



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

March



Allison Wolfe

It pleases me a great deal that so many of you have commented on my last Kitchen Talk message - that you agree with me and are happy I am speaking out. Thank you for that! If you know me at all, you know I am plain spoken and outspoken so I will continue to tell you what I think, and I will continue to be interested in what you think.

There were 3 separate incidents this month that I got involved in, so I thought a reminder of what makes our club fire on all cylinders would be appropriate.

Please leave your court 5 minutes before your reservation is up.

When you are entering/leaving a court, please don't tarry and shut the gate behind you, as to not needlessly disturb games in progress.

Your poor planning does not constitute an emergency for the Board to fix asap.

Treat others like you wish they would treat you.

Don't call each other names.

Have patience, Grasshoppa.

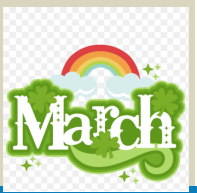
Be nice.

Mind your manners.

Don't forget to floss.

Many of these rules we learned at a young age but still serve us well today. And to my knowledge there isn't one person of royalty who lives here in Sun City, so not a single one of us should think "these rules don't apply to me." Yes, they do.

All any of us want to do is have an enjoyable day playing a game with friends. Do your part to make that happen.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont)

I was at the Texas Dr courts recently with the CA folks showing them what work needs to be done there. John Ward, a member, offered me some advice - "Don't get grumpy when you have to deal with problems."

He's right. I apologize for this grumpy article and will aim to quit sounding like your mother! So give John and Jan Wilson, my editor, a hug or a handshake when you see them for toning me down! Thanks, John. Thanks, Jan. Great advice!

On a completely different note - DID YOU KNOW that if you list your house with Stacy Group, and tell them you are with the Pickleball Club, when they sell it, we get \$500? AND DID YOU KNOW if you bring a friend to Stacy Group, you identify as a Pickleball Club member and they buy a house the club gets \$500? Before long that could really add up! Keep that in mind!

Let's thrive in 2025!

THRIVE ⁱⁿ 2025!



TREASURER'S REPORT

SUBMITTED BY *DAVID LUPIA*



JANUARY 2025 FINANCIALS

We began January with a cash balance of \$26,142. Net Income was \$20,429, reflecting membership dues of \$22,395, less \$1,966 of expenses. Principal expenses were \$630 for fence guards, \$375 for Dues and Subscriptions, \$303 for Member Relations, and \$251 for Credit Card Fees associated with the receipts from membership dues.

We ended January with a cash balance of \$33,472, an increase of \$7,330

Upcoming Events - Next 6 weeks (or so)

Mar 1 - New member Orientation

Mar 5 - First Wednesday Social

Mar 19 - New member Orientation

Apr 2 - First Wednesday Social

Apr 5 - New member Orientation

Apr 16 - New member Orientation



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Anne	Beck
Vivian	Bedwell
Sheri	Benson
Amy	Beukema
John	Beukema
Carol	Birken
Judy	Breen
Larry	Brooks
Marcia	Brown
Olivia	Brzostowski
Linda Jean	Buhrman
Debra	Burge
Joe	Burkley
Stephanie	Butler
Jack	Catcott
Larry	Chandler
Suzette	Charron
Cheryl	Collie
Brad	Corbett
Jimmie	Davenport
Gary	Dickes
Evangeline	Domel

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Lorri	Earl
Dawn	Ewing
Toby	Ewing
Aaron	Fontenot
Russ	Fox
Stacy Kelly	Girton
Tanya	Goldsmith
Trey	Goldsmith
Gene	Gonin
Eugenia	Gonzalez
Stephen	Gonzalez
Kathy	Goodman
Stephen	Gossett
Dianna	Hacker-Taylor
Janie	Harris
Steve	Hickey
Jody	Higgins
Rick	Householder
Jennifer	Howard
Troy	Howard
Rance	Ivie
Jennifer	Jackson

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Rich	Jackson
Daniel	James
Brenda	Johnson
Chip	Johnson
Pamela	Jones
Randy	Jones
Rayudu	Jujjavarapu
Gisela	Kosalko
Timothy	Kramer
Marilyn	Lane
Sid	Lane
Jane	Leblanc
Pam	Lewandowski
Nina	Luzietti
Dale	Martsof
Rich	McAvey
Don	Mendel
Linda	Mikesic
Kenneth	Morrow
Marcia	Morrow
Mike	O'Connor
Leslie	Ostrowidzki

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Arron	Paige
Chris	Paige
Donald	Palm
Gwen	Pierce
Susan	Puryear
Dee	Rhoda
Jim	Rhoda
Stacie	Rudd
Kay	Savci
Beverly	Schlegel

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Monique	Smith
Pam	Steel
Geno	Stimson
Teresa	Stimson
Bill	Sumrall
Jo	Sumrall
Hugh	Sutton
Nancy	Sutton
Carole	Terlip

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Gary	Tomazevic
Bruce	VanDommelen
Traci	Vincent
Linda	Wenzinger
Judy	Wilson-Wise
Debbie	Wiltjer
Cheryl	Winters
David	Witter
Maryann	Witter
Tena	York-Peterson

At press time, total number of club members is 1594.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

A graphic consisting of a dark blue rectangular background with a white speech bubble shape in the center. Inside the speech bubble, the text "YOUR OPINION MATTERS" is written in bold, black, uppercase letters.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

The 2025 Member Survey is now available for you to provide your responses. The Survey will be available until March 3rd. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete the survey (unless you want to take longer to provide lots of feedback for the “open ended questions”).

You can access the Survey by clicking here -

[2025 SCTX Pickleball Club Member Survey](#)

(note that you will need to login to the Sun City resident website after clicking the link in order to access the Survey).

Once the Survey has closed and we have had time to review and analyze the responses, we will publish a summary of the results. The results will be used to help make decisions about if, and what, changes should be considered for using our 26 courts as we move into 2025, as well as to determine other future Club initiatives.

Your Survey responses are your chance to be heard, and your feedback is very important to help us make the best decisions for our Club and all of its members.

If you have questions let us know at SCTXPICKLEBALL@GMAIL.COM

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until it is full
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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

nominated by Allison Wolfe



Our Volunteer of the Month is Toni Briggs. Not only did she step up to co-chair the Social Committee, but, building on the work of the previous social committee, she single-handedly tackled the mess in the shed, threw away old and ruined stuff, organized and counted remaining inventory, folded and bagged up cutlery, cups, dishware, tablecloths and banners so now we know exactly what we have and where it is. We can't thank you enough Toni, for all that effort! Take Kathy out for a night on the town at Wriggley's or Mulligan's with your gift card. (We bet she helped)

The Grateful Pickleball Board



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

It's March 2025 (2 months down and 10 to go.)

Club Pro Clinics are still expanding although quite a few had to be rescheduled due to REALLY COLD weather. A full listing of all upcoming clinics as of today is included in this article.

Just a Reminder – If you reserve a court (especially one of the ball machine courts) and you find you are not going to use it – PLEASE CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION.

Ongoing Program Updates

New Member Orientation Class (NMO) Our new Member orientation class continues to be popular although I had to cancel one in February due to the extreme cold.

Beginner Training.(BT). We have scheduled 15 Beginner training classes for 2025. These classes are all listed in CMARS with registration opening 90 days prior to the date of the class.

We recently completed Beginner Training Class 141 and 141B. My thanks to all the volunteer instructors who give their time to make these classes possible. Here are the photos of the graduates of BT Classes 141 and 141B.



BT 141 Front row: Pauline Teague, Asst Instructor; Gary Schrempp, Instructor; Steve Jampol, Asst. Instructor, Don Palm, Gail Roush, Suzanne Mardock.

Back Row: Larry Chandler, Beth Rabine, Mike O'Connor, Russ Fox, Dayton Starkey, David Johnson, Vivian Bedwell, Melinda Pollack, John Roush, Jody Higgins, Juan Schmidt, Lori Backlund, Asst. Instructor.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (CONT)



BT141B Back: Row Gary Tomazevic, Stacie Rudd, Carol Terlip, Linda Mikesic, Jim Blanchard, Kathy Goodman, Jane Leblanc.

Front Row: Ric Hutchinson and Kathy Carr, Instructors

Supervised Novice Play (SNP) The second 4-week cycle of 2025 started 13 February 2025 although the weather has again forced the cancellation of multiple classes. We continue to add new players each month and as a result of the graduation of BT classes 141 and 141B currently have 66 players in the program.

Ball Machine Operations Our ball machine operations classes continue to be held on the third Saturday of each month. If you are planning on using our ball machines, please attend one of the classes.

Club Pro Clinics (CPC) Our Club Pro Clinics are designed for players of various skill levels, including some that include all skill levels. Please review the skill level requirement before registering. Registration for all clinics will be through CMARS. All payments for clinics will; be made directly to the instructor teaching the class. The following clinics are scheduled at this time. As more clinics are scheduled they will be added to CMARS.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

2025 Club Pro Clinics								
Pro Clinic #	Instructor	Pro Clinic Name	Date	Skill Level	Cost per Person	Courts/Time	Registration Opens	
25-4	Margo Chase-Wells	Awesome Ball Machine Drills	24-Feb-25	2.5 -4.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 12:00 - 1:30	4-Feb-25	5:00 PM
25-9	Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)	Serve/Return, Placement on Offense & Defense. Drive or Drop 3 shots.	25-Feb-25	3.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 7:00 - 8:30 PM	19-Jan-25	5:00 PM
25-9B	Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)	Serve/Return, Placement on Offense & Defense. Drive or Drop 3 shots.	25-Feb-25	3.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 5:00 - 6:30 PM	19-Jan-25	5:00 PM
25-16	Margo Chase-Wells	Awesome Ball Machine Drills	3-Mar-25	2.5 - 4.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30 PM	17-Feb-25	5:00 PM
25-11	Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)	Transition Process/Resets, Counters & Blocks	4-Mar-25	4.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 7:00 - 8:30 PM	4-Feb-25	5:00 PM
25-17	Richard Wells	Dinking Techniques Footwork, Placement & Strategies	4-Mar-25	3.0-3.5	\$25.00	NP 11-13 11:30AM-	18-Feb-25	5:00 PM
25-12	Doug Oliver	Dinks & Drop Shots	10-Mar-25	3.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	24-Feb-25	5:00 PM
25-18	Richard Wells	Dinks/Volleys/Drop Shots/Resets	11-Mar-25	3.0-3.5	\$25.00	NP 11-13 11:30 - 1:00	25-Feb-25	5:00 PM
25-27	Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells	Coached Play - Transition Zone Offensive & Defensive Strategies	13-Mar-25	3.0	\$35.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	27-Feb-25	5:00 PM
25-13	Doug Oliver	Blocks & Punch Shots	17-Mar-25	3.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	3-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-19	Richard Wells	Serves>Returns/Ground Strokes/Transition Zone	18-Mar-25	3.0-3.5	\$25.00	NP 11-13 11:30 - 1:00	4-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-21	Margo Chase-Wells	A Little Bit of Everything (Beginner Ladies Clinic)	18-Mar-25	2.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	4-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-14	Doug Oliver	Aggressive Dinking	24-Mar-25	3.5	\$25.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	10-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-20	Richard Wells	Coached Play - Transition Zone Offensive & Defensive Strategies	25-Mar-25	3.0-3.5	\$25.00	NP 11-13 11:30 - 1:00	11-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-28	Izaak Gonzalez (Evening Clinic)	Road to 4.0 + (Advanced Clinic)	25-Mar-25	4.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 7:00 - 8:30 PM	11-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-22	Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells	Coached Play Shot Choice/Positioning/Strategy	26-Mar-25	3.5	\$35.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	12-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-15	Doug Oliver	Dinks & Drop Shots	31-Mar-25	3.0	\$25.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	17-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-23	Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells	Coached Play Shot Choice/Positioning/Strategy	2-Apr-25	3.0	\$35.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	19-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-24	Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells	Boot Camp (3 Hr Clinic)	7-Apr-25	3.0/3.5	\$70.00	NP 11-13 11:30 - 2:30	24-Mar-25	5:00 PM
25-25	Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells	Coached Play Shot Choice/Positioning/Strategy	16-Apr-25	3.5	\$35.00	NP 11-13 1:00 - 2:30	2-Apr-25	5:00 PM
25-26	Margo Chase-Wells & Richard Wells	Boot Camp (3 Hr Clinic)	22-Apr-25	3.0/3.5	\$70.00	NP 11-13 11:30 - 2:30	8-Apr-25	5:00 PM

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Sun City Texas Pickleball Teaching Professional Team

We have some changes in our Teaching Professional Team.

First, some bad news (for us). Craig Bobo has accepted the job of General Manager at Pickleland. Craig was only with us a short time but developed a large and loyal following during that time. We are very sorry to see him go but certainly enjoyed having him with us and wish him the best at Pickleland.

Second, some good news, Esteban Espada is rejoining our Teaching Professional Team. The final details are being worked out but we hope to have him fully on board by the end of March. More information will be provided by E-blast when everything is finalized.

We are extremely fortunate here in Sun City to (still) have 5 pickleball teaching professionals who offers private lessons to our membership at below market rates. These teaching professionals share Court #23 at North Point from 7:00 am – 10:00pm. This provides our members a choice in selecting a coach with the teaching style that best aligns with their goals and learning style.

Members are advised to review the below listed qualifications and interview their preferred teaching pro before scheduling their first session.



All teaching professionals are agreeable to the following conditions:

Clients restricted to members of the Sun City Texas Pickleball Club

Responsible to schedule and collect payment directly from clients.

Adhere to the following price list for lessons.

- 1 Hour Lesson per person – \$70 for 1; \$40 ea for 2, \$30 ea for 3, \$25 ea for 4.
- 90 Minute Lesson per person - \$100 for 1; \$60 ea for 2; \$40 ea for 3; \$35 ea for 4.

Respond to client requests within 48 hours.



COURT ACTIVITIES

By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities

Weekend Round Robins are running

Nice weather early February had the courts full

Good time to review two rules we have had for 3+ years:

1. We have a limited number of courts available for the Round Robins – we can accommodate 24 players per play period – our goal would be to have 72 **different players each weekend – difficult to accomplish with the waitlists and the preferred Friday and Saturday play time – on Saturday **if the waitlist has a member who has not played & the playlist has a member who already played on Friday** – then the playlist player will be replaced with the waitlist member.**

That said we hate to see empty courts – so if there is no waitlist – then you may play multiple times in a weekend.

2. If you register and find you cannot attend – all you have to do is cancel the reservation before 5pm the night before play. If an emergency occurs between 5pm and the next day play time – please call or text the next person on the waitlist. **When we have 24 players registered and one does not show up – we end up with 3 players having byes, an empty court, & someone on the waitlist who missed playing.**

Team Challenge League

So Far:

160 players – 20 teams – starts March 3rd



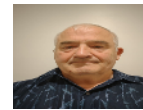
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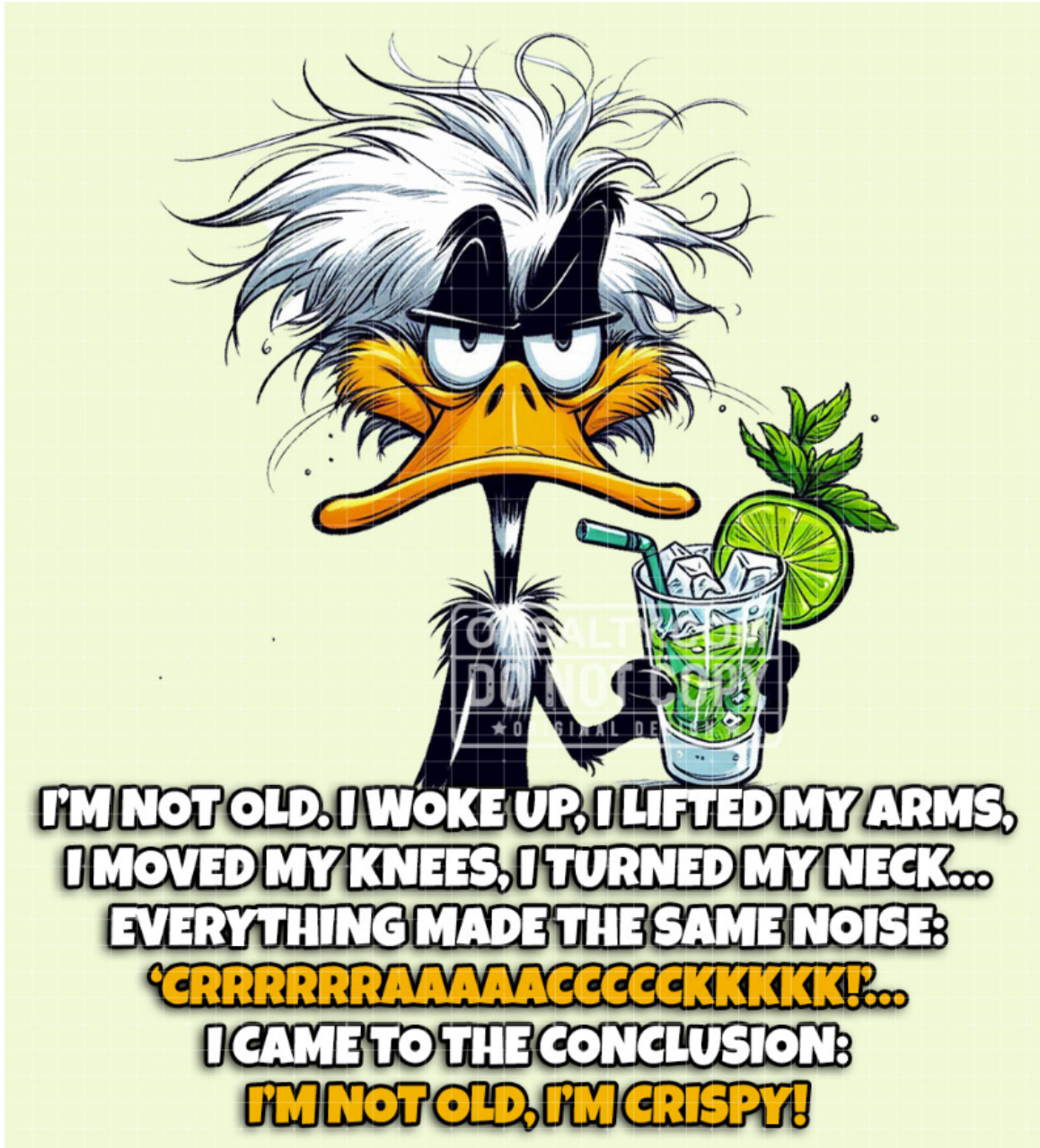
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PARTING SHOT



I am always looking for photos for the parting shot. If you have something, send it to me at sctxpickleball@gmail.com