



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

June

FROM THE PRESIDENT



So very happy to see so many, many members enjoying the courts again! Welcome back to you and a very warm welcome to all of our new members as it is clear, pickleball continues to grow in Sun

City! You say more members? You say more courts? We say there was continued discussion this month with Pulte in regard to the new courts and progress is certainly continuing. We expect a formal announcement within the next 30-60 days.

Speaking of new members, we have a significant backlog in training for this group, not to mention more new members arriving each month. Beginning immediately, you will see both Training and Novice Instructional Play being conducted during the cooler periods of the day. As a board, we have agreed to provide any member with the opportunity to learn and play right along with everyone else.

And THANK YOU for your continued cooperation in regard to the new guidelines. The monitors are

reporting that issues and reminders are becoming fewer and fewer. Speaking of monitors, THANK YOU to the 30+ volunteers spending 98+ hours each week on the courts.

A couple of reminders would be please continue to watch for any gathering and be sure to maintain that 6' distance. For the most part distancing is working very well but just a reminder to move quickly out of the courts and pavilion area upon completion of your playing time. Let's all be monitors of our guidelines!!

And, please be sure to cancel a reservation if you cannot make it, AND the sooner you cancel the better. We are seeing quite a few last minute cancellations which does not allow another group to play.

Finally, a VERY, VERY special THANK YOU to Sharon "Shaz" Douglas for her leadership in all the many social gatherings over the past few years.

And, please remember, stay safe and healthy!!!

Ed Cahill

"Being negative only makes a journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus but you don't have to sit on it."

~ Joyce Meyer



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVISED TRANSITIONAL GUIDELINES

The Pickleball "Guidelines for Transitional Operation" have once again been revised. Effective 5/29/30, bleach water will no longer be available at the courts. While you are encouraged to use and sanitize your own ball, it is no longer a requirement and groups may use a single ball if they choose. Click [Revised Guidelines 05-29-30](#) to view the most current version.

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED *BY ALLIE BOWER*

Sun City Pickleball: April 2020 Synopsis



The Club began the month of April 2020 with a balance of \$11,763; income for the month totaled \$20 from new memberships. Expenses totaled \$1,146; \$77 for Court Cameras and \$69 for precautionary supplies related to reopening of courts (COVID-19). Also included is the previously announced \$1,000 donation to Nels Johnson in recognition of his many contributions to the Club, assisting in continued operations of Wriggley's & Mulligan's. We ended the month of April with a balance of \$10,637. We had 2 new members bringing our YTD total to 683.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Linda	Alley
Debra	Ansinelli
Richard	Ansinelli
Lori	Belski
Walt	Biel
Sally	Blackshear
Marilyn	Blough
Leslie	Cabellos
Robert	Cabellos
Dottie	Cahall
Kenneth	Cahall

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Sharlotte	Carey
Fred	Contino
Ken	Eaton
Crystal	Garcia
Ken	Hawthorne
David	Hill
Gina	Hill
Dale	Hoffman
Rick	McGuirt
Barb	Meese
Marcy	Meyer

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Dale	Mitchell
Hank	Moran
Rick	Rutledge
Sandie	Rutledge
Olen	Steele
Pam	Stegent
Kim	Sullivan
Pauline	Teague
Jan	Vromant
Jerry	Waldman



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) What should a member do if someone has a serious accident on the pickleball courts?

First and foremost, get help and aid for the injured person. Keep in mind the following, depending at which location the accident has occurred:

	Texas Drive	Retreat
Address for 911 Calls	1410 Sun City Blvd.	1220 Cattleman Drive
AED Location	Outside of Court 4, on fence	In Men's Restroom
First Aid Kit	Court 5, under bench	Near center pavilion, under bench
Accident Report Form	In First Aid Kit binder	In First Aid Kit binder

*Remember that for serious accidents, ones in which 911 was called or it appears serious in nature (not just for a band-aid!), an **Accident Report** must be filled out by a member. The report should then be sent to the SCTPC Secretary, currently this is Judy Blackman (judithblackman@outlook.com). A copy of the report also needs to be given to a CA Monitor at either Texas Drive or Retreat Amenity Centers.*

2) Can I invite a friend or neighbor, who lives in Sun City, to jump in and try Pickleball on a court that I have reserved?

*Currently **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE SUN CITY TEXAS PICKLEBALL CLUB** are permitted to use the courts. Non-club members may not use the courts during this reopening period, regardless of whether or not they are residents. This also means that SCTPC members' children, grandchildren or other house-guests may not use the courts during this time.*

3) I decided not to use a HoldMyCourt reservation that I made. What should I do?

Out of courtesy to the other members of the club, if you are not going to use your reservation, please cancel it. Go to the date of the reservation, then click on the link that has your name or the label that you gave to the reservation. A page will be displayed with options to edit or delete the reservation. Along the same lines, if you decide not to play during a reservation time that someone else made, please find a sub, or get in touch with the person who made the reservation to let them know. It's really tough when only 3 people show up for a reservation time slot!



REC CENTER UPDATES

Cedar Park Rec Center (from Tim Dean) - Indoor play resumed on May 26th. Reservations are required and guidelines for play are in effect. Please click [Cedar Park Reservations](#) to learn more.

Georgetown Rec Center - At press time, indoor pickleball is still not open. Outdoor pickleball courts at the McMaster Complex are open.

THANKS FROM MATT LAZARINE

In late April, the SCTPC Board voted to make a one-time \$500 COVID-19 donation to Matt Lazarine, the Pickleball Professional who has taught lessons and drills at our courts for several years. We received this note of appreciation from him:

Dear Sun City Board & Pickleball Family,

It means so much to me that you made me feel a part of the Sun City family. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support during the COVID-19 Pandemic! As you can see Billy already likes to play



Pickleball.

You really helped us through a tough time, and I will be there soon to help you work the rust off your pickleball game.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Sun City courts!

Matt Laz



COURT MONITORS

By the time this Kitchen Talk is published, we will be completing our fourth week after the reopening of the Pickleball courts. Even with the restrictions in place due to COVID-19, all of us have been excited to get out of the house, get back to playing, and see our friends again.

Throughout the past four weeks a group of club members has volunteered their time to serve as court monitors to meet the commitment the club made to the CA that we would ensure we are following the guidelines approved by the CA. These volunteers have given their time to be present for at least two hour shifts at the Texas Drive or Retreat courts to remind players to follow safe practices, to maintain social distance, and to avoid congregating. While hanging around the courts is certainly not exciting and no one wants to be seen as the "Pickleball Police", these volunteers realize how critical their role is to allowing us to continue to have the privilege to play this game that we all love so much.

Below is a list of the people that have volunteered to be court monitors:

Annette Franke	Doug Oliver	Larry Black	Ron Franke
Barb Patterson	Ed Cahill	Lynn Anderson	Ron Longino
Billy Blackman	Elaine Brogden	Maggie Manley	Sally Tompkins
Bob Cleaver	James Tompkins	Mike Murphy	Sandy Piland
Chuck Flanagan	Jan Baldwin	Peg O'Toole	Shaz Douglas
Dare Plantz	Jerry Sorsdal	Pete Nadolski	Sheila Quinn
Diane Cleaver	Judy Blackman	Phil Coraggio	Steve Timmons
D'Les Longino	Karen Adams	Richard Bradley	Wayne Schaefer
Donna Duffy	Kathy Carr	Ron D'Entremont	Wendy D'Entremont

So when you see these people at the courts either playing or serving as a court monitor, please take a minute to say "thank you".

Also, you can help the court monitors and all of us by being mindful of leaving the court 10 minutes before the end of your reservation time, not arriving too early for your reserved playing time, and most importantly not "hanging out" and congregating at the courts before and after play.

A big "shout out" also to the guy in charge of monitors - our club VP, Ron Franke. He's doing a terrific job!



TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Beginner's Mentoring Returns *by Kathy Carr, Player Development Director*

On the 10th of March, 24 club members reported to the Retreat Courts for their first session in the Beginner's Mentoring Program. They were divided into 2 groups of 12, with the first group attending class from 2 – 4 pm, and the second scheduled for 4 – 6 pm. As the first group was finishing up, the second "congregated" outside the fence anxiously waiting their turn to learn pickleball fundamentals.

A few days later, the world came crashing down; COVID-19 hit. Lesson 2 never happened. "Congregate" became a bad word and social distancing was introduced as a survival tool. We had to learn new ways to play safe.

It's been a gradual return to the game we love, but with the conservative guidelines the Club has adopted, we've been able to play and have now reintroduced the Beginner's Mentoring Program. It requires a bit more bleach and water and social distancing vigilance, but we're back.

Last week we invited the 24 members, whose classes were cut short, an opportunity to finish the program. Dibs went to the first 8 to respond. In less an hour, the class was full. They came, they distanced, they worked hard, and they graduated. Now we're focused on the next group, and the group after that, and the one after that.



Beginner's Mentoring Class 2020-2a practice social distancing for a group picture prior to graduation. (Front Row from Left): Luann Schmitt, Jan Dahlin Geiger, Second Row from Left: Ron Essres, Carol Graff, Cheryl Tolleson, Ron Longino (Instructor); Third Row from Left: Kathy Carr (Instructor), Tom Tolleson, Bonnie Essres, Nancy Knowles.



INSTRUCTIONAL NOVICE PLAY

Attention All Novice Players... *from Kathy Carr, Player Development Director*

We're going to get Novice Play going again, but in this "new norm" environment, it will work differently than in the past. The goal remains to develop the skills of our novice players so they can more confidently play with other more experienced club members. Focus is on understanding the rules, court positioning and basic strategies of the game.

Concept:

- Starting 1 June 2020, Courts 5 and 6 (Texas Drive) will be reserved for Novice Instructional Play on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Participants will play games under the guidance of an experienced club member.
- Eligible participants are club members who are:
 - on the wait list for Introduction to Pickleball
 - on the wait list for Beginner's Mentoring Program
 - Recent graduates of the Beginner's Mentoring Program
- Due to social distancing requirements each session is limited to 10 players – 4 players per court with a 5th player positioned outside the court area to rotate in.
- Participants will be added to a roster on a first come, first serve basis. A weekly schedule will be published with the names and court assignments of players. To the extent possible, players will be matched with others of a similar experience level.

How to Get In On the Action:

- Send an email request to kathycarr11@gmail.com with the following information:
 - Name
 - Whether you are waiting to attend the Introduction to Pickleball; waiting to attend Beginner's Mentoring, or have completed Beginner's Mentoring
 - How you rate your ability (real newby, been around the block, ready to do sprints)
- You will be added to the Novice Play Roster in the order that your request is received.
- Kathy Carr will email the schedule for court assignments on a weekly basis to all members on the roster.
- Report to your designated court at the scheduled date and start time with your own ball and remember to maintain your social distance from other players.
- If you know of any dates you *will not* be able to play, notify Kathy Carr immediately so that another player can be scheduled to fill the slot.



ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION



MATT LAZ



**Private and Group Lessons
with Matt Laz**
**IPTPA Director and Master
Teaching Professional**

1 – 6 pm
Tuesdays on Court 6 at Texas Drive
Thursdays on Court 7 at the Retreat

Special Rates for Sun City Club Members:

Private Lesson	\$60 per hr
Semi-Private	\$35 ea per hr
Play with the Pro	\$35 ea per 1.5 hrs
Small Group	\$35 ea per 2 hr session

Check out the descriptions of these options at www.mattlazpickleball.com



Sun City Texas Circle of Champions at the Horseshoe Bay Senior Open, October 2019.

To Make a Reservation:

Email: mattlaz@mattlazpickleball.com





FROM OUR DISTRICT AMBASSADOR



Chuck Flanagan

I just (May 26th) got off a video conference call with the USA Pickleball Association Mid-South Regional Director and District Ambassadors. One of the main topics was, of course, COVID-19 and what is happening in each of our districts. In general, outdoor pickleball has started to pick up throughout the region. Indoor pickleball is also starting to pick up but at a slower pace. As for tournament play, USAPA sanctioning is currently suspended until June 2, however, that date may (probably will) be extended. I did learn that the Mansfield Summer Slam, scheduled for late July will be canceled.

Now that we're back to playing, I've started to get more rules questions from members. I received three in the past week that I thought I'd share. The first question came from an Austin area pickleball player, "What happens when the server misses the ball

when trying to hit it?" That used to be a fault (4.M.3. in the 2019 Rule Book). That rule was dropped in the 2020 Rule Book along with any reference to 'fake serves.' Therefore, these are no longer faults.

The next question was, "What happens when the ball hits the net post?" Rule 7.J. states that a fault occurs when any ball in play contacts any permanent object before bouncing in the court. Rule 3.A.27. defines permanent objects and net post are one of the items listed. So this would be a fault.

The last question asked was, "What happens when a served ball hits the receiver who is standing three feet behind the baseline?" This is a fault according to Rule 7.I. (Fault Rules); "A live ball that is stopped by a player before it becomes dead."

So now you also know the answers to these burning questions...and it's not 42.





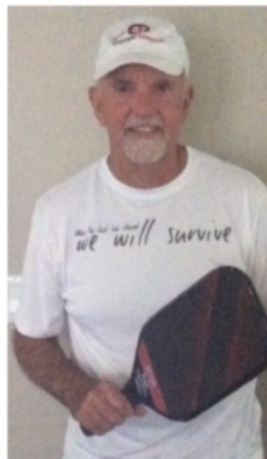
WITH APPRECIATION



Karen Adams donated a large canopy tent to our Pickleball Club for use at outdoor events/tournaments. Karen and her late husband James, used this tent as they traveled around to art fairs. Karen said James would be so happy that it went to the club; he loved playing pickleball. His most recent art was collage with Venetian plaster and he also worked in encaustic. Here is a photo of him with several of his art pieces.

THANKS SO MUCH!

SEEN AROUND THE COURTS



The trendy "Stay Home, Stay Safe, Grow a Beard" Look!

The latest in cooling head gear!



THANKS SHARON "SHAZ" DOUGLAS

After over three years of serving as the Social Committee Chairperson for our Sun City Texas Pickleball Club, Sharon Douglas has decided to step down and pursue some other interests in our community. Shaz was instrumental in coming up with new ideas for club events; from Karaoke Nights to DJ Dances on the courts. Her enthusiasm, planning, as well as her amazing talent for gathering door prize gift certificates from local businesses, will be sorely missed.



SCTPC BOARD - APPRECIATION DINNER

"Shaz - I vividly remember you raising your hand at a general meeting several years ago and saying that you'd love to be Social Chairman, when Hutch was begging for someone step up. I barely knew you, but at the time I thought "well, there's some enthusiasm; I wonder if she knows what she's getting into?"

But sheesh...you knocked it out of the park with a whole bunch of new ideas for events! You were the exact right person for this job.

Thanks for everything that you've done for our club. You will be missed."

Barb Patterson



Shaz at Big Bopper
Water Volleyball



JOKES AND FUN STUFF

NAGGING SPOUSE

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband. Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my gosh! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my gosh! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"



The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

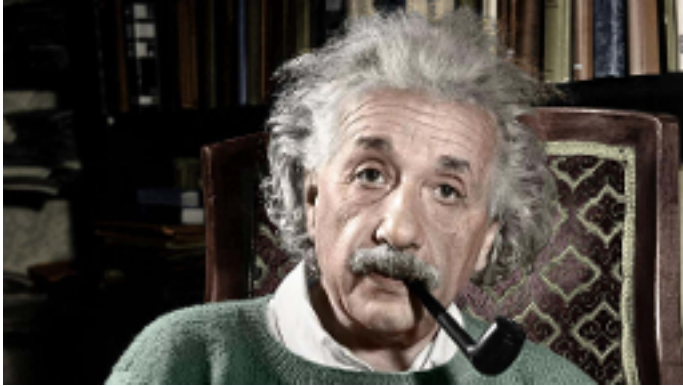
The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."



Finally - a parking space for fat guys picking up a new BBQ grill. How considerate!



MORE JOKES AND FUN STUFF



One day, Einstein has to speak at an important science conference

On the way there, he tells his driver that looks a bit like him:

"I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over!"

The driver agrees: "You're right. As your driver, I attended all of them, and even though I don't know anything about science, I could give the conference in your place."

"That's a great idea!" says Einstein. "Let's switch places then!"

So they switch clothes and as soon as they arrive, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech, while the real Einstein, dressed as the car driver, attends it.

But in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a very difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping he won't be able to respond. So this guy stands up and interrupts the conference by posing his very difficult question. The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for the response.

The driver looks at him, dead in the eye, and says :

"Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I'm going to let my driver reply to it for me."

Crushed nuts

An old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself gently, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'





STILL MORE JOKES...

The Pope in the USA

The Pope just finished a tour of the East Coast and was taking a limousine to the airport. Since he'd never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while. The reluctant chauffeur pulled over along the roadside, climbed into the back of the limo, and the Pope took the wheel.

The Pope then merged onto the highway and accelerated to over 90 mph to see what the limo could do. Suddenly, the Pope noticed the blue light of the State Patrol in his side mirror, so he pulled over.

The trooper approached the limo, peered in through the windows, then said, "Just a

moment please, I need to call in."

The trooper called in and explained to the chief that he had a very important person pulled over for speeding. "How do I handle this, chief?" asked the trooper.

"Is it the Governor?" questioned the chief.

"No! This guy is even more important!"

"Is it the President?" asked the chief.

"No! Even more important!"

"Well, who the heck is it?" screamed the chief.

"I don't know, sir," replied the trooper, "but he's got the Pope as his chauffeur."

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