

# Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we move into July.....Glenn Frey would sing "THE HEAT IS ON." I would sing (where no one would hear me) " OK, BUT AWAY WITH THE HUMIDITY." All this being said, and before we look forward into July, a quick look back into a busy June. It is so very hard to keep up with the names of the many, many volunteers that make our club Sun City's BEST. A HUGE THANKS to the many organizers and volunteers for the Big Bopper (a record attendance and charity donations of \$2600+), the Ice Cream Social, our support of the Jr.

Camp (it is rumored that the campers liked Pickleball the BEST) and our first Pickleball MIXER. In addition, Kim Stout and Sandy Piland have been designing away developing a showcase of our club for the display case at the Texas Drive Social Center lobby. Take a peek the next time you visit the Social Center!!!

Our General Meeting takes place at the Cowan Creek Georgetown Room at 1 pm on 7/10. For our new members, these occur only 3 times per year and we encourage all members to attend. In this session, we will update our members on the board's discussions to date in regard to our current and future Pickleball Court needs. We will also present the highlights of the recent member survey and talk about next steps (YES, there will be action on your input).

AND, for the THIRD month in a row (YES, our third month), NO accidents, so please continue with the SAFETY FIRST, WIN THE POINT SECOND motto!!

Ed Cahill

You're never as good as everyone tells you when you win, and you're never as bad as they say when you lose."

**Lou Holz** 



### **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### TREASURER'S REPORT



Place and the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

The Club began the month of May with a balance of \$9,573 and ended with \$9,914 for a net gain of \$341. Income totaled \$705 with \$120 from new memberships and \$585 from advanced Big Bopper tournament and potluck ticket sales. Expenses totaled \$365 which included miscellaneous items for administrative operations, shelving for the new storage building at the Retreat, and \$100 for the Karaoke DJ. We had 12 new members bringing our current total to 613. Effective 1 July, new memberships valid through 31 Dec 19 will be prorated at \$5.00 and adjusted as such on the CA website. *Note:* With the exception of the aforementioned May ticket sales, all funds associated with the Big Bopper event will be reflected in the June financial report. All proceeds are donated to the designated charities of the Caring

### JULY GENERAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars to attend the July General Meeting on Wednesday, July 10th at 1:00 pm in the Georgetown Room at Cowan Creek. As Ed mentioned in the "From the President" section, we will be highlighting our court needs, as well as results of the current survey (which had a record number of responses!) The current agenda for the meeting is available on our website (under "Board Meeting Minutes") or by clicking the link below:

CLICK HERE July 2019 Board Meeting Agenda

(This brings up another point for some of our newer members, when we say "click here" or "click below" we mean to put your cursor on the underlined text and "click" it - this should automatically take you to the right webpage. We do this so you don't need to hunt around the website trying to find everything! We are trying to make it easy for our members!)

If you have not responded to the mini-survey, concerning "outside organizations," there is still time, until July 5th, to do that.

CLICK HERE 2019 Pickleball Club Member Mini-Survey

If you have any additional items you would like to see added to the agenda, under "New Business," please contact our president, Ed Cahill, by July 5th. (Just CLICK on his name to send an email to him.)



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.

#### **CLUB EVENTS**

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



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

#### **DJ Dance**

The July DJ Dance at the Retreat courts is being postponed until October due to July's too hot weather! Stay tuned for more details in the fall.

#### **Retreat Court Lights**

The lights at the Retreat Courts are now on a timer and will automatically shut off at 9:00 pm each night.

#### JUNE NEW MEMBERS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Mike	Collins
George	Oliver

Welcome! We're glad you're here!



### CLUB CALENDAR



### July 2019

Pre Registration required for Introduction to Pickleball Class, Beginner Mentoring Program and Intermediate 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
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### LEAGUES AND TRAINING

#### Leagues

The Spring Leagues completed on June 14. The results are posted on the bulletin board at the courts and on the Sun City website (CLICK - **Spring 2019 League Results**). In order to be ranked, a player needed to play a minimum of 3 times. I know this was challenging with the rain-outs.

#### **Drop-In Leagues**

A total of 133 players participated. The percentages are figured by the total points possible divided by the points won. Top 3/4 players in each division are:

John Schultz	91.67%
Robert Price	90.15%
Harold Rambusch	89.39%
Gordon Kovacs	96.97%
Bill Tomlinson	90.15%
Sunny Schultz	88.89%
Leslie Vanderpool	88.89%
Charles De Sa	96.97%
Kobus Pieters	93.43%
Donna Duffy	89.90%
Mary Perez	89.90%
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#### **Singles Ladder League**

The Spring Singles League ended up being more of a drop in league than a true ladder since we had so many players traveling for tournaments. We were able to average around 16 players each week, with 10 - 12 men, and 4 - 6 ladies. At the end, the leader of the men's league was Steve Frank and the women's leader was Annette Franke. Thank you all for playing and hope to see you in the Fall.

Donna Duffy



### LEAGUES AND TRAINING

#### **Training**

#### Introduction to Pickleball Classes

Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00. Equipment is provided. YOU NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THE CLASS with Peg O'Toole at <a href="mailto:jgmlo@yahoo.com">jgmlo@yahoo.com</a>.

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

#### Lessons with Matt Laz - schedule and court changes for July and August

Matt will be giving private lessons on

Tuesdays from 1:00 to 6:00 on court 7 at the Retreat Courts

Thursdays from 11:00 to 6:00 on court 6 at the Texas Drive Courts

If you and/or a group want to schedule sessions with Matt, please contact Matt at mattlaz@pickleballkinetics.com or text or phone 832-499-9925.

A one-hour session costs \$60, but can be divided by 2 (\$30), 3 (\$20) or 4 (\$15).

# GUEST RULES - REMINDER

This is a gentle reminder concerning our "Club Time Guest Rules." **From our Rules and Regulations**: (CLICK to view entire document from our website):

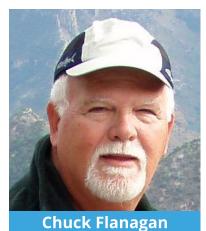
#### 2. Guest of Club Members (non-residents):

- 2.1. Family and friends staying with Club members may play with the Club members present. (Exception young children or adults who do not know how to play.)
- 2.2. Family and friends of Club members who live within a hundred miles of Sun City can play with club members once a week. (Exception young children or adults who do not know how to play.)

Rule 2.2. means that a "local" person, who does not reside in Sun City, can play at our courts one time total per week. It does NOT mean that he/she can come on Monday with Norman, Tuesday with Bertha, Wednesday with Herbert, etc.!



# FROM OUR AMBASSADORS



#### National Senior Games

Last month I attended the National Senior Games, in Albuquerque, NM. I spent the last day refereeing games in the singles events

and wanted to tell you of something that happened during one of the men's matches I refereed. This was a 'losers bracket' match (one game to 15) and the two players were fairly closely matched. One player (I'll call him Ted) was slightly ahead when he injured his knee. It wasn't bleeding or serious enough to take a medical time out, but it obviously affected his play afterwards and the other player pulled ahead.

The two players switched sides when the first player scored 8 points. Ted was several points behind. As the game progressed, Ted started to stage a comeback and scored several points in a row to tie the score at 13-13. That's when it happened. Ted came to the net and withdrew from the match! He told us that although he felt that he could continue this match to a conclusion, he would not be able to play any others. Thus he was withdrawing in order to allow his opponent to have the opportunity to continue in the tournament.

That was a remarkable act of sportsmanship and

one of the reasons that I love this game! It's the people you meet and friends you make that keep us in the game.

Local Ambassador's Note (Barb Patterson): | was also at the NSG a week before Chuck was there and witnessed another outstanding display of sportsmanship. An amazing women's doubles match between top players Nancy Robertson/Jenny Butler and Cookie Drake/Roxanne Pierce was taking place. It was the third game of a grueling match. Nancy had suffered a bad leg cramp during the first game (medical timeouts are not allowed for cramping, so they used both of their timeouts for that game for Nancy to rest.) She was clearly suffering during the remainder of the match but persevered. At 11-11 in the third game, Nancy/Jenny won the point to give them match point - 12-11. But they were out of time-outs and Nancy had clearly cramped up again. Cookie looked across the net and said to Nancy, "Do you need some time?" Nancy answered, "Yes!" Cookie called time-out, using one of her team's time-outs to give her opponent a minute to breathe! Nancy and Jenny rested for a minute, came back and won the next point to take the match. I've never seen anything like it and told Cookie the next day, that what she had done was more important than any medal she could have won. She just smiled and said "Barb, it was the right thing to do."

I'll never forget it.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

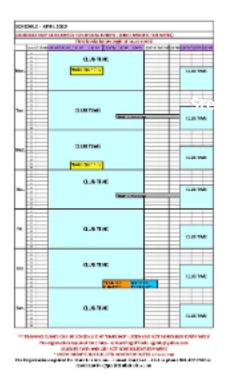


## Q: What is the difference between "Club Court Hours" and "Calendar" on our Pickleball Club website?

The "Club Court Hours" is the schedule that applies for <u>club member</u> use of the ten pickleball courts at Sun City Texas. It lists the days, times and court assignment for leagues and open club periods, no matter what month it is. The Club Court Hours schedule changes slightly depending upon the time of year.

The "Calendar" is the schedule of events, training, leagues, etc. for a current month. The Club Calendar is posted on the bulletin boards by each set of courts, in each newsletter and on our website.

CLICK - Club Court Hours to download



CLICK - Club Calendar to download





### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Rocky Mountain State Games 6/7/19 - 6/9/19



Diane and Bob Cleaver - Mixed Doubles 60-69, 3.5 - Gold



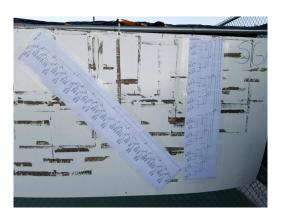
Bob Cleaver and Kelly Allison -Men's Doubles, 3.5, 60-64 - Gold

### National Senior Games, Albuquerque, 6/14/19 - 6/25/19



Will Saunders, earned a Bronze Medal at the National Senior Games, Mixed Doubles, 70-74 with his partner, Betsy Hulme. This is a HUGE accomplishment!

WAY TO GO WILL & BETSY!



The brackets were so large, they wouldn't fit on the bulletin boards!



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONT'D.

#### **National Senior Games**





A huge shout-out to all of the players, as well as their spouses, friends, cheerleaders and towel "boys" and "girls" who made the trek to Albuquerque for the 2019 National Senior Games. You all represented Sun City Texas very well!

A special thanks goes to Chuck Flanagan, who led a series of practices for our players to get ready for the games. We appreciate your time and dedication to pickleball, Chuck! You ROCK!

Now it's on to 2021 and the National Senior Games in Greater Fort Lauderdale!

Kathy Carr and Shaz Douglas presenting Chuck Flanagan with a token of the NSG players' appreciation.



# JOKES AND FUN STUFF



#### The "Engineer" submitted by Bill Treadway

Procter & Gamble had a problem. They sometimes shipped empty Crest toothpaste boxes without the tube inside. This challenged their perceived quality with the buyers and distributors. Understanding how important the relationship with them was, the CEO of the company assembled his top people. They decided to hire an external engineering company to solve their empty boxes problem. The project followed the usual process: budget and project sponsor allocated, RFP, and third-parties selected. Six months (and \$8 million) later they had a fantastic solution – on time, on budget, and high quality. Everyone in the project was pleased.

They solved the problem by using a high-tech precision scale that would sound a bell and flash lights whenever a toothpaste box weighed less than it should. The line would stop, someone would walk over, remove the defective box, and then press another button to re-start the line. As a result of the new package monitoring process, no empty boxes were being shipped out of the factory.

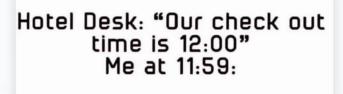
With no more customer complaints, the CEO felt the \$8 million was well spent. He then reviewed the line statistics report and discovered the number of empty boxes picked up by the scale in the first week was consistent with projections, however, the next three weeks were zero! The estimated rate should have been at least a dozen boxes a day. He had the engineers check the equipment, they verified the report as accurate.

Puzzled, the CEO traveled down to the factory, viewed the part of the line where the precision scale was installed, and observed just ahead of the new \$8 million dollar solution sat a \$20 desk fan blowing the empty boxes off the belt and into a bin. He asked the line supervisor what that was about.

"Oh, that," the supervisor replied, "Bert, the kid from maintenance, put it there because he was tired of walking over, removing the box and re-starting the line every time the bell rang."



# FUN STUFF CONT'D.





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I had a lot of stuff to do today.

Now I have a lot of stuff to do tomorrow.

#### **The Prayer**

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating straight away.

"Johnny, wait until we've said our prayer," his mother reminded him.

"I don't have to," the little boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."



"That's at our house," Johnny explained, "but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."



### MORE FUN STUFF

#### Stick To The Plan

I was observing two men that were working for the public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in.

After a while I had to ask, "Why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."

I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon.

I'll let you know.

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