

# Kitchen Talk

*Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter*

## August

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well, here we are in August, and with outdoor activities opening on May 4th, many (me included) thought our indoor facilities would be open by now. Instead, the CA Board made a decision to even pull back on indoor

facilities due to concerns that any other decision would put many residents at risk. Thus, we do not see any changes to the need to continue to focus upon no gathering and social distance. The more you play with the same group, the more comfortable you become, so be cautious and always maintain the proper social distance. OK, enough said.

2020 has certainly presented many challenges and the expectation is 2021 will be the same. BUT, we certainly see some FUN and EXCITING challenges ahead. For starters, 12 new courts! With that comes three different sites to manage and schedule, such as all Paddle Rack (assuming we are beyond this), all reservations or a mix of both. The addition of courts certainly allows for additional training and development opportunities. We do anticipate continued membership growth with the potential to exceed the 1000 member mark before the end of 2021.

I say this because we need more than a few good women and men to give back to this great club in 2021/2022. Expiring terms this year are the Communications Director, President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Maintenance Director (for 1 year only). And, at some point Social Activities will return and we will require someone(s) to help lead these efforts.

So with 800+ members we definitely have MANY, MANY good women and men; please consider running for a Pickleball Club Board role. Feel free to reach out to any board member with questions in regard to these roles or jump right in and let us know of your interest. A nominating committee will be formed soon, but don't wait to be tapped, express your interest TODAY!

And finally, each and every one of your board members are very appreciative of your support and adherence to all the dang rules we have in place. Please continue to be sure that you only play in two reserved times per day, one of those can be a Prime Time slot.

Stay healthy and safe.

*Ed Cahill*

***Be an encourager. The world has enough critics already.***



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED *BY ALLIE BOWER*



### June 2020 Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of June 20 with a balance of \$10,257; income for the month totaled \$360, all from new memberships. Expenses totaled \$264; \$77 for Court Cameras, and \$87 in support of administrative and training needs. A \$100 gift card was presented to Shaz Douglas in appreciation for her years of serving on the Club Board as Social Director. The club ended the month of June with a balance of \$10,353. We had 36 new members bringing our paid total through June to 762.

## MEMBER MEMORIALS *BY RON FRANKE*

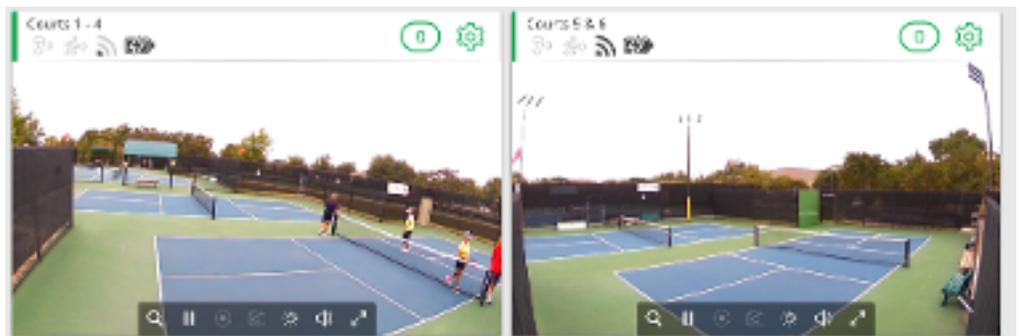
The Club is establishing an approach to memorialize Club members that have passed away. We are still finalizing plans but expect to locate a plaque at one or more court locations with names and dates of passing for members we have lost.

Basic expected parameters are that we will include those individuals who passed away WHILE a member of the Club since the Club's inception and continuing into the future.

If you know of someone fitting these parameters that should be included, please pass along the person's First Name, Last Name, and Month and Year of their passing to the Club's Vice President (Ron Franke, [rfranke79@gmail.com](mailto:rfranke79@gmail.com), 512-415-3465).

## COURT CAMERAS

Court cameras are running at both sets of courts. For information on how to access the cameras, please log into the SCTexas.org website using your member ID and head here - [Court Cameras](#)





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Lisa	Adams
Bob	Aegerter
Richard	Barbee
Susan	Barbee
Ronnie	Bean
Liz	Blount
Claudia	Cope
Denise	Coraggio
Cathy	Freeman
Randy	Freeman
Keith	Frase
Ken	Friedman
Lori	Gore
Clifford	Graham

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Kathy	Gray
Janey	Hays
Sheldon	Hays
Susan	Hoss
Terry	Howarth
Grady	Jones
Rob	Lowery
Jim	Martin
Gloria	McGuirt
Sheila	McKenna
Susan	Minto
June	Mueller
Donny	Parisi
Maryann	Parisi

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Jan	Pulliam
Rus	Pusztai
Teresa	Pusztai
Bob	Redden
Gary	Schrempp
Kenny	Simpson
Bonnie	Swartz
Bev	Tanner
Dennis	Teague
James	Thompson
Judy	Thompson-Price
Cindy	Wickiser
Vun	Ziegler

## Welcome New Members!

***Our Sun City Texas Pickleball Club now has 800+ members! And that's without any New Resident Orientations or Charter Club Fairs. No doubt about it, pickleball is America's and Sun City Texas' fastest growing sport!***



# CALENDAR



## August 2020 — Training Calendar

- Designated Courts Reserved for Club Training
- Designated Court Reserved for Matt Laz Lessons (\$)
- Designated Courts Reserved for Club Leagues

**Notes:**

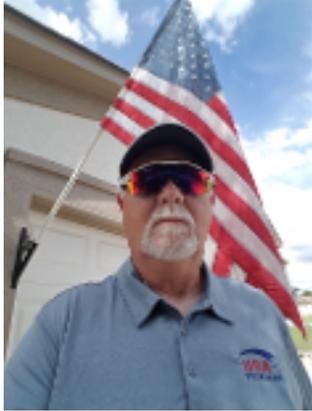
- **Court Reservation System in Effect.**
  - \* Available Courts can be reserved (for 2–5 players) on-line using [holdeycourt](#).
    - ◊ Courts 1 – 4 and 7–10 open from 7 am – 9 pm
    - ◊ Courts 5 – 6 open from 7 am – 10 pm
  - \* Court reservation for 1.5 hours (includes 80 minutes of play and a 10-minute buffer between reservations to ensure social distancing between groups of players)
  - \* Play restricted to 1 Prime Time and 1 Non-Prime Time reservation per day
- By securing a reservation, players agree to abide by established guidelines. Failure to do so will result in lost privilege to use the Sun City courts.
- Courts 1–6 are located at Texas Drive and Courts 7-10 are located at the Retreat .

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As of 27 July 2020



# FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



**Chuck Flanagan**

If you look at the USA Pickleball web site you will notice several significant changes. The first thing you might notice is the new 'look' of the site. Then, if you're paying attention, you'll see the new logo and notice the name has changed. We've dropped "Association" and are now, "USA Pickleball".

You might also notice the new logo on my new Assistant RD shirt that I'm sporting in my picture. All new USA Pickleball logo apparel is now available on the web site. Here's the link to the new site: <https://usapickleball.org/> and another link to the new USA Pickleball promo video: <https://tinyurl.com/USAPickleballPromo>.

Here's some long awaited good news from the USA Pickleball Association for all our tournament players. The USAPA suspension of tournament sanctioning for outdoor tournaments has been lifted for August and September. "The status for sanctioning indoor tournaments scheduled for October, November and December will be evaluated on or before September 1, 2020." Please note, however, because of the long tournament drought it appears that an extraordinary number of players are signing up for tournaments. So sign up early if you want to compete. Also, expect that some tournament directors may still decide to employ COVID-19 safety procedures. This either on their own volition or as a condition directed by local entities.

To make it easier on competitors, the Mid-South web site lists all the tournaments in our region (AR, LA,

OK, TX) with direct links to the PT.com registration pages - **Mid-South Tournaments**

The latest news from the World Pickleball Federation in the announcement of the WORLD PICKLEBALL GAMES which will be held in 2021. Also announced was that World Pickleball Games for Seniors and Juniors will be introduced in 2022 and 2023 respectively. Here's the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/WPF2021>

I had several excellent rules questions from our club members this past month (thank you very much!). Here are a couple of them.

Q: Can both players from the team receiving the serve be in the same court when it's being served?  
A: The answer is, yes, the receiver's partner may stand anywhere on or off the court on their side of the net. Here's the rule...

"4.B.7. Partner Positions. In doubles, there is no restriction on the position of the partners of the correct server and receiver as long as they are on their respective team's side of the net. They can be positioned on or off the court."

You will see extreme examples of players out of 'normal' positions when they are stacking. Look at the picture on the next page. The player in the black shirt is preparing to receive the serve in the even court. But his partner (in blue), who would 'normally' be at the NVL in the odd court, is actually standing off the court on the same (even) side as the receiver. This is legal and in the case of these two players, done for an obvious reason. Note that the receiver is right-handed and his partner is a lefty.



# DISTRICT AMBASSADOR, CONT'D.



As soon as he returns the ball the receiver will move to the NVL on his left (odd court) and his partner will step in covering the even side. The net result is that they will both have their forehands covering the middle of the court.

Q: Players A and B are volleying. A hits the ball to B, who is standing just behind the NVL. In all of this, B never moves his feet. After the ball passes the net B strikes the ball back to A in the air before it reaches the volley line. In other words B strikes the ball above the kitchen. At no time does B's paddle, body, arm, hand, or clothing touch the surface of the kitchen or the line.

Player A claims a fault saying that B's paddle and arm

were in the kitchen. B claims that there is no fault because there was no touching of the kitchen just the air above it.

A: This is an easy one. It is not a fault. The Non-volley Zone "is two-dimensional and does not rise above the playing surface." (See Rule 3.A.22.) Players regularly reach across the NVZ line to volley balls back in an attempt to catch the opponents off guard. Watch this video of a great rally where some pro players do this. Good views at about the :48 & 1:09 marks. [https://youtu.be/ek3DCa\\_sZX8](https://youtu.be/ek3DCa_sZX8)

How about a tricky rule quiz? You are playing doubles and softly dinking back and forth with the player directly in front of you. All balls bounce in the NVZ and no one volleys the ball. Suddenly your opponent changes direction and hits the ball to your partner just as you were attempting an Erne shot. The referee correctly calls a fault on you. What did you do to incur this fault?

## WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

[Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Facebook Page](#)

[Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Website](#)

[Greater Austin Pickleball Facebook Page](#)

[Texas Pickleball Facebook Page](#)

[USA Pickleball Mid-South Region Facebook Page](#)

[Pickleball Forum Facebook Page](#)

[USA Pickleball Association Website](#)

[USAPA Mid-South Region Website](#)

[PT.com Upcoming Texas Tournaments](#)



# TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

It's been another busy month for the Club's training team. In the month of July, 23 students braved the hottest temperatures of the day to complete the Introduction to Pickleball Class led by our dynamic sister team of Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman.

22 students got up at the crack of dawn for 5 consecutive mornings to complete the 7.5 hour Beginner's Mentoring Program. Notably, we graduated the Club's 25th beginner's class with Instructors Sandy Piland and Rick Piland and Assistants Hannah Nguyen and Karen Adams. Class #26 was led by Mary Payne and Jan Baldwin, supported by Assistant, Meade Roberts; and Class #27 was graced with Instructors Ron Longino and Kathy Carr and Assistants, Sally Tompkins and Karen Adams.

The list of members participating in Novice Supervised Play grew from 71 last month to 99, as of press time. As our novice players gain skill, confidence and a network of friends with whom they can make reservations, they will leave this program to make room for those who follow them. Thanks to our current roster of instructors: Karen Adams, Toni Briggs, D'Les Longino, Ron Longino, Sandy Piland, Rick Piland, Sally Tompkins, Jim Tompkins. Meade Roberts, Rick Rickman, Ric Hutchinson, Linda Hutchinson and Mike Murphy.



**CLASS 25** - From Left to Right: Charlotte Carey, Karen Pickels, Mike Chow, Gail Evans, Crystal Garia, Penny Willms, Sandy Rutledge, Tom Davis.



**CLASS 26** - From Left to Right: Tom Wickiser, Doug Brown, Ann Richards, Rick McGuirt, Phylliss Frey, Sally Boone, Kip Boone, Julie Kirtley



**CLASS 27** - From L to R: Sally Tompkins (Instructor), Kathy Carr (Instructor), Ron Longino (Instructor), Susan Minto, Debbie Ansinelli, Jim Martin, Lori Belski, Bob Aegartner, Richard Ansinelli



# VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

## Sandy and Rick Piland - July 2020

*Nominated by Kathy Carr*

Sandy and Rick Piland are recognized for their support to the Pickleball Club with both the Beginner's Mentoring and Novice Supervised Play Programs. This dynamic couple has become a fixture on the courts in progressive roles as players, mentors and most recently as instructors. If you don't see them helping other players, they're taking lessons or conducting drills to improve their own skills. And before you ask, yes, they always have a reservation.



*Sandy walks the line as players prepare to start a Beginner's Mentoring drill.*

Before COVID-19 put a squelch on it, Sandy helped develop and led weekly drill sessions for women players wanting to better their skills. Since the Club revamped its Novice Play Program, she and Rick jumped in to help mentor our newest members by conducting practice drills, evaluating player performance, and providing feedback for individual improvement.

After shadowing another training team, the couple is now flying solo with their second Beginner's Mentoring Class. In addition to covering designated course material, they have enhanced the training experience with the introduction of visual training aids and the sharing of lessons they have learned from the many clinics and camps they have attended.

Rick and Sandy have established themselves as a critical part of the Sun City Pickleball Club's Training Team. Their value is immeasurable as we continue to break membership records and work to develop our new members.





# VOM, CONT'D.

## From Sandy and Rick Piland - July 2020



First, we would like to express our appreciation for the Sun City Pickleball Club Volunteer of the Month nomination.

Sandy is originally from Ohio and Rick is from the Austin area. Both of us spent most of our careers in the high-tech industry with Sandy working in Corporate Finance and Rick, Global Project Management and Business Development.

Until we arrived at Sun City most "all" of our time was spent raising our two children. Our son Pierce will graduate in December from the University of North Texas (Denton) with a Business degree (Supply Chain/Logistics &

Finance). Our daughter Paige is an Airman in the Air Force Operations and will soon return to the US after spending three years in England supporting a Fighter Squadron.

Our Pickleball careers started when we moved to Sun City seven years ago. Sandy started a neighborhood pickleball program which began her desire to help new people with the sport. Rick started playing three years ago after retiring. We enjoy traveling to Pickleball training camps, Pickleball Nationals and hope to attend the next Pickleball US Open.

We both want new Pickleball players to start the sport playing the right way so the sport can be fun for all on the courts. It is so gratifying to see new players start the Novice Training Program and develop into players who really enjoy playing pickleball at whatever level they choose.

We encourage club members to volunteer and give back to the Sun City Pickleball Club, that so wonderfully supports the sport we all love to play.



***Click [here](#) to learn how to nominate someone for "Volunteer of the Month."***



# LETTERS TO THE BOARD

*These are some emails that have been sent to board members during the past month and we thought that all members may want to see them.*

**Question:** Tuesday/Wednesday we have Matt lessons beginning at 1:00 pm (outside of prime time). Thursday we have Matt giving lessons starting at 11:30. Given that every prime time slot will be taken within one minute, this seems counter to the needs of the entire club. Can you tell me what the process is for setting up blocked off time for Matt? He's a nice guy. He's helping to grow some of our players. All that is good. But why are we giving away prime time slots when it seems that every prime time slot will be taken within the minute? This seems counter to the needs of the entire club. Can you tell me what the process is for setting up blocked off time for Matt?

**Board Response:** Fair question! The board agreed to give Matt's training class a cooler period of the day, 1 day per week. So, on Thursdays, Novice Play on two courts at Texas Drive was canceled to help make up for Matt having one court at 11:30 am (so there is a net gain of one more court at 11:30 available for reservation on Thursdays). Plus, in Matt's lessons, there are normally 4 to 5 players on the court, so we believe that members are still getting the advantage of prime time. Just as an FYI, through the first 27 days of July, the 11:30 slot is at 70% utilization or 188 times out of the 270 time slots. The board watches and evaluates the data regularly and we make adjustments based upon the same.

**Question:** I've noticed that more and more people aren't calling "Ball on Court" at all, and then there's a group who say they don't need to call it if they think the ball won't affect our play...for instance it's just going to roll along the fence behind us. As I understood it, and maybe I'm wrong, it is to be called any time the ball enters another court area...no matter where on the court...because it is a safety issue. Also, as I understand it, we are to let the people on the court where it landed retrieve the ball rather than us running over to get it...unless it might just be at the edge.

**Board Response:** You are correct. If a ball rolls on another court, "Ball on Court" should be called because it is a safety issue. Players on the court where the ball ended up should retrieve the ball and give it back to the correct court. To avoid accidents, players should not run on another court, or behind players on another court, to get their pickleballs.



# WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IN PICKLEBALL

*By Matt Merliss, submitted by Ron Franke*

*This describes some of my philosophy regarding pickleball. It is not meant as a "right way" to think about the sport, but simply as a distillate of my observations about how I have chosen to let pickleball change my life for the better. My hope is, with the kids here now, that some of them will read this and think about it, and hopefully some of the new and veteran players will consider it as well.*

1. Pickleball should be fun for everyone. Few of us expect professional pickleball to pay our way through college, put food on the table or fix the toilet. Once this pressure to survive is removed we are left with sweet, unadulterated fun. During a game there are four people on the court. Each one wants to have fun but might have a different agenda. One might have fun by winning. One might have fun by getting into long rallies. One might find fun by just being with friends. One might be happy simply returning the ball. Try to feel the other players' agendas and go along with it. Don't let your agenda take over the game. Complement all players on a great shot and really enjoy their shot genius as you would a stunning piece of art. Encourage them if they make an error. This keeps things positive. This opens the door for growth. Chronic perfection is rarely achieved in life, but intermittent perfection happens in pickleball. Enjoy this fleeting perfection if it flows out of you or from your opponent.
2. Sometimes players want to play with people who have the same agenda. That's great. Don't get your feelings hurt if a player doesn't play with you right away. They might have another agenda in mind. Chico has gifted players who are open to teaching if you ask. The best time to catch them is when they first arrive and begin to warm up. A good idea is to play as their partner, and they will try to help you with skills you want to learn. Try to choose one skill you want to learn for the day and that player will probably share their knowledge with you. This is truly a gift of wisdom from a more experienced player. Don't be shy about asking.
3. Sometimes people have bad days and so be it. Everyone tries as hard as they can, and everyone makes mistakes. Be gentle and encouraging. Body language that suggests disappointment or mumbled epithets don't help your partner play better.
4. Don't hassle line calls. Sweating is much better than arguing. If the ball cannot be definitively called out, it is in. Read up on the phenomenon of parallax and you won't be so certain about those out balls anymore. Give people the benefit of the doubt on calls. It makes for a much more enjoyable game. Also, don't forget, calling a close, equivocal ball out erases a brilliant shot from your opponent.
5. Learn the rules. The quicker you learn the rules, the quicker you can have a continuous game without interruptions.
6. Save repetitive apologies for your spiritual sessions. Your partner knows you are trying as hard as you can, so there is no need to apologize. Repetitive apologies turn your partner into a therapist and you don't want to pay for that do you? Now, if you bang someone and give them a fat lip, that is a different story.



# WHAT I HAVE LEARNED, CONT'D.

7. Play with as many different types of players as you can. Variety is fun, and you will certainly make more friends.
8. If you decide to play in a set group and if one or two of the group members raise their game a level, commend them and play more with them so you can learn what made them elevate. What a great learning opportunity.
9. If someone asks you to play with them realize this is not easy for some people because of fear or perceived intimidation. Welcome them or tell them when you can play with them some other time.
10. If someone tries to teach you in a game learn from them with gratitude. They care enough about you to impart knowledge. Be humble. Don't confuse teaching with criticizing.
11. Make friends any time you can. Life is capricious and too short. Friends and family are the most important gifts. Pickleball offers so many potential friends.
12. Travel and meet other pickleball players. What a great sport vacation. Better than staring at coconut trees., isn't it?
13. When there is a group waiting to play, let them decide who plays with you. Singling out a person from a group is exclusionary and not in the spirit of pickleball.
14. Volunteer to help others learn once you have helped yourself to learn.
15. Look at situations in pickleball and transfer those to real life. For example, after you miss a shot when the score is close are you going to dwell on it or recognize your mistake, choose to fix it, and then clear your mind and get ready for the next point.? If the positive response can be applied to life, then things will get easier.
16. Be very OK with losing. You just received a 50-dollar lesson for free!
17. Hit to the stronger player. You just got a free pickleball lesson! Of course, don't exclude the other player, but hitting to the perceived weaker player is beneficial only to ego. If the picked-on player can get beyond the fog of victimology, they will benefit in the long run.
18. Parents play pickleball with your kids. Beyond the obvious benefits wouldn't it be easier to explain geometry by showing kids why it is better to hit a kitchen put away toward the opponent on the same side, instead of toward the opponent on the opposite side? You can draw it out and you have just explained the Pythagorean Theorem to your eight-year-old through pickleball. What if you discussed why pickleballs curve with your kids? Now you are into physics and Bernoulli's law. How about the optimal parabolic peak for a dink? More physics. I wish somebody walked me through all this when I was a kid. I might not have needed to take physics three times!
19. Hitting at people. Hitting at a person's body is a part of higher level pickleball. The player who hits has the skill to direct the ball to an area that won't cause injury but will cause trouble returning the ball. Personally, when people try to hit me with a ball, it is one of my favorite parts of the game. I work on my reflexes and regress into a childhood game of dodgeball. Make sure if you hit at someone, they are capable of returning the ball and that being hit is on their agenda for the day. Beginners, if you want to try this, hit half speed at the lower part of the body or the feet. Do not get offended if someone hits you. It is not a personal affront. If you would prefer not to be hit, tell them and if they don't comply, play with someone else.
20. Enjoy losing, enjoy learning, and enjoy laughing with your friends. Make it fun for everyone.



# ODDS AND ENDS

## Lost & Found



Please remember that there are "Lost and Found" areas at both sets of courts. At Texas Drive, the Lost and Found is in the cabinet on Court #2. At Retreat, it's under the bench near the pavilion (right next to the First Aid kit.)

Items in the Lost & Found that are not claimed are eventually donated to charitable organizations such as The Caring Place.

## Looking for Pickleball Gear?

Do you need a new paddle, or pickleball clothes, shoes, bags, etc.? We have a listing right on our website under "Web Links/Equipment" on the left-hand side menu. There are also discount codes listed for several vendors:

**Pickleball Central** - use discount code **CRSCT**

to receive 5% off your order, with an additional 5% going to our club. In past years we've used this benefit to purchase pickleballs for club use and also for door prizes at events.

**Engage Pickleball Matt Laz** - Receive a 20% discount off of Engage Pickleball Paddles from Matt Lazarine, Pickleball Pro and Engage Texas Territory Manager, using code Matt20.





# JOKES AND FUN STUFF

## New Car

An older couple return to a Mercedes dealership to find the salesman had just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde.

"I thought you said you would hold that car until we raised the \$75,000 asking price," said the man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$65,000 to that lovely young lady there. You insisted there could be no discount on this model."

"Well, what can I tell you? She had the ready cash, and just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman.

Just then the young woman approached the

old folks and handed them the keys.

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get this joker to drop the price. See you later, grandpa."

Never mess with seniors!



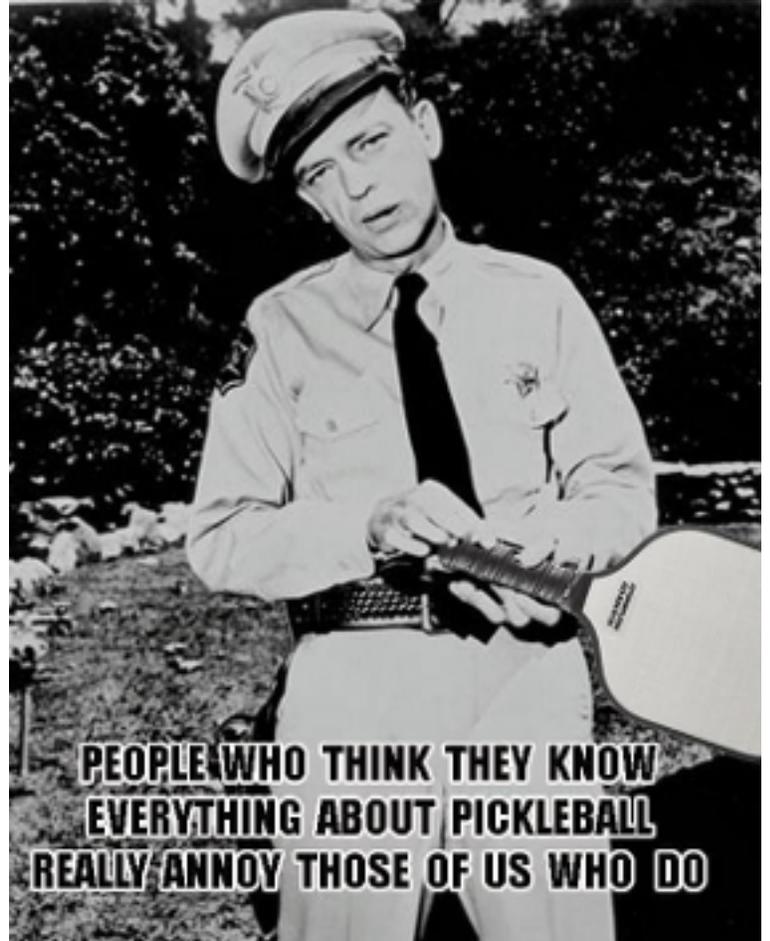
***Getting older is just one body part after another saying, "Ha Ha, you think that's bad? Watch this!"***



# STILL MORE JOKES...

## **Bath Time** *submitted by Ken Patterson*

A woman called her local dairy and said she would like to place an order for a large delivery of milk because she wanted to take a milk bath. The receptionist at the dairy asked "Would like that pasteurized?" and the woman replied "No, up to my knees should be fine."



**So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"**

## 2020 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS



**Ed Cahill**  
*President*



**Allie Bower**  
*Treasurer*



**Barb Patterson**  
*Communications Director*



**Ron Franke**  
*Vice-President*



**Kathy Carr**  
*Director of Player Development*



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*Secretary*



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*Maintenance Director*