



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

January

2024 New Year's Resolutions



Barb Patterson

- 1) I will not blame the sun being in my eyes for every overhead I smack into the net.
- 2) I will be kind and helpful to new members because it's very likely that in 3-6 months they could be kicking my butt on the court.
- 3) I will be sure to put my name on all of my pickleball gear so that I don't see someone in downtown Georgetown walking around wearing my "Pickleball Ain't for Punks" sweatshirt that they bought at Goodwill.
- 4) I will NOT blurt out expletives every night at 9:00:01 pm if I am unable to reserve the court that I want.
- 5) When I catch non-residents playing on Sun City courts, I will try not to sarcastically say, "Oh really, you didn't know this was Private Property, weren't the signs big enough for you?"
- 6) If I miss my return on a low, slice serve, I will not pick the ball up and check it for cracks.
- 7) I will not think that every pickleball shirt I see advertised online is something I should immediately add to my wardrobe.
- 8) I will be sure there is always a little bottle of Fireball in my pickleball bag because you just never know when that is needed. (Thank you Ed Cahill - the stash you gave me made it through Year 1 of my term...)

Happy New Year everyone! Here's to more "Fun, Friends and Fitness" in 2024!

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED *BY D'LES LONGINO*

December 2023 Financials & FY23 Roll-UP



December 23: Dec income totaled \$0.00. As common practice, all membership income for the month of Dec was deferred by CA accounting to the following fiscal year. Expenses of \$1,604.50 included: Court Reserve \$231, Arlo \$10.64, player development \$464.36, court activities \$211, Admin \$158.45 and final costs of the Holiday Gala of \$529.05.

FY23 Roll-Up: Revenues for FY23 totaled \$44,350.50; with \$24,112.50 coming from membership dues and the remaining from Special Events ticket sales and charitable fundraising. Expenses totaled \$44,184.73; of that \$17,742.15 was Special Events related, \$5,000 for Charitable Contributions, and the remaining for routine club operations, player development and member relations. We ended the FY with a net income of \$165.77 and a cash balance of \$6,638.72.

Don't forget Club membership for 2024 is open!
To remain active, you must renew prior to January 31st





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Margaret	Allen
Enrique	Anciola
Carol	Anderson
Gary	Anderson
Diana	Arth
Marcia	Baker
Bobbie	Brookhouse
Audrey	Brookner
Marshall	Brookner
Cindy	Brown
Carrie	Bruch
Tom	Bruch
Dennis	Bryson
Joyce	Buschang
Pam	Campbell
Bob	Carlquist
Celia	Cawthon
Sai	Chintalapudi
Robin	Clark
Silvia	Commisso

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Kent	Cooper
Pete	Culig
Neil	Dreiseszun
Janie	Dykes
Gilbert	Estrada
Penny	Estrada
Ginny	Gagner
Cynthia	Gallien
Nancy	Garland
Murray	Graham
Rebecca	Greening
Bob	Hartzell
LuDonne	Hartzell
Kevin	Hill
Tommy	Hogan
Addie	Horwath
David	Horwath
Doug	Israel
Helen	Jefferson
John	Kabanek

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Beth	Kastler
Jerry	Kastler
Ray	Kivimaki
David	Kress
Michael	LaPorta
Nancy	Lares
Bob	Lebre
Lori	Lebre
Sylvia	Lenters
Kay	Linscott
Patti	Loers
Jena	Lucroy
Jere	Luttner
Gerald	Massie
Margaret	McCarthy
Randy	McFarland
Ali	McGraw
Marty	Mirabal
Stacey	Morizot
Rebecca	Mortenson

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Kym	Myers
Jack	Osterbrock
Ed	Padar
Judy	Padar
Jim	Pasmore
Joanne	Pasmore
Larry	Patton
Sallyann	Ponzio
Hema	Ranganathan

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Ron	Roscoe
Shelva	Roscoe
Jamie	Sandel
Bev	Sborov
Becky	Scurlock
Stephen	Scurlock
Jeri	Shami
Mike	Shami
Randy	Sigley

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Scott	Singer
Phyllis	Trobman
Mab	Turpin
Frank	Wilson
Karen	Wilson
Debra	Yakubik
Robert	Young
Deborah	Zugell
Jeffrey	Zugell





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you have heard before, this club depends on volunteers to function. Here is a list of help requested in the coming year. Support for special activities like tournaments, leagues, Round Robins have not been included.

First Aid kit Monitor: The club is in need of someone willing to monitor the status of first aid supplies and replenish from the club stock at the Texas Drive complex. The job involves inventorying the approximate 2 dozen components of the kit, checking against suggested and minimum levels, replenishing from the master club stock at North Point and reporting shortages to Lisa. Inventories are taken once per month or as requested. Interested? Contact Lisa Callahan at: sissa11@gmail.com.

Court Ambassadors for Maintenance: The club is looking for members willing to be court ambassadors for maintenance issues at the three complexes. We would like to have at least one person that plays at each of the three locations to help keep the maintenance director informed of things that might need to be done at each location.

Tim would like to have at least two people that play at the Retreat and Texas Drive regularly, and at least 3 people that play at North Point on a regular basis assist him in keeping the courts in as good of shape as possible.

If you are interested, contact Tim at: timpschutte@gmail.com

Capital Expansion Committee Member

Along with assistance from Club Board members, analyze member club survey results to determine which Capital Expansion projects (if any) should be pursued by the club. Research proposed expansion projects to determine costs and requirements to complete the project. Help to identify possible approaches to raise funds for Capital projects. Help write the Capital Expansion proposal for submission to the Community Association. If you are interested contact Liz Blount: driveordrop222@gmail.com

Face Book Webmaster

Maintain and add to the club Pickleball Facebook page. Anticipated requirements: post pictures and brief write up from tournament winners, Post photos and description of significant events. Anticipated time requirements vary but generally less than 2 hours per month. Photographs and write ups will be provided by the communications director. Interested? Contact Pete Nadolski at pskiinv@gmail.com

CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2023

Did you know that our club makes several charitable donations throughout the year? Here is what we accomplished in 2023



Blue Santa Donation \$3500.00

Caring Place Food Pantry 1500.00



Nine - Eleven Memorial \$750.00

FROM OUR PICKLEBALL FRIEND



Chuck Flanagan

This month's column is all about the rules and a question that I'd like to ask you concerning the changes implemented last August around Rule 4.9.B.

"4.B.9. The referee will confirm and correct, if necessary, that all players are in the correct position and the correct server has the ball before calling the score.

4.B.9.a. If the referee or a player stops a rally in progress to correctly identify a player/position error, the rally shall be replayed. If a player stops a rally and incorrectly identifies a player/position error, it is a fault on the player who stopped the rally. If the referee stops a rally

in progress and incorrectly identifies a player/position error, the rally shall be replayed.

4.B.9.b. If a player/position error is identified after the rally has played out, the rally shall stand."

The submission title for this rule was: **"Correct Pro Player Positions Before the Serve"**. Some of the arguments for the rule were:

"This is the first of what is expected to be a limited number of rules specific to the pro and senior pro game. "And,"This eliminates, or at least minimizes the need for pro players asking repeatedly, 'Are we good?' on broadcast or livestream TV. Feedback from broadcast executives has been overwhelmingly negative on how this impacts the broadcast and the sport as a professional enterprise. "Most of the comments submitted concerning this change were negative. You can look at the details as well as all the comments here...<https://rules.usapickleball.org/entry/1017/>

So, what happened? Why was this change made? Well, here are the comments from the Rules Committee and from the Board (which is the final authority).

The USAP Rules Committee voted against this rule saying:

"This rule has been in effect for 16 years and is one that make the sport unique. The existing remedy of simply asking the referee for confirmation (i.e., Am I good) may occur frequently but is overwhelmingly handled quickly and smoothly with no adverse affect on the flow of the game. Regardless, these faults are relatively infrequent. It may seem unfortunate that a

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game can end on this type of fault, but it is no different than ending a game on an NVZ or a service foot fault. There are few, if any, other sports where the referee coaches players to avoid a fault. This is not a large enough problem to warrant elimination of a long-standing, fundamental rule. Just because it may be easy for a referee to do does not justify removing responsibility from the players to comply with the rule."

The USAP Board, however, voted to approve the rule change reasoning:

"The majority of the Board feels that faults resulting from not keeping the accurate score or remembering correct positions should not determine the outcome of a pickleball match."

Final thoughts: As it's currently written, it appears that this rule only applies to games where there is a referee (4.B.9.). However, the 'incorrect position' sections in 4.M. and 4.N. (Server and Receiver Faults) have been deleted. This means that these types of faults no longer apply in any game. Will there be even more changes? Maybe we'll see when the 2024 Rulebook is published in January. I'll let you know if there are as soon as I can.

So, back to my question to you: **What do you think about this new rule and how will we apply it here at Sun City in the interim?**

This Month's Rules Questions from our members

Q:A player volleys a ball just short of the Non-volley Zone (NVZ). Although his momentum is about to carry him into the NVZ, he fights it for a while but finally falls in the NVZ. Meanwhile the other players keep hitting the ball and it is hit 3 or more times before he eventually falls into the NVZ. Did he commit a NVZ fault?

A:Yes, that would be a NVZ fault. Here's the rule...

"9.C.1. It is a fault even if the ball becomes dead before the player contacts the non-volley zone."

One of the unique things about NVZ faults it that it is the only fault that can be committed after the ball is 'dead', and there is no time (or subsequent shot limit) on when the fault actually occurs if momentum from the shot carries a player into the NVZ.

PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

Q: If a serve hits the centerline is it good or not?

A: Good question. I often ask this as a trivia question... "What are the dimensions of the service court?" The answer is, 15' x 10' 1". That's because the center line, like the side and base lines (but not the NVZ line) are 'In' on the serve. See Rules 3.A.37. & 4.A.2.

Link to November/December "PickleballMagazine"

[-https://tinyurl.com/NovDecPBMag](https://tinyurl.com/NovDecPBMag)

Have a question about the rules? Feel free to drop me a note and ask me anything.

Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com



The 2024 Official Rulebook is now available at: The 2024 Official Rulebook is now available at:

<https://usapickleball.org/docs/USA-Pickleball-Official-Rulebook-2024-v1.pdf>





TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TEAM.

There is a lot of NEW in this NEW YEAR.

First --THE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TEAM LOVES CMARS

It's 2024 and lots of things are happening. First, we are transitioning all of our member training programs to CMARS. For many of you that doesn't mean a thing. But for those members who are looking forward to taking training classes it means all of our registration will now be done in CMARS. OK, don't panic!, for the month of January we will be asking you to register for classes using CMARS but for the Introduction to Pickleball and Beginner Training Classes, we will also allow you to register through email as we have in the past.

Second, our Pro Clinics are back and will consist of 2-4 clinics per month for all skill levels. More information can be found in the Ongoing Program Update below.

Third, Beginner Training classes are being scheduled in both the original 5-day format but also in a 3-day format (Tuesday – Thursday) and a 3 consecutive Saturday format. More information can be found in the Ongoing Program Update below.

Ongoing Program Updates

Introduction to Pickleball. We taught 24 Intro to Pickleball classes in 2023. Many thanks to Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman for all their effort and for enduring rain sleet wind cold and heat. The first Introduction to Pickleball class of 2024 will be held on Saturday 20 January 2024. As I discussed above, registration for this class will be available through the current process of email request or through self-registration on CMARS after January 2. In addition, classes for the remainder of the year will be available on CMARS as much as 90 days prior to the start of the class.

Beginner Training.(BT).This month we completed Beginner Training Class 123, the last class of the year. The first class of the year was BT 100 so we were able to teach 24 classes in 2023. My thanks to all the volunteer instructors who gave their time to make this possible. Here is the photo of the graduates of BT Class 123.

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BT 123: Left to Right Jan Baldwin (Instructor), Joe Veilleux, Jeff Vanek (instructor), Peg Veilleux, Wiletta Norman, Judy Campbell, Kevin Hubbard, Dee Moore, Chae Summe, Nancy Throup, Dewayne Patterson, Regina Schoultz, Jeff Schoultz, Shelly Drablos, Karen Donegan, Alice Clemons (instructor), not pictured Mary Payne (Instructor).

The first Beginner Training class of 2024 will be a Five-Day Mid class held the week of 22 - 26 of January 2024. As I discussed above, registration for this class will be available through the current process of email request or through self-registration on CMARS after January 2. In addition, classes for the remainder of the year will be available on CMARS as much as 90 days prior to the start of the class. The following classes have been scheduled for the first 6 months of 2024.

Class Type	BT Class #	Days	Dates	Time
Mid-day Class	124	5	22-26 Jan 2024	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Mid-day Class	125	3	20-22 Feb 2024	11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Multiple Saturday Class	126	3	9, 16, & 23 March 2024	11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Mid-day Class	127	5	25-29 March 2024	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Mid-day Class	128	3	16-18 April 2024	11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Multiple Saturday Class	129	3	4, 11, & 18 May 2024	11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Mid-day Class	130	3	4-6 June 2024	11:30 am - 2:30 pm

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Supervised Novice Play (SNP): We graduated 208 students from SNP in 2023, bringing our total to 747 graduates since the program's inception in August 2020.

Skills and Drills (S&D): The Spring Skills and Drills classes will be offered beginning on 5 March 2024. Registration on CMARS will be available on 1 February at 5:00 pm. In the meantime, if you have taken some of the classes, find someone who was not able to and become their drill partner.

Advanced Pickleball Strategy (APS): The first APS class of 2024 is scheduled for 16 January 2024. In addition, February classes will be offered on 6 and 20 February 2024. Registration will be through CMARS and will open 14 days prior to each scheduled class at 5:00 pm.



Train the Trainer Classes.

We completed our second 2023 Train the Trainer class in December. As a result we were able to add 19 new members to the Player Development Team

This program is a prerequisite for the progressive development of our volunteers who will apprentice as assistant instructors and potentially work their way to joining the Supervised Novice Play, Beginner Training and Skills and Drills programs. For more information or to register for this class, contact Ric Hutchinson, Player Development Director, at novicehutch@gmail.com.

Club Pro Clinics. Our Club Pro Clinics continue to be very popular. We have scheduled the pro Clinics for January and February 2024 and plan to offer two to four Club Pro Clinics per month this year. The table below describes the clinics that have been scheduled for January and February 2024.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

2024 Club Pro Clinics								
Pro Clinic #	Instructor	Pro Clinic Name	Date	Skill Level	Cost per Person	Courts	Registration Opens	
24-1	Matthew Boyett	Paddle Position	4-Jan-24	2.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16	21-Dec-23	5:00 PM
24-2	Esteban Espada	Serving and Return	8-Jan-24	3.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16	26-Dec-23	5:00 PM
24-3	Matthew Boyett	Change the Pace	18-Jan-24	3.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16	4-Jan-24	5:00 PM
24-4	Esteban Espada	3rd Drop Shot and Transitioning	22-Jan-24	3.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13	8-Jan-24	5:00 PM
24-5	Matthew Boyett	Learn to lob Offensively	8-Feb-24	3.0	\$25.00	NP 14-16	25-Jan-24	5:00 PM
24-6	Esteban Espada	Dinking and <u>Attacking</u>	12-Feb-24	2.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16	29-Jan-24	5:00 PM
24-7	Matthew Boyett	Roll Volleys	22-Feb-24	4.0	\$25.00	NP 14-16	8-Feb-24	5:00 PM
24-8	Esteban Espada	Blocking and Resetting Drive Shots	26-Feb-24	3.5	\$25.00	NP 14-16	12-Feb-24	5:00 PM

Please note- As we begin to expand these clinics to include all skill levels **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that everyone respects the minimum skill level requirements of each clinic when registering.

Club Teaching Professionals.

Available Hours. Our Teaching Professionals, Matthew Boyett and Esteban Espada share Court #23 at North Point, Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 10 pm. If you prefer evening lessons, please contact them. They also schedule make up sessions for inclement weather days on Sunday. For more information on our pros, their contact information and their rates, click on [Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons \(sctexas.org\)](http://Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons (sctexas.org)) or head on out to Court #23, peak through the fence and see these guys in action.

Take Advantage of Our Pros. Many of you have asked me how you can continue to improve your pickleball skills after you have completed our Club training programs. The answer is to contact Esteban or Matthew and take a lesson.

COURT ACTIVITIES

By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities

Court Usage – Plans for 2024

Club Play first Wednesday of each month starting 2/7

Theme ideas? Contact Colleen Nadolski at colleen.nadolski@gmail.com

Skill Level Play at North Point Monday through Thursday every week

Welcome Back to Weekend Skill Level Round Robins starting 1/5 – 1/6 – 1/7

One Play per weekend (see moderator for exceptions)

Registration and Cancellation both end at 5pm day before event

Please check your email after 6 to see if CMARS pulled you off the wait list

Or remove your name from the wait list before 5 – to allow next up an opportunity

An emergency after 5 – please arrange to have someone take your place

Check in will be at 8:20 & 9:50 – so we can begin play at 8:30 & 10

Matches end & courts cleared by 9:55 & 11:25

We want to get in 5 games in the 1.5-hour play

To be consistent we will use the same Rally scoring for all Skill Levels

Moderator will determine when Rally scoring is used

New guidelines for rally scoring will be posted at the courts

If the courts are unplayable or weather is bad – an email will be sent out

Canceling play that day

COURT ACTIVITIES CONT.

Special Events (details at a later Date)

Spring League

B.I.G. tournament 3/2

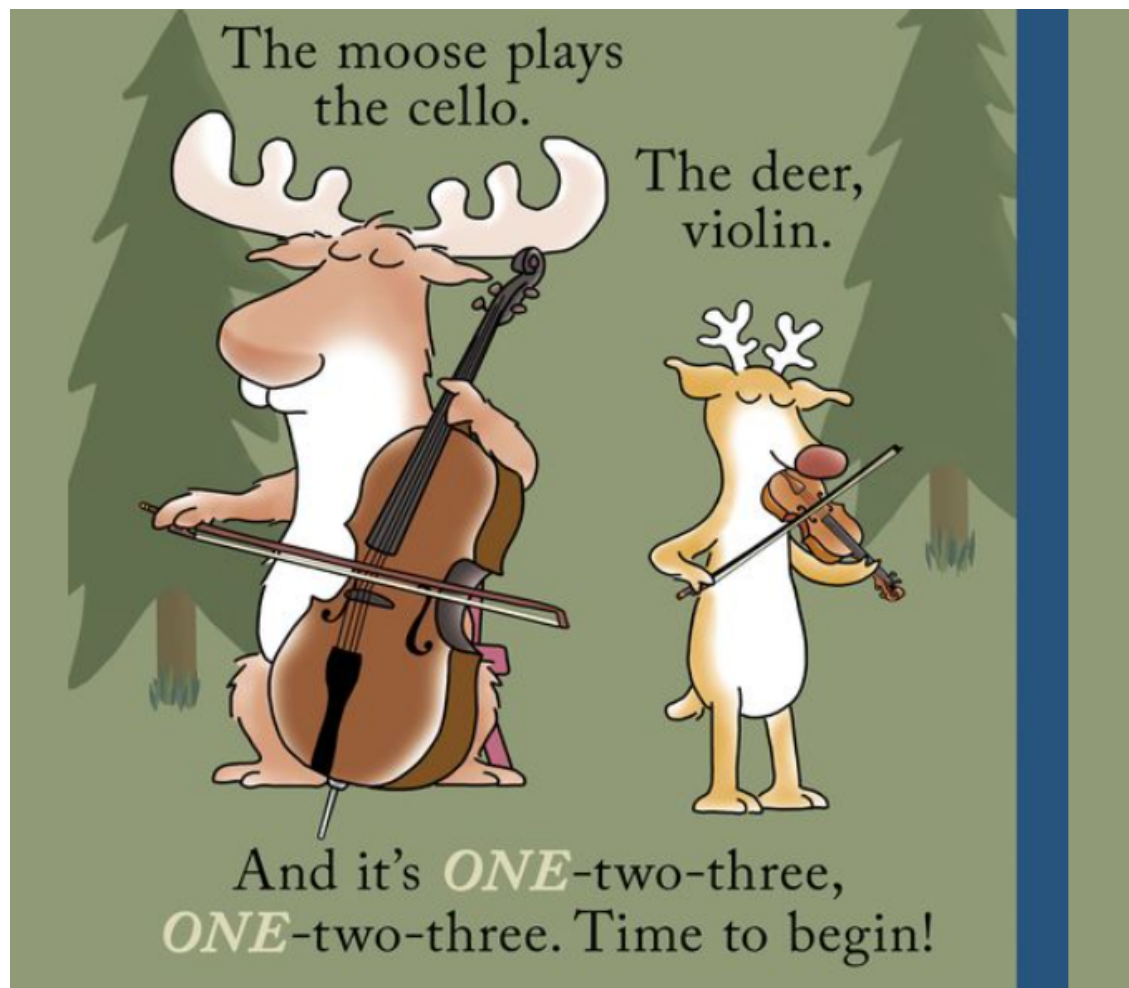
Spring Fling 4/20

Round Robin Tournament

Dinks and Dogs

Fall League

Pumpkin Bash 10/26



COACH'S CORNER



Matt Boyett

Due to technical difficulties, Matt's section is not available for this month. Look for more valuable input in next months Kitchen Talk.

TOURNAMENT NEWS

Diamond Amateur Championship

Men's Singles

Kobus Pieters	3.5	Silver	70 - 74
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Senior Professional Tour

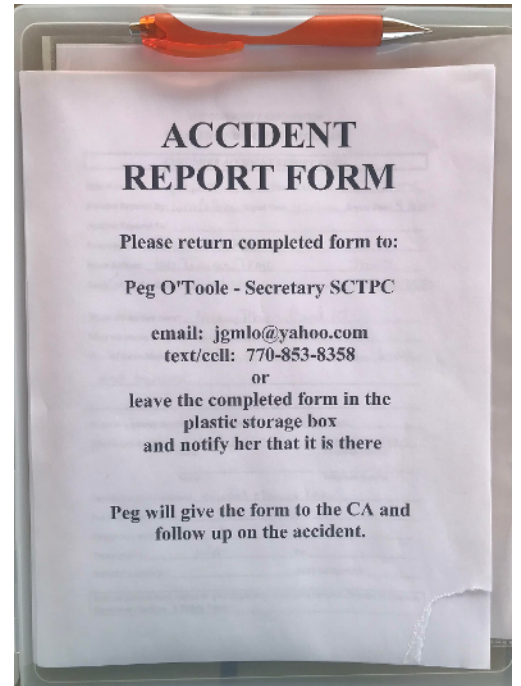
Matt Boyett as part of a team	Silver
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Remember: Please send tournament results to the club e-mail:
SCTXPICKLEBALL@GMAIL.COM.

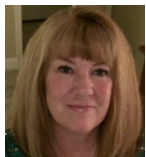


INCIDENT REPORTS

Remember to submit incident reports. As part of our obligation as a chartered club, we are required to notify the CA of any serious injuries that occur while on our courts. Serious incidents can be defined as any injury that requires the use of EMS services or that require you to see your own health care provider. Incident reports are included in the first aid boxes at all complexes and are available on the club web page. Please help us fulfill our obligation.



2024 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS



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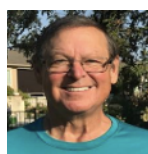
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PARTING SHOT

**From All of the Pickleball Board, To You and Yours:
We Wish You a Happy New Year**

