



# Kitchen Talk

*Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter*

## April

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring has sprung and we are about to swing into our April Tournament. My thanks to all of the coaches who will be guiding our participants and I'm looking forward to some BBQ that night.

By way of an update, the club has been notified that our new courts were closed on March 26th for the developer to install the "Pavilion." Hopefully, by the time of our April Tournament, we will have the new courts handed over to our club. But Murphy continues to have a hand in things, so we'll see.

FYI, after we do receive the courts, we will plan a Grand Opening so watch out for information on a date.

By the way of another update, the Board continues to work on a rating system that will fit most of our members. As many of you know, we held a "beta test" for a skills portion of a rating system recently and we are still deciding on what will work best for everyone.

Other than that, the weather has gotten warmer and more people are playing - what more could we ask for?

See you on the Courts,  
Hutch



*The new pavilion is coming along.*

**"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."**

**Babe Ruth**



# CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FROM OUR TREASURER



The Pickleball Club Fund Balance as of February 28th is \$13,186. Year to date Total Revenues were \$5,210 and Total Expenses were \$829 for Net Income of \$4,381. We have 521 paid members (\$5,210 Membership Dues). Expenses were primarily Supplies of \$699, Printing/Reproduction Expense of \$91 and Special Events \$39.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

**Dinks, Chow and Chat** - Tuesday, April 3rd, at Wriggley's from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends and enjoy discounts on house drinks and pitchers!



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the March 14th Board Meeting are available on our website here - [March 2018 Board Meeting Minutes](#) (you must be logged into your SCTEXAS.org ID to read these minutes which are only available to our members).

## WELCOME MARCH NEW MEMBERS

| First Name | Last Name |
|------------|-----------|
| Paul       | Fisch     |
| John       | Power     |
| James      | Tompkins  |
|            |           |

| First Name | Last Name    |
|------------|--------------|
| Doug       | Tyler        |
| Gloria     | Tyler        |
| Dave       | VanDemoortel |
|            |              |



# SPRING TOURNAMENT & BBQ

**Our "Swing into Spring" Tournament & BBQ Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 14th.**

The tourney will be a same-skill level event with Novice, Intermediate and Advanced teams. Tournament check-in time is 9:00 am at the Sun City Courts and play should be completed by early afternoon.



To view team rosters and learn more about the tournament, click on the following link - [Swing into Spring](#). Do you have questions about the Tournament? If so, please contact Barb Patterson - [SCTXpickleball@gmail.com](mailto:SCTXpickleball@gmail.com)

If you would like to help with the BBQ Dinner on 4/14, please contact our Social Chairman, Shaz Douglas - [shazhas3kids@gmail.com](mailto:shazhas3kids@gmail.com)

The BBQ Dinner will be held at Cowan Creek Pavilion starting with a Happy Hour (BYOB) at 5:30 pm. Capacity for the pavilion is 150 people so ticket sales stopped when that number was reached.

## LEAGUES AND TRAINING

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](mailto:jgmlo@yahoo.com). Spring leagues will start the week of April 23rd, after the tournament. Stay tuned.

## HELP WANTED

Taping help needed for the Texas Senior Games:

Besides the actual taping, Chuck Flanagan needs to train four team leaders to help tape the courts in San Antonio, from 1-4 pm, on Monday, April 9th. Please contact Chuck if you're willing to help as one of the team leaders - [Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com](mailto:Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com)

# INTERMEDIATE TRAINING - BY KATHY CARR

## Learning to Play Smarter, Not Harder

On March 18, 2018 Intermediate Training Class #0006 graduated from the Club's 7-day immersion program on learning to play "smarter pickleball". After a brief ceremony, the 13 graduates (aka the "Newbies") participated in a mini-tournament against previous class graduates ("Oldies but Goodies"). Each team played 4 games to 11 points (win by 1). This session's battle was won by Steve Cramb and Teresa Wolcott from Class #0005, who emerged from the tournament undefeated.

| IP Class # 0006 |
|-----------------|
| Kirby Boston    |
| Toni Briggs     |
| Mark Cawthon    |
| Richard Dalton  |
| Diane Delay     |
| Ron Franklin    |
| Woody Hutto     |
| Al Kitamorn     |
| Terri Klein     |
| Sue Long        |
| Larry Peters    |
| June Sewell     |
| Sara Wahlquist  |




The "Newbies" smile during program orientation prior to the start of class. Note: Sue Long and Terri Klein not pictured due to work/play conflict.

| Oldies But Goodies |
|--------------------|
| Kat Barras         |
| Billy Blackman     |
| Judy Blackman      |
| Steve Cramb        |
| Terri Desa         |
| Brad Duffy         |
| Jay Hangartner     |
| Val Hrosky         |
| Maggie Manley      |
| Rick Piland        |
| Cathy Stateler     |
| Davey Stateler     |
| Ken Tupacz         |
| Teresa Wolcott     |



The "Oldies But Goodies" pose with their game faces before the competition.

To participate in the intermediate training program, interested candidates should meet the following pre-requisites and contact Peg O'Toole, Player Development Director.



**Intermediate Training Prerequisites**

- Know 100% of basic the basic rules;
- Execute basic shots (serve, forehand, backhand, volley, dink, lob, & smash);
- Maintain slow-paced rallies with players of equal ability;
- Routinely get to the non-volley zone to hit volleys;
- Try to be strategic about how and where to hit the ball;
- Understand court coverage;
- Work with your partner to win the point.

# PLAYING "KEEP AWAY"

## ***Playing Keep-Away from the "Best" Player on the other Team — Good Idea or Inconsiderate Strategy? (reprinted with the permission of "Pickleball Maxx")***

Although I **absolutely LOVE pickleball**, nothing gets my blood boiling like being on the receiving end of "Keep-Away" during rec play. And it gets me very frustrated. Every time. You see, every once in a while, in a recreational game of pickleball, I'm deemed the stronger player on the team. And the opponents — you guessed it — hit seemingly every ball to my partner. All in the name of winning the game to 11. In rec. play!!! Not tournament play. Did I mention this is "recreational" play?



### **The Shot Chart Tells the Story**

This particular blog post has been approximately 4 or 5 months in the making. Earlier in the summer, my partner and I had just finished playing a match against a very good doubles team. Unfortunately, I must have been considered the stronger player on this particular day — and, consequently, could count on one hand how many balls were hit my way in the course of a 15-minute game to 11. Of course, the exception would occur when my partner would inadvertently pop up the ball and the opponents would smash it at my feet — as if to say, "there, I hit you one!"



# PLAYING "KEEP AWAY" CONT'D.

So, like the stubborn and sometimes immature partner I can be, I brooded — and I vowed to write a blog post about this situation. And shortly thereafter, with the “play-by-play” still fresh in my mind, I created a shot chart of where our opponents directed the balls when I played the odd court. As you can see from the shot chart, there was absolutely no reason for me to be on the court on this particular day. I could have just as easily put up a cardboard cut-out of myself and nobody would have known the difference!

## **It Happens Seemingly at Every Skill Level and at All Venues**

We’ve all — at one time or another — likely been considered the stronger player when we play. Perhaps you’re a 3.5 rated player playing with three other 3.0 rated players — and you never see the ball. Perhaps you’re a 4.5 player, playing with three other 4.0 players — and you never see the ball. You could put that cardboard cut-out of yourself on the court and nobody would be the wiser. It’s not fun. You also came to play, exercise and work on your game.

And it happens everywhere. I’ve been “frozen out” of matches at my church where I first learned the game of pickleball, at my “home-town” pickleball club — and at various pickleball venues I visit. And my guess is, the exact thing happens to you from time-to-time.

## **Try the Opposite Approach**

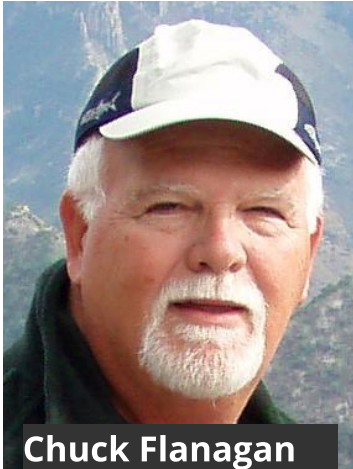
I like to take the opposite approach — but similarly, I have to be cognizant of not “freezing out” the weaker player — as it works both ways. You see, I prefer to hit to the stronger players to see how I stack up against a higher skill level. I want to see how these stronger players move, execute their shots and strategy — and perhaps, above all, I want to see if I can “hang” with them. It’s not so much about winning in the short-term as it is about improving and learning over the long run.

So, if the opportunity arises to play against a better player, make an effort to hit them the ball. It doesn’t have to be every ball — but don’t relegate them to being a cardboard cut-out. By doing so, you will get a better understanding of your strengths and weaknesses, which will only help to improve your own game — even if it means losing a recreational game here or there.

***You can read more blogs and words of wisdom from "Pickleball Maxx by clicking here - [Pickleball Maxx](#)***



# FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



**Chuck Flanagan**

## AN AMBASSADOR'S WORK IS NEVER DONE!

I'm beat! In just the past three weeks, I've been the referee coordinator (and announcer) for two major tournaments. First was the USAPA Mid-South

Regional, with 476 players on 16 courts, in Grapevine, Texas. That was three days from 06:30 am - 10 pm (only 8:30 pm on Sunday). The second was the Mid America Indoor pickleball Championships held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There we had only 368 players, but on 24 courts. With fewer players (368) and more courts (24) that led to shorter days.

I mention all this as a lead in to how good tournaments are run by volunteers and none are more important that the people who step up to referee matches and serve as line judges. Without their dedication and willingness to help, none of these events would be successful. All I did was move names tags around on a board. Those competitor who were not playing at the time came forward, time after time, to grab a stopwatch, clipboard and pencil, and then walk the length of the arena to referee a match. And then there were those volunteers who were not even entered in the tournament. I had people at both tournaments come to the tournament, not to play, but only to volunteer as referees. I think I know why this is happening.

A couple of years ago, the USAPA began a "Certified Referee" program. This involved the creation of standard training materials (USAPA Referee Handbook), online rules tests, and a formal

certification process. While these efforts were/are aimed at producing certified referees, the process has led over to more people being exposed to the 'best practices' taught by the standardized training. The result is that more players are becoming comfortable with refereeing and are willing to participate. Some of our own club members have attended referee clinics and one (Mary Payne) has gone on to become a USAPA Certified Referee.

And don't let me forget about the line judges. We need them for the gold medal matches late in the day and the players who stay late to help are the real heroes. To help this run more smoothly, many tournaments are now asking the bronze medal winners to stay and be line judges for the gold medal match for their bracket.

If you love this game and want to play in well run tournaments, take the online rules test (<https://www.usapa.org/rules-tests/>) attend a referee clinic, practice refereeing games whenever you can, and then volunteer at a tournament. We need your help.

Speaking of volunteering, we will be taping the courts (16) for the Texas Senior Games at 1 pm, on April 9th and will need all the help we can get. I'd like to get at least four Sun City members to train as team leaders. I've got a good plan but need your help to get it done. Please let me know if you're willing to help.

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On a personal note, Elaine and I thank all of you, our pickleball friends, for your thoughtful cards and prayers.

Chuck



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## USAPA Mid-South Regional

2018

SCTPC Players' Results - Grapevine, TX, 3/01-3/04

| Event           | Age Group | Level | Players                              | Medal Earned |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Men's Doubles   | 60+       | 3.5   | Bob Cleaver-John Carter              | Gold         |
|                 | 60+       | 3.0   | Dare Plantz-Ron Franke               | Gold         |
|                 | 60+       | 4.5   | Jim Brown-Dave Stout                 | Bronze       |
|                 | 65+       | 4.0   | Don Hunt-Steve Timmons               | Gold         |
|                 | 70+       | 3.5   | Walter Green-Gary McConnell          | Gold         |
|                 | 70+       | 3.0   | Davey Stateler-Billy Blackman        | Gold         |
|                 | 70+       | 4.5   | Chuck Flanagan- Larry Honeycutt      | Silver       |
|                 | 70+       | 4.0   | Will Saunders-Tom Burkhardt          | Silver       |
|                 | 75+       | 4.0   | Jack Warner-Gary Foster              | Gold         |
| Men's Singles   | 60+       | 4.5   | Dave Stout                           | Silver       |
|                 | 60+       | 4.5   | Jim Brown                            | Bronze       |
|                 | 70+       | 3.5   | Walter Green                         | Silver       |
|                 | 70+       | 3.0   | Davey Stateler                       | Gold         |
|                 | 70+       | 4.0   | David Persilver                      | Bronze       |
|                 | 80+       | 4.0   | Jack Warner                          | Gold         |
| Mixed Doubles   | 55+       | 3.0   | Susan Long-Ron Franke                | Gold         |
|                 | 60+       | 3.5   | Diane Cleaver-Bob Cleaver            | Silver       |
|                 | 65+       | 3.0   | Cathy Stateler-Davey Stateler        | Silver       |
|                 | 65+       | 4.5   | Jan Brannan-Chuck Flanagan           | Bronze       |
|                 | 70+       | 3.0   | Davey Stateler-Billy Blackman        | Gold         |
|                 | 70+       | 4.0   | Pocket D'Haeseleer-Tom Burkhardt     | Bronze       |
| Women's Doubles | 50+       | 4.0   | Pocket D'Haeseleer-I loather Griffin | Silver       |
|                 | 55+       | 3.0   | Diane Cleaver-Sandy Piland           | Bronze       |
|                 | 60+       | 3.5   | Shaz Douglas-May Courtion            | Gold         |
|                 | 60+       | 4.0   | Kathy Carr-Barb Patterson            | Bronze       |
|                 | 65+       | 3.0   | Cathy Stateler-Eva Myers             | Gold         |
|                 | 70+       | 3.0   | Sylvia Green-Sandra Eyster           | Bronze       |
| Women's Singles | 55+       | 4.0   | Mary Payne                           | Silver       |
|                 | 60+       | 3.5   | Shaz Douglas                         | Gold         |
|                 | 60+       | 4.0   | Kathy Carr                           | Gold         |
|                 | 70+       | 3.0   | Elaine Brogden                       | Silver       |



# MID-SOUTH TOURNAMENT PHOTOS



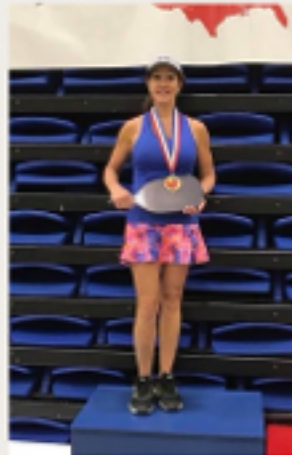
# TOURNAMENT RESULTS CONT'D.

## Mid-America Indoor Pickleball Championships

2018

SCTPC Players' Results - Hot Springs, AR, 3/22-3/25

| Event           | Age Group | Level | Players                        | Medal Earned |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Men's Doubles   | 60-64     | 4.5   | Jim Brown-Dave Stout           | Bronze       |
|                 | 65-69     | 4.0   | Don Hunt-Steve Timmons         | Bronze       |
|                 | 70-74     | 4.5   | Chuck Flanagan-Larry Honeycutt | Silver       |
| Men's Singles   | 60-64     | 3.0   | Dare Plantz                    | Bronze       |
|                 | 60-64     | 4.5   | Jim Brown                      | Bronze       |
| Mixed Doubles   | 60-64     | 4.0   | Shaz Douglas-Steve Timmons     | Bronze       |
|                 | 60-64     | 4.5   | Jo Honeycutt-Dave Stout        | Bronze       |
|                 | 65-69     | 4.5   | Jan Brannan-Chuck Flanagan     | Silver       |
| Women's Doubles | 60-64     | 4.0   | Kathy Carr-Barb Patterson      | Gold         |
| Women's Singles | 60-64     | 3.5   | Shaz Douglas                   | Gold         |



Barb Patterson and her partner, Carolyn Parker brought home the Bronze Medal in Women's Doubles 4.5 60+ at the "Fun in the Sun" Tournament held in March at Sun City West in Surprise, AZ.



# ICPM AT KISSING TREE



Sun City A & B Teams



All ICPM Participants

## SECOND INTER-COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL MEET IS A BIG SUCCESS! *BY BILL TREADWAY*

We held the second ICPM (Inter-Community Pickleball Meet) on March 14. The meets are meant to provide everyone an opportunity to play pickleball with players from other age-limited communities. Each Community that participates can send an "A" team and a "B" team. Each team can have four, eight or twelve members so each Community that participates can send a total of between four and twenty four players.

Although the vibe is social we DO keep score and each Meet produces both an A and a B group Champion.

The March 14 Meet had forty eight players from four different Communities: Sweetgrass (West Houston), Hill Country Retreat (San Antonio), Kissing Tree (San Marcos) and, of course, the mother ship, Sun City Texas.

Kissing Tree hosted the Meet and their hospitality was exceptional...again. We used a round robin format so everyone played with and against different people all day long. Lots of competition and lots of new faces!

We started play at 9:30 A.M. and we finished up by 2:30 Ppm. (That included our catered lunch break.)

In the end the Hill Country Retreat won the A Team competition and Sun City won the B Team competition. Next time Sun City WILL win both Championships because Steve Timmons has agreed to make both A Team and B Team perpetual trophies that will go home with (and had better come back from) each winning Community team.

If you're looking for some new competition with a change of pace contact Mary Payne - [1marypayne@gmail.com](mailto:1marypayne@gmail.com) and get on the roster!



# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



**Nomination submitted by Janice Cozart** - Sandy Gilmore was very helpful in getting paddles from the training bin and making sure they all got placed back. One of the most important things in being allowed to use the training paddles was that they would all be returned safely. It was a great relief that Sandy was so willing to help with this task. She also was a trainer for both days we had campers. She did all of this with a humble, very positive and friendly attitude and assisted with whatever needed to be done. We are all happy that Sandy has volunteered to help with Junior Camp again this year.

**From Sandy Gilmore -**

A native Texan, born and raised in Houston, I moved to Austin in 1975 to attend UT as an accounting major. I am a retired State of Texas employee (2007) and CPA.

I first tried pickleball when my sister gave me a beginner set many years ago. Then a neighbor suggested we sign up for a pickleball mentoring class together. I'm a very proud graduate of the INAUGURAL class March 5, 2016. The classes, trainers, helpers, board members, fellow attendees, all were so awesome and fun, which in turn, inspired me to not only play, but help out with the club's training classes and summer camp. This is the club that really keeps on giving, it's fun to help with that. I am a novice player.

I also enjoy playing poker and volunteering at ROCK which provides equine assisted activities for the disabled. And I'm a cashier at our new Randall's.

Thank y'all for this special recognition, really appreciate it!

See you at the courts, or maybe the checkout line!

## Congratulations Sandy!



*Do you have someone you'd like to nominate for our "Volunteer of the Month?" If so, click here - **Volunteer of the Month Program** to learn more.*

## JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

### **Prescription** *(submitted by Sharon Campbell)*

A nice, calm, and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I would like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he exclaimed, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife. The pharmacist looked at the picture and said, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."



Cartoons created by Glenn Dembroff



## MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF!

### **Worst Hairdresser Ever**

A woman who was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband mentioned the trip to the hairdresser.

"Rome? Why would anyone want to go there?" asked the hairdresser. "It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Continental," she replied. "We got a great rate!"

"Continental?" exclaimed the hairdresser. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on the Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's gonna be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman came in for another hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of Continental's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot.

And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job, and now it's a jewel, one of the finest hotels in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me.

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me.."

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He asked me, "Who screwed up your hair?"

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## 2018 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS

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