



# Kitchen Talk



## Pickleball Association of Sun City Texas Newsletter

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## Greetings from the President

By Nancy Grafton  
PASCT President

What an exciting month we have before us!

As the Spring leagues wind down and we announce the winners for each Division, we'll see which of our players can truly boast they have the best paddles in town.

Our Social Director, Kim Stout, guest chef, Lonnie Ray, and a host of volunteers

have been working hard to prepare for the Club's first ever Annual Shrimp Boil. With more than 125 members and guests signed up for the May 9<sup>th</sup> event, this promises to be a great evening to socialize, play games, dine, drink, and hopefully go home with a door prize.

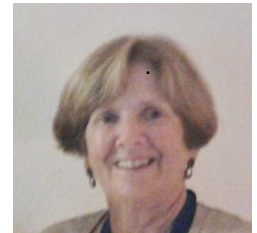
Also in May, Simon will be making his "home" with us. Look for Kathy Carr's article about Simon in this month's Kitchen Talk.

Thanks to all of you who have donated paddles for use by beginners and residents of Sun City. Unfortunately, a few of the paddles were damaged during the recent rainstorm and had to be discarded.

If you notice any lids that go to on the containers under the benches that are not closed properly, please take a moment and fix them.

And finally, congratulations to all the Sun City Pickleballers

who competed in the San Antonio State Senior Games last month. We were well represented, both as competitors, and as referees.



**Nancy Grafton**  
PASCT President

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### PASCT May 2012 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Team Doubles Leagues 1 - 3 pm Division B 3 - 5 pm Division A	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Women's League 3 - 4 pm	Individual Double League 1 - 2 pm Division C 1 - 3 pm Division B 3 - 4 pm Division A			Team Doubles Leagues 1 - 3 pm Division B 3 - 5 pm Division A	Cedar Park Compass Tournament  PASCT Shrimp Boil 5:30 pm, Legacy Hills Pavilion
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Team Doubles Leagues 3 - 5 pm Division A Make Up Match  Volunteer of the Month Submissions Due	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day		Simon Open House and Ice Cream Social 6 pm, PB Court 4			
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## Introducing Our New Picklees (Members)

Judy Swain  
PASCT Vice President

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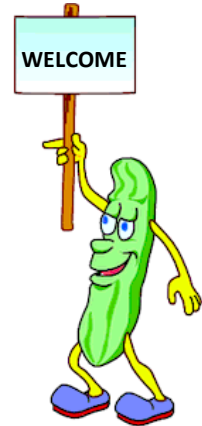
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We currently have 379 active members in the Pickleball Club. Here is a list our new members who joined the Pickleball Club within the last month.

Please welcome them 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 sent a welcome letter from our club president along with a hat pit pickle to recognize their new membership.

### April 2015 New Members

Linda Dwyer	Bob Hutchins
Donald Kelley	Michael McCracken
Ernie Medina	Bonnie Stanley
Michael Stanley	Mary Jane Riedlinger
Barbara Traube	



## From the Ambassador

By Chuck Flanagan  
North Austin Pickleball Ambassador



**Chuck Flanagan**

Tournament season is here! I usually consider the Texas State Senior Games pickleball tournament in San Antonio to be the start of pickleball tournament season. That's obviously an arbitrary selection, but it is the one that sticks in my mind. I think the reason for this is that it's the first tournament that so many of our

club members attended (2010: 19 members and 35 medals), and one that we continue to attend as a group.

This year marked the sixth year we've attended this event with about twenty of our members entered in the various events. Our Sun City pickleball club has garnered a very strong reputation throughout the region for having quality players who play well and make new pickleball friends easily.

This year also marks another exciting tournament milestone for our club. The National Senior Olympic Games are held every two years and

players attending must qualify by placing at a state tournament in the year prior to the games. We have over a dozen of our members who have qualified and are planning to compete at the games in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this coming July. Imagine that, Sun City pickleball players competing at the national level, wearing their "Sun City Pickleball, Georgetown, Texas" club shirts. We'll have to make sure we have pictures for the "Sunrays".

Lastly, there a new tournament coming that you might like to hear about. Tim Dean, at the Cedar Park Recreation Center, has

decided to put on a major tournament this fall. The dates aren't firm yet, however, he's planning to have both age and open divisions. This is exciting because it will be the first major pickleball tournament held locally. It will also be a great opportunity for our players who don't like to travel to play locally or just drop down to watch some really great competition. I'll have more details, for those of you who are interested, at a later date.

## Our Warriors from the Texas State Senior Games

You've heard it before – a picture is worth 1000 words. Here is a sampling of snapshots taken of our Sun City Pickleball Club members who went down to San Antonio and competed in the Texas State Senior Games 14 – 17 April. They cleaned the floors and the competition. They refereed, played, won, lost, socialized and ate. Congratulations to all who participated, and hats off to those who won.



### Sun City Texas Winners 2015 Texas State Senior Games - Pickleball

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>MEDAL</u>
Nancy Grafton	Women's Singles	70 – 74	Gold
	Women's Doubles	70 – 74	Gold
Sandy Arico	Women's Doubles	70 – 74	Gold
	Mixed Doubles	70 – 74	Silver
Dave Larson	Men's Singles	70 – 74	Gold
	Mixed Doubles	70 – 74	Silver
Jack Warner	Men's Singles	75 – 79	Gold
Don Hunt	Men's Singles	65 – 65	Silver
	Men's Doubles	60 – 64	Silver
Dorinda Williams	Women's Doubles	65 – 69	Gold
Chuck Flanagan	Men's Doubles	65 – 69	Silver
Larry Hudson	Men's Doubles	65 – 69	Silver
Joe Lish	Men's Doubles	65 – 69	Bronze
Steve Timmons	Men's Doubles	60 – 64	Silver
David Stout	Men's Doubles	55 – 59	Silver
Mary Payne	Women's Singles	55 – 59	Bronze







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## News from Cedar Park Recreation Center

By Robert Staton  
Senior Program Coordinator  
Georgetown Parks and Recreation

Beginning this Sunday, May 3rd, open pickleball play will be available every Sunday from 12 noon until 2 pm at the Cedar Park Recreation Center. Three courts will be available for play, and will be set up and ready to go before the Center opens for the day. This means you should be able to walk in when the doors are open and immediately begin play without waiting for the nets to be set up. The Center expects their player numbers to expand as working adults and school age children will be available during these times. Experienced players are advised to please have patience with new players and remember that all of us had to learn how to play the game at one point or another.



Please note that on the days Cedar Park conducts its introduction to pickleball and intermediate pickleball skills and strategy classes, they will only have one court available for open play. The dates of the classes that are currently scheduled include: May 17, June 14 and August 16. In the event that the classes don't meet the minimum number of students, all three courts will be available for open play.

Lastly, beginning on Monday, May 4th, the day pass fee for adults ages 55+ will increase to \$5 per day. It is suggested that you compare that cost with the number of days per month that you typically visit the recreation center against the price of a membership term of one month, three months or a year.

## Why Didn't I Think of That



Pat Brian, one of our most recognized club members, wrote in with a great suggestion for the rest of us. In his own words...

"I went online to the Sun City site and added my mug shot to my profile. This placed it on the pickleball member list too. It would be fun for a huge number of pics to show up so we can better connect names to faces!"

Let's all jump on the wagon with Pat. It's easy to update your profile and add your picture. Just go to [www.sctexas.org](http://www.sctexas.org). Click on "Resident Home." Click on "My Profile," and then click on "Edit My Photo." It's a great way to learn and remember the names of the people we play.



## Who is Simon and When Is He Coming to Sun City?

By Kathy Carr  
Communications Director

How'd you like to have a practice partner who could place the ball exactly where it needed to be every time so you could master your dink? Wouldn't it be nice if you could count on that same partner to consistently shoot a lob at just the right height so you could improve your overhead shot? Well, that perfect partner is coming to Sun City and his name is Simon.

Simon is the only pickleball throwing machine on the market specifically designed for our sport. Before he came along, pickleball players had to use machines retrofitted from tennis ball or baseball pitching machines. Because the size of a pickleball is different than a tennis, whiffle or baseball, these systems frequently jammed, and failed to replicate the ball return of an actual pickleball.

Simon has proven to be different. In February, three Simons were set up in Palm Creek, Arizona for demonstration during Paddle Day. They operated continuously for 4.5 hours and delivered more than 12,000 balls without any system failure.

Simon is completely portable. He runs on a 6 hour rechargeable sealed lead acid battery, so no electric cords are needed. He can feed balls up to speeds from 10 MPH (dinks) to 30 MPH (drives) using the fully adjustable speed dial. He can feed at a desired pace to accommodate player levels, and he is fully adjustable up to a ball every 2 seconds.

The angle at which the balls come from is also customizable simply by moving the machine to other places on the court and by turning it so the mouth faces other locations. Players can practice volleys, forehand and backhand ground strokes, overhead shots, drop shots, dinks and more.

Simon holds 70 balls in the chamber, but the included funnel attachment holds an additional 90 balls, bringing total ball capacity to 160 balls.

Simon is constructed in the USA and is made of heavy gauge steel. He stands 30 inches tall, 13 inches deep and 13 inches wide. He weighs 32 pounds and has a built-in carrying handle.

The manufacturer recommends using only Dura Indoor or Outdoor, Onix or TOP balls in the machine. The Jugs ball does not perform as consistently due to its slightly smaller size and softer composition.

Simon has been ordered and he is on his way to Sun City. When he arrives, volunteer members will be trained to serve as Equipment Managers who will, in turn, train members on the proper use of Simon and manage the issue process.

**All Club members are invited to attend a demonstration of Simon on Wednesday, 27 May at 6:00 pm on pickleball Court 4. A free ice cream social will follow.**

The Pickleball Club Board wants to make sure that Simon becomes and remains the ultimate training partner for Club members – that he never misses practice, always shows up on time, and consistently serves up the right practice balls.

To this end, Board members are working on procedures and a lesson plan that covers the security, storage, handling, scheduling, issue and return of Simon. These procedures will be shared with the membership, and a schedule of classes will be published within the next couple of weeks. Club members will be required to complete the class before reserving Simon. Sign up for the class will begin 27 May at the Simon Demonstration.



## That's Our Girl

Georgetown Recreation Center hosted its first compass tournament this past Saturday, April 25th.

Format for the tournament was 18+, doubles with a compass draw for all skill levels. Teams could be male, female and mixed, and all teams competed in one division.

Sun City's own Mary Payne partnered with Billy Russell took third place. Did you catch the part about this being open to 18 year olds and above? Way to go, Mary.



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## I Love You Honey

Contributed by V.A. Miller

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack!

"Help me dear," she groans to her husband.

The husband calls 911 on his cell phone, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt.

His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him.

"I'm dying here and you're putting?"

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, "they found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you.

"Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" she asks feebly.

"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."



*I love you honey, but...*



## Volunteer Spotlight – Phil Corragio

By Nancy Grafton  
PASCT President

This week, Phil Corragio was presented the PASCT Volunteer of the Month Award for May 2015.

A Board decision was made early in the year to test Rally Scoring against the existing Club policy of limiting game play to 8 points, when all courts are occupied and more than 8 players are waiting. The purpose was to determine the better scoring system – one that would optimize available court space, while providing members with as much quality play time as possible.

Due to bad weather during the month of February and part of March, the start date for the test was delayed several times. The Club needed a positive weather report for 3 sequential days, after which an eblast would



**Phil Corragio**  
**Volunteer of the Month for**  
**May 2015**

go out to club members notifying them of the revised dates and times of the test. As was expected, the cast of volunteers changed with the new dates.

Phil was instrumental in recruiting volunteers to test both scoring methods. Not only did he volunteer several hours

### Biography

My wife, Denise, and I moved to Sun City in June 2014 from Katy, Texas.

Before moving here we visited other retirement communities in South Carolina and Florida, but just could not leave Texas.

I'm retired from the Insurance Industry, and have worked in various locations throughout the U.S. to include Manhattan, San Antonio, New Hampshire and New Jersey.

Besides pickleball, I enjoy golf, fishing, dancing, and dining with my wife and neighbors.

every day, over a 5 day period, he also explained Rally Scoring and collected the survey forms from the participants.

Forms were collected from 55 players, and these surveys were analyzed by the Board. The final recommendation was to retain the existing Club guidelines for court usage.

## Beginner's Pickleball Training

By Richard Bradley  
Player Development Director

Class dates for the calendar quarter ending in June are listed to the right and have been posted to the Club's micro site.

If you know an individual, club or neighborhood that would like to learn how to play pickleball, please advise them to contact

the club's Player Development Director, Richard Bradley at [rlbradley1963@aol.com](mailto:rlbradley1963@aol.com) to schedule a class.



Beginner's Pickleball Training Schedule		
May 16, 2015	Saturday	8:00 – 9:30 am
May 20, 2015	Wednesday	8:00 – 9:30 am
May 23, 2015	Saturday	8:00 – 9:30 am
June 20, 2015	Saturday	8:00 – 9:30 am
June 27, 2015	Saturday	8:00 – 9:30 am
Classes are held on Courts 5 and 6. Paddles, balls and instruction are provided by the club.		

## Upcoming Tournaments Outside Sun City

Here is a list of upcoming tournament information. It is only as accurate and current as the date and time it is brought to the editor's attention. If you are informed of any changes, please send an email to [kathy.carr@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.carr@gmail.com) so the listing, which is also posted on the Club's micro site, can be updated.

### **Cedar Park Compass Tournament**

- Format: Compass, 16 teams, high (3.5+) and low divisions, Doubles-team can be any combination of men and women.
- Location: Cedar Park Rec Center, Cedar Park (near Round Rock/Austin), TX
- Cost: \$25 per team, 4 matches guaranteed
- Date(s): May 9
- Registration due: usually fills up a month before (<http://www.cpsports.us/>) or call [512-401-5516](tel:512-401-5516)

### **Mid-South Regional Tournament** (<http://www.usapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/MSR2015flyer.pdf>)

- Format: Men's/Women's/Mixed Doubles & Singles, Age Group & Open (4.5+) divisions
- Location: Monroe, LA
- Cost: Registration \$34 & \$10 per event, USAPA Membership Required, 3 match guarantee
- Date(s): May 28-31, 2015
- Registration due: May 5, 2015 ([www.pickleballtournaments.com](http://www.pickleballtournaments.com))

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## Thank You, Stacy Group



Jan Schmidt from Stacy Group working hard supporting lunch for players at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Team Pickleball Tournament, and then all cleaned up and receiving a token of appreciation from the Pickleball Club President, Nancy Grafton.

## Spring Leagues Head to the Finish Line

By Kathy Carr  
PASCT Communications Director

Just when it seems like the Sun City Spring Leagues got underway, we're already into Week Number 6. And to top that off, the leagues are only 7 weeks long.

As we approach the finish line for this season, here are some pictures from the season and a recap of the current standings at the end of Week 5.

If you haven't gotten down to the courts to cheer our players on, time is running out. Head on out to the courts Monday, Tuesday or Friday afternoons to catch

the action.

The next leagues begin in the fall with registration scheduled to run from 10 – 28 August.



## League Standings

## At the End of Week 5

Women's Division - Individual Doubles (Mondays, 3 PM)											
Name	23-Mar	30-Mar	6-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	4-May	Total Points	% Total Points	Games Won	Place
C Stateler	29	33	27	33	32			154	93%	12	1
T Roberts	29	26	28	26	30			139	84%	10	2
L Niedermeier	31	24	25	32	27			139	84%	9	3
T Briggs	25	22	27	29	33			136	82%	10	4
S Piland	23	29	27	29	27			135	82%	10	5
L Pierce	25	31	25	21	29			131	79%	7	6
J Scholbohm	27	25	24	23	23			122	74%	9	7
M Augustine	16	25	23	23	21			108	65%	6	8
C Thomas	22	13	23	25	23			106	64%	8	9
B Brookhouse	13	31	11	19	25			99	60%	5	10
L Swafford	8	22	25	24	19			98	59%	4	11
J Bartz	24	17	11	12	13			77	47%	3	12



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Individual Doubles - Division C (Tuesdays, 1 PM)											
	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	Total Points	% Total Points	Games Won	Place
K Phipps	33	33	27	33	33			159	96%	14	1
B Bartz	27	32	23	25	27			134	81%	8	2
B Crist	27	24	26	29	24			130	79%	8	3
L Peters	30	23	15	25	32			125	76%	7	4
M McCracken	21	22	26	25	29			123	75%	7	5
S Scholbohm	18	31	26	23	24			122	74%	6	6
D Brown	19	21	29	23	25			117	71%	6	7
J Bartz	13	24	10	11	25			83	50%	3	8
Individual Doubles - Division B (Tuesdays, 1 PM)											
	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	Total Points	% Total Points	Games Won	Place
B Holmes	31	27	27	33	25			143	87%	11	1
G Eppinger	27	26	29	33	24			139	84%	10	2
W Bradley	29	27	31	18	30			135	82%	9	3
R Liedecker	28	20	28	18	30			124	75%	9	4
J Sewell	29	21	23	21	30			124	75%	8	5
J Scott	26	20	24	22	19			111	67%	6	6
L Ray	16	30	20	22	20			108	65%	5	7
J Minze	19	14	13	21	17			84	51%	2	8
Individual Doubles - Division B (Tuesdays, 2 PM)											
	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	Total Points	% Total Points	Games Won	Place
C Alexander	33	33	33	33	33			165	100%	15	1
P Coraggio	23	30	26	32	31			142	86%	10	2
J Martucci	30	29	28	27	26			140	85%	8	3
G Leslie	25	30	31	26	25			137	83%	9	4
R Bayne	33	16	24	29	31			133	81%	8	5
J Kabanek	27	28	26	27	19			127	77%	7	6
A Eyster	23	15	30	25	28			121	73%	5	7
C Grafton	17	29	21	26	22			115	70%	7	8
D Stateler	27	14	17	29	28			115	70%	6	9
J O'Toole	23	27	22	19	24			115	70%	5	10
P O'Toole	24	20	27	23	19			113	68%	4	11
C Kaminky	11	15	20	9	26			81	49%	3	12

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Individual Doubles Division A (Tuesdays, 3 PM)											
Name	24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	5-May	Total Points	% Total Points	Games Won	Place
S Timmons	33	33	32	28	33			159	96%	12	1
J Lish	33	25	27	32	25			142	86%	10	2
C Alexander	33	25	29	23	29			139	84%	10	3
D Stout	29	30	33	24	22			138	84%	10	4
B Chalmers	21	31	23	33	25			133	81%	10	5
M Payne	25	22	30	29	27			133	81%	9	6
J Fronczak	26	24	24	32	26			132	80%	7	7
J Martucci	29	31	24	25	21			130	79%	4	8
J Cadwallader	19	33	23	27	21			123	75%	9	9
J Kutnick	28	28	20	20	23			119	72%	7	10
C Vanderpoel	27	28	12	26	24			117	71%	6	11
J Warner	23	26	30	27	6			112	68%	5	12
G Leslie	20	24	26	16	19			105	64%	7	13
S Payne	23	25	19	23	14			104	63%	4	14
D Laird	21	25	20	10	27			103	62%	5	15
M Hausman	11	14	22	29	12			88	53%	4	16
Team Doubles - Division B (Fridays at 1 & 2 PM)											
	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May	8-May	Total Points	% Total Points	Games Won	Place
T Roberts/D Dick	33	33		33	33			132	100%	12	1
R Bayne/C Grafton	32	33		33	32			130	98%	10	2
A Eyster/P Coraggio	28	33		33	32			126	95%	8	3
K Conahan/A Panetta	33	33		33	26			125	95%	11	4
G Leslie/J Martucci	33	33		33	24			123	93%	10	5
W Bradley/R Liedecker	33	33		27	25			118	89%	8	6
P Straube/D Stateler	33	33		16	33			115	87%	10	7
J & P O'Toole	33	33		25	22			113	86%	9	8
T Briggs/D Straube	33	9		17	30			89	67%	6	9
R Cayer/R Bradley	12	8		27	33			80	61%	5	10
J Wickens/K Phipps	15	15		21	30			81	61%	2	11
J Minze/M Barnes	9	13		33	11			66	50%	3	12
B Holmes/D Lannom	6	13		8	20			47	36%	1	13
D Blair/B Powell	22	2		8	12			44	33%	0	14
M Martin/B Chambers	5	0		17	0			22	17%	0	15
S & J Scholbohm	8	1		8	2			19	14%	0	16

Doubles - Division A (Fridays at 3 & 4 PM)											
	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May	8-May	Total Points	% Total Points	Games Won	Place
J Kutnick/D Laird	33	33		33	30			129	98%	12	1
S Timmons/W Saunders	27	33		30	33			123	93%	11	2
S & M Payne	32	32		26	33			123	93%	8	3
G Leslie/J Lish	33	15		30	30			108	82%	9	4
J Martucci/N Grafton	15	31		28	29			103	78%	6	5
L Hudson/C Flanagan	25	17		27	33			102	77%	5	6
J Cadwallader/B Treadway	30	22		20	22			94	71%	3	7
D Larson/D Hunt	24	20		33	14			91	69%	5	8
J Fronczak/R Liedecker	11	33		29	15			88	67%	5	9
G Pinkston/F Kandel	6	31		23	25			85	64%	2	10
J Warner/D Hayes	26	13		32	12			83	63%	3	11
C Grafton/B Chalmers	22	29		7	24			82	62%	2	12

## Honesty



Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals .....very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...