



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

May

FROM YOUR SCTPC PRESIDENT



How many arms and paddles does Hutch actually have?

Hello to All - It's Spring and I love spring. There's more warm weather, the trees are leafing, and the pickleballs are flying around the courts more than before (although that may be due to the wind). As I look back, April was a great month which started out with a great tournament. Kudos to Barb Patterson for organizing the tournament and trying some new ideas. I personally liked the way the teams were put together because it allowed more of our members to participate - nearly 100 tournament players. The tournament was capped off with a wonderful BBQ dinner. So hats off to D'Les Longino and Diane Cleaver (The ladies said their husbands, Ron and Bob, helped them too). I know that Jannine Grant also assisted, plus a ton of volunteers - too many to mention here, but a huge "THANKS" to all involved.

I'd like to also mention that the club court hours have now changed along with the time which means more daylight later in the day for play. The courts have become very busy throughout the day and so I would only ask that all of our members be courteous and understand that we're out at the courts to have fun.

Looking forward, May brings Mother's Day andMore pickleball! Who could ask for anything more. (Wasn't that an old George Gershwin song? "...I've got dinking, I've got volleys, I've got smashing, who could ask for anything more....")

See y'all on the courts

Hutch

NO MATTER HOW SLOW YOU GO, YOU ARE STILL LAPPING EVERYBODY ON THE COUCH.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

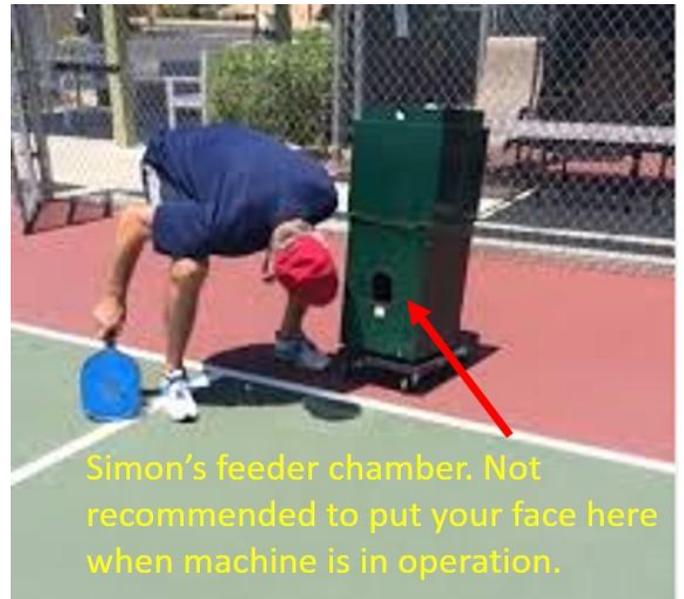
WANT TO SELL YOUR PADDLE?



Our club members can list their paddles for sale on our [Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Facebook](#) page. Another alternative would be to list your paddle for sale on the [Sun City Buy, Sell, Trade Facebook](#) page (you must first request to become a member of this private group which is limited to Sun City Residents. Click on the page and request to join it if you're not already a member.)

NEW RESERVATION TIMES FOR SIMON/SIMONE

Simon or Pickleball Tutor (a/k/a "Simone") ball machines can be reserved from Sunday through Friday afternoons for an hour from 3:00-4:00 or 4:00-5:00 or 5:00-6:00. You must have received training on these machines before you may reserve one. If you'd like to reserve a ball machine, please send an email to Lee Miller to set up your time slot. **Members should yield court #6 to players who have reserved the ball machines during those specified hours; even if the courts are full, reserved ball machine usage takes priority. Due to safety concerns, members are encouraged to play on other courts (if available) and leave both court #5 & #6 open when ball machines are in use.** Ball machines may not always be available during reservation times listed, due to league play or training sessions.





LEAGUES & TRAINING

"DROP-IN" LEAGUES - 1:00 PM

Leagues continue through May 26th.

Beginners (2.0 to 2.9) - Mondays

Advanced (3.5 and above) - Wednesdays

Intermediate (3.0 to 3.4) - Fridays

These are "drop-in" leagues. All you have to do is show up and sign up (first come, first served). About 30 minutes before start time a sign-up sheet will be available. After all players (up to a total of 24) have signed up, there is a random draw for court assignments.

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00. Classes are currently scheduled for May 6th and May 20th.

BEGINNER MENTORING

The next Beginner Mentoring classes will start on Saturday, May 6. There are still 4 openings. This is a four-week program on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00. Players need to commit to being present all four weeks.

BEGINNER SKILLS AND DRILLS

Beginner Skills and Drills will start on Thursday, May 11 and continue through June 6. Please note the change from Tuesday to Thursday.

5/11 - Forehand & Backhand Groundstrokes, Service Return

5/18 - Volleys

5/25 - Dinks

6/01 - Lobs

6/08 - Overhead, Defend Smash, Dropshots

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Next class dates to be scheduled. There is a wait list for these classes. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Before requesting to be added to the wait-list, please review the minimum prerequisites:

- 1) Participants must have completed the Beginners' Mentoring Program (waiverable), played pickleball in Sun City for at least 6 months, and participated in the Club's Intermediate League.
- 2) Should know 100% of basic rules
- 3) Can execute basic shot strokes (serve, forehand, backhand, volley, dink, lob, overhead)
- 4) Can maintain slow-paced rallies with players of equal ability
- 5) Can routinely get to the NVZ to hit volleys
- 6) Are strategic about how and where to hit the ball
- 7) Understand court coverage
- 8) Can work with his/her partner to win a point

ADVANCED TRAINING

Will Saunders is conducting advanced/tournament training. Next class will be determined soon. There is a wait-list for those who would like to participate in upcoming classes.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP

If you are interested in any of the training classes, please send an email to Peg O'Toole, Director of Player Development, at jgml@yahoo.com.



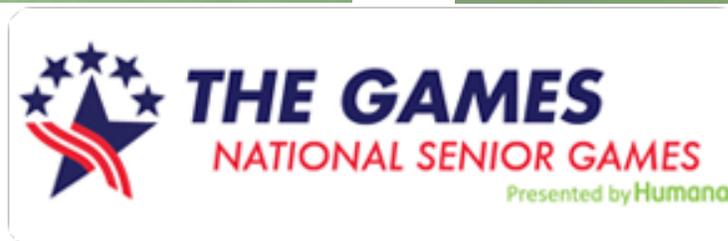
LEAGUES & TRAINING (CONT'D.)

BACKBOARD DRILLS

Want to hone some of your pickleball skills all by yourself? Check out the newest section of our website, under the "Training Tab" or just click on **Backboard Drills**.

NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES TRAINING

Approximately ten of our SCTPC members are heading to Birmingham, AL in June for the 2017 National Senior Games. Many of them are drilling on Thursday afternoons under the guidance of "Coach" Chuck Flanagan. Thanks to Chuck for helping everyone practice for this upcoming event!



CEDAR PARK PADDLE BATTLE - NEED 3.0 MEN

More 3.0 Men's Doubles Teams are needed for the Cedar Park Paddle Battle. Tim Dean, the tournament director, is offering a free entry fee to 3.0 Men's Teams who sign up. All you would need to do is join the USAPA since it is a sanctioned tournament. The Men's 3.0 Division will play on Thursday, May 11th. Click **Paddle Battle** to learn more.



PICKLEBALL PADDLE DEMO DAY

Saturday, June 3rd, 9 am - 3 pm



Try out different paddles

There will be paddles available to demo all day long. Paddles from: Rally Strike, Paddletek, Onix, Pro-Lite, plus more.

Plus free food!

Cookies, lemonade, fruit juice, etc. will be available during Paddle Demo Day.

Informational Handouts

Handouts detailing places to buy paddles locally or on-line will be available.

Raffle Drawing for Great Pickleball Stuff

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase to win some terrific pickleball gear. Proceeds will benefit:

The Caring Place Food Bank

**Come on down, play, use
different paddles and just
have fun!**

**Bring your paddle to show
others what you use.**

*For more information contact
Pat Hall - 512-869-5156 or
Chuck Flanagan - 210-845-3919*





APRIL FOOLS FOLLIES TOURNAMENT

The SCTPC April Fools Follies Tournament was held on April 1, 2017. Round-robin play was scheduled for three divisions of players: Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. A record total of 93 players, plus 5 coaches, signed up for the event. Fortunately the weather did cooperate and we were able to get all 5 rounds of play completed.

We did play 8-point games instead of the usual 11-point games due to a forecast for heavy rains arriving in the afternoon. This proved to be a good decision. Lunch was served to tourney players courtside by the Stacy Group. We appreciate their continued support of our club! Pics from the day are in our [online photo album](#).

AND BARBECUE DINNER!



A Barbecue Dinner was served to approximately 150 club members and their guests that evening at the Cowan Creek Pavilion. It was catered by Mopsie's and was a big success. Diane Cleaver, D'Les Longino and Jannine Grant were in charge of organizing the dinner event, as well as the food and drink served during the tournament. Bob Cleaver and Ron Longino also helped coordinate the tournament and dinner. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped set up, clean up, keep score, register players, collect tickets, etc. We could not have events with this without your assistance. Please remember to mark your calendars - 10/14/17 is our Fall Tournament.



APRIL FOOLS FOLLIES MEDALISTS

NOVICE



1st Place - Team 5, coached
by Kat Barras
Harvey Carter
Mike Gilmore
Jake Hrobsky
Rick Jordan
Dave Pehrson

INTERMEDIATE



1st Place - Team 4
Terri Desa - captain
Edward Hull
Joe O'Toole
Dave Stateler
Frank Westphal
Joe Wickens



1st Place - Team 1
Larry Black
Kathy Carr
Chuck Flanagan Peg O'Toole
David Rudes
Steve Timmons - captain



2nd place - Team 4, coached
by Hutch
Mike Boothe
Marita Carroll
Charlotte Carter
Barbara Kitamorn
Darrius Plantz



2nd place - Team 2
Ann Bellmaine
Judy Blackman
John Costello
Ron D'Entremont
Sharon Douglas
Maggie Manley - captain
Maria Sena



2nd place - Team 5
Pocket D'Haeseleer
Jerry Fronczak - captain
Kathy Goodall
Joe Lish
David Persilver

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Steve Cramb
Maedelle Fontenot
Sam Fontenot
Susan Long
D Stransky
Leslie Vanderpool

Due to Communications Director vacation, only new members who joined prior to 4/20 are listed this month.

SEEN AROUND THE COURTS



Matthew McConaughey did apparently show up to watch some of our April Fools Follies Tournament, just as Hutch promised in his opening remarks that day. So all of you naysayers were wrong!

Photos submitted by Hutch.....hmmmmmm.....wait a minute.....



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - KATHY CARR

Kathy Carr has been instrumental in initiating, researching, writing, developing, and conducting Intermediate Training Classes for the members of Sun City Texas Pickleball Club. She serves not only as a trainer, but also as a mentor and cheerleader; encouraging players to set higher goals in achieving pickleball skills they had admired in others. Outside of the training classes, she stays beyond the scheduled class hours to work with individuals who are trying to "hone their skills." The instructor/cheerleader/motivator in her doesn't know the meaning of the word "can't." Congratulations Kathy! You are a fantastic "Volunteer of the Month!"



About Kathy by Kathy...



A photo of me in line to register for the Sun City Spring Pickleball Tournament. You can see me 16 people down from the left and 64 people to the right. Hint: I don't have blonde hair and I am not a nun.

My life has followed much the same path as most Sun City residents. I was born (in Brooklyn, N.Y.); grew up (in New Jersey); worked my butt off for 35 years (as a military officer and later as a logistics consultant); retired (down the road in Killeen) and moved to Sun City to relive my childhood. Hey, if you're looking for a great reveal, I don't come cheap. It'll cost you a beer. Blue Moon with an orange slice is preferred, thank you.

I am thankful to the board of directors for recognition as the Pickleball Club's volunteer of the month. I share this award with the great team of volunteers who have supported me in developing and conducting the intermediate training program, specifically Scott Brady, Ron Longino, Bob Cleaver, Peg O'Toole and John Carter. Together we are committed to developing "smarter" pickleball players - one player at a time.



PADDLE RACK SYSTEM

The rules concerning our SCTPC "Paddle Rack System" have been updated by the board; most of the updates concerned our name change. A sheet listing these rules will be laminated and placed near the rack just in case there are any questions concerning how it works. A copy of these rules is also available on our website. Here is one of the rules, which applies almost daily (please keep it in mind and be a good sport!):

"If a court becomes available, but the next group to play has fewer than 4 paddles in it, the group should ask other waiting players to fill out the group, If this request does not yield 4 players, the next set of players with 4 paddles will take the court." (This last item is only meant to assist in increasing court flow and is NOT intended to be abused. The SCTPC expects that all members will fill out the waiting group whenever possible and, above all, will be courteous.)"



And just one more request about paddles.....

If you're borrowing a SCTPC paddle from one of the orange utility boxes on court 4 or court 5, please remember to close the latches when you return the paddle. We've had several paddles ruined when rainwater made its way into unlatched storage containers. THANKS for your cooperation in keeping our club equipment in good shape.



FROM YOUR DISTRICT USAPA AMBASSADOR



KUDOS TO VOLUNTEERS!

By Chuck Flanagan

Volunteers are the life blood of the USA Pickleball Association and successful pickleball communities everywhere the balls dink! Most of us see the results of these dedicated individuals and benefit from their hard work without seeing all the time and effort they devote to making things work. We're fortunate, here in Sun City, that we have a bunch of very dedicated pickleball volunteers helping to run our club. They take pride in ownership of 'their club' and spend countless hours to make it run smoothly for the rest of us.

But, pickleball people don't just stop volunteering at their own doorsteps. They will volunteer almost anywhere to help 'our' sport. Earlier this month I was the tournament director for the Texas Senior Games, in San Antonio. San Antonio; that's 140 miles from here and I could never have done it without volunteers helping every step of the way. The core volunteers were local USAPA ambassadors; Larry Honeycutt was my co-director for the tournament. His wife, Jo, and Fred Thompson (Denton, TX) were our lead referees. Vicky Noakes, (District Ambassador from Oklahoma City) ran the tournament software for seeding, brackets, results, etc. That was just to get us started. We still had to prepare the courts.

We were scheduled to start taping 16 pickleball courts at 6 pm on Sunday when I got a call at 2:30 pm from the venue manager. She now

wanted us to start at 4 pm. We'd already arranged for volunteers to come at the later time and almost all our volunteers were already on the road...somewhere. After a flurry of phone calls, emails, and text messages we ended up with almost two dozen volunteers showing up to help tape courts and set up the nets. These volunteers came from all over; Sun City, Denton, Oklahoma City, Baton Rouge, etc. Another great example of pickleball people pitching in to help. The next day our tournament started.

The greatest demand for volunteers during a tournament is for referees and lines people. Again, volunteers stepped up to help. These were people who had come to play pickleball in a tournament but realized that their participation in running the tournament was crucial to its success. And, I thank each and every one of them!

Tournaments are exciting! You're surrounded by friendly people who love our game and you get to watch some really great pickleball. Speaking of which, here's your chance to experience it first hand. The Cedar Park Paddle Battle is a skill level tournament (no age brackets) scheduled for May 11-14. The 3.0 and 3.5 events are on Thursday and Friday and the 4.0 and 4.5/5.0 brackets will play on Saturday and Sunday. Spectators are always welcome and I know that we'll be needing volunteers to referee.

Don't know how to referee? I think we've got that covered also. Keep your eyes open for a club blast announcing a referee clinic which we're planning to hold before the next tournament.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SCTPC was very well represented at the Texas Senior Games this year. Congratulations to all of the medal winners, as well as those who made the trip, cheered everyone on and played hard. Way to represent! And a big shout out to our own Chuck Flanagan who was co-Tournament Director along with Larry Honeycutt. Great job!

2017 TEXAS SENIOR GAMES MEDALISTS

| NAME | EVENT | AGE GROUP | MEDAL |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Jim Brown | Men's Doubles | 60-64 | Gold |
| Kathy Carr | Women's Doubles | 60-64 | Silver |
| | Women's Singles | 60-64 | Silver |
| Joyce Cadwallader | Women's Doubles | 70-74 | Silver |
| Bill Chalmers | Men's Doubles | 75-79 | Gold |
| Donna Duffy | Women's Doubles | 60-64 | Silver |
| | Women's Singles | 65-69 | Gold |
| Al Eyster | Men's Doubles | 75-79 | Bronze |
| Chuck Flanagan | Mixed Doubles | 70-74 | Bronze |
| Nadav Friedmann | Men's Doubles | 75-79 | Gold |
| Nancy Grafton | Mixed Doubles | 70-74 | Bronze |
| | Women's Doubles | 70-74 | Silver |
| Joel Kutnick | Men's Doubles | 75-79 | Bronze |
| Jim Martucci | Men's Doubles | 70-74 | Bronze |
| Mary Payne | Mixed Doubles | 55-59 | Bronze |
| Will Saunders | Men's Doubles | 70-74 | Bronze |
| Dave Stout | Mixed Doubles | 60-64 | Silver |
| | Men's Doubles | 60-64 | Gold |
| Steve Timmons | Men's Doubles | 65-69 | Bronze |



TEXAS SENIOR GAMES PHOTOS





JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

Pickleball Butthurt Report

Name of Butthurt Person: _____

Date of Hurtfulness: _____ Time: _____

What caused the butthurt?

Was a tissue needed for the tears?

Yes No

Will you be able to move past it?

Yes No Not Sure

Reason for filing the Report
(check all that apply)

Advanced Players are snobs and won't let me on their court

They were in the kitchen all day. Wish I would have said something.

Lobbers. I hate people who lob

I'm a little b****

I felt picked on

The ball was in. They called it out

Bangers should be banned. Never playing with them again.

I'm better than everyone else

I can hang with 4.5's. WHY are they grouping me with the 3.5's

I hate Dura Balls Why can't they use Onix

My team lost

5.0 players should volunteer all their time to help me get better. It's their obligation.



Other: _____

Credit: Rodney Allman - The Pickleball Forum



MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

Subject: Power Outage

An Old Golfer Speaks Out

We had a power outage at our house this morning and my PC, laptop, TV, DVD, iPad & my new surround sound music system were all shut down.

Then I discovered that my mobile phone battery was dead and, to top it off, it was raining outside, so I couldn't play golf.

I went into the kitchen to make coffee and then I remembered that this also needs power, so I sat and talked with my wife for a couple of hours.

She seems like a nice person.

Submitted by VA Miller



- *If I had a dollar for every girl who found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me very attractive.*
- *I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.*
- *Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.*
- *I'm great at multi-tasking; I can waste time., be unproductive, and procrastinate, all at*

once.

- *If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.*
- *Take my advice; I'm not using it.*
- *Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.*
- *Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.*

Submitted by Hutch

2017 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

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