



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

July



Allison Wolfe

Hard to believe but the year is half over. Just think in 3-4 months the weather will be cooler! (Get those jackets ready. This is called wishful thinking.)

In the meantime here's news you can use.

I hope you've had a chance to go play on the Tx Dr and/or Retreat courts. Those new surfaces look fantastic! And don't you like the lighter colored kitchens and those crisp white lines? I sure do.

It was suggested to me that more people would read messages from the Pickleball Club if we texted them. Raise your hand if you are willing to donate the \$5000+/year to pay for that capability. Nobody? Well I guess if you wish to know what's going on in the club, you better resign yourself to opening up your emails, as old fashioned as you think that might be.

People being lax about not canceling courts particularly in prime time, continues to be a problem even after several reminders and requests. Therefore the Board feels like we need to crack down on this. If your name is on an early court and the court is empty you will get a note from me. After a second note from me and it happens again, you lose your CMARS privileges for a month. Seriously folks, IT TAKES ONE SECOND TO CANCEL A COURT! People gripe about the difficulty of reserving courts, but if you're not using your court and failing to release it, then you're part of the problem. Please take the time to do this if you can't play! I don't want to write you a note.

COMING UP: Tx Dr will be closed for the weekend of July 12&13. The CA is cleaning up the flagstones and applying an industrial strength sealer on to the decomposed gravel to keep it in place. This is a 48 hour process. Thanks for staying out of that area while improvements are being made.



From The President (Cont.)

Shortly a survey will land in your inbox getting your opinions about the Tx Dr capital project and the ways you would prefer to finance any future projects. If you weren't at the general meeting, go to the website and look up the slides to get a concept of the project and its costs and ways we can finance improvements.

Sometime in the near future the CA will begin constructing a fence around NP with gates and keypads at the entrances. This is necessary because more and more, kids from surrounding communities are using our courts and equipment and messing up the bathrooms. The entry codes will be given to you as members but don't share them with others. Non-members will need to call desk monitors to get codes. A big change I know, but we must do our part to protect our valuable and desirable amenity spaces. We pay for them after all.

Finally if you responded positively to the indoor courts survey, the results are available on our website. Also, know that The Tejas Pickleball Club is opening soon. It is offering some founder memberships so google it and see if anything fits your needs. (I can't provide the link since I'm not supposed to advertise but you can figure out how to get to them I bet.)

Stay cool! Drink water! Be safe out there!

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUBMITTED BY DAVID LUPIA

MAY 2025 FINANCIALS

We started the month with \$32,594 in cash and ended with \$30,903 because expenses exceeded revenues by \$1,720. Revenue came from membership fees of \$495 and \$100 from the Spring Classic. Total expenses of \$2,315 came from replacement of wind flags and poles (\$1,115), expenses for the Spring Classic (\$390), gift cards for volunteers (\$258), and subscription fees for Court Reserve and camera feeds (\$252). The remaining \$300 of expenses are varied.





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Dolly	Ames
John	Benson
James	Bogush
Robert	Carter
Christa	Collins
Ben	Fairley
Christi	Fairley
Brenda	Ferguson

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Tom	Ferguson
Kevin	Murphy
Jennifer	Ramsbacher
Kurt	Ramsbacher
Karen	Rodgers
James	Sammons
Jane	Sammons

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Robert	Schueller
Karen	Spector
Michelle	Stowers
John	Taylor
Becky	Wecker
Keith	Wecker
Mike	Wittrock
Pam	Wittrock

At press time, total number of club members is 1689





Upcoming Events - Next 6 weeks (or so)

July 2 - First Wednesday

July 4 - No Round Robin

July 12 - New member Orientation

July 12 - 13 - Texas Drive courts closed for maintenance

Aug 2 - New Member Orientation

Aug 6 - First Wednesday

Aug 20 - New member Orientation





VICE PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

BY LIZ BLOUNT

Just a reminder that when you renew your membership in the club, you must send an email to me requesting reinstatement in CMARs. CMARs is a separate platform that is not connected to the CA system. Also, new members are entered into CMARs once a week (usually on each Sunday) and you must respond to the welcome email within 48 hours. For CMARs questions, please email me at liznsugar@gmail.com.

I oversee the Nominating committee and it is not too early to begin seeking out members who would like to serve on the nominating committee. The following board positions will open for 2026:

VP - Currently held by Liz Blount

Director of Player Development - Currently held by Ric Hutchison

Director of Court Activities - Currently held by Terry Kennedy

Maintenance Director - Currently held by Tim Schutte

Each position is a two-year term. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or think you would like to run for one of these positions, please contact me. Job descriptions for the positions are on our website. The nomination committee must be in place by 9/22/25.





VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

nominated by Terry Kennedy and Pete Nadolski



So what happens when you have significantly under estimated the amount of trash 300+ players can generate, and you discover that the ice machine cannot keep up with the demand? That's the situation the club found itself in during the Spring Classic earlier this year. Along comes Billy Blackman with a solution. He used his pick-up truck (much to Judy's Surprise) to make several trash runs to various dumpsters on both Saturday and Sunday. On separate runs, he found some of the industrial ice machines that had surplus ice and brought back coolers with the frozen gold. We are not sure what we would have done without Billy's help, but his willingness to step up bailed us out of a bad situation. Thanks Billy! You made our day!

A man walks into a pet store and asks for a dozen bees. The clerk carefully counts 13 bees out onto the counter.

"That's one too many!" says the customer.

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TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

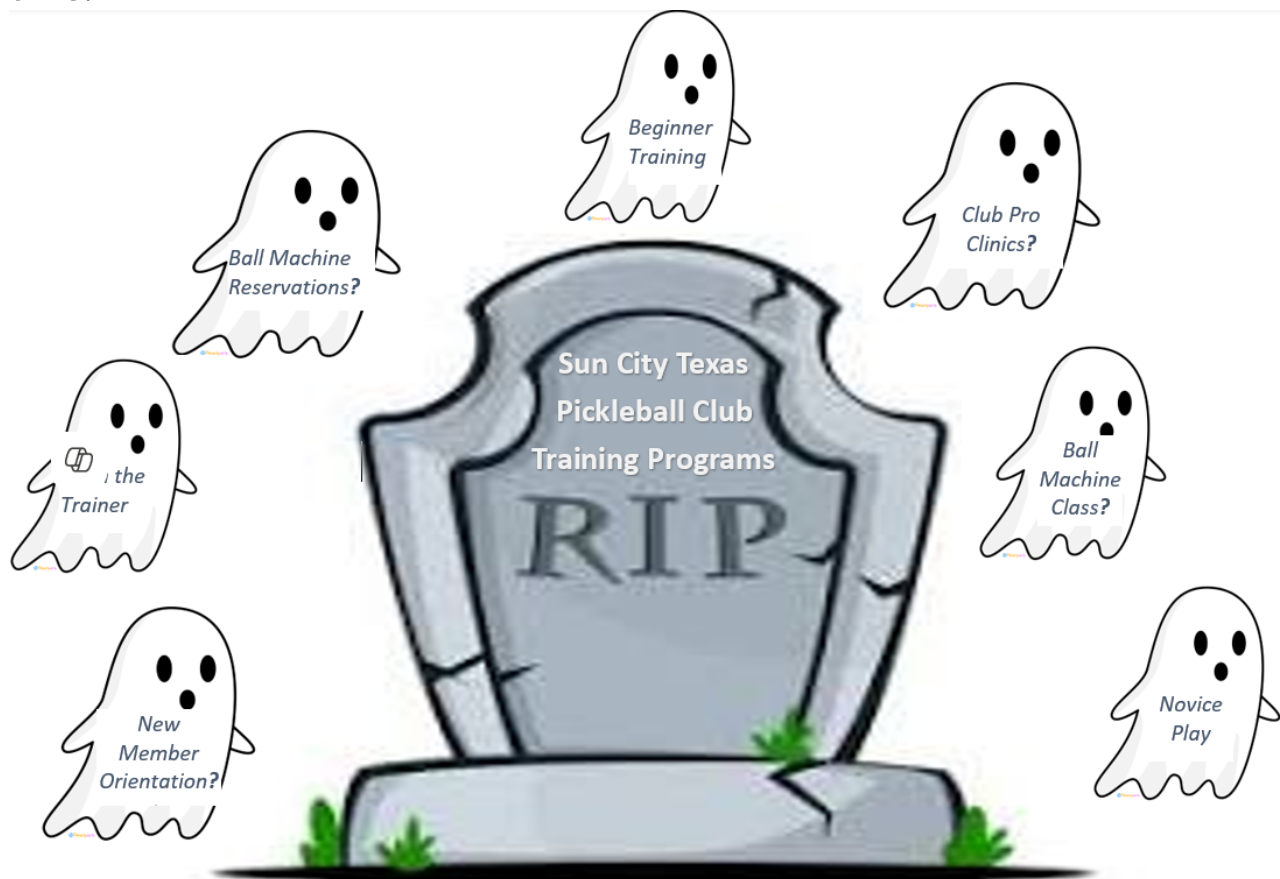
By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

It's July 2025. I hope everyone will take some time this month to celebrate the 249th birthday of our great nation.



ON A SADDER NOTE:

You might also take a few minutes to mourn the imminent demise of one of the best, if not the best, pickleball training programs in the country. This should be especially disturbing to the approximately 925 active members of this club who are playing pickleball today because of the training they received through our Club training programs.





TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

Club Name Tags

I noticed recently that there are about a dozen club name tags in the maintenance shed outside of court 4 at Texas Drive. Many of these tags have been there for a while. If you have ordered a tag and not received it you should take a look and see if it is there.

Ongoing Program Updates

Beginner Training.(BT).

We recently completed Beginner Training Class 146. My thanks to all the volunteer instructors who give their time to make these classes possible. Here are the photos of the graduates of BT 146.



BT 146 Left to Right Front Row: Jane Anderson, Allison Wolfe, Instructor, Robin Boyle, Lisa Tully, June Caswell, Andrea Genovese, Martha Speakman, Instructor, Mark Moen, Instructor.

Left to Right Back Row: John Anderson, Rich McAvey, Karen White, Karen Spector, Alex Sica, Scott Genovese, Randy Burch.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

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.

2025 Club Pro Clinics								
Pro Clinic #	Instructor	Pro Clinic Name	Date	Skill Level	Cost per Person	Courts/Time	Registration Opens	
25-68	Izaak Gonzalez	Level Up Play - Defend & Conquer	3-Jul-25	3.5+	\$25.00	NP 15-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	12-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-69	Richard Wells	Dinks/Volleys/Drives/Overheads: Crash Course in Mastering Fundamentals	1-Jul-25	3.0 - 3.5	\$25.00	NP 12-13 7:00 - 8:30 am	17-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-70	Richard Wells	Pickleball Strategies -What shots to use and When to use them.	8-Jul-25	3.0 - 3.5	\$25.00	NP 12-13 7:00 - 8:30 am	24-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-71	Izaak Gonzalez	All Court Skills & Drills	9-Jul-25	2.5 - 3.5	\$25.00	NP 15-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	25-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-72	Izaak Gonzalez	All Court Skills & Drills	10-Jul-25	3.5+	\$25.00	NP 15-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	26-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-73	Izaak Gonzalez	Level Up - Offensive Tools/Shots/Strategies	23-Jul-25	2.5 - 3.5	\$25.00	NP 15-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	9-Jul-25	5:00 PM
25-74	Izaak Gonzalez	Level Up - Offensive Tools/Shots/Strategies	24-Jul-25	3.5+	\$25.00	NP 15-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	10-Jul-25	5:00 PM
25-75	Izaak Gonzalez	Level Up - Conquer the Kitchen	30-Jul-25	2.5 - 3.5	\$25.00	NP 15-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	16-Jul-25	5:00 PM
25-76	Izaak Gonzalez	Level Up - Conquer the Kitchen	31-Jul-25	3.5+	\$25.00	NP 15-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	17-Jul-25	5:00 PM
25-77	Doug Oliver	Finding Our Serve (Limited to 4)	2-Jul-25	3.0+	\$25.00	NP 16 7:00 - 8:30 am	18-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-78	Doug Oliver	Fundamentals of Drop Shots	9-Jul-25	3.0+	\$25.00	NP 12-13 7:00 - 8:30 am	25-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-79	Doug Oliver	Spin	10-Jul-25	3.0+	\$25.00	NP 12-13 7:00 - 8:30 am	26-Jun-25	5:00 PM
25-80	Doug Oliver	Creating Space / Hitting Aggressively	30-Jul-25	3.0+	\$25.00	NP 12-13 7:00 - 8:30 am	16-Jul-25	5:00 PM
25-81	Doug Oliver	Blocks & Punch Shots	31-Jul-25	3.0	\$25.00	NP 12-13 7:00 - 8:30 am	17-Jul-25	5:00 PM



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

Tips from Coach Margo

July 2025

Moving through Transition Zone

After returning serve, your best bet is to zip through Transition Zone and do a split step, landing with knees bent at the No Volley Zone line (the kitchen line) in the ready position prepared to hit the next shot.

IF you cannot get to that line quickly enough, you have 2 choices:

1. Return the serve with high loft so you have time to get up to the line.
2. Travel through the Transition Zone staying low, with paddle low ready to hit a ball that has been hit to your feet. If you stay LOW, you have a better chance of hitting it as a volley.
3. Sometimes you have to take it as a $\frac{1}{2}$ volley, or a short hop. In both of these cases, you must KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN looking at the ball. Be aware of the angle of your paddle so you don't hit a pop up.



Unable to find a hole in his paddle, John was starting to think the paddle may not be his problem.



COURT ACTIVITIES

By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities

Round Robin Tournaments

Women's 9/5 and 9/6 Men's 9/12 and 9/13

Both open for registration on 8/1 at 7 AM and close on 8/22

Go to CMARS to register and pick skill level you plan to compete at:

4.0 Round Robin Tour 7 to 8:30 9/5 – 24 slots

Or 3.5 Round Robin Tour 8:30 to 10 9/5 – 24 slots

Or 3.0 Round Robin Tour 10 to 11:30 9/5 – 24 slots

Or 2.5 Round Robin Tour 10 to 11:30 9/6 – 12 slots

Men have similar choices for 9/12

Friday play will be random partner and opponent 11 point games

You will play 4 games

We will count your 3 best scores and your 4th game will be used as a tie breaker

The top 12 scores will move on to Saturday play

Where you will play 4 games

We will count your 3 best scores and your 4th game will be used a tie breaker

The top 4 scores will move on to medal play

Medal play will consist of 3 games – no 4th game

If slots are all filled please use wait list function – we will add additional courts for each additional 4 players on a wait list

Assigned play times are for planning purpose and may be changed due to number of participants

Round Robin play schedule posted at breezeways ct 13-14 and ct 21-22

Watch August Kitchen Talk – for information fall Ladder League



FROM THE MAINTENANCE TOOL SHED

By Tim Schutte, Maintenance Director

Thanks to Terry Miller who made and installed a ball block on the back of courts 7&8 under the matts.

Please Email ([Timpschutte@gmail](mailto:Timpschutte@gmail.com)) or text 540-454-1178 when you see something that needs attention.

Some Photos from around the Retreat courts



First players on the resurfaced Retreat Courts



Donuts at the Retreat

New Dividers at the Retreat





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2025 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS



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Terry Kennedy
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Activities*



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PARTING SHOT



I am always looking for photos for the parting shot. If you have something, send it to me at sctxpickleball@gmail.com