

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

March

FROM THE PRESIDENT



First, I want to inform you that the March General Meeting is canceled. The primary reason is 4 of our 7 voting board members will not be present, therefore no quorum. You could say poor planning on our part, but 4 out at the same time is a first and certainly unforeseen. And, all indications are that further information in regard to Court Expansion is 4-6 weeks away, thus nothing of significance to share, knowing this is the biggest area of interest right now. When we fully understand the final steps in regard to additional courts, we may call a special membership meeting.

In regard to additional courts, please know your board is VERY engaged in this process. Just within the last few weeks, you have heard the CA President, Steve Ashlock, publicly state in the CA Board Workshop and NRO meetings that the search for Pickleball Court Expansion is not dead, it is the fastest growing sport in the country, and that he expects further details in 4-6 weeks. And, in the March Sun Rays, Bob Glandt, the CA Vice President, directly called out pickleball as a key amenity in maintaining the value of property in Sun City. Your board has worked very hard in educating Pulte and the CA in regard to the sport, its popularity, and the need for more courts. They have listened and are responding. **Additional courts are definitely in the plan, now it is a matter of the location and timing.** As we are able, we will certainly keep you up to date.

All this being said, we do expect some difficulties as better weather arrives and the summer heat limits afternoon play. The board will be looking at additional ways to maximize available court hours with an eye on ensuring safety for all, as well as, the "Fun, Friends and Fitness" of pickleball.

In regard to Safety, we did not escape the month without an accident, just look for the guy with a black eye, playing every day! And remember, Safety FIRST, win the point SECOND.

Ed Cahill

"If at first you don't succeed, you are running about average."

M.H. Anderson



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT *SUBMITTED BY ALLIE BOWER*



Sun City Pickleball: January 2020 Synopsis

The club began FY20 with a fund balance of \$6,313. Income for the month of January was \$6,105 with \$6,070 coming from both deferred December 2019 and January 2020 memberships. An additional \$35.00 came from guest ticket sales to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event.

Expenses totaled \$1,053 with the largest being the appreciation event in recognition of the countless volunteers that supported club programs, leagues, training, and social events during 2019. This amounted to \$881; court camera cost was \$75, and the remaining balance of \$97 was in support of administrative and training needs of the Club.

Ending fund balance for January 2020 is \$11,365.

Membership as of 31 Jan 20 is 607. Any 2019 members who had not renewed were removed from the rolls effective 1 Feb 20. All those interested should join by logging into the CA website under tickets; cost is \$10 per person for an annual membership.

PICKLEBALL MIXER *SUBMITTED BY SHAZ DOUGLAS*

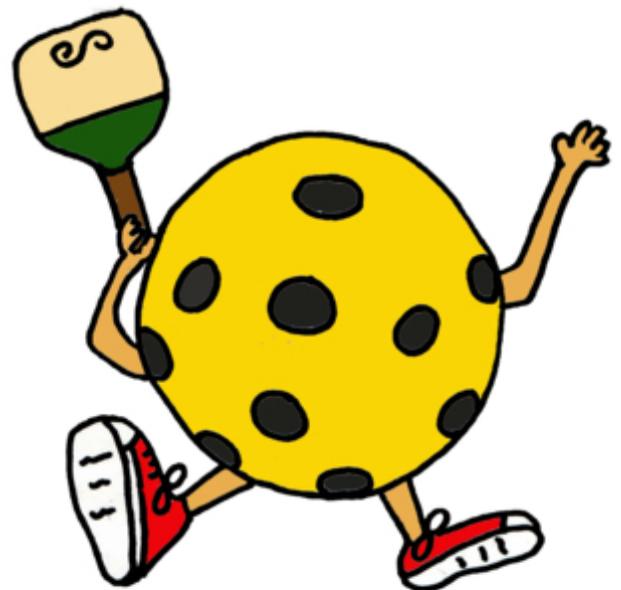
Come mix and play pickleball with SCTPC members you haven't played with before!

Saturday March 21st

4:00-6:00 pm

Texas Drive Courts

BYOB!





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name
Ron	Abbott
Ernani	Andrews
Robert	Andrews
Kip	Boone
Sally	Boone
Mike	Clifton
Carolyn	Cowan
Donna	Crockett
Deanie	Culbert
Robert	Dempewolf
Bonnie	Essres
Ronnie	Essres
DJ	Holley
Trey	Holley
Brian	Kirby
Gail	Kirby
Mike	Metcalf

First Name	Last Name
Vicki	Oliver
Carol	Pax
Jim	Pax
Julie	Rhoda
Dina	Rose
Gwen	Schnurman
Kevin	Shanahan
Tasca	Snow
Reinette	Steele
Rhonda	Tappan
Michael	Thornton
Cheryl	Tolleson
Tom	Tolleson
Tom	Wickiser
Penny	Willms
David	Witter
Roxane	Wolske





SPRING TOURNEY & BBQ DINNER

The "Swing into Spring" Tournament and BBQ Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 18th. The tournament is already full, but entries are still being accepted to go on a wait-list. Please click on [Swing into Spring Entry](#) to learn more.



Tickets for the BBQ Dinner will go on sale on March 2nd through the CA Ticket System. Tickets are \$14 per person. The dinner will be held in the Sun City Ballroom from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

A REMINDER

The Community Association has a policy that there is no smoking at/in any amenity or facility at SCTX. For pickleball courts the smoking policy is that the courts, gathering areas and 15 feet from those areas are smoke free. If you're going to smoke, please be sure that you are far enough away from the courts and that you dispose of your cigarette butts properly. One of our members found these the other day at Texas Drive and he really doesn't want to clean up cigarette butts again!



HELP WANTED

There are two major pickleball tournaments in central Texas next month and we are seeking volunteers to help tape the courts. The first tournament is the Mid-South Regional, at Texas A&M, in College Station, March 12-15. We have 36 pickleball courts to line out with tape and we need a lot of volunteers to make this job go quickly. The taping will begin early Wednesday morning (March 11), the day before the competition begins. This will be a very big job and we can easily use 30-40 people.

The second tournament is the Texas Senior Games, at Alamo All Stars, in Universal City, on March 31-April 2. We have 16 courts here that will need to be taped the afternoon before the tournament (March 30). This is a smaller job and we can do it easily with 20 volunteers.

Please contact Chuck Flanagan chuck.flanagan@gmail.com if you can help with either of these events.



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

Pickleball is Exploding!

Just in case you haven't heard, pickleball is exploding! According to the Sports and Fitness Industry Association, over 3.3 million people in the United States played pickleball last year. That's just in the US. You may also have heard me mention the 'Places 2 Play' section of the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) web site. In 2013 it listed 238 places to play. Today there are 8,162 places listed worldwide and more are being added every day. Keeping this list up to date is one of the more important tasks of USAPA ambassadors.

Speaking of the USAPA, many of our club members are already members, but USAPA is only one of the 21 member organizations in the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP). Did you know there was an IFP?

Founded in 2010, the IFP's mission is, " ...to perpetuate the development and growth of the sport throughout the world. The IFP's goal is to introduce pickleball to all nations so that they may embrace the sport as one of their national sports, and ultimately to achieve official recognition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in order to establish pickleball as an Olympic sport."

Well, it didn't take long for interest in pickleball to explode in these other countries. The IFP members soon decided that having an international pickleball event would be a great idea and "The Bainbridge Cup " became reality. Named in honor of pickleball's roots, this annual event takes its name from Bainbridge Island, the place where our sport was born. The Bainbridge Cup, like the Ryder Cup (golf) and Davis cup (tennis) is an international team competition pitting Team North America vs. Team Europe. The inaugural Bainbridge Cup took place in Madrid, Spain, in 2017. In 2018, the Bainbridge Cup was held in Montesilvano, Italy, and in 2019 it was held in Essen, Germany. This year's event will be held in conjunction with the English Open in Nottingham, England.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

February 2020 - Peg O'Toole



Nominated by Kathy Carr

As the Club's new Player Development Director, I haven't walked a lap around the track, let alone a full mile in the shoes of my predecessor. It's only taken me a few steps, however, to appreciate the amount of blood, sweat and tears Peg O'Toole shed during her 4- year tenure in this position.

Club guidelines make Board Members ineligible for the Volunteer of the Month Award. So, I can't talk about the 827 students Peg personally taught the Introduction to Pickleball. I can't mention the 60+ hours she spent on her feet at 4 Charter Club Fairs and 16 Newcomer Orientations touting the greatness of our Club. It

would be wrong to tell how she managed calendars, courts, wait lists, students, books and instructors for 19 Beginners' Mentoring Classes, 12 Skills and Drills Sessions and 11 Intermediate Training Classes. I certainly would be prohibited from commenting on how, in the last year alone, Peg kept the Winter, Spring and Fall Leagues on track for 484 individuals and 44 teams that participated in 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5+ Drop-Ins, the Mixed, Men's and Women's Doubles Ladders, and the newly formed Singles Groups.

What I can do however, is recommend Peg O'Toole for the Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Volunteer of the Month Award for the incredible transition plan she provided me as I assume the mantle from her. The 4 1/2 inch thick notebook she handed me contains a detailed, organized, historical review of the Club's training and League Programs, as well as a roadmap for the continued operation of the same. Peg has given a significant amount of her time to sit with me and explain what I need to do to succeed. And most importantly, she has given me her phone number with permission to call with questions any time. Needless to say, I have her on speed dial, and use it often. Thank you Peg.

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.



VOM, PEG O'TOOLE, CONT'D.



Peg O'Toole, with her sister, Judy Blackman

I was born in Pittsburgh. Joe's job relocated him back to his hometown of Cleveland and I followed when we got married in 1977. We lived in Cleveland for 22 years – hard to believe with its weather, but we lived on Lake Erie and the views and sunsets were unbelievable (and our backdoor neighbors were in Canada). In 1999, my telecommunications job moved us to Atlanta. A few years later, I became a self-employed telecommunications auditor and continued doing that work until 2015.

I was an active tennis player for 42+ years and only quit playing a couple of years ago.

In 2011, my sister Judy introduced us to Pickleball. Atlanta is a tennis town and they were not interested in pickleball. No one was converting a tennis court to pickleball! We finally

got the YMCA to let us tape off a court in the gym and they ordered a net. We convinced a few tennis friends to come play. It caught on at the YMCA and we continued to promote the game throughout the Y's in the Atlanta area. We became USAPA Ambassadors for the NE Atlanta area. We worked with Gwinnett and Fulton counties in promoting the game at the Senior Golden Games and the Georgia Senior Olympics had us introduce it as a demonstration sport at the state games. We enjoyed promoting the sport. In recognition, the YMCA honored us with the "Volunteers of the Year Award" and then later presented us with the "Be Greater Atlanta Award."

In 2014, we were visiting Judy and Billy, who lived in Copperas Cove at the time, and came to play pickleball with her Harker Heights group at Sun City. Kathy Carr and Toni Briggs had invited them for a Saturday morning. We decided this was the place to retire. Two months later we moved to Sun City Texas.

Joe and I both got involved in mentoring and a year later, I ran for the Board and served for 4 years as Director of Player Development. I love pickleball and enjoy promoting and teaching the sport.





TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Space City Championships - 2/11/20 - 2/13/20



Joan Gillette/Chuck Flanagan - Silver, 4.5 Mixed Dbls, 70-74



Bill Russell/David Persilver - Gold, 4.0 Men's Dbls, 70-74

Brownsville Open



TL Lutrell/Hutch - Bronze, Men's Doubles

Tournament players - please remember to submit your photos from sanctioned tournaments to SCTXPickleball@gmail.com so they can be included on our Facebook page and in our newsletters.

PICKLEBALL GROWTH

Pickleball Growth (Source SFIA 2019 Pickleball Participation Trends)

- 3.3 million people have played pickleball at least once per year
- 1.29 Million are classified as core players having played 8 or more times per year
- Male players represent roughly 2/3 of all players
- Growth from 2017 to 2018 was 6.6 among core players (average over 3 years was 7.2) indicating a slight slowing
- 1.1 % of the US Population 6 years and older have played pickleball at least once a year
- Players that are more likely to play are 55+, have an annual income of \$75K and are college educated
- If trends continue, by 2023 there will be 4.2 million people having played with 1.5 million core players



JOKES AND FUN STUFF

Assisted Living

This is what we who are aged 70 or 80 years plus, might look forward to. This is something that happened at an assisted living center:

The people who lived there had small apartments, but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so she went back up towards his room, but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the handrail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right.

She told him she was going to call an ambulance, but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step, so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I'm sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

A Short Love Story *submitted by Ed Cahill*

A man and a woman who had never met before, and who were both married to other people, found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a trans-continental train.

Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly, he in the upper berth and she in the lower.

At 1:00 AM, the man leaned down and gently woke the woman saying, "Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold."

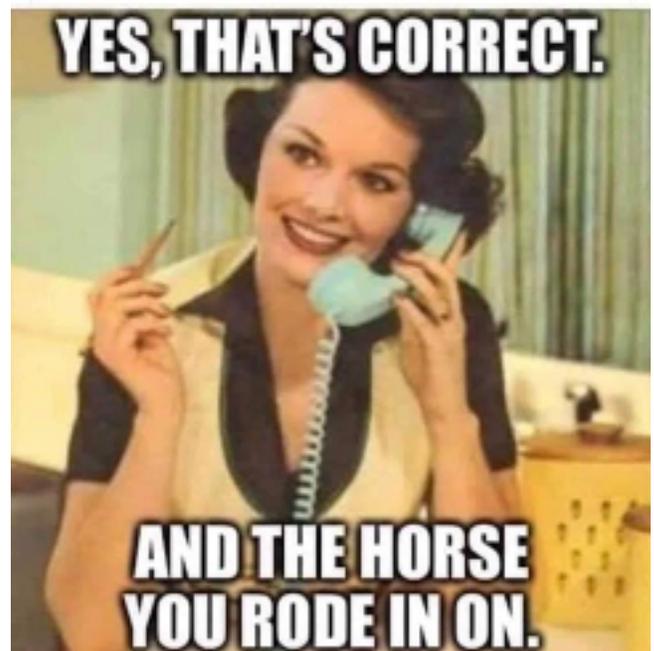
"I have a better idea," she replied "Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married."

"Wow! That's a great idea!", he exclaimed.

"Good", she replied "Get your own f....ing blanket."

After a moment of silence, he farted.

The End





MORE FUN STUFF

Church Gossip

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities, but they feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told George and several others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at

her for a moment and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house....walked home....and left it there all night.



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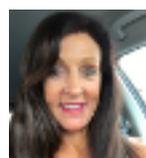
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