



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

July

FROM THE PRESIDENT



What can I say.....summer came early and fast (one day it's spring, the next day it's summer), but playing even in the heat is better than the alternative. Separately, I would love to give you an update on the new courts, but.....the CA keeps giving me the same answer regardless of when I ask....."they should be done in next 2 weeks". Who knows, maybe by the time of the July General Board Meeting, July 11 at the Activity Center located on Texas Dr. in rooms 1 & 2, I'll have something more to tell everyone.

I also want to thank everyone again for a successful Big Bopper Charity Tournament. Without all of the participants and the volunteers, none of this would have happened. So as we move through the summer and many of you take some vacations (from your retirement vacation), have fun, stay cool, and we'll see you on the courts.

Hutch

**“Remember that guy that gave up?
Neither does anyone else.”**



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM OUR TREASURER



The fund balance as of May 31st is \$12,579. Current month Revenues are \$377 (\$120 membership dues and \$257 Bopper tournament) and Expenses are \$192 (\$160 in gift cards and \$32 for Bopper awards) resulting in Net Income of \$185. May 31st year to date Revenues are \$7,347 and Expenses are \$3,573 resulting in Net Income of \$3,774.

GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the Sun City Texas Pickleball Club will be held on Wednesday, July 11th at 1:30 pm in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 (in the Activity Center). All members are urged to attend. The agenda for the meeting can be found here (members must be logged into SCTexas.org to view the agenda) - [July 2018 Board Meeting Agenda](#)



WELCOME JUNE NEW MEMBERS!

First Name	Last Name
Jim	Cintron
Linda	Cintron
Susan	Eissler
Chuck	Fath
Nancy	Fronczak
Dave	Gaulden

First Name	Last Name
Jill	Gaulden
Gary	Hudson
Larry	Menz
Steve	Reynolds
Jo Anne	Weinberg
Rodney	Wilson



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS



Dinks, Chow and Chat - Tuesday, July 3rd, at Wiggley's from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends and enjoy discounts on house drinks and pitchers!

Karaoke Night - Bring your picnic and drinks and your best/worst voice to Karaoke Night on Friday, July 20 at 5 pm at the Legacy Pavilion! Come join the fun for solos, duets and group songs!

BYO Dinks & Paddles - Thursday, July 26th , July 26th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the main courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends!

Left Behind at the Big Bopper Potluck - If this is your Tupperware, please contact Shaz Douglas (shazhas3kids@gmail.com) to claim it.



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

Please email Shaz (shazhas3kids@gmail.com) if you have helped at any event during this year so the Pickleball Club can recognize you! Please list the event, when it was and what you did to help. Event chair-people have already turned in volunteer lists, but we don't want to miss thanking anyone!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Please join us at the
Sun City Texas Pickleball Club's**



3rd Annual Ice Cream Social

- Who:** All Sun City Pickleball Club Members
- What:** Free Sundaes and Root Beer Floats
- When:** Sunday, 22 July 2018 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Where:** Outside Courts 5 and 6
- How:** Go to [SCTPC Website](#) to get registered.
(You must be logged in to register).

Any questions, or if you are available to help, please contact
Toni Briggs at sheltietalk@suddenlink.net.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

DARE PLANTZ



Nominated by Barb Patterson: *Dare Plantz is one of those volunteers who just makes things happen without wanting to take any credit, and without expecting any attention. He is always at social events setting things up, taking things down, just generally being sure that everything is OK.*

In addition to all his help with our events, Dare spends a lot of times at events, tournaments, etc. taking a large number of terrific photos. He will go from table to table, group to group, and make sure that everyone gets in a photo. Then he spends lots of time going through the photos, editing them and selecting the best shots. We would not have such a good record of our events and activities without the help of Dare.

I was born and raised in NE Kansas. I moved to Round Rock, Texas in 1984 after a 14 year career working for a zoo in Topeka, Kansas. I wanted to "re-invent" myself. At first, I worked at Abbott Laboratories for 5 years and made IV bags for hospitals. On a wild whim In 1986 I started teaching myself computers in my free time at night. One of my workmates went to work for his sister at a small start up software company in Austin. He got me a job there as the computer room IT guy. My new career was born. Twenty nine years later I am a senior engineer in the software group at IBM.

How did I get interested in Picklaball? A woman! I was dating this awesome lady (some if you may know her) and she mentioned to me that she was crazy about this game called Pickleball! I thought "That's the silliest thing I have ever heard of!" I pictured a bunch of old people hunched over at a net just lobbing a ball back and forth until someone missed. She asked me to come watch her play and of course I did. It was nothing like I imagined! Everyone was so social and having so much fun! Next she said " it is more fun if you play!" I decided to try it. I got on-line and bought the cheapest paddle and court shoes I could find in case I was no good at it. Having no previous racquet experience I just did not know. And the rest is history! See ya on the courts!



*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.*



LEAGUES & TRAINING

LEAGUES

The Spring Leagues completed on June 25. A total of 120 players participated in the three leagues over the 8 weeks. The results are posted on the bulletin board at the courts and on the Sun City website. In order to be ranked, a player needed to play a minimum of 3 times in one of the league divisions. The percentages are figured by the total points possible divided by the points won. Top 3 players in each league are:

2.5 - NOVICE		3.0 - LOW INTERMEDIATE		3.5+ - HIGH INTERMEDIATE -ADVANCED	
Jim Tompkins	93.4%	Joe Torres	90.3%	Charles DeSa	100%
Charlie Welch	90.91%	Theresa Wolcott	88.89%	Doug Oliver	95.15%
Mike Gilmore	88.64%	Woody Hutton	88.64%	Bill Chalmers	89.90%
				Todd Gunter	89.90%

Thanks to all who participated. Complete league results can be seen on our website - [2018](#)

Spring Results

TRAINING

Introduction to Pickleball Classes - Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays from 11:00 to 1:00. Classes are currently scheduled for July 14 and 28. 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 at jgmlo@yahoo.com.

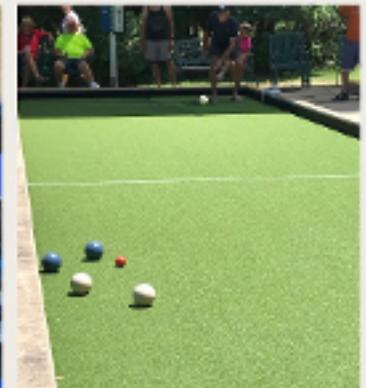
For all training and leagues, except the Introduction class, you need to be a member of the Pickleball club.

For more info or to sign up for future Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced training, please send an email to Peg O'Toole, Director of Player Development, at jgmlo@yahoo.com.



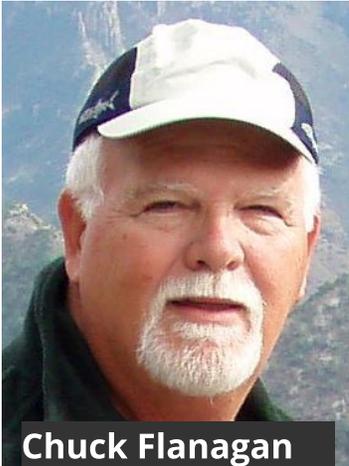
BIG BOPPER CHARITY TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Big Bopper Charity Tournament was held June 26-27 and featured 50+ SCTPC members trying their hand at a variety of sports (pickleball, bocce, horseshoes, putting and water volleyball). Men's winners were: TL Luttrell (1st), Ron Longino (2nd) and Billy Blackman (3rd). Women's medalists were: Maggie Manley (1st), Terri Klein (2nd) and Sylvia Green (3rd). Over \$1000 was raised for two charities - The Caring Place and Georgetown Animal Shelter. Big thanks to Tournament organizers - Hutch, Charles Desa, Bob Cleaver, Phil Coraggio and Shaz Douglas. And thanks to our many generous members who donated to these two worthy organizations. More photos from the Big Bopper can be found here - [Big Bopper Photos](#).





FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

As an ambassador, I often get asked about the rules and what happens in given scenarios. The most common questions involve the 'kitchen'. The first thing to remember is that "kitchen" is only a nickname for the Non-Volley-Zone (NVZ; 2.B.3.) and as the name

implies, you are not allowed to volley from within this zone. (A volley is when you hit the ball in the air before it bounces.) For all intents and purposes, the NVZ does not exist except on serves (short serve) or when the ball is volleyed. Under no circumstances can a NVZ fault be called on any struck ball that has bounced before being returned.

Another often asked question is, 'When may I enter the NVZ?' The answer to that is easy. Any time you want. You may enter or leave the NVZ at any time and as often as you want. You could even play the entire game (except for serving) from within the NVZ...as long as you never hit a volley! If you are in the NVZ and need to hit a volley, you must first exit the NVZ and have both feet in contact with the ground outside the NVZ before striking the ball.

(See Section 9. for the complete rule.)

One of our local Sun City players recently asked a question about the new changes to the 10-second serving rules. Although this will not

affect social play here at Sun City, it is an important change that will affect those of our members playing in sanctioned tournaments. The old rule allowed both the receiver and the server 10-seconds each to become ready and to serve. The new rule (4.E.) changed that and states that the server must serve the ball within 10-seconds after the score is call or a fault will be declared. The object of the new rule is to reduce stalling by players and to maintain the flow of the game. The most important detail of the new rule is that the server must serve within the 10-seconds, even if the receiver is not paying attention or has not returned to the court after a time-out.

For your summer reading pleasure, here's a link to the current USAPA/IFP Rulebook...

RULEBOOK

If you're curious about a rule feel free to ask me at the courts or send me an email.

"Each shot you take has the potential to be a winner or loser. It deserves your complete attention and should be executed with deliberation."



JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP

Another successful session of Junior Camp was held the last two weeks of June. 80 campers per week went through the program, with pickleball sessions on Wednesday mornings. Since today's children have already played many ball sports (baseball, tennis, etc.) they catch on to our sport quickly. They loved the new "junior" paddles that we ordered for them since they were the perfect weight and size for children.

Weather was a real factor this year! Extreme hot the first Wednesday and rained out but for the Lil Doggies (the 7 year olds) the second session. Some of us went to the ball room and had some fun ball and paddle

games with the unfortunate 3 groups that didn't get to play on court. They had great fun and got some of that energy used and that is what counted. Jenny Phillips, the head of Jr. Camp with CA, has given great praise to Pickleball Training Team. (As she should because we earn it!) Every year we learn something to hopefully make the next year better. Kids are the future and because of our efforts they want pickleball to be a part of it.

Submitted by Janice Cozart, Junior Camp Chairperson

Many thanks to Janice and the Pball Training Team - Mike Murphy, Maggie Manley, Jerry Fronczak, Christine Delameter, Ashley Shelton (Janice Cozart's granddaughter), Laura (Janice's daughter), Alice Bower, Linda and Roger LaRoche, Val Hrobsky, Jack Reeves, Ron Longino.



To see more photos from Junior Camp, please click here - [Junior Camp Photos](#)



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



The Kissing Tree Invitational was held 6/5/18 - 6/7/18. A number of SCTPC players traveled to San Marcos, TX to play in the tournament.*

John Carter and Bob Cleaver earned a Silver Medal in the Men's 60-64 3.5 Doubles.

Congratulations Bob and John!

**Tournament players - please remember, that we will not be able to post results in Kitchen Talk unless you send in your medal stand photos and results.*



Louisiana Senior Games were held on June 9-10, 2018. Chuck Flanagan brought home a silver medal in Men's Doubles (with Tom Burkhardt) as well as Mixed Doubles (with Winnie Montgomery).

Congratulations Chuck!



GUESS THE MEMBER

Have you ever wondered how some people get their nicknames? For instance, how did Cle get his nickname? Or Ellie or Hutch? Is he named after the company that sells footballs? Now here is an even more unusual nickname - "Sparky." Now which of our members is called Sparky? Ok, I will tell you. A long time ago and I do mean a long time ago, Sparky, who was seventeen at the time, was sitting in the living room of his house near Waco, Texas, on a chair with the telephone nestled against his body. All of a sudden, a bolt of lightning came down from heaven. The bolt of lightning struck the telephone line that went into Sparky's house and it followed the line to the telephone. Since good old Sparky was leaning against the telephone, the lightning lit up poor Sparky and he was tossed headfirst against the wall on the other side of the room. So that is how Sparky was nicknamed Sparky. Attached is a photo of Sparky when he was a little tyke.



From "Scoop" (your friendly reporter - thanks Clark!)

Last month's "Guess the Member" was Dare Plantz, elephant trainer!

**Is
Pickleball
on YOUR
list?**



JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

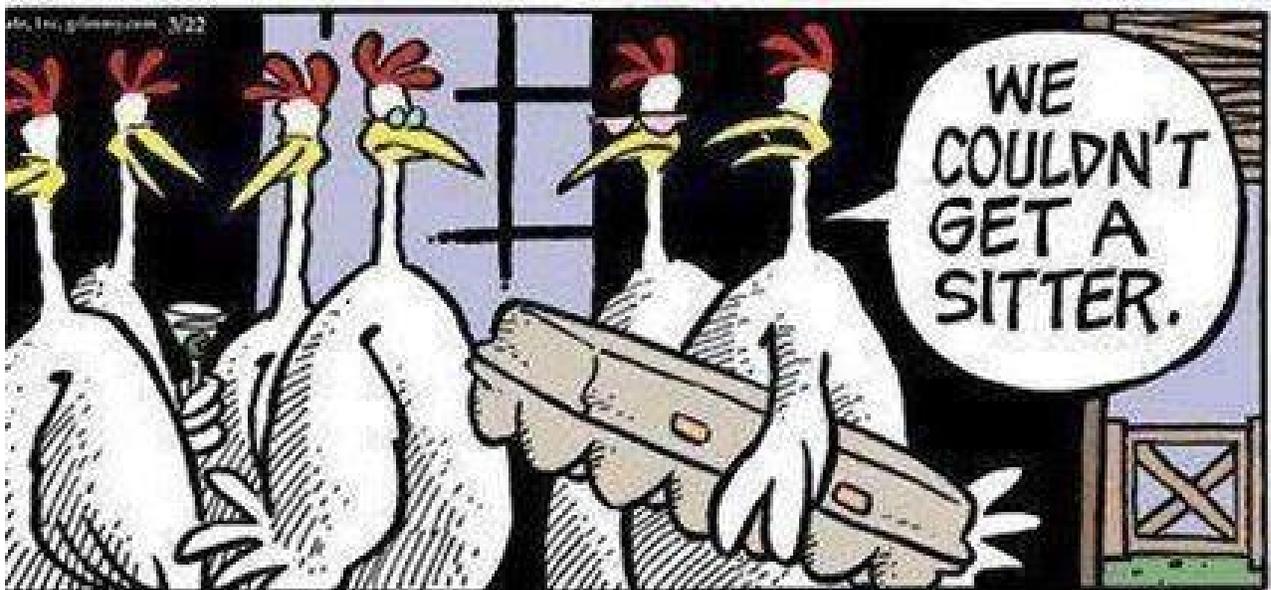
HUMAN BODY: I can grow a fully formed human baby in like 9 months. I'm talking brain, functioning respiratory system, eyeballs, everything.

ME: Cool, cool. How long will it take for my twisted ankle to feel better?

HUMAN BODY: 7 years and it will never be the same.



I hate it when I see an old person and then realize that we went to high school together.





MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

Circus Family *(submitted by Chuck Flanagan)*

A husband and wife who worked for the circus went to an adoption agency. The social workers there raised doubts about their suitability.

The couple then produced photos of their 50 foot motor home, which was clean and well maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers then raised concerns about the education a child would receive while in the couple's care.

"We've arranged for a full time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, and computer skills."

Then the social workers expressed concern about a child being raised in a circus environment.

"Our nanny will be a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare, and diet."

The social workers were finally satisfied. They asked, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"It doesn't really matter ... as long as the kid fits in the cannon."

2018 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

President - Hutch

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