

# Kitchen Talk

*Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter*

**April**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring is finally here and let's hope we don't jump right into the HOT Summer.

March was a busy month with our drop in leagues, singles league and Pickleball Masters league all concluding. THANKS to the many volunteers that made these leagues a great success. We also conducted our first General Meeting of the year. The full minutes are on the website, but a couple items worth noting were that the club invested in a new ball machine and both courts now have machines available. Janice Cozart is leading the effort for the Junior Camp again this year! She is in need of volunteers so please let her know if you are able. Discussion also occurred in regard to how we best utilize our 2 court locations and more work will be completed in this area once we have the input of our members.

Speaking of input, a club survey will be conducted and the survey question

development was opened up for your input through 3/31. THANK YOU to the many members that offered input and watch for the survey in the coming weeks. PLEASE participate as our club can only improve through the input of our full membership.

For, April, our first 2019 club tournament takes place on 4/14, at the Texas Drive Courts and then followed by a BBQ dinner in the Texas Drive Ballroom! Also, and just so you are aware, the CA will be performing a Court Usage survey for both Tennis and Pickleball this year. This is a first for the Pickleball Courts. This survey will take place at various times between April 1 and July 31st. We wanted to make you aware as you will see the CA monitors dropping by the courts (Retreat and Texas Drive ) every so often during the next 120 days.

And one final note, with the beautiful days/evenings upon us, please remember, no play before 7 am and LIGHTS OUT on the courts at 9 pm. We love our Pickleball Court neighbors and want them to feel the same way!

Have fun and please, Safety First, Win the point Second!

Ed

***"Happy are they who take life day by day, complain very little and are thankful for the little things in life."***

**Anonymous**



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TREASURER'S REPORT



The Club began February with a fund balance of \$10,978 and ended with \$9,974, for a monthly net loss of \$1,004. Income for the month was \$580.00 from new or renewed memberships and T-Shirt Sales. Expenses totaled \$1,584.00 with the largest cost being a new ball machine. Current finances are consistent with that budgeted. We had 32 new members or renewals in February, with a year-to-date total of 571 members.

## SCTPC GENERAL MEETING

**Minutes for the March General Meeting** - are available here on our website - [March Meeting Minutes](#)

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Pickleball play at both sets of courts is limited to the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 pm. Court lights should not be left on past those hours. We need to be courteous to the neighbors who live near our courts. Thanks for abiding by these rules.



## NOVICE OPEN PLAY - LOCATIONS UPDATE

Open play for all Novice players will now be held as follows:

Mondays - 10 am - Noon - Texas Drive Courts

Wednesdays - 10 am - Noon - Retreat Courts

This is a great way for novice players to meet and play some fun games.



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

**Dinks, Chow and Chat** - April 2nd, **at Mulligan's** from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends!



**BYO Dinks & Paddles** - Tuesday, April 30th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Retreat Courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends!

**"Swing into Spring" Tournament and BBQ Dinner** - Sunday, April 14th the Texas Drive Courts will be reserved for the "Swing into Spring" Tournament. The BBQ Dinner will be held, starting at 5:30 pm, at the Texas Drive Ballroom. More details are available for members on our website.

## MARCH NEW MEMBERS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Benjamin	Butler
Alan	Campbell
Elaine	Frey
Jerry	Goodson
Judy	Goodson

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Kathy	Lattauzio
Jack	Olsavsky
John	Riddle
Carroll	Roberts
Carole	Terlip

**Welcome! We're glad you're here!**



# CLUB CALENDAR



## April 2019

Pre Registration required for Introduction to Pickleball Class, Beginner Mentoring Program, Intermediate Training & Advance training—contact Peg O'Toole at JGMLO@yahoo.com  
Pre Registration required for lessons—contact Matt Laz—text or phone 832-499-9925 or email mattlaz@pickleballknetics.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	<b>2</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	<b>3</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	<b>4</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 12 to 2:00 Beginner Mentoring - cts 9 & 10 2:00 to 4:00 Introduction to Pickleball cts 9-10
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	<b>9</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	<b>10</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	<b>11</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:30 Spring Tournament  5:30 BBQ	<b>15</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	<b>16</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	<b>17</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	<b>18</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	<b>23</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	<b>24</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	<b>25</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7 1:00 to 3:00 Intermediate training courts 9 & 10	<b>26</b> 1:00 to 3:00 Intermediate training courts 9 & 10	<b>27</b> 12:00 to 2:00 Intermediate training courts 9 & 10 2:00 to 4:00 Introduction to Pickleball - cts 9 & 10
<b>28</b> 1:00 to 3:00 Intermediate training courts 9 & 10	<b>29</b> 10 to noon Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6 1:00 to 3:00 Intermediate training courts 9 & 10	<b>30</b> Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7 1:00 to 3:00 Intermediate training courts 9 & 10 6-9:00 pm BYO Dinks & Paddles @ Retreat courts				



# FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



## **New Tournament Rules**

Well I learned something new this week. One of our members mentioned that he'd recently played in a tournament where only the medal

matches had referees. He thought that this was a sanctioned tournament and was hoping that his performance would contribute to his formal USAPA rating. It's been almost a year since I was the tournament director for a sanctioned tournament (2018 Texas Senior Games) but the last time I looked at the USAPA sanctioning requirements ALL matches had to have referees. Things have changed! The USAPA now has a Medal Match Only (MMO) sanctioning option.

Here are the basic requirements:

- Tournaments that are new or previously non-sanctioned.
- The tournament must have referees for all winner bracket matches at the 4.0 level and above.
- The TD must submit written proof of these

matches being refereed.

- TD's must provide an opportunity for referee training before and during the event.

And the one that our member was interested in:

- All MMO tournaments will receive a 20% ratings weight reduction.

(Please don't ask me what that means!)

This month's rules question involves players standing off the court. The 'court' is that 20' x 44' area marked off with the painted lines. The 'playing surface' is the area surrounding the court (see Rule 2.A.3.). Rule 4.B.7. states that players can be positioned on or off the court. As for hitting the ball when off the court (part of the original question I was asked), the answer is yes, a player may hit a 'live' ball regardless of where that player is standing (except volleys from the NVZ).

**Do you have a rules question? Catch me on the courts or send me an email...I need more material for this column.**

And remember, whenever your ball hits the net and goes over for a winner... "If they didn't want you to use the net they wouldn't have put it there."



# DOUBLE BAGEL

*Reposted with the permission of Lon Krantz*

Double bagel? Oh my! Sharing my experience from yesterday as an observation that may be helpful to some. While playing our first round match yesterday, my partner and I ran into to a couple of National Champions (and good friends) right out of the gate. They started strong but we managed a side out which we quickly squandered. They ran off more points then another side out. We served again and didn't score. They got more points and we called a time out in an attempt to stop momentum. That didn't work either. First game ends 11-0. Yikes! I joke that we set the bar low and nowhere to go but up. Oops, wrong again. Another 11-0. In my career I have not suffered many bagel jobs (0 points scored) and now i have a back-to-back 11-0 results. Ouch!

But now comes the point of my post. The sky didn't fall, all was not lost. My partner and I handled it without so much as a heavy sigh or dirty look. No yelling, cursing (ok a little, at myself) or criticism directed at each other. What a concept! It was a beautiful day in the California desert, playing with and against friends with my wife along cheering us on. The point is we had fun regardless. It was an experience, although the not most desirable one, that we are able to weather and move on. It is a part of competition and I truly believe character is revealed in defeat. It's easy to smile through the victories, but much like life, you have to be able to handle some defeats as well.

The takeaway...Compete hard, have fun and be nice. Don't let anything or anyone steal your joy (especially yourself). A tough day on the courts will pass and better days are in the future. Have a great day!

#trulyblessed

Side note: That's my granddaughter in the photo, not my wife, cheering me on!



## JUNIOR CAMP

We need volunteers to help with teaching pickleball at Junior Camp this summer. This is a fun event for the grandchildren of our residents. Dates are Wednesday, June 12th and 19th from 8 am to 12 noon (and one planning meeting the week before.) Janice Cozart has arranged time slots for helpers.

If you are interested in assisting with Junior Camp, please contact Janice Cozart - 281-360-9760 or [janicehcozart@gmail.com](mailto:janicehcozart@gmail.com).



# SINGLES PLAY DAY

*By Donna Duffy*

Thank you all for a fun and challenging end of the season Singles Play Day. We have never tried "last man standing" with singles before and it was quite the challenge! The guys played for 2 hours and the ladies for 2 hrs. and 15 min. before we all decided that was enough! Great job everyone.

A special thank you to Mary Payne, Annette Franke, and Dave Stateler who were at the courts before 8:30 to help get everything set up for the event. It made everything run so smoothly.

Now, for your King and Queen of the Courts - Steve Frank and Pocket D'haeseleer. Way to GO both of you. It took a lot of stamina (and wins) to hang in there and collect the most points for the day.

I hope you all decide to sign up for the next singles league (date to be announced). In the meantime, keep playing and hope to see you on the courts.





# PICKLEBALL MASTERS

*By Conley Giles*

Thanks to all the participants in the Winter Pickleball league and mini-tournament sponsored by PickleballMasters.club. Special thanks to Ron Franke who did an amazing job on managing the match recording and flow at the Mini-tournament Friday March 22nd!

We had over 35 participating teams that braved the winter evenings to complete over 60 matches. The winning teams in the league were: Medal winners in the league were as follows:

## GOLD

- Women's 3.5: Terri K/Sue Long
- Women's 4.0: Mary P/Diane C
- Men's 3.5: Greg M/Clark G
- Men's 4.0: Bob C/John C
- Mixed 3.5: Dare P/Sharon C
- Mixed 4.0: Rick F/Mary Payne

## SILVER

- Diane Weiss/Lori Julian
- Donna Duffy/Kathy Carr
- Steve Dulle/Bobby Johnson
- Conley Giles/Rick Ferri
- Steve Frank/Sheila Quinn
- Dave Stout/Pocket D

## BRONZE

- Corinna Oliver/Sheila Quinn
- Annette Franke/Shaz D
- Ed Cahill/Ron Franke
- Steve Timmons/Don Hunt
- Wayne/Bonnie Schaefer
- Don Hunt/Kathy Carr

We had over 25 participating teams in the Pickleball Masters Mini-tournament and completing in over 45 matches in a single Friday afternoon. The winning teams in the Mini-Tournament were: Medal winners in the tournament were as follows:

## GOLD

- Wmn's 3.5/4.0: Donna Duffy/Margo CW
- Men's 3.5: Steve Dulle/Bobby Johnson
- Men's 4.0: Don Hunt/Steve Timmons
- Mixed 3.5: Sharon C/Wayne S
- Mixed 4.0: Steve Timmons/Mary Perez

## SILVER

- Diane Cleaver/Mary Payne
- Davey Stateler/Ron Longino
- Bob Cleaver/John Carter
- Dianna Weiss/Ed Cahill
- Don Hunt/Margo CW

## BRONZE

- Annette Franke/Hanna N
- Jack Warner/Jay H
- Will Saunders/Dave P
- Steve Franke/Sheila Q
- Bob Cleaver/Diane C





# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## Grapevine Tournament



Mary Payne and her partner, Bruce Wolf, earned a Bronze medal in 60+ 4.0 Mixed Doubles.



Steve Frank and his partner, Pam Lackey, won the Silver medal in 3.0 Mixed Doubles 65-69.



Chuck Flanagan and Will Saunders brought home the Silver in Men's 70+ 4.0/4.5 Doubles.



Mary Payne and Barb Patterson grabbed some Silver in Women's 4.0 60+ Doubles.



Dare Plantz and Steve Frank won Gold in Men's Doubles 3.0, 65-69.



Maggie Manley and Dare Plantz - Silver in 3.0 Mixed Doubles, 60-64.



Shaz Douglas and Steve Timmons - Bronze in 4.5 Mixed Doubles 60-64.

**Tourney players - please remember to send your photos/results to [SCTXpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:SCTXpickleball@gmail.com) in a timely manner so they can be included in newsletters.**



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONT'D.

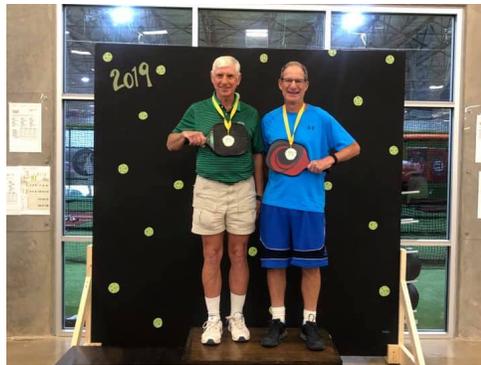
## Mansfield Spring Slam Tournament



Annette and Ron Franke won Silver in Mixed Doubles, 60+, 3.5.



Annette Franke won Gold in Women's Singles, 60+, 3.0,3.5



Men's doubles 3.5 65+ Gold - Jerry Fronczak and Steve Frank



Mixed Doubles 3.5 65+ Gold - Elaine Eickenroht and Steve Frank



Barb Patterson and Jeff Whipple, Silver in Mixed Doubles, 4.5, 55-59.

## Fun in the Sun Tournament Surprise, AZ

**Photos/results from the Mid-South Regional Tournament will be in a future "Pickleball Express."**



# FUN STUFF

## THE LOVE DRESS

The mother-in-law stopped unexpectedly by the recently married couple's house. She rang the doorbell and stepped into the house. She saw her daughter-in-law standing naked by the door.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I'm waiting for my husband to come home from work.," the daughter-in-law answered.

"But you're NAKED!" the mother-in-law exclaimed.

"This is my Love Dress." the daughter-in-law explained.

"Love Dress? But you're naked!"

"My husband loves me to wear this dress! It makes

him happy and it makes me happy. I would appreciate it if you would leave because he will be home from work any minute." The mother-in-law was tired of all this romantic talk and left.

On the way home she thought about the Love Dress. When she got home she got undressed, showered, put on her best perfume and waited by the front door.

Finally her husband got home. He walked in and saw her standing naked by the door.

"What are you doing?" he exclaimed.

"This is My Love Dress," she replied.

"Needs ironing," he said.

One evening, after the honeymoon, Dick was working on his Harley in the garage. His new wife was standing there by the bench watching him.

After a long period of silence she finally said, "Honey, I've just been thinking, now that we're married, maybe it's time you quit spending so much of your time out here in your garage.

You probably should consider selling your Harley and all that welding equipment; they take up so much of your time. And that gun collection and fishing gear, they just take up so much space. And you know the boat is such an ongoing expense; and you hardly use it. I also think you should lose all those stupid model airplanes and your home brewing equipment..." And what's the use of that

vintage hot rod?

And you spend too much time playing Pickleball!"

Dick got a horrified look on his face.

She noticed and said, "Darling, what's wrong?"

He replied, "You were starting to sound like my ex-wife."

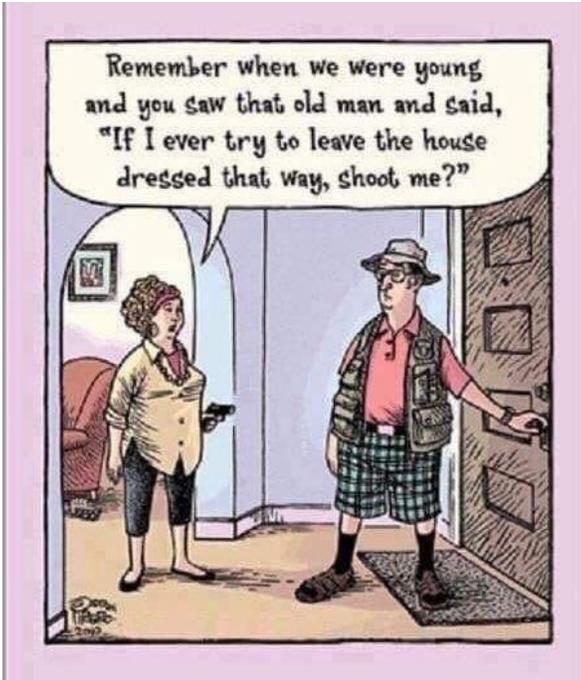
"Ex-wife!?" she shouted, "YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE MARRIED BEFORE!"

Dick replied, "I wasn't..."

*Submitted by Don Garber*



# MORE FUN STUFF



**Imagine your life without pickleball....  
Now slap yourself and never do that again!**

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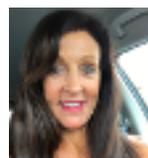
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