

Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

October

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Finally! After months of updates from the Pickleball Club Board, Pulte “officially” communicated to the community in regard to the new Pickleball Courts and location. The club very much appreciates the work of the Expansion Task Force, the CA Board and most certainly Pulte for expanding this great amenity and requesting and accepting our input. The final layout of the courts will be determined by the allocated space for the courts, but the Pickleball Club will have a voice in the process.

Speaking of input, in conjunction with the Pulte announcement, we launched a 7 member committee (2 board and 5 club members) to make recommendations to the club board in regard to the utilization and management of 3 sites. PLEASE KNOW, this committee will be gathering input from all of you through a survey, as well as, gathering input through regular interaction with club members while at the courts. EVERYONE will have a voice in this process. If you want to provide direct input, I encourage you to provide your thoughts to any of the committee members via email or whenever you see them around the courts:

And finally, Pickleball Board elections are just around the corner. Unfortunately, this process will be taking place electronically, as our General Meeting scheduled for 11/10 will be canceled due to COVID-19 precautions. Several days ago, a special eblast was sent announcing this year’s Nominating Committee. Please consider running for a board member position for the best club in the country!!

Be healthy and safe!

Ed Cahill

***Those who can do, do.
Those who can do more, volunteer.***

~Author Unknown



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY ALLIE BOWER

SCTPC: August 2020 Financial Synopsis



The Club began the month of August 20 with a balance of \$9,556; income for the month totaled \$195, all from new memberships. Expenses totaled \$802; \$77 for court cameras, \$345 for enduring remembrance plaque and bulletin board, \$150 for Volunteer of the Month gift cards for current and future months, \$40 for routine administrative supplies, \$90 for maintenance items, and \$100 for training support. The club ended the month of August with a balance of \$8,949. We had 39 new members bringing our paid total through August to 849.

COURT UTILIZATION COMMITTEE BY RON FRANKE

Now that we have received official confirmation of the location of the 12 new pickleball courts, the Pickleball Club Board is setting up a Court Utilization Committee to provide recommendations to the Club Board for how best to use all of the pickleball courts after the new courts are completed. The Committee's charter is:

Based on the addition of 12 new courts in 2021, provide recommendations to the Pickleball Club Board for usage of the Sun City Texas pickleball courts that best meets the needs of all stakeholders including the Club's members and Sun City residents.

The target time-frame for initial recommendations is early Spring 2021. More details will be provided in the near future, but the general plan includes soliciting input from the club members, likely through a member survey.

The Court Utilization Committee members are:

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| Ron Franke | Davey Stateler | Chuck Flanagan | Jan Baldwin |
| Colleen Nadolski | Sandy Piland | Pat Garren | |

If you have questions about the committee contact Ron Franke (rfranke79@gmail.com) or Davey Stateler (cdstateler@gmail.com). If you want to provide direct input, feel free to share it with Ron, Davey, or any committee member.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations are now being accepted by the Nominating Committee for the following SCTPC Board openings:

President, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Director (click on these blue links to read the associated job descriptions.)

If you would like to nominate someone (please get his/her approval first!) or be considered for a position yourself, please contact someone on the Nominating Committee:

Billy Blackman - bblackmanh13@gmail.com

Mary Payne - 1marypayne@gmail.com

Rick Rickman - rickmanrj@gmail.com

Sally Tompkins - sallyforth0831@gmail.com

2020 Nominating Committee



Billy Blackman



Mary Payne



Rick Rickman



Sally Tompkins

YOUR INPUT IS ALWAYS WELCOME

As board members, each month we receive many comments from members concerning issues that are affecting the club. We receive them via email, phone calls and most often from direct conversations with club members.

This year has been different for our club due to the pandemic. We haven't been able to hold general meetings as we have in prior years. Even board workshops are held via the ZOOM app.

Hopefully things will soon be better and we will be able to return to holding in-person meetings.

If you have a comment, complaint, suggestion or even a compliment about a pickleball club issue, please feel free to contact any board member. Or, you can simply send an email to sctxpickleball@gmail.com.

We always appreciate member input.

We want
your feedback





COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE SANTA *BY NANCY & CLARK GRAFTON*

Even though we won't be able to hold our annual Dinking Dogs Duos Tournament this year to raise donations for Blue Santa, we hope you will continue to support this worthwhile program by making a donation at the

**Sun City Community drive thru event on Saturday,
October 3rd from 10 am - 2pm at Cowan Creek Pavilion.**

If you aren't able to make it to the drive thru event, you will still be able to donate by sending a check. Checks should be made payable to: **Georgetown CPAAA.**

Donations can also be mailed directly to the Georgetown Police Department at the following address:

Georgetown CPAAA
3500 D.B. Wood Rd
Georgetown, TX 78628
Attn: Linda Lipscomb

This year, more than ever, your donation is critical to support the needs of children during the Christmas season. While many of you have preferred to select a gift to donate, this year monetary donations in lieu of new unwrapped toys are encouraged in order to help limit the handling of items and sanitation necessary to protect Santa's elves. So toy collection boxes to neighborhoods and clubs will not be available this year.

Your monetary donations will also allow more toys to be purchased in bulk buys which will stretch donated dollars further and help focus the supply of gifts to the specific ages. It is not hard to imagine the smiles, giggles, hugs or squeals of delight as a gift is opened when you support the Blue Santa program.

WORLD PICKLEBALL DAY

Georgetown Recreation Center is sponsoring a World Pickleball Day on October 10th. Sessions include instruction and match play for various levels of players. To learn more about the events and register for a spot, click [World Pickleball Day](#).





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Nancy	Adair
Val	Black
Walt	Black
Jack	Blaine
Jackie	Brewer
Connie	Cagle
Cindy	Curtis
Hazel	Deer
Debbie	Gundy
Kathy	Knapp
Tom	Li
Steve	Lord
Linda	Lund

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Char	Malloy
Daniel	Malloy
Barbara	Mills
Lloyd	Mills
Naomi	Mitsumori
Teresa	Moltenberry
Tom	Mueller
Jeanne	Nehls
Pete	Richards
Delton	Robinson
Sharon	Roloff
Jody	Rosen
Christopher	Ryan

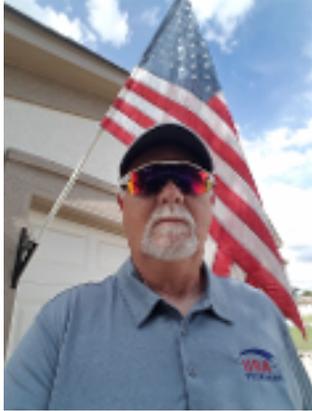
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Peggy	Ryan
Donna	Schaver
Sandee	Smith
Norma	Steck
Linda	Stickrod
Hadi	Tjandrasa
Ed	Valdez
Janice	Valdez
Sheila	Waldie
Marysue	Whitus
Beth	Williams
Sunny	Zhang

At press time, total number of club members is 874.





FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

While looking for items to talk about for this month's column, I found a news release on the USA Pickleball web site that announced that the Apple watch OS 7 update includes pickleball as one of the official workout options. That should be

good news for our Apple watch owners. If you have an Apple watch and try the pickleball workout, let me know how well it works for you. According to the USA Pickleball article, "Many players record themselves burning between 600-1,000 calories in a one-to-two hour playing period. Such as the NBA referees currently playing in the NBA Bubble in Orlando, Florida." NBA referees playing pickleball? That piqued my interest enough to use my Google-Fu to find this "Washington Post" article,

<https://tinyurl.com/PB4-NBA-Refs>.

Texas Tournament News:

- Austin Senior Games - Nov 6-8) Cancelled
- Aggieland Traditions - Nov 12-15
- Quad States Senior Open (Nov 26-28) Cancelled
- Top of Texas Pickleball - Dec 4-6
- Cowtown Senior Spring Classic - Jan 19-20, 2021
- Horseshoe Bay Resort Senior Spring Championship - Feb 23-25, 2021
- Texas Senior Games - Mar 16-18, 2021
- Cedar Park Paddle Battle - May 12-16, 2021
- Kissing Tree - Sep 24-26, 2021

Monthly Rules Questions:

As I've previously mentioned, I frequently get asked questions about the rules that apply to situations that players encounter during club play. Here are some of the latest that have been posed.

Q: I've been told that the server cannot step onto the court until the served ball hits the ground. Is that true?

A: No. As long as the server's feet are in the proper place **when the ball is struck**, he or she may move onto the court. This is clearly defined in Section 4.A.3. of the official rulebook; *"At the beginning of the service motion, both feet must be behind the baseline and the imaginary extensions of the baseline. At the time the ball is struck, the server's feet may not touch the court or outside the imaginary extension of the sideline or the centerline and at least one foot must be on the playing surface or ground behind the baseline."*

Q. If I hit a ball over the net and it bounces on the opponent's side of the court with enough backspin that it bounces back onto my side of the court without them touching it, who gets the point?

A: You do. This is covered in Section 11 - Other Rules (11.I.1.)

"If the ball bounces into a receiving player's court with enough backspin or wind aid to cause it to return back over the net... If the [receiving] player does not touch the ball, the team that last struck the ball wins the rally."



FROM OUR D.A., CONT'D.

Q. Can you call a ball “Out!” after you return it?

A: Yes. You must, however, make that call promptly, as defined by rule 6.D.8.

“All “let” or “out” calls must be made “promptly”; otherwise, the ball is presumed to still be in play. “Promptly” is defined as calling “let” or “out” prior to the ball being hit by the opponent or before a dead ball is declared.”

Last month I asked this question: *“Has this happened in one of your games? A player hits the ball over the net and the opponent swings and misses twice. Then everyone chuckles and one player suggests that it should count as two points. Of course, we all know that you can’t get two points in a rally. Or can you? The answer is yes, a player*

(or team) may score two points on one rally. Can you tell me how?”

It’s kind of a trick question. I’m not surprised that most of our members don’t know the answer but I’m kind of surprised that none of our tournament players have answered it. That in itself is a hint. The answer is that the person missing the ball was on the receiving team and a point was awarded to the serving team for winning the rally. As for the second point awarded to the serving team, that came as a result when one of the receiving team players committed an action or behaved in a manner that the referee called a technical foul and awarded the other team an additional point. See Section 13.G.2. for a list of some of these actions or behaviors.

DO YOU HAVE THESE SKILLS?

As you know, Sun City has a robust website. We’d like to assemble a list of members who have current or past involvement serving as SCTEXAS.org website admins for other clubs or neighborhoods. Please email your name and brief outline of experience with the website to sctxpickleball@gmail.com





TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

By Kathy Carr, Director of Player Development

There's not been a day since COVID hit that I've not responded to multiple requests from new members wanting to learn how to play pickleball. I mean, what else are you going to do when you move to an active adult retirement community and the world around you is shut down due to a pandemic? You're going to gravitate to an outdoor sport that espouses fun, socialization and fitness - pickleball.

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteer coaches and instructors, we continue to keep up with the demand for teaching new players the fundamental rules, shot techniques and basic strategies of the game. During the month of September, 27 of our members completed the Introduction to Pickleball class, 32 members graduated from Beginner's Mentoring, and 9 of 97 members currently in Novice Play completed their training for integration into open play under the reservation system. As I write this note, we have 3 full Introduction to Pickleball and 7 Beginner's Mentoring classes scheduled between now and the first part of November. On average more than 50% of these folks will advance to Novice Play. Trust me; on a scale of who wants to see the 12 new courts most, I'm #1.

I often receive emails with thanks for the quality of the training we provide and the commitment of our volunteers. Every once in a while, there's a note, like the one below, that reminds me that there's a story behind each one of us, and that the venues we offer our beginner players are important both to them and to our club.

I just wanted you to know that the novice supervised play sessions have been very helpful to me. I started pickleball in February 2019 with the introductory session, during which I fell face first while playing and giving myself two black eyes, a fat lip, and a very sore nose. There was no long-term damage, just an ugly face for a while, and I think the fall was caused by not having court shoes -- I had on a pair of running shoes.

Not deterred, I bought some proper court shoes and took the Beginner's Mentoring class and played in a tournament that spring. Then, summer hit and due to hot weather and traveling, but mainly not having anyone to play with, I stopped playing. I felt bad every time I went by a court and saw people playing -- I knew I was still a novice and needed some additional instruction and practice.

Then your opportunity presented itself, and I took advantage of that, and it has made all the difference. Not only do I feel a good deal more confident in playing, but with the lists of players you published (particularly with the neighborhood number identified) I was able to start playing with several people in my neighborhood. So now I'm an active player, playing 2-3 times a week, and though I know there is still a lot of skill development to be done, I am now able to really enjoy the game. THANKS for your efforts and those of the coaches - they all have been different but helpful in their own way, and I really do appreciate the 2nd chance to play this sport.



TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Beginner's Mentoring Class #31



From Left to Right: Davey Stateler (Asst. Instructor), Vun Ziegler, June Mueller, Kathy Carr (Instructor) Bobby Jones, Denise Coraggio, Cathy Stateler, Judy Thompson-Price, Ron Longino (Instructor), Barbara Pennington, Frances McPharland, Elizabeth Blount (had to work day of photo).

Beginner's Mentoring Class #32



Front Row from Left to Right: Holly Stein, Lori Fraser (OMG!), Sarah Riley, Grady Jones. Back Row from Left to Right: Barb Aegerter, Rob Lowery, Bob Redden, Gail Neas. Not shown: Instructors Mary Payne and Jan Baldwin and Asst Instructors: Hannah Nguyen and Meade Roberts.

Beginner's Mentoring Class #33



From Left to Right: Lin Vernier, Tony Vajos, Beth Cope, Lisa Adams, Robbie Wolpo, Jim Nadeau, Wayne Huls, Debbie Horton. Note shown: Instructors Sandy Piland, Rick Piland and Assistant Instructors Karen Adams and Sally Tompkins.

Beginner's Mentoring Class #34



From Left to Right/Back Row: Katie Beitelshees, Colleen Nadolski (Asst. Instr.), Mike Metcalf, Tasca Snow (Mike's wife and that is why they're are so close), Pete Nadolski, (Asst. Instructor), Diana Jackson, Jan Baldwin (Instructor). Left to right/front row: Sharon Hickenbottom, Laura Rarity, Linda Wall, Peggy Nappier. Not shown because she was taking the picture: Mary Payne (Instructor).

While vacationing in North Carolina, I had the chance to play Pickleball. As I observed players on the other courts, I was amazed at their lack of training. Players were running backwards, some were falling, the balls were going everywhere, and there was minimal court etiquette. Most players had no idea how to correctly play the game. It made me even more grateful for the excellent Sun City teaching instructors I've had in my mentoring and novice play classes. Thanks very much for everyone's volunteer time. Sun City Pickleball is the best !!!



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

D'Les Longino and Meade Roberts - September 2020

Nominated by Kathy Carr

America might run on Dunkin, but this club runs on volunteers. What sets us apart from most other pickleball clubs across the country is the willingness of our members to give back to the community. This month's volunteers of the month, D'Les Longino and Meade Roberts, exemplify that perfectly.

Both graduates of the Club's Intermediate Training Program, D'Les and Meade routinely support the Beginner's Mentoring Program as Assistant Instructors and the Novice Supervised Play Program as coaches. While their individual styles may differ, their passion for the sport and desire to help others improve their game is unwavering. It is through their efforts that we are able to welcome and introduce our new resident members to the game we all love.

From D'Les.....

My husband Ron and I raised our 2 girls in Wichita Falls, Texas, where I retired as a Financial Advisor. We full time RVed for 3 1/2 years, and in our travels discovered pickleball at a campsite in Branson, Missouri. We were immediately hooked.

We didn't get to really start playing pickleball until we moved to Sun City almost 5 years ago. I've never been a great athlete, but I sure give it all I have. After playing pickleball for several years, I discovered I like to compete in tournaments and like to help people who are just beginning to learn this game.



From Meade...



I started playing pickleball 2 years ago, but was injured (not playing pickleball), and that took me out of action for a year. So, let's start again. I've been playing pickleball for about a year.

I'm retired military with a career flying attack helicopters (31 years), retired military contractor (15 years), retired helicopter firefighter (5 years). Yeah, so, I am retired. I moved to Sun City from Belton, TX where I was retired. I was born in Bastrop TX where I was not retired. After all the military relocations, settling down in Sun City is the best move I made in my life.



MATT LAZ - COACH'S CORNER

Watch the Ball!

I get it, watching the ball is a no-brainer.

But If you don't mind, I'd like to make a really big deal out of watching the ball.

First, try to watch the ball not only with your eyes, but with the rest of your body and with your paddle. Track the ball, it's not hard to do, it's hard to remember to do, probably because you're just really busy having fun playing the game. I think tracking the ball can make the game be even more fun. It should make you feel and look more ready. My favorite shot might be any shot I can take at someone that doesn't look ready. Is that mean? One last thought about tracking, if you lose sight of the ball, you could be in big trouble.

Another thing to think about in regards to watching the ball is this, some players have trouble watching the ball hit their paddle, probably because they're getting a little ahead of themselves. If you look up too soon, you're not going to like what you see. Try to not only watch the ball hit your paddle, but also watch it leave your paddle. Good contact can turn into a good shot. This practice can also be a good way to slow the game down a little.

Stay calm and don't rush it.



YOU MAKE THE CALL!



Wayne Clairmont, from Pinetop Country Club in Pinetop, AZ is constantly getting called for stepping into the kitchen. So another club member, Kristen Leaf, painted these shoes for him!



Thanks to Angie May Connor for permission to post this story.



PLACES TO PLAY

Did you know this link - [Places to Play](#) from the club website takes you to a listing of alternative places to play Pickleball in the area? We have had groups visit these locations and then have lunch, dinner or just a beverage or two after a few games. When the courts are busy in Sun City, and you want to plan a fun event with your group, don't forget this resource.

Here is a partial list of some places to play pickleball near Georgetown. For a more complete list, please check our website.

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown Recreation Center (8.5 miles from Sun City pickleball courts)

1003 North Austin Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78626

Tel: 512-930-3596

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 - 10:30 am and 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:45 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.

3 indoor courts.

Free for members, non-members must pay \$5

McMaster Athletic Complex

101 W.L. Walden Dr., Georgetown, TX 78626

512-930-3596

Georgetown Tennis Center

400 Serenada Dr., Georgetown, TX 78626

512-931-2444

Reservation Only



AROUND THE COURTS



Intro Class

Sisters Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman, teach the "Intro to Pickleball" Class almost every Saturday. This is the fine-looking class from September 12th

Pickleball or Kentucky Derby?

Scott Brady helps instruct this crew of players. Apparently they all were told to wear fun hats as part of their drill on September 8th at the Retreat Courts.



Golden Pickle!

Word reached our SCTPC Communications Department that Anne Diaz served out a "Golden Pickle" game (started serving and ran off 11 points in a row) on Tuesday, September 15th, Court 9 at 10:00 am.

Way to go Anne!



JOKES AND FUN STUFF

Deep Hole

Two guys are walking through the woods one day when they stumble across a big deep hole.

The first guy peers into it and says, "Wow! That looks deep."

The second guy says, "It sure does. Let's throw a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is. We'll be able to tell the depth by how long it is before we hear the noise of the pebbles landing."

So they pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait. Nothing. There's no noise.

The first guy says, "Jeez. That is really deep. I know, let's throw one of these great big rocks down there. Those should make a noise."

So they pick up a couple football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait... and wait... Again, nothing.

They look at each other in amazement. Then the first guy gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey, over here in the weeds, there's a railroad tie. Help me carry it over. When we toss that sucker in, it's gotta make some noise."

So the two of them drag the heavy tie over to the hole and heave it in. Once again, not a sound comes from the hole.

Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, then right past them,

running as fast as it's legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole.

The two men are astonished with what they've just seen and look at each other in amazement.

Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over. He asks them, "Hey, you two guys seen my goat out here?"

The first guy says, "You bet we did! Craziest thing I ever saw. It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole and disappeared!"

"Nah", says the farmer, "That couldn't have been my goat. My goat was chained to a railroad tie."





STILL MORE JOKES....

Circus

A husband and wife who work for the circus go to an adoption agency looking to adopt a child, but the social workers there raise doubts about their suitability.

So the couple produce photos of their 50-foot motor home, which is clean and well maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers are satisfied by this but then raise concerns about the kind of education a child would receive while in the couple's care.

The husband puts their mind at ease, saying, "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, and computer skills."

Next though, the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus

environment.

This time the wife explains, "Our nanny is a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare, and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied and ask the couple, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

The husband says, "It doesn't really matter, as long as the kid fits in the cannon."



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