



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

August

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Although the 90's have been a common temperature, thus far, we have been able to escape a streak of triple digits.....let's hope that this remains the same through August!! I do know that our courts seem to be pretty full in the evening, so whether playing or drinking a beverage of your choice in the pm, continue to enjoy the fun, friends and fitness of Sun City Texas Pickleball Club!

Sorry about the General meeting postponement, but as with all of you, family first. And, at this time, my return is unknown, so just a quick update. The board did decide to go ahead and release the member survey results. I hope you have had a chance to review all the detail Barb provided in her e-blast. As

a direct result of your survey input, we are in the process of developing three committees. First, recommend options to increase dedicated Court Time by Skill and Group. Second, recommend options for League Expansion and third, recommend ideas to improve Court Atmosphere. If you are interested in assisting on a committee, please contact any board member.

We had also hoped to update you on our Pickleball Court needs and will do so during our next General. Please know that work continues, even as recent as last week.

July did bring our first attempt at a "Mixer," with all skill levels playing against each other. Even with temps in the mid 90's at 5 pm, we did have 5 to 6 courts utilized much of the evening. This is something we will be scheduling in the future.

AND, for the FOURTH month in a row (YES, our FOURTH month), NO accidents, so please continue with the SAFETY FIRST, WIN THE POINT SECOND motto!!

And, stay COOL!

Ed Cahill

***"Don't let compliments get to your head
and don't let criticism get to your heart."***

Lysa TerKeurst



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

The 2019 Member Survey results are now online. Please click [Member Survey Results](#) to check them out. This info is only available to our members, so be sure that you log into your SCTEXAS.org account first.



COURT REMINDER



Please do not hang your pickleball bags in the area that is marked "KEEP CLEAR" adjacent to the AED at the Texas Drive courts. In the event of an emergency, we need easy access to the defibrillator.

PICKLEBALL FACEBOOK PAGES & WEBSITES

Please click on any of the following links to visit the website:

[Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Facebook Page](#)

[Greater Austin Pickleball Facebook Page](#)

[Texas Pickleball Facebook Page](#)

[USAPA Facebook Page](#)

[Pickleball Forum on Facebook](#)

[USAPA Website](#)

[USAPA Mid-South Region Website](#)

[Pickleball Tournaments.com](#)





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.

CLUB EVENTS

Dinks, Chow and Chat - Tuesday, August 6th, at Mulligan's from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends!



BYO Dinks & Paddles - Tuesday, August 27th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Retreat Courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends!

FALL TOURNAMENT AND SHRIMP BOIL



Save the date - **Saturday, October 19th**, for our annual Fall Pickleball Tournament and Shrimp Boil. This year we will be introducing a new tournament format; registration will open near the end of August (look for an eblast at that time with instructions for entering). The post-tournament Shrimp Boil will be held in the ballroom at Texas Drive and we should be able to accommodate everyone who wants to attend.

PICKLEBALL IN THE SUN RAYS

Be sure to check out this month's Sun Rays magazine for some photos and articles about our club. (Pages 100, 120 & 138).

KICKBALL

The Kickball game is scheduled for September 3rd. All teams are full, but if you'd like to be added to the wait list, please contact Shaz Douglas - shazhas3kids@gmail.com



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.

PICKLEBALL ON THE PLAZA

If you missed Pickleball being played on the Plaza in NYC on the Today Show on Monday, here is the link to watch it - [Pickleball on the Plaza](#)



JULY NEW MEMBERS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Donna	Burt
Michelle	Clemens
Anne	Diaz
Will	Diaz
Charlotte	Dreessen
Robin	Fogo
Burt	Forsythe
Bob	Gagner
Don	Gotkowski
Jean	Gotkowski
Kathy	Gregory
Margo	Haley

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Carol	Heddleston
Debbie	Holifield
Steve	Lucca
Jan	Mason
Marilyn	Miele
Michael	Miele
Pete	Nadolski
Belen	Nobert
Jim	Nobert
Deborah	Price
Tom	Price

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Karla	Roth
Patrick	Roth
Carol	Ryan
Dave	Schunk
Rhonda	Schunk
Dennis	Sheppard
Alicia	Sparrow
Charlie	Stover
DeBe	Wantzloeben
Ken	Wantzloeben
Dave	Weatherford

Welcome! We're glad you're here!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Sun City Pickleball: June 2019 Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of June with a balance of \$9,914 and ended with \$9,022 for a net loss of \$892.00. Income totaled \$2,043.00, with \$2,033.00 coming from Big Bopper Charity Tournament donations and \$10.00 from one new membership. Expenses totaled \$2,935 with the majority being Big Bopper donations to the Caring Place and to the Georgetown Animal Shelter in the amount of \$2,618 collectively. Other expenses of \$317 covered court camera monthly fees of \$87.00, DJ contractual deposit of \$100 for upcoming October Pickleball Dance, and supplies/printing costs to support administrative and training needs of the club. We had one new member bringing our total to 614.

Big Bopper Charity Tournament/Potluck Summary:

Income:

- May 19 income from pre-sold tournament and potluck ticket sales \$ 585.00
- General Donations by Club Members during Tournament \$ 1,733.00
- External donations from Jan Schmidt of Stacy Group and Joanie Davis of Keller Williams \$ 300.00
- Club Member Donation designated for the Georgetown Animal Shelter \$ 40.00
- Anonymous Donation from SC Pickleball Club Member designated for the Caring Place \$ 1,000.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 3,658.00

Donations to Charities:

Caring Place:

- General Donations from Club Members/External Donations \$ 1,329.00
 - Anonymous Club Member Donation to Caring Place \$ 1,000.00*
- TOTAL \$ 2,329.00**

Georgetown Animal Shelter:

- General Donations from Club Members/External Donations \$ 1,289.00
 - Club Member Donation designated for Georgetown Animal Shelter \$ 40.00*
- TOTAL \$ 1,329.00**

TOTAL DONATIONS TO CHARITIES \$ 3,658.00

*Checks specifically designated for Charities were directly donated and not deposited in the Pickleball Club Account.



Donations presented to Caring Place (L) and Georgetown Animal Shelter (R) by Big Bopper Tournament Committee members.



CLUB CALENDAR



August 2019

Pre Registration required for Introduction to Pickleball Class, Beginner Mentoring Program and Intermediate Training —contact Peg O'Toole at JGMLO@yahoo.com
Pre Registration required for lessons—contact Matt Laz —text or phone 832-499-9925 or email mattlaz@pickleballkinetics.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Matt Laz lessons 11:00 to 6:00 Court 6	2	3 12:00 to 2:00 Beginner Mentoring - courts 9 & 10
4	5 10 to noon Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	6 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7 3-5 Mulligans PB Dinks, Chow & Chat	7 10 to noon Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	8 Matt Laz lessons 11:00 to 6:00 Court 6	9	10 12:00 to 2:00 Beginner Mentoring - courts 9 & 10
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LEAGUES AND TRAINING

Introduction to Pickleball Classes

Classes are scheduled twice a month on Saturdays. The next class with openings is August 24 from 2:00 to 4:00. You do not need to be a Club member for this class. Equipment is provided. **YOU NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THE CLASS.**

Beginner Mentoring and Intermediate Training Programs

Classes are limited and you need to register in advance for the classes. If you currently are not on the waitlist for the next group of classes, please contact Peg O'Toole.

Lessons with Matt Laz

Matt gives private lessons on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 6:00 on Retreat court 7 and Thursdays from 11:00 to 6:00 on court 6 at Texas Drive. If you and/or a group want to scheduled sessions with Matt, please contact Matt at mattlaz@pickleballkinetics.com or text or phone 832-499-9925. A one-hour session costs \$60, but can be divided by 2 (\$30), 3 (\$20) or 4 (\$15).

Training Paddles Needed

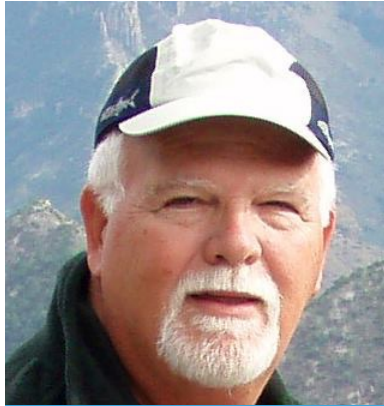
Do you have an old paddle (or two or three?) that are just sitting around your home collecting dust? The paddles we use for training and for residents to use are not in "the best of shape." They are also dwindling in numbers. Want to help our club out? Then please consider donating your unused paddles to our training program. Please contact Peg O'Toole (jgmlo@yahoo.com) if you have a paddle you'd like to donate.



For all training, except the Introduction Class, you need to be a member of the Pickleball club. For more info or to sign up for any of these programs, please send an email to Peg O'Toole, Director of Player Development, at jgmlo@yahoo.com.



FROM OUR AMBASSADORS



Chuck Flanagan

Calling the Score - In Tournaments and In Rec Play

Several of your Sun City club members just returned from playing in the US National Indoor Pickleball Championships. I think

Barb may even have the results and pictures elsewhere in this edition of "Kitchen Talk." Several of us volunteered to referee matches during the event which led to some interesting 'discussions'...both on and off the court. One of the discussions that occurred during a match that I refereed involved the service rules and when the referee should call the score. I thought that this would be a good topic for this month's column and to compare the rule for tournament play as well as social play.

In the first instance, a player asked that I follow the rules and wait for the server to be ready before calling the score. He was not happy (and didn't believe me) when I explained that the referee does not have to wait for the server. Here's the rule:

"4.D. Calling the Score. The referee shall call the score when he or she determines that the receiver is in position or should be ready to play. In doubles, when calling the score, the referee does not have to wait for the receiver's partner or the server's partner to be ready."

As far as the server is concerned, the Referee Handbook states that the referee should call the

score after confirming that: " A player has the ball in hand and is in position to serve, or should be in position to serve." The server then has 10 seconds in which to serve the ball (Rule 4.E.).

Doing this allows the server to set his/her own pace and not have to wait on the referee.

Many of us, however, play most of our games socially. We play a more relaxed game and, without a referee, have adapted a sportsmanlike approach to achieve the same results. In this case, the server calls the score (out loud, please) for two main reasons. First, we're seniors and it helps us try to keep track of the score. (You know what I mean here.) And, secondly, it's a way of announcing to the receiver to get ready to receive the ball. After all, we're out there to have fun, get some exercise and socialize with friends. Losing track of the score or playing with someone who 'quick serves' the ball detracts from everyone's enjoyment of the game.

Pro Tip: I've done a (very unscientific) study of servers and have concluded that the average time between the score being called and the serve being delivered is approximately 0.92 seconds. All that means is that most of us are rushing our serves.

Rule 4.E. says you have ten seconds after the score is called in which to serve the ball. So spend a few seconds after calling the score to breath, look at the receiver's position on the court, and then serve the ball. If you learn to take your time you'll have fewer service faults, won't be violating Rule 4.A.1., and will have a friendlier game.

Click [Pickleball Magazine](#) to read the most current issue.

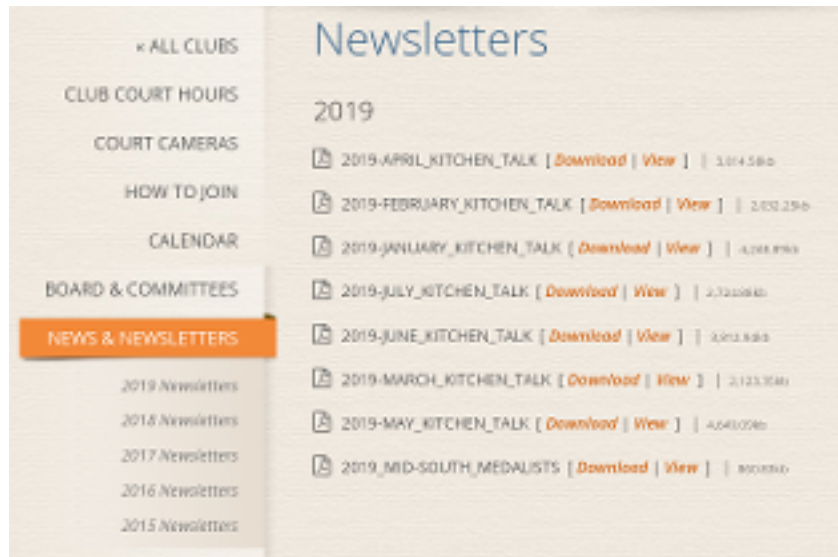


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: Is there a way that I can read old Pickleball Club Newsletters?

Yes! There is an easy way to do that. Just head on over to the SCTEXAS.org website and navigate to our **Pickleball Club microsite**. Once you are there, scroll down the left-hand side of the page and then click on "NEWS & NEWSLETTERS." The page that pops up defaults to the current year's newsletters. However, you can easily look at newsletters from past years by clicking on whichever year you would like to see.



Q: How many members does our Pickleball Club have so far this year?

At "press time" we have 640 STPCPC members. We anticipate reaching 675-700 members by the end of 2019! Pickleball - clearly the fastest growing sport in America AND in Sun City Texas!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

BILLY BLACKMAN



when I need someone because I cannot be there. Billy loves pickleball and supports the Club with his volunteering.

From Billy Blackman:

I was born in West Texas and spent my first two years on a cattle ranch in the panhandle. I moved to Jarrell, Texas in 1950 where I grew up. I joined the Army in 1967 and spent 24 years as an Army helicopter pilot. I had overseas tours in Viet Nam, Korea, and Alaska. Upon retiring at Ft. Hood, I became a pilot for Atlantic Southeast Airlines, a part of the Delta system. While there, I flew out of Dallas Ft. Worth, Salt Lake City, and Atlanta, GA. After my aviation career, I spent five years raising cattle north of Lampasas. Pickleball brought me to Sun City three years ago. I am married to my wife, Judy, and together we have three children. As a side note, I was visiting family in Jarrell, when the F5 tornado touched down. I have enjoyed the friendships I have made through my activities in Pickleball, softball, and the Sun City Community.

Nominated by Peg O'Toole:

Billy is always ready to help when needed. He took over keeping the first aid kits up to date. We realized the need during Introduction classes when cold packs, etc. are needed. Billy is there for the Introduction classes when we need the ball machines and he volunteers to dry the courts and help in any way. He may be doing this because the trainers are "special people" to him, but I don't think so. Anytime someone needs help or needs a truck to move things, he is there and willing to help. He will also jump in to start the drop-in leagues



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.



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Vulcan US National Indoor Championships 7/19-7/21



Chuck Flanagan - Bronze in Men's
Doubles 70-74 4.0-5.0

Steve Timmons - Bronze In Men's
Doubles 65-69 4.0-5.0

Ron Franke - Gold in Men's Singles 3.0-5.0
60-64

Annette Franke - Silver in Women's
Singles 60-64 4.0-5.0

Shaz Douglas - Gold In Women's Singles
3.5 60-64

"Hotter Than Heck" Tournament 7/20



Margo Chase Wells and Pocket
D'Haeseleer won gold at the "Hotter than
Heck" Tournament on July 20th at Austin
Tennis and Pickleball Center.

Canadian Lakes Inaugural Tourney 7/27



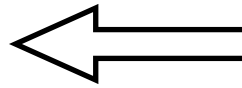
Joe Wickens took Silver in Canadian
Lakes, MI, at CLPC's inaugural
tournament. Men's Doubles
19+,35+,50+,55+ 3.0, with his partner
Mike Hecksel.



AROUND THE COURTS

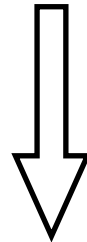


New Display Case



Kudos to **Sandy Piland** and **Kim Stout** for the fantastic job they did creating our SCTPC exhibit for the display case at Texas Drive. We appreciate your time and effort!

Summer Camp Photos



Thanks to **Allie Bower** for taking photos during Junior Camp in June. More photos are available on our website by clicking [Junior Camp Photos](#).





JOKES AND FUN STUFF

Leave it to a Woman!

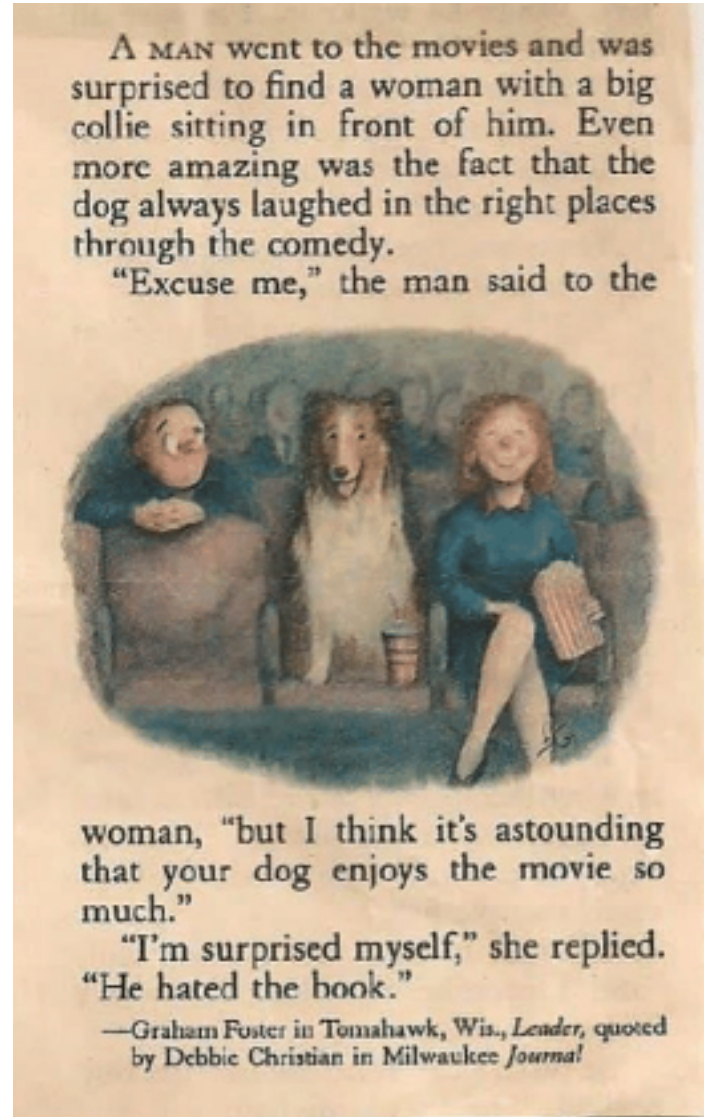


Ray and Bob, two government maintenance guys, were standing at the base of a flagpole looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. Bob said, "We're suppose to find the height of the pole but we don't have a ladder."

The woman said, "hand me that wrench out of your toolbox." She loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down. She then took a tape measure out of the toolbox and announced that the pole was eighteen feet, six inches, and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed, "Well, isn't that just like a Miss-know-it-all-woman. We asked for the height and she gave us the length." Bob and Ray still work for the government but now they are senators.

Submitted by Jim Truho



A MAN went to the movies and was surprised to find a woman with a big collie sitting in front of him. Even more amazing was the fact that the dog always laughed in the right places through the comedy.

"Excuse me," the man said to the

woman, "but I think it's astounding that your dog enjoys the movie so much."

"I'm surprised myself," she replied. "He hated the book."

—Graham Foster in *Tomahawk, Wis., Leader*, quoted by Debbie Christian in *Milwaukee Journal*

Lexophiles *submitted by Sharon Campbell*

"Lexophile" describes those who have a love for words, such as "You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish." or "To write with a broken pencil is pointless." An annual competition is held by *The New York Times* to see who can create the best original lexophile.

Some of this year's submissions:

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.

Today this girl said she recognized me from the Vegetarians' Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.

I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.



MORE FUN STUFF



This is quite possibly the BEST MIXED DOUBLES PHOTO EVER TAKEN! A special Canadian Nationals moment - when Ian Lepine calls "MINE", Kim Kerr knows enough to bail quickly!

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