



Kitchen Talk



Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas Newsletter

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Fun, Friends and Fitness

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From the Prez

By Nancy Grafton
PASCT President



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Well, August was definitely an exciting month for our members! If you haven't stopped by the courts recently, you are in for some surprises: There is a 15' x 30' shade cover in the area between Courts 4 and 5, where members, residents, and guests are enjoying cooler temps while they wait to play, rest, or just catch up on some conversations. Plus, landscaping is currently underway in that same area to replace either the dried mud that resulted from all the rainstorms we experienced these past few months, or the grass that is now non-existent from all the foot traffic. And, since our banner had to be removed, a permanent metal sign, visible on both sides, was attached to the bulletin board and lets visitors know where the pickleball courts are located.

Many thanks to June Sewell, who recommended medical emergency tags (like those used by the Hiking Club) that can be affixed to your pickleball bag. The Board approved her recommendation, and Barb Patterson printed off nametags for all our members, and the medical information sheets, and then she and her husband, Ken, and Clark Grafton put the sets together. We hope to distribute the tags to you over the next few months, hopefully, up at the courts in the morning (pickup days/times will be announced), or at one of the events that will be held in September (women's social), October (pickle "ball" and potluck dinner), or the November (annual tournament and shrimp boil).

Watch for more news on these events in either Kitchen Talk, or Pickleball Express.

Nancy



Pickle "Ball" Scheduled for 8 October 2016

Come out and join the fun on October 8, 2016. The October Pickle "Ball" social, hosted by club members Sheri Brainard, VA Miller, Kim Stout, Eglia Flores and Sandy Piland, promises to be a fun event. There will be eating, dancing and prizes. It will start with a pot luck dinner at 5 pm. followed by dancing. Additional details to follow soon.

From the Ambassador

By **Chuck Flanagan**

Texas Central and South Central District Pickleball Ambassador



Chuck Flanagan

I don't know if I've mentioned this before, but the USAPA sponsors a Google Groups 'Ambassadors Forum'. This is a forum, open to all pickleball ambassadors, where we can post questions and share ideas with other ambassadors around the country. The day after I submitted my July column to Kitchen Talk, this question was posted on the forum by an ambassador in Maine:

"Ref announces score, receiver's partner raises both paddle hand and other hand in the air. What's the call?"

Coincidentally, this was the topic I'd originally picked for my July column. So, now that we're into September, what do you think the call should be? I'll give you a hint. Rule 4.1.2., states:

"Doubles. When calling the score in doubles, the referee does not have to wait for the receiver's partner or the server's partner to be ready. It is the receiver's responsibility to signal not ready for his or her partner."

(<http://ipickleball.org/rules/pbrules-ifp.pdf>)

While the rule seems pretty explicit, the original question posed may have left out some important facts. Was there a 'ball on court' or other distraction? Was he or she asking for a time out? Had an incorrect score been called? Those are all valid reasons for stopping play. If, however, the partner just wasn't ready, the server could serve the ball and play would begin. If the receiving team then stopped play, claiming the partner wasn't ready, it would be a fault on them and a point awarded to the serving team. Here's a link to an excellent example of this happening in the Men's Pro Doubles bronze medal match at the US Open. The referee is Byron Fresco, a well-known 5.0 player and expert referee. The call comes at about the 30:20 mark.

(<http://www.pickleballchannel.com/us-open-2016-mens-doubles-pro-bronze>)

That's exactly what should occur in sanctioned tournament play. However, in the social atmosphere that most of us play in, we wait until both opponents are ready (maybe do a little trash talk) and then serve the ball. After all, it's all about "Fun, Friends, and Fitness."



Chuck has more great information to share about what's happening in pickleball on page 8.

Club Announcements

By Kathy Carr

PASCT Communications Director

Next Beginner Mentoring Class Starts 10 September. The next session of the Beginners' Mentoring Program will run on Saturdays from 11 am – 1pm, 10 September - 8 October 2016 on Courts 5 and 6. The program is designed for players who have completed the Introduction to Pickleball class, joined the Club and wish to improve their basic pickleball skills. Before completing the program, players will demonstrate *basic* shot strokes – forehand, backhand, volley, overhead, and the serve; be able to conduct a short rally with players of equal ability, and be familiar with court positioning in doubles play. The goal is to enable participants to develop the skills to more confidently participate in Club Time play, while having fun and enjoying the social aspects of the game. If you are interested in this program and can **commit to attending all scheduled classes**, which are conducted on 5 consecutive Saturday mornings, contact our Club's Player Development Director, [Peg O'Toole](#) to register.

Skills and Drills with Simon, Thursdays from 11 am – 12 pm. This past week, the Club resumed its weekly 1-hour open drills session on Thursday from 11 am – 12 pm for novice players who have either completed the Mentoring Program or have been playing pickleball for 3 or more months. Each week we introduce several drills with a focus on specific pickleball shots and techniques. All you have to do is show up on Courts 5 & 6 with your court shoes and paddle. Here is the schedule for this month.

1 Sept 2016	Forehand Drive Stroke, Backhand Drive Stroke, Service Returns
8 Sept 2016	Volley, Half Volley, Drop Volley
15 Sept 2016	Soft Dink, Down the Middle Dinks, Cross Court Dinks, Drive and Dink
22 Sept 2016	Offensive Lob, Defensive Lob, Defending Against a Lob
29 Sept 2016	Overhead Smash, Defending Against the Smash, Drop Shots

Women's "Lounge Lizards" Mini-Tournament – Saturday, 11 September 2016.

The "Lady Lounge Lizards" social, which was rained out on 20 August has been rescheduled for this Saturday, 11 September. While all slots for the tournament are now full, members are invited to come on out and cheer the ladies on as they sport their favorite lounge attire and demonstrate their pickleball skills.



New Area USAPA Ambassador. Congratulations goes out to our own Barb Patterson, who was recently appointed as the newest USAPA Ambassador for the Georgetown area. Barb will be performing her ambassador duties in addition to serving as Vice President for the Sun City pickleball club. Besides her commitment to the game and her own outstanding pickleball prowess, Barb has a great sense of humor. See her pictured to the left with *Pickleball Head*, who she met at a pickleball tournament.

Simon is Getting Company. The Board just approved purchase of a second pickleball throwing machine for the club. "Simone" is actually a Pickleball Tutor Machine that is about half the size of Simon and weighs in at just 29 pounds. The new machine can hold up to 125 pickleballs and is oscillating to randomly fire side-to-side shots. It is customizable, allowing the operator to choose from a high lob, a short dink or a quick, direct fire at speeds up to 50 miles per hour. Best of all, the Tutor Machine accepts both indoor and outdoor balls. More details on "Simone's" use will be announced to the club membership as soon as the machine comes in and procedures are established.



Announcement of General Board Meeting on 14 September

**Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas (PASCT) General Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Cowan Creek (Jarrell & Walburg Rooms) 9:30 a.m.**

Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Welcoming Remarks
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Reports of the Officers:

Vice President:	Membership
Treasurer:	Financials
Secretary:	Accident Report(s)
Player Development:	Introduction to Pickleball, Beginners' Mentoring, Skills & Drills Leagues
Communications Director	
President:	Landscaping

Reports of Standing Committees:

September Social	Lounge Lizards
October Social	Pot luck and Pickle "Ball"
November	Tournament & Shrimp Boil

Unfinished Business:

Amendments to By-Laws

New Business:

Volunteer of the Month
Nominating Committee
Intermediate Training
Simone "Tutor" Throwing Machine

Adjournment

Vegas Cup Challenge Proves Challenging with Challenges

Photos by Barb Patterson and Nancy Grafton

32 club members with skill levels ranging from beginner to advanced competed against each other in the Vegas Cup Challenge on Saturday, August 14th. You can stop scratching your head wondering how a beginner could play against an advanced level player with a hope of winning. This wasn't your typical pickleball tournament.

Fred Kandel, the tournament director, leveled the playing field by introducing some unique, and ever evolving rules throughout the games. They involved challenges and super challenges, in which a team that fell behind could wager a number of points that they would win the next point. If they won the point, they added the number of points they wagered to their score, and if they lost the point, the number of points they wagered went to their opponents. At the beginning there were a few confused looks, but in short term, everyone caught on. This proved to be a great forum for beginner, intermediate and advanced players to mingle both on and off the courts. Snacks were served, winners were announced, awards were presented a good time was had by all.



First Place Barb Patterson and Steve Timmons



Second Place Bill Treadway and Dave Purcell



Third Place Gary Pinkston and Bob Hutchins



Fred Kandel manages player registrations.

More Photos from the Vegas Cup Challenge



Court Area Upgrades in Process

In case you haven't seen the planned upgrades to the Club's break area between Courts 4 and 5 here they are.

Cedar Standing Area Pickle Ball



Pickle Ball with Peach Flagstone



Peach Flagstone and River Rock Rendering



Native Bed Rock and Mulch



Construction is underway and we're hopeful the project will be completed soon to complement the beautiful overhead shade cover that was installed last month.



New Rules on Pickleballs Coming on 1 October

Submitted by Chuck Flanagan

Texas Central and South Central District Pickleball Ambassador

“Chuck, is that the new ball?” This is one of the most frequently asked questions I hear... especially when I pull a different colored ball out of my bag. As most of us have heard, there are supposed to be new rules governing the balls we play with. In fact, the new rules have already been written and will go into effect on October 1, 2016.

The next question I get is, “Why all the changes?”. Well, according to the USA Pickleball Association Board, *“It became apparent that the ball specifications were insufficiently specific and allowed for too much ball speed and bounce. In order to preserve the traditional nature and character of the game and preserve the skills traditionally required to play the sport, the Board determined that the tolerance of the specifications needed to be tighter and the tolerance descriptions more detailed, resulting in the rule changes.”*

There is an excellent article in the March issue of “Pickleball Magazine” that covers this subject, providing some of the background as well as the new rules. You can read all about it on page 16 here...

<http://www.joomag.com/magazine/pickleball-magazine-1-2/0844916001458661443?short>



Sample Variety of Balls Currently on the Market

Effective 1 October 2016, any balls not meeting the new specifications will be removed from the list of USAPA approved balls. Here is a list of balls that we know will NO LONGER be approved. Others will be tested between now and October.

Balls No Longer Approved by USAPA After 1 October 2016

- Hangzhou Yihao – MNBALL (lime-green)
- Jugs Bulldog (white, green)
- Mach-Z (white, yellow, red, green)
- Monarch:Outdoor Pickleball (yellow)
- Indoor Pickleball (yellow)
- Onix Sports: 503 (outdoor) (white, yellow, orange)
- Pure Outdoor Pickleball (yellow)
- Pickleball Now “Indoor Ball” (green)
- Uniker Sport Ace 40 (yellow)
- Wilson “Neon Flare) (neon green)

Note that large-hole balls are customarily used for indoor play and the small-hole balls are customarily used for outdoor play. However, all balls are acceptable for indoor and outdoor play.

Fred's Corner (One Man's Opinion)

Fred Kandel

Contributing Writer and Member of the PASCT

Due to forces beyond my control, and the hacking of my email by the Russian Government, it is with great sadness that I announce that this will be my last article published in the club's monthly newsletter. I appreciate all the kind words received over the past 8 months, and respect those who offered up their own opinions. An open forum allows the club to become better and better.

Now the good news! I will continue to write a monthly article for and about the pickleball club. If you are interested in getting my monthly article, please send me your email address to: candyarm1966@yahoo.com. The articles will not be part of the club, and will express my opinions and observations.

As the sun sets on the pickleball courts, I bid farewell to all, especially those who found my articles informative, but more importantly entertaining. Keep smiling.



Fred Kandel

What Happens If...?

Submitted by Barb Patterson

PASCT Vice President

If you've had the opportunity to play pickleball indoors, perhaps at the Georgetown or Cedar Park Recreation Centers, you've likely played with portable nets. These net systems usually include a horizontal bar that may include a center base at the bottom of the net. So, what happens if, during play, the ball hits one of these obstacles? According to paragraph 12.J.5 of the International Federation of Pickleball Tournament Rulebook...

If the ball hits the horizontal bar or the center base before going over the net, it is a fault.

If the ball goes over the net and then hits the horizontal bar (Figure 1), the ball is still in play.

If the ball goes over the net and then hits the center base (Figure 2) or the ball gets caught between the net and the horizontal bar (Figure 3) before touching the court, it is a let and must be replayed.



Figure 1. Still in Play.



Figure 2. Let. Replay the point.

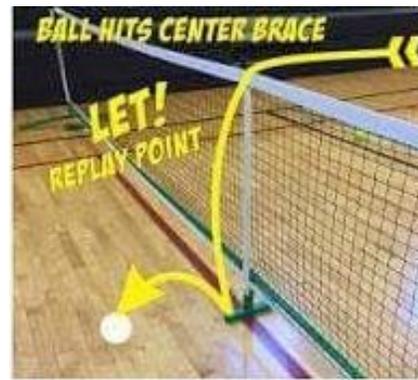


Figure 3. Let. Replay the point.

Volunteer of the Month

*Nomination by Nancy Grafton
PASCT President*

No, you're not seeing double, nor is this a misprint. You're looking at a second picture of Fred Kandel in this issue of *Kitchen Talk*. That's because Fred is our September 2016 Volunteer of the Month. When asked for a photo to celebrate his selection, Fred directed us to the picture from his column. So now you have – the rest of the story.



Fred Kandel

Fred is recognized this month for his planning and execution of the Vegas Cup Challenge, which was held on Saturday, August 14th. He stepped up to the plate when we asked for ideas on social events for the club. He designed the format for the tournament that included 32 players comprised of women, men and mixed doubles 2-person teams. Fred greeted the teams, set up the brackets and scoring system, emceed the event, and instructed players on how to use the challenges and super challenges that leveled the playing field for all skill levels. In addition, he maintained an enthusiastic, patient, and non-coaching style for all participants. Though he was tempted to remind players that they hadn't used their challenges when it could definitely have helped – but he retained his cool and cheered (even though his voice got a little hoarse) both teams equally.

A Bit About Fred...

Fred was born in Easton, PA and lived in Allentown, PA until he was 13. In 1961 he and his family moved to North Miami, FL. Fred graduated from Florida State in 1970, and started working for Procter and Gamble Bar Soap Division until 1975. He then worked for Polaroid Corporation where he became National Sales Manager, and helped start the first non-photographic division for Polaroid. Between 1983 and 2014, he started 3 different consumer product companies and 3 turnarounds of consumer companies. He married Sandy, his wife, in 2008 in Atlanta, GA, and moved to Sun City in January of 2014. His hobbies include golf, softball, reading, politics, travel, writing satire, and, of course, pickleball. Fred has two sons, Scott and Ben, and 2 grandchildren, Layla and Maddie, all of whom live in Austin.



Fred Kandel oversees a discussion among Vegas Cup participants on the Super Challenge rule.

All You Need to Know About the Club is Just a Click Away

Submitted by Kathy Carr, PASCT Communications Director

The screenshot shows the Sun City Pickleball Club website. At the top is a navigation bar with links for Tickets, Business Directory, Sun Rays Magazine, Contact Us, and LOG OUT. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Resident Home, Lifestyle & Activities, Clubs & Neighborhoods, Fitness, Golf, and Communications. The main header features the Sun City Texas Community Association logo and a large image of people playing pickleball on an outdoor court. A left sidebar contains a menu of links including ALL CLUBS, PICKLEBALL CLUB, CLUB COURT HOURS, HOW TO JOIN, CALENDAR, BOARD & COMMITTEES, NEWS & NEWSLETTERS, TRAINING, SIMON TRAINING & RESERVATIONS, LEAGUE INFORMATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS, BOARD MEETING MINUTES, PHOTO ALBUMS, MEMBERSHIP LIST, VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM, SAFETY TIPS, WEB LINKS / EQUIPMENT, PLACES TO PLAY, and UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS. The main content area is titled "Pickleball Club" and includes a "NOTICE" section about proposed changes to club bylaws. Below this is a "WELCOME" message and an "Upcoming Events" section featuring a calendar entry for "Introduction To Pickleball" on July 30th. Other featured sections include "JULY 2016 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH" with a photo of Paul Straube, "VEGAS 'PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE' CUP" with a photo of a hand holding a fan of cards, and "LADIES 'LOUNGE LIZARDS' SOCIAL" with a photo of three children. There are also links to "July 2016 Quarterly Board Minutes Posted" and "Read the Most Recent Issue of Kitchen Talk".

Sample Snapshot of the Pickleball Club's Home Page.

“What time can we start playing on the courts?” “I have a neighbor who is interested in learning how to play pickleball. When is the next Introduction to Pickleball class?” “How do I reserve Simon?” “When are the next leagues going to start?” “Do I have to put my paddle in the rack even though the courts aren’t full?”

These are but a small sample of the multitudes of questions I get regarding club news, activities and guidelines. While I don’t mind answering these questions, heck, that’s part of my job as the Communications Director, I would encourage all members to check out the club’s web site. It’s chockful of useful information on all things pickleball, and it’s just a click away. To get to our website, just click on [Sun City Pickleball Club Home Page](#). When the page opens, bookmark in your browser so you can easily go to it anytime you want.

Besides having the answers to all of the questions above, our website provides a calendar of upcoming court activities and club events, access to search for other club members, a list of places to play and upcoming tournaments in the area, club rules and regulations, a library of past publications, and a whole lot of other stuff.

So, let your fingers do the walking. As you browse the website, take note of any improvements you think we could make and send me a note at kathy.carr11@gmail.com.

Welcome New Members

By Barb Patterson
PASCT Vice President

Here is a list of the 16 new members who joined our pickleball ranks within the last two months. That brings us up to 499 active members. Please welcome these folks when you see them on the courts. New members are encouraged to contact Nancy Grafton, the Club president to become officially pickled – that is, you will be presented with a welcome letter and a hat pin pickle to recognize your new membership.



Bill Adams	Terri DeSa	Rich Hutzler	Barbara Schultz
Steve Berger	Ted Greenslait	Ken Michaels	George Schultz
Michael Boykin	Greg Griffin	Sue Rainey	Earl White, Jr.
Charles DeSa	Maureen Griffin	Gale Scott	Theresa Wolcott

Nice to Know Some Things Don't Change.....

Submitted by Leon Hananel

Ira Kaplan, hadn't returned to the old neighborhood since he went off to fight in Vietnam. During a business trip to New York he visited his old neighborhood on Kotler Avenue in the Bronx. Everything had changed over the years. Where once there was Edelstein's Delicatessen, there was now a McDonald's; where Fleischmann's Dry Cleaning (One-Hour Martinizing) used to be, a Korean nail salon and spa now stood; where Ginsberg's Department Store was, there was now a Gap. Nothing was the same, except for the narrow storefront of Klonsky's Shoe Repair which, dimly lit as ever, was still in business.

As Kaplan passed the shop, he recalled (such are the quirks of memory that he did not know how) that just before he was drafted to go off to Vietnam, he had left a pair of shoes with Mr. Klonsky that he never bothered to pick up. Could they, he wondered, possibly still be there?

A small bell tinkled as he enters the dark shop. Mr. Klonsky, who seemed old 40 years ago, shuffled out from the back. He was hunched over, wearing a leather apron, one eye all but closed.

"Excuse me, Mr. Klonsky," Kaplan said, "but I used to live in this neighborhood, and 40 years ago I left a pair of shoes with you for repair that I never picked up. Is there any chance that you might still have them?"

Klonsky stared at him and, in his strong Eastern European accent, asked, "Vas day black vingtips?"....."They were indeed," Kaplan now recalled.

"And you wanted a halv sole, mit rubber heels?"..... "Yes," said Kaplan, "that's exactly what I wanted."....."And you wanted taps on the heels only?"....."Yes, yes," said Kaplan. "Amazing! Do you still have them?"

Mr. Klonsky looked up at him, his good eye asquint, and said, "Dey'll be ready Vendsday."