



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

April

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Barb Patterson

This month I decided a mish-mash of things you may not know about our club may be helpful, especially for newer members. Those of you who have been members for many years, go ahead and read through this anyway (you may still learn something new; it's definitely NOT a slam on your age!)

Did you know that...

- Info about club activities, such as training, CMARS - Court Reserve, club budget, past newsletters, minutes from club meetings, survey results and a whole bunch of other good stuff can be found by logging into your SCTEXAS.org profile and heading to our club's micro-site here - [SCTX Pickleball Club](#)

- Pickleball Central offers a discount program for club members, with 5% off of your purchases and 5% going to our club. Our Pickleball Central discount code is **CRSCT** and the store's website is <https://pickleballcentral.com/>

- Every quarter we clear out the club's lost and found containers and donate contents to charities. So as of April 3rd, a whole bunch of really fine pickleball clothing may be on its way to Goodwill. **If you don't want to see someone walking around downtown Georgetown in your awesome Northface vest, you'd better come and claim it before the end of the month.**

- You can register on our Court Reserve System for Skill Level Play (8:30 am -11:30 am) at Northpoint courts everyday. It's not a requirement, but if you register, it will help everyone know that others will be there to play.



FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

- It's still OK to park golf carts in the temporary golf cart parking lot at Northpoint. Eventually bocce courts will be constructed in this area and a new golf cart parking area will be constructed behind courts 11-16. But for now, it's fine to park golf carts there.
- We have a Facebook page. Club members' photos (such as tournament medal stand pictures) and other pickleball-related news is posted there. Click here to view it - <https://www.facebook.com/SCTXPickleball>
- If you do go to a tournament and earn a medal, you should email the photo, and details to our club inbox - SCTXpickleball@gmail.com.
- Your club board is currently reviewing survey results (again!) and brainstorming ideas to improve court utilization.
- You can always provide your feedback and suggestions to the club board by contacting any board member, or sending an email to: sctxpickleball@gmail.com

See you on the courts,

Barb Patterson

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED *BY D'LES LONGINO*



SCTPC: (February - 2023) Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of February with a cash balance of \$25,791.78. Income totaled \$3,085.00 from renewals or new memberships and Spring Fling Tournament entries. February expenses total \$2,616.28; maintenance \$400.79, member relations \$615.80, court reserve \$231.00, Arlo \$5.32, AT&T \$900, administrative \$253.37, Spring Fling ticket cost \$210.00. We had a monthly net gain of \$468.72; with cash balance of

\$23,175.50. As in the past, January and February reflects a cash windfall from membership renewals providing the primary source of annual operating income for the club. Paid members through the end of February totaled 1,393.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

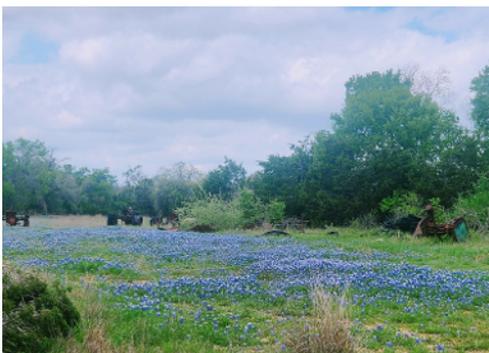
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Jenee	Capponi	Rose	Jones	Marcel	Plourde
Sue	Charron	Susan	Jones	Patti	Plummer
Dawn	Cramer	Donald	Maisenbacher	Brad	Rogers
John	Crisp	Charlie	Medina	Cecille	Rogers
Tasmin	De Beers	Douglas	Mertz	Steven	Schmuker
Laura	Dunk	Cynthia	Muehlberger	Delma	Schriever
Keith	Gogas	Eric	Muehlberger	Rick	Schriever
Mary Lou	Gogas	Ronald	Niksich	Heather	Sengupta
Betty	Halle	Margaret	Nyland	Ivan	Stubbs
Duke	Halle	Judy	Plourde	Jerry	Young

At press time, total number of club members is 1,420.

Scenes for the Golf Cart Path to the Northpoint Pickle Ball Complex

Stop to enjoy the scenery while we can!

Photo Courtesy Sherri Ewoldt





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Recently we provided the results and a summary/analysis of the 2023 Member Survey that was completed in February. One of the significant take-aways we identified, particularly based on some of the comments to the survey open ended questions, is that there are some items that we needed to communicate (or in some cases communicate again) especially for the benefit of our members that have joined the Club within the last year or even two. So below we have addressed briefly some of the comment items. This is the first installment, so look for future installments or separate communications related to other survey response items.

Responsibilities and Authority of the Club versus the CA and/or the Developer

Generally speaking the Club (through the Club Board) has the responsibility and authority for the following:

- Establishing rules and guidelines for usage of the courts.
- Managing Club membership.
- Managing Club funds for the needs of the Club and its members, including basic maintenance of the Courts and Club assets (ball machines, first aid kits, court signage, etc.).

Also generally speaking the CA and/or the Developer are responsible for the following items:

- Contracting for and overseeing construction of SCTX amenities (such as courts, pavilions, bathrooms, parking lots, golf cart parking, and roads).
- Ongoing maintenance and, as needed, repairs to SCTX amenities (such as periodic court resurfacing, electrical repairs, replacement of court nets, cleaning of restrooms, providing restroom supplies, landscape maintenance, etc.).
- Establishing and where applicable enforcing rules and guidelines for CA/Developer owned assets (such as general parking guidelines for golf carts). Note that rules for some assets are governed and enforced by the City, County, and/or State (such as parking rules - eg: handicap parking, and driving rules - eg: speed limits).



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

The Need for More Restrooms at Texas Drive and North Point

We understand the desire for additional (and perhaps “better”) restroom facilities to support the courts. However, we cannot expect that additional restroom facilities will be built specifically for those court areas. The CA expectation (inherent in the existing construction at these court facilities) is that there are (or will soon be) other restroom facilities within reasonable distance of the courts. These include restrooms in the Texas Drive Social Center. Also, there will be restrooms in the Silver Hall once it is completed at North Point.

Lights for Texas Drive Courts 1-4

We have pursued with the CA the addition of lights for courts 1-4 at Texas Drive several times over the past few years. In brief, it does not appear that the addition of lights will be a viable option (at least no time in the foreseeable future).

Court Changes in CMARS:

Pro Lessons (Court 23) — EFFECTIVE DATE starting 4/8/23

Mon-Sat 7am-7pm

Sun 1pm-4pm

Open Play (Courts 17-20) — EFFECTIVE DATE starting 4/27/23

Added 2:30pm-4pm





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



What's Up with THE CMARS (CourtReserve) Count Down Timer?

Some members have reported issues with the Count Down Timer that appears in CMARS (CourtReserve) when you are logged in to CMARS waiting for 9:00 pm to reserve a court. Reported issues include that the Timer “locks up” (stops counting down) and/or that the Timer does not reflect the actual time before the court reservation time starts (for example the Timer might show 3 seconds remaining until 9:00 pm when it is actually already 9:00 pm).

We have contacted the CourtReserve Technical Support Team about these issues, and here is the general response to each of these issues.

First, CourtReserve has made a minor “fix” that they believe addresses the Timer “locking up”. They suggest that anyone using the CourtReserve app ensure that they are using the most current version of the app.

Second, for the Timer not reflecting the actual time remaining. The most likely cause for this “issue” is connection latency. This means that your WiFi and/or Internet connection may be just a bit slow (ie: there is a little lag in the connection affecting communications to and from the CourtReserve system). Possible solutions include using a personal computer directly plugged into your Internet router when making court reservations, or trying using just cellular (instead of WiFi) on your phone/tablet when making court reservations. Another option (and one used by a number of Club members) is to use another device running a clock/timer application instead of the CourtReserve Count Down Timer. You can find these types of apps for both Android and Apple devices.



If you continue to have issues with the Timer, don't hesitate to contact Ron Franke at rfranke79@gmail.com so that we can follow up with the CourtReserve folks if needed.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



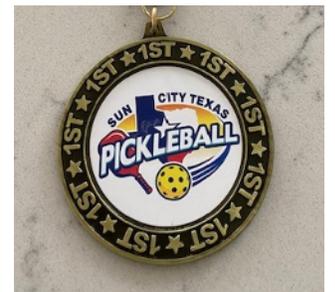
March Madness will be over, Memorial day is yet to come, why not spend a fun Saturday with only about 256 other Pickleball friends in light competition at NORTHPOINT? Right now, we have 256 willing participants. Captains will arrive at 8am on 4/22, to receive their instructions. Team play will begin at 8:30am in a round robin



format grouped in teams of four. Eight EAST Teams and eight WEST Teams will be designated. Each team will match four doubles teams against another team of similar ability. By noon, every team will have played three other teams for the opportunity to enter Playoff competition. Morning play will finish with a complimentary lunch provided by the STACY GROUP. THANK YOU to them!

Lunch will be followed by the highest point earner in each of the 16 round robins forming our

own version of APRIL MADNESS. A single elimination bracket in the same format as morning play. Win and move on. Lose and you'll have more time to get ready for the EVENING Party! The two teams winning the first three matches will square off in the EAST vs WEST finals for the coveted First place medals. Second place medals will also be awarded to team with earned the right to represent their half of the bracket!



If this sounds fun to you, and perhaps you've been out of town and haven't heard about the signups for this tournament (or living under a rock), DON'T FRET! (And don't call BARB). THERE IS STILL A CHANCE you can PLAY! Remember this is Sun City. WE NEED PEOPLE to sign up on our WAIT LIST. In the past we had over 30 people from the original teams drop out for various reasons (Four have dropped already) and we replace them with people of similar ability.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

So, we need all levels to sign up so that we can replace any level of play. We need substitutes to support the 256 participants.

Please sign up by filling out the wait list form found [here](#).

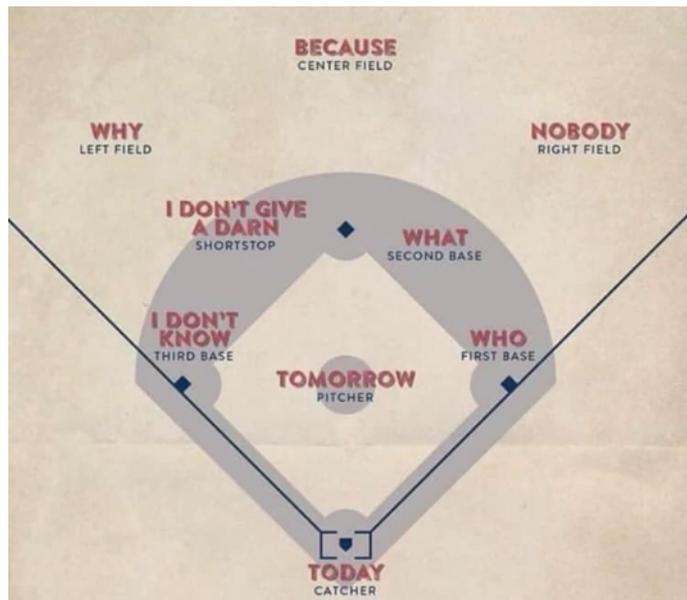
We can't guarantee you'll play, but why not TRY! If you are needed, you will still be asked to contribute \$10. Part of that money will benefit **Caring Place/Food Bank**.



Jerry and Barb getting ready for last year's tournament

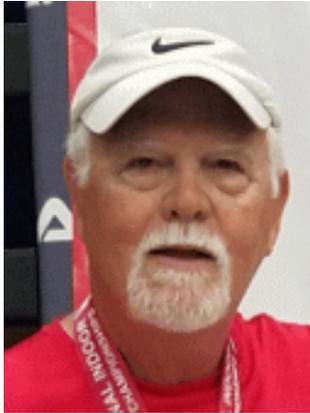
BTW, later that evening, there will be a post Tournament event in the ballroom for ANY Pickleball club member. This is a SEPARATE event, and you'll have to buy a separate ticket. However, the **SPRING FLING DINNER** is a great way to have all the TEAM players and their significant other to get together for one last time for a dinner event to re-hash the highs and lows of the day. The Theme will be a "Hawaiian Luau" and will feature a catered dinner by Double Sky. The Scoreboards will be posted, and the medals will be awarded to the two winning teams. There will be a DJ and dancing, too! BYOB for beverages. It's always a fun way to complete the day. Tickets are on sale now on the CA Website.

Who Remembers?





FROM OUR PICKLEBALL FRIEND



Chuck Flanagan

2023 USA Pickleball National Championships Moving to Dallas

USA Pickleball, the National Governing Body for the sport of pickleball, and the Carvana Professional Pickleball Association (PPA Tour), have announced that the 2023 USA Pickleball National Championships will officially move from the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in California to Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas. The National Championships, which will now be presented by the PPA Tour, will take place Nov. 4-12. In

addition, due to USA Pickleball's addition of three new Golden Ticket events on the PPA Tour, players across the country will now have more opportunities to qualify for the National Championships tournament.

This event will represent the world's largest-ever pickleball tournament. This facility has 65 courts and more than 3,500 amateur and professional players are expected to compete. The overall 2023 prize money for professional divisions will exceed \$150,000, making it the largest prize purse in the tournament's history. Total event attendees are estimated to reach 25,000. Here's the [link](#) for more information on this landmark event.

Rules Discussion:

Q: Can you grab your partner to avoid falling into the kitchen?

A: Yes, but only if you are not touching the kitchen (9.C.).

Weird NVZ Fault

During a recent pro tournament, Riley Newman hit a hard volley to win the rally...well almost. Immediately after hitting the ball, which was knocked out by one of his opponents, his paddle broke and the head landed in the NVZ. This was a fault (9.B. & 9.B.1.) And resulted in a point for his opponents (serving). Here's a [short video clip](#) of this unusual fault.



PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

Rules Discussion:

Live/Dead Balls

I recently had a rules discussion with a member about live and dead balls. The difference is fairly simple. A live ball is a ball in play and a dead ball is no longer in play. How and when the transition occurs is important.

The ball becomes live when the referee or server/partner begins to call the score (3.A.19.). Once the ball becomes 'live', "...not ready signals will be ignored,..." (4.C.2.). Play then continues until the ball becomes 'dead'.

The ball becomes 'dead' whenever: a rally is won, the ball hits a player (7.H.) or permanent object (3.A.24.), a player commits a fault, or a player on the receiving side calls the ball "out" after it has bounced.

This last example often leads to confusion on the court whenever players hear the word "out". The timing of this is key. Players calling out words like "out", "bounce it", or "no" before the ball bounces on their side of the court is considered player communication and not a line call (6.D.10.), and the ball remains live and in play. However, calling "out" after the ball has bounce is a line call. It cannot be revoked and the ball is dead even if the ball has bounced in the court. If the ball really was 'in', it is a fault on the receiving team.

Do you have a copy of the rulebook? If not, why not? USA Pickleball provides a couple options for anyone to have access to the rules. You can download a digital copy to your phone (easy rule lookup) or buy a spiral hard copy. Both options are available here...[2023 Rule Book](#)





PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

And while we're still on the subject of the rules. What do you think about them? Any changes or new ones you'd like to see? Well, if you are a USA Pickleball member, here's your chance. The 2024 Rulebook Revision Cycle began on March 1st and you have the opportunity to participate in the rules process. Here's the [link](#) to get you started.

Lastly, here's a link to the Mar/Apr issue of "[Pickleball Magazine](#)".

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

nominated by Ric Hutchinson.



Terry Kennedy: Director Club Round Robin Events

Our Club round robins have become one of the most popular events we have on the calendar. They are so popular in fact, that we decided we needed a Round Robin Director to manage them. When the call for volunteers went out Terry jumped right in. Not only did he take over the management of all of the Club round robin events he also found time to provide the Sun City Pickleball Round Robin and League Information Boards that you can find at the North Point Courts. These information boards provide basic information about

current Round Robin and League play and also list the contact information needed by players to obtain information about the specific round robin they are playing in.

In addition to serving as Round Robin Director, Terry also serves as one of our volunteer coaches for both Beginner Training and Supervised Novice Play classes, and somehow still finds time to play pickleball.

Congratulations to Terry!



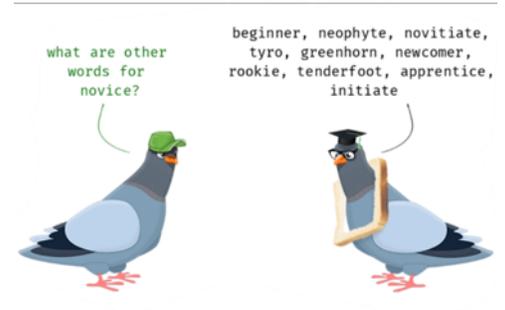
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

I know this sounds like a broken record but here we are at the beginning of our fourth month of the year and the Player Development Team continues to be *swamped* with requests for training. I'm reminded of the old saying, "When you're up to your neck in alligators its hard to remember that the initial objective was to drain the swamp." Well, I have to tell you that right now the swamp is not drained and the alligators are winning. To help us get the swamp drained we need two things.

First, We Need a Supervised Novice Play Program Manager

One of the most influential player development programs we offer is our Supervised Novice Play (SNP) Program. It is the final inspection station for a player to enter Skill Level Play, Round Robins, Leagues and Tournaments. It is here that our coaches monitor on-court play by recent graduates of Beginner Training and provide guidance that reinforces their understanding of rules, scorekeeping, court positioning, and basic shot execution.



I have managed SNP for the last 2+ years. But I need to pass the baton to another club volunteer so I can step back and expand my focus over the entire player development realm. Here is a list of responsibilities and required qualifications for this volunteer position.

Responsibilities.

- Report to the Player Development Director
- Monitor CMARS to ensure a coach is assigned to each court for every session.
- Mentor assigned coaches to ensure adherence with program goals & procedures.
- Assimilate coaches' input on player performance and determine readiness to advance to the next level (from program entry through graduation).
- Serve as an SNP coach
- Solicit coaches' input and provide Player Development Director with recommendations for program improvement



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Qualifications.

- 3.5 or above skill level player
- Experience as an instructor or coach (e.g. Beginner Training, Intermediate Training)
- Basic understanding of Excel (spreadsheets)
- **Must love to work with new pickleball players and watch them grow and excel.**

For more details or if you are interested in this position, please contact Ric Hutchinson, Player Development Director, at novicehutch@gmail.com.

Second, we need you to Join the Player Development Team. This time last year, the shortage of courts restricted our ability to offer additional classes and clinics. With the addition of 16 courts at North Point and consequent growth in new memberships, that resource issue has shifted to the availability qualified coaches and assistant coaches. We need more.

BECOME A COACH

Introduction to Pickleball
Beginner Training
Supervised Novice Play
Skills and Drills
Round Robins
Leagues
Tournaments



Have a passion for pickleball?

Want to help others while improving your own skills?

Ready to make a difference?

WE WANT YOU

TO JOIN OUR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Contact Ric Hutchinson, Player Development Director at novicehutch@gmail.com

In May, we will roll out our new Skills and Drills program. At the onset, it will require a minimum of 18 coaches/assistants per week to run. That is on top of the existing number of coaches and assistants required to concurrently support our Introduction to Pickleball, Beginner Training and Supervised Novice Play programs. We need more coaches.

If you are 3.0 or higher skill level player with a passion for pickleball, have been playing the game for at least 2 years, and are willing to invest some of your time to become a Club coach or assistant coach, we need you. Our Train the Trainer program will prepare you with classroom instruction and on-court practice in teaching and leading drills.

If you are interested in helping to coach club members in any of our player development venues contact Ric Hutchinson, Player Development Director, at novicehutch@gmail.com.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Program Updates

Introduction to Pickleball. In March Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman taught 2 Intro to Pickleball classes. Due to the number of requests for training currently being received, these classes are currently scheduled to be held a minimum of 2 times per month through May.

Beginner Training. In March we completed Beginner Training Class 103, and 104 and started BT 105 and 106. Due to the large demand for training, we have scheduled BT classes 107-109 into May of 2023. Here are photos of the graduates of BT Class 103 and BT Class 104.



BT 103 Front Row Alice Clemons (Instructor), Martha Speakman (Instructor), Linda Patton, Nancy Hicks, Claudia Verde, Alberta Van Oldenmark, Sue Puetz, Steve Stege, and Tommy Woodall. Back Row, Terry Farmer, Will Diaz (Assistant Instructor), Dave Ayers, Randal Hamm, Bill Neville, and Billy Myers (Assistant Instructor)



BT 104 Front Row Ric Hutchinson (Instructor), Linda Hutchinson (Instructor), Maria Husband, Lisa Higgs, Lori Feldman, Barb Brandau (Assistant Coach), Maggie Parker. Back Row Donna Loynachan (Assistant Coach), Barry Husband, Sara Hadley, Holly Jones, Peter Buschang, Lloyd Felmer, and Eillene Johnson.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Evening Classes. By the time you read this, we will have completed our first evening Beginner Training class, BT 106. I'm please to say that this class is completely filled and that our second evening class, BT 109 scheduled for May 1-5 only has 3 remaining openings.

Supervised Novice Play. Since the first of the year, we have graduated 58 students from SNP, bringing our total to 597 graduates since the program's inception in 2020. We currently have 82 active students: 16 in Group A, 23 in Group B and 43 in Group C. Continued thanks to our staff of volunteer coaches who are out on the courts each day mentoring our newest players.

Upcoming Train the Trainer Classes. Our next two Train the Trainer Classes are tentatively scheduled for 9 – 11 May and 6 – 8 June from 11:30 – 2:30 at North Point.



If you are interested in becoming a club coach, this is the class for you. It serves to standardize the content and quality of

instruction presented to our members. It is a precursor to hands-on experience gained through shadow training and apprenticeship as assistants to experienced coaches for Beginner Training, Novice Supervised Play and our upcoming Skills and Drills sessions.

Train the Trainer is a 3-day, 3 hours per day, program of instruction. Day 1 covers the Beginner Training course curriculum and an overview of Supervised Novice Play and Skills and Drills programs; prescribed sequence for teaching skills, how to properly feed balls for drills; how to “detect and correct” player shortcomings and pitfalls to avoid in teaching/coaching pickleball. On Days 2 and 3, the students become the instructors. They teach designated skills and drills to other participants and practice detecting and correcting improper form on stroke execution.

This program is a prerequisite for the progressive development of our volunteers who will apprentice as assistant instructors and potentially work their way to teaching Beginner Training and leading Skills and Drills sessions. For more information or to register for this class, contact Ric Hutchinson, Player Development Director, at novicehutch@gmail.com.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Skills and Drills Pilot Program to Start First Week in May

The more you practice correct repetition of strokes and strategies, the better prepared you will be to react in game situations. On 2 May, the Club will roll out a *pilot test* for its new Skills and Drills Program. The goal of this program is not to make you a better player, but to show you the right path to improve yourself. We will present you with a series of purposeful drills you can use to ratchet up your game.

Each cycle, over a 6-week period, we will introduce a new set of skills and drills. Actual drills and performance standards will vary based on skill level. At the end of the 6 weeks, we'll repeat the cycle, providing flexibility for members to sign up for a session they may not have been available to attend or to reinforce a skill they need more work on.

Week 1	Ball Feeding, Ball Control and Footwork
Week 2	Serve and Return of Serve (Forehand/Backhand Drive)
Week 3	Volley
Week 4	Dink and Drop Shot
Week 5	Lobs and <u>Overhead</u>
Week 6	Basic Doubles Strategy

The focus will be on shot selection, shot execution (technique), court positioning and doubles strategies. Each drill and activity will be goal-oriented and tailored to specific skill levels (2.5, 3.0, 3.5). Designated drills will build to game play conditions.

As with all our training programs, we want to make sure we do this right, so we're going to start out slowly and build on the program as member demand dictates and coach availability accommodates. While the Skills and Drills program is designed for players from Beginner (2.5) through Intermediate (3.5) levels, the initial focus will be on our lower-level players (2.5 – 3.0), who have completed Beginner Training and Supervised Novice Play. Once we get that rolling, we will expand it to our 3.5 level players.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

How It Will Work. Participants will be able to sign up in CMARS for a single 1-hour Skills and Drills session per week for their self-assessed skill level. As the chart below reflects, we will initially run 3 sessions a day between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm, 3 days a week (Tues, Wed, Thurs) at North Point Courts 14 - 16. With a maximum of 15 players per session, we aim to accommodate 135 participants each week.

Skill Level Session Schedule

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Group 1 (2.5)	Group 4 (3.0)	Group 7 (3.0)
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Group 2 (2.5)	Group 5 (2.5)	Group 8 (2.5)
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Group 3 (3.0)	Group 6 (2.5)	Group 9 (2.5)

Prerequisites. Players will be required to self-assess their skill level. Go to [Definition of Player Skill Ratings - USA Pickleball Association](#) to review the USAP definitions and Skill Assessment Sheets.

- Must be self-rated as a 2.5 or higher-level player.
- 2.5 level participants must have completed Beginner Training and Supervised Novice Play. Waivers must be approved by the Player Development Director.
- Should demonstrate the skills commensurate with your self-assessed USAP rating (2.5 – 3.5).
- Know 100% of the basic rules.
- Execute basic shot strokes (serve, forehand, backhand, volley, dink, drop shot, lob, overhead) in accordance with the standards of your self-rating.
- Understand and attempt to execute proper court coverage.

Note: Skills and Drills will arm you with a variety of drills and activities you can use to improve your personal performance. Separate from this venue, members are further encouraged to seek expert coaching from the Club’s Teaching Professionals. Esteban Espada and Matthew Boyett can help evaluate your skill level, identify shortcomings and assist you in developing a drill plan specific to your needs. To find out more about how to sign up for private lessons, click on [Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons \(sctexas.org\)](#).



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Round Robins. The round robins continue to be very popular with the majority of the sessions filling up within a few minutes of opening. We plan to continue the round robins in their current format at this time.

NOTE: Please remember that the club policy is that you may only register for one round robin per week. There is one (AND ONLY ONE) exception to this policy. In the event a RR is not full 24 hours before the scheduled start time and there is no waitlist, a member may register for a second RR that week.

Leagues–The Spring Team Pickleball League will start on April 3. The teams will consist of two men and two women and will play a men’s doubles, two mixed doubles and a women’s doubles. Once a week, each team will play a different team in the league with the final week being a playoff with teams playing in the order of their ranking.

<u>League</u>	<u>Day Played</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Team PB 3.0 (Low Intermediate)	Monday	April 3 rd
Team PB 4.0+ (Advanced)	Tuesday	April 4 th
Team PB 3.5 (High Intermediate)	Wednesday	April 5 th
Team PB 3.5 (High Intermediate)	Thursday	April 6 th
Team PB 2.5 (Novice)	Friday	April 7 th

An Eblast with additional information will be coming soon.

Club Teaching Professionals.

Take Advantage of Our Pros. Many of you have asked me how you can continue to improve your pickleball skill after you have completed our Club training programs. The answer is to contact Esteban or Matthew and take a lesson.

Available Hours. Our Teaching Professionals, Matthew Boyett and Esteban Espada share Court #23 at North Point, Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 7 pm. If you prefer evening lessons, please contact them. They also schedule make up sessions for inclement weather days on Sunday. For more information on our pros, their contact information and their rates, click on [**Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons \(sctexas.org\)**](http://Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons (sctexas.org)) or head on out to Court #23, peak through the fence and see these guys in action. You will be impressed.



COACH'S CORNER



Matt Boyett

Hello everyone, Matthew Boyett back again for another coach's corner. We have all had a great partner and one that made our experience on the court not the best one. Here are a few things that I look for and can see in a positive doubles team:

- Non verbal communication: This is the most important part of being a positive teammate. Your partner knows they messed up, there is no reason to make them feel worse through your body language.

- You are a partner, not a coach.

- Don't avoid the better player in doubles. This is a tough one, we all want to win. If your goal is to improve though, I would challenge you to play the stronger player.

Above are ways that you can make yourself a better player and teammate, now let's look at how you can be better as a doubles team:

- Write out your goals and objectives prior to a match or game. This helps hold you and your partner accountable after the game to make sure you worked on what you said you would.

- Pickleball is all about patterns. Find a pattern, stick to it, and be willing to change if your opponent makes an adjustment. One of the easiest patterns is to hit soft cross court and attack straight ahead.

- Stay aggressive, not greedy.

- Do not change direction too soon, especially at the Non-Volley Zone. This can lead to unwanted pop ups. This can also help with protecting the middle of the court.

We are all here to have fun, get some exercise, and improve our game. Be a partner that others look forward to playing with!



TOURNAMENT NEWS

Southwest Diamond Regional

Men's Doubles

Kobus Pieters & Bob Knowles	3.5	Silver	70 - 74
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Texas Senior Games

Men's Doubles

Kobus Pieters & Bob Knowles	3.5	Gold	70 - 74
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Bob Aegerter & Joe Gray	3.5	Gold	70 - 74
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Steve Frank & Ron Franke	4.0 - 5.0	Silver	60 - 69
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Steve Frank & Ron Franke	4.0 - 5.0	Gold	65 - 69
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Women's Doubles

Barb Patterson & Kathy Carr	4.0	Silver	65 - 69
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Jan Geiger & Linda Gass	3.0 , 3.5	Bronze	70 - 74
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Mixed Doubles

Kathy Carr & Steve Frank	4.0	Gold	65 - 69
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Barb Patterson & John Carter	4.0	Silver	65 - 69
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Sheila Quinn & Kobus Pieters	3.5	Gold	70 - 74
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Jodi Thurman & Ron Franke	4.5 - 5.0	Bronze	65 - 69
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Mixed Doubles

Jan Geiger & Michael Yeh	3.0, 3.5, 4.0	Gold	70+
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Sheila Quinn & Joe Gray	3.0, 3.5, 4.0	Bronze	70+
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ONIX PPA Tournament, Austin Texas

Mixed Doubles

Cheryl Janssen & Doug Stavig **3.0** **Gold** **60+**

Women's Doubles

Cheryl Janssen & Lynn Whalen **3.0** **Bronze** **60+**

Men's Doubles

Don Hunt & Bill Leahy **4.0 +** **Gold** **70+**

Heights Athletic Club

Men's Doubles

Matthew Boyett & Chandler Carnett **4.5** **Gold** **Open**

Mixed Doubles

Matthew Boyett & Alecia Karcher **4.5** **Silver** **Open**

Lynn Whalan & Andy Sigal **3.0** **Gold** **60+**

Women's Doubles

Lynn Whalan & Olga Panel **3.0** **Gold** **60+**

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