



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

December

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy December! As we come to the close of the calendar year, we've seen a lot of positive changes in our club. The club has grown in size to almost 650 members, we've been playing on 4 new courts for nearly the whole year (even though they haven't been officially given over to the club), we've seen multiple members travel to outside tournaments and win medals, the club has expanded the training opportunities, and the club has broadened our league play to include doubles and singles. This all occurred while enjoying our typical spring/fall tournaments, charity tournaments, and mini-tournaments.

However, the end of the calendar year is somewhat bittersweet for me. I will be stepping down as president and I feel very proud that you have let me serve the club. I also am excited for the club as we welcome our new president, Ed Cahill. Ed is going to be great. Ed and the Board will continue bringing new things to our members as our club grows.

I also want to say "THANKS" to the existing Board members because without them, I would have been lost. They all work well together and do so much for the club selflessly - often behind the scenes. So, the next time you see one of the Board members, take a moment to tell them how much you appreciate them.

Happy Holidays and I'll see you on the courts,
Hutch

**"One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas. Don't clean it up too quickly."
Andy Rooney**



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name
Margie	Fisher
Sandi	Gordon
Helen	Marshall
Diana	Weiss



Hey Novice Players

Come join the fun at the Retreat Courts!

Novice Open Play

Mondays and Wednesdays

10:00 to Noon

Courts 9 & 10



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D.

FROM OUR TREASURER

Fund balance is \$7,511. October year to date Revenues are \$12,398 and Expenses are \$13,692 resulting in Net Loss of \$(1,294).

Current month revenues were \$233. Current month expenses were \$3,674. The expenses were primarily supplies \$544, Equipment \$914 (Leaf blower and patio benches), Special Events \$1,382 (fall tournament \$101 and Shrimp Boil \$1,281) and Member Relations/Awards \$827 (Appreciation Dinner \$806 and VOM \$21) and reprographics \$7. Current month Net Loss was \$(3,441). We made \$219 on Shrimp Boil (Revenue \$1,500 less expenses \$1,281).



SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS



Dinks, Chow and Chat - Tuesday, December 4th, at Wriggley's from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends and enjoy discounts on house drinks and pitchers!

BYO Dinks & Paddles - Wednesday, December 26th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Retreat Courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends!

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual Meeting for SCTPC was held on Friday, November 16th. The following SCTPC members were elected for two year terms beginning in January 2019:

President - Ed Cahill

Treasurer - Allie Bower

Secretary - Judy Blackman

Communications Director - Barb Patterson

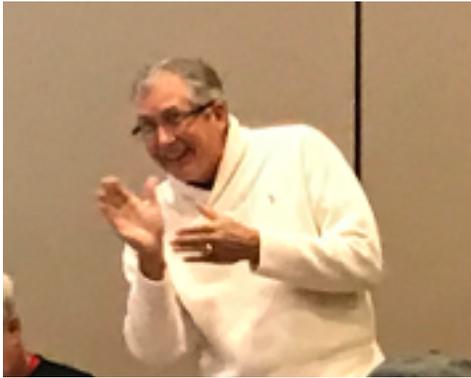
Minutes from the meeting will be on-line soon.





THANK YOU HUTCH AND KATHY!

A huge "THANKS" goes out to our two SCTPC officers who will be leaving the board at the end of 2018. Our President, Hutch, did an outstanding job as our leader these past two years. We will miss his smile, easygoing nature and diplomacy at our workshops. And Kathy Goodall, rocked it as our Treasurer. She always got those checks and reports done in a very timely fashion and made it look easy (but we know it's NOT!) Thank you both for all of your hard work on our behalf!



2019 SCTPC DUES

Dues for 2019 will go on sale through the Community Association (either on-line or in person at the CA office) at 8:00 am on December 1st. Our SCTPC dues will remain the same for 2019 - \$10. What a deal!

YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T LIVE HERE!

When my son was deployed to Afghanistan with the Marine Corps, this sign was up in their tent as a reminder to keep things clean. Of course, they also had Gunny Sergeants to make sure things were under control!

Since we don't have sergeants in SCTPC, we are asking everyone to pick up their own trash by our courts instead of just leaving plastic bottles, etc. scattered around. At Texas Drive, there are trash cans and recycle bins right by the courts so this shouldn't be difficult. We even have a trash can at the Retreat Courts now too.

If we all pitch in, we can keep the court areas looking great!





TURKEY SHOOT-OUT

The First Annual Pickleball Club Turkey Shoot-Out Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, November 14th at Legacy Hills Golf Course to benefit the Food Pantry at the Caring Place.

WINNERS:

1st Place – winning score of 63 (won on a scorecard playoff) – Jerry Fronczak, Phil Coraggio, Don Hunt, Will Saunders - \$10 gift certificate each to Mulligans

Putting contest – Don Hunt, \$24 payout

Hole #8 Par 3 – Longest putt made – Rick Rickman, \$32 payout.

Hole #12 Par 3 – Closest to the pin – Louise Bradshaw, \$35 payout

Hole #7 – Longest Drive – Men - Frank Shuman, \$10 gift certificate to Mariachis de Jalisco restaurant

Hole #7 – Longest Drive – Women - Terri DeSa, \$10 gift certificate to Mariachis de Jalisco restaurant.

DONATION RESULTS:

- A car trunk full of non-perishable food items were collected – thank you to Kim Stout for putting these in her car and delivering them to the Food Pantry*
- **Final tally of checks, cash to be donated to the Food Pantry = \$800.00***

The tournament planning committee would like to thank everyone who signed up to participate and brave the “unusually” cool Fall weather – we had around 50 golfers play.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who also braved the weather to sign people in, handle the donations and provide a cheerful atmosphere for all involved!

Best Wishes for The Holidays,

Phil Coraggio

Bob Cleaver

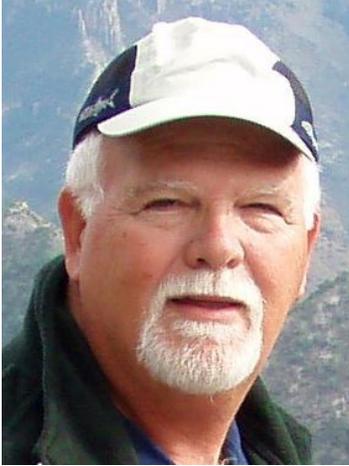
Jerry Fronczak

Jay Hangartner

Charles DeSa



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!

We're wrapping up another great year of PICKLEBALL! Probably the most exciting event for the USA Pickleball Association was this year's National

Championships, held at the world famous Indian Wells Tennis Garden (IWTG). This state-of-the-art facility has the second largest tennis stadium in the world and will seat over 16,000 people. Last year USAPA signed a five year contract with IWTG for hosting the USAPA Nationals. Judging from the reports brought back by our own members who attended the event, this year's national championship tournament was a resounding success. Check out this link to find out more about this great facility - [Indian Wells Tennis Garden](#)

The new USAPA Player Tournament Rating (UPTR) system will be fully in effect as of January 1st. The questions I am most asked are:

1. How do they compute the ratings - *"The USAPA Tournament Player Ratings are based on a rating method called the ELO rating system. The ELO rating system was originally created as an improvement to the chess rating system and has since been adapted for many other sports such as football, basketball and baseball."*

(Note: Curious, I looked up ELO Rating System and barely escaped that web site before my head exploded. If, however, you really cannot resist the impulse, start here but don't say I didn't warn you!

[ELO RATINGS](#)

2. When are the ratings updated - *"A player's 4-digit rating will be updated weekly, as it is the dynamic rating. A player's two-digit skill level rating will be updated quarterly for registration and tournament planning purposes. Quarterly updates will occur on: March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31."*

For a more complete list of UPTR FAQ's, check out this link... [Ratings FAQ](#)

I'll finish this month's column with a rules quiz and an adage. For the quiz, one question only but the correct answer is not as obvious as it may seem (that's a strong hint).

Q; What are the exact dimensions of a pickleball Service Court?

And remember, "If they didn't want you to use the net, they wouldn't put it there." Cf



FALL CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Results from the "World PB Singles Team Challenge" and "Ladder League Doubles Challenge" Tournaments were sent to club members last week. More photos from both events can be found on our [website](#) and also on our [Sun City Texas Facebook Page](#). Thanks to the Tournament Directors and volunteers who made both of these events so successful.



Come on out to support our next Club Event - Dinks and Dogs Duos!

3rd Annual
Dinks and Dogs Duos
Blue Santa Fundraiser

**BLUE SANTA
GEORGETOWN**

Saturday, December 8, 2018
from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm - Texas Drive Courts



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

JERRY FRONCZAK



Nominated by Barb Patterson: Jerry Fronczak has been selected as our November Volunteer of the Month for stepping up to direct our 2018 "Sun City Showdown Tournament" held on October 21st. Jerry threw himself into organizing and pulling off a very successful tourney which was made even more complicated due to uncooperative weather conditions. Jerry made it look easy. We knew we had the right person for the job when he took spreadsheets from past tournaments and then announced that he had

created "pivot tables" within them to keep track of player counts, etc. (We still don't know what "pivot tables" are!) Thank you Jerry - you did a great job!

From Jerry Fronczak: I was born and raised in Evanston, Illinois. Evanston is the home of Northwestern University. I went to college at the University of Illinois. My professional life was mainly on the south-side of Chicago and we lived in the suburbs of Chicago. My wife Nancy and I retired to Sun City in 2014. I have been playing pickleball for the last three years.

From Barb Patterson (again): Jerry told me he wasn't going to write a bio, and that I should write one for him. In the end, he said he likes my bio better than his, so here is my version:

"My name is Jerry and I enjoy long walks on the beach with my wife, Nancy, until the alcohol wears off and I realize that I'm just dragging a mannequin around the Wriggley's parking lot."



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.



SCTPC MEMBERS AT NATIONALS

We had a number of our members attend the USAPA Nationals at Indian Wells, California in November. Two of them came away with medals, which is no small feat! **Congratulations to Diane Cleaver for her silver medal in Women's Doubles, 3.0, 60+ with partner, Sue Olson. Kudos to Jack Warner and his partner, Darleen Johnson for bringing home a silver medal in Mixed Doubles, 4.0. 80+.** And big congratulations to everyone in our club who went out there and competed. It sounds as if it was a great time.



Tournament players - please remember to send your medal stand photos to SCTXpickleball@gmail.com so they can be included in our newsletters. Sending them to me by text or to my personal email account may not always work and is not recommended. I apologize in advance if I missed anyone's photos or results; it's tough to scan through results on PickleballTournaments.com and be able to catch all of our members' names.

Thanks,
Barb Patterson

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Austin Senior Games November 2018

- Steve Timmons and Don Hunt - Gold
- Kathy Carr and Mary Payne - Gold
- Steve Timmons and Mary Payne - Gold
- John Carter and Kathy Carr - Silver
- Mary Payne - Gold



Aggieland Tournament November 2018

- Steve Timmons and Shaz Douglas - Mixed
Doubles, 4.0/4.5 - Silver
- Dare Plantz and Maggie Manley - Mixed
Doubles 3.0 - Bronze
- Steve Frank and Dare Plantz - Men's
Doubles 3.0 - Bronze
- Steve Frank - Men's 3.5 Singles, Bronze





DJ'S TIP OF THE WEEK

How You Get to Play "Up" Levels in Pickleball

Used with the written permission of Daniel J. ("DJ") Howard, Pickleball Pro

In case you were ever wondering how it is you get an offer to play up with pickleball players better than yourself, I'm gonna spell it out for you... right... here...

There are four basic criteria for playing up with players better than yourself. They are as follows:

- 1. Ability** - your current level. It matters. A lot.
- 2. Athleticism** - the better you move and control your body, the better chance you have of being able to compete by getting to more balls and getting them back in play.
- 3. Aptitude** - potential to improve. Good players notice your talent and future development.
- 4. Attitude** - willingness to learn and practice. Everyone is attracted to those with a winning, can do / will do attitude.

If none of the criteria are met, then playing up doesn't make sense, nor will you be asked to play up.

The more criteria you meet, the more levels up you CAN play and WILL be invited to play. Can exceptions be made to these guidelines?

Of course. Friends or family members can always be exceptions. You may make exceptions for members of your club, students you teach, coworkers, or other examples.

However, these are general guidelines that will be followed consciously or subconsciously by nearly all high level players. This is not unique to pickleball, by the way.

Trust me, if you show promise by displaying three or four of the above criteria, you will undoubtedly be asked or welcomed to play up with the best players.

Look at this list. If you are denied the opportunity to play up, it is possible others don't see some of the four criteria. It is possible they are wrong, true. But is it possible they are correct? If so, work on what you can and try to prove your worth.

Ability. Athleticism. Aptitude. Attitude. Work on each. That is, if you want to play up. Otherwise it will be difficult to expect others to call you up. Keep reppin'!

-DJ

P.S. If you had higher level players ask you to play up, be flattered that they probably saw one or more of these criteria in you and they liked it.

GUESS THE MEMBER

Have you ever wondered who the people are that the flying public depends upon to keep air travel safe? Well, we have one such person in our Pickleball Club.

This member grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma and spent many years working in an office as a typist, but she wanted to work in the airline industry. So, she applied for a position with American Airlines, was hired, and started first with cleaning the insides of the planes, replacing worn carpets and seats - and then eventually repairing engines as a mechanic. Since commercial planes are usually taken out of service after eighteen months for a complete makeover, there was always something to do. And for twenty-three years she helped maintain the safety in the skies that we enjoy on those

huge commercial planes.

Next month, find out who this person is...



From "Scoop" (your friendly reporter - thanks Clark Grafton!) Last month's "Guess the member" was Toni Briggs.



That moment when you realize that you didn't lob the ball quite high enough....

JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

Bus Driver

Submitted by Ken Patterson

(Background: This joke was told by our tour guide on a bus trip through the mountains during a recent trip to Europe.)



A bus driver and a priest happened to pass away at the same moment and ended up standing side-by-side at the pearly gates. For whatever reason, there was only one open spot available in Heaven so Saint Peter needed to make a decision on which one to let in. After thinking about it for a while, he said to the bus driver "Okay, you can go in." The priest looked startled and said "Why is the bus driver going in instead of me? I've given my whole life to the church!" Saint Peter said "Because when you were giving mass everyone just slept. But when the bus driver was driving tours through the mountains everyone was praying."

Dishwasher Repair

Laura's dishwasher quit working so she called a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key

under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check.

"Oh, by the way, don't worry about my bulldog, Bob. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot! I repeat, do not talk to my parrot!"

When the repairman arrived at Laura's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking bulldog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name-calling. Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Bob!"





MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

Yay Texas!

Submitted by Chuck Flanagan



After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year outside of New York City, New York scientists found traces of copper cable dating back 100 years. They came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a Los Angeles, California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet somewhere just outside Oceanside. Shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: " California archaeologists report a finding of 200 year old copper cable, have concluded that their

ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.

"One week later, a local newspaper in Galveston, Texas reported the following: "After digging down about 30 feet deep in his pasture near the community of Texas City, Bubba, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Bubba has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Texas had already gone wireless".

"Once again, we come to the holiday season; a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice."

Dave Barry

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

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