



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

September

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ahhh....September....maybe just a hint of Fall? I know, wishful thinking but I'm allowed.

Several board members were able to sit down with Steve Ashlock, VP of Land Development for Pulte/President of the CA, last week and previewed some adjustments made to the new courts and site. Initially, the build will be 12 lighted courts, with more than ample room for growth. An annexation of land is underway and this has slowed the progress a bit. However, Steve still expects to break ground early in 2021. Once ground is broken, the construction timeline points to late spring/early summer. Steve also announced this detail in the CA General Board meeting conducted on 8/27/20 in the Texas Drive Ballroom.

In addition, and separate from the developer (Pulte) plans, the CA Strategic plan was presented and approved at the 8/27/20 CA General Board Meeting. The following items as it relates to Pickleball, were included as "potential" major CA/Amenity/facility needs:

1. A restroom and pavilion facilities at the Pickleball Courts at the Texas Drive Social Center area or a standalone pavilion and an enlarged existing restroom facility nearer to the Tennis Courts
2. Lighting for Pickleball Courts 1-4
3. Additional Pickleball court needs(4 or more), in addition to the 12 approved by Pulte

Please note, these are "potential" items and not approved yet.

And, please remember to inform one of our 7 Pickleball Board members of any interest to serve on the Pickleball Board, or as a member of the nominating committee. The 4 person nominating committee will be announced before the end of September. As a reminder, expiring terms this year are the Communications Director, President, Secretary, and Treasurer. I stated in error in last month's Kitchen Talk that the Maintenance Director position is expiring in 2020 and it does not expire until the end of 2021.

And, no nag this month in regard to rule adherence (yay), but always a wish for all of you to continue to stay healthy and safe.

Ed Cahill

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

~ Arthur Ashe



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED *BY ALLIE BOWER*

Sun City Pickleball: July 2020 Financial Synopsis



The Club began the month of July 20 with a balance of \$10,353; income for the month totaled \$240, all from new memberships. Beginning in July membership fees are prorated to \$5.00 for the remainder of the calendar year. Expenses totaled \$1,037; \$77 for court cameras, \$257 for court clocks, \$433 for ball hoppers and pick-up tubes in support of training, as well as \$76 for certificates and name tags. In addition, \$115 to replenish and replace first aid kits and signage and \$79.00 for routine administrative needs of the club. The club ended the month of July with a balance of \$9,556. We had 48 new members bringing our paid total through July to 810.

MEMBER MEMORIALS *BY RON FRANKE*

In last month's KT we mentioned the initiative to create a memorial plaque to remember individuals that have passed away while they were Club members. Several current Club members submitted the names of their loved ones to be included on the plaque. The plaque has been completed with the initial names submitted, and it is mounted in its own bulletin board at the Texas Drive courts.

Anyone that wishes to have their loved one's name added to the plaque should contact the Club's Vice President (Ron Franke - rfranke79@gmail.com, 512-415-3465).





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Barbara	Aegerter
Sally	Aveni
Diane	Dulle
Joe	Esposito
Judy	Esposito
Chris	Evans
Lori	Fraser
Jerry	Geiger
Mike	Guggenbickler
Nancy	Guggenbickler
Sharon	Hickenbottom

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Diana	Jackson
Lois	Johnson
Ronald	Johnston
Glenda	Johnston
Bob	Jones
Dale	LaBorde
Robert	Marcott
Brett	Morris
Duna	Morris
Jim	Nadeau
Shirley	Nye

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Barbara	Pennington
Laura	Rarity
Holly	Stein
Ron	Stein
Margaret	Szper
Andrea	Wichman
David	Wichman
Jayne	Wieland
Renee	Williams
Todd	Williams
Carl	Willmott
Kelly	Willmott



Our 800th Member!

Welcome to Randy and Cathy Freeman, the 799th and 800th members of SCTPC. Cathy was the official 800th member and received a pickleball bag and some other gear presented by our Communications Director.

As of press time, SCTPC has 835 members. Those 12 new courts can't be built soon enough!



CALENDAR



September 2020 — Training Calendar

- Designated Courts Reserved for Club Training
- Designated Court Reserved for Matt Laz Lessons (\$)
- Designated Courts Reserved for Club Leagues

Notes:

- **Court Reservation System in Effect.**
 - * Available Courts can be reserved (for 2–5 players) on-line using [holdkeycourt](#).
 - ◊ Courts 1–4 and 7–10 open from 7 am–9 pm
 - ◊ Courts 5–6 open from 7 am–12 pm
 - * Court reservation for 1.5 hours (includes 80 minutes of play and a 10-minute buffer between reservations to ensure social distancing between groups of players)
 - * Play restricted to 1 Prime Time and 1 Non-Prime Time reservation per day
- By securing a reservation, players agree to abide by established guidelines. Failure to do so will result in lost privilege to use the Sun City courts.
- Courts 1–6 are located at Texas Drive and Courts 7-10 are located at the Retreat .

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As of 27 August 2020



FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

Last month I mentioned that the USA Pickleball Association was re-branding itself and is now known as USA Pickleball. As part of the effort to get out the news of the rebranding the managed to get a NASCAR race truck wrapped to help advertise our sport. Here's a link to that story as well as a short

video of the driver, Ben Rhodes, talking about how he plays - [Ben Rhodes Nascar](#)



Summertime, summertime, sum, sum, summertime, and it's HOT! For many of us it's an opportunity to head for the high country for cooler weather and maybe some pickleball. This is a reminder that whenever you do travel be sure to check out the Places-to-Play (P2P) section of the USA Pickleball website to see if there is any pickleball where you'll be vacationing. Elaine and I did that on our current trip to Dillon, CO. Besides much cooler weather (mid-40's to mid-80's) we've found some great people and pickleball here in Summit County. All it took was an email to one of the contacts listed in P2P and we've had some great games and met some really

nice people. Be sure to check this out for your next trip.



Remember that "tricky rule quiz" from last month? "You are playing doubles and softly dinking back and forth with the player directly in front of you. All balls bounce in the NVZ and no one volleys the ball. Suddenly your opponent changes direction and hits the ball to your partner just as you were attempting an Erne shot. The referee correctly calls a fault on you. What did you do to incur this fault?"

Well here's the answer. There are three things you could have done to incur the fault; you came in contact with the net system or net posts while the ball was in play (Rule.7.G.); you distracted your opponent as he was about to play the ball (Rule.11.J.); or, and this was the most probable one, you crossed the imaginary extension line of the net but did not make contact with the ball (Rule 11.L.3.).

Has this happened in one of your games? A player hits the ball over the net and the opponent swings and misses twice. Then everyone chuckles and one player suggests that it should count as two points. Of course, we all know that you can't get two points in a rally. Or can you? The answer is yes, a player (or team) may score two points on one rally. Can you tell me how?



TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

By Kathy Carr, Director of Player Development

It's been another crazy month for the player development team. Since last month's update, we completed 3 more Introduction to Pickleball classes with 26 students and 3 Beginner's Mentoring classes with 22 students. Additionally, 36 members completed the Novice Supervised Play program and have been set loose to experience the trials and tribulations associated with making their own reservations in HoldMyCourt.

Demand for training has been overwhelming and we're working hard to prevent new members from having to wait an extended time to get into a class. This month we started the "adopt a new member" program. Here we match our Novice Play graduates with new members awaiting a class date. The novice graduates use their own court reservation to introduce pickleball to the new members. It's a true pay it forward opportunity.

Before her recent mishap, Jan Dahlin Geiger agreed to introduce her husband and Ron and Holly Stein to the game, while they waited on their Intro to PB and Beginner's Mentoring classes. By all accounts, it proved to be a spectacular pickleball debut. The group ended its session with a practice game and made plans for a follow-on encounter. We look forward to the safe return of Jan, who has become a fixture on the courts drilling, playing, taking lessons from Scott Brady and Matt Laz and helping others learn the game.

Another group of heroines, Belen Norbert, Cindy Nelson and Leonore Chambers, has volunteered to bring new players into the fold during their weekly scheduled reservation time on Wednesday nights. They recently sponsored Barb Aegarnter, who finally completed Intro to Pickleball on 15 August and is scheduled to start Beginner's Mentoring on 7 September.

I'd be remiss if I didn't finish with recognizing our current roster of instructors and assistants who are helping to build and shape the future of this club: Karen Adams, Jan Baldwin, Judy Blackman, Toni Briggs, Ric Hutchinson, Linda Hutchinson, Cindy Kaminky, D'Les Longino, Ron Longino, Mike Murphy, Renda Murphy, Colleen Nadolski, Pete Nadolski, Hannah Nguyen, Liam Nguyen, Peg O'Toole, Mary Payne, Sandy Piland, Rick Piland, Rick Rickman, Meade Roberts, Wayne Schaefer, Sally Tompkins, and Jim Tompkins.

You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.

~ Michael Jordan



TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Beginner's Mentoring Class #28



From Left to Right: Susan Minto, Diane Williams, Gina Zwolinski, Jim Pax, Linda Alley, Carol Cianelli, Sally Metzger and Mike Metzger. Instructors were Sandy and Rick Piland; Assistant Instructors were Cindy Kaminky and Liam Nguyen.

Beginner's Mentoring Class #29



From Left to Right: Edward Hershaft, Ginny Collins, Terry Howarth, Cindy Wickiser, Lynn Dillow, Sally Paulson, and Joy ALEXander. Instructors were Mary Payne and Jan Baldwin; Assistant Instructors were Cathy and Davey Stateler.

Beginner's Mentoring Class #30



From Left to Right: Ron Longino (Instructor), Randy Freeman, Cathy Freeman, Pete Nadolski (Asst Instructor), Kenny Simpson, Kathy Carr (Instructor), Jan Pulliam, Ray Burns, Donnell Burns, Gary Schrempp, Jerry Geiger.

From a recent graduate of the Novice Program

Thank you very much for your support and your words of encouragement, Kathy - this novice training is not just a superb training budding ground, it is also my most enjoyable experience here in Sun City during this difficult time. This has given me a new purpose to tackle a new sport that I truly enjoy and make many new friends along the way. The instructors are great and extremely helpful in every aspect and their dedication to this program under your leadership has been enormous. Simply fantastic. What an experience - WOW!!!! You guys keep up the great job and when I improve my PB skills and if I can, I would love to help you in any way I can and keep this engine moving. Three cheers to a first class organization!



THE BALL MACHINE IS BACK!

By Wayne Schaefer

The board has decided that we will have one ball machine available to the club starting September 1, 2020. With contact tracing needed, no 'open requests' will be available at this time. We need to maintain the usage if someone was to get sick. Certification classes will be available in September when I get the dates formalized. The classes will be held on court 5 or 6. I will have one weekday time and one Sunday time to accommodate those club members still working. I will have 3 classes during each court reservation. There will be ongoing classes since this is not taught in the 'Beginner Mentoring' class. Watch for the E-Blast for dates and times. The ball machine will be positioned in the storage cabinet on court 5. The days available will stay the same (Sunday thru Friday). The times have changed to use the 'Hold My Court' reservation system. The times are 1:00 - 2:30, 2:30 - 4:00, and 4:00 - 5:30. You will need to reserve either court 5 or 6 with 'Hold My Court.' Once you have a court reserved, email me at waynetp32@gmail.com to request the lock code. I will reply to your request.

Please be sure to lock the cabinet back once you are finished. If you need drills to help with using the ball machine, Kathy Carr has a drill manual on our club website - [Ball Machine Drills](#)



PAT GARREN - IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Pat Garren has helped over 40 pickleball members get play time on the courts by connecting novice players with other players, mentoring, and helping with court scheduling. This month they said "thank you" with a pickleball card and gift certificate. The gift certificate might cover all the balls he has purchased for the gang! There are a lot of generous folks that help out in the pickleball club and Pat is certainly on that list.

Submitted by Pam Roach



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Sally and Jim Tompkins - August 2020

Nominated by Kathy Carr

In my mind a volunteer of the month is more than the dictionary defined person who performs a service willingly and without pay. It is someone who goes the extra mile without being asked and without concern that someone take notice.

Jim and Sally Tompkins are that type of volunteer. Ever since they graduated from the Intermediate Training Program in October 2018, their pickleball skills have grown exponentially, and their pay it forward attitude has benefited newer club members that followed them. Whether it is someone from their neighborhood who wants to learn the game, or it is part of the club's formalized training program, they can be counted on to drop what they're doing and mentor new players.

Sally and Jim have proven vital to the Club's ability to keep up with this summer's demand for training our newest members. They routinely support both the Beginner's Mentoring and Novice Supervised Play Programs – and, trust me, it's not been under the best of conditions.

Beginner's Mentoring starts at the crack of dawn and runs for 5 consecutive days. When most people are reaching for their first cup of coffee, Sally's down on Courts 9 & 10 feeding balls and providing positive reinforcement to the students learning pickleball fundamentals. Novice Play runs from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm on shade-less Courts 5 & 6 in extreme temperatures that routinely top 100 degrees. Despite the challenges, this couple maintains a high level of infectious enthusiasm that plays out with the students whose lives they touch.

As we continue to break membership records and work to develop our newest players, Jim and Sally will take their place among the Club's Volunteers of the Month who continue to give of their time and talents without expectation of reward or recognition.

From the Tompkins.....

We first heard of pickleball when we moved to Sun City at the end of 2017. We had no experience with paddle or racquet sports prior to coming here, but lived so close to the Retreat courts that we were determined to learn this game with a strange name. We met some very nice people at the courts who were willing to show us how to play, and we were quickly addicted.

We are forever grateful for the training that the club provides. We took the Introduction to Pickleball two years ago, then committed to the Beginner's Mentoring Program. That fall we were fortunate enough to join the Intermediate Training class, where we learned advanced techniques that we continue to build on. We found that people who love the game are willing to help those of us who need it. Now we are thrilled to give back in whatever way we can. We are members of several clubs in Sun City, but this club is our favorite!





TIPS FROM P-BALL PRO DJ HOWARD

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Myth: You only get better by playing with better players.

Answer: This is only partially true. While you CAN get better by playing with other players who are better than yourself, that is not the only way to improve, and the philosophy has its limits.

Therefore: Look to play with players similar to your level. Also look to play slightly up and slightly down. It is best to stay within half a point in either direction of your own rating level. For example, if you are rated around 3.0, look to play with players who are also 3.0 but make sure to get games in with players who are 2.5 as well as some who are 3.5. In any tournament you may play, you are bound to face players who are a little weaker or a little stronger than you are. It is wise to have practiced against each prior to encountering them in tourney play. This way you can't use the excuse, "well, they weren't that strong, but I'm not used to playing weaker players, so we lost, but we should have won."

Additionally: Playing too far above your level doesn't help you that much (unless they are giving you a lesson and coaching you, which is an entirely different scenario). In fact, it can completely overwhelm you and potentially discourage you. So, PLEASE, do not look to play too far up! And PLEASE, PLEASE do not label the players who are a full level or more above you snobs if they excuse themselves from playing with you! It is entirely possible they understand that playing too far above or below one's level isn't as fun or helpful for improvement.

One more additionally: While it may be necessary, and oftentimes commendable, for you to play down a full level or more, realize that when you do so, you ought to use it as an opportunity to help the weaker players rather than show them up or prove how superior you are. Keep your ego in check and view this as an opportunity to give back to the game and the players you are playing with. While we did not all start at the same level, it is important to be a good example for those who aren't to your level of ability yet.

Finally: Why do you suppose the USAPA and IPTPA have player ratings in place? One reason is so that you are somewhat evenly matched in tournament competition. But another very important reason that must not be overlooked is that it is much more FUN for all players to play at a level somewhat consistent with their own! Acknowledge this. Embrace this.

Keep reppin' (with similar levels)!

-DJ



NEW HEADGEAR?



Temperatures of over 100° have led to some interesting choices of headgear!

This morning I accidentally changed the voice on my GPS to "Male." Now it just says, "It's around here somewhere. Keep driving."



JOKES AND FUN STUFF

Radar - Marine Corps Style

A Texas Highway Patrol Officer was conducting speeding enforcement on Hwy 77, just south of Kingsville, TX.

The officer was using a handheld radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the town of Kingsville and was suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour and climbing.

The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then... It suddenly went dead.

Immediately a deafening roar over the Mesquite tree tops on Hwy 77 revealed that the radar had in fact locked on to a USMC F/A-18 Hornet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise near its Naval Air home base location in Kingsville.

Back at the Texas Highway Patrol Headquarters in Corpus Christi, the Patrol Captain fired off a complaint to the US Naval Base Commander in Kingsville for shutting down his officer's equipment. The reply came back in true USMC style:

"Thank you for your letter....

You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked on to, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down.

Furthermore, an Air-to-Ground missile aboard the

fully-armed aircraft had also automatically locked on to your equipment's location.

Fortunately, the Marine Pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position on the side of Hwy 77, south of Kingsville.

The pilot suggests your officer covers his mouth when cursing since the video systems on these jets are extremely high-tech.

Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left rear molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also, the snap is broken on his holster."

Semper Fi





STILL MORE JOKES....

God and the Harley Rider

A man on his Harley was riding along a California beach when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, God said, 'because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'

The biker pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'
God replied, 'Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind.'

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, 'God, I Wish that I, and all men,

could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy.

God replied: 'You want two lanes or four on that bridge?'



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