



Kitchen Talk

Sun City Texas Pickleball Club Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

July



Barb Patterson

There is plenty of misinformation flung around in our world today and it sure doesn't stop at the pickleball courts in SCTX. So here's a little quiz you can take to see how well you know club guidelines and rules. Side note: all of these questions came about as a result of questions from members this past month.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1) It's fine to leave the lights and fans on at the end of evening play.

FALSE-*You should always turn off the court lights, pavilion lights and any fans that are running when you leave the courts at the end of playing. All of us residents are paying those utility bills!*

2) Players should wait until 7:00 am to start play at all three court locations. Play should end at 10:00 pm at both Northpoint and Texas Drive, and at 9:00 pm at Retreat.

TRUE-*Start/end times are set so as to not disturb surrounding neighborhoods. And soon, there will be houses at Northpoint so we need to follow court hours there too.*

3) If someone reserves a court and then leaves the court to take a break and get a drink, then the court is considered "abandoned" and anyone can step in and use it.

FALSE-*If a court is reserved, players are entitled to use it the entire reservation period and they certainly can leave the court to rest and get a drink. (I have no idea where the person who spouted this off as a "rule" got that idea, but there is no "abandonment" rule).*



FROM THE PREZ (CONT.)

4) If you are hosting guests in your home, you must accompany them to the courts if they want to play pickleball.

TRUE-*Please do not just tell your guests (such as children or grandchildren) to go play pickleball without you being there at the courts with them.*

5) You can only take containers of WATER on the courts.

FALSE-*You can take other drinks, besides water, on the courts. In fact, in order to prevent heat exhaustion, we encourage members to use electrolyte drinks during these extremely hot months. We do ask that you clean up any drinks (other than water) that you might accidentally spill on the courts.*

6) Players on reserved courts should leave the court five minutes before the next reservation time. So if you have a 7:00 am - 8:30 am reservation slot, you should vacate the court by 8:25 am.

TRUE-*In our SCTPC Rules and Regulations, Rule 6.4 is still in effect: "If play is occurring under a Reservation, play must stop 5 minutes prior to the reservation period end time."*

I hope everyone has a Happy Fourth of July - please take extra care during these dog days of summer!

Barb Patterson

TREASURER'S REPORT

SUBMITTED BY D'LES LONGINO

MAY 2024 FINANCIALS



We began May 2024 with \$25,545.11 in our checking account. In the month ending May, we had income of \$660.00 from new memberships. After expenses of \$1,591.29 (new card fee expense \$17.55, player development \$327.51, Arlo cameras \$17.03, Court Reserve \$231, admin supplies \$28.58, maintenance \$164.69, court activities \$7.56, Arlo batteries \$119.05, member relations \$237.14, spring special event dinner \$441.18) we ended May with a balance of \$24,613.82.



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Donna	Barr
MO	Berry
Nancy	Brown
Jim	Chandler
Mary	Chandler
John	Cockle
Seantel	Cockle
Jacqueline	Davis
Roy	Evans
Cheri	Fox
Terry	Fox
Charles	Gottschalk
Shelia	Gottschalk

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Leonce	Hampton
Elizabeth	Hanson Smith
Rebecca	Howe
Rhonda	Israel
Peter	Juhasz
Alba	MelgarCDeBaca
Eric	Meyners
Gina	Miller
Gregory	Miller
Linda	Murphy
Vicki	Seufferlein
Carlin	Silvio

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
Karla	Silvio
David	Smith
Laura	Spradlin
Ayse	Taimuty
Daniel	Taimuty
Robert	Taylor
Cathy	Treadaway
Sandy	Trujillo
Christine	Williams
Karen	Williams
Mark	Williams
Cindy	Young
Doug	Young



At press time, total number of club members is 1693.



WELCOME TO THE NEWEST PICKLEBALL PLAYER!



Matt Boyett



Mackenzie Boyett

**Rowan Len Boyett was born on Tuesday June 11 at 11:22am!
He is home and enjoying time with his proud parents.**

Congratulations to MacKenzie and Matt



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

nominated by Liz Blount

Our volunteers of the month are Laura Duty and Cris Vallee.

As volunteers for the Capital Expense Committee, Laura Duty and Cris Vallee did an exemplary job researching the viability of adding shades to our existing courts. Laura and Cris secured a well-respected and known contractor in Sun City to examine our courts on-site to ensure the project could be completed and that would benefit our members' playing time on a daily basis. Laura and Cris went above and beyond by composing a detailed proposal for the CA with special care to ensure all timelines were met. Laura and Cris have made themselves available to the CA as well as the Pickleball Club Board to answer questions that may arise. Laura and Cris have proven to be dedicated volunteers who we can count on throughout this worthwhile endeavor.



Laura Duty



Cris Vallee





CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

We are starting the process of forming the nominating committee for the upcoming Board of Directors elections

What Does the Nominating Committee Do?

The committee's objective is to bring to the current club board a list of candidates for the Club Board positions that will be opening up at the end of this year. If elected, new Board members will serve for 2025 through 2026. Board positions that will become open are listed below and the job descriptions for each of these positions can be found on our Club website or can be obtained from Liz Blount.

- President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications Director

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let Liz Blount know at liznsugar@gmail.com

Of course if you are considering running for any of the officers available for this cycle, let Liz know.

QUESTION: My partner played a shot very near the sideline. My partner's shot went into the net, but my partner was adamant the ball was outside the line and, therefore, 'out.' They further argued that the ball was 'out' before the ball went into the net, even though they didn't call it when it happened. They couldn't get the word 'out' said quickly enough because they concentrated on hitting the ball. I was too far away to make a definitive call. Our opponents said my partner made the 'out' call too late. What is the correct ruling for this situation?

ANSWER: Your opponents are correct. You or your partner can make the 'out' call in that situation, but it must be made before the ball either becomes dead or your opponent plays the ball. In this case, your partner hit the ball into the net, which made the ball 'dead' before your partner made the 'out' call. The applicable rule is 6.C.7 of the USA Pickleball Official Rulebook.



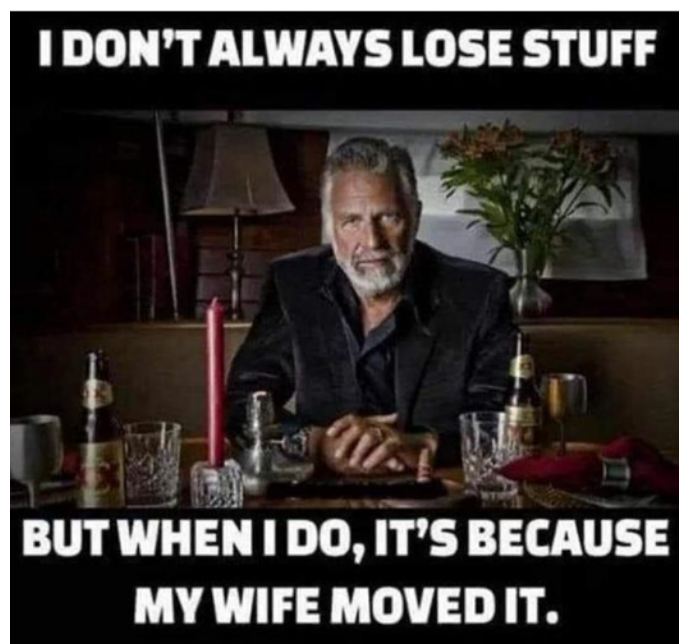
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The Pickleball club submitted the proposal for sun shades at Northpoint to the CA for consideration. Laura Duty and Cris Vallee were the authors in this submission and the CA committee who sets their eyes on this first is the Capital Expense Subcommittee. This CA subcommittee had a few questions about the proposal and Laura and Cris have answered their questions on a timely basis and will continue to answer any upcoming questions/concerns. At this time, this sub committee is recommending the Pickleball cover project to the SC Board of Directors and will manage the entire review process with the SC Board of Directors through their Board vote in November.

In the meantime, the Pickleball club can begin to raise funds for this project NOW. We have set a goal of \$10,000 to raise for this year. Currently there is an outside tournament which will take place in September which we will net approximately \$2400.00. We are actively seeking ways to raise more donations and welcome ideas from club members.

Do you have an idea? Liz would love to hear from you! Contact her at liznsugar@gmail.com

The Pickleball Board is planning an informational meeting on this project open to all Pickleball club members. More information to follow.





TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

By Ric Hutchinson, Director of Player Development

I once asked Carnac the Magnificent to help

me out. Many years ago, I gave him a hermetically sealed envelope that had been kept in a mayonnaise jar on Funk and Wagnalls porch since noon of that day. After a lengthy divination he looked up and said "Really Retired". I looked puzzled and repeated "Really Retired"!! He opened the envelope and read "What will Ric Hutchinson be on January 1 2026."



That didn't mean much to me back then. BUT --now that I've been the Player Development Director for 18 months and have 18 months to go it makes perfect sense. So, it's time to start looking for my replacement. I know that somewhere in this club of almost 1,700 people someone is waiting to take this position. Especially if you enjoy working with people who are enthusiastic and want to learn pickleball.

If you have an interest in learning how our training programs work, and what this position includes, I'll be happy to talk with you. But don't wait too long because January 1, 2026 is coming fast.

NEW INSTRUCTORS You'll notice in the pictures below of the Beginner Training classes that we have LOT'S OF INSTRUCTORS. That is because we have had a great response to the request for new instructors. In the last 15 months we have added 24 new instructors to the Training Development Team. That's the good news, the bad news is that during that same time we've lost 20 instructors. In order to make our training programs work we need instructors, but nobody signs up for life. Even though the pay is great, (instructors make the same \$ that I do), we need to continually refill the well.

If you think you might like to join the Player Development Team, you're at least a 3.0 player and you've played for at least a year, you're eligible. But to find out what it is really like, don't talk to me, talk to the other members of the Player Development Team.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

New Member Orientation Class

In order to provide our new (and not so new) Club members with information about our Club we have developed a New Member Orientation (NMO) class. This class will be offered to all club members 1 to 2 times per month depending on demand. NMO is scheduled for approximately 75 minutes and includes a variety of topics including:

- Club overview
 - Board Members and areas of responsibility
- Description of Club facilities
- Club Play Opportunities
- Emergency procedures
- Personal Safety Issues
- Pickleball equipment options
- Overview of the Pickleball Club webpage
- Log in and live walkthrough of New Member portions of the Club webpage
- Brief discussion of Court Reservation policies, Court hours and Club paddle rack system
- Training opportunities
- Differences between Sun City/Club website and CMARS
- Log in and live walkthrough of CourtReserve/Court Management and Reservation System (CMARS).
- Questions

New Member Orientation Presentations – July & August 2024

Date	Room	Time
Friday, July 19, 2024	Mesquite Room	1:15 - 2:30 pm
Saturday, August 3, 2024	Mesquite Room	1:15 - 2:30 pm
Friday, August 16, 2024	Mesquite Room	1:15 - 2:30 pm

The Mesquite Room is located in the Legacy Golf Pro Shop Building.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

To register for a NMO class:

For the next class. From the main page of the **Pickleball Club** website Look for Upcoming Events And click on New Member Orientation.

Or

For other classes going forward. From the main page of the **Pickleball Club** website click on Calendar in the left navigation menu.

Then

Review the calendar for class dates, click on the New Member Orientation Class you wish to attend and complete the registration process. (The class will show closed when the maximum number of participants is reached)

Ongoing Program Updates

Beginner Training (BT). This month we completed Beginner Training Classes 130 and 131. My thanks to all the volunteer instructors who give their time to make these classes possible. Between January 1 through June 30th of 2024, 131 members have completed our Beginner Training Classes. Here are the photos of the graduates of BT Classes 130 and 131.



Standing: Clay Fast, Bill Cochran, Frank Heckendorn, Carlos Bruciaga, Geri Bruciaga, Mike Zimmermann, Stephanie Barker, Zelma Johnson, Ann Meier, Val Welch, Eileen Brennan, Karen Gleason, Scott Gleason,

Kneeling Hadi Tjandrasa, Asst. Instructor, Kathy Carr, Instructor, Rick Rickman, Instructor, Lloyd Mills, Asst. Instructor, Diane Michel, Asst. Instructor, Steve Jampol, Asst. Instructor, Ric Hutchinson, Instructor, Richard Brown.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)



Front row (L to R): Gisele Puckett, (Assist Instructor), Allison Wolfe (Instructor), Dot Thorp, Alba Melgar-C'De Baca, Karin Hart, Martha Speakman (Instructor), Janet Field, Becky Brittain, Irma Gossett and Dianna Guyette.

Back row (L to R): Lloyd Mills (Assistant), Jeff Kruse, Melissa Cutrer, Cassandra Melgar-C'De Baca, John Bailey, Roger Anderson (Assistant), David Persilver (Assistant), Amy Copps, Paul Copps and Don Murphy.

Supervised Novice Play (SNP) SNP classes continue to be very popular and to fill quickly. We currently have 42 active SNP players, with more registered for upcoming Beginner Training classes.

Skills and Drills (S&D) The Fall Skills and Drills classes will begin in early October with registration opening in early September. 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). In July APS will be offered one time this month on 9 July. The class will start at 7:00 am. Registration will be through CMARS and will open 14 days prior to the scheduled class at 5:00 pm.



Train the Trainer Classes.

Our next class is scheduled for 7 October. We have modified the training program this year to shorten the initial training time from 3 days to 1 day and to add specific on-the-job training for our instructors in training.

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.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Club Pro Clinics. The response to the Pro Clinics continues to be amazing. Remember, if you like the clinic and it is full, please register for the wait list. All Clinics will start at 7:00 am until further notice.

As I discussed last month, these clinics are developed for specific skill levels. Registration for all clinics for this month will be subject to approval. Once you register, we will review your Self Assessed Rating² in your CMARS profile and look to see where you are playing in Skill Level Open Play and Round Robins. At that time, you will be notified as to whether your registration has been accepted or rejected. **Please do not register above your Skill Level.**

The updated schedule for July is included below.

2024 Club Pro Clinics

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Pro Clinic #	Instructor	Pro Clinic Name	Date	Skill Level	Cost per Person	Courts/Time	Registration Opens	
24-33	Matthew Boyett	Reduce the Pop-ups	11-Jul-24	3.0	\$25.00	NP 14-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	27-Jun-24	5:00 PM
24-34	Matthew Boyett	Hit & Defend Kitchen Line Attacks	18-Jul-24	4.0	\$25.00	NP 14-16 7:00 - 8:30 am	4-Jul-24	5:00 PM
24-35	Matthew Boyett	Playing & Strategy Clinic	25-Jul-24	3.5	\$25.00	NP 11-13 7:00 - 8:30 am	11-Jul-24	5:00 PM

Club Teaching Professional.

Available Hours. Our Teaching Professional, Matthew Boyett uses Court #23 at North Point, Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 10 pm. If you prefer evening lessons, please contact him. He also schedules make up sessions for inclement weather days on Sundays. For more information on Matthew, his contact information and rates, click on [Sun City Texas Community Association Private Lessons \(sctexas.org\)](http://sctexas.org) or head on out to Court #23, peak through the fence and see him in action.

Take Advantage of Our Pro. 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 Matthew and take a lesson.



COURT ACTIVITIES

By Terry Kennedy, Director of Court Activities

Fall Ladder League is Coming

Line up your partner for the Fall Evening Ladder League

Play begins 9/9 and will continue for 6 weeks

There will be a Men's, a Women's, & a Mixed Division

With sub skill level categories in each

Matches will be played 7pm - 8:30pm courts TBA

Men on Monday evenings

Women will play on Tuesday evenings

Mixed play will be on Thursday evenings

You may participate in two divisions

Each pairing will play 3 games - first to 11

First week - I will assign the pairings

Subsequent weeks - you will move up or down the ladder

Based on your play

League champion will be based on total points earned

Watch for sign up date in August Kitchen Talk & Eblast





COURT ACTIVITIES (CONT.)

Dinks & Dogs is back

Wednesday Evening October 2nd

Competition will feature all four skill levels

With Men's, Women's, & mixed competition

You can even team up with a Pro

Watch for more information August Kitchen Talk

& Eblast announcing registrations

But why wait?

We Need Silent Auction Items

New or Like New items (with their value)

All items will be listed for auction with increment bidding

How can you help?

We need help procuring items from businesses as well as donations.

Contact Sherri Ewoldt with any questions, ideas or leads

Text 512-749-7843

silent
AUCTION



FROM THE MAINTENANCE TOOL SHED

By Tim Schutte, Maintenance Director

Has anyone not noticed Tim working on the courts almost everyday? You can help him by reporting maintenance issues at any of the three locations.

Email: MaintenanceSCTXPickleball@gmail.com

Text Message: 540-454-1178 or voice mail.

Please include the following:

What is the problem?

What court or area is the problem located?

If you believe it is urgent or not, it is always helpful. Urgent means if not fixed ASAP someone could get injured could impact multiple people.

NOTE: Some maintenance requests may have to be forwarded to the Community Association (CA) to be resolved. If that is the case I will respond and let you know.

Some of Tim's recent Work



New Paddle Racks at Texas Drive



Roller Cover at Northpoint



New Paddle Racks at Northpoint

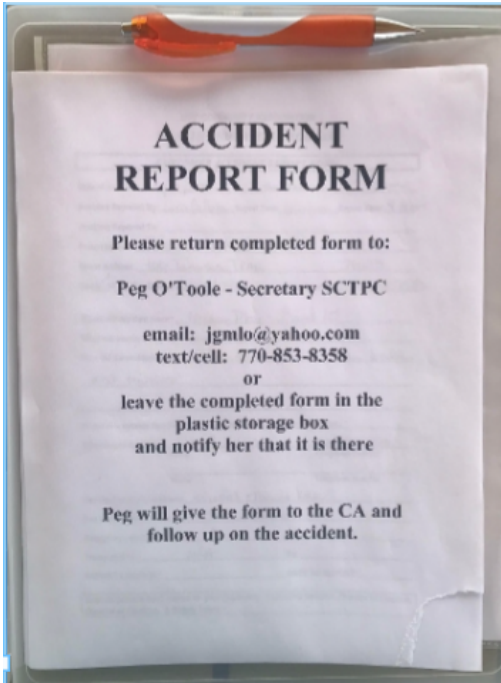


What's wrong with this picture??

We have installed hook systems at all the complexes so that our brooms, squeegees and rollers can be hung off and not left on the ground. Please help us prolong our tools and hang them up when you are done.!



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)



Did you know that we are required by charter to report injuries that occur as a result of pickleball activity to the CA? In the first aid kit at all courts is a clip board that has blank accident forms. Just fill out the form, leave it in the first aid box and drop us a short note to SCTXPICKLEBALL@gmail.com and we will take it from there. Alternatively there is a link from our website that get you a blank PDF version of the accident form. We would like to know about any injury, but it is especially important that we receive a report on any accident or injury that requires medical care. We thank you for your help!

CMARS Self Rating

In the CMARS application there is a field for self rating. Most of us either filled it out once or had it entered for us when we graduated from SNP. We are requesting that you review your self assessed rating and update as appropriate. Please be realistic on your rating and make as close to your actual play as possible. Why is this important? Ric has already started using this rating as part of the acceptance for admission to the Train the Trainer course and Matt's pro clinics. When the club sponsors an event like the Spring and Fall Tournaments and the upcoming Fall Ladder League, we use these ratings to help determine where you should be slotted.

Updating your rating is easy. Sign into CMARS. In the upper corner of the screen you should see your name. Click on your name and select Personal Information. Look for the Self Assessed Skill Rating tab (**NOT The self assessed rating 2 tab**) and enter your rating. Visit and update often! Thanks!



SPECIAL DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

We are all aware of the Capital Expense Program that was discussed earlier in the Newsletter. But did you know that there is also an opportunity for smaller project donations? Players at Northpoint all applauded the metal swinging gates that our Maintenance Director Tim Schutte installed. Unfortunately these were not in our budget and the end of year surplus that we had hoped to cover more gates is shrinking.

Here is the new opportunity! The club is now accepting donations for specific smaller dollar projects - like the chain link gates. One group has already made a donation and the gate has been installed.

The guidelines are pretty simple. The intended use of the donation has to be approved by the board. Generally project costs should not exceed \$250.00. Once approved, checks made out to SCTXCA can be dropped off at D'Les Longno's house at 209 Kickapoo Creek Ln. D'Les has a donation box on her front porch if she is not there. The project will be completed by the club and the group or individual making the donation has the option of providing an identifying plaque to be installed on the project.

The gates cost \$150.00 and you can request where the gate should be installed. There are other projects out there - let your imagination run wild.

Questions? Contact us at SCTXPickleball@gmail.com.



Pat Garren from the Fun First group admires the gate his group donated,



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

What's Wrong with this picture?



Have you checked your Sole lately?

Upcoming Events - Next 6 weeks (or so)

Jul 3 - **No** BYOBB&D this Month

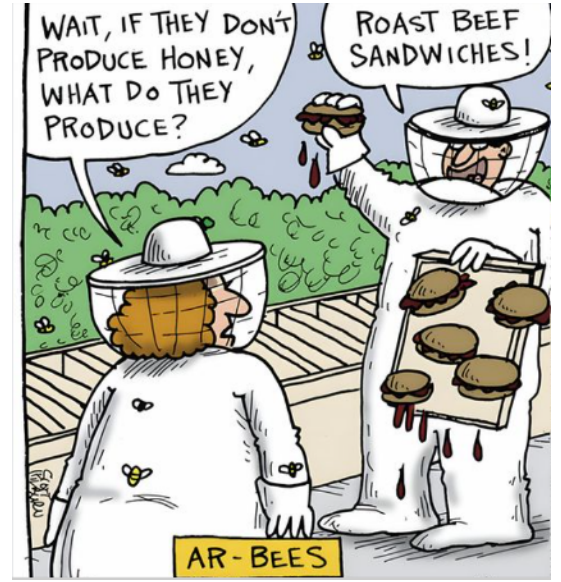
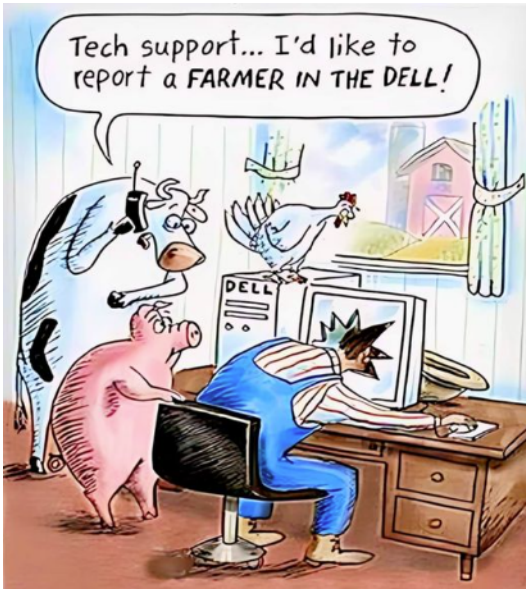
Jul 6 - **No** New Member Orientation

Jul 19 - New Member Orientation

Aug 3 - New Member Orientation

Aug 7 - BYOBB&D this Month

Aug 16 - New Member Orientation



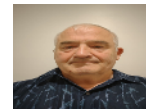
2024 SCTPC BOARD MEMBERS



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President



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Treasurer



Tim Schutte
*Maintenance
Director*



Liz Blount
Vice President



Ric Hutchinson
*Director of Player
Development*



Terry Kennedy
*Director of Court
Activities*



Peg O'Toole
Secretary



Pete Nadolski
*Communications
Director*





PARTING SHOT



Sun Flowers in the noon day Sun!

I am always looking for photos for the parting shot. If you have something, send it to me at sctxpickleball@gmail.com