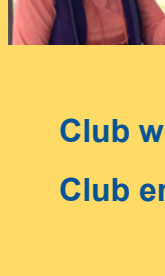




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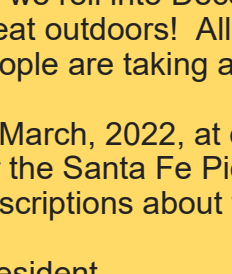
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Message from the Board

As we roll into December, the weather here in Santa Fe continues to be conducive to enjoying the great outdoors! All you have to do is drive by the Fort Marcy Pickleball Courts to see that many people are taking advantage of the fine weather and our wonderful new courts!

In March, 2022, at our Annual Board Meeting event, we will be electing some new board members for the Santa Fe Pickleball Club (SFPBC). A brief, self-nomination form is attached, along with job descriptions about the open positions, which will be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Members-at-Large

Please consider becoming a board member. We need good people to help steer the pickleball community into the next phase of our journey in helping Santa Fe become an even better destination for pickleball enthusiasts!

Happy Holidays!
Jeff

Election Details

Board Positions

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club will be holding elections at the March 2022 Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the board, please fill in the following information and email it to the sfpickleball@gmail.com by February 1, 2022:

Name
Contact information
Position on board you are interested in
Please tell us about yourself and why you would be a good fit for the Santa Fe Pickleball Club Board.

The Board holds at least four meetings a year in addition to the one Annual Meeting. Although job descriptions can change due to the desires and talents of the board members, below is a list of the open board job descriptions for 2022.

PRESIDENT – presides over the board and general membership meetings, leads when needed, and is the face of the organization.

VICE-PRESIDENT – serves in the absence of the President

SECRETARY – takes minutes at meetings, maintains email account; prepares proxies for Annual Meeting, hand-writes thank you notes for donations.

AT-LARGE (up to five positions) Events Coordinator, Social Chairperson, Facilities Maintenance, Venue Coordinator.

Other jobs and responsibilities: Monthly newsletter editor and contributors, Election Committee, Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising Chair, Membership, Beginner Clinics.

In addition, the Nominating Committee is looking for two non-board members to serve in addition to Jeff Holbrook and Kiki Hummel.

For more information, feel free to contact any of the current board members:

Jeff Holbrook – President jffholbrook@gmail.com
Bruce Panowski – Vice President brpanowski@gmail.com

Kiki Hummel – Secretary khummel777@gmail.com

Nancy Mroz – Director at Large nancymroz@gmail.com

Gaby Loy – Director at Large gabyloy@msn.com

Nomination Form

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DEADLINE: February 1, 2022

Name _____

Contact information _____

Position on board _____

Tell us about yourself and why you would be a good fit for the board:

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

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

Tax-deductible Donations

Just a reminder that the Santa Fe Pickleball Club is a non-profit organization, and any donations made to the club to either the general fund or for our share of the new courts (tentatively planned for this coming year) are tax-deductible. Donations can be sent to our treasurer:

Chuck Stein
41 Camino Botanica
Santa Fe, NM 87507

AMBASSADORS' NEWS

By Cindy Lawton

-26 Paddletek paddles were given to school programs in November. Thanks to all the physical education teachers for bringing pickleball to the various schools in Santa Fe.

- Contacted New Mexico School for the Deaf to consider bringing pickleball to their facility. Many students from their school have played with our members on Sundays. A special thanks to Wayne Siefert and Jeff Levine who have been instrumental in helping these students.

- Grants: Spoke to the southwest regional director who has sent information in regards to additional money for school programs. We will now be applying to both the USAPA and Southwest Region for school grants

- More courts: Met with Signe Lindell to discuss additional courts. Help form a fundraising committee for additional courts in Santa Fe. More to come from the chairperson in the next few months

- Continued with our on-going relationship with the Parks and Recreation dept. Speak on a monthly basis.

RULES & REGS

Non-Volley Zone Rule 9D

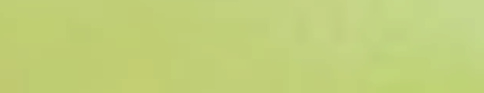
By Christine Wantuck, SW Regional District Ambassador

9. D. If a player has touched the non-volley zone for any reason, that player cannot (legally) volley a return until *both feet* have made contact with the playing surface completely outside the non-volley zone. A maneuver such as standing within the non-volley zone, jumping up to hit a volley, and then landing outside the non-volley zone is a fault. If the rear wheels of a wheelchair have touched the non-volley zone for any reason, the wheelchair player cannot volley a return until both rear wheels have made contact with the playing surface outside the non-volley zone.



[The Most Complete Pickleball Non Volley Zone Rule Video - Pickleball 411](#)

Ever heard someone disagree about a non-volley zone foot fault? Look no further! This fun video is the most complete pickleball non-volley zone rule video ever! Packed full of information, it is a one-stop shop for you to have all your questions answered and learn more about the multi-faceted non-volley zone rule in pickleball. Here from www.youtube.com



[Three Myths About Being in the Kitchen | Pickleball 411](#)

Check out this hilarious video we created to answer the most frequent questions we've gotten about the kitchen. At some point every pickleball player has had to clarify the unique rules that surround the non-volley zone, or kitchen. Watch Alex Hamner and Jennifer Lucore, two top pickleball pros, and Rusty Howes of Pickleball Channel www.youtube.com

Net Post Rule

By Annie Maes

Note: From a question that arose on the court...

The receiver returned a ball and hit the net post and fell over the net and into the court. We called it dead and fortunately the rule confirms that. Learning something new every day!

[IFP Official Tournament Rulebook](#)

11.K. The Net Posts. The net posts (including connected wheels, arms, or other support construction) are positioned out of bounds. It is a fault if a player contacts the net post while the ball is in play.

11.K.1. A ball contacting the net, the net cable, or rope between the net posts remains in play.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Amy Alford

By Nancy Mroz

I first met Amy on the pickleball court last summer at Fort Marcy. She was wearing an LSU purple and gold jersey and a great big smile. She was having so much fun...and therefore, everyone in her group of players was having fun too!

Amy purchased a condominium in Santa Fe during the early days of the pandemic, wondering if she was making a huge mistake. Everything seemed so uncertain. Good call, Amy. As it turns out, Amy started coming to Santa Fe from her native Lafayette, Louisiana, and then from Houston when she was a child. In the early sixties, her mother read about Santa Fe in a magazine and decided that her kids needed to see 'snow.' So the family piled in the car during the December holiday break and headed to Santa Fe on vacation. They hit Clines Corners when the snow started to fall. Magical! She still fondly remembers their stay at Bishop's Lodge and then subsequent stays in Red River. Skiing and New Mexico is in her DNA.

After Amy graduated from LSU with a degree in Business Administration in 1980, she went to work for Reliant Energy. She was with Reliant 12 years during which time she earned a MS in Human Resources and worked in HR. She then worked for Enron for 3 years.

At 35, during a company-sponsored holiday gift giving event at an inner-city elementary school in Houston, Amy met a special teacher, Mrs. Cooksey. During that chance meeting with an amazing, dedicated teacher, Amy saw a potential new, rewarding career opportunity. In 1996, she completed a one-year Masters program at Loyola College in Baltimore and Washington, DC. Amy retired at 58 after 20 years in primary education. Her last five years were spent in a very diverse school environment where twenty languages were spoken.

About seven years ago, Amy was struggling with her weight and decided to make some lifestyle changes, committing to better nutrition and fitness. She started exercising more, lifting weights and changed her eating habits. Seventy pounds later, she was having very hard to maintain a more healthy weight. One of her fitness goals is to walk/run 100 miles per month. Finding and loving pickleball has made her fitness journey so much more sustainable. I had noticed the Fitbit on her wrist, but until we talked the other day, I had no idea that this lady means business when it comes to fitness!

A few years ago while on vacation at a Florida resort, the tennis pro asked her if she had tried pickleball. She tried it the next day and was hooked. Amy came from an athletic family, playing softball and tennis while growing up. In her family, you "had" to like sports.

Back in Sugar Land, TX. Amy sought out local pickleball games playing consistently for about a year before coming to Santa Fe during the pandemic. Amy's current goals in pickleball are to successfully compete in tournaments and she wants to become more proficient at dinking and the third shot drop. Still the teacher, she is enjoying volunteering with the SFPBC instructing beginning players. Most of all, pickleball in Santa Fe has given Amy a whole community of fun, interesting friends while participating in such a great sport.

Welcome New Members!

Provided by Gaby Loy

Bill Fisher
Leah Freedman
Emerson Grey
Joi Holsapple
Sharon Grimes

Turab Lookman
Vincent Pigott
Derek Pullen
Marco Shipper
Sissy Skinner

279 Members and counting!

Reminder: Membership applications can be mailed to Gaby Loy at 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

COACH'S CORNER

New Year's Resolutions

By Kiki Hummel

My goal in pickleball, as a relatively new player (3.5 years) is to be the kind of player that people on the sidelines watch in relative awe. Proud of my skill and ability. I'm not remotely there yet. So, my resolutions for pickleball are these:

1. Constantly attempt to transition to the short game
2. Turn my head to watch the ball all the way to the paddle. It's scary to take your eyes off the net and the opposing court. But to track the ball all the way to the paddle, it's often necessary to look completely down or to the side.
3. Don't be afraid to come to the no volley zone. Again, it's scary because you must react faster, but beneficial as you don't have as much ground to defend.
4. Stretch before playing. Every time!
5. Stop cursing! Damn it!

Sportsmanship

By Cindy Lawton

The sun is more of an issue during play these days. Generally speaking, during recreational play, lobbying when your opponents would have difficulty tracking the ball due to the sun is considered by most to be poor sportsmanship. Remember, it is recreational play and we don't want anyone getting a ball in the face due to their inability to see it.

CAUGHT ON THE COURTS

Group Photo of October's Scott Moore Clinic

(Inadvertently left out of earlier newsletters)

