



# Kitchen Talk

*Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## February



Barb Patterson

*February seems like the perfect month to say....*

### **Why I love pickleball and our club**

1. Pickleball is FUN! In what other sport can you run around, hit a ball back and forth with friends, laugh until your ribs hurt and still get a workout?
2. Pickleball is addictive! I'm actually disappointed if I wake up and it's raining or I have something other than playing pickleball planned. How will I make it through the day?
3. Pickleball is for everyone! I love seeing new people learn the game and want to get better. And you can play pickleball with your kids and grandkids; it's a sport for everyone.
4. Pickleball Club volunteers are the best! We've identified over 150 club volunteers who have given their time and effort to make our club the success that it is. They range from coaches/trainers to social committee folks to people who make sure the first aid kits are stocked. We couldn't do it without them.
5. Pickleball CMARS 9:00 pm court reservations are never boring. "The thrill of victory; the agony of defeat!" When you're at a party with pickleball friends, everyone understands why the chatter stops at 8:58 pm.

## FROM THE PREZ (CONT.)

6. Pickleball is competitive. Whether it's rec, league or tournament play, it's a great way to test your skills. Ask anyone who says they just "play for fun" whether they keep score when they play games.

7. Pickleball has many health benefits. Your heart and lungs get a workout. You run and jump (ok...my version of "jumping" is pretty sub-par.) It gets you up off the couch and that's a good thing.

8. Pickleball helps us make new friends. When you move to Sun City, joining our club is a terrific way to meet new people on the courts. Many of my best friends in life are people I met playing pickleball and I will be forever grateful that the sport we all love brought us together

See you on the Courts! Barb

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## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY  
*D'LES LONGINO*



### **December 2023 Financials & FY23 Roll-UP**

**FY23 Roll-Up:** Revenues for FY23 totaled \$44,350.50; with \$24,112.50 coming from membership dues and the remaining from Special Events ticket sales and charitable fundraising. Expenses totaled \$44,495.82; of that \$17,742.15 was Special Events related, \$5,000 for Charitable Contributions, and the remaining for routine club operations, player development and member relations. We ended the FY with a net loss of \$145.32 and a cash balance of \$6,650.32.

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Don't forget Club membership for 2024 is open!  
To remain active, you must renew prior to January 31st



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Susan	Alan
Thomas	Alvarez
Cole	Ballard
Genie	Barth
Wayne	Barth
Don	Boriack
Karen	Boriack
Robyn	Boyle
Linda	Bradshaw
Richard	Brown
James	Bumpus
Penny	Bumpus
Susan	Burgardt
Janice	Cahalane
Del	Callman
Emily	Callman
Bill	Cochran
Anne-Marie	Combs
Dan	Condrey

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Jane	Condrey
Jeff	Drott
Jenny	Drott
Linda	Elton
Lindsay	Ennis
Maria	Farkas
Glen	Flores
Joy	Fox
Cody	Graf
Debra	Graf
Dennis	Hohn
Vicky	Hohn
Lou	House
Tim	House
Sam	Kelly
Kelly	Kretz
Ralph	Lambert
Ilana	Lothman
Kasey	Lowery

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Laurie	Maiers
Jo Anne	Martin
Tim	Martin
Robert	Mazzone
David	Melendez
Barbara	Moore
Jim	Murrell
Vicki	Patterson
Bert	Perkins
Michelle	Phelan
Marlys	Sage
George	Schnepf
Nancy	Schnepf
Robert	Scoma
Dan	Simek
Peg	Simek
Jane	Sloger
Denice	Spencer
Steve	Spencer

# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Kathy	Steffy
Phillip	Steffy
James	Sullivan
Wendy	Sullivan
Craig	Swieter
John	Theurer

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Lisa	Theurer
Danny	Tolley
Ginger	Tuholski
Marty	Tuholski
Sara	Wahlquist
Mark	Wallenbrock
Karl	Wiess

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Dan	Wispinski
Beth	Wright
Steven	Wright
Marsha	Zwirn
Saul	Zwirn
Nancy	True



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

*nominated by Barb Patterson*

Our Volunteer of the Month is Diana Weiss



Diana Weiss is this month's Volunteer of the Month. Diana is a fixture around the pickleball courts and always willing to step up and organize things that go on there. When we put out a call last fall for someone to organize a lunch for our "Soldier Recovery Unit" visit in November, Diana was the one person who stepped up and offered to do it. We only asked for someone to plan a lunch for the visiting soldiers, but Diana went above and beyond. She organized a group to decorate tables, make delicious food, cut up fruit, buy sport drinks - the list goes on and on. Her volunteers also stepped up and helped the visiting soldiers (mainly from Fort Campbell, Kentucky) play pickleball all morning. Thanks to Diana and all of the volunteers who made that day a huge success! We are grateful for everything you did and know that those soldiers appreciated your hard work too!





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you have heard before, this club depends on volunteers to function. Here is a list of help requested in the coming year. Support for special activities like tournaments, leagues, Round Robins have not been included.

## **Court Ambassador**

Hello, my name is Tim Schutte, as you may have read in the last issue of Kitchen Talk, I am the person that was elected to be director of maintenance for the next two years.

I hope you also read that I would like to have some Court Ambassadors at each set of courts.

I just wanted to clarify a little bit about what I mean by Court Ambassadors, and why I think it so important to help keep the courts maintained to the standard the Davey has set the past 4 years.

## **What is a Court Ambassador?**

**A person or person(s) that play at one of the three Pickleball locations within Sun City (The Retreat, Texas Drive, or North Point) on a regular basis.**

**When the Ambassador is scheduled to play at their primary location they will take the time before, during or after their play to look and see if any maintenance items need to be addressed.**

**If any issues are found, they will notify me that something needs to be addressed.**

**A simple email stating, which location, which court(s) or common area and what needs attention.**

**I do not expect you to address them (unless you want to, I am always happy to have help), just simply notify me.**

**I will then add the item(s) to the spreadsheet for the courts and address them as soon as I can.**

**An Example: One of our members that plays at North Point sent me an email this past week that said;**

**"I was at NP today and the following courts have screens that have broken free and need to be re-zip tied down - 11, 14, 17, 21 and 23."**

**Interested? Contact Tim at [timpschutte@gmail.com](mailto:timpschutte@gmail.com)**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (CONT.)

## Display Box Set Up

For the last several years Sandy Piland and a select group or volunteers have been responsible for the design, set up and tear down of the Pickleball Club's display in the display case at 1 Texas Drive. We have the display case opportunity for one quarter each year. Sandy would like to have some new personnel assist her this year with the goal of someone taking over the responsibility in the future. If you have a creative flair and want to help Sandy, please contact her at: [RSPP@swbell.com](mailto:RSPP@swbell.com)

## Club Photographer Coordinator

We would love to have someone volunteer to be the Pickleball Club Photographer Coordinator. This person would coordinate with one of the many talented photographers we have in the club to make sure that we get photographs at special events - or just any time they are on the courts. The club has around 2 dozen special events each year. The coordinator does not have to take all the pictures, but coordinate that some one will take the pictures. If interested, please contact Pete Nadolski at: [pskiinv@gmail.com](mailto:pskiinv@gmail.com)



# FROM OUR PICKLEBALL FRIEND



Chuck Flanagan

The 2024 Edition of the Official Pickleball Rule book has been published. You can download your free copy here:

<https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/official-rules/>

I've spent the last few days reading the new rule book and here are the changes as well as a few nuances to existing rules that you should know.

1. Rule 4.A.9. - In non-officiated matches the receiver may call for a replay if the receiver determines that spin was imparted prior to the serve or the release was not visible. *"The receiver has no authority to call faults for service motion violations."*
2. Rules 4.M. & 4.N. - There are no longer any faults for the wrong server or receiver. If a player stops a rally to correct player positions which were wrong, the rally will be replayed. If the player positions were correct, that player will have committed a fault. (4.B.9.a.)
3. Rule 6.C.1. - *"Players are responsible for calling the lines on their end of the court..."* In non-officiated matches, *"Players may call non-volley zone and service foot faults on the opponent's end of the court. If there is any disagreement among players about the called foot fault, a replay shall occur."* (13.D.1.c.)
4. Rule 6.C.6. - *"Players shall not call a ball "out" **unless they can clearly see a space between the line and the ball** as it hits the ground."*
5. Rule 7.H. & Case 2-22 - This is one of those nuances I mentioned. 7.H. addresses the ball hitting items that a player is wearing (Fault!). 11.H. addresses those same items that are dropped on the court becoming, in essence, part of the court. But what about an item, such as a hat, that is hit by a ball while falling to the court? The answer is that it is still considered to be a worn item until it lands on the court (Fault!).
6. Rules 7.L. & 11.A. - It is now a fault on any player, *"...carrying or catching the ball on the paddle while performing the serve or during a rally. "Double hits,"...during a continuous, single-direction stroke by one player."*, however, are allowed.



# PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

7.Rule 7.N. - This is another one of those nuances. This rule talks about players carrying an extra ball during play. This is allowed as long as it's not visible. If the ball is dropped on the playing surface during play, it is a fault. The nuance is in the words, **"playing surface"**. This includes not just the court, but all of the surrounding area designated for playing (3.A.28.).

## **This Month's Rule Quiz - Expert Level**

"How can one player get called for committing four simultaneous faults in one rally?"

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2025 Rule Changes - " Opportunity to Submit Proposed Rule Changes: The window for USA Pickleball members to submit proposed rule changes is now open. The deadline for submission of a proposed rule change is May 15.

If there's a rule you'd like changed, here's your opportunity and the link:

<https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/official-rules/rulebook-revision-process/>

It's also worth checking from time to time so you can provide comments on other suggested changes that you like or dislike.

Here's a link to the latest issue of **"PICKLEBALL MAGAZINE"**...

<http://tinyurl.com/JanFebPBMagazine>

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Have a question about the rules?Feel free to drop me a note and ask me anything.

[\*\*Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com\*\*](mailto:Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com)

# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

*By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development*

I hope everyone's new year is full of Pickleball!!!. As you're reading this I'm in Florida visiting family and friends, (and hopefully playing some pickleball.) So this article is going to be very brief.

The transition to on line registration is going well!! In January we started to move registration for all of our member training programs to CMARS. While there was some apprehension about the move, (after all the words "Sun City Resident" and "Computer Literate" don't always go together) it has been extremely successful.

**Club Pro Clinics.** The response to the Pro Clinics has been amazing and overwhelming. As a result, we will be making some changes to try to accommodate the demand.

First, some of the clinics will be run as double sessions. The first clinic will run from 11:30 – 1:00 and then will be repeated from 1:00 – 2:30. This will allow us to accommodate up to 16 people per day. The first double session Pro Clinic (#24-3A and #24-3B) was held on 18 January.

Second, different clinics will be run back-to-back. This will allow us to provide more variety and serve different skill level groups on the same day.

Third, as you can see from the schedule below we have added more clinics in February.

Fourth, we're considering some additional clinic formats. For example, a clinic with both Matthew and Esteban teaching together.

**IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that everyone respects the minimum skill level requirements of each clinic when registering

**Please watch CMARS for these changes.**

The updated schedule for February is included below.



# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

## 2024 Club Pro Clinics

Pro Clinic #	Instructor	Pro Clinic Name	Date	Skill Level	Cost per Person	Courts/ Time	Registration Opens	
24-5	Matthew Boyett	Learn to lob Offensively	8-Feb-24	3.0	\$25.00	NP 14-16 11:30 – 1:00	25-Jan-24	5:00 PM
24-6	Esteban Espada	Dinking and <u>Attacking</u>	12-Feb-24	2.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16 11:30 – 1:00	29-Jan-24	5:00 PM
24-7	Matthew Boyett	Roll Volleys	22-Feb-24	4.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 11:30 – 1:00	8-Feb-24	5:00 PM
24-8	Esteban Espada	Blocking and Resetting Drive Shots	26-Feb-24	3.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16 11:30 – 1:00	12-Feb-24	5:00 PM
24-9	Matthew Boyett	Intentional Doubles Play	1-Feb-24	3.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16 11:30 – 1:00	18-Jan-24	5:00 PM
24-10	Matthew Boyett	Put the Ball Away	15-Feb-24	2.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16 11:30 – 1:00	1-Feb-24	5:00 PM
24-11	Matthew Boyett	Backhand	29-Feb-24	3.0	\$25.00	NP 14-16 11:30 – 1:00	15-Feb-24	5:00 PM

### Club Teaching Professionals.

**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 Pickleball Club Private Lessons \(sctexas.org\)](http://Sun City Texas Community Association Pickleball Club Private Lessons (sctexas.org)) or head on out to Court #23, peak through the fence and see these guys in action.

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

# COURT ACTIVITIES

By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities

## Court Usage

**Weekend Round Robins are running again**

**Over 150 registrants for the first 3 weeks – too bad the weather has not co-operated!**

**As of 1/23/2024 we already have 22 teams registered**

**For our Team Challenge League**

**We are now taking individual names -to make up teams -to fill the available slots**

**If interested email the skill level your interested in and what day you are available to me at [kennedytw610@gmail.com](mailto:kennedytw610@gmail.com)**

**Monday & Wednesday Intermediate (2.5-3.49}**

**Tuesday & Thursday Advanced Intermediate (3.5-4)**

**Fridays 4.0 & above**



# COACH'S CORNER



Matt Boyett

Hey everyone, Matthew Boyett back again for another Coach's Corner. Like most of you, I have not had enough pickleball in the last month due to weather. Let's hope February brings tons of pickleball and less cold! For this month, I wanted to talk about how I see pickleball evolving this year and what you could do to stay ahead!

The game is becoming more aggressive, adjust your mindset!

With new paddle technology, faster balls, and new players with a vast background in sports, there is no hiding from the fact that pickleball is getting faster. Use this as an advantage and not something your opponents can use against you. To help with this, keep reminding yourself to stay aggressive. This does not mean you will attack any and everything, it just means you are not just simply keeping the ball in play. When you first begin playing, getting the ball in play is great. As your game evolves, you need to start thinking more offensively with your shots. A drop shot, dink, and lob can be aggressive shots. Work on becoming more aggressive with these shots to create your opportunities on the court.

Topspin, topspin, topspin

- This relates to new paddle technology as well, but hitting shots with topspin is becoming a necessity, not just a cool shot. The past few years, slice has been a great option, and at times still can be. With topspin though, players can hit the ball harder or higher and still keep the ball in play. To adapt with this, start practicing hitting deep topspin return of serves and learn how to hit a medium paced 3rd shot drive with top spin.

These two things I not only see happening a lot more in clinics/lessons but also when I play in my own tournaments. Pickleball is ever evolving, keep trying new things to continue to evolve your own game!

**Put this one on your calendars!**

**Sign up to play or just come out to support a great organization**



# **PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT**

## **AT SUN CITY'S NORTHPOINT COURTS BENEFITING BiG**

### **MARCH 2, 2024**

Grab a partner, sign up, and get ready to play in the first-ever BiG pickleball tournament, where all proceeds go directly to BiG!

BiG is a God-centered vocational and residential community for adults with developmental disabilities. BiG has a vision of an inclusive and empowering world for adults with special needs. Join us in changing the way the world views this population!

On March 2, 2024, the Sun City Northpoint Pickleball courts (located at 700 County Road 245 in Georgetown) will open up at 8 AM with women's doubles, mixed doubles, and men's doubles. Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced teams are welcome!

**REGISTER FOR  
TICKETS AND  
SPONSORSHIPS ON  
BiG'S WEBSITE:  
[WWW.BIGTX.ORG](http://WWW.BIGTX.ORG)**

### **THE DETAILS**

- **Three tournament divisions: Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.**
- **Entry fee is \$50 per player per division.**
- **Each individual team must register. Please keep in mind, when you register, you will be registering for both players on one team.**
- **Each team is guaranteed three matches. This is an unsanctioned tournament and there will be no referees on site.**

**Can't play? Come volunteer! Current volunteer opportunities: Set up/Take down, Court Monitors, Parking Support, Check-in, Runners, and Troubleshooting**

*FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BiG'S DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT, ABBY FOSTER, AT [ABBYF@BIGTX.ORG](mailto:ABBYF@BIGTX.ORG).*

## Be On The Look Out for the Upcoming Club Survey!

The club is in the process of preparing the 2024 survey so that members can express their opinions on a number of items from court usage to leagues to capital fund ideas to training and more . The survey is in the final stages of production and you will see the release in in February. Please take a few moments to answer the survey and provide additional input where requested. The board does use the survey results to help guide us through the year.

What do you do when it is just too darn cold to play Pickleball?

Why have a PJ party of course!



## 2024 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS



**Barb Patterson**  
*President*



**D'Les Longino**  
*Treasurer*



**Tim Schutte**  
*Maintenance Director*



**Liz Blount**  
*Vice President*



**Ric Hutchinson**  
*Director of Player Development*



**Terry Kennedy**  
*Director of Court Activities*



**Peg O'Toole**  
*Secretary*



**Pete Nadolski**  
*Communications Director*



# PARTING SHOT

**The Sun Has Come Out This Morning....**

