



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

November

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Not that we need a reminder, but October certainly reminded all of us, what a great, great, GREAT club we have. First, on 10/12, the club sponsored, at our Retreat Courts, THE PICKLE BALL Dance and social Pickleball play. The setting was perfect, the LIVE DJ was awesome, the Pickleball play games were abbreviated to 8 points due to popularity, and last, but not least, we did have some danc'n. Yes, we had quite a few folks swinging more than their paddle! Shaz and her team of volunteers put on quite a show.....a show that may end up being repeated in the Spring and Fall in 2020! Photos are available here - [DJ Pickle Ball](#).

Next up was our annual Fall Tournament and Shrimp Boil. The new format was a huge success (not the only board's opinion, but the many, many positive comments were relayed to the board) and again, member input from the survey earlier this year aided Barb and Jerry in developing this format. And, speaking of Jerry, he was able to quickly overcome a health issue and showered Barb with FIREBALL to kick the dinner off! A special thanks to Chuck Flanagan and Ron Franke for stepping up on like a 12 hour notice to lead the tournament at the Retreat. And again, Shaz and her team of volunteers, served up dinner to over 210 very hungry members. And a VERY special thanks to our Fantabulous Chef's, Lonnie Ray and Bert Perkins.

And finally, our year-end General Meeting is 11/15 (at Cowan Creek, 1:00 pm). Two significant items will be covered in this meeting. First, three board positions (VP, Player Development and Maintenance) will be vacant at the end of 2019, and voting will take place and announcements will be made on the 2020 board. And, we expect to surpass 700 members soon, thus our court needs continue to grow. We have a full presentation on the great work the board and other members have done to help the CA and Pulte understand our current and future needs. Be there to be the first to hear.

And, NO ACCIDENTS again in September!!! Please continue our SAFETY FIRST, WIN THE POINT SECOND motto!

Ed Cahill

Never look down on anyone unless you are admiring their shoes.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT



The club began the month of September with a balance of \$8,881 and ended with \$10,203 for a net gain of \$1,322. Monthly income totaled \$2,183 with the majority coming from advance ticket sales of \$2,088 for the 19 Oct Shrimp Boil; this will be offset by related expenses in October. Other income included \$95.00 for new memberships.

Expenses totaled \$861 which included monthly court camera fees of \$77, gas grill with propane tank and accessories for the Retreat Courts \$455, food items and supplies for the member appreciation Kickball event \$237, and \$92 for

miscellaneous items in support of administrative and training functions of the club. We had 19 new members bringing our total to 689. The 2020 SCTPC budget is available online here (and under the "Financial Info" tab on our website) - [2020 SCTPC Budget](#)

SCTPC GENERAL MEETING

Our next General Meeting will be held on Friday, November 15th at 1:00 pm at Cowan Creek. This meeting will feature the results of the election of Officers for 2020, as well as a presentation concerning future court needs.

WELCOME OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Barb	Brandau
Amy	Callahan
Diana	Denholm
Ron	Henderson
Joseph	Klugman
RoxAnn	Klugman

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Verna	Lockwood
Gary	Lockwood
Anne	McCready
Ben	McCready
Mike	Metzger
Sally	Metzger

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Rod	Nappier
Ellie	Notz
Luann	Schmitt
Donna	Smith
JD	Smith
Sherry	Smith



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.



Fourth Annual Dinks & Dogs Duos

Blue Santa Fundraiser

Saturday, November 9, 2019

We've moved the December Blue Santa Fundraiser to November. Why? So that Blue Santa volunteers can purchase gifts with our \$\$ donations before their delivery date in early December. We hope to raise more than last year (\$600) but **we need your help**. And yes, you can always "dink" and assist us in volunteering for the event.

The "Dogs" part of the tournament is lunch with hot dogs (on the Club's brand-new propane grill), chips, beverage and dessert. Dinking and lunch is included with your entry fee. Categories are novice, intermediate, advanced, and mixed skill levels. You and your "dinking" partner have two minutes to see how many consecutive times you can dink the ball WITH EACH OTHER. The ball must bounce within the "kitchen" area (aka non-volley zone - NVZ). Consecutive dinks are counted, and a timer will set the stop clock for two minutes. When the timer says "Start", either you or your partner drop the pickleball into the "kitchen" and dinking begins. You must step back outside the NVZ area each time you dink the ball. When time is called, your team's highest score is recorded in your skill level category.

The entry fee is \$5 per person per event. Additional rounds are \$1 per person and all proceeds are donated to the Blue Santa Fundraiser. ALL ENTRY FEES ARE COLLECTED THE DAY OF THE EVENT. Of course, additional donations are gratefully accepted.

Deadline to register is Saturday, November 2nd. So, look for a dinking partner and email nancygrifton@sbcglobal.net with you and your partner's name, and the category you are entering. You cannot enter your skill level category with different partners. I'll send back a confirmation of your entry by email within 24 hours.

This year's Annual Dinks & Dogs Duos will be held at the Retreat Courts from noon-2 p.m. and awards will be presented in each category to 1st and 2nd place teams. In the unlikely event of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, November 10th, same time.



CLUB CALENDAR

Please note: all Retreat Courts in use for training on 11/2 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm



November 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 11:00—1:00 Singles Leagues Retreat Courts 7-10 2:00 to 4:00 Intermediate training courts 9 & 10	2 11:00 to 2:00 Intermediate training courts 7-10 2:00 to 4:00 Beginner Mentoring - courts 9 & 10
3	4 11:00 League 2.5 drop in Texas Courts 1-6 12 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas courts 5 & 6 4:00 Mixed Ladder League Retreat Courts 7-10	5 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Texas Ct 6 4:00 Women’s and Men’s Ladder League Retreat Courts 7-10	6 11:00 League 3.0 drop in Texas Cts 1-6 12 to 2:00 Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	7 11:00 League 3.5+ drop in Cts 1-6 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	8 11:00—1:00 Singles Leagues Retreat Courts 7-10	9 12:00 to 2:00 Dinks & Dogs Retreat Cts 2:00 to 4:00 Beginner Mentoring - courts 9 & 10
10	11 Veterans Day Texas cts closed 10:30 to noon 1:00 League 2.5 drop in Texas Courts 1-6 4:00 Mixed Ladder League Retreat	12 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Texas Ct 6 4:00 Women’s and Men’s Ladder League Retreat Courts 7-10	13 11:00 League 3.0 drop in Texas Cts 1-6 12 to 2:00 Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	14 11:00 League 3.5+ drop in Cts 1-6 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7	15 11:00—1:00 Singles Leagues Retreat Courts 7-10	16 noon to 2:00 Intro to Pickleball - courts 9 & 10 2:00 to 4:00 Beginner Mentoring - courts 9 & 10
17	18 12 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	19 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	20 12 to 2:00 Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	21 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7	22	23 2:00 to 4:00 Beginner Mentoring - courts 9 & 10
24	25 12 to 2:00 Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6	26 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Retreat Court 7 6-9:00 pm BYO Dinks & Paddles @ Retreat courts	27 12 to 2:00 Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10	28 THANKS GIVING	29	30



SUN CITY SHOWDOWN & SHRIMP BOIL

On Saturday, October 19th, the Sun City Texas Pickleball Club held its Fourth Annual "Sun City Showdown and Shrimp Boil." 128 club members participated in a team tournament event during the day, filling 8 courts at two locations within Sun City. That evening, over 210 members and guests filled the Texas Drive Ballroom to enjoy a delicious "Shrimp Boil" dinner and presentation of medals to the winning teams.

Thanks to the many tournament and dinner volunteers, team captains, scorekeepers and players who made this day such a success. Thanks also to Bob Burgess, of the Stacy Group, for the terrific lunch. It was because of your cooperation that we were able to pull off a fun day, even with one of our Tournament Directors in the ER and hospital. Everyone stepped up and made it work - THANK YOU!

Thanks also to Dare Plantz, Judy Goodson, Ralph McKay and Ken Patterson for all of the terrific pictures. More photos are online on our website - [Showdown/Shrimp Boil Pictures](#) and also on our [Facebook Page](#).





SUN CITY SHOWDOWN & SHRIMP BOIL



1st Place - Team 11

Steve Frank, Captain
Dare Plantz
Woody Hutto
Terri Klein
Laurel Clauer
Mary Stephens
Rita Walker
Pete Nadolski



2nd Place - Team 5

Clark Grafton, Captain
Bill Chalmers
Andy Crowell
Pablo Chenault
Lisa Callahan
Rick Piland
Cathy Stateler
Anita Solberg



3rd Place - Team 14

Richard Bradley, Captain
WR Helge
Allie Bower
Marsha Doebler
Ric Hutchinson
Mike Rhoda
Larry Peters
Shelly Mason



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

Ambassadors and Rules

Occasionally I get asked a question about USAPA pickleball ambassadors and what do we do. That's really an open-ended question. The short answer is...

"The Role of Ambassadors:

Ambassadors are volunteer representatives and unofficial spokespersons for the USAPA in the geographical area they represent and/or at large. Their primary responsibility is to promote and grow the sport of pickleball.."

That's a direct quote from the USAPA.Org website ([Ambassador Responsibilities](#)). Below that you'll find more specific responsibilities that include; supporting USAPA goals, developing and maintaining the "Places 2Play" program (traveling pickleballers appreciate this), encouraging USAPA membership (have you joined yet?), etc. More active/capable ambassadors get involved with leagues, tournaments, and various clinics.

Speaking of which...

The October 23 "Pickleball Newsflash" mentioned that I will be conducting three referee clinics in November. Two will be at the Cedar Park Rec Center on Wednesday, November 6, 0900-1200 and Tuesday, November 12, 1800-2100. The other one

will be on Friday, November 8, 1300-1600, at the HAYS Communities YMCA 465 Buda Sportsplex Dr, Buda TX.

The clinics are free. We only ask that you pre-register so that we have an idea of how many to expect to attend. For the Cedar Park clinics, call 512-401-5516 or come to the front desk to register. For the Buda clinic, contact Lisa Williams, at dollymomma.lisa@gmail.com.

Now, is case you're wondering why 'You' should attend since you don't play in tournaments (yet) and don't plan on ever needing to referee, here's my answer. Knowing the rules and how to referee a game (Properly!) makes you a smarter player. I often recount the example of two of our members playing in a national tournament where **knowing the rules (especially 13.1.) won the match for them** and saved them from possibly losing instead. While that may not ever happen to you, I am sure that there will be time on our own courts where something will occur and (if you've attended one of my referee clinics), you'll be able to say with authority, "Well, In the referee clinic I attended, Chuck said..."

Communications Director's note: Every Tournament player should be familiar with the [USAPA Official Rules](#) (click to view) and especially rule "13.1" that Chuck mentioned. I can speak from personal experience that knowing this rule helped win the match for Nancy Grafton and me at the National Senior Games in Alabama in 2017. If you don't know what the rule is, click on the Rules link above and find out!



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Horseshoe Bay Senior Open -10/15 - 10/17



Event	Name(s)	Age	Level	Medal
Men's Doubles	Ed Cahill & Ron Franke	60-64	3.0	Gold
	Conley Giles & Joe Gray	60-64	3.0	Silver
	John Carter & Bob Cleaver	60-64	4.0	Silver
	Dare Plants & Kobus Pieters	65-69	3.5	Silver
	Don Hunt & Steve Timmons	65-69	4.5	Gold
	Ron Longino & Larry Wiggins	70-74	3.5	Gold
	Davey Stateler & Hutch	70-74	3.5	Silver
Men's Singles	Kobus Pieters	65-69	3.0	Gold
	Steve Dulle	70-74	3.0	Gold
	Davey Stateler	70-74	3.0	Bronze
	Steve Frank	65-69	4.0	Gold
	Michael Rhoda	60-64	3.0	Gold
	Ron Franke	60-64	3.5	Gold



Horseshoe Bay Senior Open - Cont'd.

Event	Name(s)	Age	Level	Medal
Women's Doubles	Annette Franke & Shaz Douglas	60-64	4.0	Gold
	Mary Payne & Kathy Carr	60-64	4.0	Silver
	Toni Briggs & Cathy Stateler	70-74	3.0	Gold
	Pocket D'Haeseleer & Sherril Kerr	70-74	4.5	Gold
Women's Singles	Margo Chase-Wells	65-69	4.0	Gold
	Kathy Carr	65-69	4.0	Bronze
	Cheryl Janssen	60-64	3.0	Silver
	Annette Franke	60-64	3.5	Gold
	Mary Payne	60-64	3.5	Silver
	Shaz Douglas	60-64	3.5	Bronze





Horseshoe Bay Senior Open - Cont'd.

Event	Name(s)	Age	Level	Medal
Mixed Doubles	Leslie Vanderpool & Michael Rhoda	60-64	3.0	Silver
	Cheryl Janssen & Ed Cahill	60-64	3.0	Bronze
	Shaz Douglas & Steve Timmons	60-64	4.0	Silver
	Mary Payne & Johnny Taylor	60-64	4.0	Bronze
	Annette & Ron Franke	60-64	4.5	Bronze
	Cathy Stateler & Kobus Pieters	65-69	3.0	Silver
	Allie Bower & Steve Frank	65-69	3.5	Gold
	Kathy Carr & John Carter	65-69	4.0	Bronze
	Margo Chase-Wells & Don Hunt	65-69	4.5	Gold
	Toni Briggs & Davey Stateler	70-74	3.5	Silver
	Joan Gillette & David Persilver	70-74	4.0	Gold
	Carla Norris-Hopkins & Chuck Flanagan	70-74	4.5	Gold
	Pocket D'Haeseleer & Chris Thomas	70-74	4.5	Silver

Well done Sun City Players!! Way to represent!

We had such an outstanding number of winners that it is impossible to post every single medal photo in our newsletter this month without the newsletter being 50+ pages! So to view all of the photos from the tournament, please click -

Horseshoe Bay Photos

Photos are also available on our [Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Facebook Page](#).

*Thanks to Dare Plantz for taking a majority of these photos and sending them in. Tournament players, PLEASE remember that it makes the Communications Director's job much easier if you send your photos to SCTXpickleball@gmail.com along with the event, age group, level, partner's name (if applicable). **PLEASE DO NOT send them to my personal email address or text them to me because they could easily get lost!***



TOURNAMENT RESULTS CONT'D.



Kissing Tree Hill Country Invitational

Steve Timmons and Dave Mikalonis won Gold in the 4.0 and above Men's Doubles.

Mary Payne and Kathy Carr, earned Silver in the 60+, 4.0 division in Women's Doubles.



SSIPA West Championships

Congrats to Steve Frank for his Silver medal in Men's Singles 65-69, 4.0



Purple Heart Integration Project *submitted by Annette Franke*

Dan Dick and his regular doubles partner Bill Powell won the doubles caricature donated by illustrator and writer Mike Rhoda who provided a soft copy of the picture and a framed one as well. Thank you Mike for donating your time, money, and talent!

Colleen Nadolski is looking forward to the Body Work Session she will receive from Michael Clifford. We are all jealous Colleen! Michael will also be available at the Pickleball Masters Tournament November 16-17th for pre-game warmup and post-game wind-down. Thank you Michael for sharing your knowledge and skills to bring awareness to the PHIP cause.



There were 4 lucky recipients at the Shrimp Boil who won free registrations for the Tournament as well. Congratulations to the 4 of you and we look forward to watching your matches at the Georgetown Tennis Center.



FROM OUR MEMBERS

Pickleball at Wintergreen Tennis Club in Virginia

Submitted by Nancy Grafton

Our friends invited us to enjoy the beauty of Wintergreen and the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains with them. The four of us introduced pickleball to their tennis pro, who eagerly endorsed adding pickleball to the many recreational activities enjoyed by Wintergreen Resort residents and guests (we were the guests). Last month, one tennis court was lined for pickleball. Tom kidded that he had to hang from the rafters to get this picture of the court. The extension of the court is lined in light blue, which is why the court looks smaller than it really is.



"Finally! See what you guys started after you introduced pickleball to the Devils Knob tennis Pro at Wintergreen. Wintergreen now has taped off an indoor court strictly for pickleball. At least it's a start, I keep bugging the Pro on making more courts available."



Picture of Tom and Joyce Tate and Clark and Nancy Grafton at Wintergreen Tennis Club - September, 2018.

Pickleball in the Dictionary submitted by Gordon Kovacs

The word Pickleball was recently added to both Dictionary.com and Webster's dictionaries. Click here to read the definition - <https://www.dictionary.com/e/pop-culture/pickleball/>



JOKES AND FUN STUFF



A dog gets lost into a jungle. A lion sees this from a distance and says with caution "this guy looks edible, never seen his kind before."

So the lion starts rushing towards the dog with menace. The dog notices and starts to panic but as he's about to run he sees some bones next to him and gets an idea and says loudly "mmm...that was some good lion meat!."

The lion abruptly stops and says "Woah! This guy seems tougher than he looks, I better leave while I can."

Over by the tree top, a monkey witnessed everything. Evidently, the monkey realizes the he can benefit from this situation by telling the lion and getting something in return.

So the monkey proceeds to tell the lion what really happened and the lion says angrily "get on my back, we'll get him together."

So they start rushing back to the dog. The dog sees them and realized what happened and starts to panic even more.

He then gets another idea and shouts "Where the heck is that monkey? I told him to bring me another lion an hour ago... "

Did you hear the one about the woman who called the dairy and said she wanted a big delivery for a milk bath?

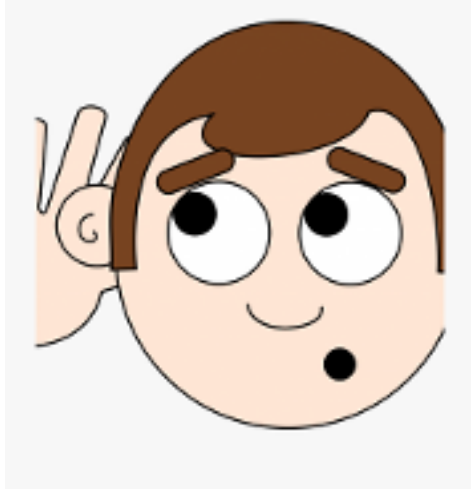
They asked, "Pasteurized?"

She said "No, up to my knees will be fine."



MORE FUN STUFF

90% of being married is just shouting "WHAT?" from other rooms.



A man wakes up and looks at his clock. It is 7:07 am.

He gets out of bed, goes downstairs and glances at his calendar. It says it is July 7, the seventh day of the seventh month.

As he steps outside he notices Bus #7 going by. He walks to a coffee shop and orders a coffee and a bite to eat and the bill comes to \$7.77.

The man thinks "hmmmm... all these sevens... I think the universe is trying to tell me something."

So feeling that maybe this is his lucky day, the man cuts out early from work and goes to the race track. He reads the racing schedule and sees that in the seventh race horse # 7 is called "Lucky Universe." The man can't believe it. He runs up to the teller and bets all his money on the horse.

The horse came in seventh.

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