

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

November

FROM THE PRESIDENT



I wanted to take advantage of the “From the President” section this month and have some frank discussion about membership and the court capacity issues we are facing. This is no surprise to anyone, who is waiting at 8:58 pm each night and watching an atomic clock count down and at literally 9:00:01, the courts are gone.

Our obvious issue is 10 courts for 900+ members. Although relief is coming with the 12 new courts, it will not be coming soon enough and we will need to structure our play within the existing 10 courts. As your club board, our objective must be to develop a plan that allows an opportunity for all members to get to play while meeting the member needs as best we can, with the limited resource of the 10 existing courts.

In addition, the recent eblast titled “IMPORTANT REMINDER - Tennis Courts are only to be used for Tennis - Please do not use them for Pickleball” resurfaced many questions from members about Tennis Court usage. So you are aware, the CA Board has made it very clear that the Tennis amenity will not be approved for mixed use. As a board, we are on record disagreeing with this stance, multiple times, but it has been communicated to us as recently as last Wednesday that their decision is final.

So, 10 courts is the resource we have to work with until sometime in the summer of 2021 we are being told. We ask for your patience during this period and we welcome your input and ideas. Please grab any board member at any time (except during a dinking rally) or send an email to sctxpickleball@gmail.com with your question or comments.

Please continue to be healthy and safe out there and as Judy Blackman, our club Secretary tells us.....better days are ahead!!!

Ed Cahill

It is more character building learning how to lose properly & graciously than to win dishonestly.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY ALLIE BOWER



SCTPC: September 2020 Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of Sep 20 with a balance of \$8,949; income for the month totaled \$190, all from new memberships. Expenses totaled \$495; \$397 for court maintenance items such as squeezes, rollers, etc., \$76 for court cameras, and \$22 for training support. Net income was (\$305); the club ended the month of September with a cash balance of \$8,644. We had 38 new members bringing our paid total through September to 887.

YOUR INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME

As board members, each month we receive many comments from members concerning issues that are affecting the club. We receive them via email, phone calls and most often from direct conversations with club members.

If you have a comment, complaint, suggestion or even a compliment about a pickleball club issue, please feel free to contact any board member. Or, you can simply send an email to sctxpickleball@gmail.com. We always appreciate member input.

We want
your feedback



REMINDER ABOUT RESERVING COURTS

Please be courteous and cancel your court reservation in a timely manner if you cannot use it. There are always members looking for courts!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Joel	Arnold
Susan	Comer
Andy	Comer
Tim	Dasso
Phil	Deming
Lynda	Dufour
Randy	Dykstra
Leslie	Dykstra
Joan	Jacoby
Denny	Johnson

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Elizabeth	Lynch
Jim	McKinney
Judy	McKinney
Bob	McVitty
Paula	McVitty
Tad	Minto
Karen	Moscatello
Bill	Nye
Brent	Oman
Twilla	Oman

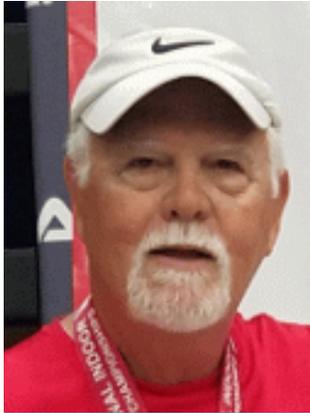
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Sherry	Pellenberg
Lew	Prowse
Sandra	Rothwell
Janet	Runyan
Veronica	Schuler
Rosanne	Smalley
Chuck	Smith
John	Viers
James	Wenzinger
Linda	Wenzinger

At press time, total number of club members is 909.





FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

October 10th was World Pickleball Day and Pete Polkinghorn, the head pro at the Georgetown Tennis Center, had asked Rhonda Anderson (USA Pickleball Ambassador in Georgetown) to help with a special training event at the tennis center. Rhonda contacted me and I did what any reasonably

intelligent person would do, I emailed Kathy Carr for help. As a result, we provided two sessions (Intro to Pickleball and Intermediate Drills & Structured Play) to almost 40 players. This would not have been anywhere near as successful without Kathy and the great Sun City training team of volunteers. Thank you, Rick Piland, Jan Baldwin, Ron Longino, Mary Payne, Kathy Carr, Stan Payne, and D'Les Longino (see picture below). An additional thanks to Bill Treadway who came early for the intermediate session and helped shag balls for the Intro group. All of these great volunteers are members of USA Pickleball and are constantly giving back to the sport we all love. THANK YOU!



Speaking of the Georgetown Tennis Center, pickleball is now alive and growing there. Pete Polkinghorn is the head tennis pro there and has been instrumental in setting up the pickleball program there. They now have four painted pickleball courts with temporary nets available on a reservation system. Here's the link -

[**Georgetown Tennis Center**](#)

Sarah Ansboury, a national pickleball champion, wrote a very good article on playing up and down during open recreational play. Her thoughts were to play up to get better and play down to practice and to help less skilled players get better. Here's a link to that article -

sarahansboury.com/pickleball-open-play/

Speaking of links, here's a link to the digital copy of the latest "PICKLEBALL MAGAZINE"

tinyurl.com/Pickle-Mag





MONTHLY RULES QUIZ

BY CHUCK FLANAGAN

Wow! October barely started and I was already getting asked rules questions. I do like it because it really helps me write this column and every time I dive into the rule book I learn more about the nuances of the rules. For instance, consider this first question:

Q: I was playing in a tournament with no referees when the server's partner called the score and the server served the ball. Isn't the server supposed to call the score?

A: That was a great question and I had to pull out my rule book to look at the exact language of the rule. 4.A.1. states, "The entire score must be called before the server begins the serve motion." That seemed to indicate that it didn't matter as long as the score was called. I told our member, however, that common courtesy would be for the server to be the one to call the score. Otherwise, how would the receiver know that was the 'official' call or the server's partner merely reminding the server of the score prior to the serve.

Later that evening and still not satisfied, I dove a bit deeper in to the rules looking for every instance of, "call". (Do you know that if you download the rulebook you can do searches for specific topics?) This led me to rule 4.K. "Wrong Score Called. If the server or referee calls the wrong score, any player may stop play before the return of serve to ask for a correction."

By specifically mentioning the, "...server or referee...", the rule clearly infers that the score will be only called by either the server or the referee.

Q: When may you indicate, "not ready?"

A: Prior to 2020, the rule was you could indicate "not ready" only before the score was called or incur a fault. The new rule (4.C.2.) states only that the signal will be ignored. If you are the receiver and are worried that the server may serve too soon, walk to your position with your back to the net. Having your back to the server is one of the three "not ready" signals. Then, before turning around, raise either your paddle or off hand (the other two "not ready" signals). This indicates that you are still "not ready". Once you turn around to face the server and are set, lower your paddle or hand. Now you are ready. Game on!

This one came from one of my local ambassadors in Buda.

Q: During a game a player returned a sharply angled shot and ended up well outside the court. The opponent attempted to return that shot but mis-hit the ball which then struck the player who was still off to the side of the court. Who gets charged with the fault?

A: That's a fault on the player that was struck by the ball. See Section 7, Fault Rules, ("A fault will be declared for the following:"), ... 7.1. A live ball that is stopped by a player before it becomes dead." A related rule is 4.N.2., under Receiver Faults. "The receiver or the receiver's partner is touched by or interferes with the flight of the ball before it bounces."

Now for the monthly rules quiz: **Who calls service and non-volley zone foot faults in games without referees?**



TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

By Kathy Carr, Director of Player Development

Just a quick update on what we've been doing with training in the month of October.

- Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman held 3 Introduction to Pickleball Classes for 33 new members.
- In an effort to accommodate the influx of new members, the 5-day Beginner's Mentoring Classes continue to be conducted back to back. Counting the class in progress now, we will have taught pickleball fundamentals to 40 members this month.
- Novice Play continues to prove a popular venue as the program increased to 115 active participants.

Those new courts can't come soon enough!

Beginner's Mentoring Class #35



From Left to Right: Lily Naley, D'Les Longino (Asst. Instructor), Rhonda Tappan, Kris Wegleitner with Fiona (Ambassador Dog), Jayne Wieland, Pete Richards, Teri Moltenberry, Jeanne Nehls, Kathy Carr (Instructor), Karen Adams (Asst. Instructor) and Ron Longino (Instructor).

Beginner's Mentoring Class #36



Back row left to right: Charlie Hagen (Instructor), Andrea Wichman, David Wichman, Barron Clemons, Tom Cooley, Jan Baldwin (Instructor). Front row left to right: Ken Friedman, Barbara Friedman, Hannah Nguyen (Instructor), Kathie Cooley and Gene Edwards.

Beginner's Mentoring Class #37



From Left to Right: Cindy Curtis, Ed Walk, Sheila Waldie, Norma Steck, Gwenn Schnurmann, Anne Sweet, Pauline Teague and Jody Rosen.

Beginner's Mentoring Class #38



From Left to Right: David McCormick, Sharon Bietzer, Sunny Zhang, John Viers, D'Les Longino (Asst. Instructor), Tom Li, Mary Schreitmeuller, Cathy Stateler (Asst. Instructor), Randy Schreitmeuller, Davey Stateler (Instructor), Joel Arnold and Ron Longino (Instructor).



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Hannah and Liem Nguyen - October 2020

Nominated by Kathy Carr

If you are looking for Hannah or Liem, they are not hard to find. You will see them either at the Retreat or Texas Drive, but always on a pickleball court, always with a paddle in their hands, and always with a big smile on their faces. I heard, but cannot confirm, that their 2019 tax return indicates partial residence on the Retreat Courts.

Hannah and Liem joined our training team this year in support of both the Beginner's Mentoring Program as Assistant Instructors and the Novice Supervised Play Program as coaches. They earned their wings after completing both classes themselves and after spending an extensive amount of time on the courts drilling, playing recreationally, and participating in club leagues (pre-COVID).

Throughout this pandemic, as membership has exploded, Liem and Hannah have been readily available to help the club meet the demand for beginner level training. No matter how short the notice, their hands are raised to help in whatever capacity is required. Their love of the game and passion to help others is evident in all their actions.

From Hannah and Liem

Liem and I moved to Sun City in October 2018. After watching other people playing pickleball and seeing how much fun they were having, we were intrigued. We took the Introduction to Pickleball Class in November. If there's such a thing as love at first sight, then you can call this "love at first dink". We love to play, talk about, and share our joy of the game to everyone, especially beginners.

Before retiring to Sun City, Liem worked for Shell refinery as a Chemical Engineer in Port Arthur. Hannah had many professions, but the last uniform she wore was a Physician Assistant's white jacket. We both enjoy being outdoors, but we like to do different things. Sad to say, before Pickleball, we didn't have anything in common other than our faith, our family, and our love of reading books. Even with books, we enjoy different genres.

Together, we both feel that the Pickleball Club is an exceptional organization. They have given us multi-levels of training, personal coaching and best of all a sense of community. Giving back is important to us. We enjoy helping the club by coaching newbies and volunteering our time assisting the instructors.

We enjoy playing with everyone at the courts as long as they can hold a paddle. Pickleball is an easy game to play, but a difficult game to play well.

"See you on the courts, play well and play safe."



Okay, sometimes they go home. Liem and Hannah at home with their paddles and their smiles.



MATT LAZ - COACH'S CORNER

How to be a Good Partner

It's hard to find a good partner.

Try to remember, your partner is probably not trying to lose on purpose. In my opinion, one of your goals when playing pickleball should be bringing out the best in your partner. If my partner plays bad, I think that is partially my fault. I've learned that one of a player's greatest fears on a pickleball court, is letting their partner down. I try to keep that in perspective. Here are a few other things I've learned along the way.

Don't take the fun out of pickleball.

I loved being the team captain of my high school tennis team. We played in the state championship my senior year and what I miss the most is the encouragement and support of my teammates. However, I don't really know what I miss more, having my teammates rooting for me or getting to root for my teammates. It was such a fun time for me.

Paddle bump after losing a point.

Encourage each other and support your partners. If my partner hits a good shot, they're going to hear about it from me. To be honest, I'd really like the same in return. Who doesn't want a compliment? When your partner hits a good shot, simply say good shot partner! Who knows how long it will be before they do it again! I asked one of my mentors one time if he paddle bumped with his partners after every point. He said no, but he said that a paddle bump was way more important after losing a point, then after winning a point. Winning together is easy. Losing together, not as easy.

Don't go silent. It's not fun.

I also had an experience, in a tournament where I was so frustrated with my partners buffet of unforced errors, I went silent on him. That was a big mistake. It definitely didn't make things better and after it was all over, my friend told me that he'd rather I yell anything at him instead of stop talking to him. I realized the silence was not helpful for him, nor myself.

My philosophy is simple, be a good partner, that should attract a good partner for you in return.



Kathy Carr and Margo Chase Wells completed the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) Level II Certification requirements on 28 October 2020. This certifies them as pickleball teaching professionals to work with beginners through intermediate players. They had to compete a written examination, practical skills test and observed teaching lesson by a Certified Elite Pickleball Teaching Professional. Kathy and Margo are the first SCTPC members to attain this level of certification.



AROUND THE COURTS



Mixed Doubles?

This is what happens when a group of players needs just one more woman for mixed doubles! "Charlese" shows up to play!



Board Play Day

The SCTPC Board met for a fun 1.5 hours of pickleball, followed by lunch at Mulligan's.

This was the first time since the pandemic that all board members got together in person. Board workshops have been held via Zoom since March.



JOKES AND FUN STUFF

How Many Cats?



Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two

cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

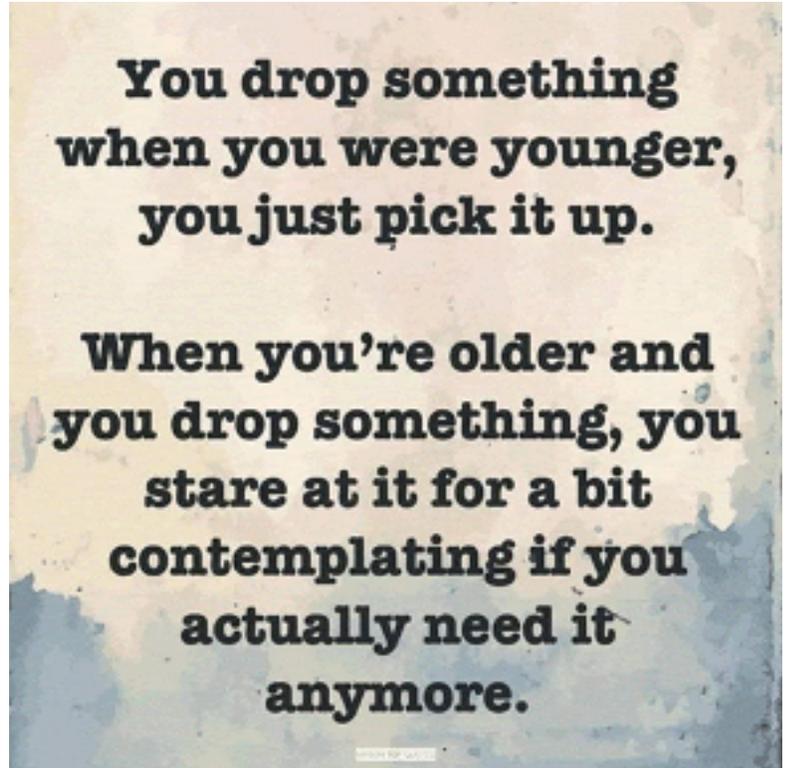
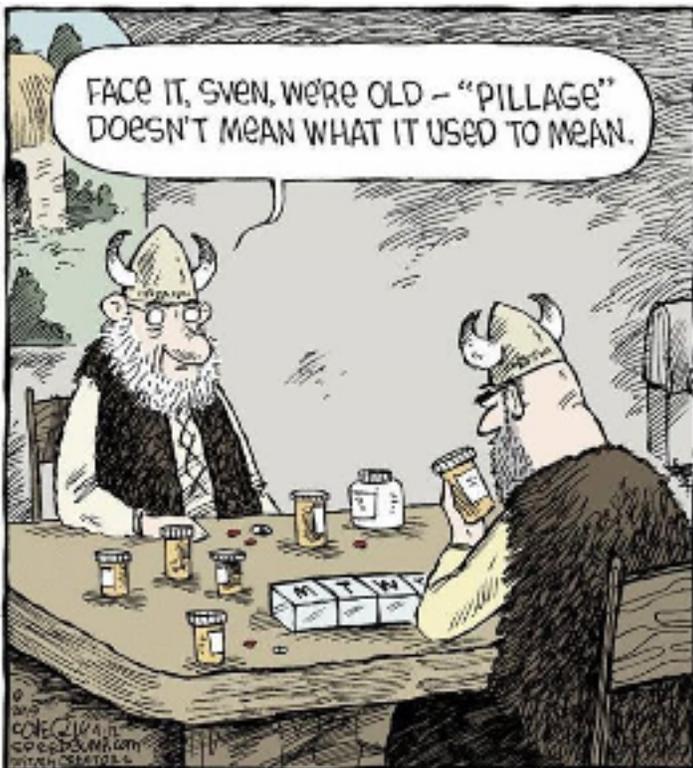
Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"





STILL MORE JOKES...

Turkeys

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door.

"Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one."

"Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's only one scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man.

"That one is too skinny. What else do you have?" says the man.

The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man.

"Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"



Then there's the time a lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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