



Kitchen Talk



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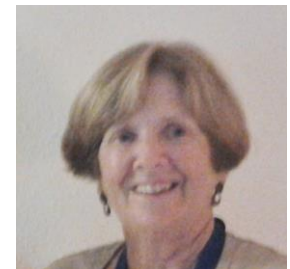
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From the Prez

By Nancy Grafton
PASCT President

I would like to thank you for all your support - whether you spoke words of encouragement, or wrote letters, you made the time to try to make pickleball available to more of our members, and to the residents of Sun City. Even though the outcome was not what we had hoped, and we were not successful in getting the use of two tennis courts on a temporary basis, we will continue our efforts to offer social and competitive events for our 473 members. While we may have different feelings about the decision of the C.A. Board, don't let their decision put a damper on our enthusiasm for pickleball. Our members are some of the most creative, talented, and nicest people around, thank you for being YOU!

Nancy

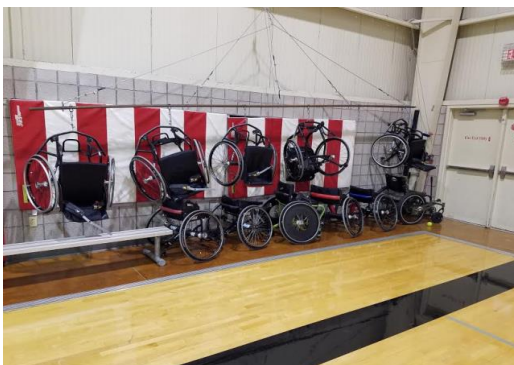


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From the Ambassador

By Chuck Flanagan
Texas Central and South Central District Pickleball Ambassador

Have you read Section 16 of the IFP rule book? If not, when you get a chance, check out this link: <http://www.usapa.org/wheelchair-pickleball/>.



In April of last year, "The USAPA Board collaborated with a committee comprised of selected individuals, both "Standing Players" and "Wheelchair Players" to develop rules specific to wheelchair pickleball." By taking this initiative, the USA Pickleball Association has taken another significant step to actively promote our sport and to make it more accessible to all athletes.



Chuck Flanagan

I was reminded of this a couple of weeks ago while visiting the pickleballers at the Harker Heights Recreation Center. As I was looking over their facility, I noticed about a dozen 'sport' wheelchairs over in the corner. So far, these have generally been used for wheelchair basketball...but, I see an opportunity here.

Lastly, the June issue (digital) of "PICKLEBALL MAGAZINE" has been published and I'll share my copy with you. There's a really good article on pickleballs on page 23 (that will answer many of the questions I frequently get asked). And if you want to improve your 'soft game', check out the "Pickleball 411" article on page 40.

<https://www.joomag.com/magazine/pickleball-magazine-1-3/0735872001464267244?short>

Board of Directors Votes on Request for Shared Court Usage

By **Kathy Carr**

PASCT Communications Director

On Thursday, 26 May 2016, the Sun City Board of Directors voted on the court utilization issue between the Pickleball and Tennis clubs. Here a transcript of the discussion and subsequent vote that occurred at the meeting. If you want to view the actual video, log into your resident homepage on the Sun City website. On the left side of the page, click on Community Association Info; click on Board; click on Meeting Videos; click on 2016 CA Board of Directors Videos, scroll down to the video labeled, Board of Directors Meeting 5-26-16 and click on the start arrow. You can fast forward to the portion of the meeting that addresses our topic, which starts at 38 minutes and 53 seconds on the recording.

Stephen Ashlock, President, Del Webb/Pulte. *Next is Tab Number 3, which is, as I mentioned earlier, our Tennis and pickleball courts. This is the discussion on the, or the, usage of the courts. Bob, were you going to speak on that?*

Bob Glandt, Vice President, Resident Member. *This is a discussion this afternoon amongst the board members. I would move that the CA Board supports and follows the intent of Brent Baker's 2013 email, which stated that if Sun City Texas is to be expanded, the developer will provide more courts.*

Stephen Ashlock. *Any discussion?*

Gary Preston, Board Member, Resident Member. *I guess I'll weigh in briefly. And I believe that just as a note, Sandy Goodman has recused herself from discussions all along on this particular topic because she is involved in one of the clubs. We're not going to make anybody happy today. Bear in mind that we are in an expansion situation. As you heard, Bocce is looking for more courts, the librarians are looking for more bookshelves. There isn't a group today that isn't being stretched. Hopefully, within the next year and a half, towards the end of 2017, early 2018, we will have one of the amenity centers coming on line. Anything we do in the meantime, my personal opinion, anything we do in the meantime, just, it sets a precedent; it opens Pandora's box. Everybody and his brother is looking for more space. We know we're challenged with this right now, whether it's office spaces or its courts or its bocce courts or you name it. The exercisers are not happy that Cowan is going to be closed for 3 months. So it is not an easy decision. I will support the proposal. It is not an easy decision, but I don't see a great alternative.*

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Gary Sandercock, Treasurer, Resident Member. *Bob, could you restate that motion? I want to make sure that it's clear.*

Bob Glandt. *Yes, I would move that the CA Board supports and follows the intent of Brent Baker's 2013 email, which stated that if Sun City Texas is to be expanded, the developer will provide more courts.*

Gary Sandercock. *That's with the new amenities? At the new amenities, not expanded courts that are currently in existence?*

Bob Glandt. *Correct.*

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Gary Sandercock. *I just have one comment. I'm certainly not an expert in pickleball and I think I played tennis once in my life. The closest I came to being a tennis player is that my father had a tennis racket, and I got it when he passed away. He wasn't a tennis player either, and the only thing I used it for, he used it for, is a stray bat would get into his bedroom at night and he would swat the bat. So, I'm certainly not an expert in either one of these, but I will make one suggestion. That we did receive a lot of email about this situation, and it was predominantly from tennis players, and what the suggestion was that the pickleballers could improve their situation by making a better management system of their schedule, and that was a common thread throughout all of the emails that we received.*

Bob Gland. *Both groups, starting at the level of the Sports Committee, as we understand it, tried to come to a compromise that was not obviously attainable. I would thank them for those efforts. Anytime it comes to the board, as Gary stated, there will be no winners per se. We have an email that we feel is valid. It was put out when the two new courts were finished, and I believe we should follow that.*

Stephen Ashlock. *Alright, any other comments? Discussions? Alright. All in favor? (followed by a unanimous "aye"). All opposed? (followed by silence). Motion passes. Thank you. Next item is,,,*



While actual pictures of pickleball club members were not available, here's what it is imagined their reaction to the Board of Director's decision might be.

Club Announcements

By Kathy Carr

PASCT Communications Director



New Club Logo. It's out with the old and in with the new. The Pickleball Board recently voted to adopt a new club logo – one that not only captures the physicality of our sport, but also shouts out to the world our club motto, "Fun, Friends and Fitness."

So, if you're out delivering a welcome letter to one of our new members or are helping to staff a table at a community event, be on the lookout for the new logo. It's on our stationary and it's on our new club banner. We're not certain how much of an influence it may have had, but at the Newcomer's Orientation last week, 25 new residents signed up for the Introduction to Pickleball class. Should past statistics hold steady, half of those folks will become members of the club in the weeks ahead.



Skills and Drills with Simon Offered on Thursdays from 11 am – 12 pm. Starting the second week of June, we will begin offering a 1-hour drills session on Court 6 with Simon for interested club members. Each week we will introduce several drills with a focus on specific pickleball shots and techniques. All you have to do is show up with your court shoes and paddle. Until we get a feel for how well this will work for the club, initial sessions will be limited to the first 8 people to show up. Depending on the level of interest and participation, we will adjust the schedule and drills, as required.

Key to becoming a better and more consistent pickleball player is repetition. The repetitive training of a ball machine can enable you to solidify strokes by drilling specific shots and techniques. Simon can help you increase muscle memory so you can react automatically and with increased speed and accuracy. Here is our near term schedule.

9 June	Forehand Drive Stroke, Backhand Drive Stroke, Service Returns
16 June	Block and Push Volley, Volley with Wrist Rotation, Volley Sweeping Paddle Across the Body, Half-Volley, Drop Volley
23 June	Soft Dink, Down the Middle Dinks, Cross Court Dinks, Drive and Dink
30 June	Offensive Lob, Defensive Lob, Defending Against the Lob
7 July	Overhead Smash, Defending Against the Smash and Drop Shots

Quarterly Pickleball Club Board Meeting - 8 June 2016. The quarterly board meeting of the Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas (PASCT) is scheduled for 8 June 2016 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Salado Room at Cowan Creek. This is an open meeting in which all club members are encouraged to attend.



Ice Cream Social Rescheduled for 11 June 2016 – Register Today. Cross your fingers and hope for sunshine. The ice cream social that was rained out a couple of weeks ago is rescheduled for 7 pm on Saturday, 11 June 2016. This free event will be held in the vicinity of the picnic table between Courts 4 and 5. To ensure we have enough ice cream in the preferred flavors, we need you to register again. All you need to do is log into the Sun City website and register on the Pickleball Club home page. For those who are not able to figure out the registration process, send an email to Toni Briggs at sheltietalk@suddenlink.net. Let us know **how many will attend and what flavor you prefer – vanilla, chocolate or strawberry.** We will have ice cream sundaes, root beer floats and a whole lot of fun. Feel free to come in your court shoes and bring your paddle to burn off some of the calories.



REMEMBER – you must register.



Men's NASCAR Pickleball Challenge – 18 June 2016. Men, get ready to start your engines and register for a great fun day at the pickleball courts. Saturday, 18 June is the date. Starting at 8:00 am, games will be played along with several contests to test your skills. Registration starts on Monday, 23 May and ends on Friday, 10 June. There is no cost to participate. The theme for this year's event is NASCAR. Wear or bring anything you have that mentions NASCAR or cars. All participants will receive a new (toy) car. To register contact Richard Bradley at rbradley1963@gmail.com or call him at [\(573\)528-0007](tel:5735280007). We need a minimum of 16 participants.



Kid's Camp on 15 and 22 June 2016. It's that time of year again. Kid's Camp will be conducted on two consecutive Wednesday's - 15 June and 22 June 2016. Since you won't be able to get on the courts to play during this time, consider volunteering to help out on one or both of these dates. For more information, contact Richard Bradley at rbradley1963@gmail.com or call him at [\(573\)528-0007](tel:5735280007).

When It Rains, It Pours. No, this is not a picture of the local recycling center. Here lie the remains of one of our shade covers that used to drape an aluminum frame above the bleachers. It was blown away by the recent storms; away go bye-bye. Thanks to Don Hayes, Clark Grafton, Nancy Grafton, Paul Straube and Scott Brady for clearing the area of the debris. The Club is awaiting a decision from the Existing Amenities Committee on the availability of funds to cover the cost of new shade covering. An answer is expected sometime this month.



Parking Challenges Expected on 15 and 22 June. Unless you are supporting Junior (Kid's) Camp, don't expect to find a convenient parking space near the pickleball courts on either the 15th or 22^d of this month. Four (4) parking areas, which are displayed in the graphic below, will be reserved for military vehicles supporting the event. Be prepared to walk or get to your destination well in advance of the start time.



Chuck Flanagan sent in a screen capture from the first nationally televised US Open Pickleball Championships on TV. It was the largest pickleball event in the history of the game with more than 800 participants. While the statistics on the continued growth of pickleball are impressive, you should see the highlight reel from Paddletek to appreciate the skill level of players moving up the ranks in this sport. Click on the link <https://vimeo.com/167513168>.



Mini-Tournament Displays Success of Mentor Program

By Kathy Carr

PASCT Communications Director

Graduates from the first three classes of the Beginner's Mentoring Program were invited to participate in a mini-tournament, which was held on Courts 5 & 6 from 10 am – 12 pm on Saturday, 30 May 2016. Despite the threat of rain and potential for conflict with other holiday weekend commitments, 24 players came out to "meet, greet, compete and eat."

A Round Robin format was used with each participant playing 3 games. Stringent rules were implemented to ensure all play was completed within the allotted 2-hour window. Pre-game warm ups were limited to 3 minutes. Games were played to 11 points or 15 minutes, whichever came first. A whistle was used to indicate game start and stop times, and referees were assigned to facilitate game pace. After each game, one person from each team reported his/her team score to the court monitor. Winning percentage (earned points divided by possible points) was used to determine the winners.



Participants cheer other players on outside Court 5.



Players perform arch stretches as they await their next game.

Following the competition, a light lunch was served and the winners were recognized with an embroidered pickleball bag and 5 new balls. It turned out to be a 3-way tie among Liz Merrick, Maria Sena and Carlos Rio, who all had perfect scores and a winning percentage of 100%.



Toni Briggs refs a game as players demonstrate proper positioning.



Bob Hutchins refs a game as Cindy Rio dances just behind the non-volley zone line to return a volley.

Throughout, players came to appreciate the social aspects of pickleball. Not only did they share war stories, but they shared contact information and committed to arrange future play with other participants from all 3 mentor program classes.

Mentor Program Graduate Mini-Tournament Results

First Name	Last Name	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Total Points	Winning %	Place
Liz	Merrick	11	11	11	33	100.00%	1
Maria	Sena	11	11	11	33	100.00%	1
Carlos	Rio	11	11	11	33	100.00%	1
Jane	Minson	7	11	11	29	87.88%	2
Bob	Cleaver	11	5	11	27	81.82%	3
Carol Ann	McDonald	11	11	5	27	81.82%	3
Marsha	Doebler	11	11	4	26	78.79%	4
Gary	Drumm	7	8	11	26	78.79%	4
Cindy	Rio	3	11	11	25	75.76%	5
Judy	Blackman	2	11	11	24	72.73%	6
Lynn	Hayes	3	8	11	22	66.67%	7
Paul	Bollinger	11	6	4	21	63.64%	8
Cindy	Sheppard	3	6	11	20	60.61%	9
Louise	Bollinger	2	11	7	20	60.61%	9
Stephanie	Matlock	3	11	5	19	57.58%	10
Douglas	Brumm	3	5	10	18	54.55%	11
David	Pehrson	7	6	5	18	54.55%	11
Bev	Wilson	11	1	6	18	54.55%	11
Dianne	Johnson	11	0	6	17	51.52%	12
Sherri	Kenyon	3	6	7	16	48.48%	13
Victoria	Hutchins	3	1	10	14	42.42%	14
Diane	Cleaver	11	0	2	13	39.39%	15
Melba	Bunch	7	1	2	10	30.30%	16
Alongkorn	Kitamorn	3	1	5	9	27.27%	17



Sandy Gilmore was precluded from playing due to (yep) a pickleball injury, but she was there to serve as court monitor and scorekeeper.



Players pass through the food line before heading over to the bleachers to eat and socialize.

Group photo of participants in first ever Sun City Texas Mentor Program Graduate Mini-Tournament.



Meet, greet, compete and eat!

Fred's Corner (One Man's Opinion)

Fred Kandel

Contributing Writer and Member of the PASCT



Fred Kandel

I want to apologize to all who look forward to my monthly articles (I believe the number totals over 4 people), for missing the May newsletter. My wife and I were on a 29-day cruise from Ft. Lauderdale, across the Atlantic to the Azores, and then through the Baltic. It was a great trip and yes I am still married. We beat the odds. Our downsizing move to Sun City was nothing compared to the downsizing to our spacious cabin onboard ship. While we were lucky enough to have a bathtub and balcony; I neglected to read the fine print which said the tub was also the sink and ice bucket.

Anyway, I want to thank all of you for making the trip tax deductible. On the 2nd day of the cruise, roughly 400 miles off the coast of Florida, I went to Deck 10 to participate in a wild game of basketball, when what should appear, but a pickleball court. While I was tempted to play, the only things stopping me were 30-foot seas, 37 mph winds and some players. The last issue was settled the next day when 6 people showed up for the pickleball tourney. I will tell you this, playing in some wind and sun is easy when the court is flat. 30-foot seas make it a lot more interesting.

It was at this point that I decided to make this a tax write off by writing about pickleball across the Atlantic and the Baltic countries. After checking with the ship's captain, who was also a financial advisor, the tax write-off was approved and so began my now research/vacation entitled *Pickleball Around the World, at Least the Atlantic Part of the World*.

For the sake of brevity and laziness, I am going to group several countries together and report by the group, instead of each country individually. We were only on the ship for 29 days, for god sake. I am not going to spend my entire vacation (I mean research trip) writing about pickleball in each country.

Group One: Azores, Spain, France. After spending 2 days in the Azores (pronounced Uhzoers) and one day each in Spain and France, the waiting time to play on courts was zero, not because there were plenty of courts, but because there were no courts to be seen, and no one asking to play the game.

Group Two: Belgium, Denmark Germany Estonia. When I got back on the ship, I went to the Excursion Desk to find out if there were any excursions that might have pickleball involved. I was laughed at and told to go to the dispensary for some Dramamine, which doesn't work when you are playing pickleball on the ship. I held out great hope for Estonia, but after we docked, I realized that Estonia could not possibly have pickleball because the entire country is smaller than our cabin, and has one less bathroom.

Group Three: Russia, Norway Sweden, Finland. On the way to St Petersburg from port, I got all excited because I finally saw what I thought were about 50 courts in one location. A bit small for a city of 4 million, but then I realized that I wasn't looking at courts, but at a prison. Bitter disappointment. I must point out at this time that I got car sick on the way to St. Pete, so I was unable to continue my search for a court.

So now towards the end of our 29 days (it only seemed like 27), Scandinavia was my last hope to have something to report, but alas, it was not to be. All of my research, 29 days of research, in my job as volunteer article writer for the Sun City Texas Pickleball Club yielded only 1 pickleball court and that was on the ship. Still a write off though!

It is good to be home, and it is great to be back on the courts with all the great members of the club. I will be having a slide show in the next 30 days showing *Pickleball Around the World, At Least the Atlantic Part of the World*, time and place to be determined. Be sure to reserve your seat and get there early as there is only one slide.

See you next month!

2016 Spring Ladder Leagues Now One for the History Books

By Peg O'Toole

Player Development Director

The 2016 Spring Ladder Leagues were quite “challenging”, a description measured not only by the level of competition among participants, but also by the exceptionally wet rainy season we experienced this year. While each of the 5 leagues was scheduled to play 8 consecutive weeks, all fell victim in varying degrees to the rain, wind and consequent match cancellations. Despite the clouds, our players persevered and played some darn good pickleball to boot. Congratulations to all who played in this season’s leagues and special recognition to our top finishers:

League	Winner	Winning Percentage
Women’s Individual Doubles	Katherine Goodall	90.91%
Men’s Individual Doubles	Jerry Fronczak	90.91%
Men’s Team Doubles	WR Helge and David Laird	93.33%
Women’s Team Doubles	Joyce Cadwallader and Mary Perez	94.70%
Mixed Team Doubles	Steve Timmons and Barb Patterson	96.36%

The following tables list the weekly scores and accumulative statistics for players in each of the leagues. Final league ranking is based on highest winning percentage, which is determined by dividing the total number of points earned by the total possible points.

Player Name	Date of Play	Total Earned Points								Winning Percentage			
Name	4-4	4-11	4-18	4-25	5-2	5-9	5-16	5-23	Tot	Poss	Bye	Pct	Rank
R	Rained Out												
B	Bye												

Total Possible Points Ranking Compared to Total Number of Players

Women’s Individual Doubles

	Name	4-4	4-11	4-18	4-25	5-2	5-9	5-16	5-23	Tot	Poss	Bye	Pct	Rank
1	Katherine Goodall	26	B	R	33	R	28	R	33	120	132	1	90.91	1/19
2	Lynn Niedermeier	25	B	R	*	R	33	R	29	87	99	1	87.88	2/19
3	Peg O'Toole	23	*	R	*	R	33	R	29	85	99	0	85.86	3/19
4	Lois Gallagher	24	*	R	B	R	26	R	33	83	99	1	83.84	4/19
5	April Anson	23	33	R	31	R	B	R	22	109	132	1	82.58	5/19
6	Sandy Piland	18	29	R	32	R	24	R	B	103	132	1	78.03	6/19
7	Bev Wilson	22	23	R	22	R	33	R	27	127	165	0	76.97	7/19
8	Sandra Eyster	28	28	R	B	R	18	R	26	100				

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Men's Individual Doubles

	Name	4-5	4-12	4-19	4-26	5-3	5-10	5-17	5-24	Tot	Poss	Bye	Pct	Rank
1	Jerry Fronczak	*	33	B	26	33	25	R	33	150	165	1	90.91	1/14
2	Walter Bradley	31	16	26	B	23	33	R	32	161	198	1	81.31	2/14
3	Charlie Hagen	*	17	26	28	31	27	R	28	157	198	0	79.29	3/14
4	Phil Coraggio	25	33	29	25	21	29	R	21	183	231	0	79.22	4/14
5	Jim Wilson	31	B	25	25	22	B	R	B	103	132	3	78.03	5/14
6	Billy Blackman	29	23	31	25	23	B	R	22	153	198	1	77.27	6/14
7	Joe OToole	19	18	27	27	32	B	R	29	152	198	1	76.77	7/14
8	Roger Smith	18	33	31	27	B	15	R	B	124	165	2	75.15	8/14
9	Richard Bradley	31	B	25	10	31	14	R	25	136	198	1	68.69	9/14
10	Davey Stateler	27	18	29	17	B	B	R	20	111	165	2	67.27	10/14
11	Danny Ballard	27	19	15	28	23	19	R	24	155	231	0	67.10	11/14
12	Al Eyster	27	18	B	B	26	16	R	22	109	165	2	66.06	12/14
13	Mike Hausman	17	14	24	24	27	B	R	22	128	198	1	64.65	13/14
14	Larry Peters	B	20	B	10	16	B	R	2	48	132	3	36.36	14/14

Men's Team Doubles

	Name	4-6	4-13	4-20	4-27	5-4	5-11	5-18	5-25	Tot	Poss	Bye	Pct	Rank
1	WR Helge David Laird	27	R	R	33	B	29	32	33	154	165	1	93.33	1/7
2	Don Hunt Steve Timmons	23	R	R	33	33	23	B	B	112	132	2	84.85	2/7
3	Paul Straube Don Hayes	33	R	R	10	11	26	33	33	146	198	0	73.74	3/7
4	Ron Niksich Phil Coraggio	26	R	R	B	31	28	20	16	121	165	1	73.33	4/7
5	Richard Bradley Walter Bradley	B	R	R	29	24	B	10	33	96	132	2	72.73	5/7
6	Danny Ballard Ken Phipps	B	R	R	23	21	32	33	9	118	165	1	71.52	6/7
7	Billy Blackman Joe OToole	15	R	R	B	23	28	26	20	112	165	1	67.88	7/7

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Women's Team Doubles

	Name	4-7	4-14	4-21	4-28	5-5	5-12	5-19	5-26	Tot	Poss	Bye	Pct	Rank
1	Joyce Cadwallader Mary Perez	26	33	R	*	33	33	R	B	125	132	1	94.70	1/6
2	Kat Barras Debbie Schultz	22	B	R	24	33	R	R	B	79	99	2	79.80	2/6
3	Peg OToole Kathy Carr	23	B	R	B	B	18	R	33	74	99	3	74.75	3/6
4	Kim Stout Sandy Piland	25	12	R	33	B	R	R	B	70	99	2	70.71	4/6
5	Alice Hunt Mary Stephens	33	27	R	25	5	R	R	B	90	132	1	68.18	5/6
6	Lois Gallagher Barbara Hallmark	18	B	R	26	17	R	R	10	71	132	1	53.79	6/6

Mixed Team Doubles

	Name	4-8	4-15	4-22	4-29	5-6	5-13	5-20	5-27	Tot	Poss	Bye	Pct	Rank
1	Barb Patterson Steve Timmons	33	33	33	B	33	B	27	R	159	165	2	96.36	1/11
2	Sandy Piland Don Hayes	31	4	B	33	31	B	33	R	132	165	2	80.00	2/11
3	Katherine Goodall Gary Goodall	33	24	23	7	25	33	33	R	178	231	0	77.06	3/11
4	Peg OToole Joe OToole	16	26	33	32	2	33	33	R	175	231	0	75.76	4/11
5	Sandra Eyster Al Eyster	33	13	B	B	33	23	22	R	124	165	2	75.15	5/11
6	Donna Holt Larry Holt	11	19	B	26	B	33	33	R	122	165	2	73.94	6/11
7	Wendy DEntremont Ron Dentremont	33	25	33	13	B	23	19	R	146	198	1	73.74	7/11
8	Toni Briggs Bob Hutchins	18	29	27	33	29	9	B	R	145	198	1	73.23	8/11
9	Lynn Niedemeier Danny Ballard	B	B	28	18	25	25	19	R	115	165	2	69.70	9/11
10	Kathy Carr Phil Coraggio	17	33	16	B	B	B	22	R	88	132	3	66.67	10/11
11	Judy Schlobohm Stephen Schlobohm	11	26	11	19	0	15	15	R	97	231	0	41.99	11/11

Volunteer of the Month Spotlight – Scott Brady & Charlie Hagen

Submitted by Kathy Carr

Mentor Program Developer

We ran into a unique situation with our Volunteer of the Month Program this month. There are two outstanding members in the club who have equally contributed their time and expertise to the development and execution of the Beginners' Mentoring Program. Both were nominated to receive the VOM award. It would have been unfair to select one over or even, one before the other. So, the Board decided to recognize them both at the same time. For the first time, we are pleased to announce that for the month of June we have two volunteers of the month – Scott Brady and Charlie Hagen.

For 2 hours every Saturday morning over the last 15 weeks, Scott and Charlie have helped train, monitor and guide player performance through practice drills and supervised play in a game environment. They helped evaluate player weaknesses and develop individual skills and rule knowledge, oftentimes staying after class to provide individualized instruction. It is through their contributing efforts that nearly 40 new players are now able to execute *basic* shot strokes – forehand, backhand, volley, overhead, and the serve; conduct a short rally with players of equal ability, and assume proper court positioning in doubles play. Besides boosting individual player confidence, they have secondarily improved the pace of play on the pickleball courts by ensuring that program graduates are prepared for integration into Club Time play.



Charlie Hagen (green shirt) and Scott Brady (gray shirt) announce court assignments to participants in the Mentor Program Class #00003.

June 2016 Volunteer of the Month Player Profiles

Scott Brady



When he retired in August of 2010, Scott Brady announced to his wife that they could now live anywhere that they wanted and asked her to consider where that might be. Her response was immediate and certain. She said “I want to stay in Houston”.

While they had really deep roots in Houston, the couple also had one daughter in San Antonio, another in Austin, and Scott’s sister lived in Taylor. They developed a motivation to relocate, and in January of 2015 began to explore the idea of moving to Central Texas. Their search began in San Antonio and concluded in Georgetown with many stops in between. Their last stop was in Sun City Texas. As difficult as it was to leave friends and a lifetime in Houston, their only regret about being here is that they didn’t make the move sooner than when they arrived on May 20, 2015.

Scott is an avid sports minded person. He’s played everything from hopscotch to washer pitching, to shuffleboard to surfing in the Gulf of Mexico to hiking the Grand Canyon, rim to rim, twice. And if the activity had a ball associated with it, he could be counted on to try it. For 20 years, his passion was tennis. Then it was replaced, for another 23 years, by golf, with a little softball mixed in. he arrived in Sun City with the intent of playing as much golf as my body would stand and unfortunately, in August, one of my knees decided that it had enough.

If that had not happened though, he may have never discovered pickleball. Scott is thankful to his entire pickleball family of friends for welcoming him into this wonderful activity and community. The fun that he’s had, the people that he’s met, the friends that he’s made, have collectively enabled him to embrace his new home in a way that was unexpected but really special.

Charlie Hagen



Charlie Hagen and his wife, Marcelle, moved to Sun City from Ooltewa, Tennessee in May, 2015. Their decision to relocate here was influenced by the opportunity to be closer to their son, Josiah, and his family. There weren’t any retirement communities like Sun City near where their daughter, Elise, and her family live in New York, 45 minutes north of Poughkeepsie.

Before moving to Sun City, Charlie was fully engaged in horticulture as a volunteer docent (guide) at the Tennessee Aquarium. So, it was within his character to volunteer within new community. As Charlie explains it, volunteering, more than playing or being just a member of a club, provides a way to build deeper relationships.

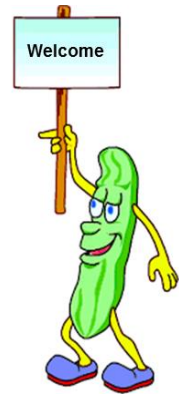
Charlie has really enjoyed the community of “pickleballers” here in Sun City. It provides the ideal environment to meet other active folks. Charlie and Marcelle helped with Kids Camp last summer and will do so again this month. The couple also participates in the Hunting and Fishing Club and helped with ticket sales for the recent Fish Fry fund raiser.

Welcome New Members

By Don Hayes
PASCT Vice President

Here is a list of the 9 new members who joined our pickleball ranks within the last month. That brings us up to 473 active members. Please welcome these folks when you see them on the courts. If they're wearing a hat, look for the little green pickle on it. They've been pickled – that is, they were presented a welcome letter from our club president along with a hat pin pickle to recognize their new membership.

Enrique Anciola	Jay Hangartner	Gregg McIlhaney
Rhonda Banks	Beverly Jenkins	David Persilver
Charlene Craigen	Don Kott	Jill Pharr



Free Webinar on Playing Advanced Pickleball

Submitted by Elaine Brogden
Sun City Pickleball Club Member

Prem Carnot, known as The Pickleball Guru, author of the Amazon.com #1 best-selling book, *Smart Pickleball: The Pickleball Guru's Guide*, is offering a FREE online training webinar called: **7 Steps to Playing Advanced Pickleball (Even if You're Brand New to the Sport)**.

If this opportunity is of interest to you, [Click here to be INSTANTLY registered for this FREE webinar](#).



7 Steps to Playing Advanced Pickleball (Even if You're Brand New to the Sport)

Saturday, 4 June 2016

3 pm Central Time

Prem Carnot, the Pickleball Guru.

Blonde Helping a Trucker.....

Submitted by Sharon Campbell

A blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down. The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"



"Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back that have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde.

So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts, and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified! There was the blonde walking down the street, holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes, he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

"What are you doing here?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo!"

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde. "But we had money left over so now we're going to Sea World."



Brad Duffy pre-operation.

Here's one more photo to help close out this month's Kitchen Talk. It is of Brad Duffy, the day before he underwent a recent knee replacement. As a good luck present, some of the club members got together and presented him with a set of specially designed "pickleball crutches". Keith Cadwallader came up with the design, which included a neon frame for visibility, a paddle carrier, ball holder and smart alert horn in case the crutches fail.

We're happy to report that Brad is doing fine and you can expect to see him on the courts playing better than ever.