



# Kitchen Talk

*Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter*

## October

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



Just thought I'd let everyone know that the new Retreat pickleball courts will be given to us in April. When I was told that, I just think to ask for what year.....I'm just glad we can use them!

On another note, I wanted to acknowledge all of our Volunteers in the club. The Board feels they don't get enough recognition which is why we took the original suggestion from Nancy Grafton and put together a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held this past Monday on Mulligan's Patio. For those who were able to

attend (close to 80 people), we had fun and enjoyed the evening.....and dinner. It should just go without saying, BUT I feel it needs to be said (or shouted) that without our volunteers, the club could get nothing done. So the next time you see someone you know has volunteered, take the time to stop them and tell them "Thank You."

See you on the courts,

Hutch

**"Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play."**

**Mike Singletary**



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS!

First Name	Last Name
Karen	Boriack
Don	Boriack
Bill	Browne
Lisa	Callahan
Deb	Horton
Ben	Horton
Jean	Kalb
Gordon	Kovacs
Brenda	Kratofil
Tom	Kratofil
Mike	Marker
Kevin	McNeil
Jerry	Phelps
Debra	Rutan
Paul	Vaughn
Sue	Vaughn
John	Viale
Rita	Walker



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D.

## FROM OUR TREASURER

The fund balance as of August 31st is \$10,144. August 31st year to date Revenues are \$8,247 and Expenses are \$6,908 resulting in Net Income of \$1,339.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

**BYO Dinks & Paddles** **BYO Dinks & Paddles** - Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Retreat Courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends! Since it's Halloween - come in your costumes!

## CLUB SHIRTS

If you ordered and paid for a club shirt and haven't picked it up yet, please stop by Kim Stout's house (102 Harvey Point Lane) to get your shirt from her front porch.

## SUN CITY SHOWDOWN & SHRIMP BOIL



Our 3rd Annual Fall "Sun City Showdown" Tournament and Shrimp Boil will be held on Saturday, October 20th. The "Showdown" will be a skill level tournament with Novice, Intermediate and Advanced categories. Tournament check-in time is 9:00 am on 10/20/2018 at the Texas Drive Courts and play should be completed by mid-afternoon.

' Happy hour for the Shrimp Boil starts at 5:30 pm at the Cowan Creek Pavilion. BYOB, but water will be provided. Dinner will be served around 6:30 pm. For more information about the day, click here - [Sun City Showdown and Shrimp Boil](#) (you must be a logged in member of SCTPC to view this info.)

***Many thanks to our tourney director, Jerry Fronczak and our Social Chairman, Shaz Douglas, for all of their hard work in organizing this day for our club!***



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

*On Monday, October 1st, a Pizza Party was held on the patio at Mulligan's to thank the volunteers who helped our club during the past year. Close to 100 members have assisted with training, tournaments, junior camp, social events, nominating committees, leagues, selling club shirts, etc. Nearly 80 folks attended the event (65 volunteers and 13 guests). SCTPC would not work as well as it does without all of their time and efforts. Thanks so much to each of them!*

*If you know someone who volunteers for the club, be sure to give him/her some kudos. And if you have the time to volunteer yourself, please step on up - I'm betting there will be some more pizza parties that include YOU in the future!*

*(Here are some photos from the evening (which ended with a beautiful rainbow!) More photos can be found on our [SCTPC Facebook page](#) and on our website here - [Volunteer Appreciation Dinner](#)*





# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICS



*Thanks to Dare Plantz and Judy Blackman for the great photos!*

# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

## MARY PAYNE



### **Nominated by Kathy Carr:**

*Mary Payne is recognized for her contributions as USAPA certified referee, 4.0 rated player/partner and associate instructor for the Club's Intermediate Training Program. As the only nationally certified USAPA referee in Sun City, Mary provides a high level of professionalism to the conduct of club tournaments. She can be counted on to ensure that USAPA/IFP rules are followed impartially, fairly, and consistently for the matches she oversees. Additionally, she is source of expertise on the interpretation and clarification of rules for players and unrated volunteer referees.*

*Mary has been a mainstay for the Intermediate Training Program. Her role has evolved from volunteer referee for the end of program mini-tournament to associate instructor. As an*

*experienced tournament player with a 4.0 USAPA rating, Mary can be counted on to demonstrate proper execution of pickleball strokes and strategies. She has helped teach the concepts of playing "smart pickleball" by conducting practice drills, evaluating player performance and providing feedback for individual improvement. She is always available to help in whatever capacity she is asked.*

*Lastly, Mary leads by example by being the consummate doubles partner. Among her attributes are integrity, open-mindedness, communication skills, focus and a sense of humor. While she knows winning is important, honesty is more important. She agrees on most strategies, but is willing to compromise on others. She's willing to speak up, and able to listen. She focuses on setting up and protecting her partner. And, she patiently puts up with the antics of her doubles partner. I know, because she's put up with me at numerous tournaments.*

### **From Mary Payne:**

I was born and raised in San Marcos. Later in years moved to Austin to work in the high tech industry. Through a recruiting company met a husband and wife couple who owned and ran a repair and calibration lab for test equipment, primarily for IBM. That was my first experience with office management, procurement, inventory control, work order control and customer service. I learned quickly to wear many hats and LOVED IT!

Stan and I met while working in Austin at Tandem Computers. We worked together (Stan in inventory control and me in procurement)



## VOM CONT'D.

for 13 years before I left Tandem after 15 years. I was offered a position at a start-up company...where again I wore many hats. This was my calling! I worked for three start-up companies before retiring.

We moved to Sun City in 2004. We weren't sure if Sun City was going to be the right place for us because we were much younger than the average population but we fell in love with the wild life, amenities, and how friendly everyone was.

We, as many of you, had never heard of pickleball. Such a strange name, we weren't sure what to expect when we signed up for the introduction class, which was only \$5...what a bargain we thought to ourselves! After taking the introduction class, we were hooked on Pickleball, so we joined the club. That was in 2010.

I was club secretary for 2 years. And in 2012 I was asked (by Dave Larsen, who since has moved to Hawaii, and still plays pickleball) to help organize the first pickleball tournament the club had ever had. I was Tournament Director for 3 years. Fortunately for the club, Barb Patterson came on board as the new Tournament Director and has continued to make these events that everyone looks forward to.

In 2014 I played in my first tournament outside of the Sun City club tournaments. I played with Kathy Carr. When she suggested that we should play in the Texas Senior Games, "It will be fun" she said; and boy was it fun. That was my first

medal. I was hooked on tournaments and I have been playing tournaments ever since.

***Pickleball is all about Fun, Fitness and Friends...see you on the courts!***

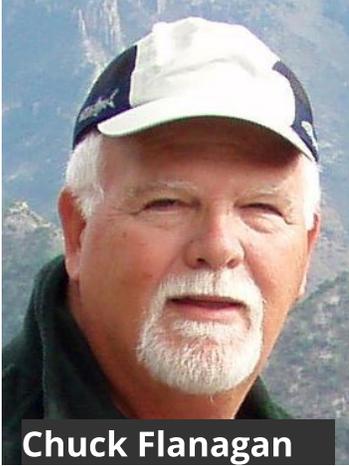


*Do you have someone you'd like to nominate for our "Volunteer of the Month?" If so, click here - [Volunteer of the Month Program](#) to learn more.*





# FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



**Chuck Flanagan**

## RATINGS AND RULES

Well, the latest rating news from the USAPA is that we're now going to be using the 'legacy' ratings through the end of the year. This means

that, if you are playing in any sanctioned tournaments, you should log into [PickleballTournaments.com](http://PickleballTournaments.com) and change your profile to reflect your legacy rating.

Many of the rules questions I receive come as a result of something that happened during a game. Last week a member asked what happens if the ball hits the black pole holding the net and then bounces fair into the court; is it in play or out of bounds when it hits the pole?

Great question...easy answer! The net post is considered a "permanent object" (Rule 3.A.23.) and Rule 4.M.4 and Rule 7.I. state that hitting a permanent object is a fault. Additionally, Rule 11.K. specifically states that the net posts are positioned out of bounds and a ball contacting the post is dead and a fault. Rule 11.K.1. states that a ball hitting the net and cable/rope between

the posts remains in play.

The second question I was asked was when one team/player reaches six points, is there a rule in recreation games about changing sides at six or is it up to the players? How many players should agree to changing sides?

Another good question. There is no rule covering this for recreational play. We often, as a matter of courtesy, change sides whenever wind or sun may be a factor giving an advantage to one side or the other. I usually ask the other team what they'd like to do if my team reaches six first...we're ahead and I want to be fair. If one team wants to switch and the other doesn't, suggest that the team ahead acquiesce to be fair. If it's three votes to one, the one should yield.

I don't know if it's this column but many more club members are asking me great rules questions, which makes finding topics to write about much easier. Thank you!

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS



4.0 55-59 Kathy Carr and  
Mary Payne - Bronze



4.0 60-64 Singles Kathy Carr  
- Gold



4.0 55-59 Singles Mary  
Payne - Silver

*Results from Great Plains Regionals held in September 2018.*

*Not pictured - Bob Cleaver and Kelly Allison who won Silver in Men's Doubles 3.5 60-64.*



3.0 60-69 Men's Doubles  
Steve Franke and Hutch -  
Gold



4.0 70-74 Men's Doubles  
Will Saunders and Ray  
Bennett - Silver

*Results from Mansfield Summer Slam, September.*

# GUESS THE MEMBER

I think you will find this interesting - it seems that we have a member of the Pickleball Club who had dressed up in a mascot uniform. The member I am referring to retired after many years from the military, and he and his wife traveled in an RV around the country for more than ten years. They also did a lot of volunteer work at our national parks. (This saved us taxpayer dollars since they were volunteers ). Part of their duties at Wilkerson Pass, a national park in Colorado, was to greet visitors, answer questions, feed the hummingbirds and help out at special events. One day he was asked to be Smokey Bear for a few hours, since his wife was too petite. As noted, I didn't say Smokey the Bear because I was told that Smokey didn't have a middle name. So our member happily suited up as Smokey.

Now Smokey's outfit required the wearer to strip down to his socks, t-shirt and underwear. Then he had to pull up the bottom half of his Smokey outfit plus Smokey's feet. (I thought Smokey wore boots). After that came a special vest that has pouches for ice packs. I bet our

Smokey was quite warm wearing an outfit made of fur in the middle of summer. After he put on an ice vest, then the top half and then Smokey's hands, he was ready for the crowning glory - Smokey's head and hat. Get this - inside Smokey's hat is a cooling fan. So how did Smokey see? Through his mouth. Now here is the hardest part - if you know who our member is - the hardest part for good old Smokey was not being allowed to talk!



*From "Scoop" (your friendly reporter - thanks Clark!)*

# LEAGUES AND TRAINING

Leagues and Training information was unavailable at press time and will be sent to members later in a club newsflash.

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](mailto:jgmlo@yahoo.com).



## JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

### Missing Person Report

*Submitted by Chuck Flanagan*

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!

#### **OFFICER: Age?**

Husband: I'm not sure. Somewhere between 50 and 60. We don't do birthdays.

#### **OFFICER: Height?**

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

#### **OFFICER : Weight?**

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

#### **OFFICER : Color of eyes?**

Husband: Sort of brown I think; never really noticed.

#### **OFFICER : Color of hair?**

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

#### **OFFICER : What was she wearing?**

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

#### **OFFICER : What kind of car did she go in?**

Husband: She went in my truck.

#### **OFFICER : What kind of truck was it?**

Husband : A 2017 Dodge, manufactured September 16th, pearl white Ram Limited 4X4 .with 6.4l Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, led lighting, back up and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate controlled air conditioning.

It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailing package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40-channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB ports, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and under-glow wheel well lighting. At this point the husband started choking up.

**OFFICER : Take it easy sir; we'll find your truck.**



What's the difference between a dirty bus station and a lobster with breast implants?

One is a crusty bus station. The other is a busy crustacean.

*Submitted by Victoria Hutchins*



## MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

### The face you make



when you really think your shot  
hit the line.

### Click on -

### Cool way to tie your shoes

*(submitted by Phil Coraggio)*



### Did you know?

**As of October 1, 2018  
our Sun City Texas  
Pickleball Club has 617  
members!**

## 2018 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

President - Hutch

Vice President - Charles Desa

Secretary - Judy Blackman

Treasurer - Kathy Goodall

Player Development Director - Peg O'Toole

Communications Director - Barb Patterson

Maintenance Director - Bob Cleaver

Pball Machine Coordinator - Wayne Schaefer

Social Committee Chair - Sharon Douglas