



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Nominated by Davey Stateler

It is with pride that I nominate the following individuals for
Volunteers of the Month for November 2022.



Left to Right: *Richard Bradley, Wayne Schaefer, Davey Stateler, Billy Blackman, Ron Longino, Walt Green, and Rick Piland*

Justification: The maintenance of our formerly 10 and now 26 pickleball courts is a continuous and arduous task, requiring a team of willing and dedicated volunteers in support of the maintenance director position.

This group has long been committed to ensuring the safety and play-ability of our courts through their day-to-day efforts. Particularly noteworthy are the 144 hours logged in the first four months of 2022, both repairing and replacing windscreens and nets during extremely harsh and windy weather; all without hesitation.



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While most club members were marking the grand opening date of North Point on their calendar, this group was installing wind flags, key boxes, hanging court numbers, cleaning courts and common areas, and giving attention to detail that others might overlook. They also played a key role in the success of the grand opening by ensuring restrooms, pavilions, and all areas were ready for the event and, then, cleaned afterwards.

After the grand opening, their efforts continued by picking-up and putting together a gas grill for club events, installing court dividers on courts 23-26 to allow for unrestricted use of ball machines and professional training, mounting and securing storage cabinets with electricity for club use ball machines, and countless other tasks.

This group continues to monitor and provide maintenance to all three court locations; still being responsive to club needs. Enough cannot be said about this group of volunteers; they epitomize the phrase "see something...do something."

A Little More about the Maintenance Team

Wayne Schaefer is a hometown boy from Georgetown where he was a volunteer firefighter and retired from the computer communications industry. He has enjoyed the game of Pickleball for five years. Not only did Wayne maintain and train club members on ball machine use for five years; he also assisted with beginner training and novice play for new members.

Rick Piland moved to Sun City in 2013 from Austin after a career with Dell Products and started playing Pickleball shortly thereafter. Over the last four years, Rick has also taken part in training new members in the game of pickleball.

Billy Blackman grew up in nearby Jarrell, Texas. He is a retired pilot for both the Army aviation and Delta Airlines. He started playing pickleball shortly after moving to Sun City in 2015. He also ensured the club first aid kits were stocked and ready for use from 2018 to 2021.

Walt Green moved to Sun City in 2018 after a career in Management and Engineering of automation systems across the United States. He has played Pickleball for 10 years and hails from Indiana.

Ron Longino moved to Sun City in 2016 after a career in the Insurance industry and three years of full time RVing. After years of tennis Ron moved to Pickleball and quickly became a beginner instructor and helped develop Intermediate training in Sun City.

Richard Bradley is from Waynesville, Missouri, and moved to Sun City in 2008 after a career in Federal service in physical education. He is a charter member of our club and spent three years as a board member.