

Kitchen Talk



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Club Announcements By Kathy Carr

PASCT Communications Director

- If you attended the Fall Tournament and/or Dinner yesterday, please return your name badge. Just place it in the container under the bench between Courts 2 & 3.
- PASCT Annual Business Meeting. The Annual Business Meeting of the Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas will be held at the Cowan Activity Center in the Florence - Georgetown rooms this Wednesday, 4 November 15. This event is open to ALL pickleball club members. The meeting begins at 9:00 am. Voting for the 2016 Board Members will be conducted. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please register today by clicking on <u>Register Me</u>.
- Cedar Park Compass Tournament. If you haven't already registered for the Cedar Park Compass Tournament to be held on 12 December, it may not be too late as there are always last minute cancellations. If you're interested in playing, contact Tim Dean at the Cedar Park Recreation Center, email <u>dean@cedarparktx.us</u> or telephone (512) 401-5506. There will be a High Division and Low Division. Cost is \$25 per team.
- Simon Update. We now have 80 club members who are certified to use Simon, the pickleball throwing machine. If you require training on Simon's setup and operation, send an email request to Lee Miller, mtime1952@gmail.com to register for an upcoming class. Please include your name, email, and phone number. If you've completed the training and would like to reserve Simon, all you have to do is send an email request within 24 hours of your desired usage to Lee Miller with the date and time you would like to use the machine. As a reminder, Simon is available on Court 6 the following times:
 - $^\circ$ Mondays from 4:00 5:00 pm
 - ° Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:00 5:00 pm
 - $^\circ$ $\,$ Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 1:00 5:00 pm $\,$

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From the President – Become a Part of the Solution

By Nancy Grafton PASCT President



Nancy Grafton

Dear Members.

The art of letter writing is not dead judging by the number of emails the Board has received during the last month. All of the emails addressed either the availability of courts for players of varying skill levels, or frustration with other players who have forgotten that our Club motto is Fun, Friends, and Fitness.

Having additional pickleball courts would definitely help alleviate the waiting time we experience when the courts are crowded, but even more courts won't resolve the problem

of paddles being moved around within the racks to cherry pick foursomes. The rack system will work if it is used properly, and when it isn't, the impressions made last a lot longer than the actual game. With this in mind, your Board is reaching out to ask for volunteers to serve on:

"A committee, comprised of at least two members from each skill level, to assist the Board in developing programs that will best utilize our six courts, and benefit our diverse group of players. This committee will also assist the Board in determining how to promote our Club motto among all the skill levels".

If you are interested in helping to make a difference – please volunteer for this committee and indicate your skill level: beginner, intermediate, advanced, or social player. I can be reached at <u>nancygrafton@sbcglobal.net</u>.

From the Ambassador

By Chuck Flanagan North Austin Pickleball Ambassador



Chuck Flanagan

Are you a member of the USA Pickleball Association? I asked this question at a recent Cedar Park ladder league event and was pleased to see that over half of the players were members of USAPA. That's a great showing of support for the organization that does so much to support the sport that we all love.

I occasionally get asked, "What are the benefits of joining?", and that's a great question. The answer is more than just a T-shirt, membership card, and rule book. Those are nice, but the real benefit is when you join USAPA you're participating in a grass-roots organization that has touched so many lives in a positive way. The USAPA is a not for profit organization that has grown with the support of our players. We also have a universal set of rules that means that where ever we go, we're all playing the same game.

I've mentioned the "Places to Play" section of the USAPA web site in a previous article, which is another great service provided by the organization, but what I didn't mention is that all the information about those places are provided by the USAPA ambassadors. The ambassadors are volunteers who actively promote pickleball to local recreation centers/managers, look for new venues, provide training and startup assistance to other organizations. Two additional new USAPA initiatives that are in the early stages of development are formal certification programs for referees and instructors.

So, the best answer I can come up with is that membership in the USA Pickleball Association lets you become an active partner in the promotion and expansion of the sport we all love.



To Help Solve a Problem.

We have nearly 500 members and only 6 courts until 2017.

With **no** promise of **additional resources**, what can we do to best satisfy the needs of our diverse membership with what we have?

We need Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Social player representation.

Volunteer to be a committee member and let your voice be heard.

Contact Nancy Grafton at <u>nancygrafton@sbcglobal.net</u> today.

Cedar Park TAAF Pickleball Championships

By Kathy Carr with player rankings provided by Tim Dean, Director, Cedar Park, Parks and Recreation Photos by Mary Payne and Kathy Carr

Cedar Park hosted the first Texas Athletic Amateur Federation Pickleball Championships 7 Touted as the second largest pickleball tournament in Texas, more than 130 teams from across Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana showed up to play. While Sun City Texas players only accounted for 12% of the participants, they captured 33% of the medals that were awarded.





The venue was a double elimination tournament with 3 games to 11 in the winner's bracket, and one game to 15 in the loser's bracket. Thursday was Men's and Women's Doubles by age group; Friday was Mixed Doubles by age group; Saturday was Men's and Women's Doubles Open Division, and Sunday was Mixed Doubles Open Division. Here are the results and some pictures of our players from that tournament.

Sun City doubles players gather for a picture before the start of the tournament.



Bill Chalmers, Jim McPartland, Grant Leslie and Bill's partner share congratulations.



The Cedar Park Recreation Department support staff happily at work.

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Joe O'Toole & Al Eyster



Pocket D'haessler



Chuck Flanagan



David Stout



Mary Perez & Steve Timmons





David Laird



Will Saunders



Don Hayes & Jim Martucci

Nancy Grafton & Joe Lish



Bill Treadway & doubles partner.



Jerry Fronziak & Barb Patterson



Don Hunt



Steve Timmons

Cedar Park TAAF Tournament Results

Men's 50-59			Mixed 50-59	
Dave Stout	Toby Boyd	1st	Ricardo Molina	Sandra Carillo
Ricardo Molina	Derek Hicks	2nd	Christine Gruener	Randy Duplechien
Randy Duplechien	David Garrison	3rd	Pam Boyd	Toby Boyd
Men's 60-64			Mixed 60-64	
Don Hunt	Steve Timmons	1st	Steve Timmons	Mary Perez
Stan Payne	Warren Struss	2nd	Linda Gass	Larry Matula
Bill Treadway	Larry Matula	3rd	Bill Treadway	Kathy Carr
Men's 65-69			Mixed 65-69	
Bill Russell	David Laird	1st	Don Hunt	Dorinda Williams
Darwin Day	Jim Chambers	2nd	Will Saunders	Pocket D'Haeseleer
Chuck Flanagan	Larry Hudson	3rd	Chuck Flanagan	Lilian Palmer
Men's 70+			Mixed 70+	
Larry Honeycutt	Joe Lish	1st	Nancy Grafton	Joe Lish
Bill Chalmers	Joe Willock	2nd	Terrance Collins	Heidi Custard
Thomas Collins	Larry Wiseman	3rd	Joyce Cadwallader	Grant Leslie
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Jo Honeycutt	Millie Fisher	2nd	Dusty Boyd	Kit Harper
Christine Gruener	Susan Goldstraw	3rd	Tony Jundi	Daniel Zilkha
Women's 65-69			Women's Open	
Anne Lewis	Lillian Palmer	1st	Millie Fisher	Christina Dorman
Janet Pahde	Chris Senerote	2nd	Natalie Pouchet	Andrea Mora
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* Sun City residents bold and highlighted in red.

Sun City 4th Annual Fall Pickleball Team Tournament & Social

By Kathy Carr with photos by Leon Hananel, Cary Vanderpoel, and Barb Patterson

The Pickleball Club hosted its 4th annual fall tournament on Halloween with a costume social that followed. It was a high drama suspense that started with the weather. Mary Payne, the tournament director, made a bold decision three days prior to the tournament to hold the event despite threatening reports of thunderstorms. Her gamble paid off as the rain stopped about 5 am the morning of the scheduled competition. A brigade of volunteers swarmed the courts to help blow, sweep, squeegee and mop the residual water and moisture from the courts. By 10 am, the courts were dry and by 11:00 players headed to Cowan Pavilion for lunch. Stacy Group kindly sponsored a great spread of Subway sandwiches, cookies, candies and water.

At 12:30 pm, everyone reconvened at the courts for the start of the tournament. Mary Payne organized 13 four-person teams representing Novice, Intermediate and Advanced skill levels to play in a round robin competition. This format provided challenging competition, while maximizing social interaction among the players. In order to ensure play was completed in time for the social that night, the rules were modified just a bit. Each match was played with 2 games to 8 points with total points determining the winners for each division.

A dinner social was held at Cowan Creek Pavilion starting at 6:00 pm to celebrate the winners, cement new friendships and share incredible tales from the day's events. The Club President, Nancy Grafton, opened the evening by cueing VA Miller, Club Secretary, to initiate a flash mob. Club members who had practiced over the previous two weeks emerged from the audience and danced their way through the *Monster Mash*. It brought cheers and pleas from the audience for an encore.

Kim Stout, Social Director, and her team of dedicated committee members, raised their own bar for excellence by decorating the pavilion with tablecloths, candy trays and chrysanthemums on every table. Kim contracted with Blue Ribbon Barbecue for an incredible feast of brisket, chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, bread and frosted brownies. To top the evening off, some lucky members won prizes when their raffle ticket numbers were called.

The Top Three Results for Each Division

Advanced Division

1 st Place	Mary Perez, Bill Chalmers, Jerry Fronczak, and Phil Coraggio
2 nd Place	Betty Fredrickson, Cle Alexander, David Laird, Steve Timmons
3d Place	Nancy Grafton, Gary Pinkston, Will Saunders, Jack Warner

Intermediate Division

1 st Place	Elsa Alford, Cheryl Janssen, Joe O'Toole, Joe Torres
2d Place	Toni Briggs, Lois Gallagher, Keith Cadwallader, Bob Hutchins
3d Place	Sharon Campbell, Linda Curfs, Dave Maley, Mike Marker

Novice Division

1 st Place	Jannine Grant, Holly Moore, Earl Forbes, Ken Summers
2d Place	Bev Wilson, Linda Dodgen, Joe Moore, Larry Peters
3d Place	Donna Holt, Bob Bartz, Ed Hull, Frank Westpfahl

Casualty Update

You can't keep a good man down. Yes, that ambulance that rolled in during the tournament was for one of our players. Bill Christ went down on Court #5 and tore some tendons in his rotator cuff. He was evacuated to an emergency center in Round Rock, where it is reported he gave an overview of pickleball to the staff, who had never heard of the game.

You da man, Bill.

Bill's arm is in a sling, but he'll be okay. We wish him a rapid recovery and equally quick return to the courts.

Captured Moments from the Day's Events

There's something magical about a camera. All you have to do is point it at people; say "cheese," and then watch them smile. Of course, if you put a paddle in their hands and position them on a pickleball court, that smile changes to the all too familiar "game face". Here are some photos from the tournament and social. See if you can tell when people are smiling to the camera and when they are at work. Advance apologies to all who do not see their picture. We are working to post as many as we can to the club's website. Will let you know when they are available to view.

The Lunch





(left) No, Jerry, you cannot take Maggie's candy.

(below) You're looking good, Richard.



The Tournament











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The Dinner Social





























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Volunteer Spotlight – Lee Miller

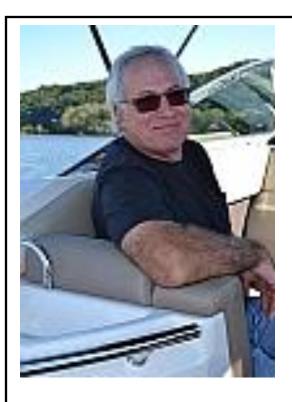
What's not to love about a guy named Lee Miller, who's email address starts with "mtime"? For him, and fortunately for us, it's always Miller Time.

Lee was nominated as the November 2015 Volunteer of the Month by Clark Grafton for donating his time, talent and energies to the care, safekeeping and proper use of Simon, the Club's pickleball throwing machine. Among his contributions, Lee donated a dolly to transport Simon around the court; he constructed ramps to make moving the machine in and out of storage easier for our members, and he installed a fan and vents in Simon's storage shed. The fan keeps the temperature in the storage container under 100 degrees, which, in turn, extends the life of the battery and protects it from the intense summer heat. When Simon was accidently damaged by a member a couple of months back, Lee spent hours working with the manufacturer to determine the cause of the problem, ordering replacement parts and then repairing Simon.

Lee recently volunteered to take over management responsibility for Simon's maintenance and training for 2016. He is enthusiastic about the sport of pickleball and his engaging personality promotes our motto of "Fun, Friends, and Fitness".



"Dr. Lee", November 2015 PASCT Volunteer of the Month, operates on Simon.



It's Miller Time

My wife Cynthia and I moved to Sun City in November of 2012, from Grapevine, TX. We wake up daily counting our blessings for moving here and for all the friends we have made.

As soon as we settled into our new home, I volunteered to be the Neighborhood Representative for N57. It was a new neighborhood, so being the rep was a great experience. After passing the mantle to my successor, I slowed the pace down a little by becoming the Water Ambassador for my neighborhood.

Cynthia and I travel several months during the year to see friends, family and experience new places in our motorhome. When we're back home, we have plenty of time to be active in several of the clubs to which we belong. I enjoy pickleball, the Hunting and Fishing Club, bicycle riding, archery, and playing guitar in the Stone Hill Band, along with playing with our 2 dogs.

> Lee Miller Happy Sun City Resident

Who May Use the Sun City Texas Pickleball Courts

Submitted by Nancy Grafton, PASCT President

There seems to be some misinformation flying about on who can use the pickleball courts and when. So, let's set the record straight one more time.

Use of the courts is categorized as "Club Time" and "Open Time". Club Time during the Fall/Winter Hours is 10 am to 5 pm, Monday – Friday on Courts 1 - 6, and from 7 pm to 9 pm on Courts 5 and 6. There is **NO** Club Time on the weekends.

Open Time is for club members, Community Association residents who are not club members and non-resident guests accompanied by a CA member. Open Time during the Fall/Winter Hours is Monday - Friday from 7 am to 10 am on Courts 1 - 6, and 5 - 10 pm, on Courts 1 - 4. On Saturday and Sunday, Open Time is all day.

Please note that CA residents who are not members and non-resident guests MAY USE the pickleball courts EVEN DURING CLUB TIME provided there is available court space. This information is available on our pickleball website under Rules and Regulations, Section 3.1, Club Time Guest Policy. It further states:



3.1.1 Once non-members complete their game, they must relinquish their court until court space is again available.

3.1.2 If there is available court space and less than four club members are waiting, a Club member can invite a non-member to play.

3.1.3 If there is no available court space, it is inappropriate for non-members to place their paddles in the Paddle Shelf System.

This summary of the Court Rules and Regulations will be posted at the courts and can be reviewed on line.

Welcome, New Members

Judy Swain PASCT Vice President

Let's talk turkey. As of today, we have 487 active members in the Pickleball Club. Here is a list of the 8 new members who have joined our pickleball ranks within the last month.

Please welcome these folks when you see them on the courts. If they're wearing a hat, look for the little green pickle on it. They've been pickled – that is, they were presented a welcome letter from our club president along with a hat pin pickle to recognize their new membership.

Frank Edwards	Ralph Posey	Bill Weidert
John Gioia	Carlos Rio	Glenn Zauber
Richard Holt	Cindy Rio	
Jill Morgan	James Snyder	



1st Annual Texas A&M Recreation, Parks and Tourism Sciences (RPTS) Pickleball Tournament

Sunday, November 15, 2015 – 8:00 am Start Time

TAMU PEAP bldg

Standard Double Elimination format for all divisions. Official USAPA rules will apply in all matches. Matches will be 2 of 3 games to 11. Each game is win by 2. All matches played indoors (12 courts); no need to worry about inclement weather. Beautiful permanently lined gym floor courts in the newest gym (PEAP - opened in 2013) at Texas A&M University.

Registration Details:

Entry Fee is \$5 per event at registration (please note if a player wishes to participate in both Women's or Men's Doubles AND Mixed Doubles, cost is \$10). All partners must fill out separate registration forms. Partners must register in the division/skill level which includes the highest skill level of the two partners and the lowest age division of the two partners.

For player registration and further information click on this link:

https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=6648

If you need a partner or have any questions about the tournament, email rptspickleball@gmail.com.

A Sport So Great, Now They're Writing Songs About It

issions by Chuck Flanagan, North Austin Pickleball Ambassador

Some people whistle while they work, others write songs and sing about the sport they love. Click on any or all of the titles under these 3 pictures and you will soon hear yourself singing a different tune about pickleball.

Pickleball Blues is a fun song about playing in a pickleball tournament. It was written by Richard Shine, a singer/songwriter from Robson Ranch, Arizona who loves playing pickleball. *The Pickleball Song* was composed by Randy White, who composed his song after watching the top women players at "The Duel in the Desert" pickleball tournament at Palm Creek. The last tune is called *Pickleball Boogie Blues* and reflects just another day of pickleball.



Pickleball Blues



The Pickleball Song



Pickleball Boogie Blues

Do You Know What to Do in an Emergency?



It happens more than we would like. Someone goes down on a court and needs immediate first aid. Here are some important things you should know to render assistance.

- There are 2 first aid kits at the courts. One is located in the tall plastic storage closet to the rear of Court 2. A smaller first aid kit is located in the small gray container under the bench at Court 5. Both contain band aids, cold packs and ace bandages.
- There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) just outside Court 4. If you haven't taken the class on its use, please consider doing so.
- If you must call 911, note the location for the pickleball courts. It is 1410 Sun City Boulevard. In case you forget, the address is posted on an emergency sign at the courts. If the injured player is conscious, make sure it's agreeable that you call for an ambulance.
- In the event of injury, please complete an accident form, which is located with the first aid kits, and return it to any of the pickleball club board members, or leave it with the front desk in the Social Center.

So You Think You Know Pickleball?

It's always good to revisit the basics. You never know when one of the newbies is going to ask you something more substantial than "why are there different colored balls" or "why shouldn't I stand in the non-volley zone?" Here are 5 questions to test your knowledge of the skills, rules and strategy of the fastest growing sport in America. See where you rate.

- 1. In doubles, the best place to stand when receiving a serve is:
 - a. 12 inches in front of the baseline.
 - b. 12 inches in front of the non-volley zone.
 - c. 12 inches behind the baseline.
- 2. When returning the ball to the other side of the court in doubles, which is the most effective shot to get to the net?
 - a. Dink the ball into the no volley zone.
 - b. Hit the ball as low and hard as you can over the net.
 - c. Lob down the middle over the left player's backhand.
- 3. If, in the act of volleying the ball, your paddle touches the non-volley zone during your swing, it is fault:
 - a. If the touch occurred before contacting the ball.
 - b. If the touch occurred after contacting the ball.
 - c. Regardless of whether the touch occurred before or after contacting the ball.
- 4. According to the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP), what ball can a tournament director designate for play in a sanctioned outdoor tournament?
 - a. Small holed balls named on the official IFP list of approved balls.
 - b. Large holed balls named on the official IFP list of approved balls.
 - c. Any ball named on the official IFP list of approved balls.
- 5. What is the most important shot in pickleball?
 - a. The serve (first shot).
 - b. The return of the serve (second shot).
 - c. The returning team's second hit (third shot).
- 6. Bonus Question. The primary responsibility of a pickleball ambassador is to be the spokesperson and representative for the USAPA for all activities related to pickleball within the area they represent. What Sun City Texas resident is a current Austin North pickleball ambassador:
 - a. Chuck Flanagan
 - b. Nancy Grafton
 - c. VA Miller
 - d. Richard Bradley

See answers on next page.

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Answers to So You Think You Know Pickleball.

How'd you do? Match your responses against the following answers. If you answered all 6 questions correctly, consider yourself qualified to volunteer to be a referee at the next Sun City pickleball tournament. If you scored 4 – 5 correct response, you're showing potential; and if you scored a 3 or below, you might want to contact Richard Bradley about recycling through the beginner's class (*kidding*).

1. Correct answer – c. Wait for the serve 12 inches or more behind the baseline so that the ball will bounce in front of you, not at your feet for a difficult shot. If your opponent has a very fast and deep serve, you may have to wait as far as 3 feet behind the baseline.

2. Correct answer – a. Dinking the ball into the no volley zone is the most effective way to get to the net. This slow soft shot will give you and your partner plenty of time to get to the net. Blasting the ball as hard as you can does not give you enough time to get all the way to the no volley zone line, and it is a low percentage shot against a good volleying team. A lob down the middle over the left player's backhand takes a lot of practice. If not executed properly, you run the risk of becoming the proud recipient of an overhead slam from your opponent.

3. Correct answer – c. The act of volleying the ball includes the swing, the follow-through, and the momentum from the action. If the paddle touches the non-volley zone during the swing, it is a fault regardless of whether the touch occurred before or after contacting the ball.

4. Correct answer – c. While the large-hole balls are customarily used for indoor play and the small-hole Dura ball is customarily used for outdoor play, the tournament director can designate any ball named on the official IFP list of approved balls for play.

5. Correct answer – c. The third shot is the most important shot of the game. It's what sets up the rest of the point. If the serving team hits a nice soft third shot into the NVZ from the baseline, the serving team is now able to follow that soft shot up to the NVZ and is on an equal footing with their opponents (both teams at the NVZ).

6. Correct answer – a. Chuck Flanagan is the Austin North Pickleball Ambassador who lives in Sun City. Jack Warner is President of the Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas (PASCT), and Nancy Grafton is the PASCT Vice President.



In addition to the many USAPA member benefits that Chuck Flanagan outlined in his column this month, the USAPA website has an online Player Rules Quiz and a Referee Test you can take. To check them out, go to <u>http://www.usapa.org/rules-tests/</u>.

The 50-question Rules Quiz is designed as a fun exercise for players who mainly participate in non-officiated play. Although the rules are the same for recreational and tournament play, when there is no referee to enforce the rules, that task falls on the players' ability to self-enforce.

The online Referee Rules Test is Phase I of the USAPA Referee Training/Certification program. In order to continue in this program it is essential that you achieve a passing score of **90%** or better. The test consists of 75 questions with a **90-minute time limit**.

Thanksgiving Divorce

Borrowed from http://thanksgiving.fundootimes.com/

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father says.

"We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."



Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone, "like heck they're getting divorced", she shouts, "I'll take care of this".

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

Introduction to Pickleball Class Dates

By Richard Bradley Player Development Director

Introduction of Pickleball class dates for the remainder of 2015 are listed below and have been posted to the Club's website.

If you know an individual, club or neighborhood that would like to learn how to play pickleball, please advise them to contact the club's Player Development Richard Bradley, at <u>rlbradley1963@aol.com</u> to schedule a class.

Those members interested in helping to teach this class should also contact Richard. He will appreciate your assistance.



Introduction to Pickleball Class Schedule			
December 5, 2015	Saturday	4:00 – 5:30 pm	
December 12, 2015	Saturday	4:00 – 5:30 pm	
Classes are held on Courts 5 and 6. Paddles, balls and instruction are provided by the club.			

How to Cook a Turkey

Borrowed from http://thanksgiving.fundootimes.com/

- Step 1: Go buy a turkey
- Step 2: Take a drink of whiskey, scotch, or Jack Daniels
- Step 3: Put turkey in the oven
- Step 4: Take another 2 drinks of whiskey
- Step 5: Set the degree at 375 ovens
- Step 6: Take 3 more whiskeys of drink
- Step 7: Turn oven the on
- Step 8: Take 4 whisks of drinky
- Step 9: Turk the bastey
- Step 10: Whiskey another bottle of get
- Step 11: Stick a turkey in the thermometer
- Step 12: Glass yourself a pour of whiskey
- Step 13: Bake the whiskey for 4 hours
- Step 14: Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 15: Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 16: Floor the turkey up off the pick
- Step 17: Turk the carvey
- Step 18: Get yourself another scottle of botch
- Step 19: Tet the sable and pour yourself a glass of turkey
- Step 20: Bless the saying, pass and eat out

