



Kitchen Talk



Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas Newsletter

2016 PASCT Board Members

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Fun, Friends and Fitness

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From the Prez

By Nancy Grafton
PASCT President

Status of the Lights: Down with the old, almost up with the new. The replacement light poles for courts 5 and 6 have arrived and two of the four have been installed. Please continue to use these courts unless you see worker activity on the other two poles and lights.

Expansion Committee: Kathy Carr, Chairperson for the Pickleball Club Task Force, and I were invited to the recent Expansion Committee meeting to outline the future needs of the Pickleball Club. I started the presentation by explaining why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the USA, the "pick-up nature" of the game, and gave examples of why our Club motto is fun, friends and fitness. I also explained how the game is played, and how much interaction takes place between those playing and those waiting to play. This led into Kathy's power point presentation (thanks to all the members of the Task Force for furnishing the necessary data). Some of the data we used in the presentation is included in this issue because these are talking points that need to be repeated whenever you have the opportunity - **UNLESS YOU FEEL THAT SIX COURTS ARE ENOUGH!**



Nancy Grafton
PASCT President

The Pickleball Club needs a total of 18 lighted courts in a single complex to satisfy both the current and impending growth of the Sun City Community and preserve the social aspects on which the game was founded. Pickleball is a pick-up game; not a game for court reservations. Resident desire for social interaction and active recreation can best be met by keeping the courts together. Here's what we requested.

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- 18 side by side courts with lights in a single complex
- Fencing to separate the courts
- Restrooms
- Electrical outlets
- Water Fountains
- Water lines
- Benches with shade covers
- Parking
- Storage
- Covered Amenity Center
- Shaded Spectator Seating (bleachers)

Our Quarterly Board Meeting is next Wednesday, March 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the Salado Room at Cowan Creek. Members are welcome to speak on a particular subject (5 minutes) but need to notify the Club secretary, VA Miller, three days prior. See you on the courts.

Nancy

How You Can Help the Pickleball Task Force

By Kathy Carr

Pickleball Club Task Force Chairperson

As Nancy mentioned in her column, over the last couple of months, I've been working with about 15 volunteer club members on the Pickleball Task Force. Our mission has been to develop and execute a prioritized plan to raise the level of awareness the community has about the lack of adequate pickleball court space, its impacts and our proposed solutions for both the near term and future expansion.

To that end, it is going to take a village to make sure our voices are heard. Within the next few weeks, you can expect to be contacted by one of our volunteers to join a grass roots effort to convey our message of need and recommended solutions. In the meantime, here are some tidbits we uncovered when putting our briefing to the Expansion Committee together.

- Pickleball growth across the U.S. has been explosive. In 2003, there were only 39 known places to play in North America. Today there are more than 4,000 places to play, 12,668 courts and more than 2.46 million players. The largest demographic group of players consists of us – active adult seniors.
- In a 2015 survey of pickleball players conducted by the USAPA (USA Pickleball Association), 91% of the respondents ranged in age from 50 – 79.
- Now, and for the next 10 years, an average of 10,000 baby boomers will retire each day. As a consequence, the demand for 55+ retirement communities with court amenities will continue to rise. With proven health and social benefits, pickleball is certain to remain a mainstay in this demographic for years to come.
- Results from the Expansion Committee Survey that were released in November show that 30% of the respondents listed pickleball among the top 3 most important amenities in Sun City.
- In the past 4 years, pickleball club membership has increased by 84% - growing from 266 in 2012 to 490 by the end of 2015. The club currently has 427 members, but is projected to exceed 500 members by this summer. This does not include all the non-member residents and their guests who frequent the courts during non-club hours.
- We have 6 dedicated courts yielding a member per court ratio of 82. When weather conditions are favorable, all courts are in use with 15 – 20 members waiting to play from 7 – 11 am. Compared to 10 other active adult communities throughout Texas, Arizona and Florida, Sun City Texas rates second worst in the ratio of pickleball members per court. The average number of members per court for the 10 communities was 51. Sun City Texas, with 82 members per court (end 2015), is 62% higher than the average.

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- The Pickleball Club has exhausted measures to combat overcrowding. We continue to exceed our capacity on a daily basis.
 - As with many other communities with pickleball, there is no reservation system. A rack system is employed to ensure first come, first serve court usage, with a constant rotation of new players through the courts. Similar to a pick-up game, players are paired with whoever shows up to play. The goal is to accommodate as many players as possible with the limited number of courts.
 - Whenever 8 or more players are waiting, an announcement is made and the regulation 11-point game is reduced to 8 points.
 - We tested Rally Scoring, in which a fault by either the serving or receiving team results in a point, but it did not make the game any faster than an abbreviated 8-point game and it was very confusing to beginners trying to learn the game.
 - With the exception of training for Beginners and scheduled league play there is no dedicated time for special groups. This past year, the Club eliminated dedicated time for women, Intermediate and Advanced players.
 - League play is now scheduled for 1 hour a day from 11 am – 12 pm, M-F. The number of participants is limited to the first 24 players to sign up for each division (Women's Individual Doubles, Men's Individual Doubles, Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Team Doubles).
 - Introduction to Pickleball and the Beginners' Mentoring Program were moved to Saturdays to reduce bottlenecks during prime hours during the week. This, however, has reduced the availability of open court time for non-club residents.
 - Tournaments are limited to 2 per year and conducted on Saturdays so as not to interfere with Club play time. Again, this detracts from open court time for non-club residents.
 - While the Board discussed reducing attendance at the New Residents' Orientations, it voted against limiting membership or taking any action that would negatively impact the inclusive spirit of the sport.
 - The Club advertises the availability of pickleball at other facilities in the region on its microsite and in weekly and monthly publications *Pickleball Express* and *Kitchen Talk*. In search of more competitive play, a few of the more competitive players take advantage of these venues. Most members, however, are resistant to traveling to these locations because of time, distance and cost, as well as the fact that they're paying HOA fees and club dues to play on the Sun City courts.
- The bottom line is that the current pickleball facilities are inadequate for the 7200+ homes now in Sun City, let alone for the 10,000 that are programmed in the buildout plan. We are busting at the seams with only 6 courts. We need 12 right now to meet current demands, and by buildout we will need 18.

Club Announcements

By Kathy Carr

PASCT Communications Director

- **Announcement of the Quarterly Club Board Meeting.** The Pickleball Association of Sun City (PASCT) will conduct its Quarterly Board Meeting on March 9, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Salado Room at Cowan Creek. This meeting is open to all members of the Pickleball Club. To view the agenda, click on the following link: [MARCH2016QUARTERLYBOARDMEETINGAGENDA](#). All are encouraged to come on down and see what's happening in the Club.
- **Registration for the 2016 Spring Pickleball Tournament and Dinner is Now Open.** The 2016 Spring Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Check-in time is 9:00 am. The theme for this year's event is "Swing into Spring." This will be a same-skill level tournament with Advanced, Intermediate and Beginner teams. Due to court limitations, there will only be 20 entrants allowed for each skill level, so register now. As with previous tournaments, Stacy Group will generously provide free lunch to participants. If you would like to play in this tournament, send an email to sctxpickleball@gmail.com with your Name, Phone Number and Skill Level (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced). Must be a pickleball club member to participate. Whether you play in the tournament or not, you are invited to dinner that evening. Cost is \$10 per person for a delicious meal catered by Legacy Grille. Dinner starts at 6:15 at Cowan Creek Georgetown/Florence Rooms. To register for the dinner, please use the Sun City Ticketing system. Deadline is March 24, 2016. If you have any questions, contact Barb Patterson, Tournament Director 847-207-2112 or barbpatter1@gmail.com. To download the flyer for this event, click on this link: [SPRING2016TOURNAMENTFLYER](#).
- **Design Contest for a Club Banner Ends 7 March 2016.** We're offering a \$50 gift certificate to Pickleball Central to the individual who submits the best design for a Club banner (6 feet tall and 3 feet high). The Club needs an eye-catching design that captures the essence of our sport and the personality of our club. Please send your entries to Kathy Carr at kathy.carr11@gmail.com. Deadline is Monday, 7 March 2016.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.** On Saturday, 12 March at 12:30 pm the Club will sponsor an appreciation luncheon for volunteers who kept pickleball humming along in 2015. Those volunteers have been notified of the date and time.
- **Georgetown Recreation Center Pickleball Notice.** During the week of Spring Break (March 14-18) pickleball open play will only be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon – 2 pm.
- **CA Advisory Committee Openings.** You've probably seen the announcements on the Sun City home page about opportunities to serve on a CA advisory committee. Have you thought about the impact you could have on some of the decisions to be made as the community moves forward with expansion? Currently there are vacancies on 9 of the committees: Communications, Covenants, Elections, Emergency Management, Finance, Modifications, **Property and Grounds**, **Sports**, and Wildlife Management. Applications for committee membership are due Friday, March 11, at the Member Services Office and are available at Monitor Desks, Sun City building lobbies and on the Nominating Committee website. Sure would be nice to have some pickleball club representation out there. Take one for the team.
- **Sun City Pickleball Club Shirts.** If you were thinking about getting a Club shirt, now is the time to act. The shirts come in Men's and Women's Short Sleeve for \$24.00 and Ladies Sleeveless for \$21.00. They are made of rayon by Sporttek. Please contact Kim Stout at teapots63@aol.com to place your order. She'll need your money in hand before she orders.



First Aid Reminders.

We hope you never need these resources, but it's always good to know in the event of an emergency. The Club has two first aid kits down at the courts. The first one is located in the plastic storage closet to the rear of Court 2. A second first aid kit is located in a storage container under the bench at Court 5. Here's a list of items you will find in those kits.

Antibiotic ointment	Hydrogen peroxide
Antiseptic wipes	Latex gloves
Uncoated aspirin 325mg	Paper tape
Band aids	Q-Tips
Cold Packs	Storage bags
Elastic bandages	Tweezers
Gauze pads	

There is an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) attached to the court side of the perimeter fence outside of Court 4. If you haven't had the opportunity to take the class on its use, check the CA Bulletin as these classes are offered every month.

If you must call 911 for an emergency, note the location is: 1410 Sun City Boulevard. In case you forget, the address is posted on an emergency sign at the courts. If the individual who has been injured is awake and coherent, please make sure he/she is agreeable to having an ambulance called before you take the initiative to do so. We know of at least one instance where the individual refused the ambulance, but was billed for one anyway.

Playing in the Wind.

Here are a few tips from Prem Carnot, the Pickleball Guru, about playing in the wind. While it may seem obvious that one should compensate for the wind, it's pretty amazing how many people play exactly the same in the wind as without it. If you're playing into the wind, you have to hit your serve 3-5 times harder than you would otherwise. And if it's at your back, just give it a light touch. No matter what, account for drift, left, right, closer to you, farther away; it's going to move. That's why it's even more important to keep your eye on the ball when you're playing in the wind. So often, it's just not where you thought it was going to be. Sometimes, there's just nothing you can do, but most of the time, simply making a concerted effort NOT to go for those put-away shots, and to just keep the ball in play, will save the day. Winning a point in pickleball is 80% about not by hitting the ball into the net or out of bounds.



Wind flag at Court #2.

The Best of Both Worlds

By Jackie Minze and Marilyn Barnes
PASCT Club Members

A group of us Sun City Pickleball Club members including Jackie Minze, Marilyn Barnes, Billy Powell, Dan Dick and Terry Dick just returned from a cruise on the Caribbean Princess. This wasn't our first rodeo; we did the same thing last year, so we knew what we needed to bring.



Dan Dick, Billy Powell, Marilyn Barnes, Jackie Minze

We boarded the ship with our own paddles and pickleballs; trekked up to the sports court on Deck 18; retrieved the ship's "Paddleball" net and turned the post upside down to set the net to 36 inches. Dan brought along red duct tape and marked the court for pickleball - kitchen and all. The court was a little short, and there was not much room outside the baseline, but it worked well and we had a great time playing, rocking ship and all.

What a great way to start the morning on a cruise ship! Fellow passengers who saw us on the court were curious about what we were playing and wanted to know

more. Several sat and watched us play. Last year when we played on the Emerald Princess, one of the crew members was so interested we showed him how to play and he joined us. A couple from Washington State who owned a Bed and Breakfast with its own pickleball court also played with us. We always bring extra balls and paddles just in case anyone wants to join in on the fun.

The sports court is netted so we didn't lose any balls into the ocean. Billy Powell (aka Mr. William), after several days of bar hopping on the ship) was able to find the only 3-inch hole in the net and managed to place the ball through it several times. Who says he didn't have good placement? Once, while retrieving the ball, Billy dropped his paddle and it landed on a ledge halfway between our deck and the deck below. Jackie came to the rescue with the pool net and secured the paddle. Whew! There really wasn't a big problem with the wind as the court was well protected by other parts of the ship.



Dan Dick lines up for a shot.

We cruisers, along with Teen Roberts, Bill Roberts, Daphne Blair and Ronnie Liedecker met while beginners learning how to play pickleball. We have become good friends who travel together, attend CA dances together, party together, and of course, play pickleball together. Without pickleball, we would probably have never met.

Billy Powell's wife, Claudia, was also part of our pickleball playing group. She passed away in December. We all miss her smiling face and sweet personality. Sherry Minze and Emily Teague are also part of our party and travel group, but do not play pickleball.

Pickleball - what a great place to meet and make friends for a lifetime.



Terry Dick at the baseline.

First Pickleball Mentoring Class to Graduate on Saturday

Kathy Carr

PASCT Communications Director

If you are available this Saturday afternoon at 1 pm, stop by Court #6 and congratulate the first graduating class from the Club's new Pickleball Mentoring Program. These high spirited folks took it all in stride as they completed 10 intensive hours of training, drills and practice games over the last 5 Saturdays. They endured cold temperatures, high winds and demanding mentors to meet the IFP standards for a 2.5 player. On Saturday they will be matched with a "pickleball buddy" and introduced to the courts for Club Time. The next class, which starts on 12 March, is full, however, Toni Briggs, Program Coordinator, is accepting reservations for Class #00003, which starts 16 April.



Pickleball Club Mentoring Class #00001 standing with mentors Toni Briggs, Charlie Hagen & Scott Brady.



Cindy, Marcelle, Carlos and Sandy do the pickleball punch following a game.



Sherry and Sharon, assume the Ready Position.



Gary serves to Sharon in a game following drills.



Scott Brady (center) tosses a ball to a student during drills. Kathy Carr and Charlie Hagen coach a game.

Ah, to Be 8 Again.

Submitted by Walt Holt

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off, he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday.

'I'd like to be eight again', she replied, still looking in the mirror.

On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Puffs, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.



Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being eight again?'

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed.

'I meant my dress size.'

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

Why We Love Children

Submitted by Walt Holt

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead.

"How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked her pupil.

"Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently.

"You did WHAT ? !?" the teacher exclaimed in surprise.

"You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

Fred's Corner (One Man's Opinion)

By Fred Kandel

Contributing Writer and Member of the PASCT

Did you know that James Naismith is given credit for inventing the game we now call basketball, while Abner Doubleday is known for inventing baseball? Did you know that each of them had a pet dog? Naismith's dog was named Dirt because of the color of his coat, while Doubleday's dog was named Fuzz.

Think what we would have today if Naismith and Doubleday had named their sports after their dogs. Our national pastime would be called Dirt Ball and basketball would now be Fuzz Ball. Naismith and Doubleday got it right when naming their sports. For baseball, you have bases and balls, and for basketball you have baskets and balls.



Fred Kandel

What does this have to do with Pickleball? Naismith and Doubleday had more sense in naming their sports than Joel Pritchard, the inventor Pickleball, and his 2 friends, Barney McCallum and Bill Bell. Pickleball is named after Pritchard's dog, Pickles. Cute, but, in and of itself, a stupid name. THERE ARE NO PICKLES IN PICKLEBALL!

Since we are stuck with the name, I thought it might be a good idea to carry through the thought process and apply the pickle theme to the rest of the game, thereby giving the name Pickleball more meaning and perhaps making it less intimidating and more understandable. So here we go.

Today we use the terms Beginners, Intermediates and Advanced to rate players. I am suggesting that we go with the following:

- Beginners would become Cucumbers because pickles are cucumbers before they become pickles.
- Intermediates would become Half Sours.
- Advanced would become Sours (this is very appropriate if you know what I mean).
- The Kitchen would be called the Pickle Jar or just Jar for short.

This is much less intimidating terminology than we use today. I can hear the discussions now. "I'm a Cucumber now, but I think I can beat that Half Sour if I wait a little longer".

I know what you are thinking. What about the Social players? They would be called Relish because it goes with everything for parties like deviled eggs and hot dogs. Perfect, huh?

That leaves one classification out; those who are always complaining or being a pain in the neck. (Before I go further, here is a little lesson in pronunciation. The G in German is soft and sounds like a J. Remember this as we go on).

The complainers would be called Gherkins (pronounced Jerkins). Perfect again! Sometimes the Gherkins are only Gherkins on the court and sometimes they are Gherkins off the court, so they are only Gherkins sometimes. Let's not be too judgmental about those Gherkins off or on the court. One thing for sure, Gherkins can't be Cucumbers or Relishes. They can only be Half Sours or Sours. I did not mention Kosher Dills because good Kosher Dills are only found in the refrigerated area, not on a hot court.

By changing terminology, the name Pickleball becomes more logical, less intimidating and more relishing (social) to the uninitiated. I suggest that we form a committee with several sub-committees to chew this idea over. One last thought. We could have our own toy called Pickle Me Elmo.

Fred Kandel is responsible for the content of this column. Any complaints or criticisms should be kept to yourself as this is just fun with a little bit of truth sprinkled in. No animals were harmed while writing this article. Social is what we are and what we do best.

Volunteer of the Month Spotlight – Mike Hausman

By Nancy Grafton
PASCT President

Congratulations to Mike Hausman, our March 2016 Volunteer of the Month.

Over the past three months, Mike has been instrumental not only as a member of the Pickleball Club but also as our liaison with the Sports Committee. He has attended meetings and been involved in discussions with the President and Treasurer of the Pickleball Club and Jim Romine, Executive Director, the Sports Committee, Property & Grounds and various lighting vendors to attempt to resolve the lighting issues on Courts 5 and 6. Through his efforts, we obtained the CA's commitment to change out not only the lights, but the poles as well at no additional cost to the Club.

Born, raised and educated in Chicago, Mike has an Electrical Engineering Degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He met and married his wife, Lenora, in Chicago, where his games of reckoning included Handball, Racquetball and Squash.

Mike and Lenore had three beautiful daughters and, subsequently, five grandchildren. The couple left Chicago as soon as they could afford it (after seven years of marriage), moved to the Phoenix area in Arizona, and stayed there for twenty years. Throughout those years, Mike continued to play Racquetball.

He started his own business, Communications World of Dallas, a telecommunications company, and, as it grew, moved to Dallas in 1989. Mike still found time for Racquetball and added Roller Blading to his exercise regimen. He ultimately sold his business, retired and moved to Sun City Texas in the summer of 2007.

The Pickleball Club was established in March of 2009. Late that year, Mike was elected President and served two 1-year terms during calendar years 2010 and 2011. He's currently finishing his second 2-year term on the Sports Committee, and will likely stay active in various volunteer activities, including the Pickleball Club.



Mike serves up a game in between volunteer activities.

Senior Texting Codes

Submitted by Clark Grafton

Young people have theirs. Now Seniors have their own texting codes

ATD	At the Doctor's	GGPBL	Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
BFF	Best Friends Funeral	GHA	Got Heartburn Again
BTW	Bring the Wheelchair	HGBM	Had Good Bowel Movement
BYOT	Bring Your Own Teeth	LMDO	Laughing My Dentures Out
CBM	Covered by Medicare	LOL	Living on Lipitor
CUATSC	See You at the Senior Center	OMSG	Oh My! Sorry, Gas
DWI	Driving While Incontinent	TOT	Texting on Toilet
FWIW	Forgot Where I Was	GGLKI	Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!

Welcome New Members

By Don Hayes
PASCT Vice President

Here is a list of the 26 new members who 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.



Bates, Becky	Jones, Vicki	Shapiro, Teresa
Boston, Nancy	Kitamorn, Alongkorn	Sheppard, Cindy
Brumm, Douglas	Kitamorn, Barbara	Swaney, Darlene
Bunch, Melba	Larson, Kelli	Swaney, Michael
Capps, Carol	Larson, Loren	Turpin, Mab
Davis, Kathy	Matlock, Stephanie	West, Jane
Demaris, Donna	McAleer, Patrick	Witter, David
Hausmann, John	McDonald, Carol Ann	



Introduction to Pickleball

By Peg O'Toole
Player Development Director

Introduction to Pickleball class dates for the remainder of first quarter of 2016 are posted to the Club's website. The class is scheduled for two hours and will be presented twice a month on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Courts 5 & 6..



This class introduces participants to the game of pickleball, covering terminology, basic rules of play, equipment and court etiquette, as well as 5 basic strokes. By the end of the class, participants will be able to engage in a social game of pickleball on the Sun City courts during designated open hours. It is free and open to all Sun City Texas residents.

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 Director, Peg O'Toole at jgml0@yahoo.com to schedule a class. Those members interested in helping to teach this class should also contact Peg. She will appreciate your help.

Upcoming Tournaments.

Here is a list of upcoming tournaments outside Sun City. If you are informed of any changes, please send an email to kathy.carr11@gmail.com so the listing can be as accurate as possible for our members.

Cedar Park Compass Tournament – Cedar Park, TX

Location: Cedar Park Recreation Center, Cedar Park, TX

Event Date: Thursday, 10 Mar 16

Cost: Daily entry fee to the recreation center

Venue: New format with 3 levels of play: Competitive (3.5 – 4.5), Intermediate and Recreational; expect 12 – 16 players for each division.

Warm up starting at 8:00 am; check-in by 8:40 am; play starts at 9:00 am.

No registration required. Just show up before 8:40 am.

Cedar Park Compass Tournament – Cedar Park, TX

Registration Dates: Now until all teams are filled.

Location: Cedar Park Recreation Center, Cedar Park, TX

Event Date: Saturday, 19 Mar 16

Cost is \$25 per team. A team can be any combination of men and women.

Venue: There will be a high division (players 3.5 and above) and low division (players 3.0 – 3.5), 16 teams in each division playing on 6 courts.

Register online <http://www.cpsports.us>. If you are looking for a partner let us know and we can see if there is another looking for a partner.

Texas Senior Games – San Antonio, TX

Registration Dates: Now thru 17 Mar 16

Location: Alamo City New Stars (new venue over last year)

Event Dates (Tentative): Currently, this tournament is scheduled for 11 – 14 Apr 16; participants must be ready to play all days.

Cost between now and 27 Feb 16 is \$35 for early bird registration plus a fee for each event (Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles); cost from 28 Feb – 17 Mar 16 is \$40 for registration plus a fee for each event.

Register online at <https://texas.nsga.com/registration/361/TSSGwebsite/>. There is an additional \$10 processing fee if you decide to register by mail.

Note: This is a qualifier for the 2017 National Senior Games.

USAPA Mid-South Regional Tournament – Monroe, LA

Registration Dates: Now thru 10 May 16; early registration deadline is 3 May 16

Location: University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA

Event Dates: Start times will be posted after divisions and brackets are determined.

Men's Doubles Saturday, 28 May 16

Women's Doubles Saturday, 28 May 16

Mixed Doubles Sunday, 29 May 16

Men's & Women's Singles Monday, 30 May 16

Cost between now and 3 May 16 is \$40 for early bird registration plus a \$10 fee for each event (Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles); cost from 4 – 10 May 16 is \$60 for registration plus a \$10 fee for each event.

Register online at <http://midsouth.usapa.org/>. USAPA membership is required. There is an additional \$10 processing fee if you register by mail.

Highlights of the tournament include an Open Division in doubles, mixed doubles and singles; practice on Thursday (May 28) at the tournament venue from 1:00PM to 6:00PM; a social on Thursday starting at 6:30PM when practice time closes; lunch for players each day they are scheduled to play, and fruit for all participants on all three days of the tournament.