



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

October

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings and Salutations to My Fellow Purveyors and Expounders of Pickleball

The summer heat has finally faded giving way to wonderful weather and more congenial playing time. It seems that many of you have taken time to go visit family and potentially cooler areas of the country in August and September. That brought most of you back in time for our fall tournaments. The first of which was a charity pentathlon tournament, the Big Bopper (which stands for "Big Bopper: Brilliant Invitational Grand Bodacious Olympian Pickleball Pentathlon Extraordinary Race"). This tournament included 5 different events (pickleball, putting, horseshoes, bocce, and pool volleyball). It was great fun where no one had an advantage and laughing was the overriding noise heard all week. This is being followed by our Fall Shrimp Boil Tournament where only pickleball is played and everyone is sharpening their paddles for the competition while others are just waiting for the shrimp (and did I hear some of our members say they are planning on "shooters" to go with their shrimp?). So, all good things this fall with more planned.

FYI, I heard Jim Romine say that he thinks our new courts should be done by November.... We'll see and we'll see ya on the courts.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL-WINTER COURT TIMES IN EFFECT

Fall/Winter Club Hours are in effect October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. You can click **Club Hours** to view these times. The basic change is that Club Hours are from 9:00 am through 4:00 pm each day, instead of 8:00 am through 3:00 pm.

THANKS FROM THE SUMMER CAMPERS

We received some great "Thank you" notes from our summer campers and wanted to pass them along. It's always terrific when people show appreciation and nice to see that our pickleball campers enjoyed their experience so much. Thanks again to all of our summer camp instructors!



CHECK OUT THESE PICKLEBALL FACEBOOK PAGES

Lots of fun stuff going on here.....

- Sun City Texas Pickleball Club**
- Greater Austin Pickleball Club**
- Texas Pickleball**
- Mid-South Regional USAPA**
- USAPA Pickleball**





EVENTS

"BIG BOPPER" CHARITY TOURNAMENT



The first Big Bopper Charity Tournament was a HUGE success due in large part to the super efforts of Tournament Directors Bob Cleaver, Phil Coraggio, Charles Desa and Hutch. Events included Pickleball, Putting, Horseshoes, Bocce and Water Volleyball and participants had a terrific time each day. A pot-luck dinner was held at the end of the four-day tournament, with winners announced and medals handed out:

- 1st Place - Men's Division - T.L. Lutrell
- 2nd Place - Men's Division - Cle Alexander
- 3rd Place - Men's Division - Charlie Hagen

- 1st Place - Women's Division - Kiki Poole
- 2nd Place - Women's Division - Shaz Douglas
- 3rd Place - Women's Division - Allie Bower

The big winners were Georgetown Animal Shelter and the Caring Place; organizations which will receive over \$350 in donations from the generous members of SCTPC. **More photos from the Big Bopper can be found [HERE](#) (on our website) and on our [Facebook](#) page.**





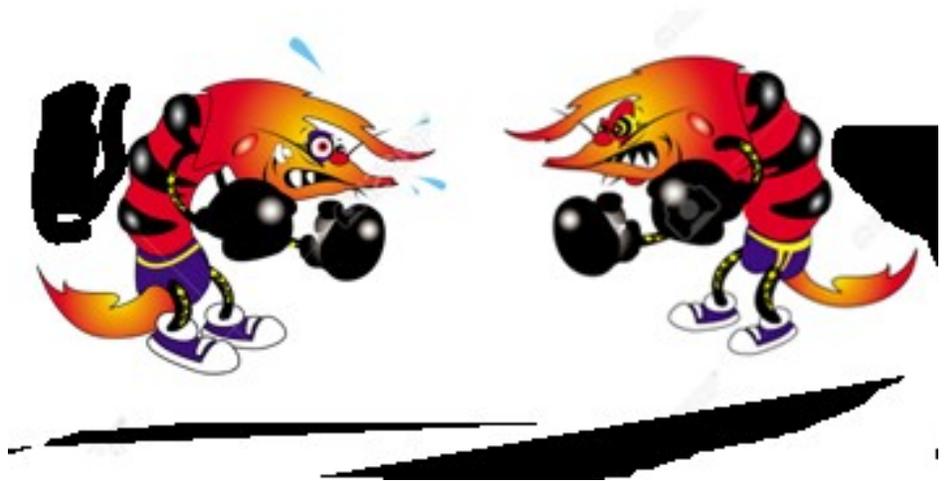
A FEW BIG BOPPER PHOTOS



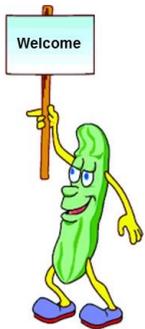


SUN CITY SHOWDOWN AND SHRIMP BOIL

The Sun City Showdown will be held on Saturday, October 14th, starting from 9:00 am until approximately 2:00 - 3:00 pm. The Shrimp Boil starts at 5:30 pm at the Cowan Creek Pavilion. More information, including team rosters, can be found at our website here - [Sun City Showdown and Shrimp Boil](#)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



June Aycock

Keith Aycock

Jim Beesley

Jan Borths

Cheryl Cristillo

Andy Crowell

Chris Delamater

Trevor Foget

Larry Hutto

Rita Suzanne Kelley

John Knoll

Kenny Madden

Penny McConnel

Valerie McKay

Mark Moon

Mike Murphy

Renda Murphy

Sandra Paskin

Kiki Poole

Mary Ann Porcher

William Porcher

Ken Tupacz

Steve Vanderpool

Linda Wall

Bill Williams

Ira Winsten



LEAGUES & TRAINING

"DROP-IN" LEAGUES - 1:00 PM

Fall Leagues continue to run through November 3 starting at 1:00 pm. Format is round robin - 3 games to 11 points.

Beginners (2.0 to 2.9) - Mondays

Intermediate (3.0 to 3.4) - Wednesdays

Advanced (3.5 and above) - 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 September 9 and September 23. You do not need to be a Club member to take this class. Equipment is provided. **YOU NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THE CLASS.**

BEGINNER SKILLS AND DRILLS

Beginner Skills and Drills continue through October 12.

10/05 - Lobs

10/12 - Overhead, Defend Smash, Dropshots

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Next class dates are scheduled from 10/01/17 - 10/7/17. The class is full. Class size is limited to

12 participants. There is a wait list for these classes. 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 smash)

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

For all training and leagues, except the Introduction to Pickleball Class, you need to be a member of the Pickleball club.

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 jgmlo@yahoo.com.



SCTPC SETS RECORD IN RUIDOSO

Seventeen members (plus a lot of great fans!) of SCTPC traveled to Ruidoso, NM in late August to participate in the "Billy the Kid Shootout." Everyone had a terrific time and our club set a new record for medals won at a single tournament with 37 medals! (Previous record was 31 medals at an event in 2010.) This tournament was sponsored by SSIPA (Super Senior International Pickleball Association) and is also a USAPA-sanctioned event. We hope even more club members will join us next year at this fun event. Photos from Ruidoso can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

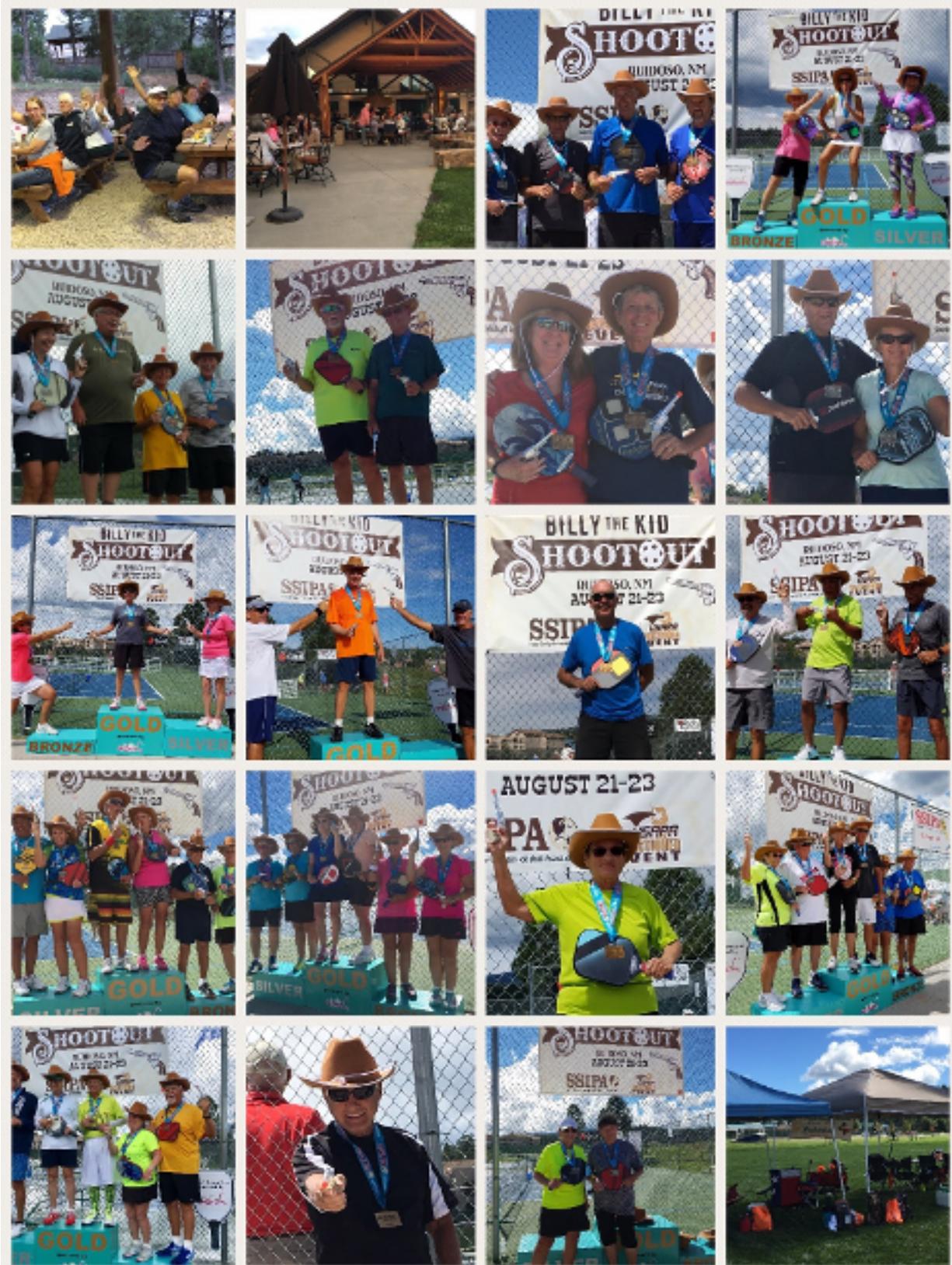
Billy the Kid Shootout - 8/21-8/23 - Ruidoso, NM

Player 1	Player 2	Event
Bob Cleaver	John Carter	Silver, Men's Doubles, 60+ 3.5
Jim Brown	Orlando Salas	Gold, Men's Doubles, 60+ 4.5
Davey Stateler	John Aggar	Gold, Men's Doubles, 65+ 3.0
Ron Longino	Scott Brady	Bronze, Men's Doubles, 70+ 3.5
Chuck Flanagan	Larry Honeycutt	Gold, Men's Doubles, 70+ 4.5
Jack Warner	Jim McPherson	Gold, Men's Doubles, 75+ 4.0
Sara Wahlquist	Toni Briggs	Silver, Women's Doubles, 60+ 3.0
D'Les Longino	Diane Cleaver	Bronze, Women's Doubles, 60+ 3.0
Barb Patterson	Kathy Carr	Gold, Women's Doubles, 60+ 4.0
Cathy Stateler	Eva Myers	Gold, Women's Doubles, 65+ 3.0
Elaine Brogden	Dottie MacVeigh	Silver, Women's Doubles, 65+ 3.0
Diane Cleaver	Bob Cleaver	Silver, Mixed Doubles, 60+ 3.5
Kathy Carr	John Carter	Bronze, Mixed Doubles, 60+ 4.0
Barb Patterson	Chuck Flanagan	Bronze, Mixed Doubles, 60+ 4.5
Cathy Stateler	Davey Stateler	Bronze, Mixed Doubles, 65+ 3.0
Toni Briggs	Jack Warner	Bronze, Mixed Doubles, 65+ 4.0
Elaine Brogden	Scott Brady	Silver, Mixed Doubles, 70+ 3.5
D'Les Longino	Ron Longino	Bronze, Mixed Doubles, 70+ 3.5
Jack Warner		Gold, Men's Singles, 75+ 4.0
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BILLY THE KID PHOTOS





MORE TOURNNEY NEWS

GREAT PLAINS REGIONALS



Big congratulations to Diane Cleaver who earned a Bronze Medal on September 9th at the Great Plains Regional Tournament in Colorado. She and her partner, Sheila Groves won the medal in Women's Doubles, 3.0, 60+. Way to go Diane!

CEDAR PARK CHAMPIONSHIPS - THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

Still some openings in the tournament
October 26-29 --- **DEADLINE Oct. 13th**

Mens Open 19+ - FULL

Mens 50-59 - 3 spots left

Mens 60-64- 2 spots left

Mens 65-59 - 4 spots left

Mens 70 + - 1 spot left

Womens Open 19+ - 1 spot left

Womens 50-59 - FULL

Womens 60-64 - 2 spots left

Womens 65-69 - 4 spots left

Womens 70+ - 3 spots left

Mixed OPEN 19+ - FULL

Mixed 50-59 - FULL

Mixed 60-64 - 4 spots left

Mixed 65-69 - 4 spots left

Mixed 70+ - 3 spots left

To get more info and to register click link -

[Cedar Park Championships](#)



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



SHARON "SHAZ" DOUGLAS

At our last General Meeting, July 12, 2017, it was announced a Social Director was needed for our club. Without hesitation, Sharon raised her hand and said, "I'll do it - I think it would be fun." Since then, she has gone non-stop putting together activities. She gathered information for our Fall Tournament, and is getting the logistics for the "Shrimp Boil." She has enlisted volunteers to assist with the details. She began "Dinks, Chow and Chat" the first Tuesday of the month at Wriggley's Pub, and the 2nd and 4th Thursdays on the bleachers for "BYO Dinks & Paddles." She is already planning for future fun activities. Her enthusiasm is contagious as she supports our logo of "Fun, Friends and Fitness."

I was born in Greenwich, CT and lived in the Northeast until my divorce, after almost 30 years of marriage. I have 3 great kids, Hunter 27, who lives in CT, Avery 25, and Kaysi is 20 and both girls moved to Austin after I did. No

grandkids yet.

After my divorce, I wanted a whole new experience in my life so I decided to move out of the Northeast. My Ambit Energy business held our yearly conventions in Dallas, TX so I fell in love with Dallas and decided to move there. But my daughter, Avery, told me if I moved to Texas, she would too. I knew she'd want to be in Austin where all the fun is, so I moved to Austin. Within a year, she and her boyfriend did too and then Kaysi soon after.

I am a certified personal trainer and fitness instructor and have had my own personal training business for 30 years, so I applied at Sun City for a job teaching fitness classes while I searched Austin for a house that I would feel safe living by myself in.

I'm a runner and didn't like running on the roads around my Austin apartment, so I started driving up to Sun City to do my runs. I noticed how pretty and safe the houses seemed and decided I would build my house in Sun City!

I expected to continue running and lifting weights like I've always done until Judy Blackman from fitness class encouraged me to go try her sister, Peg's Pickleball introductory class! I went out of curiosity, took the class and immediately fell head over heels in love with the strange sport! That night I ordered my court shoes (which Peg stressed were necessary) and a Pickleball paddle. Now everything else in life seems irrelevant! Pickleball ROCKS!



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

Congratulations are in order for all our Sun City players who competed in the Billy the Kid Shootout! This was a SSIPA tournament held in Ruidoso, New Mexico, last month. By my count, Sun City

picklers brought back 37 medals. This represented over 18% of the total awarded for the entire tournament! The most exciting part of all this is that many of these medals were won by members playing in their first USAPA sanctioned tournament...and now they're hooked and already making plans to go back next year!

What is SSIPA? SSIPA is the Super Senior International Pickleball Association. Its mission is to provide tournament opportunities for seniors (60+) by organizing events in such a manner the players are allowed compete within their own age brackets and skill levels.

"In 2017, USAPA and SSIPA established a formal affiliation to collectively grow the sport. As part of this agreement, all SSIPA tournaments are USAPA-sanctioned and likewise, USAPA will encourage 60+ age groups at all USAPA Regional Tournaments

by offering 60+ friendly events where possible." (<http://www.ssipa-pb.org/>)

The latest big 'flap' on the USAPA Ambassadors Forum has been a discussion on serving. One ambassador wrote about someone saying: "The serve must be in an upward motion; again, no side swing." The issue here was the sideways motion and putting spin on the serve. The serving rule does not address side motion or spin. It merely lists the three elements that make up a legal underhand serve. As long as those elements are met, the serve is legal.

"4.A. Serve Motion. The serve must be made with an underhand stroke so that **contact with the ball is made below waist** level (waist is defined as the navel level). (revised Feb. 1, 2013)

4.A.1. Underhand Defined. **The arm must be moving in an upward arc and the paddle head shall be below the wrist when it strikes the ball** (paddle head is that part of the paddle excluding handle. The highest point of the paddle head cannot be above any part of line formed where the wrist joint bends). (revised Feb. 1, 2013)"

The general consensus on the forum is that this rule hasn't been enforced very well in tournaments which has led to many players forming bad serving habits. That will soon change as referees begin calling faults on more illegal serves.



ODDS AND ENDS

PICKLEBALL CENTRAL CREDIT PROGRAM

The next time you buy something from **Pickleball Central**, please **remember to use the "CRSCT" code during checkout**. That way you will receive a 5% discount on your order and our club will receive a 5% credit too. We use these credits to purchase pickleballs and other equipment for the club, as well as door prizes for our various events.



AUDACITY IN THE EVENING



Just a reminder - the paddle rack rules apply during the day and in the evening too. Word is that several members have actually removed the paddles of some of our evening Novice players from a group of four and told them they're not good enough to play with "Tournament Players." Once a paddle is in the rack, that's where it should stay. And no one should be telling people they aren't good enough; that's just downright rude no matter what time of day it is.

"BLAMING YOUR PARTNER FOR A LOSS SAYS MORE ABOUT YOU THAN YOUR PARTNER."

Truism overheard at the Sun City courts last week



JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers. Yesterday, I had a problem, so I called Georgie, the 11-year-old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over.

Georgie clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

Georgie grinned, "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?" "No," I replied. "Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out." So I wrote down: ID10T.

I used to like Georgie.

Submitted by Hutch

I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING
THIS CLOSE
TO CALLING YOUNG PEOPLE
WHIPPERSNAPPERS.

CLICK HERE TO
LEARN HOW TO TIE
YOUR SHOELACES
CORRECTLY!



Submitted by Chuck Flanagan

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