

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

December

FROM THE PRESIDENT



A HUGE Thank You to all the members that voted for the 2020 board members, as well as, to those who attended and participated in our Fall General Meeting! The presentation is posted on our website for our members. If you'd like to review it, click [2019 General Meeting Power Point](#) (you must be logged in with SCTexas.org userid, since this document is only available to members.)

I want to also say THANK YOU to our outgoing board members, Bob Cleaver, Charles DeSa and Peg O'Toole for the leadership you have provided our club over the past years! We all appreciate you and the many things you have accomplished for the club!

And, welcome Kathy Carr, Ron Franke and Dare Plantz to the 2020/21 board. We very much look forward to hearing your voice (without saying names, some louder than others) as we progress into 2020. THANK YOU to all the candidates running for the board as this is truly a testament to the "wanting to give back" mentality that is so pervasive within our great club.

Who said more courts? Well, Pulte has agreed to build, not 2 or 4 or even 6 more courts, but will build 8 at the Legacy Hills Pavilion site with room to grow!!!! Pulte has stated they expect completion in late 2020. As this evolves, we will certainly keep you up to date, and again, check out the presentation posted on the website.

And, please remember, Safety First, Win the Point Second

Ed Cahill

"If we magnified blessings as much as we magnify disappointments, we would all be much happier."

John Wooden



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT



The Club began the month of October with a balance of \$10,203 and ended with \$7,561 for a net loss of \$2,642. Monthly income totaled \$602; \$110 from new memberships and \$492 from final Shrimp Boil ticket sales.

Expenses totaled \$3,244 which included the Fall Showdown Tournament and Shrimp Boil at \$2,310. Additional expenses included food and DJ for the Pickle "Ball" at \$455.00, court cameras at \$77, novelty pickles for new member packets at \$135, and miscellaneous items to support training, leagues, and administrative needs of the club.

We had 22 new members bringing our paid total to 711.

2020 Membership

All current memberships expire 31 Dec 19 irrespective of purchase date; there is a grace period through 31 Jan 20 before falling off membership rolls.

2020 memberships go on sale 1 Dec 19 via CA ticket sales (online or walk-in) to ensure continuity of member benefits. There is no increase in annual membership dues for 2020, remaining at \$10.00 per person. **When renewing your club membership, please remember to choose "renewal" instead of "new member."**

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2019 SCTPC Annual Meeting was held on November 15th at Cowan Creek with a record number of members present. Please click - [2019 November Minutes](#) to read the minutes from the meeting. (You must be logged into your SCTexas.org account to read this document.)

We are all so grateful that Pulte will be building eight new pickleball courts at Legacy Park!



WELCOME NOVEMBER'S NEW MEMBER - DAVE SCHIFF!



BLUE SANTA - DINKS AND DOGS

The 4th Annual Dinks and Dogs Duos Charity Event was a huge success. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time. Thanks to the 78 participants, their fans and our volunteers, we presented a check in the amount of \$1,270, plus a barrel full of toys, to Blue Santa of Georgetown. Your generosity of toys and money (which will be used to purchase even more gifts) is greatly appreciated. (More photos from the day can be found here - [Blue Santa Photos](#) or on our [SCTPC Facebook Page](#).)

Thanks to Nancy and Clark Grafton for once again organizing a terrific event for our club!





DINKS AND DOGS MEDALISTS

Novice:

Gold: Anne Diaz and Debby Weatherford

Silver: Pete and Colleen Nadolski

Honorable Mention: Bob Gagner and Debbi Holifield

Advanced:

Gold: Dave Weatherford and Will Diaz

Silver: Larry Hudson and Chuck Flanagan

Honorable Mention: Paul "Pablo" Chenault and Ron Liedecker

Intermediate:

Gold: Maggie Manley and Liem Nguyen

Silver: Gordon Kovacs and Rita Walker

Honorable Mention: Wayne and Bonnie Schaefer

Mixed Skills:

Gold: Debi Cobb and Brett Mainz

Silver: Kobus Pieters and Lisa Callahan

Honorable Mention: Corinna and Doug Oliver





CLUB CALENDAR



December 2019

Pre Registration required for Introduction to Pickleball Class, Beginner Mentoring Program and Intermediate Training —contact Peg O'Toole at JGMLO@yahoo.com

Pre Registration required for lessons—contact Matt Laz —text or phone 832-499-9925 or email mattlaz@mattlazpickleball.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	3 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	4 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	5 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	6	7
8	9 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	10 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	11 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	12 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	13	14 2:00 to 4:00 Introduction to Pickleball - Retreat courts 9 & 10
15	16 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	17 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	18 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	19 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	20	21
22	23 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	24	25 Christmas	26 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	27	28
29	30 12:00 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	31 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7 6-9:00 pm BYO Dinks & Paddles @ Retreat courts				



LEAGUES AND TRAINING

The Fall Leagues completed on November 15. The results are posted on the bulletin boards at the courts and on the Sun City website. In order to be ranked, a player needed to play a minimum of 3 times.

Drop-In Leagues

A total of 140 players participated. The percentages are figured by the total points possible divided by the points won. Top 3 players in each division are:

2.5	Gary Brown	91.34%
	Colleen Nadolski	86.87%
	Pete Nadolski	84.85%
3.0	Paul Chenault	98.79%
	Wendy D'Entremont	96.97%
	Sunny Schultz	93.94%
3.5 +	David Rudes	94.70%
	Brad Duffy	93.18%
	Randy Bayne	85.61%

Singles Ladder Leagues

There were 30 participants in the singles leagues. The results for the Men's and Women's singles ladder leagues are:

Men's	Kobus Pieters	1st
	Steve Frank	2nd
	Rick Ferri	3rd
Women's	Pocket D'haeseleer	1st
	Hannah Nguyen	2nd
	Margo Chase Wells	3rd

Doubles Ladder Leagues

There were 3 doubles ladders - mixed, men's and women's. There were 22 mixed teams, 9 men's teams and 13 women's teams. Rankings are determined by point percentages and matches/opponents. The USAPA ladder program was used. Top 3 teams in each league are:

Mixed	John Carter / Kathy Carr	1st
	David Persilver / Jan Baldwin	2nd
	Steve Timmons / Shaz Douglas	3rd
Men's	Rick Ferri / David Stout	1st
	John Carter / Bill Leahy	2nd
	Kobus Pieters / Mike Rhoda	3rd
Women's	Mary Payne / Kathy Carr	1st
	Allie Bower / Jan Baldwin	2nd
	Diana Weiss / Hanna Nguyen	3rd



LEAGUES AND TRAINING



BEGINNER MENTORING CLASS #19 GRADUATES

Gary Brown, Cindy Cordova, Bob Gagner, Mary and Neil Hackett, Debbie Holifield, Joanna Isherwood, Kathy Lattauzio, Kim and Tom Repede, Debra Rutan, Dave Schiff, Charlie Stover, Mike Vargo, Hugh and Jan Wilson, Wende Yellin



Thank
you

Many thanks to:

Peg O'Toole - Director of Player Development

Bob Cleaver - Maintenance Director

Charles DeSa - Vice-President

for all of their hard work on behalf of our club.



INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Intermediate Pickleball Training Class 0011 Graduates



On Friday, November 1, 2019, the Club graduated its 11th class of students from the Intermediate Training Program. As has become tradition, after taking an oath to play “smart pickleball” and receiving their certificates of course completion, the new graduates (aka the Newbies) played in a mini tournament against graduates from previous classes (aka the Oldies but Goodies).

The day provided a masterful display of the 4-D’s (Deep Serve, Deep Return, Drop Shots, and lots of Dinking). In the final hour, everyone gathered on the bleachers to watch the final matches and enjoy hot dogs prepared by guest chefs Karen and Jim Adams.



Lisa Callahan and Hannah Nguyen prepare to field a volley.

The top three finishing teams were previous course graduates. Third place was awarded to Jim Tompkins and Toni Briggs; second place went to Kobus Pieters and Judy Blackman, and first place was presented to Sally Tompkins and Ric Hutchinson.

Many thanks to the great team of instructors who helped with this class: Jan Baldwin, Scott Brady John Carter, Bob Cleaver, Diane Cleaver, Ron Franke, Ron Longino, and Mary

Payne. Additional thanks to the supporting cast who contributed to the success of the tournament: *Bonnie Schaeffer* (Scorekeeper); Scott Brady, Ron Franke, D’Les Longino and Ron Longino (Referees); Jim Tompkins, Toni Briggs, Kobus Peters, Judy Blackman, Sally Tompkins, Ric Hutchinson, Wayne Schaefer, Linda Hutchinson, Al Kitamorn and Mark Cawthon (Former graduates who came out to play against the newest class).



Bonnie Schaeffer posts team scores as Lisa Callahan and Toni Briggs look on.



Pat Russo receives her completion certificate and congratulations from the instructors.



INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Intermediate Training Class 0011 (Continued)



Graduates, Instructors and Volunteers Supporting the 11th Sun City Texas Intermediate Pickleball Training Class. From the bottom left: Kathy Carr, Mark Cawthon, Chuck Fath, JD Coven, Catherine Barnfeld, Hannah Nguyen, Liam Nguyen. Second row from left: D'Les Longino, Toni Briggs, Al Kitamori, Lisa Callahan, Dick Colangelo, Nancy Grafton, Bonnie Schaeffer. Third row from left: Donna Cahill, Judy Blockman, Pat Russo, Wayne Schaeffer, Linda Hutchinson. Top row from left: Kobus Pieters, Ron Longino, Ric Hutchinson, Sally Tompkins, Ron Franke, Scott Brady.



Judy Blockman and Kobus Pieters control the NVZ line.



Dick Colangelo drives a volley towards his opponent's feet.

MEMBER REQUESTS

From a couple of Texas Drive regulars - please ask people to move away from the Paddle Rack when just chatting because it makes it difficult for players to put their paddles in the rack. It's also difficult for people on the benches to see whether they are almost up to play.

From a player with the initials "RT" - please ask people NOT to hit the ball short to me, forcing me to run forward. Also ask them not to hit the ball too hard at me, or over my head. Please ask them to just hit it at about the right height so I can just easily smack it back.



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

KNOW THE RULES!

I'll start this month's column by announcing a recent change to my ambassador status. As some of you may know, my 'territory' as District Ambassador for Central & South Central Texas (two districts) covered 71 counties. These ran from just east side of San Angelo and Del Rio,

to Waco and then south all the way to the Rio Grange Valley. Early last month I managed to find a great ambassador in the valley to become the new District Ambassador for South Texas, Joyce Mitchell. This will make my ambassador job a bit easier (31 fewer counties) but as Assistant Regional Director for Mid-South, I'll still travel down there on occasion.

Many of you may already know (for those of you who read Barb's eblasts) that Tim Dean, at Cedar Park, has some great incentives for people who referee at his tournaments. He's offering pre-tournament registration to anyone refereeing ten or matches at one of his tournaments. Considering that he had over 100 people register for this coming December tournament in the first five minutes, THAT is a great incentive! Additionally, this year he will be giving away a Pickleball Tutor ball machine in a drawing limited only to the referees at this coming tournament. That's another great incentive. I recently conducted three referee clinics at Cedar Park and Buda and we now have another 56 possible

referees in the area.

On the subject of referees and rules, I thought I'd mention a difference about score calling between rec and tournament play. In rec play, the server should call the score (loudly please) for two important reasons. First, of course, it's a way of announcing that the server is getting ready to serve. Second, it helps all of us with CRS to remember the score.

In a sanctioned tournament, however, "The referee shall call the score when he or she determines that the receiver is in position or should be ready to play." (Rule 4.D.; emphasis added.) There is an important exception to this that occurs after timeouts and between games. This is covered in Rule 10.A.6. "The referee will give the players a warning when there are 15 seconds remaining. At the end of the time-out, the referee will call "time in", and announce the score to begin the 10-Second Rule even if all players are not on the court and/or not ready to play. If the server does not serve within 10 seconds after the score is called, and no additional time-outs are called or available, a fault will be called."

So, the biggest difference between rec and tournament play lies in that last sentence. In rec play, we wait for the receiver to be ready. In a tournament, however, the server MUST serve within the 10 seconds allotted...even if the receiver is still sitting on the bench. While this may seem harsh, remember that all players know how much time they have during a time out (the referee tells them) and the referee gives adequate warning before resuming play.



USAPA National Championships - 11/2/19 - 11/10/19



Kathy Carr - GOLD - Women's Singles, 4.0, 65+



Pocket D'Haeseleer - SILVER - Women's Singles, 3.5, 70+, 75+



**Our players and supporters at Nationals!
Great job everyone!**



TOURNAMENT RESULTS, CONT'D.



Steve Timmons and Don Hunt earned the Gold Medal in both Men's 60-64 and 65-69 at the Austin Senior Games - 11/2/-11/3.



Diane Williams and Steve Timmons earned the Gold Medal in Mixed Doubles 60-64 and overall at the Austin Senior Games.



Mary Payne won the Gold Medal in Women's Singles, 3.5 at the Aggieland Turkey Tournament 11/22-11/24



Here are the results submitted to us from the PHIP Tournament held on 11/16-11/17:

Brett Mainz and Ioe Grey - Gold in Men's Doubles 3.5

Dare Plantz and Kobus Pieters - Silver in Men's Doubles 3.5

Ed Cahill and Rick Ferri - Silver, Men's Doubles, 4.0/4.5

Cathv Stateler and Chervl Ianssen - Gold, Women's Doubles 3.0

Hanna Nguven and Renda Murphy - Silver, Women's Doubles 3.0

Shaz Douglas and Laura Matau - Bronze, Women's Doubles 4.0



Please remember that we cannot publish tourney results or photos unless they are submitted to SCTXPickleball@gmail.com.



JOKES AND FUN STUFF



Breakfast

Two older couples were having breakfast.

Old Man 1: We went to the best restaurant last night.

Old Man 2: What's its name?

Old Man 1: Oh, I have such a terrible memory. What's that red flower?

Old Man 2: Carnation?

Old Man 1: No, the one with the thorns.

Old Man 2: Rose?

Old Man 1: That's it. (turns to his wife)

Hey Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?

Fishing

A game warden catches an unlicensed fisherman in the act.

"You're going to pay a big fine for all those fish in your bucket."

"But, officer, I didn't catch these -- they are my pet fish and I just bring them here to swim. When they're done they jump back into the bucket."

"Oh really? This I've got to see. If you can prove it, I'll let you go."

The fisherman empties the bucket into the lake and waits patiently. A few minutes go by and nothing happens.

Game warden: So where are the fish?

Fisherman: What fish?

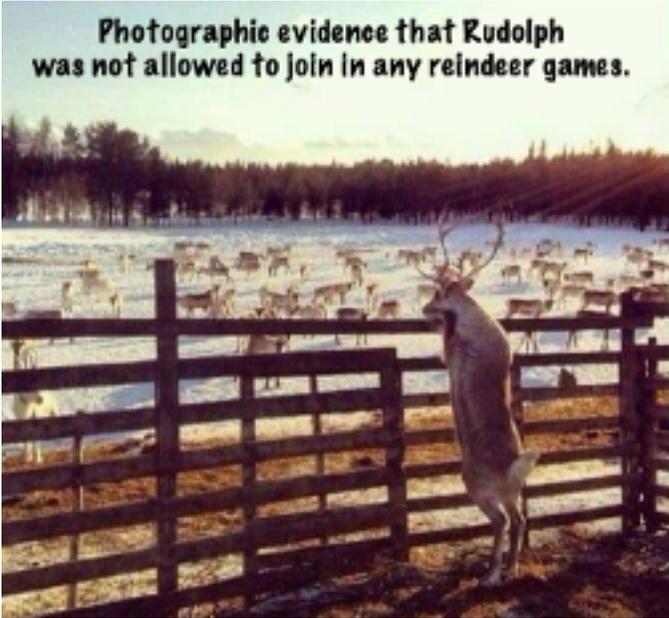


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MORE FUN STUFF



"You put a round thing on a spinning plate with a needle and then you play with buttons and knobs ... only old people know how to do it!"

My ability to remember song lyrics from the 60's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen!

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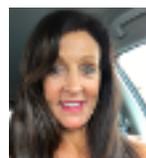
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