



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

December



Barb Patterson

'Tis the season! I'm betting that everyone is looking forward to the upcoming holidays. While you're scurrying around trying to prepare for the season, I hope you will also find some time to de-stress and scurry around the pickleball courts too.

We have a couple "housekeeping" items for everyone to keep in mind before the end of the year:

1. Please clean up after yourselves at the courts. (Empty plastic sports drink bottles are really not decorative items!)
2. At the end of playing at night, remember to turn off the lights and fans. They will be turned off automatically (at either 9:00 pm or 10:00 pm depending on the court location), but they'll come on again at 7:00 am in the morning if we haven't turned them off. The CA utility bills are high enough without us adding to them!
3. Be sure that your name is on your paddle. This helps all of us; it's a lot easier during open play if members have names on their paddles.
4. We will be cleaning out the Lost and Found bins at the end of December. Please grab your sweatshirts, hats, gloves, water bottles, sunglasses, etc. before that time unless you want them to be donated to a local charity.

Thanks to all of you who came to our Annual Meeting on November 21st. If you weren't able to make it, here is a link to the PowerPoint presentation -[2023 Annual Meeting Presentation](#). And as we mentioned at the meeting, remember that you can always submit comments and suggestions to our club by sending them to -SCTXPickleball@gmail.com

Here's a link to the club's "Highlight Reel" video for the year -[2023 SCTPC Highlights](#). Check it out; you are sure to see some people you know.



FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont)

We greatly appreciate the four club members who ran for the 2024-2025 board positions: Liz Blount (Vice-President), Tim Schutte (Maintenance Director), Ric Hutchinson (Director of Player Development) and Terry Kennedy (Director of Court Activities). We look forward to the year ahead with them on the club's board.

We also are saying "good-bye" to Sheila Quinn who has been the chair of the Social Committee for a number of years. Sheila has done an amazing job; she is beyond organized and always enthusiastic about all of our events. Colleen Nadolski has graciously stepped up to assume the Social Committee Chairperson position for next year. Thank you Colleen!

And last, but certainly not least, a huge SHOUT-OUT to outgoing Vice-President, Ron Franke and Maintenance Director, Davey Stateler. They both have gone above and beyond in carrying out their duties these past four years. They put in many hours in service to our club and we can't thank them enough. If you see them around the courts, please be sure to acknowledge all of their hard work.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone in our club. Hope to see you on the courts in 2024 for more "Fun, Friends & Fitness!"

Barb Patterson

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED BY D'LES LONGINO

SCTPC: (October - 2023) Financial Synopsis

The Club began the month of November with a cash balance of \$12,711.06. Income totaled \$195.00 from 26 new memberships (membership dues \$7.50 beginning July 1), \$1,330.00 from Fall Pumpkin Bash Dinner and \$250.00 from a donation from Pulte for their employee day. October expenses total \$5,969.81: court reserve \$231.00, Arlo \$10.64, maintenance \$290.80, \$133.00 VBO ticket expense, \$13.90 postage, \$138.79 Paddle Demo night, Player development \$98.98, Court Activities 7.56, First Aid \$15.88, Administration \$73.99, Fall Pumpkin Bash \$1507.06, and Holiday Gala \$3,189.76 deposit. We had a monthly net loss of \$4,194.81.



Paid members through the end of Oct totaled 1,672



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

Don't forget, Club membership for 2024 opens today!
Don't procrastinate!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Frank	Arnett
John	Byers
Shelly	Drablos
Edward	Hark
Roger	McCartney

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Ron	Musselman
Sharon	Musselman
Steven	Schafer
Jeff	Schoultz
Geno	Stimson
Teresa	Stimson

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Nancy	Throup
Patsy	Tucker
Shannon	Tucker
Hollee	Voisinet
Glen	Wiegenstein

At press time, total number of club members is 1653.





VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

nominated by Ron Franke

Our Volunteer of the Month is Sheila Quinn for her role as Social Director.

As the Club's Social Activities Director, Sheila Quinn restarted Club social activities after COVID, and she has continued to make our social activities bigger and better ever since. Sheila has planned, organized, and executed numerous Club social activities including monthly Bring Your Own Dinks cream socials; volunteer breakfast and lunch for the Spring and Fall Club tournaments; post tournament banquets; and the annual Holiday Gala (just to name some of the events). Without her dedication and hard work, the social activities enjoyed by hundreds of Club members could not have happened. Throughout her time



as the Social Activities Director, Sheila has shown exceptional leadership as she recruited, organized, and led the many groups of volunteers needed to make each activity a success. In addition, Sheila's creative talents and ideas - from DJ selections, to event themes, to decorations - have made our social activities fun and memorable for everyone that attended. Sheila is the epitome of a member that has selflessly given of themselves to fulfill the Club motto of Fun, Friends, and Fitness.



And she's a pretty fair Pickleball player too!



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

The logo for Pikel, featuring the word "pikæl" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font with a tilde over the 'i'.

Still looking for a Holiday Gift?

Just a reminder that Club branded apparel and other products are available for your holiday Pickleball apparel needs. We have partnered with a company called Pikel to provide performance apparel for our pickleball club. Please take a minute to visit the Sun City online store at <https://pikelball.com/pages/sun-city-texas-pickleball-club>. Please use code SUNCITY at checkout for a 20% discount.

In addition to a wide range of Sun City Pickleball Club apparel, Pikel also has a range of other holiday pickleball gear available.

Please visit the Pikel holiday store at: <https://pikelball.com/pages/holiday-apparel>. Use the discount code HAPPYHOLIDAYS for a 10% discount on holiday items.

You can contact Pikel directly if you have any questions at john@pikelball.com





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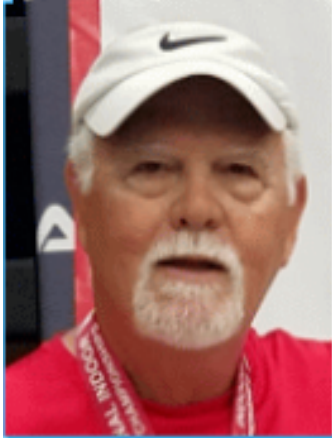
Sun City Pickleball Club Supports Soldier recovery Unit!

On November 14th the Sun City Pickleball Club had the honor of supporting the Soldiers Recovery Unit from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The unit visited our courts at Northpoint for a great morning of playing pickleball, followed by a cookout lunch. Many thanks to Diana Weiss, Conni Rader, Hannah Nguyen, Cheryl Janssen and Ron Longino for organizing all of the refreshments for the event. Thanks to all of our club's board members for spending time helping a bunch of terrific soldiers improve their games (and helping the newbies learn how to play.) It was the second year in a row that we hosted this event and it's been a real privilege for our club to help. We hope they'll return again in 2024!





FROM OUR PICKLEBALL FRIEND



Chuck Flanagan

Know the Rules! Knowing the rules is important to recreational and tournament players alike. For recreational players, it helps the game progress smoothly and (should) reduce the likelihood of disputes. After all, we are playing with friends and neighbors. As for tournament players, knowing the rules could be the difference between winning and losing a game or match. Referees (even Certified Referees) don't always know the rules as well as they should. Are you familiar with 13.J. Challenging a Referee?

Here's a great example of a football player knowing the rules and using that knowledge to his advantage.

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/zo429-Kr_i0

This Month's Rules Questions from our members

Q:What happens when I hit a ball over the net and it bounces back to my side of the court without my opponents hitting it?

A:You win the rally because they failed to play the ball that bounced on their court.

"11.L.4. If a player hits the ball over the net into the opponent's court, and then the ball bounces back over the net and bounces a second time without being touched by the opponent, the striking player wins the rally."

Q:I received enough questions about the Drop Serve (Rule 4.A.8.) that I thought I should break it down for everyone. Here are the key points to remember:

- 1.The ball may be dropped from only one hand or the paddle face.
- 2.The ball must be 'dropped'; it may not be "propelled" (thrown) up or down.
- 3.The 'volley serve' restrictions (below the waist, upward motion, paddle head below wrist) do not apply.
- 4.The release of the ball must be visible to the receiver (Rule 4.A.9).



PICKLEBALL FRIEND (cont.)

5.The rules about the server’s foot placement are the same for both the volley and drop serve.

4.A.4.a. At least one foot must be on the playing surface behind the baseline.

4.A.4.b. Neither of the server’s feet may touch the court on or inside the baseline.

4.A.4.c. Neither of the server’s feet may touch the playing surface outside the imaginary extension of the sideline or centerline.

6.There is no restriction how many times the ball can bounce nor where the ball can bounce on the playing surface*.

***Q:**What happens when the server uses a drop serve that bounces outside the sideline?

A:The server is allowed to drop the ball anywhere on the ‘playing surface’. The definitions for the court and playing surface are in section 3. The playing surface is, “*The court and the area surrounding the court designated for playing(3.A.6).*”The court is, “*The area inside the outer dimensions of the baselines and sidelines(3.A.3.).*”

So, dropping the ball outside the sideline is allowed and really no different than dropping it behind the baseline (still on the ‘playing surface’). Remember, however, that the restrictions on foot placement do not change, regardless of where the ball is dropped.

The Non-Volley Zone (‘kitchen’) rule still seems to be the most misunderstood and often uncalled violation. Here’s a good example. Even though this player’s momentum carried him into the kitchen, the ball he hit had bounced first and therefore it wasn’t a fault.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/749496577192981>

Link to “PICKLEBALL MAGAZINE”-<https://tinyurl.com/PBMagFall2023>

Have a rule question? Feel free to drop me a note and ask me anything.

Chuck.Flanagan@Gmail.Com



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

Effective Use of Our Volunteers !!!

One of the things I hear from our member who travel and play in other states is that we have one of the best, if not the best, training program in the country. We should be proud of that but we also have to be aware of the time commitment required of our Player Development Team volunteers to make it happen.

One of my goals for 2024 is to continue to provide the same level of training while reducing the level of effort required of our volunteer team. As part of the effort to achieve those goals we have reduced the projected annual volunteer hours in 2024 from approximately 2,900 hours to approximately 1,500 hours.

BUT there is more we can do!!

During 2023 all but two of our member training programs used CMARS for self-registration. Through the end of December 2023 Introduction to Pickleball and Beginner Training will still use manual registration through emails and phone calls. **Beginning in 2024 we will be transitioning those programs to self-registration through CMARS.** For at least the month of January we will handle registration for these classes on a parallel system. Meaning that while we will ask that members register for these classes through CMARS, we will accept requests for registration through emails and phone calls. Eventually though, all registrations will have to be completed through CMARS. As always, we will be available to help our members who have problems registering or just have questions. This will allow us be more efficient and utilize our volunteer hours in a more effective manner.

One of the benefits of moving to self-registration is that **once the transition is complete**, the classes will be listed on CMARS for up to 90 days in advance. This will allow member to have more choices on when they take classes.

Is this transition going to be seamless and painless? ABSOLUTELY NOT!! There will be hiccups and bumps in the road. So, I ask those of you who are involved to be patient and give us some grace. However, I can say with 100% certainty that by this time next year --**no one will even remember that we used to do those registrations manually.** I say that because I'll bet very few, if any, of you remember that in April of 2022 all registration for Supervised Novice Play was still done manually.

So please be on the lookout for more information on this transition.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Ongoing Program Updates

Introduction to Pickleball. Peg O'Toole and Judy Blackman taught 2 Intro to Pickleball classes in November. Many thanks to both of them for continuing to provide this training every month. We have only scheduled one Introduction to Pickleball Class for December so everyone can relax and enjoy the Holidays. Classes will begin again in January. At this time, we anticipate the first Introduction to Pickleball class of 2024 will be held on Saturday 20 January 2024. As I discussed above, registration for this class will be available through the current process of email request or through self-registration on CMARS after January 2. In addition, classes for the remainder of the year will be available on CMARS as much as 90 days prior to the start of the class.

Beginner Training.(BT). This month we completed Beginner Training Class 122. Here is the photo of the graduates of BT Class 122.



BT 122 Front Row: Gary Schrempp, Instructor, Kelly Davenport, Sue Courtney, Jane Leblanc, Rick Loudermilk, Dan Hoskins, Jill Brown, Rob Brown

Back Row: Allison Wolfe, Instructor, Lisa Loudermilk, Paul Will, Rick Rickman

During the upcoming year we will be offering a variety of Beginner Training classes to assist our members who work and our volunteers. These classes will be offered periodically during the year and will be described in CMARS. We are currently looking at the following types of BT classes for 2024.

2024 Beginner Training Class Options			
Name	Days	Time	Approximate Time of Year Offered
5 Day Mid	Monday - Friday	11:30am - 1:00pm	November - May
5 Day Early	Monday - Friday	7:00am - 8:30am	June - October
5 Day Evening	Monday - Friday	7:00pm - 8:30pm	October - December and April - June
3 Day Mid	Tuesday - Thursday	11:30am - 2:00pm	November - May
3 Saturdays	3 Consecutive Saturdays	11:30am - 2:00pm	November - May



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Due to the upcoming holidays, we have only scheduled one BT class (BT 123) for December. At this time, we anticipate the first Beginner Training class of 2024 will be a Five-Day Mid class held the week of 22 - 26 of January 2024. As I discussed above, registration for this class will be available through the current process of email request or through self-registration on CMARS after January 2. In addition, classes for the remainder of the year will be available on CMARS as much as 90 days prior to the start of the class.

Supervised Novice Play. (SNP) Since the first of the year, we have graduated 200 students from SNP, bringing our total to 739 graduates since the program's inception in August 2020.

As we get more and more players who are still working, we are working on ways to meet their needs. Until further notice, the Thursday SNP class will be an evening class from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Skills and Drills (S&D) The Fall Skills and Drills classes were very popular with all classes full and with waitlists. Led by Mary Payne and Jan Baldwin along with other volunteer instructors the classes provide our 2.5 and 3.0 skill level members with a variety of drill that they can use to improve their game. The Spring Skills and Drills classes will be offered beginning on 5 March 2024. Additional information including the opening registration date will be upcoming. In the meantime, if you have taken some of the classes, find someone who was not able to and become their drill partner.

Advanced Pickleball Strategy. (APS) There will be no APS classes in December. The next APS class is scheduled for 16 January 2024. Due to scheduling changes, there will be no APS classes in February. Additional; information regarding March classes will be provided as it is available.





TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)



Train the Trainer Classes.

Train the Trainer is a 3-day, 2 hours per day, program of instruction. Day 1 covers the Beginner Training course curriculum and an overview of Supervised Novice Play and Skills and Drills programs; prescribed sequence for teaching skills, how to properly feed balls for drills; how to “detect and correct” player shortcomings and pitfalls to avoid in teaching/coaching pickleball. On Days 2 and 3, the students become the instructors. They teach designated skills and drills to other participants and practice detecting and correcting improper form on stroke execution.

This program is a prerequisite for the progressive development of our volunteers who will apprentice as assistant instructors and potentially work their way to joining the Supervised Novice Play, Beginner Training and Skills and Drills programs. For more information or to register for this class, contact Ric Hutchinson, Player Development Director, at novicehutch@gmail.com.

Club Pro Clinics. Our Club Pro Clinics have been very popular. We hope to be able to continue to schedule two to four Club Pro Clinics per month going forward. The table below describes the clinics that have been scheduled for December.

Please note- As we begin to expand these clinics to include all skill levels, **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that everyone respects the minimum skill level requirements of each clinic when registering.

December 2023 Club Pro Clinics						
Pro Clinic #	Instructor	Pro Clinic Name	Date	Skill Level	Registration Opens	
7	Matthew Boyett	3rd Shot Options - The 3rd shot is not always a Drop Shot. Find out what else you can do and when you should do it.	14-Dec-23	3.0+	30-Nov-23	5:00 PM
8	Matthew Boyett	Learn to Reset - Learn how to reset a "speedup"?	21-Dec-23	3.5+	7-Dec-23	5:00 PM
9	Esteban Espada	Dinking and Attacking	11-Dec-23	3.5+	1-Dec-23	5:00 PM
10	Esteban Espada	Serving and Returns	18-Dec-23	3.0+	4-Dec-23	5:00 PM



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

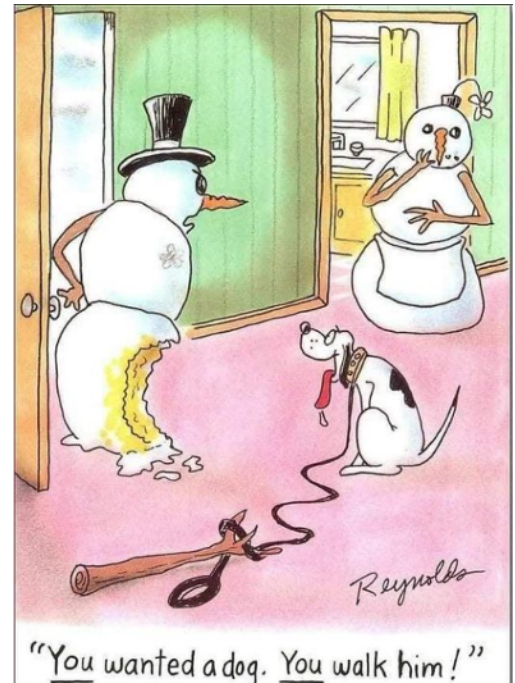
Club Teaching Professionals.

Available Hours. Our Teaching Professionals, Matthew Boyett and Esteban Espada share Court #23 at Northpoint, Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 10 pm. If you prefer evening lessons, please contact them. They also schedule make up sessions for inclement weather days on Sunday. For more information on our pros, their contact information and their rates, click on [Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons \(sctexas.org\)](http://Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons (sctexas.org)) or head on out to Court #23, peak through the fence and see these guys in action.

Take Advantage of Our Pros. Many of you have asked me how you can continue to improve your pickleball skills after you have completed our Club training programs. The answer is to contact Esteban or Matthew and take a lesson.



“Well, folks, with only seconds to go, this race is too close to call, but it’s a sure bet that one of these athletes is quite literally just a hop, skip or a jump away from victory!”



“You wanted a dog. You walk him!”



COURT ACTIVITIES

By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities

Round Robin Play on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

The Moderators are taking a break

NO MODERATED PLAY IN DECEMBER

REGULAR PLAY BEGINS AGAIN 1/5, 1/6, & 1/7

CONGRATS TO ARE 1ST (rain shortened)ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT WINNERS

2.5/3 Women and Men

1st-Sue Kullerd, 2nd-David Lupia, 3rd-Robin Land, & 4thRebecca Jungen

3.0 group A Women

1st-Lynn Dillow, 2nd-Elizabeth Brooks, 3rd-Sharon Reed, 4th-Debbie Dodds

3.0 group B Women

1st-Mari Olmeda, 2nd-Susie Stotland, 3rd-Donna Rothlisberger, 4th-Lisa Medina

3.0 Men

1st-Mike Williams, 2nd-Richard Cope, 3rd-JC Penney, 4th-Rick McGuirt

3.5 Women

1st-Vivianca Hein. 2nd-Terri Klein, 3rd-Barb Brandau, 4th-Jan Wilson

3.5 Men

1st-Jim McKinney, 2nd-Jack Fingerhut, 3rd-Joe Torres, 4th- Mike Murphy

3.5/4 Men

1st- Rick Williams, 2nd-Bennett Greene, 3rd-Doug Tempel, 4th-Matt Hein

See you on the courts – Terry Kennedy Court Usage Director



COACH'S CORNER



Matt Boyett

Hello everyone, Matthew Boyett here back again for another coach's corner. I hope you are all having a great start to the holiday season. Last month we talked about drills for 4 people, this month let's talk about drills for 2 people. My best advice for two people drilling: be cooperative if the drill calls for it and have fun!

1. 7/11

- In this drill, one person is at the baseline and one is at the kitchen. The player at the kitchen feeds a ball to the baseline player to start the point. The player at the baseline will try to make their way up to the net while the kitchen player will try to keep their court advantage. The player at the baseline has to score 7 points before the player at the kitchen scores 11 (rally score). Remember, it should be harder for the player at the baseline to score which is why they only have to go to 7.

1. Beat the clock

- One player starts at mid-court while one player is at the net. Start a timer for two minutes and the kitchen player starts to feed balls. The mid-court player is trying to get 10 balls to bounce in the kitchen before the timer runs up. If they can get 10 balls to bounce, they win. The net player is working on taking balls out of the air and not letting the balls bounce. They can win by lasting the whole two minutes without 10 balls bouncing. If 2 minutes is too easy, lower the time.

Both of these drills will help with your mid-court and transition game. Try them out!



TOURNAMENT NEWS

Nationals in Dallas

Men's Doubles

David Persilver & Bill Russell	3.5	Gold	75 - 79
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Horseshoe Bay Senior Open

Mixed Doubles

Elayne Eichenroht & Steve Timmons	4.0	Gold	70 - 74
Leslie Vanderpools & Kenneth Ward	3.5 & under	Gold	65 - 74
Jannine Grant & Conley Giles	3.5 & under	Silver	65 - 74
Linda Gass & Larry Matula	3.5 & under	Bronze	65 - 74

Women's Doubles

Jan Dahlin Geiger & Kathy Ford	3.5 & under	Gold	65 - 74
Cheryl Janssen & Leslie Vanderpoole	3.5 & under	Silver	65 - 74
Linda Gass & Lynn Whelan	3.5 & under	Bronze	65 - 74

Remember: Please send tournament results to the club e-mail:
SCTXPICKLEBALL@GMAIL.COM.





NEW PICKLEBALL FRIENDS



Luke getting ready to defend his
5.0 rating



An unnamed player arguing
the point

Reno chillin until tomorrow





Scientists recently placed a 10-piece set of matching Tupperware in a sealed chamber.

When they opened it a month later, the chamber had 24 lids that did not match any of the 6 remaining containers.



2023 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS



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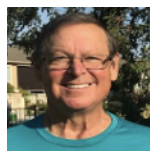
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Communications Director





PARTING SHOT

**From All of the Pickleball Board, To You and Yours:
We Wish You a Happy Holiday**

