



# -Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

### FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Barb Patterson** 

There's not a day that goes by that I'm not amazed and grateful for the way so many of our members give of themselves to make our Pickleball Club a better place.

Here's a great example (and he will not be happy that I'm singing his praises): our Maintenance Director, Davey Stateler happened to mention the other day that he worked on fixing a court net at Texas Drive and what he thought would be a 15 minute job ended up taking 3 hours! But he just laughed and smiled and said that he got it done.

There are many other members who give countless hours of service in all areas of our club; training, leagues, round robins, tournaments, special events, etc. We appreciate them all! And now, we need to ask for some more help:

We are looking for at least two "grillmasters" - one for the Retreat and one for Northpoint. We will soon have a way for members to sign out and use propane grills at both locations. We need members to help with that. The main "grillmaster" duty would be ensuring that the grills have been cleaned by the members who check out and use them.

We are also looking for at least one person to handle printing the "bag tags" and address labels that we give to all of our new members. This would be a once a week job; it requires a working knowledge of spreadsheets and someone who has a color printer (the club will pay for the printing supplies.)

If you are interested in either of these volunteer duties, please send an email to our club inbox -sctxpickleball@gmail.com.

See you on the courts,

Barb Patterson

President - SCTPC





# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY D'LES LONGINO



SCTPC: (April - 2023) Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of May with a cash balance of \$24,362.35. Income totaled \$1,555.00 from new memberships and entries for Spring Fling and Dinner. May expenses total \$7,310.17; miscellaneous/Admin \$44.33, court reserve \$231.00, Arlo \$9.43 Spring Fling expenses \$6,595.08 (does not include \$1,500 donation to The Caring Place-Food Pantry), sound system \$51.95, and player development \$805.89. We had a monthly net loss of \$5,755.17; with a cash balance of

\$21,766.29. As in the past, January reflected a cash windfall from membership renewals providing the primary source of ANNUAL operating income for the club. Paid members through the end of May totaled 1,450



May 16, 2023

Barb Patterson Sun City Pickleball Club 303 Martin Creek Ln Georgetown, TX 78633-2114



Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for your financial donation of \$1,500.00 on May 16, 2023, to The Caring Place. Your financial gift makes a difference to neighbors in need and positively impact our community.

Earlier this year, you may have received our Annual Report and discovered The Caring Place's great impact on our community in 2022. \$3.2 million was invested right back into people through food, rent, utility, transportation and other crisis assistance. You allowed us to be here for families when gas prices spiked, when food costs increased and when those making a limited income experienced a crisis. People like you are not only providing stability to neighbors who need you but our entire community as a whole.

Once again thank you for believing in The Caring Place's mission. You are making a difference to families throughout northern Williamson County and it's inspiring to see this level of care poured into our community.

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With warm regards,

Rhonda Wilson President, Board of Directors

Your gift is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. No goods or services were exchanged for this donation. The Caring Place is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.

The Mission of The Caring Place is to provide for the basic human needs of all people in our community in a welcoming, respectful and caring way.

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# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Joseph	Arfin
Lynne	Boughton
James	Cagle
Wendy	Cagle
Judy	Cole
Deborah	Drake
Glenn	Drake
Frank	Foreman
Sandra	Francis
Billy	George
Suzanne	George
Betty	Gresham
Lisa	Griffin
Sig	Hansen

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Allen	Havins
Chris	Hello
Jeffry	Helm
Linda	Herod
Stanley	Herod
Patrick	Hickey
Kris	Johnson
Marc	Lindenauer
Peggy	Lindsay
Rich	Lyle
Kimberly	Martin
Dale	Martsolf
Liz	Martsolf
Betty Jane	Mayfield

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Leslie	Miller
Bob	Mitchell
Lesha	Mitchell
Rose	Myers
Royce	Myers
Lise	Shipley
David	Silvera
Charles	Simpson
Bruce	Slayter
Connie	Stutters
Bob	Suber
Kirk	Thompson
Glenn	Wellbrock
Leslie	Wellbrock

At press time, total number of club members is 1480.







# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

#### **Upcoming Features for CMARS/CourtReserve**

We periodically receive notices from the CourtReserve Support folks informing us of new available features (CourtReserve is the software that powers CMARS for the Club). Some of these new features can only be implemented for additional monthly fees, and some features are designed for private tennis clubs, so we evaluate what features make sense for our club and how best to implement new feature for our members.

Two features we are planning to implement in the near futures are briefly described below. Look for more detailed communications soon announcing implementation dates, describing how they will work, and providing some instructions.

The first new feature will be Court Waitlisting. Have you ever missed out on getting a court reservation because all courts were already reserved, and then spent the next couple of days checking to see if a court freed up because of a cancellation? If so, this feature is for you.

This feature is being developed in stages by the CourtReserve folks. In the first stage you can put your name on the waitlist, and CMARS/CourtReserve will send you an email notifying you when a court is available at your requested time. You will then have a set amount of time to reserve the court before the next person on the list gets notified. During stage 1 you are not automatically signed up for the available court or guaranteed that someone else cannot reserve it before you do, but at least you will be notified and don't have to keep checking CMARS. In future development stages this feature will be enhanced to "hold" the available court for the first person on the waitlist and then possible even to automatically reserve the court for the the first person on the waitlist.

The second new feature we are planning to implement will allow members to reserve one of the Club's two BBQ grills (one at Northpoint and one at the Retreat). We are still working out the details, but anticipate that this feature will work much like reserving a ball machine. That means that you would "Reserve a Court with the BBQ Grill" for the location and time for when you want to use the grill. We still have some details to work out, but look for more details soon.





### FROM OUR PICKLEBALL FRIEND



In pickleball news, USA Pickleball has announced the formation of a new pickleball organization, the Pickleball Federation of the Americas.

"The National Governing Bodies for the sport of pickleball in the United States, Canada and Mexico today announced the creation and launch of the Pickleball Federation of the Americas (PFA).

The PFA is established to serve as the first continental pickleball federation in the Americas for the purpose of promoting the development and growth of pickleball throughout North America,

Central America, the Caribbean and South America."

"The formation of a continental pickleball federation is a much-needed development as we continue to support the recent explosion of pickleball, particularly in our region of the world," said Robert Quicksilver, USA Pickleball Chairman of the Board of Directors. "With the launch of the Pickleball Federation of the Americas, we are thrilled to align with our colleagues across the Western Hemisphere and lend support to those beginning to build pickleball communities in their respective countries."

https://pickleballfederation-americas.org/

#### **Rules**

**Q:**How to you handle an incorrect score?

**A:**If the score called was incorrect, play may be stopped before the return of serve with no penalty. If the score was called correctly, however, it would be a fault on the player stopping play.

**Pro tip**- don't stop play. Play the rally out and then correct the score.





# PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

Q:How to you handle an incorrect score when the serve is, "Out?"

**A:**How the referee applies the rule depends on the circumstances in play at the time. If the wrong score was identified before the ball was dead, a replay would be called. If the ball was dead when the wrong score was identified, the referee would let the play stand and call, "Second Server" or "Side Out".

Q:What happens when the wrong team serves the ball?

**A:**I was asked this by one of the Cedar Park referees just before tournament last month. The referee would normally notice this before calling the score and direct the player to pass the ball to the correct serving team. If, however, it wasn't discovered until after the ball was served, the referee would declare a 'referee error' and pass the ball to the correct team.

Q:Can I stop play if there's a cracked ball?

**A:**No. You must play out the point. The referee may direct a replay if the cracked ball affected the play.

**Q:**What happens if I hit the ball over the net, into my opponents kitchen and it then spins backwards into the net post?

**A:**You win that rally since the ball bounced on the opponent's court and became dead as soon as it hit the post before they hit it.

**Q:**How often can I ask the referee if I'm the correct server or receiver?

**A:**This question is another one that was asked at last month's tournament. The rules do not set any limits on how often a player may ask this question. In fact, the Referee Handbook specifically states that referees should not penalize players, "... for actions that are not prohibited by the rules (e.g., asking for correct position frequently or using a rule to their advantage)."

Have a rules question? Email me at: <a href="mailto:Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com">Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com</a> or catch me on the courts.

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





# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

nominated by Barb Patterson

Jerry Fronzak works tirelessly every time we have a club tournament. He leads the tournament committee; schedules meetings, develops team spreadsheets, organizes tournament documents and answers players' questions. And the entire time he performs these tasks, he makes it look easy and never gets rattled. During the tournament, Jerry makes sure that everything is running smoothly and that all team captains have what they need. We would not have the



successful club tournaments we do have every spring and fall without Jerry at the helm.



Allie Bower left the SCTPC Board, after serving four years as Treasurer, but she certainly did not stop putting her heart and soul into volunteering for our club. She served on the Spring Fling Tournament Committee, handling many emails, collecting money from players who were moved off the wait-list and pitching in on all sorts of tournament preparations. In addition, Allie is always more than willing to help with other club-related activities, such as ordering a new court banner for the Northpoint Courts. I've never

heard her say "no" when she was asked to do something for our club. Members like Allie help make SCTPC the terrific club it is.

Tori Basque realized back in the fall of 2022, that the Tournament Committee was going to need additional volunteers in 2023. She immediately came to us and offered to help in any way that she could. Tori was the "master designer" for the Spring Fling; she made sure that player gifts were ordered and packaged, coordinated design of all of the poster boards (the colors had to be "right" and everything needed to line up) and generally provided comic relief if things got crazy. The Spring Fling would not have been nearly as organized as it was without Tori's time and effort. We are thankful she stepped up to the plate and volunteered.







### TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

#### Welcome to June.

I keep hoping that I can change this lead sentence but the Player Development Team continues to be *swamped* with requests for training.

#### **Program Updates**

**Introduction to Pickleball.** Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman taught 2 Intro to Pickleball classes in May. 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 July.

**Beginner Training.** This month we completed Beginner Training Classes 108, 109 and 110. Due to the large demand for training, we have scheduled BT classes 111-114 into July of 2023. Here are photos of the graduates of BT Class 108, 109 and 110.



BT 108 Bottom Row - Allison Wolfe (Instructor), Cathy Dimit, Cindy Kuglin, Jerry Penney, Ed Hojnacki. Top Row - Glenn Dimit, Laura Dunk, Karen Mastervich, Karen Pickels (Instructor). Not Pictured- Pete Nadolski (Instructor)



BT 109 Front Row: Margi Martin, Bob Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Cindy Stovall, Jimmy Stovall, Letitia Williams Back Row: Jeff Vanek (Instructor), Mike Martin, Duke Halle, Betty Halle, Scott Baldwin, Gregory O'Brien, Donna Wise, Dave Schunk (Instructor) Not Pictured Pete Nadolski (Instructor)







BT 110 Front row /left to right Danielle Bursh, Maggie Nyland, Janette Woods, Ruth Ellis, Diana Weiss (Assistant Instructor), Middle row / left to right Jenne Capponi, Susan Lorms, Debbie Drake Back row /left to right Terry Kennedy (Assistant Instructor), Bruce McIntosh, Glenn Drake Not Pictured Mary Payne (Instructor)

**Evening Beginner training Classes**. Our evening classes continue to be very popular. Going forward we will be offering at least 1 evening class each month through the summer.

**Supervised Novice Play**. Since the first of the year, we have graduated 103 students from SNP, bringing our total to 642 graduates since the program's inception in August of 2020. We currently have 60 active students: 5 in Group A, 23 in Group B and 32 in Group C. Continued thanks to our staff of volunteer coaches who are out on the courts each day mentoring our newest players.

TRAIN
THE
TRAINER

**Upcoming Train the Trainer Classes**. Our next two Train the Trainer Classes are tentatively scheduled for June 6-8 and June 13-15 at North Point.

We are pleased that these classes will be filled by 18 of our newest volunteer coaches. As we continue to say, the only way these programs can continue is for experienced players to step forward and volunteer. A huge THANK YOU to those who have offered to help.

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 Skills and Drills sessions.





Train the Trainer is a 3-day, 2 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 <a href="mailto:novicehutch@gmail.com">novicehutch@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Skills and Drills Pilot Program Started May 16**

The more you practice correct repetition of strokes and strategies, the better prepared you will be to react in game situations. On 16 May, the Club held the first Skills and Drills class. 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 week, 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 take a week or two off and then 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.

#### Skills and Drills Weekly Schedule

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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 Overhead
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 accommodate. While Skills and Drills 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 to our 3.5 level players.

**How It Will Work.** As of 8:00 am on May 1 eligible members were 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 2 sessions a day between 11:30 am and 1:30 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 90 participants each week.

Skill Level Session Schedule

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

**Prerequisites.** Players will be required to self-assess their skill level. Go to <u>Definition of Player Skill Ratings - USA Pickleball Association</u> 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.

**Round Robins**. We are continuing to evaluate the changes made to the Round Robin scheduling as of May 1st. While no specific changes to the current schedule are under consideration, we would like to see the majority of the round robins full. If you have any questions or comments about the round robins please contact Terry Kennedy, the Round Robin Coordinator at <a href="mailto:kennedytw610@gmail.com">kennedytw610@gmail.com</a>.

#### Leagues.

The Spring Team Pickleball Leagues wrapped up last week. We want to thank all those who participated. We had a good turnout for the leagues.

Keep on the lookout for an announcement introducing our next league. We are planning to have a 6-week Mini Singles League. This is a drop-in style league so there is no commitment for the length of the league. Weekly registrations will be through CMARS. We plan on starting the week after Independence Day.

#### **Club Teaching Professionals.**

**Available Hours.** Our Teaching Professionals, Matthew Boyett and Esteban Espada share Court #23 at North Point, Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 10 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 <u>Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons (sctexas.org)</u> or head on out to Court #23, peak through the fence and see these guys in action.

**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.





## COACH'S CORNER



Hello everyone, Matthew Boyett here back again for another coach's corner. This month I want to talk about one of the best ways to grow your game, drilling. Wanting to drill is great, but it is important we are not building bad habits while drilling. Here are a few ways to not only make drilling more applicable but also more fun!

- 1. Be a self critic: Take notes after a game of what you thought you did good and what you think you can improve on. This will help you be more intentional and also give you a better idea of where your game is headed. Do not make drilling too complicated: Start first by just self feeding and seeing what the shot does.
- 2. When you are comfortable with that, start hitting on the wall. Then, once you feel like you are good to go, grab a friend or a ball machine. Remember, when you are drilling with a partner, you both have a role. Be a good feeder when it's not your time to hit, if you have to just toss the ball that is fine. Take advantage of the skills and drills at the club, you will meet others like yourself that want to learn how to drill properly.
- 3. Lastly, make drilling a competition: This is the last step in getting a good drill session in. Find a similar rated player and go out and practice your skills. I like to play rally score games to 11 2 out of 3. This will give you feedback instantly on whether or not you are executing the shots you have been practicing. Start straight ahead, then go cross court, and then play out some transition points. Be intentional and make sure you are practicing shots to get you to the level you want to be at, not where you are now.

Go out, drill, have fun, and watch your game begin to grow!





# TOURNAMENT NEWS

#### **Mid South Regionals**

#### **Women's Doubles**

Sammye Klein & Jan Geiger	3.0, 3.5	Silver	70+
Diana Weiss & Linda Biron	3.5	Silver	65

#### **Mixed Doubles**

Sammye Klein & David Persilver	3.5	Gold	70+
Jan Geiger & Bob Knowles	4.0	Silver	70+
Eva Myers & Kobus Pieters	4.0	Bronze	70+

#### **Men's Singles**

Steve Frank	4.0 / 4.5	Silver	70+
Kobus Pieters	3.5	Gold	70+

#### **Men's Doubles**

Joe Gray & David Persilver	3.5	Silver	70+
Kobus Pieters & Bob Knowle	3.5	Bronze	70+
Steven Frank & Ron Franke	4.0	Silver	65+

#### **Cedar Park Paddle Battle**

#### **Women's Doubles**

Diana Weiss & Connie Rader	4.0	Bronze	60+

#### **Mixed Doubles**

Mary Payne & Darren Hendricks 4.0 Bronze 60+





# GRINS AND GIGGLES

### Real pickleball terminology

Here are some terms which are either widely-used in pickleball or should be:

- Body bag: a shot which successfully targets your opponent's body; a body shot.
- **Shake-n-bake:** a doubles play where the third shot is driven and the other player in the serving team rushes the net for a putaway.
- Getting pickled: losing with zero points.
- Tweener: hitting a ball through your own legs, particularly when you don't have time to step back for a proper shot.
- Nutmeg or 5-hole: hitting a ball which goes through your opponent's legs.
- Fly Swatter: hitting a ball down into the net when trying to slam a high ball.
- Let Ace, or Lettuced: when your serve hits the top of the net, still lands in, and returner doesn't get paddle on ball, that's a let ace; they've been "lettuced."
- **Erne:** jumping over your corner of the kitchen into the legal standing spot outside of the court while hitting an offense shot downward in midair.
- **Bert:** the same as an erne, but conducted on your partner's side of the court.
- ATP (Around the Post): as the name implies, this is when you hit a low return around the net's post.

#### A few jokes

We thought we'd throw a few humorous ones in just for fun:

- Pedicure: hitting your opponent's foot.
- Manicure: hitting your opponent's hand.
- **Full wax:** hitting something no one wants to hit.

AND HOW MUCH CONSISTENT FUN YOU USED TO
HAVE NO MATTER WHAT YOU WERE PLAYING.
REKINDLE EVEN A LITTLE OF THAT MAGIC AND
YOU'LL PLAY BETTER PICKLEBALL, GUARANTEED.





#### "I started jogging today. I didn't want to but the ice cream truck wouldn't stop!"



Shaz and Charles having a "discussion"

3.0 Team Pickleball League First Place Team



Nancy Guggenbickler, Marliene Sotak, Liz Blount, and John Bodnar



Carol Celebrates a Birthday

"The point is Never over until it is over! Don't lower that paddle or relax your position until are 105% sure of this!"

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