

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

January

FROM THE PRESIDENT



First and foremost, Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were fun filled & blessed with family, friends and Pickleball! Speaking of New Year's, how about a past, present and New Year's toast for Hutch and Kathy for serving as President and Treasurer for the last several years. I know I speak for the SCTPC board and members in offering many, many THANKS for the services and smiles they provided our great club! Their efforts continued to advance and grow the club so when you see these two on the courts, please give them a big THANK YOU (not only for the past, but for the future as I will rely upon them for their tribal knowledge). In addition, another New Year's toast to our newest member of the board, Allie Bower, our Treasurer and to ALL the returning board

members - a group of very talented and giving individuals with a goal of serving our great club.

OK...no more New Year Toasts, but I am truly honored to be able to serve this club as President and am SO VERY HAPPY to have such a talented board to help/direct the "NEW GUY". I look to learn from them and you, our members, as we continue to carry forward previous agenda items and generate new ones.

Also, 2018 was memorable year for and as a result of our members. From court footprint expansion at The Retreat, to Pro Training available on site, to Court Cameras, to membership growth. In addition, we had several local charities benefit, from the Big Bopper, Turkey Shootout, and Dinks & Dogs/Play with the Pro. For 2019, we will continue to experience significant membership growth. As we speak, the earthmovers are busy out at the Somerset tract, so we will work hard to understand what this will bring to the club. Membership growth means volunteer growth...so be on the watch for the board and others searching you out. The bottom line, a HUGE THANK YOU to the many, many volunteers in our club. We are NOT a successful club without volunteers. You are needed, appreciated and WANTED again in 2019!

And finally, the board is only a reflection of the club as it is through you that we learn, so I/we want to hear from you and any ideas you may have. Find us and share with us!

Remember, we all relish Pickleball so have FUN and be SAFE!

Ed Cahill



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 DUES

It's time to renew your SCTPC dues to join the club in 2019. I learned the hard way that the default for purchasing club memberships is a "New" membership. **You have to actually change the "ticket" you purchase to "Renewal" if you are already a club member.** Please help us out by putting a "1" in the correct box when you purchase your 2019 membership. Also be sure that you are signed on to your own account (not your spouse's!) when purchasing your membership.

PERFORMANCES: (select from the list to change to a different performance)

Tuesday, 12/31/19 - 08:00 PM ▼

APPLY DISCOUNTS: ()

2019 Pickleball Dues

PRICE LEVELS:

New	Renewal
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\$10.00	\$10.00

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TREASURER'S REPORT



November Fund balance is \$7,026. November year to date Revenues are \$13,059 and Expenses are \$14,838 resulting in Net Loss of \$ (1,779).

Estimated fund balance at year end will be \$6,921 and we will have Net Loss of \$1,884 compared to a budgeted Net Loss of \$3,250.

My New Year's resolution is to stop hanging out with people who ask me about my resolutions.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Dinks, Chow and Chat - Tuesday, January 8th, at Wriggley's from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends and enjoy discounts on house drinks and pitchers!

BYO Dinks & Paddles - Wednesday, January 23rd from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Retreat Courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends!



MEETING MINUTES AND WEBSITE INFO



The 2019 Annual Meeting for SCTPC was held on Friday, November 16, 2018. Minutes from the meeting are on-line here - [2018 Annual Meeting Minutes](#).

In addition, Club Calendars of events are also posted on our website, as well as at the courts, thanks to Peg O'Toole, our Director of Training. Calendars can be accessed by clicking here - [Club Calendars](#).

SNOWSTORM

A blonde driving a car became lost in a snowstorm. She didn't panic however, because she remembered what her dad had once told her. "If you ever get stuck in a snowstorm, just wait for a snow plow to come by and follow it."

Sure enough, pretty soon a snow plow came by, and she started to follow it. She followed the plow for about forty-five minutes. Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked her what she was doing. And she explained that her dad had told her if she ever got stuck in a snowstorm, to follow a plow.

The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the Wal-Mart parking lot, do you want to follow me over to Best Buy now?" *(submitted by Chuck Flanagan)*





CLUB CALENDAR



January 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@pickleballkinetics.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 5:00 Court 7	2 10 to noon Novice Play courts 9 & 10	3 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 5:00 Court 7	4 1:00 to 3:00 Men's Singles Clinic Courts 7-10	5
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TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Introduction to Pickleball

Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays. The first class with openings is February 9 from 2:00 to 4:00. 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

We are scheduling two sessions of the Beginner Mentoring classes because of the backlog of participants. There will be Saturday classes 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9 12:00 to 2:00. There will be Wednesday classes 1/23, 1/30 2/6 and 2/13. Classes are limited to 16 members. Participants need to commit to all four weeks. If you currently are not on the wait-list for the classes, please contact Peg O'Toole.

Beginner Skills and Drills

A new session of Beginner Skills and Drills will begin on January 24. Classes are from 12:00 to 1:00 at the Retreat courts 9 and 10. You do not need to sign up in advance for this training. Sign up will begin at approximately 11:45 on the day of the class.

01/24/19 - Groundstrokes

01/31/09 - Volleys

02/07/19 - Dinks and Lobs

02/14/19 - Overhead, Dropshots

Intermediate Training

Classes are scheduled for January 12 through 20. Class size is limited to 12 participants. If you currently are not on the wait-list for the classes, please contact Peg O'Toole.

Drop-In Doubles Leagues

These leagues are based upon the Skill Levels that have been published in our rating sheet. Participants should join a league based upon their self-rated skill level or their USAPA rating. **We ask that you only play in the league that matches your self rating.** Participants must be Pickleball Club members.

Those that have played in USAPA tournaments should consider their USAPA rating level when referring to our rating sheet.

The 8-week leagues will run from Jan. 15 – Mar, 5.

2.5 Tuesdays starting 1/15/19

3.0 Wednesdays starting 1/16/19

3.5 and higher Thursdays starting 1/17/19

These will be drop-in leagues. All you have to do is show up and sign up (first come, first serve). About 30 minutes before start time, a sign up sheet will be available. After all players (up to a total of 24) have signed up, there is a random draw for court assignments on Texas Drive courts 1-6.

Each league runs from **1:00 to 2:00**. Format is round robin - 3 games to 11 points.





TRAINING & DEVELOP. CONT'D.

Singles Ladder Leagues

Start Date: Friday, January 18

Duration: 8 Weeks

Location: Retreat Courts 7 through 10

Women's league - 11:00 to 12:30

Men's League - 12:30 to 2:00

Scoring: Best 2 out of 3 games to 11

Max. players: 16 players per league

Format: Players will be assigned a position on the ladder based on their USAPA singles ranking and previous league results.

NOTE: This is an 8-week league, but we will have subs for times you are gone. For those who do not want to make an 8-week commitment, please sign up as a sub. We will need lots of subs. It is up to the players to find a sub when they are going to miss a Friday play day. Subs must be of similar ability as player.

Sign up: Email Donna Duffy (dmdduffy@yahoo.com) that you would like to play in the singles league. All players must be Pickleball Club Members.

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 any of these programs, please send an email to Peg O'Toole, Director of Player Development, at jgmlo@yahoo.com.

Private Pickleball Lessons

Matt Lazarine has been approved by the Sun City Pickleball Club Board to provide private lessons to club members on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 – 5:00 pm on Court #7 at the Retreat (Queens) Courts. A 1-hour session costs \$60, which can be divided by 2 (\$30), 3 (\$20) or 4 (\$15) participants. Club members can coordinate with Matt directly to sign up for lessons.

Matt Lazarine

Text or Phone: 832-499-9925

Email: mattlaz@pickleballkinetics.com

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with a hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."





DINKS & DOGS/PLAY THE PRO



This was our Third Annual December Dinks & Dogs Duos Blue Santa Fundraiser, and every year the \$\$\$ donations and gifts, participants, and added feature of "Play with the Pro" made this event even better than the year before. My special thanks to all the volunteers and to all the contributors who donated \$600, plus filled our boxes with gifts for the Georgetown Blue Santa program. Our "dinkers", who were awarded 1st and 2nd place medals for the highest number of dinks in 2 minutes were:

Novice Division: Kovacs/Walker 87; and Neville/Hill 79

Intermediate Division: Liedecker/Dick 95; Kitamorn/Cawthon 73

Advanced Division: Payne/Ferri 115; Payne/Longino 110

Potpourri Division: Cobb/Mainz 93; Longino/Longino 85

Our volunteers: Some could help a little; some could help a lot. And it all helped! Thank you Clark Grafton, Kathy Carr, Ronnie D'entremont & Dave Manley (chefs extraordinaire), Wendy D'entremont, Dan Dick, Andy Crowell, Walt Green, Sheila Quinn, Steve Frank, Mary Payne, Stan Payne, Al Kitamorn, Pat Hall, Maggie Manley, Barb Patterson, D'Les Longino, Sandy Piland, Rick Piland, Steve Timmons, Ed Cahill, and Kathy Carr (with the idea to add the Play with the Pro).

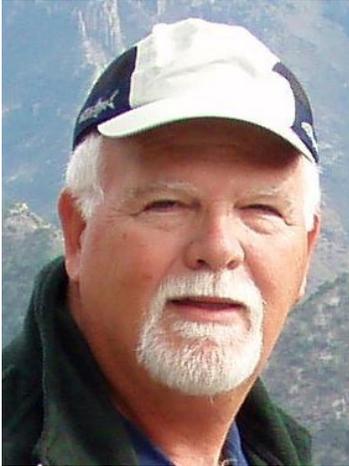
Thank you all, Nancy Grafton

Big thanks to Nancy Grafton for her superb organization in running this "Dinks and Dogs" for the past three years! And a shout-out to Kathy Carr and Matt Lazarine for adding the fun "Play the Pro" feature this year!

More photos from the day are on our website (click [Dinks and Dogs](#))



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Happy New Year!

I've been conducting referee clinics lately. The last two were in Cedar Park and at Texas A&M university. This month (January) I'll be on the road giving clinics in McAllen and

San Antonio. I think these clinics are important for a couple of reasons. The first is rather obvious; we need referees for all USAPA sanctioned tournaments. I was really encouraged at the Cedar Park clinic. I had more than two dozen people attend and most of those were members of our own Sun City pickleball club. I was pleased to see them there

and appreciated even more their support and assistance at the Cedar Park tournament later that week. Thank you!

The other reason is more subtle. Players who also referee play smarter pickleball. By that, I mean that they have more court awareness. They notice players in the wrong position; recognize illegal serves; and generally know the rules better than untrained referees. This last point, knowing the rules, can make the difference between winning or losing a match.

Last month I ended this column with the question, "What are the exact dimensions of a pickleball Service Court?" Since I wasn't around for anyone to give me the answer (pulled hamstring...but well now) I think it only fair to provide the answer here. The service court measures, 15' deep by 10' 1" wide. Did you get it right?

SPEEDING

A Sun City resident drove his brand new Corvette out of the dealership. Taking off down the road he pushed it to 80, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing" he thought as he flew down I-35, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror he saw a Texas State Trooper, and siren blaring. He floored it to 100, then 110, then 120.

Suddenly he thought, "What am I doing, I'm too old for this", and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper got out of his vehicle and walked up to the Corvette. The trooper looked at his watch and then said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes, and today is Friday. If you can give me a new reason for speeding, one I've

never heard, I'll let you go.

The old man paused and then said, "Three years ago my wife ran off with a Texas State trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir", replied the trooper.

(submitted by Jim Truho)





TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Cedar Park Championships were held the last week of November 2018 at the Cedar Park Rec Center. A number of SCTPC members participated in the tournament and also helped referee. Medal winners were:

1) Rick Ferri and Dave Stout - Gold in Men's Doubles 60+ 4.0+

2) Dave Stout and his partner, Susan Henderson - Gold medal in Mixed Doubles 60+ 4.0+

3) Todd Gunther and his partner, Jan Wall - Bronze medal in 3.0 Mixed Doubles

4) Steve Timmons and Don Hunt - Silver medal in Men's Doubles 60+ 4.0+

5) Joe Wickens and Davey Stateler - Bronze medal in Men's Doubles 3.0

6) Tournament officials and referees

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CEDAR PARK PICS (PHOTO CREDITS - DARE PLANTZ & MARY PAYNE)





TOURNAMENT RESULTS CONT'D.

A "Beta-Test" Pickleball Masters Tournament was held at Kissing Tree in San Marcos on December 15th. SCTPC members came home with many of the medals in this one-day event featuring Men's, Women's and Mixed Doubles. Thanks to Conley Giles and Sheila Quinn for organizing the event.





VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

DONNA DUFFY, CONLEY GILES, AL KITAMORN & SHEILA QUINN



Four of our STCPC members received awards for being December 2018's Volunteers of the Month. Each of them contributed greatly to the success of new leagues for our members. Conley Giles, Al Kitamorn and Sheila Quinn were the forces behind the new Doubles Challenge League. Donna Duffy helped organize and run the Singles Leagues. We thank them for their time and effort for our club - you all did a fantastic job!

Donna Duffy - Brad and I were first introduced to pickleball in 2008 when we were looking for a place to retire. We were touring the Robson retirement communities in Tucson, Az. and saw all these short little courts. Everyone was having such a fun time on the courts, and we both agreed, when we retired the facilities had to include pickleball. We moved to Sun City in 2010 and joined the P.B. club. Brad took to the sport quickly; not so much for me. It took me awhile, but finally pickleball was added to my list of sports. I entered my first pickleball singles tournament at the Senior Games in San Antonio and loved the fast pace of play. As we all know our courts are really busy, so it is hard to just grab a court for singles. I talked Mary Payne and Kathy Carr into helping me form a singles league in Sun City so we would have a dedicated time and a place to play singles. Hence, Pickleball Singles Fun Days, tournaments and leagues were a reality. I am looking forward to the start of our singles pickleball league in January. I hope all you singles players will join us.



VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED

Conley Giles - Conley Giles is an avid pickleball player and reformed tennis player. Professionally, he has 35 years experience in bringing products from idea to marketplace with patents for business processes, building components, packaging systems, and sporting goods. He is currently involved with www.FurtherEbike.com developing and importing electric bikes, www.PickleballMasters.club leagues and tournaments, and www.PHIProject.org a Georgetown community for Purple Heart Veterans. He moved to Sun City 3 years ago full time to help his 90 year old mom (an original Sun City resident) recover from a broken hip and pelvis. He has also been a member of The Austin Toastmasters Club for the past 4 decades.

Al Kitamorn - I was born and raised in Bangkok Thailand. In school, I was always interested in math and science. When I finished high school, I helped my family manage our hardware and paint store business. After a few years, I wanted to pursue a higher education in science and engineering. I convinced my parents to support my personal goals. I came to the US to attend college with a major in Electrical Engineering. Barbara and I met through our mutual friends. Later she told me that she found my ambition and college GPA appealing. We shared many common interests and values, so we married soon after.

Newly married and still in college, I was recruited by IBM as a computer technician. I continued to attend college at night and received my degree in Computer Science. To pursue my career advancement within IBM, we relocated from Ohio to Poughkeepsie, NY and later to Austin, TX to work on the Mainframe computer design and development. Having fulfilled my career, our financial goals, and Barbara's urging, I retired from IBM after 35 years.

Barbara and I have been married for 40 years and we have 2 children, Sage and Kayla. We moved to Sun City in 2013. Sandy Pilan introduced us to Pickleball as one of our N56 neighborhood activities. We joined the club soon after. We enjoyed the club training, Spring/Fall tournaments and other organized activities. We really appreciate all the volunteers' contributions that make this club successful. Both of us are happy to contribute as a way to say thanks to all others.

Sheila Quinn - First off, this request for highlights of my life so far is much better than writing my obituary!

My journey started in Tucson, Arizona as the oldest child of four. My parents were New Englanders from Vermont who chose to go off into the wild blue yonder via the Air Force in the early 50's.



VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED

Sheila Quinn (cont'd.) - We lived in Arizona, England, Arkansas, New Hampshire and finally Texas. My college career started at the University of New Hampshire and ended at the University of Texas in Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. I completed my RN degree, followed by Master's degree and post graduate degree for Neonatal Nurse Practitioner in 1994. My professional career started in Ft. Worth, then Austin, San Antonio, College Station and will end in Round Rock in mid 2019 completing 43 years of caring for babies of all sizes and degrees of illness and wellness.

I have two daughters who live in Austin and San Antonio. My oldest daughter has two daughters as well of whom are the light of my life!! She is an interior designer working downtown Austin. I am priming my oldest granddaughter to be my private duty nurse someday! My youngest is a fitness trainer in San Antonio who is my constant inspiration towards healthy living practices.

My parents instilled a love of sports and outdoor activities in all of us while growing up. Through a variety of experiences and love for being active, I have been blessed to play a number of sports in my lifetime including biking, skiing, golfing, tennis, softball, swimming and now, my current favorite, PICKLEBALL! My introduction to pickleball was earlier this year and it was love at first sight. The social aspect combined with constant movement and required reaction is a perfect combination to foster a new addiction for me! The pickleball community in Sun City is a terrific example of a welcoming community that encourages anyone to at least try smacking the ball across the net and utilize memory skills in keeping scores. I am looking forward to improving my pickleball abilities and fostering friendships on and off the courts!

2019 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS



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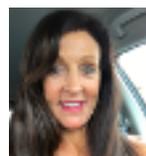
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