



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

July

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



I'm giving our fearless leader, Hutch, a break from writing the "Message from the President" this month mainly because I hate to keep asking him to come up with new stuff every couple of weeks. And due to a bunch of travel that my hubby and I have planned this summer, I have to get these next couple newsletters finished in short order.

Our next general meeting of the Pickleball Club will be held on Wednesday, July 12th in the Jarrell-Walburg Room at Cowan Creek at 1:00 pm. We will be discussing some important issues, such as potential changes to the by-laws, and we would really welcome your input. So, go out and play pball in the morning and then head on over to Cowan Creek by 1:00 (it'll be too hot on the

courts by then anyway!) You can always bring a swimsuit and jump in the pool after the meeting.

See you on the courts,

Barb Patterson

P.S. Don't forget to "Like" our [Sun City Texas Pickleball Facebook](#) page. We are adding new videos and photos all the time and even have been "live-streaming" some tourney matches.

A WISE COACH ONCE TOLD ME: "IF YOU PUT THE BALL IN PLAY, GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN."



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, June 25th be sure to head down to the courts for our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social outside of courts #5 and #6. You will need to register 1st so we know how much of each kind of ice cream to buy. This is a FREE event for our members - so come on out and enjoy some sundaes, root beer floats, etc. on a hot day! Click here to register - [Ice Cream Social](#).

BALL MACHINE "OPEN REQUEST" POLICY EXTENDED

A policy for using the Simon and the Pickleball Tutor was implemented for a trial period during June and is being extended through July. To learn more about how you can easily use the ball machine without a prior reservation, click [Ball Machine Info](#)

PADDLE RACK SYSTEM

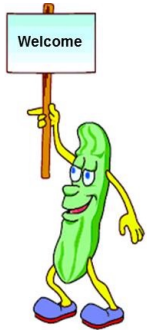
Please remember that during the crowded "Club Time" hours, all players should use the Paddle Rack System. The exact rules are spelled out on our website here - [Paddle Rack System](#).

As noted in the rules, if there are empty courts then players may stay on the court and continue playing without going back and placing their four paddles in the rack. However, we hope that everyone will be courteous and help fill out waiting groups of players who might only need one or two players to have a foursome.





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



William Francis
Linda LaRochelle
Roger LaRochelle

NAME THIS MEMBER

Which one of our 530+ members sent in a photo of a pickleball bag that was found near his home on Independence Drive? He then asked the Communications Director to post the photo and find the rightful owner. Turns out that later that evening, after the e-blast was sent out, HIS OWN WIFE CONTACTED HIM AND SAID IT WAS HER PICKLEBALL BAG! HMMMMM.....



LEAGUES AND TRAINING

LEAGUES

Leagues will return again in the fall, after the weather cools down.

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Next Intro Class is July 15.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP

If you are interested in any of the training classes, please send an email to Peg O'Toole, Director of Player Development, at jgmlo@yahoo.com.



PADDLE DEMO DAY

By Pat Hall

The Paddle Demo Day was held on June 3rd from 9:00 - 3:00. We had a great turnout; everyone had a lot of fun. All courts were in use, the paddle rack was full and people were waiting.

SCTPC raised \$550 dollars for Caring Place Food Pantry from the proceeds of our Paddle Demo Day.

Winners for the day:

Paddles...

- Rick Jordan
- Bonnie Schafer
- Linda LaRochelle
- Karen Saunders

Bags.....

- Darlene Clopton
- Alice Bower
- Charlene Craigen-Nobles
- Con Lenzo

Balls.....

- Jack Reeves
- Ron Longino
- John Sena

Matt Laz Kinetics Clinic certificates

- Karen Saunders
- Gale Scott
- Richard Bradley

Water bottles.....

- Buddy Lane
- Sandy Piland
- Gene Edwards
- Cle Alexander

Shout-outs to Kathy Davis for providing pickleball paddle cookies and to Toni Briggs for customizing two bags with cute pickleball sayings on them. Thanks ladies!

Big kudos to Pat Hall for all of her planning, organizing and carrying out of this terrific event! We appreciate all of your hard work Pat!



DEMO DAY PHOTOS





RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE TABS

Below is a letter from the Ronald McDonald House Charities, thanking us for sending in our tabs from pop cans. Thanks to Hutch for organizing this service project and carrying it out for us. And thanks to those members who have been saving their tabs. We will continue to support this worthy cause.

The families and staff at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City greatly appreciate your in-kind gift for the Houses/Family Room. Your donation helps support our mission to provide a home away from home to thousands of families who turn to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City each year while their child receives medical treatment in the Kansas City area.

At Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City, families' lives are changed every day by the warmth and support they receive at our Houses and Family Room. Many do not know what to expect when they come here for the first time, and what they get is totally unexpected: hope in the form of a friendly smile and tender welcome from staff and volunteers, home cooked meals in the kitchen, a quick walk or drive to the local medical facility where their child is receiving care, and words of encouragement from other families who are also benefiting from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City.

Thanks again for supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kansas City and the families we serve.

Most Gratefully,

Tami Greenberg
CEO

Here's a cute photo of Emerson (a patient) and his wagon of tabs. He was in Children's Mercy Hospital for many months after his birth. His family stayed with us. He and his family are now solid supporters and have all of their small town in Kansas behind them. When he comes for his quarterly check-ups, he brings tabs and tabs!





NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES - 2017



We all had a terrific time in Birmingham, AL at the 2017 National Senior Games. The pickleball matches were high-level and many of the brackets had 50+ teams competing! Everyone played hard and represented Sun City Texas well. Jack Warner and his partner, Ron Lucas, took a silver in Men's 80-84 Doubles. Nancy Grafton/Barb Patterson placed in the top 16 for Women's Doubles 60-64. Nancy Grafton/Chuck Flanagan placed in the top 16 for Mixed Doubles 70-74. Now it's on to Albuquerque in 2019!



JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

*So you think I didn't notice you
volleying in the kitchen?*



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