



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

June

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we move into June (yes, it is already June), there are several club events occurring. We have the BIG BOPPER Charity event (Tuesday 6/4 and Wednesday 6/5) as well as the ever popular ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Sunday 6/2). A special thanks for Hutch Hutchins, Bob Cleaver, Charles Desa and Phil Coraggio for the BIG BOPPER and Kathy Carr for the ICE CREAM social. Saturday, June 1st features a hike on the Hidden Ravine Trail, followed by BYO lunch at the pickleball pavilion. AND, be on the lookout for several other upcoming events being planned by your Social Director!!! Shaz is working hard on the "FUN and FRIENDS" areas of our SCTPC motto.

Last month, we made you aware of a court usage survey being completed by the CA. Although we did not reveal the exact dates of the survey, we did make you aware that monitors may be dropping by anytime during the months of April-July. Well, the survey was completed in early May. In summary, 80% of the time, Tennis had open courts for play. 57% of the time, Pickleball had open courts for play. No surprise that both clubs had the 10am time slot as the busiest and the 6 pm slot being the lightest usage. All this being said, the board conducted a discussion and presentation with the CA Expansion Committee leader and are working to have continuing discussions with the CA and Pulte. We have seen significant club growth and trends are accelerating as a result of the Retreat neighborhoods and we project this same upward trend as a result of the North Pointe expansion. Our goal is to ensure the CA Board, CA Committees and Pulte have all the information they need as future amenities or changes to existing ones are planned. Many thanks to Dare Plantz and Chuck Flanagan for assisting the board with the planning for these discussions.

And finally, as you play this awesome sport of Pickleball, always have FUN, enjoy the FITNESS and FRIENDS and please use one, or two, of the **25 alternative words** Barb published to relieve any frustrations. We must respect our players and our Court neighbors.

AND, for the SECOND month in a row (knock on wood everywhere you are able), NO accidents, so please continue with SAFETY FIRST, WIN THE POINT SECOND!!

Ed Cahill

"Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder."

Anonymous



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT



The Club began the month of April with a balance of \$10,484 and ended with \$9,573 for a net loss of \$910. Income totaled \$228 with the majority coming from new membership dues and final Swing into Spring BBQ ticket sales. Expenses totaled \$1,138; the two largest being the final payment of \$610 to Dickey's BBQ and supporting items for both the Swing into Spring Tournament and BBQ totaling \$460. We had 16 new members bringing our current total to 601.

MAY NEW MEMBERS

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
David	Bowe
Stacy	Bowe
James	Budde
Dan	Callahan
Joe	Gray

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Cliff	Hensley
Mark	Lane
June	Prince
Norman	Prince

Welcome! We're glad you're here!



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT'D.

CLUB EVENTS

Dinks, Chow and Chat - June 4th, **at Mulligan's** from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Come join your SCTPC friends!



BYO Dinks & Paddles - Tuesday, June 25th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Retreat Courts. Play some pball and socialize at the bleachers with your SCTPC friends!



Cattleman Trail Hike - Weather permitting, Ken Patterson will be leading a two and a half mile hike on the new Cattleman Trail behind the Retreat Amenity Center this coming Saturday, June 1st. We'll meet at the pickleball courts at the Retreat at 9 AM that morning. We'll want to start the hike before it gets too hot! Bring water and wear good walking shoes. Wearing a hat and using sunscreen/bug spray are always good ideas.

We should be done and back to the pickleball courts around 10:30. Of course there will be a chance to play pickleball after the hike. And bring your own picnic-fixins so you can treat yourself to lunch back at the Retreat courts after the hike.

Pickleball Mixer - Saturday, June 29th from 6-9 pm will be a BYOB Pickleball Mixer at the Texas Drive courts with music and treats! Come join in the fun!



Pickleball Ball Machine Class - We will have a class on the pickleball machine operation on Saturday, June 15th at the Retreats courts. The class will start at 4:30 and run for 30 minutes. This class does not require any registration. Just come if you can. Taking this class will allow you to reserve the ball machine for your drills and practice. Contact Wayne Schaefer (waynetp32@gmail.com), our ball machine coordinator, if you have any questions.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Don't forget - this coming Sunday is the...

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club's 4th Annual



- Who:** All Sun City Pickleball Club Members & Family
- What:** Free Sundaes and Root Beer Floats
- When:** Sunday, 2 June 2019 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Where:** Outside Courts 5 and 6 at Texas Drive
- Notes:**
- Courts available for those who want to play.
 - Bring a lawn chair if you want to sit and chat with other pickleball friends.

BIG BOPPER

2 Types of Tickets Available

Buy Tickets online May 15-30

1

Big Bopper Tournament

June 4 & 5

The \$5 Ticket includes the Charity
Social Pot Luck Dinner

2

Charity Social Pot Luck Dinner - June 5

Both Events Benefit the
Georgetown Animal Shelter
And
Caring Place

Tournament includes 5 events:

- Pickleball (June 4 @ 8:30)
- Miniature Golf (June 4 @ 1:00)
- Horseshoes (June 5 @ 10:00)
- Bocce (June 5 @ 10:00)
- Pool Volleyball (June 5 @ 1:00)

- **Partners are Randomly picked
- Individual points are awarded for each event
- Play in all 5 OR fewer events
- Prizes awarded to top Female and Male Winners

**There will be Door Prizes at the Charity Social

- \$5 Tickets
- Happy Hour 5:30 (BYO)
- Cowan Creek Pavilion
- Pot Luck Dinner (bring a dish for 8-10 people)





CLUB CALENDAR



June 2019

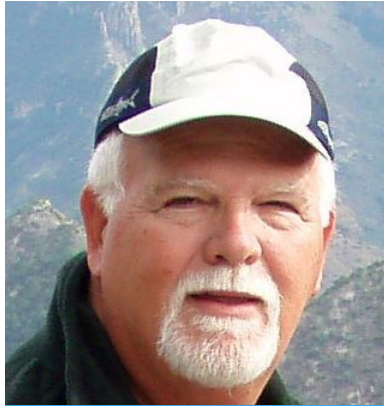
Pre Registration required for Introduction to Pickleball Class, Beginner Mentoring Program and Intermediate Training —contact Peg O'Toole at JGMLO@yahoo.com

Pre Registration required for lessons—contact Matt Laz —text or phone 832-499-9925 or email mattlaz@pickleballkinetics.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 Pickleball Hike—meet at Retreat Courts
2 6:30 to 8:00 Ice Cream Social—Texas Drive Courts	3 10 to noon Novice Play Texas cts 5 & 6 5:00 to 9:00 Pickleball Masters Ladder League—courts 7, 8, 9	4 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7 BIG BOPPER 8:30 –11:30 Cts 1-6 12:00 –League 2.5 drop in Cts 1-6 3-5 Mulligans PB Dinks, Chow & Chat	5 10 to noon Novice Play Retreat cts 9 & 10 11:00—League 3.0 drop in Cts 1-6 5:30 Big Bopper Charity Pot Luck	6 Matt Laz lessons 1:00 to 6:00 Court 7 11:00—League 3.5 + drop in Courts 1-6	7 11:00 to 2:00 Women and Men Singles Ladder League Courts 7-10	8
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FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

Cedar Park Paddle Battle

Last week, with the very capable assistance of Mary Payne (USAPA Certified Referee) and Stan Payne (“The Voice of Cedar

Park Pickleball”), we helped run the Cedar Park Paddle Battle. This is one of two USAPA sanctioned tournaments held annually at the Cedar Park rec center. And I’d be remiss if I failed to mention all the other Sun City picklers that helped as referees and line judges. Thank you! We’re fortunate here in Texas to have so many sanctioned tournaments to choose from (Cedar Park, Kissing Tree, Robson Ranch, etc.). One out-of-state player told me that they only have one a year in their state.

Because I’m often asked to be the referee coordinator at tournaments I get the opportunity (?) To rule on unusual court situations. As a result, I spend a lot of time looking at the rule book. But what many people do not know is that there are rules and rule interpretations that are not yet published in the official rule book. These are in two other very important documents (only

available to USAPA members); the “USAPA Casebook for Referees” and the USAPA/IFP Referee Handbook”. Two examples of these are:

After the score is called, the server may not take a practice swing or fake a serve. (Rule 4.M. [Unpublished]). The second is a change to the temporary net rule 11.L.5. When the ball (not on a serve) goes over the net and hits the horizontal crossbar or center foor, or gets caught in the net before or after bouncing, it is a let.

“Pickleball Magazine is published quarterly and free digital copies are sent to all USAPA members. We are encouraged to pass these on to other people in the hope that they’ll get in on the fun we have with our sport. That said, here’s a link to the latest issue...

[May/June Pickleball Magazine](#)





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: Why in the world did the Intermediate Division have to play only 8 point games during the "Swing into Spring" Tournament? Why couldn't we play 11 point games like everyone else?

Here are the alternatives that the tournament committee considered, given the huge number of players who wanted to enter the Intermediate Division:

- a) Limit the number of players entered and have a long wait-list for the Intermediate Division.
- b) Expand the number of players and hold Intermediate matches at the Retreat Courts.
- c) Expand the number of players on each Intermediate Team and have them start at 7:00 am and play 11 point games, given that there would be so many more matches to be played.
- d) Expand the number of players on each team and have them play 8 point games so matches would be done in plenty of time to get to the BBQ Dinner.

Obviously, we chose the last option in order to keep everyone at the Texas Drive Courts and have all play start at the same time. We are definitely open to suggestions for future events and look forward to your feedback.

Q: When will that member survey that we keep hearing about be sent around?

It's still in development; the committee keeps coming up with more questions to ask our members! Stay tuned because your Communications Director will soon make them stop with the new questions and send the survey out to our 600+ members!

Have a question about the club, the courts, our events or what's happening in SCTPC? Send it to SCTXpickleball@gmail.com for possible inclusion in future newsletters.



KARAOKE NIGHT

It was loads of laughter and fun at the second annual Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Karaoke Night held Friday, May 10th on the patio at Mulligan's. Special thanks to Dare Plantz for the terrific photos, and to Shaz Douglas for organizing the event!





SPECIAL THANKS!

By Kathy Carr

At the recent Intermediate Class Mini-Tournament, Jim Adams volunteered to take pictures of our latest class members competing against previous class graduates. His wife, Karen jumped in to cut up watermelon slices and help with the clean up detail. I handed Jim my camera, which is waterproof, dust-proof and shock-proof, but does nothing to capture action shots on the pickleball court. Yesterday, I was down at the Retreat Courts when Jim, Karen and their cute dog, Winston approached me. They presented me with a donation to the club – a Panasonic Lumix, 16x Full HD camera. It came with a carrying case, 2 batteries, a charger and 2 SD cards. I'm not sure if its waterproof, dustproof or shockproof, but it sure has a great zoom capability and takes great action shots.

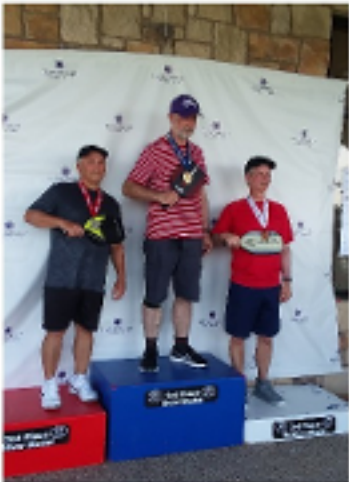
If I could publicly recognize them on behalf of the club, "Thanks you guys. You rock."





TOURNAMENT RESULTS

QUAD STATES SENIOR OPEN 5/3/19 - 5/5/19





TOURNAMENT RESULTS CONT'D.

QUAD STATES SENIOR OPEN 5/3/19 - 5/5/19

Cheryl Janssen - Women's Singles, 60-64, 3.0 - Bronze

Shaz Douglas - Women's Singles, 60-64, 3.5 - Gold

Annette Franke - Women's Singles, 60-64, 4.0 - Gold

Ron Franke - Men's Singles, 60-64, 3.5 - Silver

Steve Frank - Men's Singles, 65-69, 4.0 - Gold

Mary Payne and Wayne Denninger - Mixed Doubles, 60-64, 4.0 - Bronze

Annette and Ron Franke - Mixed Doubles, 60-64, 4.0 - Gold

Sheila Quinn and Steve Frank - Mixed Doubles, 65-69, 3.5 - Silver

Ron Franke and Dare Plantz - Men's Doubles, 60-64, 3.5 - Silver

John Carter and Dave Mikalonis - Men's Doubles, 65-69, 4.0 - Silver

Steve Frank and Jerry Fronczak - Men's Doubles, 65-69, 4.0 - Bronze

Sheila Quinn and Cheryl Janssen - Women's Doubles, 60-64, 3.5 - Bronze

Kathy Carr and Mary Payne - Women's Doubles, 60-64, 4.0 - Gold

Cedar Park Paddle Battle 5/15/19 - 5/19/19



Sheila Quinn and Steve Frank
- Mixed Doubles, 3.0 - Gold



Rick Ferri and Dave Stout -
Men's Doubles, 4.0+, 60+ -
Gold



Susan Henderson and Dave Stout
- Mixed Doubles, 4.0+, 60+, Gold

These were the only Cedar Park Paddle Battle photos/results which were reported to our Communications Email (sctxpickleball@gmail.com) and therefore they are the only ones which we could publish on-line and in our newsletter. Tourney players, please remember to email your tournament photos to us in a timely manner if you want them to be included.



JOKES AND FUN STUFF



The Garden *submitted by Chuck Flanagan*

An elderly Italian man lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, since the ground was hard. His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over.. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son:

Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love,

Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son:

Dear Pop,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love you,

Vinnie





FUN STUFF CONT'D.



Matt Lazarine's Tip of the Day

The next time you play in a tournament, try setting your water bottle along the side of the court at around 5 feet in from the baseline. When you switch ends, move your water bottle accordingly. This will give you a good visual to be sure that you are hitting your serves and returns deep enough.

Thanks Matt!

The Limo - *submitted by Chuck Flanagan*

After getting all of the Pope's luggage loaded into the limo (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices that the Pope is still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me, Your Eminence," says the driver, "would you please take your seat so we can leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican, and I'd really like to drive today."

"I'm sorry but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! And what if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

"There might be something extra in it for you," says the Pope.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel.

The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Supreme Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 105 mph.

"Please slow down, Your Holiness!!!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

"Oh, dear God, I'm gonna lose my license," moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

"I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher.

The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five.

"So bust him," said the Chief.

"I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," said the cop.

Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean really important," said the cop.

The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "Governor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

"Well," said the Chief, "Who is it?"

Cop: "I think it's God!"

Chief: "What makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "He's got the Pope for a limo driver!"



MORE FUN STUFF

The Weekend *Submitted by Jim Truho*

A man left work on Friday and instead of going home he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spending all his wages. When he finally got home on Sunday night he was confronted by his very angry wife. After two hours she stopped nagging and said, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days"? He replied, "That would be fine with me". Monday went by and he didn't see his wife, Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. Thursday, the swelling went down enough for him to see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

**Nurse came in and said "Doc, there's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible. What should I tell him?"
The doctor replied, "Tell him I can't see him today."**

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