



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

June

FROM THE PRESIDENT



March 2020 was a memorable month with the shutting down of the courts and then transitioning to 100% reservations 60+ days later.

Now, May 2021, has brought back the Open Play Paddle Rack system, while still keeping reservations available.

It has been great to be able to play with so many different members again over the past few weeks. And, I was able to “assist” with the Paddle Rack play (ya’ll heard me say I am NOT a monitor) the first few weeks.

Thank you Peg and all the “assistant” volunteers for helping everyone get back into the Paddle Rack swing. I was so impressed (but not surprised, as we have such a great membership) to find that many of you who are familiar with the paddle rack are freely assisting some of our newer members who have only known the reservation process. It's heartwarming to see that our more experienced members have helped the newer members get into the flow of things.

It does seem like some of our newer members may be a bit hesitant to try the

paddle rack due to the unknowns of:

Who will I play with? Will they will be better than me? etc... But, hey, c’mon out and try it! Someone will help you fit right in.

Just know between 10 am - 12 pm is the busiest time, and it's pretty much wide open after 1pm.

Some other great news released just the last week was the CA has announced that Sun City activities are back to normal effective 6/1.

With that, we will be having an unscheduled General Meeting on July 13. (It was November of 2019 since we last met.)

More details to follow, but you will hear the results of the Court Utilization Committee's recommendation (using the membership survey input) on their plan for the utilization of 26 courts at 3 sites.

In addition, we plan to touch on the progress and timing of the new courts, have some discussion on how the board may evolve to better manage the club due to our growth, and talk about the upcoming Board elections in November. So, please mark your calendar. We'll be meeting in the Lone Star Room, which is as BIG as it sounds. Lots o' room!

Be accident free and have fun out there!!!



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED *BY ALLIE BOWER*



SCTPC: April 2021 Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of April with a cash balance of \$20,202.

Income totaled \$795; all from new memberships.

Expenses totaled \$433: training-\$62, maintenance-\$147; court cameras-\$77, Zoom subscription-\$112, and miscellaneous administrative supplies and printing-\$35.

We ended with a monthly net income of \$362 and a cash balance of \$20,563.

Paid 2021 members through April totaled 999.

OUR 1,000th CLUB MEMBER JOINED IN MAY 2021!!!



It's official.

The Pickleball Club had its 1,000th member join!

This new member was not available for the celebratory presentation and photo shoot at press time, so stay tuned for next month's KT newsletter to learn about our 1,000th new member and all the amazing "goodies" they received.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Mike	Atchison
Shellie	Berkowitz
Elizabeth	Blum
Patrick	Blum
Scott	Clemons
Gary	Craik
Dave	Deering
Terry	Deering
Marlene	Eng

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
James	Fischetti
Yolanda	Fischetti
Gene	Gonin
Dan	Howell
Terry	Hucks
LeAnne	Kenney
Mark	Kenney
Marilyn	Kounnas
Mike	Kounnas
Elizabeth	McKittrick

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Alan	Powdermaker
Steve	Read
Bob	Rothlisberger
Donna	Rothlisberger
Janeen	Schutte
Ken	Trumpfheller
Marsha	Trumpfheller
Mike	Whitman
Linda	Zupan

At press time, total number of club members is 1021.

**Looking for someone
to play with?**

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club

[Sign In or Register](#) [Club Website](#) [Partner Search](#) [Multi-View](#) [FAQ](#) [QR Code](#)
Color-coded times: **Prime Time** **Prime Time** **Prime Time** **Prime Time** **Prime Time**

[Sun May 30](#) 7:58:52 pm

[Mon May 31](#)

[Tue Jun 1](#)

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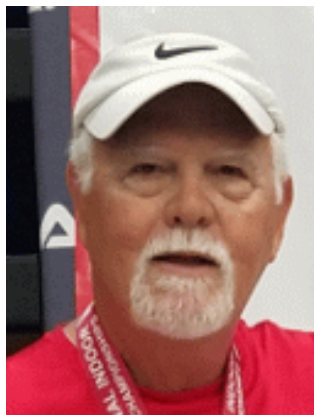
**It's gettin' hot out there, folks.
So, don't forget to hydrate!!**

Learn more about heat exhaustion & heat stroke [here](#).





FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

USA Pickleball... by the Numbers

Here are some pickleball-related facts that reflect the growth of our sport.

First, even though 2020 (the year that wasn't) was heavily

affected by COVID, pickleball grew by over 21% and membership in USA Pickleball exceeded 42,000!

Here are some other numbers that you might find interesting:

35

Do you have a favorite ball to play with: Dura, Onix, Franklin, etc.? Well, there are currently 35 approved pickleballs, all of which may be legally used indoor or out.

895

Having trouble deciding on a paddle? With 895 USA Pickleball approved paddles on the market, I'm not surprised. By the way, I have the same problem and, as a tournament player, I always have

two of the same model in my bag...just in case.

1900+

That's the number of USA Pickleball ambassadors we have supporting the sport. Barb Patterson and Jo Trammell are the two we have here in Georgetown. I'm the District Ambassador for the 40 counties in central Texas.

190

That's the number of tournaments that were sanctioned by USA Pickleball last year.

116K

That's 116,000 competitors who played in those tournaments.

438

USA Pickleball Certified Referees.

243K

USA Pickleball has a community grant program and donated \$243,000 last year.

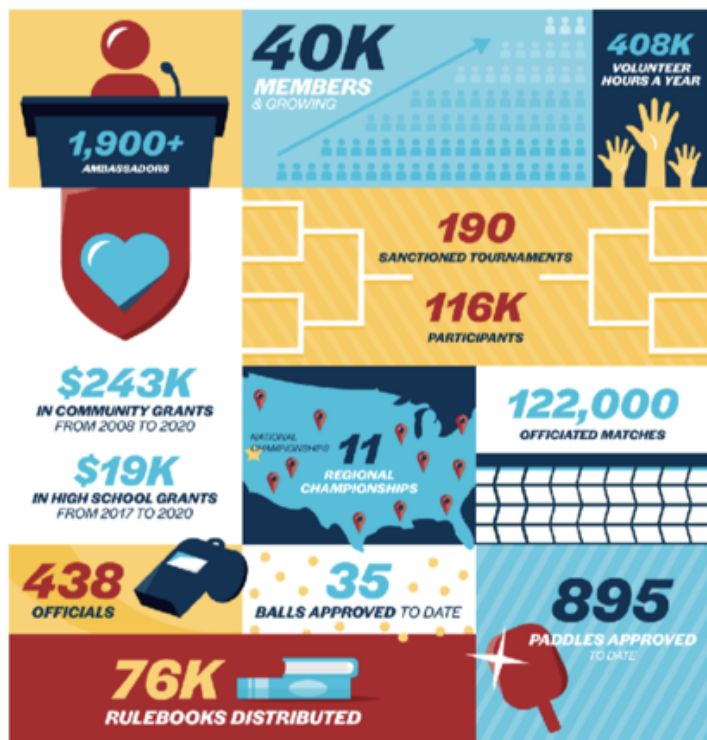
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We all know that this number represents the new courts that will be built in Sun City.



DISTRICT AMBASSADOR (cont.)

As you can see by the numbers, 2021 (and beyond) looks very bright for the sport we love!



Pickleball Perks

One of the better perks of USA Pickleball membership is that you get a free digital copy of the bi-monthly *PICKLEBALL MAGAZINE*. I'll share my May/June copy with you [here](#).

Rules Stuff:

I mentioned above that we currently have 438 Certified Referees (CR); actually at least 440, since we managed to get two more certified at the Cedar Park Paddle Battle last month. But not being a CR

doesn't mean that you shouldn't know the rules just as well (or better). Recent incidences at a couple of tournaments demonstrate that even CR's can get it wrong. Knowing the rules may save you a point or the match.

1. At the Atlantic Regional tournament, in Foley, AL, last month, one of my opponents served the ball before the CR called the score. The referee called a fault on the player. That was correct for the old 2020 rule. The new rule for 2021 says the ball is 'dead' until the referee begins to call the score and only non-volley zone faults may be call when the ball is dead. In this case, none of the other players or the CR knew the rule.

2. Another player at that same tournament got called for serving with one foot outside the imaginary extension of the sideline. When he argued the call, the CR agreed with him and called for a replay of the point.

That same scenario (with the same player and CR) happened at the recent Cedar Park tournament. I got called and referred them to Rule. 4.L.1., *"Not touch the area outside the imaginary extension of the sideline."*



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Kathy Carr, Director of Player Development

Beginner's Mentoring Class #55 - Graduated 05/02/21



Left to Right: Marilyn Astengo, Dave McFall, Jean Buechele, Kris Black, Fayette Wilson, Gary Hoover, Celia Swinehart, and Dave Swinehart.

Coaches for this class: (not pictured) Sandy and Rick Piland, primary instructors; Pete Nadolski, Colleen Nadolski, Liem Nguyen, assistant instructors.

Beginner's Mentoring Class #56 - Graduated 05/23/21



Left to Right: Dee Padnick, Wendell Williams, Kimberly Williams, Barbara Malicky, David Howarth, Nancy Churchill, James Davidson, Cynthia Victoria, Mindy Hucks, Betty Uhlik, Dan Uhlik, and Nancy Hawkins.

Coaches for this class: (not pictured) Sandy and Rick Piland, primary instructors; Pete Nadolski and Barbara Brandau, assistant instructors.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Nominated by Kathy Carr, Director of Player Development

Our May 2021 Volunteers of the Month are Mary Payne and Jan Baldwin. These two Texas gems are recognized for their contributions to both the Club's Beginner's Mentoring and Novice Supervised Play Programs. As instructors they teach pickleball fundamentals through a series of drills and guided player performance in a game environment. As coaches for Novice Play, they conduct warm up drills, evaluate player performance, and provide guidance to reinforce the players' understanding of the rules, scoring, and court positioning. As if that weren't enough, Mary and Jan routinely give of their time to run 8-week drill sessions for higher-level beginners wishing to improve their skills. The Club is most fortunate to benefit from Mary and Jan's extensive educational and tournament-level experiences.



Mary Payne - May 2021

I was born and raised in San Marcos, Texas. My husband, Stan, and I retired from the high-tech industry in Austin.

In 2004, looking for a home where we could continue an active lifestyle, we moved to Sun City.

I played tennis weekly when, in 2008, I discovered pickleball. "What a funny name!" I thought. At that time, the Pickleball Club was offering a demonstration and an introduction class, so we took a chance to find out more about this silly sounding game. It looked like fun and something we could do together. The game was addictive, and we've both been playing ever since!

After playing regularly for a couple years, I found out about tournaments and jumped in with both feet! My first tournament was at Texas State Senior Games in 2014, where my partner and I won a silver medal in ladies doubles. I was hooked! I have been participating regularly in tournaments ever since.

I enjoy the game so much and wanted to help others learn about the sport. I organized a regularly scheduled mentoring and instruction program for beginner level players in the club. That program is still being provided every week, at a much higher level... thanks to Kathy Carr and her team of volunteers.



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Jan Baldwin - May 2021



I grew up in Austin and started playing tennis in high school at age 15. I majored in Physical Education at UT – Austin and then taught and coached tennis in the Austin Public Schools (high school) for 3 years. I was the tennis pro at the Austin Courtyard Tennis and Swim Club for 8 years before moving to College Station to complete my master's degree.

As a graduate assistant at Texas A&M, I taught beginning, intermediate and advanced tennis in the Physical Education Activity Program. After graduation, I was offered a full-time position in the Department of Health and Kinesiology, teaching tennis, Major's classes, and supervising student teachers. By the end of the 15 years (1980 - 1994), I had achieved the position of Associate Chair of the Physical Education Activity Program at TAMU. It was during this time that I first played pickleball as an intramural sport.

From 1994 - 2015, I served as Director of Physical Education and Facility Manager at Texas A&M University at Galveston. I introduced pickleball to the students as a "rainy day activity" for the tennis classes... and then as actual pickleball classes. After retiring from the Director position, I returned to the main campus... to teach "a little."

I persuaded Frank Thomas, my friend and 1981 Pickleball partner and Director of the Physical Education Activity Program at TAMU, to include pickleball in the class offerings in the Physical Education Activity Program. It was a total success.

I moved to Sun City in 2019, where I continue to play/love pickleball and have the opportunity to continue to teach/coach this GREAT game. To my wonderful friends, Stan and Mary Payne... As I told ya'll, some 15 years ago... I will get to Sun City... and I did!!!

**You are the artist of your own life.
Don't hand the paintbrush to anyone else.**



TOURNAMENT NEWS



**So many tournaments, so many
Sun City, Texas Club member medals!**

Men's Doubles



**Larry Wiggins &
Ron Longino**
3.0/3.5 Silver
Age Group 70 - 74



**Bob Myers &
John Carter**
4.0 Gold
Age Group 65 - 69



**Steve Franke &
George Gross Jr**
4.0 Silver
Age Group 65 - 69



**Kobus Pieters &
Joe Gray**
3.0 Gold
Age Group 65 - 69

Mixed Doubles



Barb Patterson & John Carter
4.0 Bronze
Age Group 65 - 69



Ron & D'Les Longino
3.5 Silver
Age Group 70 - 74



Todd & Renee Williams
3.0 Silver
Age Group 55 - 59



TOURNAMENT NEWS



Women's Doubles



Barb Patterson & Kathy Carr
4.0/4.5 Gold
Age Group 65 - 69



D'Les Longino & Cathy Stateler
3.0 Gold
Age Group 70 - 79



Women's Doubles



Jan Geiger & Dianne Delay
3.0 Bronze
Age Group 60+



Men's Doubles



Ron Longino & Larry Wiggins
3.5 Silver
Age Group 70 - 74



Men's Doubles



Chuck Flanagan & Bart Brannon
4.5/4.0 Silver
Age Group 70+



TOURNAMENT NEWS (CONT.)



Men's Doubles



David Stout & Rick Ferri 4.0+ Silver
Age Group 60+ **Dave Mikalonis & Steve Timmons** 4.0+ Gold
Age Group 60+

Women's Doubles Mixed Doubles



Mary Payne & Judy Willard
4.0+ Bronze
Age Group 60+



Mary Payne & Rick Roclevitch
4.0+ Bronze
Age Group 60+



Women's Doubles



Kathy Carr & Barb Patterson
4.0 Silver
Age Group 65 - 69

Women's Doubles

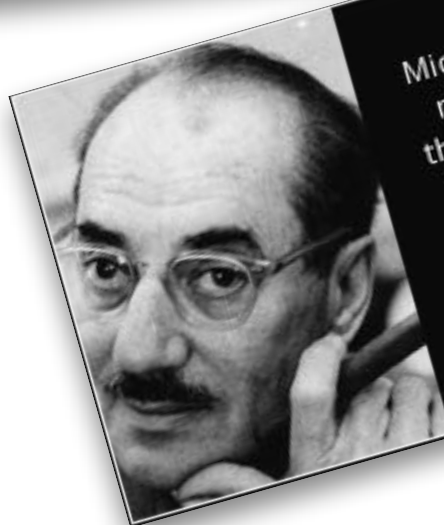
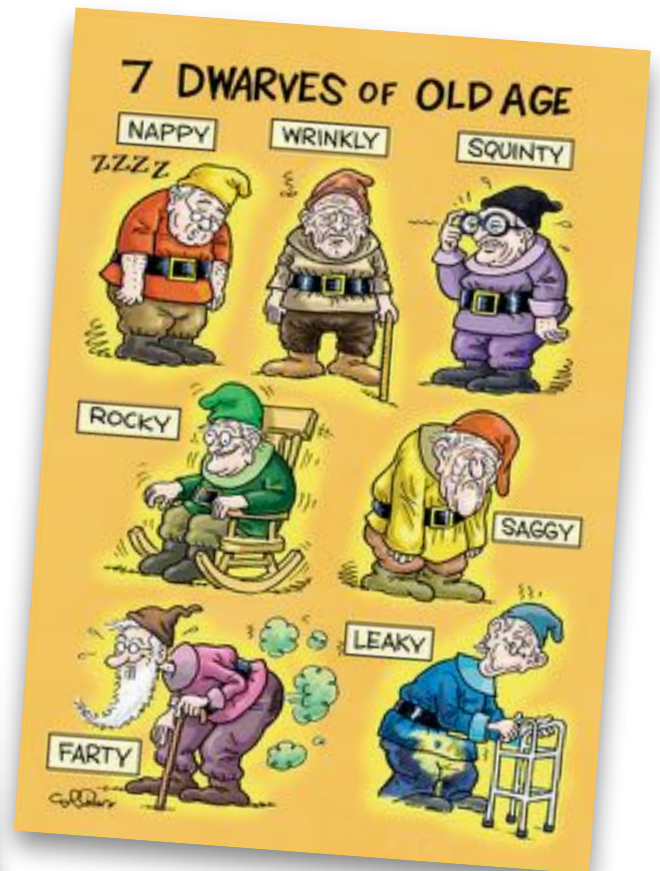


Kathy Carr & Barb Patterson
Silver
Senior Open Division



JOKES AND FUN STUFF

Old-School Burn submitted by Rick Ferri



Middle age is when you go to bed at night and hope you feel better in the morning. Old age is when you go to bed at night and hope you wake up in the morning.

— Groucho Marx —

AZ QUOTES



MEMBER MAILBAG



No mail from readers this month, but here are a couple of notable quotes & facts from the latest edition of *Pickleball Magazine*:

ABOUT THOSE LINE CALLS YOU'VE BEEN MAKING...

"A pickleball bounce lasts 2 milliseconds or 1/500th of a second."
"The human eye can see events up to only 1/60th of a second."
And you're **positive** that ball I hit was out?!?

ABOUT THOSE OLD MEN BEHAVING BADLY ON THE PICKLEBALL COURTS...

"I would have expected testosterone levels to have dropped enough to eliminate the chest puffing and confrontational behavior one might expect to see in younger men still actively seeking to disseminate their genes into the gene pool."

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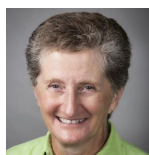
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