

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

May

FROM THE PRESIDENT



So Pickleball is BACK. Well, kinda.

First, THANK YOU to the Club Board for all the great work in getting us to this point.

I won't go into all the details from the last few

days of communications, but I will say that we appreciate your patience during this time. We are back on the courts, but in a way that is going to take some time to adjust to, and who knows, once we adjust, we will change it again. I do know that with any further change, it will be one or more steps to getting us closer to normal. Notice I did not say..."back to normal," as we still have so many unknowns.

Ron Franke, our Vice President, is heading up a team of volunteers to be available at the courts over the next few weeks. They will be wearing name tags and should be able to assist with any questions. In addition feel free to reach out to any board member

directly or send an email to

SCTXPickleball@gmail.com. And be sure you have reviewed the "Guidelines for Transitional Operations" several times and have them printed in your Pickleball Bag.

Remember, your safety and health is our priority right now and you can help by knowing and adhering to the guidelines.

"Hey, wait a minute," say the members, "you always update us on the new courts." So in regard to the addition of Pickleball Courts, we have been able to confirm that positive discussions have occurred with the city as part of the approval process and we expect an official site plan can be submitted in 60-90 days.

Ed Cahill



Board at work in a ZOOM meeting.

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of how things turn out."

~ John Wooden



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY ALLIE BOWER



Sun City Pickleball: March 2020 Synopsis

The Club began the month of March 20 with a balance of \$10,310. Income for the month totaled \$160, all from new memberships. Expenses totaled \$200, \$40 for new member welcome packet supplies, \$75 for Court Cameras, and \$85 for court maintenance items. The Spring Fling Tournament and BBQ were cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions, with BBQ tickets sales halted in March. Refunds have been processed by the CA accounting office and should have been received by all ticket holders either by mailed check or charge card credit. The caterer

returned the deposit of \$1493.75; this was credited back to the club account and is reflected in the March balance of \$11,763.

We had 16 new members in March bringing our YTD total to 681. We had no new members in April.

WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have any spare time (and who doesn't right now?) check out some of the links below to visit local, state and national Pickleball websites and social media.

[Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Facebook Page](#)

[Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Website](#)

[Greater Austin Pickleball Facebook Page](#)

[Texas Pickleball Facebook Page](#)

[Pickleball Forum Facebook Page](#)

[USA Pickleball Association Website](#)

[USAPA Mid-South Region Website](#)

[Pickleball Tournaments - Upcoming Texas Tournaments](#)





COURT MAINTENANCE REPORT SUBMITTED BY DARE PLANTZ

Texas Drive Courts

- 4/18 - All 6 courts inspected and replaced zip ties where broken on all windscreens.
- Inspected and cleaned lens on both Arlo cameras.

Retreat Courts

- 3/30 - New water rollers purchased and installed for wet weather use.
- 4/22 - All courts inspected and replaced zip ties where broken on all windscreens.
- New padlock replaced on the ball machine cabinet with a new code.
- Replaced one of the wind indicator flags.



Upcoming:

- Working on purchasing and replacing all of the red wind flags at both locations. Looking into purchasing another battery blower for the Retreat courts.

REC CENTER UPDATES

Cedar Park Rec Center (from Tim Dean) - closed until further notice.

I know you guys want to get back to playing soon. I will send out information as soon as we plan on opening and with details what that will look like. We are working on a plan to implement our activities in a phased process. Once we open the doors it will not be like it was before the closures. This may take some time to get back to normal. Our front desk is still taking calls at 512-401-5516 Monday – Friday from 8am-5pm if you have any other questions.

Georgetown Rec Center - closed until at least May 11th. Call to confirm - 512-930-3596.



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

but has finally decided to retire. He and his wife, Susan, (she's the hard worker behind the scenes) will now be able to have their anniversaries at somewhere else than at the Mid-South regional. And Tom will be able to spend more time on his game than running tournaments. Being from Baton Rouge, they are both ardent LSU fans and were recently honored at the Mid-South Ambassadors Dinner.

Regional USAPA Ambassador, Tom Burkhardt Retires



I've been a USAPA Ambassador for six years and District Ambassador for a bit over four. During that time I had the great pleasure of working for Tom Burkhardt, the Regional Director for Mid-South (AR, LA, OK, & TX). Tom has been the RD for more than 12 years

Our new Regional Director is Greg Guse. If you've ever attended a pickleball tournament in Mansfield, you may have already met Greg. He's the Recreation Services Supervisor for the city of Mansfield, Texas. While I haven't met Greg personally, I have talked to him by phone and traded emails with him several times and have been impressed by his initiative and how rapidly he communicates with all his District Ambassadors. I'm really looking forward to working with him in the future.

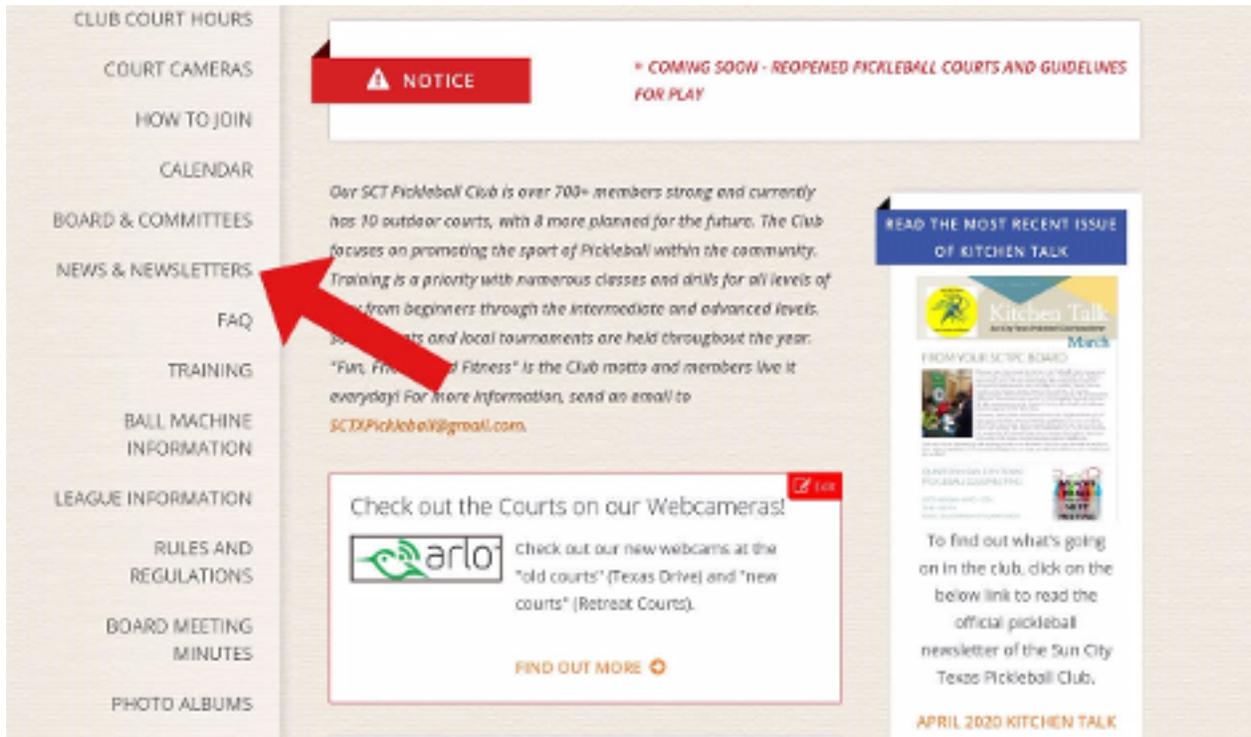
Did you know that April was National Pickleball Month and, ironically, no one played pickleball? Hopefully, maybe even before this newsletter is published, that will have changed. We all hope so.

Tom & Susan Burkhardt - photo credit: Vicki Noakes, District Ambassador for Oklahoma



BLAST FROM THE PAST

Even though we've received a number of photos from members telling us how they've been coping with the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" guidelines, a majority of them were from one couple that apparently has taken up drinking as a new pastime! So, we threw in a couple of their photos, mainly because they actually appear to be enjoying the "Shelter in Place" guidelines more than some other folks in Sun City! But we also thought that maybe newer members and even some longstanding SCTPC members would enjoy checking out some pages of newsletters from the past. And remember, past issues of newsletters (from 2015 forward) are available on our website (see photo below).



Judy Lammering
and Randy
Bayne in
quarantine
mode.





BLAST FROM THE PAST, CONT'D.

January 2012

Meet Some of Your Club Members



Joe Lish



Sue March



Walt Holt



Judy & Bob Worth



Pat Hall



Pat Brian



Chuck Flanagan



Doyle Pendleton



Mike Hausman

March 2012

Strategic Planning Committee

The Sports Committee approved construction of a social area including a gate at court 4 and a picnic table. We hope to have the gate and table available for our upcoming first club tournament on April 27th. Approved also are two additional temporary lights on court 4 (for a total of four halogen lights).

The Sports Committee asked us to review the interest in night playing for future recommendations on lighting. The CA Property and Grounds Committee must approve each of our requested changes. We expect their approval to be forthcoming soon.



BLAST FROM THE PAST, CONT'D.

April 2012

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee has been busy presenting club proposals to two CA governance committees, Sports and Property & Grounds. Dave Larsen, Mike Hausman and Walt Holt presented to the committees the needs of the Pickleball club as follows:

- Picnic table with BBQ grill
- A small gate to allow access to court 4 from the social picnic area
- Temporary shade canopy for events
- Another outlet for two additional temporary night lights

We originally asked the CA for a loan to put up permanent night lighting. All funds available have been assigned for the near future and there is a question if the loan would be approved by the CA Board for such a request.

After two months of discussions we were approved for a picnic table but it must match the other picnic tables in Sun City, i.e., aluminum. The table is now available for club use under the trees next to court 4. A temporary shade canopy has been purchased and will be available as the needs arise.

A gate to allow access to court 4 has been installed. The picnic table and shade cover will be available for the upcoming Country Team Challenge tournament.

The CA will install the additional outlet in the near future. Once this is completed, two additional temporary night lights will be installed on court 4 for night play along with the two existing lights.

The BBQ grill was not approved until we do further research in how we will store this unit.



March 2015





BLAST FROM THE PAST, CONT'D.

May 2012

A Great Event for our First Club Tournament

Team Photos

First Place: Team Germany



Larry Hudson, Audrey Erickson, Jim McPartland, Lorenzo, Perez

Second Place: Team Spain



Steve Erickson, Brad Duffy, Dorinda Williams, Bruce Khoury

March 2015



All smiles from some of the Sun City Medal Winners at the Brazos Valley Senior Games (Joyce Caldwell, Al Eyster, Chuck Flanagan, David Laird and Jack Warner not shown)



Joyce Caldwell warms up



Bill Treadway and partner, Chuck pair up for Men's Doubles



Jack Warner takes a break with his wife, Dorothy



Chuck Flanagan takes the Bronze with his doubles partner



JOKES AND FUN STUFF

TWO NUNS WERE SHOPPING AT A 7-11 STORE. AS THEY PASSED BY THE BEER COOLER, ONE NUN SAID TO THE OTHER, "WOULDN'T A NICE COOL BEER OR TWO TASTE WONDERFUL ON A HOT SUMMER EVENING?"

THE SECOND NUN ANSWERED, "INDEED IT WOULD, SISTER, BUT I WOULD NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE BUYING BEER, SINCE I AM CERTAIN IT WOULD CAUSE A SCENE AT THE CHECKOUT STAND."

"I CAN HANDLE THAT WITHOUT A PROBLEM" THE OTHER NUN REPLIED, AND SHE PICKED UP A SIX-PACK AND HEADED FOR THE CHECK-OUT. THE CASHIER HAD A SURPRISED LOOK ON HIS FACE WHEN THE TWO NUNS ARRIVED WITH A SIX-PACK OF BEER.

"WE USE BEER FOR WASHING OUR HAIR" THE NUN SAID, "BACK AT OUR NUNNERY, WE CALL IT

CATHOLIC SHAMPOO".

WITHOUT BLINKING AN EYE, THE CASHIER REACHED UNDER THE COUNTER. PULLED OUT A PACKAGE OF PRETZEL STICKS, AND PLACED THEM IN THE BAG WITH THE BEER.

HE THEN LOOKED THE NUN STRAIGHT IN THE EYE, SMILED, AND SAID:

"THE CURLERS ARE ON THE HOUSE."

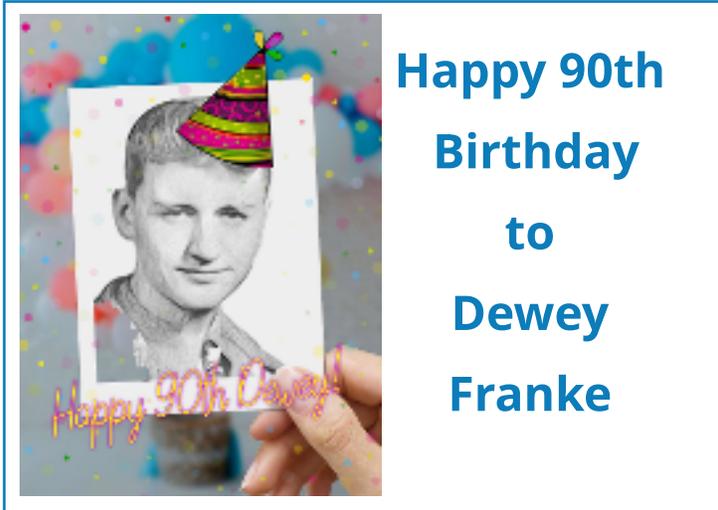


Husband: "You know, one nice part of the quarantine is that we haven't been out spending money."

***Me: (clicking *add to cart*)
"So nice."***



MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF



**Happy 90th
Birthday
to
Dewey
Franke**

Vacation Fun

A Michigan woman and her family were vacationing in a small New England town where Paul Newman and his family often visited.

One Sunday morning, the woman got up early to take a long walk. After a brisk five-mile hike, she decided to treat herself to a double-dip chocolate ice cream cone.

She hopped in the car, drove to the center of the village and went straight to the combination bakery/ice cream parlor. There was only one other patron in the store: Paul Newman, sitting at the counter having a doughnut and coffee.

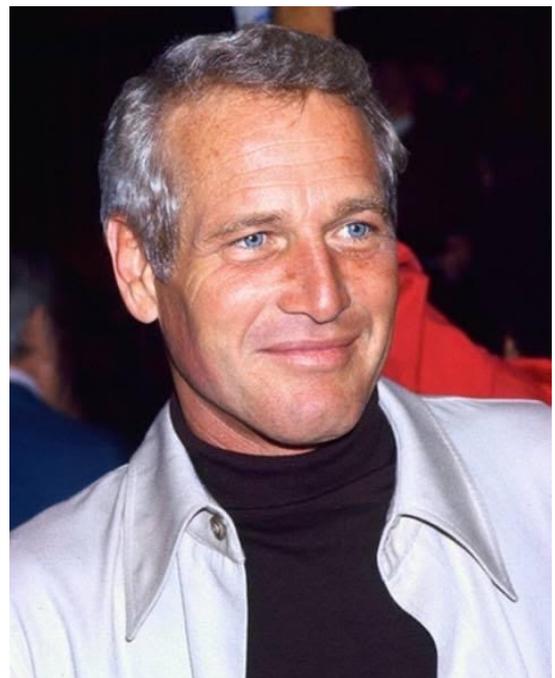
The woman's heart skipped a beat as her eyes made contact with those famous baby-blue eyes. The actor nodded graciously and the star struck woman smiled demurely. Pull yourself together! She chides herself. You're a happily married woman with three children and four

grand-kids, you're sixty-five years old, not a teenager!

The clerk filled her order and she took the double-dip chocolate ice cream cone in one hand and her change in the other. Then she went out the door, avoiding even a glance in Paul Newman's direction.

When she reached her car, she realized that she had a handful of change but her other hand was empty. Where's my ice cream cone? Did I leave it in the store? Back into the shop she went, expecting to see the cone still in the clerk's hand or in a holder on the counter or something! No ice cream cone was in sight.

With that, she happened to look over at Paul Newman. His face broke into his familiar, warm, friendly grin and he said to the woman, "You put it in your purse."





STILL MORE JOKES....

Heading to Toronto

A plane is on its way to Toronto, when a blonde in economy class gets up and moves to the first class section and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her ticket. She then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class and that she will have to sit in the back. The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here."

The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and the co-pilot that there is a blonde bimbo sitting in first class, that belongs in economy and won't move back to her seat. So, the co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she will have to leave and return to

her seat. The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Toronto and I'm staying right here."

The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman who won't listen to reason. The pilot says, "you say she is a blonde? I'll Handle this, I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde." He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says, "oh, I'm sorry." and gets up and goes back to her seat in economy.

The flight attendant and co-pilot were amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss. "I told her, 'first class isn't going to Toronto.'"

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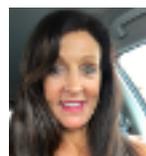
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