



# Kitchen Talk

*Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## April



Allison Wolfe

Well the bad news is I have been having shoulder issues so I haven't been able to spend much time on the pickleball courts. The good news is I have been able to dedicate much of my time to conducting pickleball business. Lots of exciting things happening around here!

First, Kirby Campbell (CA) and I have been talking to contractors about a better gathering place at Tx Dr, more in line with the facilities at Northpoint and Retreat. We're waiting on renderings and pricing, and as soon as I have more information, so will you. Exciting!

Second, I got approval recently for a Sponsor Banner Campaign (much like the Softball Club's existing program), and I am putting the final touches on it. We are hoping that having sponsors pay for banners to hang on our fences will allow us to provide improvements, equipment and social activities without raising our dues. Stay tuned!

Shortly the landscaping guys will pull up those round, wiggly river rocks at the end of the sidewalk to the gravel parking lot between courts 21 and 23 and replace them with pavers which will make that area much safer. Thank our incredible Maintenance Director, Tim Schutte for spearheading that project. You rock, Tim!

If you see something that needs attention from Tim, please shoot him an email about it. It would really help him out. [Timpschutte@gmail.com](mailto:Timpschutte@gmail.com)

Did you know that Lisa Callahan volunteers to check out our First Aid Kits monthly to make sure all of the appropriate emergency forms, approved supplies etc. are in there, functional, and replaced if needed? (One of our many unsung volunteers who make our Club run like clockwork. Thanks, Lisa!) Recently however, she has opened up those kits to find unexpected items in there. Please everyone, Lisa's got this - she doesn't need your discarded items or toiletries! Thanks.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont)

The water fountain at Northpoint by courts 13/14, has never worked properly if at all. It appears the plumbing was done incorrectly and the CA is trying to figure out how costly the redo is. So stay tuned, but don't expect a quick fix.

Pickleball is a fun sport that gets us off the couch and moving. Hooray! But accidents happen, falls occur, we overwork our aging bodies. Please consider taking the CPR/AED/First Aid classes offered in Sun City at the Cowan Creek Amenity Center. The life you save because you know what to do could be your spouse or your favorite pickleball partner. You could be a hero!

This month I will tackle the survey results and will present our findings to you in the next Kitchen Talk. If you responded, thank you!

Spring has sprung-let's play some pickleball!

Allison

**THRIVE <sup>in</sup> 2025!**



# TREASURER'S REPORT

SUBMITTED BY *DAVID LUPIA*

## **FEBRUARY 2025 FINANCIALS**



We began February with a cash balance of \$33,472. Net Income was a loss of \$2,377, because \$1,830 of revenue, mostly from membership dues, was more than offset by \$4,207 in expenses. Expenses were comprised of \$1,978 for three new court dryers, \$900 for camera feeds (an annual cost), \$543 for maintenance and supplies, \$422 for a volunteer dinner held at the end of January, \$252 for credit card fees and \$364 for other costs. We ended February with a cash balance of \$31,215

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## **Upcoming Events - Next 6 weeks (or so)**

- Apr 1 - Neon Social event at Texas Drive
  - Apr 2 - First Wednesday Social at Northpoint
  - Apr 5 - New member Orientation
  - Apr 16 - New member Orientation
  - Apr 26 - 27 - Spring Classic Tournament
  - May 3 - New Member Orientation
  - May 7 - First Wednesday Social Event at Northpoint
  - May 21 - New Member Orientation
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# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

| FIRST NAME | LAST NAME     |
|------------|---------------|
| Jeff       | Carlson       |
| Aggie      | Hollis        |
| Glenda     | Johnston      |
| Ronald     | Johnston      |
| David      | Kelly         |
| Brenda     | Lechtenberger |

| FIRST NAME | LAST NAME     |
|------------|---------------|
| William    | Lechtenberger |
| Becky      | McGillick     |
| Ronald     | Niksich       |
| Kim        | Odom          |
| Jack       | Oster         |

| FIRST NAME | LAST NAME |
|------------|-----------|
| Greg       | Plush     |
| Cindy      | Porter    |
| Glenn      | Porter    |
| Dennis     | Smith     |
| Darion     | Wisely    |
| Susan      | Wisely    |

***At press time, total number of club members is 1607.***





# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

*By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development*

**It's April 2025 Hopefully it is not as windy this month as it was in March.**

## **We're Having Fun Every Day!!**

I was forwarded an email the other day that appears to have been sent to a group of new members in the Sun City Pickleball Club. Which, by the way, is the ONLY Pickleball Club recognized by the Sun City Community Association. I was disappointed to find out that apparently, I've been playing with club members who create an atmosphere that is, (to quote the email), "too competitive, judgmental, and ultimately depressing".

After reading this email, I became really upset, because I THOUGHT I WAS HAVING FUN with a great group of people!!!

So, in an effort to figure out what went wrong I reviewed my usual play schedule.

Let's see, I play at Texas Drive a couple of times a week during Open Play. The people there are some of the nicest, most social, easy-going people I've ever met. It is a very friendly (almost family-like) environment where people of all abilities play together and have fun.

I play in the 4.0 Skill Level Open Play at North Point. This is definitely a more competitive environment but it's not judgmental or depressing. In fact, most people who play there enjoy it so much it's getting crowded.

I play at the Retreat some evenings in Open Play. This is a different crowd than I see at Texas Drive but I haven't heard of a single person suffering depression after playing there.

In fact, I'm on the courts a lot at Sun City as the Director of Player Development, and what I see is a lot of people having fun playing Pickleball with friends, soon to be friends, and new acquaintances.

So, I'm glad I reviewed my play activities because I feel a lot better now. You know why? Because I realize I HAVE BEEN HAVING FUN!! I hope you have been too.

So go have fun, meet some new friends and if you see me out there let's play a game together.

# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

## Ongoing Program Updates

**Beginner Training.(BT).** We have scheduled 15 Beginner training classes for 2025. These classes are all listed in CMARS with registration opening 90 days prior to the date of the class.

We recently completed Beginner Training Class 142. My thanks to all the volunteer instructors who give their time to make these classes possible. Here is the photo of the graduates of BT Class 142.



**BT 142** Left to Right: Ron Longino (Instructor), Brad Corbett, Rob Ramsey, Toby Ewing, Steve Jampol (Asst. Instructor), Pam Jones, Rich Jackson, Randy Jones, Teresa Wolfe, Janie Harris, Cheryl Winters, Ray Jujjavarapu, Susan Dolan. Not pictured, Kathy Carr (Instructor).

**Supervised Novice Play (SNP)** The third 4-week cycle of 2025 started 13 March 2025 although the weather has again forced the cancellation of multiple classes. We continue to add new players each month and as a result of the graduation of BT classes 142 currently have 70 players in the program.

**Club Pro Clinics (CPC)** Our Club Pro Clinics are designed for players of various skill levels, including some that include all skill levels. Please review the skill level requirement before registering. Registration for all clinics will be through CMARS. All payments for clinics will; be made directly to the instructor teaching the class. The following clinics are scheduled at this time. As more clinics are scheduled they will be added to CMARS. The following is a list of the April Clinics.



# TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

| Pro Clinic # | Instructor                        | Pro Clinic Name                                  | Date      | Skill Level | Cost per Person | Courts/Time                |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 25-19        | Richard Wells                     | Serves/Returns/Ground Strokes/Transition Zone    | 1-Apr-25  | 3.0-3.5     | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>11:30 - 1:00   |
| 25-23        | Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells | Coached Play<br>Shot Choice/Positioning/Strategy | 2-Apr-25  | 3.0         | \$35.00         | NP 11-13<br>1:00 - 2:30    |
| 25-24        | Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells | Boot Camp (3 Hr Clinic)                          | 7-Apr-25  | 3.0/3.5     | \$70.00         | NP 11-13<br>11:30 - 2:30   |
| 25-25        | Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells | Coached Play<br>Shot Choice/Positioning/Strategy | 16-Apr-25 | 3.5         | \$35.00         | NP 11-13<br>1:00 - 2:30    |
| 25-26        | Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells | Boot Camp (3 Hr Clinic)                          | 22-Apr-25 | 3.0/3.5     | \$70.00         | NP 11-13<br>11:30 - 2:30   |
| 25-29        | Doug Oliver                       | Dinks & Drop Shots                               | 3-Apr-25  | 3.0         | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>1:00 - 2:30    |
| 25-30        | Doug Oliver                       | Blocks & Punch Shots                             | 14-Apr-25 | 3.0         | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>1:00 - 2:30    |
| 25-31        | Doug Oliver                       | Aggressive Dinking                               | 28-Apr-25 | 3.5         | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>1:00 - 2:30    |
| 25-32        | Doug Oliver                       | Dinks & Drop Shots                               | 29-Apr-25 | 3.0         | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>1:00 - 2:30    |
| 25-33        | Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)   | Pickleball Strategy Offensive and Defensive Play | 8-Apr-25  | 3.0/3.5     | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>5:00 - 6:30 PM |
| 25-34        | Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)   | Pickleball Strategy Offensive and Defensive Play | 8-Apr-25  | 4.0         | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>7:00 - 8:30 PM |
| 25-35        | Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)   | Pickleball Drills - Sharpening Your Skills       | 15-Apr-25 | 4.0         | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>5:00 - 6:30 PM |
| 25-36        | Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)   | Pickleball Drills - Sharpening Your Skills       | 15-Apr-25 | 3.0/3.5     | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>7:00 - 8:30 PM |
| 25-37        | Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)   | Pickleball Advanced Strategies and Tactics       | 29-Apr-25 | 3.5/4.0     | \$25.00         | NP 11-13<br>7:00 - 8:30 PM |





# COURT ACTIVITIES

*By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities*

## **Team Challenge League**

**Started on March 3rd**

**4 – 8 person teams on Monday 2.5/3.0 SL**

**6 – 8 person teams on Tuesday 3.5 SL**

**4 – 8 person teams on Wednesday 4.0+ SL**

**6 – 8 person teams on Thursday 3.0/3.5 SL**

**Good Competitive Matches**

**Will be ending in Mid-April**

**We Need your help**

**We need 24 volunteers – to help with the**

**SPRING CLASSIC AMATEUR OPEN 4/26 AND 4/27**

**Please let me know if you can help Saturday or Sunday**

**Volunteer for one or two 4-hour blocks**

**7-11, 11-3, 3-7**

**We will be helping with parking, maintaining water stations, helping with information and directions, and keeping our North Point courts clean**

**Watch some good pickleball and root your friends on**

**Plan on getting a free club T-shirt for the help**

**Let me know what day and block of hours you can help – also your T-shirt size**

**Kennedytw610@gmail.com**



# FROM THE MAINTENANCE TOOL SHED

*By Tim Schutte, Maintenance Director*



Tim and the Maintenance crew have been busy. They purchased additional court drying apparatus for the courts. The parking lines in the golf cart parking area at Northpoint were painted. Over 150 cable ties holding down the wind fences were replaced (yes March was a windy month!) A new basket for training balls was installed at Texas Drive.

If you see something, that you feel needs to be addressed and you can address it yourself please do so.

If you see something that you feel needs to be addressed, but you are not comfortable fixing it, please contact Tim Schutte to have it taken care of as quickly as possible.

Tim's Contact information: TEXT: (540) 454-1178 EMAIL: [TimPSchutte@gmail.com](mailto:TimPSchutte@gmail.com)

When you contact me, I need to know the Court(s) or area of the complex that you feel needs addressed, what the problem is, and the location of the problem as clearly as possible.

Things everyone can help with:

If you see trash, pick it up and put it in one of the garbage cans.

PLEASE keep all gates CLOSED and LATCHED at all times except when entering or leaving the courts. We continue to have latches bent because gates are left open, wind blows them shut with latches down. Then it is hard to get the latches closed.

## FROM OUR PICKLEBALL FRIEND



Chuck Flanagan

Allison added: There is confusion around the new Rally Scoring. It would be a good thing if we all did it the same way whether we're playing socially or in Round Robins. I asked Chuck Flanagan to clarify the rules. Here's what he said:

Official USA Pickleball (USAP) rally scoring for doubles uses the same rules as 'normal' doubles with three exceptions.

1. There are no 'Second Servers' in rally scoring. The server begins the rally (immediately, as soon as someone calls "rally") by announcing the score as two numbers. That server will continue to serve, switching sides with his/her partner until they lose a rally.
2. Every rally ends with either a point awarded to the serving team or the receiving team. After recording the point, the partners winning the rally will switch sides. If the serving team wins the rally the same server will continue to serve until that team loses a rally. When the receiving team wins a rally they get a point and will switch sides with each other. Then the partner now on the right will be their server. That person will continue to serve, switching sides with his/her partner until they lose a rally.
3. The final point of the game (Game Point) can only be won by the serving team. For example; if the score is 8-10 (the team with 8 points is serving) and the serving team loses the rally, the receiving team does not get a point (the winning point). They will not switch sides. A side out will be declared and the player still on the right will be the server with the score now 10-8.

The key elements to USAP rally scoring:

- 1) There are no 'second servers'. The serve is lost when a rally is lost.
- 2) Every rally ends with a point awarded to the winning team (serving or receiving).
- 3) The winning team switches sides before the right hand court player serves.
- 4) The final point of the game (Game Point) can only be won by the serving team.

Hope this helps. Thanks Chuck!

# TOURNAMENT NEWS

## Texas Senior Games

### Men's Doubles

|                                |     |        |         |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|---------|
| Frank Simmons & Steve Schmuker | 3.0 | Gold   | 55 - 69 |
| Kobus Pieters & Bob Knowles    | 3.5 | Silver | 70 - 74 |

### Men's Singles

|                 |     |        |         |
|-----------------|-----|--------|---------|
| Brian Loynachan | 3.5 | Gold   | 55 - 64 |
| Bob Knowles     | 3.0 | Gold   | 65 - 74 |
| Steven Schmuker | 3.0 | Silver | 65 - 74 |
| Kobus Pieters   | 3.5 | Bronze | 70 - 74 |

### Women's Doubles

|                                |     |      |         |
|--------------------------------|-----|------|---------|
| Donna Loynachan & Connie Rader | 4.0 | Gold | 60 - 64 |
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### Mixed Doubles

|                         |     |      |         |
|-------------------------|-----|------|---------|
| Donna & Brian Loynachan | 4.0 | Gold | 60 - 69 |
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**Remember: Please send tournament results to the club e-mail:  
SCTXPICKLEBALL@GMAIL.COM.**





## 2025 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS



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# PARTING SHOT



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