



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER



Barb Patterson

In an effort to not have every month's message from me be a litany of "reminders" (or "please-don't-do-thats") I'm going to fill you in on a lot of positive things that have happened, or will be happening soon, in our club.

First off, SCTPC continues to grow at an amazing rate. If we remain at this pace, we will most likely approach 1650-1700 members by the end of 2023. While the growth is impressive, it also means a lot of work for volunteers in our club.

New members are onboarded with the help of our Secretary, Peg O'Toole and also our VP, Ron Franke. There are a whole lot of behind-the-scenes things that need done every time someone joins the club; think CMARS, training info, bag tags, etc. Ron and Peg also handle a massive amount of other duties, which would take several pages to list out, but let's just say that this club would not run nearly as smoothly as it does without them. Plus Ron has the additional job (which is not listed in the VP job description), of putting up with my occasional rants.

Our Player Development department, headed by Ric Hutchinson, is doing an outstanding job of training new players and also instituting programs for members who are more seasoned players, such as "Skills and Drills" program and upcoming "Advanced Training" series. Kudos to all of the coaches, instructors, and clerical helpers who spend hours upon hours planning and carrying out these programs.

Court Activities are being handled by Terry Kennedy and he's doing a terrific job of overseeing all of the leagues, round robins and tournaments for our club. Over 400 different members have participated in Round Robins this year and that's an amazing stat. Thank you to all of the coordinators who run these events on a weekly basis.

FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont)

Davey Stateler makes the maintenance work look easy and we all know it's not. He recently installed fans in some of our sheds and also has been busy adding more court divider nets at Northpoint.

D'Les Longino, is the woman who keeps us all straight with the money spent out of the club dues that are collected. She's busy right now working on the budget for next year.

Communications, which includes this KT that you're reading, as well as never-ending eblasts and website updates, is handled by Pete Nadolski and he's worked very hard learning all the ins and outs of the job.

And YOU, our club members, are the most important part of this club and the reason why it's been so successful. We always encourage feedback from members and especially like it when comments include suggestions for improvement - thanks to those of you whom have offered up positive, new ideas.

I know there are so many of you who are out there helping to train newer players, run your own group round robins, arrange for your neighborhood friends to play, volunteer to help our super Social Chairperson, Sheila Quinn, at events, etc. Some of you play occasionally; others are at the courts daily. But no matter what, you are living our club motto of "Fun, Friends and Fitness" and we appreciate you all!

See you on the courts,

Barb Patterson



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

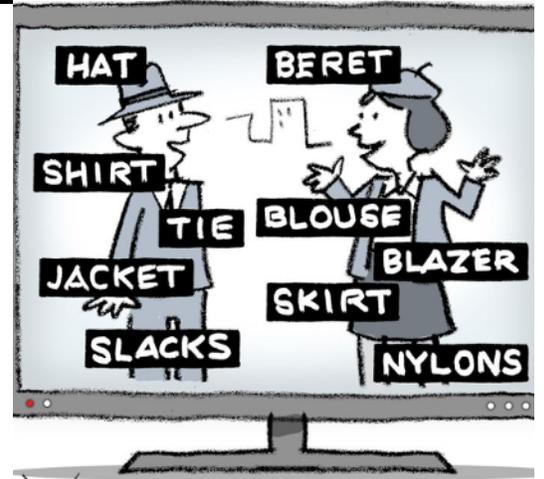
TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY D'LES LONGINO

SCTPC: (July - 2023) Financial Synopsis



The Club began the month of August with a cash balance of \$19,283.59. Income totaled \$300.00 from 40 new memberships (membership dues \$7.50 beginning July 1) and \$482.00 donations to Blue Santa. July expenses total \$1,361.39; court reserve \$231.00, Arlo \$10.64, maintenance \$306.27, First Aid \$13.62, Ice Cream Social \$260.34, Admin expenses \$53.19 and player development \$388.88. We had a monthly net loss of \$481.39 with a cash balance of \$18,802.20.

Paid members through the end of July totaled 1,561



CLOTHES CAPTIONING



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Harley	Allen
Jaye	Allen
Karen	Andregg
Randy	Andregg
Merleann	Babyak
Gary	Barnes
Gary	Benavides
Nicole	Benavides
Jill	Brown
Rob	Brown
Richard	Burcham
Stephanie	Burcham
Danielle	Charon
Tim	Charon
Tae	Cheong
Un	Cheong
Frank	Diaz

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Sue	Edwards
Douglas	Flam
Randy	Harris
Denise	Jeffcoat
Laurel	Johnson
Gary	Jones
Kathy	Kelley
Jane	Leblanc
Sarah	Mack
Charise	Meeks
James	Meeks
Susan	Minto
Tad	Minto
Linda	Mohon
Dan	Moore
Jeanne	Moore
Anabel	Pacheco

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Liz	Papineau
Scott	Papineau
Greg	Plush
Gary	Rose
Leslie	Rose
Joni	Sexton
Larry	Sharrar
Vicki	Sharrar
Cindy	Shuman
Irwin	Silverman
Jerry	Stauber
Cindi	Stout
Lynn	Stout
Carol-Lynn	Varga
Peter	Varga
John	Wolf
Tobin	Zinnecker

At press time, total number of club members is 1586.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates for Club Board

The Club has selected a Nominating Committee to help identify candidates for the Club Board positions that will be opening up at the end of this year. If elected, new Board members will serve for 2024 through 2025.

Board positions that will become open are listed below. Job descriptions for each of these positions can be found on our Club website or can be obtained from the Nominating Committee.

- Vice President
- Player Development Director
- Court Activities Director
- Maintenance Director

Members of this year's Nominating Committee are:

- Will Diaz (Chair)
- Nancy Grafton
- Terri DeSa
- Donna Loynachan
- Wayne Kurtz

The initial list of candidates will be provided to all Club members in late October, and the slate of candidates will be finalized on November 11th for voting by all members. The winning candidates will be announced at the Club's Annual General Meeting on November 21st.

Our club is a volunteer run organization and we need your help. If you have any questions or are interested in serving on the club board in any of these positions, contact any member of the nominating committee or any current club board of directors member.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Justify Buying that New Pickleball Paddle by Selling Your Used Pickleball Stuff at the Paddle Buy, Sell and Trade Event

I am sure your calendars are marked for the exciting Paddle Buy, Sell & Trade event on September 29th from 6:00pm-9:00pm, but are your closets cleaned out and ready to stock the **Member Buy, Sell, Trade, and Donate table?**

We will have tables set up where you can display items, and we will have volunteers present to watch over displayed items. Paddles, court shoes, tennis/pickleball bags, and athletic apparel like shirts, shorts, or skirts are all welcome. Okay, not the stinky, falling apart stuff...Or the "vintage" out of date stuff... We want the stuff people would pay money for!

Paddles and shoes can be brought the night of the event and volunteers will take care of displaying and lending them out to potential buyers to try. You should be prepared to handle any sales or trade transactions directly with your buyers. Our volunteers will not handle money.

If you have clothing to sell, please wash it and make a single detailed list of all items with Description, Size, Price, Your Name and your Phone number; and send the list to Annette Franke by text or email at 512-413-5279 or amfranke59@gmail.com.

There is no need to tag each item.

Be reasonable when pricing your items, especially paddles. Used paddles are a lot like used cars; once you take them home and use them (even just a little) their value depreciates significantly. Also older models don't usually have the same technology as the newer ones.

If you don't want to go through the effort of pricing and selling your used paddle (or you just want to help out the Club), you can donate your serviceable, used paddle to the Club at the Member tables. Donated paddles are always needed, and will be used for training or as loaner paddles at the courts.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

While you are there selling your old paddle or other pickleball stuff, you can take the opportunity to have some popcorn, try out the newest paddles being brought by **PickleballGiant** (with an event discount available if you find something you can't live without), or visit the Pinnacle Essentials tables to get free samples or buy their CBD products. You might even be one of the lucky people to win a door prize.

If you have any questions about the event, feel free to contact Ron Franke at rfranke79@gmail.com.

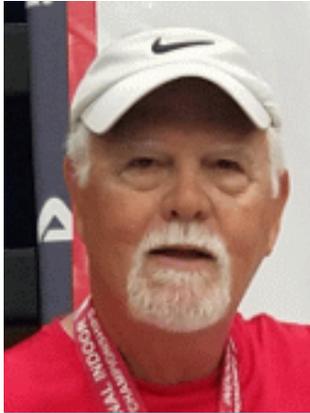
Last month we had the 4 amigos

This month:

Girls Just want to have Fun



FROM OUR PICKLEBALL FRIEND



Chuck Flanagan

New Rules:

USA Pickleball has made some early rule changes that went into effect on August 14, 2023. Their stated reasons behind the early release of rule changes are:

“Due to several factors, including the positive player impact during the remainder of our 2023 tournaments, as well as an alignment between the rulebook and all major tours, these rule revisions were out of sequence to our normal rulebook change process, as is the need for a mid-year implementation.”

While these rules will have the most impact on our tournament players, they do apply to all players.

4.B.11. The referee will confirm, and correct, if necessary, that all players are in the correct position and the correct server has the ball before calling the score.

4.B.11.1. If the referee or a player stops a rally in progress to correctly identify a player/position error, the rally shall be replayed. If a player stops a rally and incorrectly identifies a player/position error, it is a fault on the player who stopped the rally. If the referee stops a rally in progress and incorrectly identifies a player/position error, the replay[*sic*]shall be replayed.

4.B.11.2. If a player/position error is identified after the rally has played out, the rally shall stand.

Along with the addition of these new rules, the following rules, related to the old correct position and server rules, are deleted in their entirety: 4.B.9., 4.B.10., 4.M.1., 4.M.2., and 4.N.1.

Additionally, the following two rules have been revised.

8.E. Other than non-volley zone violations, a fault may only be committed when the ball is live. The penalty for a fault (other than non-volley zone faults) is normally enforced the moment it is identified (e.g., incorrect player/position, distractions, double bounces, etc.) but may also be enforced any time before the next serve occurs.

PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

13.G.3.c. If a referee issues a technical foul, one point shall be removed from the score of the offending player/team unless their score is zero, in which case a point shall be added to the score of the opposing side. After the point is removed or awarded, the player or team losing or awarded the point must move on their own to the correct position(s) that reflects their score.

Rules Questions:

Q:I think you wrote about rules concerning the color of player's shirts in a previous column. Could you explain that again?

A:Certainly. There are two parts to the answer to this question. First, the specific rules are: "2.G.1. Safety and Distraction. A player may be required to change apparel that is inappropriate, including that which approximates the color of the ball.", and 2.G.4., which describes penalties tournament directors may impose for refusal to change. These rules do not apply to recreational players other than as general guidance.

However, Section 1 of the rule book in describing the game says this:

"Pickleball is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy. A sense of fair play from giving the opponent the benefit of any doubt is essential in maintaining the game's underlying principles of fun and competition "It then list several bullet points including: "Players avoid wearing clothing that closely matches the ball color."

So the second part of the answer is that we 'should' be courteous to our opponents and not wear clothing that matches the ball color. It also means that I've retired about a half dozen of my favorite shirts, including an official USA Pickleball Association players jersey in bright yellow!



PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

Q:My question is about the drop serve. Where in the rules does it say that the server can drop the ball outside the sideline when serving? I want to be able to show the rule to people when they challenge me on this but cannot find it anywhere.

A:This is, in fact, specifically covered in the rules. You just have to read more than that one rule. The basic rule is: "4.A.8. *The Drop Serve. The drop serve is made by striking the ball after it bounces on the **playing surface**...*"The other rule that applies here, and very subtly, is the definition of, "**playing surface**". "3.A.26. *Playing Surface - The court and the area surrounding the court designated for playing.*"

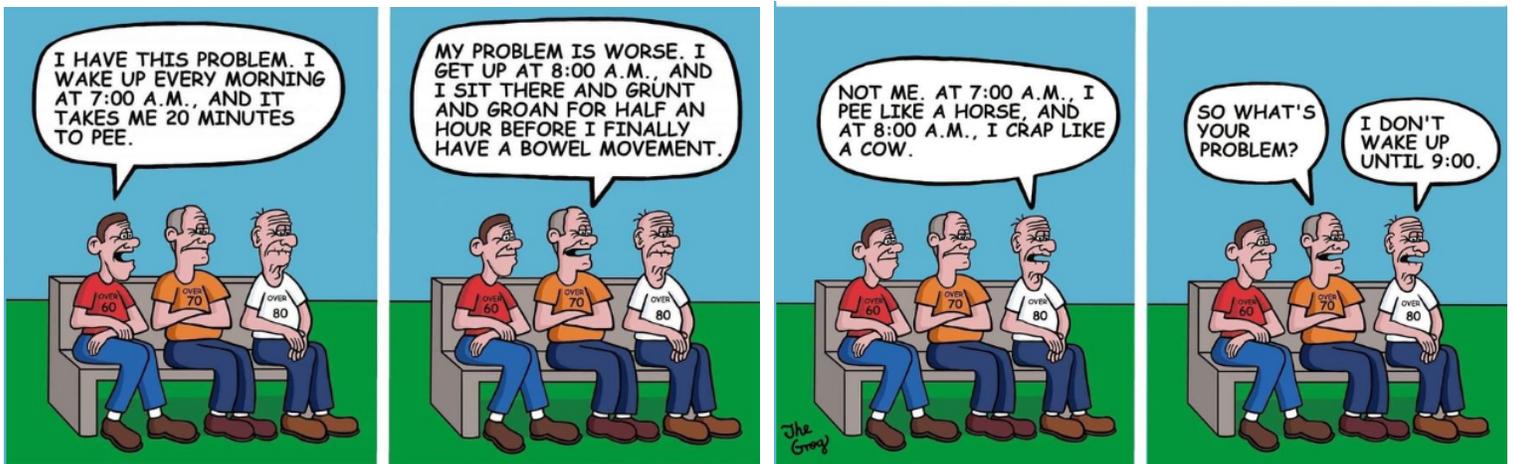
So, the answer is that the ball may be dropped anywhere on or off the court.

Q:The toes of some shoes curl up so that they might be over but not touching the NVZ line. Is that a fault?

A:No. The 'kitchen' (which includes the NVZ) is two dimensional. It's only a fault if the player volleying the ball is physically in contact with it or touches anything else in contact with it.

Have a rule question? Feel free to drop me a note and ask me anything.

Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

nominated by Ric Hutchenson

Our Tri Volunteers of the Month are: Rita Danklefs: Supervised Novice Play Administrator, Jan Fambro: CMARS Administrator and Teresa Moen: Player Development Administrator.

The Supervised Novice Play program provides daily instruction to over 350 club members a year. On any given day the program includes between 80 to 120 players. Managing this program requires a dedicated team of volunteer administrators.



Rita is responsible for maintaining the Novice Play Model Student Evaluation module. This module is used to track the advancement of each active student from the day they enter the SNP program until they graduate. Each day, she receives up to 15 evaluation emails from SNP instructors regarding the performance and advancement recommendations for the students they had for that day. She reviews that data and inputs it into each student's file in the module so that

the files are current and accurate.

Jan is responsible for maintaining the Novice Play Model Current Cycle module. This module is used to provide names of the individual students and instructors for each SNP class. At the beginning of each week Jan reviews the daily class registration reports in the Club's Court Management and Reservation System (CMARS) for both students and instructors. She uses that information to update the listing of students and instructors in the Current Cycle module for each day of the upcoming week. She then reviews the same information a day or two before each class and updates it for the changes that invariably occur. This information is used to provide each instructor with current evaluations of the students they will have in their class each day.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH (CONT.)

nominated by Ric Hutchenson



Teresa is responsible for maintaining the Novice Play Model Suspense module. This module is used to track the status of individuals who have asked to be temporarily suspended from the SNP program due to injury, travel, or other reasons. These individuals continue to remain on the active distribution list for all informational emails until they return to the program or ask to be removed. Teresa maintains contact with these individuals and updates the module to provide current information regarding their status. She is currently working with 45 members in the Suspense module.

While none of these jobs are individually overwhelming, together they require a large time commitment. Without the willingness of Rita, Jan and Teresa to volunteer their time, the SNP program would not be the huge success that it is today. If you see them on the courts please say, THANKS.

New signs around the courts





COURT ACTIVITIES

By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities

The **mini-singles league** sign up starts on 9/5. The league is organized by skill level and gender.

There are **new skill level round robin** starting times starting on 9/1. Check CMARS for details.

Announcing our first Round Robin Tournament

Tentative date of 11/11/23 with a rain date of 11/12/23. All club members eligible – would have to qualify by playing in at least 3 weekend matches – between 9/1 and 10/29. We are planning on having Men’s & Women’s Divisions at SL 2.5 – 3.0 – 3.5 – 4.0 (based on participation).

Starting 9/1 – your individual scores in our weekend round robin play will be recorded by our staff. We will total your best three games each weekend – with a possible 99 points. Your best three weekend totals – possible 297 points is your ranking. The number of tournament slots would be based on the number of qualified entrants per SL.

Tentative Plans:

Men’s 3.0 and 3.5 – top 24 qualified entrants

Men’s 2.5 and 4.0 – top 12 qualified entrants (based on at least 20 entrants per SL)

Women’s 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, & 4.0 – top qualified entrants (based on at least 20 entrants per SL)

First qualifier – total three best weekend matches

1st tie breaker – score best 4th weekend match

2nd tie breaker – best throw away game

3rd tie breaker – next best throw away game and so on

See you on the courts – Terry Kennedy

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

Yes, it's September and yes, it's still hot!! Please remember to take precautions to stay cool and hydrated when you are playing in our hot Texas summers.

Ball Machines. It's been great to see the ball machines being used this summer. Each ball machine has approximately 75 balls in its hopper, and we try our best to keep them replenished. In the event you use one of the machines and find that there is a shortage of balls, please send me an email (novicehutch@gmail.com) so I can see that they are re-filled.

Common Question. More and more I'm being approached by new members who want to know...**Can I use the courts without taking the Club training classes?** The simple answer is "Yes you can".

We offer a variety of training programs for members at various levels. If you have never played Pickleball before or are very new to the sport, we highly recommend that you register for our ***Introduction to Pickleball, Beginner Training and Supervised Novice Play*** classes. These classes are offered without charge and are structured to teach you the things you need to know in order to comfortably play with other club members in "open play". However, the club does not require that you take the classes in order to use the courts. If you are not sure if the classes are for you, please send me an email (novicehutch@gmail.com.) and I or one of our instructors will meet with you to discuss your options and provide some guidance regarding training.

Ongoing Program Updates

Introduction to Pickleball. Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman taught 2 Intro to Pickleball classes in August in spite of the heat. Many thanks to both of them for continuing to provide this training throughout the very HOT summer months.

Beginner Training.(BT). This month we completed Beginner Training Classes 115, and 116. Due to the large demand for training, we have scheduled BT classes 117-120 into October 2023. Here are the photo of the graduates of BT Class 115 and 116.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)



BT 115 From top left:

Sue Kullerd, Jan Baldwin (Instructor), David Leopard, Alice Clemons (instructor)
Bill Herron, Brenda Gutierrez, Chris Gutierrez, Tori Woods, Holly Harris

Front row from left: Jodi Jenkins, Hannah Nguyễn (Asst Instructor), Robin
Glenewinkel, and Stephanie Leopard



BT 116 Back Row: Frank Foreman, Jeffery Barton, Maureen McKeown, Richard
Sloger, Dave Schunk (Asst. Instructor) Front Row Ric Hutchinson (Instructor),
Terry Kennedy (Asst. Instructor), Jeff Bue, Delma Schriever, Rick Schriever

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Supervised Novice Play. (SNP) Since the first of the year, we have graduated 166 students from SNP, bringing our total to 705 graduates since the program's inception in August 2020.

Advanced Pickleball Strategy. (APS) The first APS classes are scheduled for Tuesday September 5th and 19th and October 3rd and 17th. Currently these classes are full and have wait lists. If you have any questions regarding these classes please contact Will Saunders (willflowerpower@protonmail.com).



Train the Trainer Classes. Thanks to all the members who have contacted me to express an interest in joining our Instructor team. The next training sessions will be scheduled as soon as we get some cooler weather.

If you are interested in becoming a club instructor, this is the class for you. It serves to standardize the content and quality of instruction presented to our members. It is a precursor to hands-on experience gained through shadow training and serving as assistants to experienced coaches for Beginner Training, Novice Supervised Play and Skills and Drills sessions.

Train the Trainer is a 3-day, 2 hours per day, program of instruction. Day 1 covers the Beginner Training course curriculum and an overview of Supervised Novice Play and Skills and Drills programs; prescribed sequence for teaching skills, how to properly feed balls for drills; how to "detect and correct" player shortcomings and pitfalls to avoid in teaching/coaching pickleball. On Days 2 and 3, the students become the instructors. They teach designated skills and drills to other participants and practice detecting and correcting improper form on stroke execution.

This program is a prerequisite for the progressive development of our volunteers who will apprentice as assistant instructors and potentially work their way to joining the Supervised Novice Play, Beginner Training and Skills and Drills programs. For more information or to register for this class, contact Ric Hutchinson, Player Development Director, at novicehutch@gmail.com.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Club Teaching Professionals.

Take Advantage of Our Pros. Many of you have asked me how you can continue to improve your pickleball skill after you have completed our Club training programs. The answer is to contact Esteban or Matthew and take a lesson.

Available Hours. Our Teaching Professionals, Matthew Boyett and Esteban Espada share Court #23 at North Point, Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 10 pm. If you prefer evening lessons, please contact them. They also schedule make up sessions for inclement weather days on Sunday. For more information on our pros, their contact information and their rates, click on [Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons \(sctexas.org\)](https://www.sctexas.org) or head on out to Court #23, peak through the fence and see these guys in action.

This Applies to Pickleball as well



COACH'S CORNER



Matt Boyett

Hello everyone, Matthew Boyett here back again for another coach's corner. We have almost made it to the end of this crazy heat (hopefully). Remember to up your water and electrolyte intake during the summer. This month let's talk about how to reset the point when you are in trouble. Whether you are playing someone who hits it hard or you are just out of position, knowing how to reset is one of the most important skills in pickleball. Here are a few helpful keys to become good at resetting the point:

1. When to reset- when you are out of position or just need to slow the game down. If you need to get back into a better position, get the ball to bounce in the non-volley zone.
2. You need a stable paddle and a stable wrist. Try to avoid letting the paddle shift while making contact.
3. In the transition zone, remember your paddle ready position should be lower than at the kitchen line.
4. The harder your opponent hits, the more you need to absorb. It is natural to want to hit it hard when your opponent hits hard at you so you will have to practice this skill.
5. As you practice the reset, remember to give yourself some grace. You can always adjust the ball down, but if you miss into the net you do not have another chance. Think of it like a staircase, try to gradually work the ball down and not just go from the top step to the bottom step. This is very hard to do in a game when the ball is coming fast.
6. A drill to practice this would be the two touch drill. Hit the ball once (absorb) and then hit it back to your partner.

See you on the courts!

TOURNAMENT NEWS

More July Results: Midtown Pickleball Open

Mixed Doubles

Karen Parker & Andy Slawek	3.0	Gold	60+
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National Senior Games

Men's Singles

Ron Franke	3.5	Gold	65 - 69
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Men's Doubles

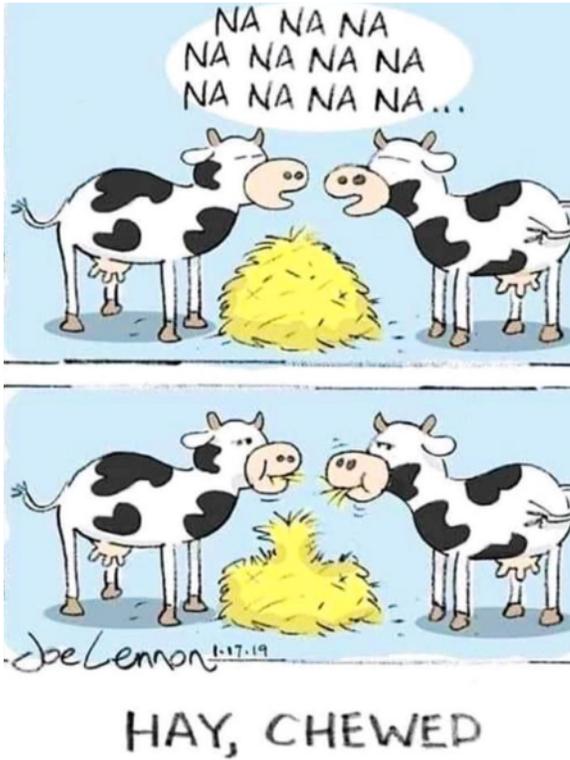
Ron Franke & Steve Frank	4.0	Bronze	65 - 69
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Ron Franke, 66,
caught some air
during pickleball.

Photo Courtesy People Mag

GRINS AND GIGGLES



2023 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS



Barb Patterson
President



D'Les Longino
Treasurer



Davey Stateler
Maintenance Director



Ron Franke
Vice-President



Ric Hutchinson
Director of Player Development



Terry Kennedy
Director of Court Activities (acting)



Peg O'Toole
Secretary



Pete Nadolski
Communications Director



PARTING SHOT

We'll Leave the Lights On For You



Northpoint after Hours (photo courtesy Terry H.)