

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

May

FROM THE PRESIDENT



So, welcome to May! Hopefully we are moving into lower winds and NO morning moisture, a recipe for great outdoor Pickleball. Our leagues are back after a hiatus of just a few short weeks, so please enjoy the Friends, Fun and Fitness, as well as, Open Play every day!

Our tournament Directors (Barb Patterson and Jerry Fronczak), along with Shaz Douglas and her army of volunteers put on yet another fantastic "Swing into Spring" tournament and BBQ. And, the Board will be performing a post review of the day and evening as we always want to improve. Please grab any of us for feedback...some of you have already been heard :). Again, a HUGE THANK YOU to all! These events are a ton

of work and the Board appreciates it!!

And a few quick reminders.....first, I hear the CA Survey of Court Usage is underway so just in case you see a strange face, it is all good, just a CA volunteer! Second, the SCTPC Member Survey will be released soon. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, take a moment to complete this survey. We purposely kept in brief, so as to not discourage participation. PLEASE let us hear your VOICE and OPINION (it's OK to have an opinion, as we want the good, the bad and the ugly). Prior surveys have only resulted in about 15 to 20% participation rate.....we can do better, so PLEASE (the last PLEASE) take a moment to complete. The Board and our membership would appreciate and benefit from your point of view.

And, remember, SAFETY FIRST, WIN THE POINT SECOND. In our last Board update, NO ACCIDENTS reported AWESOME!!

Ed Cahill

"If you are not lighting any candles, then don't complain about it being dark."

Anonymous



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT



The Club began the month of March with a balance of \$9,974 and ended with \$10,484 for a net gain of \$510. Income totaled \$2,404 with the majority coming from Spring BBQ ticket sales. Expenses totaled \$1,894 with the largest being the BBQ caterer (Dickey's) deposit; the remaining balance is due in April prior to the event. We had 14 new members bringing our current total to 585.

APRIL NEW MEMBERS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Monte	Campbell
Jerry	Flitcraft
Karen	Freiter
Carole	Golden
Linda	Keilman

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Kath	McClain
Larry	McPherson
LaWanna	McPherson
Rollie	Volker
Pam	Yager

Welcome! We're glad you're here!



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Dinks, Chow and Chat - May 7th, at Mulligan's from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends!



BYO Dinks & Paddles - Tuesday, May 28th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Retreat Courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends!



Karaoke Night - Friday, May 10th - Come enjoy a fun evening of Karaoke on Mulligan's patio from 6-8pm on Friday May 10! Enjoy dinner and discounts on Beer and Wine during Happy Hour and lots of serenading and laughs as we get together for this entertaining Pickleball Club social event!

The last Karaoke Night we had was a huge success and all the people who swore they would not sing, did! Just grab a friend or a bunch of friends and get up there and have a blast!

The Karaoke Club will be sending a representative with their equipment to assure a professionally run event with thousands of songs to choose from.

Cattleman Trail Hike - Saturday, May 25th - Come on a beautiful 2 1/2 mile hike with your pickleball friends, led by our best pickleball husband and Hiking Club Ambassador, Ken Patterson, on Saturday, May 25!

We will meet at the Retreat courts at 9:00 am and hike the new Cattleman Trail behind the Retreat Amenity Center. Be one of the first to see this new nature trail created and maintained by our Sun City Hiking Club! Bring water and wear good walking shoes. Hat and sunscreen/bug spray always a good idea. Also, bring a picnic lunch and BYOB if you'd like to stay and socialize after the hike. Your cooler will be safe waiting for you to finish your hike! Our hike will end at the Retreat courts around 10:30 am.



CLUB CALENDAR



May 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@pickleballinetics.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 to noon Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10 11:00—League 3.0 drop in Courts 1-6 1:00 to 3:00 Intermediate training courts 7, 8, 9 & 10	2 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7 11:00—League 3.5 + drop in Courts 1-6	3 11:00 to 2:00 Women and Men Singles Ladder League Courts 7-10	4
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LEAGUES AND TRAINING

Introduction to Pickleball Classes

Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays. The first class with openings is June 15 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 and Intermediate Training Programs

Classes are limited and you need to register in advance for the classes. If you currently are not on the wait-list for the next group of classes, and would like to be, please contact Peg O'Toole.

Lessons with Matt Laz

Matt will be giving private lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 to 6:00 on court 7 at the Retreat 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).

Leagues

The leagues have started and will run through the week of June 3

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.** Those that have played in USAPA tournaments should consider their USAPA rating level when referring to our [rating sheet](#).

2.5 Tuesdays

3.0 Wednesdays

3.5 and higher Thursdays

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 **11:00 to noon**. Format is round robin - 3 games to 11 points.

Singles Ladder Leagues

Location: Retreat Courts 7 through 10 - start times either 11:00 or 12:00

Women's League and Men's League

Scoring: 2 games to 11 points with a third game for any ties

Format: The format for play this season has changed since so many of are traveling or out for tournaments. If you want to play, please come to the Retreat Courts on Friday during the assigned time periods of 11:00 to 2:00. There will be no make-up matches and no subs. Everyone that asked to be a sub, if you are in town, come play. Most of the time, the ladies will start at 11 and the guys at 12:00. That may change based on people's' availability. Once you get to the courts Donna Duffy (and assistants) will pair you up and get you playing. We will use last ladder league standings and any singles rating you may have earned through tournaments to make sure you have fun games.

Questions about Singles Leagues: Email Donna Duffy - dmdduffy@yahoo.com

For all training and leagues, except the Introduction Class, you need to be a member of the Pickleball club. This includes classes with Matt Lazarine - only SCTX residents who are SCTPC members may sign up for clinics/lessons with him.

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.



LEAGUES AND TRAINING CONT'D.

Congratulations to the graduates of Beginner Mentoring - Class #17!

In picture alphabetically,

Sharon Bietzer, Bill Carrmean, Tracy Fogg, Carol Hensley, Clyde Jeffcoat, Judy Lammering, Shelly Mason, Gail and Jeff Metz, Susan Perry, Vivian Shafer, Peg Zmrhal.

Absent: Mary Carrino, Brian and Deb Styer, Jan Wilson.



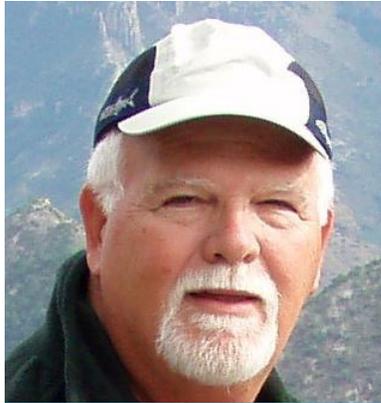
Me at the start of a game...



Me at the end of a game...



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

Here's How You Can Help!

Are you interested in playing in a sanctioned tournament? Are you willing to help make that tournament a success? If so, here's

how you can help...learn to referee. It's pretty simple since you already know how to play and keep score and I'll be more than happy to teach you the basics and ease you into real matches.

Here's how that works:

First, read the rules and take the rules test. You can find the rules and tests here

<https://www.usapa.org/referee-training-tools/>.

Next, watch the quick start video on how to use the score sheet. You'll find that 18 minute video here <https://youtu.be/M2QDfbl4ovg>.

The next step is to attend a referee clinic. I'll be conducting my next one at the Cedar Park Rec Center the week before the Paddle Battle tournament (May 6, from 10:00 - noon). The last step will be at the tournament where we will let you shadow an experienced referee until you feel comfortable. Then, we'll have that referee shadow you to help your confidence. We won't pressure you and won't send you out on your own until you feel ready. Let me know if you're interested because we really can use your help.

(Note: the steps I've outlined above will help you to become a good referee but are NOT substitutes for any of the USAPA Certified Referee qualification requirements.)

Lately I've noticed many players (including myself) mis-hitting the ball or missing it entirely and I've concluded that the culprit is that we've gotten complacent and are just...not watching the ball! It's such a simple thing and we've all heard it hundreds of times. Yet we still forget! Can you honestly say that you are watching the ball get hit by your paddle every time you serve? Think about that the next time you're on the court and remember...

As you roam the court

No matter your goal

Keep your eye on the donut

And not on the hole!





SWING INTO SPRING TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, April 14th, we held our annual "Swing into Spring" Tournament and BBQ Dinner. This year we set a record for most tournament players registered (130) and most tickets sold to a dinner event (188). The weather cooperated (YAY!) and even though it was a little chilly in the morning, it turned out to be a beautiful day on the courts. Jan Schmidt, from the Stacy Group, once again provided lunch for the players. We greatly appreciate her doing that year after year!

This year, 40 players were registered in both the Novice and Advanced Groups (5 teams, with 8 on each team). The Intermediate Group had 50 players (5 teams of 10 players.) Play started at around 9:00 am, after announcements and the Star Spangled Banner. The last match ended at 3:30 pm.

Here are the 2019 "Swing into Spring" Medal Winners:





SWING INTO SPRING TOURNAMENT

ADVANCED - 1st Place (118 Points) Team 1 Larry Black, Captain

Kathy Carr, Diane Cleaver, Charles De Sa, Lynn Hensley, W R Helge, Brett Mainz, Stan Payne

ADVANCED - 2nd Place (112 Points) Team 5 Nancy Grafton, Captain

Ed Cahill, Brad Duffy, Steve Frank, Annette Franke, Peg O'Toole, Stan Rubin, Steve Timmons

INTERMEDIATE - 1st Place (116 Points) Team 5 Jim Tompkins, Captain

Toni Briggs, Robert Dean, Elaine Foster, Jay Hangartner, Woody Hutto, Michael Moher, Renda Murphy, Cliff Seiler, Robin Thomas

INTERMEDIATE - 2nd Place (115 Points) Team 4 Sam Fontenot, Captain

Kathy Barras, Mike Boothe, Mark Cawthon, Linda Hutchinson, Lark Leazar, Jeri-Lynn Sandusky, John Costello, Joe Wickens, Theresa Wolcott

NOVICE - 1st Place (115 Points) Team 4 Coach - Hutch & Ron Longino

Sharon Bietzer, Lisa Callahan, Barbara Kelly, Shelly Mason, Hannah Nguyen, Brian Styer, Annette Thurmond, Ira Winsten

NOVICE - 2nd Place (104 Points) Team 5 Coach - Mary Payne

Tracy Fogg, David Kelly, Gail Metz, Robin Morrow, Mary Olivera, Wayne Wright

Many thanks to Jerry Fronczak, who was the chief organizer of the tourney, and to Shaz Douglas, our Social Committee Chair. We appreciate the many members who gave of their time with set up, check-in, food purchasing, meal service, clean-up, etc. In addition, huge thanks to all of the Novice Coaches and team captains - you all helped make the day a big success!

Over 150 photos from the day can be found on our website here - [Swing into Spring Photos](#) or on our Facebook page here - <https://www.facebook.com/SCTXPickleball/>



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: How can I find out whether there is training/leagues happening on courts on a certain day? I don't like driving to the courts and seeing they are too busy with classes or leagues.

We publish a monthly calendar in our Kitchen Talk newsletter (what you're reading right now). The calendars are also posted at each set of courts on the bulletin boards. The calendar is available on our website here too - [SCTPC Website](#). If training or league times are changed (due to weather or unforeseen circumstances), we update those calendars ASAP on the bulletin boards and on the website. In addition, you may want to check on the court cameras that are available at both sets of courts to see how busy the courts are. Instructions for use of the cameras are on-line on our website.

Q: Why can't we have lights for night play on courts 1-4?

Our club is not able to ask for lights on courts 1-4 due to an agreement made years ago with the Community Association. The CA installed lights on courts 5 & 6, with the agreement that we must never come back and request lights on 1-4 due to controversy with surrounding neighborhoods. We feel very lucky that we have lights on all four Retreat Courts.

Q: Why was the spring tournament held on a Sunday this year, instead of a Saturday?

Our club has grown so much (we ended up with 650 members in 2018) that we now need to book the ballroom for our large dinners and events. The ballroom is often difficult to book on Saturdays, so we are left with Sundays or other weekdays if we want to continue to have large events with close to 200 attendees. The consensus is that our members like to have the dinner immediately after the tournament is held. In the fall, we were able to secure the ballroom on a Saturday night and so the **Western Showdown Tournament and Shrimp Boil will be held on Saturday, October 19th**. Mark your calendars now!

Have a question about the club, the courts, our events or what's happening in SCTPC? Send it to SCTXpickleball@gmail.com for possible inclusion in future newsletters.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Kissing Tree Tournament 4/5/19 - 4/7/19



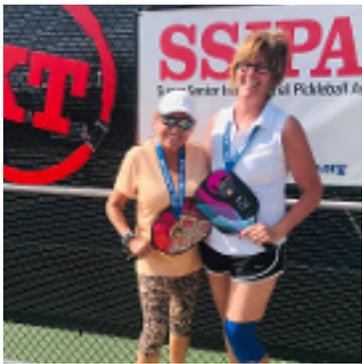
Men's 3.0 Singles 65-69 -
Kobus Pieters - Gold, Dare
Plantz - Silver



Men's 4.0 Singles 65-69 -
Steve Frank - Gold



Men's 3.5 Singles 70-79 - David
Persilver - Silver



Women's 4.5 Doubles 50-54 -
Pocket D'haeseleer - Bronze



Women's 3.5 Doubles 60-64 -
Diane Cleaver and Shaz
Doubles - Bronze



Women's 4.0 Doubles 60-64 -
Kathy Carr and Barb Patterson -
Silver



Annette and Ron Franke won gold
for 60+ 4.0 MXD.

Annette and Ron Franke participated in the 2019 2nd Annual Aaron Gifford Pickleball Benefit Tournament in Las Cruces, NM in April. This tournament honors Aaron Gifford who took his life as a result of PTSD after returning from multiple tours in the Middle East. Proceeds from the tournament support homeless veterans and raise awareness for the 22 veterans that take their own lives everyday due to PTSD.



Women's 50+ 4.5 Annette
Franke/Lawanna Quist earned Silver.

Tourney players - please remember to send your photos/results to SCTXpickleball@gmail.com in a timely manner so they can be included in newsletters.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONT'D.

Texas Senior Games

04/09/19 - 04/11/19

Alamo City Allstars, Universal City, TX

PLAYERS	EVENT	MEDAL
David Stout / Robert Kelly	Men's Dbls 60-64	Gold
Steve Frank / Jeff Rausch	Men's Dbls 60-64	Bronze
Don Hunt / Steve Timmons	Men's Dbls 65-69	Silver
David Persilver / Bill Russell	Men's Dbls 70-74	Silver
Bill Chalmers / Nadav Friedmann	Men's Dbls 75-79	Gold
Dave Stout / Susan Goldstraw	Mixed Dbls 60-64	Silver
Bill Chalmers / Jan Pahde	Mixed Dbls 75-79	Silver
Nancy and Clark Grafton	Mixed Dbls 75-79	Bronze
Jack Warner / Darleen Johnson	Mixed Dbls 80-84	Gold
Steve Frank	Men's Sgls 65-69	Silver
Joyce Cadwallader / Nancy Grafton	Women's Dbls 70-74	Silver



Chuck - Referee
Extraordinaire!



SCTPC members
unwinding at dinner!



TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONT'D.

Texas Senior Games Medalists



If you won a medal at this event and do not see your photo or results listed here, it might be because you didn't send the info to SCTXpickleball@gmail.com so it could be included.



JOKES AND FUN STUFF



Stumpy & Martha *submitted by Chuck Flanagan*

Stumpy and his wife Martha went to the state fair every year. Every year Stumpy would say, "Martha, I'd like to ride in that there airplane."

And every year Martha would say, "I know Stumpy, but

that airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

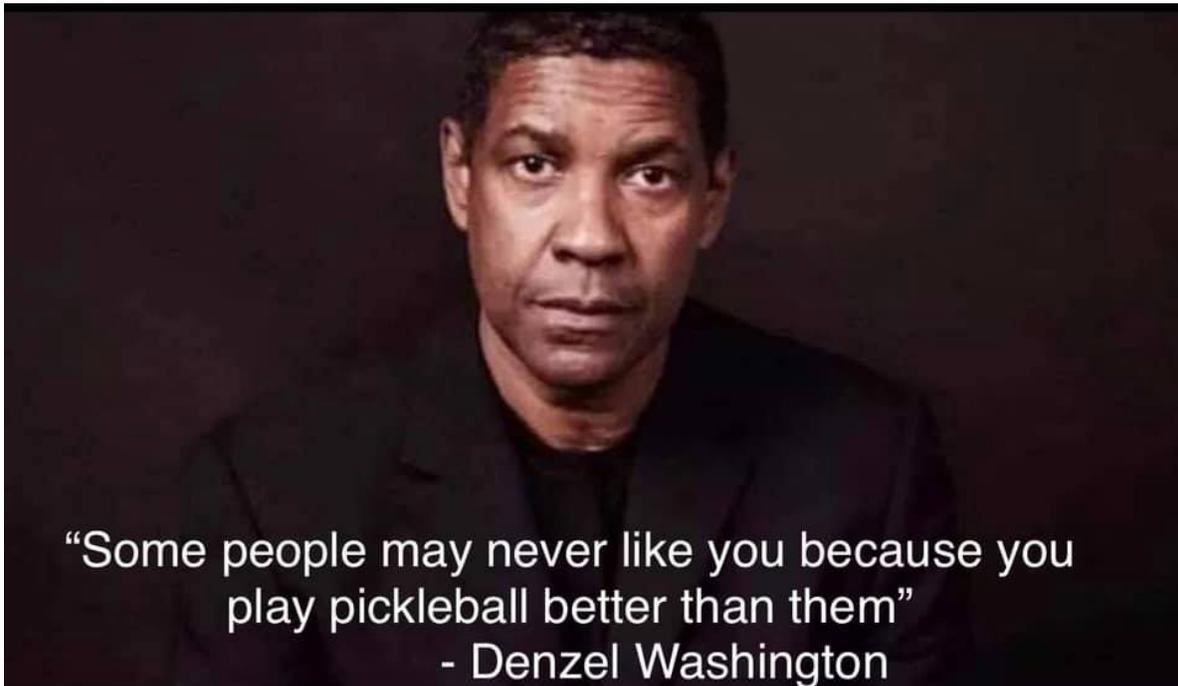
One year Stumpy and Martha went to the fair and Stumpy said, "Martha, I'm 71 years old. If I don't ride that airplane this year I may never get another chance."

Martha replied, "Stumpy, that there airplane ride costs ten dollars, and ten dollars is ten dollars."

The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal, I'll take you both up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say one word, I won't charge you, but if you say one word it's ten dollars."

Stumpy and Martha agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of twists and turns, rolls and dives, but not a word was heard. He did all his tricks over again, but still not a word. They landed and the pilot turned to Stumpy, "By golly, I did everything I could think of to get you to yell out, but you didn't."

Stumpy replied, "Well, I was gonna say something when Martha fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars."



*Meme
created by
Billy Reader*



MORE FUN STUFF



Doc & the Mechanic - *submitted by Chuck Flanagan*

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop.

The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike.

The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic...

"Try doing it with the engine running."

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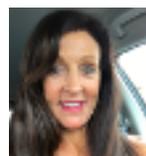
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