

# Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

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## Message from the Board

It's been two years since the Santa Fe Pickleball Club (SFPBC) was officially formed, including the establishment of by-laws, becoming a non-profit, and the creation of a board. It's been a very constructive two years with Club membership approaching 300, the creation of Santa Fe's first public, outdoor, dedicated pickleball courts at Fort Marcy, and many events to build community, all during a global pandemic!

Board members are elected for two years and a new election will be coming up at our "annual" Membership Meeting in March 2022. (I put annual in italics because our first and second annual meetings were interrupted by COVID).

Please take time to consider being a part of the SFPBC board as there will be vacancies. The open positions will be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Members-at-large (possibly multiple positions)

More information will be coming out in the next few months, explaining the role of each position, forms to fill out to express interest, and procedures to follow when voting. For the time being, think about if this might be a good fit for you and talk with others that you think might be a good fit. Present board members will always be available for discussions and questions, as well as assisting in the transition of new board members.

See you on the courts,  
 Jeff

## Notices

### Want to contribute to the newsletter?

Have you got something you'd like to share with the group either about pickleball or yourself? Would you like to contribute an article to the Newsletter or just submit some ideas? Contact Nancy Mroz at 505-660-4600 or [nancymroz@gmail.com](mailto:nancymroz@gmail.com)

### Winter Donations Needed

Martha Applegate is making a Donation Run to the Border, and is asking for winter items of any kind. You can drop items off on her porch at 2887 Calle de Pinos Altos. Items are needed by December 10th or asap. Questions? Martha Applegate [nmapple@yahoo.com](mailto:nmapple@yahoo.com)

## AMBASSADORS' NEWS

By Cindy Lawton

**October was an exciting month:**  
 • Your ambassadors (Gaby, Cindy, Ed Wood -youth ambassador), along with Mike Jackson painted 3 courts at the New Mexico School of the Arts. Students participated in this project as well.



- Paddles were collected, and ordered for four different schools. Milagro Middle School, Cesar Chavez Elementary School, New Mexico School of the Arts, and The May Learning Center. Thank you to all of those who donated.
- The New Mexico School of the Arts received two nets funded by the \$350 grant.
- Worked with the city to discuss the future of additional courts and rules regarding corporate sponsorship.
- Fundraising: Whether you've found yourself waiting for a court, part of the growing number of new pickleball players, or long for tournaments here in Santa Fe, it's no secret we need an additional six courts. Stay tuned, because in the next month our newly formed fundraising committee will be announcing just how we can make it happen.
- 39 pickleball players participated in the Scott Moore Clinic.



## COACH'S CORNER

### Positioning — Follow The Path Of The Ball

By Christine Wantuck, SW Regional District Ambassador

You or your partner hit a great shot to your opponents, now what? A general rule of thumb is for you and your partner to follow the path of the ball to minimize angled attacks from your opponents and to set up your attack shots. Let us look at three different scenarios of this strategy.

First, visualize the player on the right/even side of court hitting a ball down the line, the hitting player should move straight forward, down the line, towards the No-Volley Zone (NVZ). The partner, on the left/odd side of the court, will move forward in tandem with their partner towards the NVZ, stopping just left of the dividing center/middle line (T).

Second, if a ball that your team hits is directed towards the middle of the opponent's court, you and your partner should move together toward the middle of the NVZ, facing the direction of the flight of the pickleball ready to take the next ball out in front of their body.

Now lastly, a ball hit crosscourt will have the player hitting the ball move forward on an angle toward the NVZ close to or possibly crossing over the "T" as their partner moves straight forward, following the path of the ball, while staying in tandem with one another.

In general, keep it simple by following the path of the ball. Hit down the line, move down the line. Hit to the middle, move to the middle. Hit crosscourt, move crosscourt.

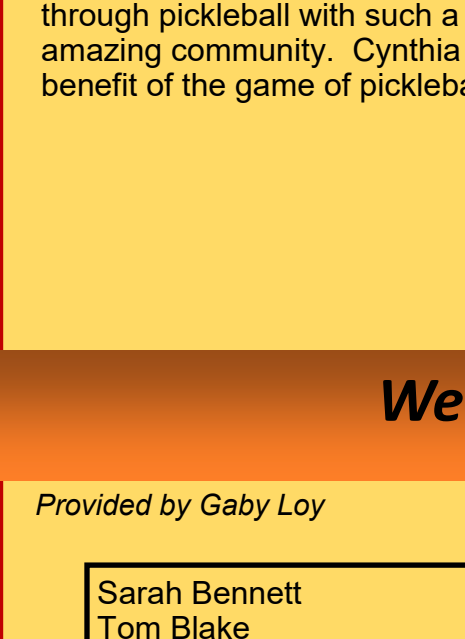
Remember, for this to work you and your partner must stay in tandem, six to eight feet apart, while following the path of the ball. After moving together as a wall, toward the NVZ, both players should set up to hit the next pickleball out in front of their body.

Go out and give this a try, most of all have FUN!

## MEET THE MEMBERS

### Cynthia Feiden-Warsh

By Nancy Mroz



Cynthia Feiden-Warsh hails from New York having grown up in Westchester County. She went to Syracuse University, transferring to University of New Mexico in 1971 with a group of New York friends. She earned a degree in Psychology and English at UNM and stayed in New Mexico working in construction for her first job post-college. She moved back to New York a year later where she earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from NYU. She met her husband Richard in grad school and they briefly made a career move to Florida.

Back in New York Cynthia's career continued working as Chief of Staff for the Office of Mental Health then for Mario Cuomo in the Governor's Office focusing on Health Care Reform. Her working career was focused and stimulating. They moved from New York to Washington DC for their jobs. Since they both loved the southwest they visited New Mexico frequently and ultimately decided to move part time in 2007 then full-time in 2012 back to New Mexico...her land of enchantment!

Cynthia has always been an activist and she has continued her commitment to many causes during her years since relocating permanently to Santa Fe. She also is really enjoying her young granddaughters who live in Denver.

Cynthia played tennis while at UNM and afterwards in New York and enjoyed the sport but had never even heard of pickleball until an old friend from Taos told her about it a few years ago. She took a class at SFCC and started playing indoors at Fort Marcy. During Covid Cynthia has been playing at Aldea and the Santa Fe Tennis Club so that she could continue to play safely with a small group. She plays pickleball 4 or 5 times a week, preferring in the current environment to play outdoors.

The relationships and close friendships that Cynthia has made playing pickleball have been a such a bonus! Pickleball is so much more than a sport! Cynthia loves the interactions she has through pickleball with such a diverse group of people. She feels like she is part of an amazing community. Cynthia packs her paddle on her (before Covid) frequent trips...another benefit of the game of pickleball...she can go anywhere and play. Pickle On!

### Welcome New Members!

Provided by Gaby Loy

Sarah Bennett  
 Tom Blake  
 Debbie Condrey  
 Michael Hill  
 Jennie March-Aleu

Robert Meyer  
 Rita Sena  
 Lisa Wilson  
 Lisa Young

**Reminder:** Membership applications can be mailed to Gaby Loy at [gabyloy@msn.com](mailto:gabyloy@msn.com) or P.O. Box 408, Tesuque, NM 87545  
 Monetary donations can be mailed to Chuck Stein, 41 Camino Botanica, Santa Fe, NM 87507

## SWEET PICKLES

### Member Recognition/Accomplishments

• **Albuquerque Pickleball Club Monster Mash: Oct 22-24**  
*What a strong showing for Santa Fe. We are proud of you!*

Men's Doubles 4.0 19+ GOLD Allan Benitez/Victor Avila	.....	
Men's Doubles 4.0 50+ GOLD Arturo Loy/Scott Condrey	.....	
Women's Doubles 4.0 35+ SILVER Cindy Lawton/Julie Bugg	.....	
Women's Doubles 3.5 60+ GOLD Nancy Lesicka/Linda Shafer	.....	
Mixed Doubles 4.0 19+ GOLD Victor Avila/Sharon Chang	.....	
Mixed Doubles 4.0 60+ GOLD Cindy Lawton/Gary Murray	.....	
Mixed Doubles 3.5 50+ SILVER Nancy Germond/Marc Stess	.....	
Mixed Doubles 3.5 60+ SILVER Nancy Lesicka/Rorik Rivenbaugh	.....	
Mixed Doubles 3.0 70+ SILVER Annie Maes/Rich Wojdula	.....	

## CAUGHT ON THE COURTS

### Working with the Young People

