



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

April

FROM THE PRESIDENT



So "Y2K" was a memorable year, but 20 years later, "Y2PLY" will certainly be one never forgotten. We can only hope the next "Y2something" is a positive one. Certainly not much in the way of news, outside of COVID-19 that is, but we can talk a little about court expansion. Last Friday, we were able to confirm that although slowed by the shutdown, progress definitely continues, so please continue to look for future updates.

Unfortunately, March was not without accidents, and actually record breaking even though we only had 13 playing days.....well most members only had 13

playing days.

In no particular order, one occurred while taking the paddle back (yes Kathy, this person forgot a big back-swing is not necessary) they cracked their fish tank, slipped on Nemo and broke their wrist.

We had another member taken to the hospital with glass in their eye after they forgot "not" to lob and ended up breaking a recessed light bulb.

And yet another occurred when a member flipped over the couch (yes, again, ignoring previous training on how to properly back up) and sprained their shoulder.

And finally, we had a member chasing a ball into the street and being hit by a golf cart, the driver OK, the member bruised up a bit....mostly their ego. As a board for this club, we are EXTREMELY hopeful this virus will subside soon so we can get back on the courts and have ZERO accidents!

Anyway and in all seriousness, hopefully we will see you on the courts soon! In the meantime, stay safe and healthy out there and remember, soon enough we will again be 14' apart.

Ed Cahill

"When the best way to save lives is to prevent a disease, rather than treat it, success often looks like an over-reaction."

Mari Armstrong-Hough



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT *SUBMITTED BY ALLIE BOWER*

Sun City Pickleball: February 2020 Synopsis



The Club began the month of February 20 with a balance of \$11,365. Income for the month totaled \$580.00, all from new memberships. Administrative expenses in support of club activities totaled \$66.00; monthly court camera fees were \$75.00. A caterer deposit for the Spring BBQ was made in the amount of \$1494; this was refunded in March due to cancellation of the event; this credit will be reflected in that month's statement. The Club ended the month of February with a

balance of \$10,310.

We had 58 new members in February bringing our total to 665 at the end of February.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name
Connie	Allard
Dawn	Bobay
Carol	Cianelli
Barron	Clemons
Alice	Clemons
MaryAnn	Deimling
Nicida	Maerefat

First Name	Last Name
Mark	Nissen
Judy	Pasquinelli
Rich	Pasquinelli
Patrick	Quinn
Jerry Lee	Smith
Kris	Wegleitner





FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

What to do Now

In these unsettled times I suspect that many of our courts are feeling a bit lonely about now, wondering where all the players are.



All is not lost however. Since we can't play, now may be a good time to catch on some of those other little things that might improve our game. Here are some suggestions to while away those lonesome days. Perhaps a little light reading...



A chance to re-wrap some paddle handles...



Maybe even clean the gunk off our paddles...



And let's not forget that a clean ball is a happy ball. Is it cold water and no bleach for colored items?



P.S. I'm building a reference library of old pickleball rulebooks. If you have one you no longer need and are willing to donate it, I'd gladly add it to the library. The current collection includes those from: 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, & 2020. Thanks, Chuck



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Mid-South Regional - March 12, 2020 - Texas A&M



Davey Stateler - Gold, Men's Singles, 70+, 3.0



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



Ron Franke - Silver, Men's Singles, 69-64, 3.5

The 2020 Mid-South Tournament was canceled after the first day (singles) due to COVID-19.

Below are some great photos from the Wheelchair-Hybrid Division



Mid-South Regional Tournament Wheelchair Hybrid Division



Congratulations to all of these winners:

Gold: Janelle Clark-Smilie Wright

Silver: Judy Hewitt-Chris Jenkins

The MID SOUTH Hybrid Wheelchair players from Fairchild and STRAPS in San Antonio

<=== Mario is already helping his 3 month old on her pickleball skills!



PICKLEBALL DRILLS AT HOME

Thanks to Jennifer Lucore, pickleball pro, for letting us use her blog post in Kitchen Talk.



Who would have believed that March 2020 would relegate us to near home isolation, “social distancing” and the dreaded pickleball withdrawals? Obviously, pickleball is just a game and COVID is serious business, but pickleball is our outlet...

First off, let me say that I hope and pray that all my pickleball friends from across the globe remain healthy and strong. I've had the tremendous opportunity to play pickleball in various countries and as a result, have been blessed with friends in many regions. Not a day, sometimes hourly, goes by that Brandon (my husband) and I don't wonder, “I wonder how so and so is doing”. We are thinking of you all and hoping for the best outcomes across the globe.

In this extraordinary time, one way to keep your sanity and keep the body moving is to get your pickleball fix in the safety of your own home. Here are a few videos that you can replicate or may give you some ideas for new ones. These videos have some common themes – the importance of practice, consistency and building good reaction skills. No matter our age, these are essential for a winning pickleball game. Wall drills that are very effective and can be done on your own to improve your reactions, feel and ultimately your game.

Ready to watch?

Click here - [Link to Jennifer Lucore's Blog](#)



OUR MEMBERS - ISOLATION IDEAS

Thanks to our many members who sent in ideas/advice/memes about the current pandemic. We hope that this will be over soon so we all can come out of our homes and garages and be on the courts, where we belong!

Practicing Pickleball at Home



Hey Mike Rhoda - that "net" on your garage wall looks pretty nice!



Your Communications Director has more time to "Driveway Dink" without a spring tournament to run, or eblasts to send.

Joe Gray - this garage pickleball practice station is pretty darn nice. You may never come back to real courts. And exactly WHY is your garage so clean?





MORE ISOLATION FUN

Our members followed the Community Association directive to stay off the courts. But that doesn't mean they didn't have fun!

Members Seen Around Sun City



Guess who went to the courts but couldn't find any players?



They just said "No golfing." No one said not to *drink* on the golf courses.



Apparently drinking helps.



Really Jack?



QUARANTINE HUMOR

Because sometimes we have to laugh to keep from crying....

I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.

MY HOUSE GOT TP'D LAST NIGHT, IT'S NOW APPRAISED AT \$875,000

MY MOM ALWAYS TOLD ME I WOULDN'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING LYING ON THE SOFA...AND YET HERE I AM, SAVING THE WORLD.

Quarantine day 5: Went to this restaurant called The kitchen. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GOING OUT TO ALL THE MARRIED MEN WHO'VE SPENT MONTHS TELLING THE WIFE I'LL DO THAT WHEN I GOT TIME

I told my wife how thankful I was to have someone I enjoyed being quarantined with. She said "must be nice."

I'M SO EXCITED IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE GARBAGE OUT. I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD WEAR?



MORE QUARANTINE HUMOR



Where is your next travel destination?

- Las Kitchenas
- Los Lounges
- Santa Bedroomes
- Porto Gardenas
- Los bed
- Costa Del Balconia
- St bathroom
- La Rotonda De Sofa

Everyone please be careful tonight, there is DUI checkpoint on the corner of hallway and kitchen.... Be safe

This "no sports" is getting to me. Watching birds in the yard eating worms. The Cardinals are leading the Blue Jays 7 to 3.





JOKES AND FUN STUFF

The Texan in New York *Submitted by Chuck Flanagan*

His name was JR, he was from Texas ... and he needed a loan. So... He walked into a bank in New York City and asked for the loan officer. He told the loan officer that he was going to Paris for an international convention for two weeks and he'd like to borrow \$5,000, although he was not a depositor of the bank.

The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so the Redneck handed over the keys to a new Bentley. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank. The Texan produced the title and everything checked out. The loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest.

Later, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the hick from Texas for using a \$350,000 Bentley as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Bentley into the bank's private underground garage and parked it.

Two weeks later, the Texan returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07. The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out on Dunn & Bradstreet and found that you are a distinguished alumni from The University of Texas, a highly sophisticated investor and multi-millionaire with real estate and financial interests all over the world. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

The Texan replied, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?"

His name was JR. Keep an eye on those Texas boys. Just because we talk funny does not mean we're stupid.

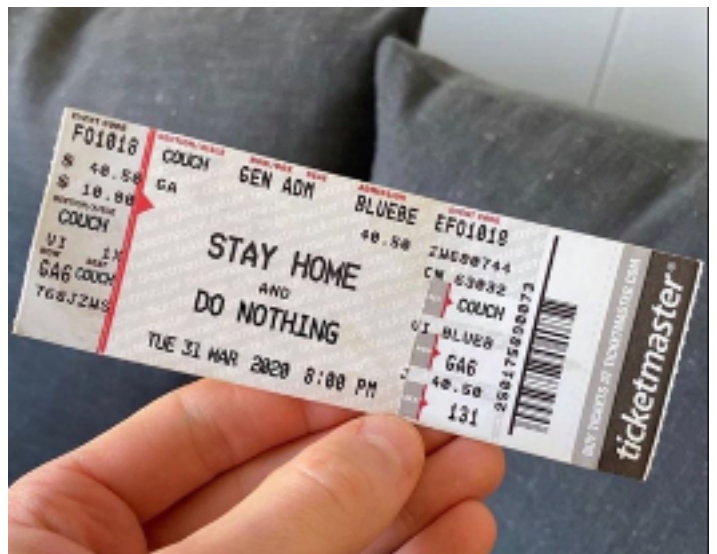
Shopping at Randall's *Submitted by Chuck Flanagan*



Just the other day there was a long line at RANDALL'S for Seniors Only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an older lady from Sun City beat him back into the parking lot with her cane.

He returned and tried again. But another older man from Sun City punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground. A group of seniors in line then rolled the young man back to the parking lot.

As the determined young man approached for the third time he was heard to say, "I'm one is the assistant managers. If you don't let me unlock the door, none of you will get in the store."





JOKES AND FUN STUFF

Alice & the Dentist *submitted by Chuck Flanagan*

My name is Alice, and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his dentist's diploma on the wall, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did... I'm a mustang," he gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.
He answered, "In 1975. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then, that ugly, old, bald, wrinkled faced, fat-assed, gray-haired, decrepit, son-of-a-bitch asked,

"What did you teach?"



In order to make the education process pass more effectively until the schools are reopened, I started homeschooling my grandchildren. Unfortunately, two of the students got suspended yesterday for fighting and the teacher got fired for drinking on the job! It's been a real sacrifice for everyone.

Submitted by Steve Thompson

I'm giving up drinking for a month. No.. wait. That didn't come out right....

I'm giving up. Drinking for a month.

Submitted by Judy Lammering

Heard a Dr. on TV this morning saying in this time of Coronavirus staying at home we should focus on inner peace. To achieve this we should always finish things we start and we all could use more calm in our lives. I looked through my house to find things I'd started and hadn't finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiumun scriptuns, and a box of chocletz. Yu haf no idr how feckin fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all who need inner piss. An telum u luvum. And two hash yer wands, stafe day avrybobby!!!

Submitted by John Scott



MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF

A Farmer's Walk *submitted by Jim Truho*

A farmer stopped by the local mechanics shop to have his truck fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he decided to walk home. On the way he bought a bucket and a gallon of paint. He then stopped at the feed store and bought a couple of chickens and a goose. He was trying to figure out how to carry this all home a little old lady approached him and asked how to get to Mockingbird Lane. The farmer said, "I live close to there, I'd walk you there but I can't figure how to carry this lot." The old lady suggested, "Why don't you put the gallon of paint in the bucket and carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in the other hand?"

The farmer thanks the woman and they start walking. On the way the farmer says, "Let's take a short cut through this alley." The old lady looks at him cautiously and says, "I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that you won't take advantage of me?"

The farmer says, "Holy smokes, lady! I'm carrying a

bucket, a gallon of paint, two chickens and a goose. How could I take advantage of you?" The old lady replied, "Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens."



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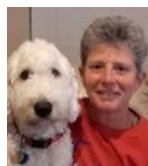
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