

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

FEBRUARY

FROM THE VP



Court Etiquette

As a member of the Club Board I receive feedback and input from Club members on a regular basis. Over the last couple of weeks some of the feedback

has focused on several items related to what I will call "court etiquette."

The three items discussed below are based on the most recent feedback received from our members. A little extra attention to these items, will just make it easier for our members.

Court Area Entry/Exit

The first item, which although covered in our current guidelines continues to be the most frequently noted, relates to exiting and entering the court area. What we are seeing and hearing about are players taking too long to vacate their court because they are continuing to play or are "hanging around" to talk with their playing partners. On the "flip side," we are also hearing about the next group of players arriving too early for their reservation and/or the next group of players actually entering the court while the previous players are still gathering their belongings to leave.

As outlined in our guidelines, players need to stop playing five minutes before the end of their reservation time, gather their belongings, and leave the court area as quickly as possible. The next group of players need to wait outside of the court area, and not enter the court area or their court until the previous players have exited the court and court area. As a reminder, the "court area" includes the pavilion area at the Retreat courts.

Parking

The second item relates to parking at the Texas Drive courts. Anyone who has played at Texas Drive knows that finding a parking spot near the courts is a challenge, especially during the 10-15 minutes between reservation time slots as the new groups arrive and the previous groups are leaving. There are some things that we can all do to help. First, if you are driving a golf cart, use the cart parking spaces if they are available rather than using a car space. Second, if you are departing the courts and have a car parked, please load your belongings and leave expeditiously (rather than hanging around to talk or check your phone).

Lights

The last item relates to the lights for courts 5



FROM THE VP (cont.)

and 6 at Texas Drive. While the lights at the Retreat have a timer that will automatically turn them off at 9:00 PM, the lights at Texas Drive must be turned off manually.

If you are the last person on courts 5 and 6, please turn off the lights using the switch located to the left side of the gate for court 5. If you are not sure whether someone has a reservation after yours, and no one has arrived as you are leaving, go ahead and turn off the lights. If there is a next group, they can turn the lights back on.

A Shout Out to Our New Members

I continue to be amazed at the growth of our Club as new members join every month. In addition to new members that have never played pickleball, we are also seeing some experienced new members.

If you are a new member that joined the Club for 2021 between December 14th and the 31st, you should have received an envelope with your new member packet in mid-January. These packets are being left at your front door to minimize contact due to COVID.

If you are a less experienced player (or have never played) looking for training, please contact Kathy Carr (the Club's Director of Player Development) to learn about available training opportunities and to coordinate scheduling as appropriate. Contact Kathy at kathycarr11@gmail.com.

If you are an experienced player, but don't know how to reserve a court or find other players, please contact me for help. I can be contacted at rfranke79@gmail.com.

*Are you feeling sluggish and sleepy?
Is your pickle not as crisp as you'd like?
Maybe you're just playing too much
for your own good!*

If this sounds like you, then let us suggest **ONE-A-DAY** playing. That's right, simply by adhering to Club Rules regarding playing once a day, you can show courtesy toward your fellow club members while simultaneously reenergizing yourself so that you return to the court the next day with more zip in your swing and more joy in your heart.

ONE-A-DAY: IT'S THE ONLY WAY!





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY ALLIE BOWER



SCTPC: December 2020 & Year End 2020 Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of December with a balance of \$8,215. There is no recorded income; all income for the month was deferred by the CA to January 2021 and will be reflected in that update. Expenses totaled \$714; training-\$76, maintenance-\$144, court cameras-\$77, miscellaneous administrative supplies-\$60, and member relations-\$357 (\$2 x \$100 gift cards for outgoing board members, \$75 in gift cards for Volunteers of the Month, and \$82 for new member packet supplies).

We ended the month with a cash balance of \$7,502 for a net loss of \$714.

FY20 Roll-up: We began the fiscal year with a balance of \$6,313 and ended with \$7,502 for a net gain of \$1,189. Total income for the year was \$8,610 all from membership fees, with the exception of \$35 from guest ticket sales for the January 2020 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Expenses in support of club operations totaled \$7,421. We had no income or expenses related to special and/or charitable events due to COVID-19 restrictions. Membership grew at a rapid pace, ending the year with 953 paid members as compared to 711 in 2019.

COMING IN LOUD & CLEAR!

We want to express our thanks for the overwhelming response we got from the **Court Utilization Survey**. We had over **450 responses**, which just blew us away.

The Court Utilization Committee will be analyzing the responses over the next few weeks to help make recommendations to the Club Board.





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

"I once was lost, but now am found"

Did you know that both court locations have a lost & found? Well, they do.

At the retreat, we have an unmarked tub that tucks in nicely below the bench that faces Court 8. It's keeping good company with the First Aid Kit.

At the Texas Drive courts, we've got a tall lost & found closet/shed thingy that's perfect for paddles, apparel, misplaced grandkids, etc.



Retreat Lost & Found



Texas Drive Lost & Found

Lost something? Look here. Found something? Put It here.

PICKLEBALL IN THE NEWS

This news tip comes from ace reporter and Sun City Pickleball Club member Judy Lammering.

The January 5th online edition of the Austin American Statesman carried a report with the following headline:

Austin is set to score Texas' largest pickleball facility

According to the article, the Austin Pickle Ranch will be built at 9110 Bluff Springs Road, north of Slaughter Lane in Travis County. It will feature 32 pickleball courts, four sand volleyball courts, a venue for live concerts, and an assortment of other outdoor activities, including a one-acre dog park.

The expectation is that, in addition to being available to the public, the Pickleball Ranch will also serve as a regional and national training facility for AAU Pickleball.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Sandy	Arico
Michelle	Augustine
Deborah	Ballou
Rhonda	Banks
Cindy	Barrett
Lee	Barrett
Genie	Barth
Rhea	Beard
Paul	Black
Pete	Borths
Walter	Bradley
Martha	Bressi
Tom	Buechele
Regina	Cole
John	Colley
Kathy	Colley
Michael	Doebler
Ted	Dufour
Winston	Duke
Sherri	Ewoldt
Robin	Fogo
Pauline	Fredrickson
Nadav	Friedmann

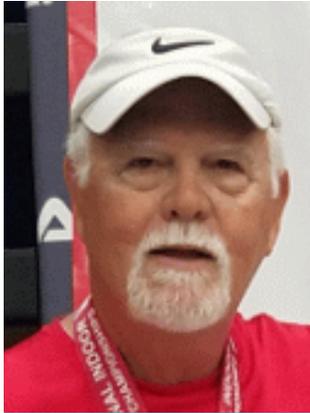
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Arvid	Hansen
Dennis	Healy
Anne	Hetzer
Jerry	Huston
Darren	Jackson
Rose	Jones
Donald	Karl
Karen	Karl
Cheryl	Kerlee
Jan	Laughlin
Jean	Maack
Dillon	McCoy
Phil	McKinney
James	McWhorter
Kathy	McWhorter
Richard	Miller
Susan	Miller
Nancy	Moore
Dennis	Myers
Lydia	Pierce
Linda	Rainsdon
John	Rarity
Roger	Rasnic

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Nancy	Redden
Ron	Redmond
Clementine	Roberts
Vivian	Shafer
Chris	Steele
Rick	Steele
Dianne	Stropp
John	Stropp
Marti	Stude
Ted	Stude
Connie	Stutters
Paul	Syring
Margaret	Thielepape
Mary	Tracey
Tim	Tracey
Mab	Turpin
Cheryl	Vanek
Don	Wampler
Dale	Widzinski
Linda	Widzinski
Dorinda	Williams
Freida	Wynne
Jim	Wynne

At press time, total number of club members is 862.



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

*With permission from
the Charlotte Dilly News
by Dick & Desire' Osman*

Did you know there is an
Alternate Rulebook for
pickleball?

No, it does not include
rally scoring, elimination
of the no-volley zone,

and overhand serves.

What it does do is put the rules into a simplified
format, divided into 3 parts, with Part I being an
Introduction to Pickleball, Part II the General
Rules of Play, and Part III rules for Tournament
Play.

This Alternate Rulebook is a complete
representation of all of the official rules,
reorganized into a simpler and more logical
format.

The rules in Parts I & II apply to all play, both
recreational and tournament, while Part III
separates out those that are specific or unique
to tournament play.

For example, no-volley zone faults and serving
rules are included in Part II and apply to both
recreational and tournament play.

On the other hand, rules on Technical Warnings
and Fouls, Tournament Director and Referee
responsibilities, and appeals to the referee or
TD are included in Part III since they are not

applicable outside of the structure of a
tournament.

Additionally, the faults associated with each
specific rule are grouped under that rule rather
than being in separate sections, making it easier
to associate a rule with potential violations.

The 2021 Official Rulebook will be used as the
reference during tournaments. The Alternate
Rulebook can be used in any venue other than
tournaments, without restriction.

Non-tournament players can more easily access
the rules they should know for recreational play
in the 24 pages of Parts I & II of the Alternate
Rulebook rather than wading through 71 pages
of the Official Rulebook.

The Alternate Rulebook will be subject to a
one-year trial period, during which comments
on the format, organization, and content are
being solicited. Comments should be directed to
alternaterulebook@usapickleball.org.

The feedback received from the pickleball
community will help USA Pickleball determine
the future direction of the Rulebook. It is
anticipated that there will be only one Rulebook
in 2022.

Here is a link to the [Alternate Rulebook](#).

Tournament News:

This year's Mid-South Regional tournament will
be held in McKinney, Texas, April 22-25.



OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR (cont.)

Participants in last year's canceled event may pre-register February 12-14. Details are posted on [PickleballTournaments.com](https://www.pickleballtournaments.com).

The National Senior Games Association has made the decision to postpone the National Senior Games in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, to May 10-23, 2022. In addition, NSGA has extended the qualifying period through December 31, 2021. Athletes who meet the sport/event qualification standards at a qualifying state senior games in 2021 will qualify for the National Senior Games in May of 2022.

Rules:

I've had several people asking questions about the new "drop serve." This is a provisional serve that players may use if they wish.

The normal underhand serve we all have been using all these years has not changed and the three elements defining underhand (paddle head below wrist, striking the ball below the waist, and with an upward motion) still apply...for this serve only.

Those three elements do not apply when using the drop serve. After dropping the ball for a drop serve you may hit it in any manner you choose after it bounces (for as many times as you decide to let it). This means that you may legally use the drop serve to hit sidearm serves with or without spin.

The last item to mention is that the rules about

where the server stands and foot placement apply to both types of serve.

Last Month's Rule Questions

Q: How many faults can you identify that may be called when the ball is "dead"?

A: One. The only fault that may be committed after the ball is dead is a violation of the Non-Volley Zone.

This Month's Rule Questions

Q: Earlier this month I received an email from one of our club members asking: 'If a player's hat falls off during a rally and one of the opponents catches the ball and calls a let. Is that okay?'

A: The answer is that a player who stops a live ball during play commits a fault (Rule 7.1.) and loses the rally.

Q: What's the difference between the "Starting Server" and "First Server"?





TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Kathy Carr, Director of Player Development

The logistics for presenting a class on how to play pickleball is easy. All you need are the students with their paddles, some balls and a pickleball court.

The need for a pickleball court, however, becomes **THIS BIG** when it rains 4 of the 5 class days and the two days you have designated for make-up are projected to be have rain as well.

I had a Beginner's Mentoring Class scheduled to run Monday through Friday of last week. The forecast indicated a good chance of rain mid-week, but it presented no real cause to worry. I mean, we'd been able to push 26 classes through the program over the last year and never failed to "get 'er done." Besides, we had 2 make-up days on the schedule, if needed.

Monday's class went smooth as silk, and we alerted our students that if it rained on Tuesday, we'd just resume operations on Wednesday. Well, it rained on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Weather Channel predicted showers on Thursday as well as the weekend. Friday was the only viable day. There was no way we would be able to complete 6 remaining hours of class in Sun City. The courts were rightfully tied up with member reservations in holdmycourt.

Thursday afternoon, I drove over to the McMaster Sports Complex in Georgetown where there are 4 pickleball courts available to the public 7 days a week, daylight to dark, on a first-come-first-serve basis. Turns out the two days they are most busy are Wednesday and Friday. I needed 2 dedicated courts for 6 hours on Friday, so that just wouldn't work.

There is an underutilized tennis court adjacent to the pickleball courts, that I figured I could tape out to make 2 pickleball courts. I was prepared to lay claim to the court early Friday morning and get the class completed. So, I sent a note to the instructors and students letting them know of the change in plan. We would conduct the 6 hours of class on the tennis court starting at 8 am on Friday morning. I went over to Home Depot, bought 3 rolls of 2-inch painter's tape and headed back to the tennis court with a tape measure and chalk. My thought was to put temporary chalk lines on the court for taping in the morning.

Here's the cool part of this story. I was standing on the tennis court wondering what on earth had I gotten myself into, when one of our coaches, J.D. Caven, wandered over and asked what he could do to help. I handed him the tape measure. We measured the tennis court to determine the best direction to face 2 pickleball courts with a 7.5 foot clearance behind each baseline.

Out of nowhere, one of our Novice Play coaches, Pat Garren, appeared and asked what we were doing. He was headed to play on the pickleball courts. We explained our mission and he informed us that Pam Roach, another club member, had a pickleball court marking kit in her car and that she would arrive shortly. She did. Then Pete Nadolski, Novice Play Coach and Beginner's Mentoring Assistant Instructor, appeared and just happened to have a chalk line reel and red chalk in his car. What are the chances? They all jumped in to chalk out the lines, and I was able to tape the corners, just in case it rained.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Yep, it rained Thursday night. I woke up Friday morning, sent out a quick note to our students, adjusting our class start time from 8 to 11 am, and headed to the courts with a broom and towels. The other instructors, Ric Hutchinson, Anne Diaz, and J.D. Caven, met me there at 9 am with their own towels. I had alerted Ron and D'Les Longino, other class instructors, of our dilemma, and, thankfully, they came out too.

The courts were soaked with deep puddles filling the uneven ground. We swept and wiped and swept and wiped. Must have looked pitiful, because a maintenance guy in a pick-up truck from Georgetown Parks and Recreation stopped and pulled out a battery-operated blower to help. I sent an email to the class participants at 10 am, telling them to bring an old towel and invited them to join us as soon as they could.

The sun started to break through the clouds and a light wind showed up. At about 10:30, the courts were dry enough to put the painter's tape down. Thanks to the yeoman's effort of all

involved, the lines we drew the night before did not wash off and the complete taping was done in less than 15 minutes.

By the time the students arrived, the courts were dry, the lines were complete, and we actually looked like this is the way we normally operate when conducting our classes. The courts were perfect.

We were able to complete the remaining 6 hours of instruction, but, in retrospect, this is not an experience I'd like to repeat. There was a lot of physical labor involved in setting up and breaking down the courts, and the long day of instruction took a toll on both students and instructors.

Now that I think about the opening of this story, I need to restate it. The logistics for presenting a class on how to play pickleball is **not** easy. You need students with their paddles, some balls and a pickleball court. Come on Pulte, we need those 12 new courts now.



Anne Diaz and Ric Hutchinson begin taping as J.D. Caven finishes up sweeping.



D'Les and Ron Longino lay tape over the chalk lines for the baseline.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)



Teresa McNamara hangs up towels after drying the courts.



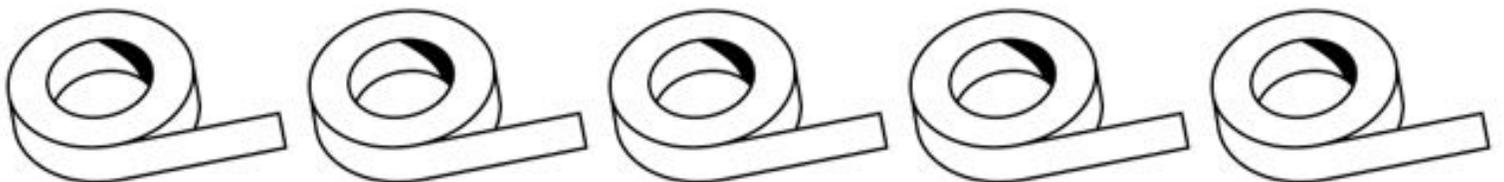
Teresa McNamara and Kathy Knapp field a return of serve.



Anne Diaz and Ric Hutchinson coach student net battle.



J.D. Caven and Ric Hutchinson feed balls during drills.





TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Beginner's Mentoring Class #46



Front row: D'Les Longino (Asst. Instructor), Steve Wolfe, Debra Shay, Allison Wolfe, Martha Speakman, Carol Baker, Ron Longino (Instructor). Back row: Jon Shay, Rus Puszta, Theresa Puszta, Josh Speakman. Not shown: Davey and Cathy Stateler (Asst. Instructors).

*Learning is an experience.
Everything else is just
information.*

- Albert Einstein

Beginner's Mentoring Class #47



Front Row, Left to Right: Fred Fass, Susan Fass, Art Pellenburg, Margaret Schmidt, Delton Robinson, Vicki Gahlbeck. Back Row, Left to Right: Lew Prowse, Jim McKinney, Judy McKinney, Pete Nadolski (Asst. Instructor), Colleen Nodolski (Asst. Instructor), Sharon Roloff, Brian Richard, Norma Richard. Not shown: Mary Payne, Ron Longino and Jan Baldwin

*When one teaches,
two learn.*

- Robert Heinlein

Beginner's Mentoring Class #48



Front Row, Left to Right: Anne Diaz (Asst. Instructor), Steven Hooper, Robin Hooper, Teresa McNamara, Sharon Haley, Tim Hulett, Julie DuBois, Mark Dubois, Kathy Knapp, Fred Young, Kathy Carr (Instructor), Ric Hutchinson (Instructor), J.D. Caven (Asst. Instructor).

*The capacity to learn
is a gift;
the ability to learn
is a skill;
the willingness to learn
is a choice.*

- Brian Herbert



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Nominated by Kathy Carr

Joyce Rickman, Rick Rickman, Colleen Nadolski, and Pete Nadolski are recognized as the Club's January 2021 Volunteers of the Month for their support and contributions to the Club's Beginner's Mentoring and Novice Supervised Play Programs. As coaches they conduct warm up drills, evaluate and provide feedback on player performance and provide guidance to reinforce the players' understanding of the rules, scoring and court positioning. This month they additionally presented an overview of the USA Pickleball 2021 rules changes and supervised drills for the new provisional drop serve.

Rick and Joyce Rickman - January 2021



Club President, Ed Cahill (center), presents January 2021 VOM awards to Rick and Joyce Rickman.

We are honored by the presentation of this award, but have to admit, working with the club's training program is fun, not a chore.

We both grew up in Arizona but lived all over the country before Rick's retirement in late 2017. We chose Sun City for our twelfth, and final, home to be close to our son and his family in the Houston area, and to take advantage of year-round outdoor activities. Our plan was to play a lot of golf and maybe hit the fitness center a few times a week.

That changed in the Spring of 2018, when we

decided to check out the Introduction to Pickleball class and found our new favorite activity. We still play golf regularly, but pickleball has taken over as our primary activity.

We got involved with the Novice Play program when we saw how the pandemic was making it hard for new players to get started in the game we have come to enjoy so much. It turned out that we enjoy helping with the training program almost as much as playing ourselves.

The Sun City Pickleball Club has an outstanding training program that we are pleased to be a small part of.



*"Volunteer!?" I thought you said,
"I'll bring the beer!"*



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Nominated by Kathy Carr

Pete and Colleen Nadolski - January 2021



Pete and Colleen Nadolski humbly showing off their medals.

About Pete Nadolski

We moved to Texas from Vermont about 10 years ago. After retiring we started playing pickleball about 19 months ago in Cedar Park as we awaited an opportunity to participate in the Introduction to Pickleball lessons offered in Sun City. We found ourselves in Kathy Carr's beginner class a year and a half ago.

I retired after a 30-year career in the Information Technology sector. My assignments were varied and included communication engineer, disaster recovery manager, project management and customer service manager. I retired from IBM in 2017 and the US Army in 1996.

My physical education teachers always told me that I do not have an athletic bone in my body, and experience has shown it to be true! I enjoy hiking, camping, Firewise, trail maintenance, square dancing (still learning my right from my left), and, of course, pickleball.

About Colleen Nadolski

I am an Adult Nurse Practitioner having had the opportunity to work in a variety of specialties including Ortho, Cardiology, Pain management, and, most recently, as a Geriatric PCP at Baylor Scott and White where I've served as a consultant for evaluation and management of persons with dementia and as a faculty member teaching providers and staff professional relationship centered communication skills. I have retired from both BSW and the Department of Veterans' Affairs where I was also a PCP.

I have always played sports including basketball, softball, volleyball, and tennis prior to Title 9. Most important to me was my dad playing catch with me after he came home from work almost every day since I was able to hold a ball. I now try to play golf and am currently co-president of Sundancers Square and Round Dance Club and am serving on the SCTX Pickleball Club Court Utilization Committee. We help Kathy and her teaching staff with Novice Mentoring classes as well as Novice Play. Peter and I nagged Kathy to let us help out until she finally caved! We strongly believe in "paying it forward" as so many folks in our club have patiently helped us improve our pickleball skills. We really appreciate the opportunity to work with others to improve their game.

We have 3 children, 4 grandkids, and enjoy having as much fun as we can, living here in our beautiful Sun City community.



MATT LAZ - COACH'S CORNER

What are you looking for in a new paddle?

Deciding which is the right paddle for you can be a tough decision. There are so many options to choose from at this point. Here are a few tips to consider.

The 3 most important things I'm interested in when choosing a paddle to play with are:

1. Weight
2. Skin
3. Core



Let's talk a little more about each of these...

WEIGHT

Everyone is different and making sure that you have the right weight for you is very important. In my opinion, though, ***the heavier the better.***

I would encourage **women** to play with a paddle that weighs at least **8 oz.** And for **guys**, at least **8.5 oz.** I wouldn't want to take a lightweight shield into battle, but I also wouldn't want to have to carry around too heavy of a shield either.

SKIN

Skin or surface of the paddle is also very important. You want some texture, some grit. Graphite seems to be a big help, but there's a limit to how much graphite can be put into the skin of the paddle. The texture or grit helps to control the ball, and I think we all could use a little help with that. You don't want the surface of your paddle to feel like a butter knife.

CORE

The core or sweet spot of the paddle is also important. The majority of paddles have a honeycomb core at this point. I definitely recommend a honeycomb core. It always feels and sounds pretty good when you connect the ball with the sweet spot of your paddle.

One last thing to consider when picking the right paddle for you is whether you more interested in control or power. Very similar to tennis racquets, most paddles lean one way or the other.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



If you people don't start entering more pickleball tournaments soon, we'll have no choice but to report on Thumb Wrestling Federation matches.

UPCOMING TEXAS TOURNAMENTS

2/19/21 - 2/21/21	Walden on Lake Conroe Invitational (Montgomery)	Registration ends: 2/05/21
3/11/21 - 3/14/21	2021 AAU Pickleball ALL AGES & SKILLS (Corpus Christie)	Registration ends: 3/06/21
3/16/21 - 3/18/21	Texas Senior Games (San Antonio)	Registration ends: 2/21/21
3/18/21 - 3/21/21	2021 AAU Pickleball ALL AGES & SKILLS (Burluson)	Registration ends: 3/13/21
3/25/21 - 3/28/21	2021 AAU Pickleball ALL AGES & SKILLS (Bryan)	Registration ends: 3/20/21





JUST PLAYING...

Winter lasted one day, but club members made the most of it!





A MESSAGE FROM DOUG OLIVER & WILL SAUNDERS

Do you find yourself asking, "How is my pickleball game improving?"

- Do I get to the kitchen fast enough?
- Do I hit my serves deep enough?
- How are my lobs and dinks?
- When I hit a volley is it well placed?
- What can I do to make myself a better player?



Every player in Sun City Pickleball wants to know how to improve their game. It doesn't matter if you just graduated from Novice Training or if you have won gold medals in tournaments, everyone is looking to improve.

If you are one of those players, the following might be for you. We're beginning a program which provides candid feedback to interested players who have graduated from Novice Mentoring.

Players would need to:

- Reserve court time in the normal manner
- Have 4 players participate in a session
- Invite an appraiser

We'll watch and give feedback to each of the 4 players.

If this sounds like something you'd like to participate in then contact either

- Doug Oliver (doug_oliver@gmail.com)
- Will Saunders (alwayswithcolor@suddenlink.net)

Initially it will only be Will and Doug, but if we get enough interest we'll expand. We're not going to try to teach you how to hit an effective 3rd shot drop or an offensive lob. We're only trying to point out things which could improve your game.

There is no cost. Did we mention it was **FREE**?

We're simply trying to grow the skills of the club.

To manage the logistics we'll ask participants to download an app on their phone to help us with scheduling. Only one of the players in a group would need the app.

**Please direct any and all questions to either Doug or Will
using the contact information provided above.**



JOKES & FUN STUFF

Italian Altar Boy Confession

submitted by Barb Patterson



"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl."

The priest asks, "Is that you, little Joey Pagano?"

"Yes, Father, it is."

"And who was the girl you were with?"

"I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation."

"Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later, so you may as well tell me

now. Was it Tina Minetti?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Nina Capelli?"

"I'm sorry, but I cannot name her."

"Was it Cathy Piriano?"

"My lips are sealed."

"Was it Rosa DiAngelo, then?"

"Please, Father, I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration.

"You're very tight lipped, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone.

You cannot be an altar boy now for four months. Now you go and behave yourself."

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers,

"What'd you get?"

"Four months vacation and five good leads!"



MORE JOKES & FUN STUFF

Lean Times

submitted by Chuck Flanagan



A new CEO takes over at a struggling company and decides to get rid of all the slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. He can't believe this guy would just stand around on the job.

He walks up to the guy leaning against the wall and asks, "What are you doing here?"

"I'm just waiting to get paid," responds the

man.

Furious, the CEO asks "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the guy replies, "I make about \$300 a week. Why?"

The CEO quickly gets out his checkbook, hands the guy a check made out to cash for \$1,200 and says, "Here's four weeks' pay, now, get out and don't come back."

The man puts the check in his pocket and promptly walks out.

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looks around the room and asks, "Does anyone want to tell me what just happened here?"

From across the room comes a voice, "Yeah, you just tipped the pizza delivery guy \$1,200."





EVEN MORE JOKES & FUN STUFF

Hindsight Is 2020 submitted by John Scott



1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house ,and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I returned home and told my dog about it.... We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole!" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the backyard. I'm getting tired of the living room.
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller with a mask on and ask for money.



ENOUGH WITH THE JOKES

Hanged If I Know submitted by someone with an odd sense of humor



A thirsty cowboy passing through town, ties up his horse in front of a saloon, pushes through the swinging doors, and says to the bartender, "From the looks of things, it would appear that y'all are gittin' ready to string up somebody."

The bartender nods.

"Yup. We're fixin' to hang ol' Brown Paper Larry."

The cowboy's brow furrows. "How come he's called Brown Paper Larry?"

"Well," says the bartender, "the fella always wears clothes made of brown paper. Brown paper shirts. Brown paper pants. Even brown paper socks and underwear."

The cowboy ponders this for a moment, then asks, "So, whatcha ya a-hangin' him for?"

The bartender replies. "Rustling."

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