



# Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

## August 2023

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have sent out a few emails requesting your opinions and I am so happy that so many of you responded. This allows the board to make decisions with all of you in mind. The value of your responses is so appreciated, and I am grateful that so many of you took the time to write in. Thank you. Our next big event is August 20<sup>th</sup>, the round robin tournament sponsored by Pickleheads. Our club and city was selected by Pickleheads, a national company, to sponsor this event due to our number of players as well as the involvement of our members in so many of the activities we offer. See details below in regard to the August 20<sup>th</sup> event. The heat is finally settling, and the courts are bustling from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The other night, I was at the courts and only recognized two players. This shows that pickleball is continuing to grow in Santa Fe along with our membership. We are now over 700 active members. Looking forward to seeing new and seasoned players on the courts.

Keep pickling.  
Cindy

## FROM THE BOARD

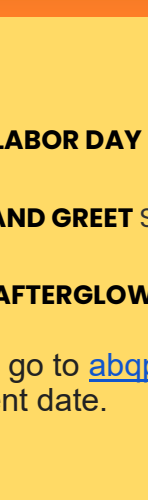
**Open Play:** There has been some questions regarding the next-up rack and open play. In the morning, until all courts are full, the next-up rack is NOT utilized. Once all 6 courts are in use, the next-up rack is utilized. This usually happens close to 8:00 a.m. The club provided the racks for open play to encourage fair use of the courts. We encourage players to rack up and play with anyone who shows up; however, if a family comes, friends, or groups want to rack up together, they certainly are allowed to do this. What happens if there are one, two, or three paddles in a rack, and one group wants to continue with their own group of four people? If there are paddles in the rack, players should come off after their game. The people who have paddles in the rack, (1-3 paddles) have the option to go on the open court first. They can practice, drill, or play with less than four people and the group of four would have to wait for another court. If they choose not to take the court and wait for another person to show up and leave their paddles up, then the group of four would be next up to the open court. Pickleball is a social game, and we hope and encourage people to play with others at lower levels. We must all remember, that at one time, we too were beginners looking to learn and play from others. The club also recommends that people do not play singles when there are paddles in the rack as well as limit games to 11 points win by 1 if there are more than 16 paddles in the rack. With many players and limited courts, we appreciate anything you can do to encourage fair usage of the courts.

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club Board will meet August 15 at 4:30. If you have something you would like us to address, please make sure to email Cindy at [cclaws@gmail.com](mailto:cclaws@gmail.com) by August 12 so she can add the issue or comment to the agenda.

SFPC Board meeting minutes are posted each month on the Club's webpage:  
<http://santafepickleballclub.com/index.php/board-meeting-minutes/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Pickleheads Round Robin Event



August 20<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a round robin tournament. Please come out and watch the play. All events are full except the Advanced - chile 4. If that draw does not fill, we will open more slots to the chile 3's. Each participant will be getting directions via email next week. You must go to the Pickleheads website for the final registration; so please pay attention to the draws from the club next week for these important directions. Pickleheads will then set up to email for the event.

How does the event work? Each person will play 6-7 rounds with different partners each round. Your score for each game will be recorded. The person with the highest number of points at the end of the 6 -7 rounds wins. Additionally, each person who participates will be entered into a raffle for the new pickleball backpack. Starting at 5 p.m., an after-party will be held at Restoration Pizza next to Violet Crowned. The club will buy pizza and salad; drinks paid on your own. Winners of each event will be announced at the party.

We want to thank all the above sponsors for the prizes. Questions, contact Cindy at [cclaws@gmail.com](mailto:cclaws@gmail.com)

### Player Hierarchy

What is the hierarchy? You are matched to folks about your same level. Players are grouped into a set of 4 (sometimes 5). Each time you sign up (on Court Reserve) you play 3 games to 15, win by 1, alternating partners each game (if 5 in the group, you will play four games to 11, win by 1). The player with the most points moves up a group; player with the fewest point moves down a group. It's fun and we hope to have more players involved. You don't have to sign up each week. 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 over 50 players now /Men over 30. Rankings are posted on the website. A friendly reminder: if you have signed up and just can't make it, contact Cindy or Bruce by Tuesday (or before) so we can remove you for that week. Our hierarchy group winners for Men (July 28) and Women (July 21) are listed here.

	Men	Women
Group 1	Kirt Kemper	Cindy Lawton
Group 2	John Shoemaker	Amy Alford
Group 3	Joe Marzocco	Annie Maes
Group 4	John Crant	Kirtlye Spear
Group 5	Jack Swanson	Kathy Van Essen
Group 6		Gayle Torrez
Group 7		
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. They started 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](mailto:Rongeyer4@gmail.com)
- Chile 2 - Nic Blouin [nlonrb@gmail.com](mailto:nlonrb@gmail.com)
- Chile 3 - Frank Lux [FORBESLUX@AOL.COM](mailto:FORBESLUX@AOL.COM)

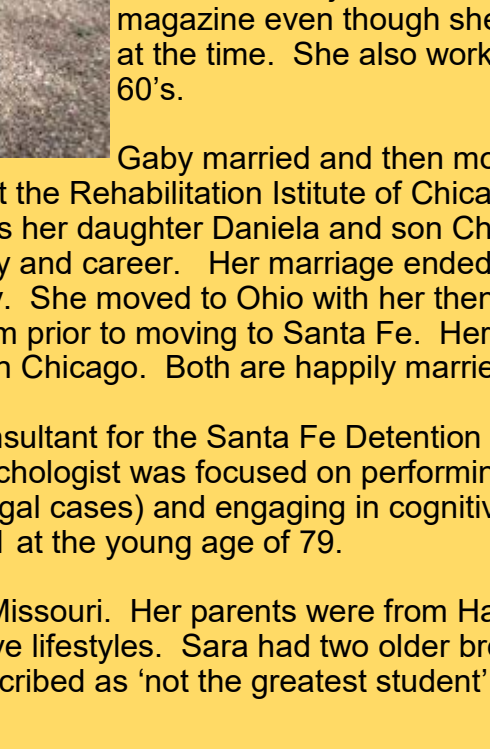
### SFPC Merchandise Store

By Nancy Mroz

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](http://santafepickleballclub.com)



SFPC online merchandise store is adding Men's Tall merchandise to all lines that offer it, SPF shirts and more men's shorts.



\$20 for License Plate, Limited Edition. Nancy Mroz will deliver - 505-660-4600

### Upcoming (non-Santa Fe) Tournaments

#### Albuquerque

- ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB LABOR DAY CLASSIC** Sept 1-3, 2023
- SENIOR AFFAIRS MEET AND GREET** Sept 22-24, 2023
- ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB AFTERGLOW TOURNAMENT** Oct 15-17, 2023

For more information, go to [abqpickleball.com](http://abqpickleball.com), or to register go to [pickleballbrackets.com](http://pickleballbrackets.com) and scroll to the information.

#### Pagosa Springs

## 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](mailto:chuck@chuckstein.com) or you can text him at 214-354-6073.

- Current dates for August are as follows:
- Tuesday August 16, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm
- Thursday August 24, from 9:00am to 11:30am

## FUND RAISING

### BUSINESS ADOPT-A-COURT DONORS

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

### WATSON ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC

## MEET THE MEMBERS

### Gaby Muñoz & Sara McIntyre

By Nancy Mroz



Gaby (left) was born and raised in Santiago Chile where she went to an all-girls Catholic school and did not much like the strict German nuns. From an early age Gaby chose to carve her own pathway. According to her younger sister, Gaby ditched school often. She would put her little sister on the city bus heading for their school, then jump off the bus herself to skip school and go play with her friends. Her childhood was pretty idyllic. She spent her summers (three months) on the beach with her cousins and her siblings swimming, journaling, hiking and playing tennis.

She studied journalism for three years in college, then spent five more years studying psychology and earned a PhD in clinical psychology. After completing college in Santiago, one of her first jobs was writing parenting articles for a magazine even though she was single and had no children at the time. She also worked on dyslexia reeducation in the 60's.

Gaby married and then moved to the U.S., settling in the Chicago area and working at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago for 15 years. Those years were busy raising children as her daughter Daniela and son Christobal (Chris) were born, a balancing act between family and career. Her marriage ended because while in her 40's Gaby discovered that she was gay. She moved to Ohio with her then partner and worked for a time in the Ohio Correctional System prior to moving to Santa Fe. Her son Chris lives in Albuquerque, and daughter Daniela lives in Chicago. Both are happily married and have no children.

In Santa Fe Gaby was a consultant for the Santa Fe Detention Center before going into private practice. Her work as a psychologist was focused on performing psychological evaluations (mainly for vocational and legal cases) and engaging in cognitive behavior therapy with adult clients. Gaby retired in 2021 at the young age of 79.

Sara was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Her parents were from Hannibal, Missouri, both were golfers and led healthy, active lifestyles. Sara had two older brothers and a younger sister. Sara was always active...self described as "not the greatest student"...she wanted to be "out" not inside at a desk.

Sara played on the golf team, swim team and basketball team. She also went to a Catholic school. In her freshman year of high school her family moved to Baltimore, MD. Although it was a tough time for her to move and make new friends, the years in Baltimore were really good for her. She played varsity basketball, field hockey and tennis. Her college career started at Boston University. She graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a BS in Physical Education. She went on to grad school at the University of Missouri, Columbia to pursue a MEd in PE. She focused on Adaptive PE, working with kids with emotional, mental and physical disabilities.

Sara taught PE at Baltimore County Public schools for 7 years. Taking summers off as a teacher was a foreign concept to Sara. She ran a moving business, taught swimming and worked at summer camps. Industrious is a word that comes to mind when describing Sara's work ethic and approach to life in general. Do it! Get it done! Work hard and play hard! Be the best that you can be! Focus! Do any of these qualities seem familiar to you when you play pickleball with or against Sara? I also asked Sara if she was a "saver" during her work life. You can guess the answer to that question!

While in Baltimore she married her high school sweetheart which lasted only for a short time. The school environment was tough...her marriage was over...she needed a change...so she decided to take a sabbatical to work on her doctorate at UNM in Albuquerque. Her time in Albuquerque was like a 'reset' on the pickleball court. She had an assistantship at UNM; she soaked in the multicultural environment of New Mexico and the southwest; she even graduated from the New Mexico School of Natural Therapeutics. Back in Baltimore Sara worked in the school system for 11 years before moving to Santa Fe with a partner in the early 90's. In Santa Fe Sara taught PE at Acequia Madre, Alford and Rio Grande School for a total of 26 years and established and ran a thriving cleaning business (on the side!).

Gaby and Sara met briefly when someone hired Sara to clean Gaby's guest house, one of her rental units. Then mutual friends 'set them up' on a date. Surprise! They had already met each other. They have been together ever since...27 years.

Three years ago they discovered pickleball at Quail run. They are both addicted! Gaby wants to have fun, improve her play and play with different people. Sara wants better consistency utilizing more strategy during play while having fun. They both are committed to living active, healthy lives, and pickleball fits right in to their swimming, golf, dog walking, strength training, yoga and bike riding, just to name of few of their activities separately and together.

Give a shout out to Sara and Gaby next time you see them at the courts!

## COACH'S CORNER

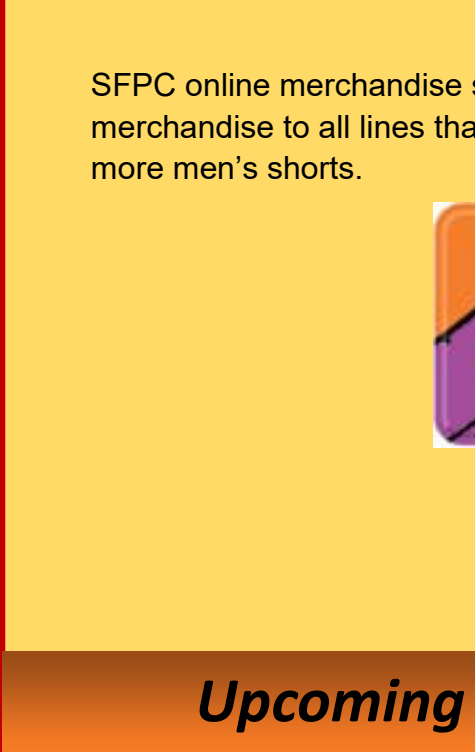
By Christine Wantuck Certified Coach PPP

Don't rush your strokes, allow the ball to come to you. Stay focused on the ball. Make contact with the ball in the center of your paddle, otherwise known as the sweet spot. Utilize both arms to keep your body balanced and stable throughout your stroke. Move with purpose, follow the path of the ball. Work with your teammate to set up a winning point. Move opponents around to create space to attack, cause an error or give you a juicy pop-up to put away. Have fun out there!

### RULES & REGS

#### Recreational Replays

By Annie Maes



Did you know there is only one type of fault you can call on your opponent in Rec play? The only fault you may call are foot faults (service and non-volley zone). There is a catch! Those are only enforceable as a fault if the person allegedly committing the foot fault agrees with your call; otherwise, it's a replay.

**Rule 13.D.1.c:**  
 "Players may call non-volley zone and service foot faults on the opponent's end of the court. If there is any disagreement among players about the called foot fault, a replay shall occur."

## CAUGHT ON THE COURTS

### Just another day at Ft. Marcy

