubles 60-64



Will Saunders and
Pocket - Silver, Mixed
Doubles, 70-74

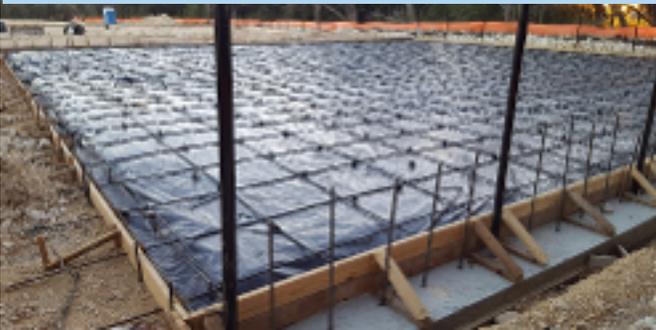


Chuck Flanagan and
Rusty Adams - Bronze,
Mixed Doubles, 65-69

THE NEW COURTS ARE BEING BUILT!



Here are some great photos from Bob Cleaver and Steve Timmons of the new courts being built at the Queen Tract. It won't be long now!



PICKLEBALL FINDER APP

Check out this new app for IOS devices (iPhones and iPads) to find places to play pickleball - **Pickleball Finder**. Android version coming soon. Find the closest places to play wherever you are!

AROUND THE COURTS



A new "anti-rain" paddle holder!



Golfing lessons at the pickleball courts?



JOKES AND FUN STUFF!



For those of my generation who do not and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. also I listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

Submitted by Hutch

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend.

'Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see.'

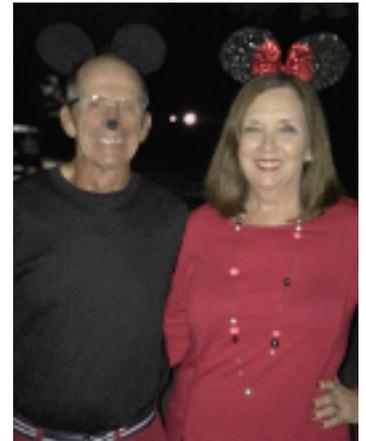
Watson replies, 'I see millions of stars.'

'What does that tell you?'

Watson ponders for a minute.' Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?

Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. 'Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent.'



Mickey & Minnie showed up at the pickleball courts!

2017 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

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