

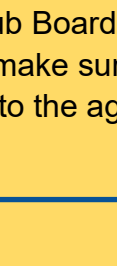


Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

June 2023

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow – did Santa Fe show its strength with so many players medaling in the Albuquerque for Sweet Pickles Section below.

Play is more popular than ever with one day having over 70 players showing up at the courts in the morning. This requires patience and cooperation by all. I greatly appreciate the kindness of our club members welcoming visitors, playing with folks of less ability, and assistance with the paddle system. Visitors are starting to show up daily. It is always fun to be on the courts with new players. We have added the morning welcome host to the calendar. This helped make Santa Fe stand out as one of the friendliest places to play in the country last year. Please consider volunteering once a month to welcome the visitors and keep the paddle system moving along. The job duties are listed in the description on the calendar.

Enjoy playing.
Cindy

FROM THE BOARD



We had two very successful events recently with great appreciation from all those that participated:

- 1) State Teacher Conference with guests from Oklahoma, Albuquerque, and Texas (pictured) and a Santa Fe High School Class Reunion.

- 2) The board is busy planning a big event with the national company Pickleheads for August and our social calendar for the summer months. More to come soon. Keep an eye on the Court Reserve calendar and the global announcements.

IMPORTANT REQUEST!

Calendar events. If an event is full in which you want to participate, please register on the waitlist. We track carefully the level of participation for our various events. If you cannot play after registering, it is extremely important for each person to withdraw from the event ASAP so waitlisted members can be notified of the opening. Please do your best to withdraw vs. just not show up. We appreciate your consideration of the other members in this regard.

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club Board will meet June 23 at 4:30. If you have something you would like to address, please make sure to email Cindy at cslawts@gmail.com by June 21 so she can add the issue or comment to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Player Hierarchy

What is the hierarchy? You are matched to folks about your same level. Players are grouped into 4s (sometimes 5s). Group 1 is the best group with players ranking 1 - 4 in Santa Fe Hierarchy. Each time you sign up (on Court Reserve) you play 3 games to 15, alternating partners each game. Your total score counts with the maximum points being 45 for the day (if 5 in the group, you will play four games to 11 - max of 44 points). At the end of the three games, players are ranked 1-4 in their group. If you're first, you move up a group and if you're fourth, you move down a group. It's fun and we hope to have more players involved. You don't have to sign up each week, but your ranking will probably go down if you don't play. As your game improves, we would expect your ranking to improve. You must sign up no later than Tuesday for that week's hierarchy. The Women have nearly 50 players now/Men upwards of 24. Rankings are posted on the website. A friendly reminder: If you have signed up ahead for all of them and just can't make one Friday, contact Cindy or Bruce by Tuesday (or before) so we can remove you for that week.

Our hierarchy group winners for Women (May 26) and Men (June 2) are listed here.

	Men	Women
Group 1	Kirt Kemper	Cindy Lawton
Group 2	Tom Blake	Susha Pratt
Group 3	Lester Borenstein	Christine McHugh
Group 4	John Finnick	Jodi Hammer
Group 5		Saroj Baxter
Group 6		Cynthia Daniel
Group 7		Teresa Levine
Group 8		
Group 9		

Drill Volunteers Still Needed

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club will continue to promote improvement in your game by offering drills for each Chile level. This training being offered once weekly beginning in the middle of March, but we need volunteers to help with these sessions. Although there is officially no charge for the drills, a \$5-\$10 donation per session is recommended to help offset instructor costs. Please contact the following coordinators if you would like to help with this program.

- Chile 1 - Ron Geyer Rongeyer4@gmail.com
- Chile 2 - Nic Blouin nicnb@gmail.com
- Chile 3 - Frank Lux FORBESLUX@AOL.COM

Newbie Clinics

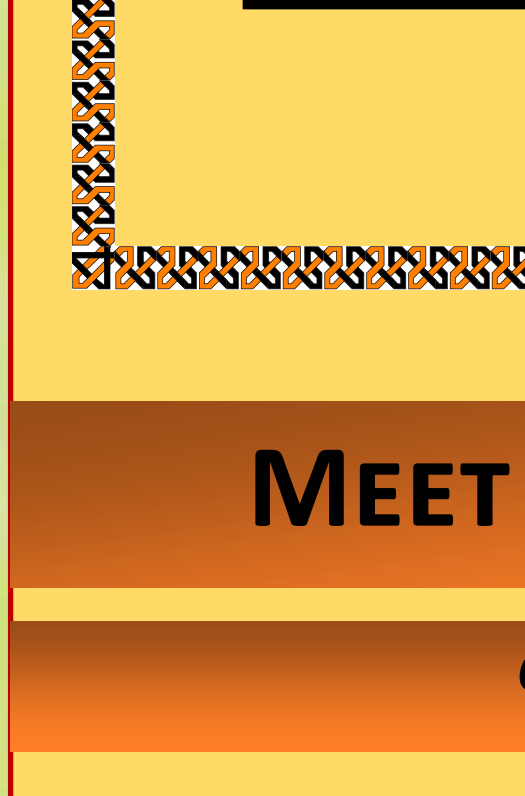
Do you have friends that want to learn to play? Sign up for Newbie Clinics on Court Reserve by joining the club either as a free member (SFPC Friends) or paid membership. The next clinic will be offered OUTDOORS at Ft. Marcy. 1:00—3:00 Saturday June 17th.

SFPC Merchandise Store

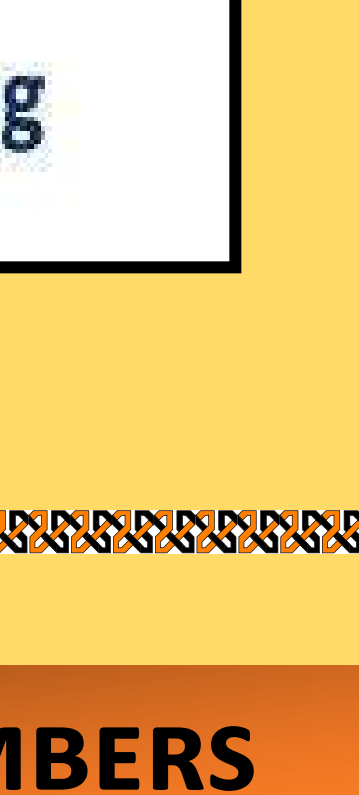
By Nancy Mroz

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR ONLINE MERCHANDISE STORE IS UP AND RUNNING!

Check out the Santa Fe Pickleball Club merchandise offerings either by reading the QR code, or visit the Club's web page at: santafepickleballclub.com



Also check out the recent design for our license plate!



Planned Social Event

***4th of July potluck BBQ + Pool Party**
Estancia Primera Clubhouse — 3:30pm - 7pm

RSVP on Court Reserve

*details to follow

Upcoming Tournaments—Albuquerque

The Aging and Long Term Services Inaugural Doubles Tournament is now open for registration. This tournament is free at Manzano Mesa outdoors on June 24th and 25th beginning at 8 AM. It will be pool play by skill level, and age. Age groups may be combined if not enough entrants are in one pool. Men's and Women's Doubles are on Saturday and Mixed Doubles on Sunday. It is open to those who live in New Mexico, 18 and older. For more information, go to abqpickleball.com, or to register go to pickleballbrackets.com and scroll to the tournament date.

- Coming, but not yet open for registration:**
1. NM Games on August 4th through 6th;
 2. ABQ Pickleball Club Labor Day Classic (sanctioned) Sep 1-3;
 3. Senior Affairs Meet and Greet (Sep 22-24),
 4. Afterglow Pickleball Tournament (sanctioned) Oct 15-17th at the Manzano Mesa Pickleball Courts.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Food Depot

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club is continuing its efforts to give back to the community! Two or three times a month we are volunteering at the Food Depot. Volunteers evaluate and repack donated food for distribution to people in need.

Chuck Stein, our treasurer, serves as our coordinator for the Club. You can sign up on Court Reserve by searching under Categories and "Community Outreach".

If you have questions, please email Chuck at chuck@chuckstein.com or you can text him at 214-354-6073.

Current dates for June are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 16 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Wednesday June 21 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Cesar Chavez Elementary School Pickleball Club

Cesar Chavez Elementary School now has a pickleball club, run by Ron Romero, a teacher at the school. Volunteers are needed for after-school help with the kids. The club met every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm during the school year. We will be notifying our membership if volunteers are needed during the summer, at which time you will be able to sign up on Court Reserve.

If you have any questions, you can contact Ron at ronrom77@yahoo.com

Congrats to all the kids who are the inaugural members of the first pickleball club in Santa Fe Public Schools! Each member received a Cesar Chavez Pickleball Club/ Santa Fe Pickleball Club logo T-shirt at their end-of-year school party. Shout out to Ron Romero for getting the club up and running successfully this year, as well as to all the volunteers from Santa Fe Pickleball Club who helped out each week during the year. Your efforts made a difference in kids lives!



FUND RAISING

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The Santa Fe Pickleball Club is honored to recognize the following businesses who have given so generously as Adopt-a-Court Co-Sponsors.

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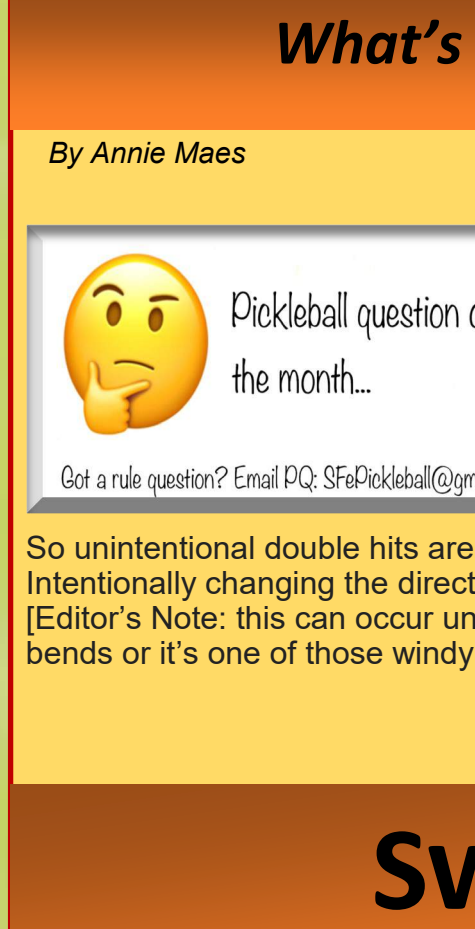
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MEET THE MEMBERS

Colleen Hodges

By Nancy Mroz



Colleen and I met recently for a nice breakfast and visit at Millie. Colleen grew up in Lake Charles, Louisiana, thirty miles from the gulf and thirty miles from Texas. Colleen's parents were from Texas so Colleen grew up with roots in both Texas and Louisiana. Colleen was born in Texas in Navasota, which is near Bryan/College Station. She is a fifth generation Texan...yup...Go Big or Go Home!

She moved to Lake Charles with her family when she was 2. Childhood in Lake Charles was idyllic...riding bikes everywhere...playing in parks...a generation of freedom that most of our children haven't known. On their everyday bike rides they were always on the lookout for Jean Lafitte's buried treasure...rumor had it that it was buried in Lake Charles around the era that Jean helped Andrew Jackson conquer New Orleans.

Colleen wore shorts under the "required" dresses at school so she could run around during recess playing dodgeball, kick ball or just playing and running. There were pee-wee football teams for boys but no sports for girls in Lake Charles. She hunted and fished with her dad using a cane pole baited with crickets and worms in order to catch some crapple. Her grandma and mom joined in and the gals caught dinner while the guys were out bass fishing in boats, often coming home empty-handed.

Colleen took ballet five days a week from ages 5-18. It taught her discipline and a great work ethic. At 18 she was at a crossroads and elected to move on with her academic pursuits. She did play half-court basketball in middle school always ending up on defense. True story, Colleen couldn't dribble so she couldn't set up to shoot baskets. In high school along with dance, she played volleyball and ran track. She was president of the Tri Hi Y, which was affiliated with the YMCA and was centered on civics and the Napoleonic Code, which is the legal system still in Louisiana.

Colleen went to McNeese State College in Lake Charles in applied mathematics. She thought taking 21-24 credit hours per semester was a "typical" college load so she graduated in three years at the ripe young age of 20. Colleen got a job with Gulf Oil in Houston as a Geophysical Tech at \$800 per month with a 10% discount on gas when gas was \$2.29 per gallon. Then one of her professors tapped her to go into a Masters in Statistics program at SMU where she graduated with an MS in Applied Statistics in 1979. Colleen took the summer off to travel Europe on a Euroair pass staying in Youth Hostels.

Next stop was a position as a Geophysicist, a career that spanned the next 40 years with Sun Oil Company. It was while at Sun Oil that Hodges (Colleen) met Hodges (Steve) in the Denver office. Back in Dallas, Colleen and Steve ended up on the same intramural volleyball team. They have been married 35 years, have two daughters in Fort Worth and Denver. They lived outside of Denver on 3.5 acres off of Hwy 285 in the mountains enjoying the journey with the girls in sports and school activities. In later years Colleen did a lot of consulting and worked mostly from home even before the pandemic.

Why Santa Fe? Colleen always spent a little time and knew about Santa Fe growing up. Her family would meet in Santa Fe on occasion as well as coming here with friends throughout the years.

In 2011 she and Steve bought a condo on the big island of Hawaii and in 2016 they bought a place in Santa Fe where they continued working from home. Colleen retired completely in 2021. They currently split their time between Santa Fe and Hawaii.

Pickleball? Colleen has always liked to be active but thinks, as many of us do, that exercise can be boring. Colleen knew Amy Alford and her partner Vicki through college connections. Amy encouraged Colleen to sign up for the Newbie Clinic. In fact, I was volunteering at that Newbie clinic where I first met Colleen! As most of you know, Colleen has been playing and enjoying pickleball ever since! She doesn't even notice that she is exercising because she is having so much fun. I often see Colleen at the courts where she stays after games and picks up balls and helps keep Fort Marcy looking good for all of us.

In Hawaii she plays with the Kona Pickleball Hui Fun group. Colleen also plays in Lubbock where her sister Lisa and mother live. Scuba diving is one of Colleen's other passions since she discovered it in the 80's. She has literally seen the world on scuba trips. Colleen says... "give me a coral reef and I'm happy!"

Give a shout out to Colleen when you next see her!

Don't create barriers to progress, when playing pickleball, by focusing on perfection.



RULES & REGS

What's a Double Hit in Pickleball?

By Annie Maes

Rulebook - Section 3 — Definitions
3.A.8 Double Hit — Hitting the ball twice before it is returned.
 So is it a fault?? Let's look further...
11.A. Double Hits — Balls can be hit twice, but this must occur during an unintentional, continuous, single-direction stroke, by one player. If the stroke is deliberate, or not continuous or not in a single direction, or the ball is struck by a second player, it is a fault.

Get an unintentional double hit at the legal. Intentionally changing the direction of the ball with a double hit is a fault. [Editor's Note: this can occur unintentionally when returning a higher hit ball and either your wrist bends or it's one of those windy days!]

SWEET PICKLES

Member Recognition

Congratulations to the following members on their achievements in the recent Albuquerque Pro Tournament!

Eddy Stein & Scott Stevens
 4.0 Men's Dbls 19+ Gold

Julie Bugg & Jae Hoon Lim
 4.0 Mixed Dbls 19+ Silver

Arturo Loy & Ariana Jauregui
 4.0 Mixed Dbls 19+ Gold

Klaus Dlabik
 4.0 Men's Singles 55+ Silver

Julie Bugg & Thuy-Duong Dao
 4.0 Women's Dbls 18-54 Silver

Allan Benitez & Jae Hoon Lim
 4.0 Men's Dbls 19+ Bronze

Julie Bugg & Jae Hoon Lim
 4.0 Mixed Dbls 19+ Silver

Abel Vasquez & Jesse Loy
 3.5 Men's Dbls 19+ Bronze

Jesse & Gaby Loy
 3.5 Mixed Dbls 19+ Gold

Nancy Lesicka & Alexander Ware
 3.5 Mixed Dbls 70+ Gold

Amy Alford & Gaby Loy
 3.5 Women's Dbls 50+ Bronze

Annie Maes
 3.5 Women's Singles 60+ Bronze

