



Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

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Message from the Board

Didn't seem that long ago when this newsletter sent out best wishes for a happy and SAFE new year!!!! Here it is one year later and with a more contagious virus at our doorstep, the wish is still the same, with an even bigger accent on "safe."

Many people in Santa Fe have found pickleball to be a great "refuge from the storm," an ability to continue to be social, play a loved sport, and do this all outside in our amazing Santa Fe weather. Now that the weather is challenging for outdoor play, we need to be more vigilant about being safe with a sport we love and people we love playing with, especially if you're choosing to play indoors.

A huge thank you to some people who have expressed interest in being on the Santa Fe Pickleball Club board! Feel free to add your name to this list and become a member of a team that will continue to make things happen with pickleball in Santa Fe!

Hoping you all find happiness and balance on the court and in life!

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.

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

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

How Do I Set Up Amazon Smile?

By Kiki Hummel

Amazon Smile is a means by which a percentage of purchases made in Amazon can go to a charity, in this case the Santa Fe Pickleball Club.

First go to Amazon.com. Then click on the three lines by "All" in the top left hand corner under the Amazon logo on your screen. Scroll down to "programs and features" - Amazon smile is the first on the list. Click on Amazon smile and it will open a page that looks like the regular Amazon page but it's the smile page. Save it as a favorite to your bookmarks bar so you don't forget to use the smile version. (the star on the right side of the webpage bar will save it as a favorite).

Because I've already set up, mine automatically goes to Santa Fe Pickleball Club (it says "your current charity" on the right hand top corner) but under that it says "change charity" so I assume that's where you would look to choose the pickleball club - the upper right hand corner.



AMBASSADORS' NEWS

Newman Clinic Coming!

By Cindy Lawton

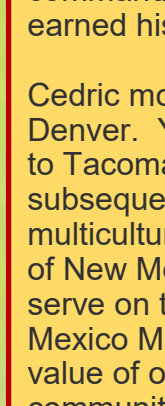
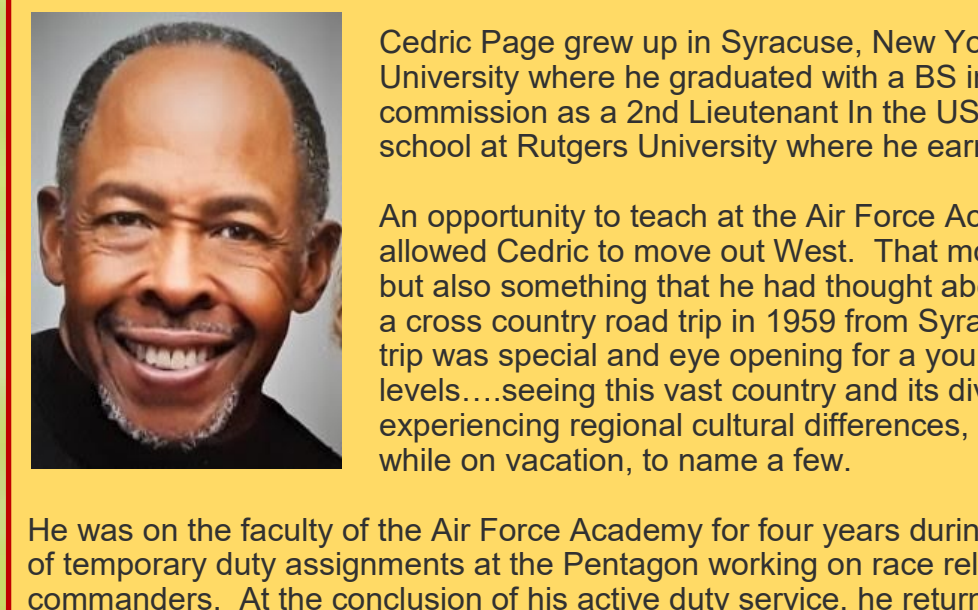
Lindsey and Riley Newman are coming to Santa Fe, June 1st. There are only 32 spots for the clinic so sign up by doing the following:

1. Write Cindy Lawton at: clawts@gmail.com to reserve a spot in the morning (2.5-3.0) or afternoon session (3.5-4.0) sessions. See brochure below for details. We will keep a waitlist as well.
2. You will then be contacted in late January letting you know if you are in the clinic or not.
3. To keep your spot: Send a check: BETWEEN FEB 1- FEB 15 written out to:

Cindy Lawton - memo section: Newman's clinic. Checks should be mailed to:
408 Calle Kokopelli, Santa Fe, NM 87501

4. That is it!

Note: You will be sent one reminder by email if your check is NOT received between Feb 1st - Feb 15. After that, we will take your name off the list and move to the waitlist on Feb 20.



JUNE 1, 2022
NEWMAN'S ARE IN SANTA FE!
DON'T MISS OUT!

2021 National Champions and brother/sister duo are coming to Santa Fe in 2022 for skills clinics! Sign up NOW as there are very limited spots available! Win prizes from Gamma and Takeya. Clinics will consist of 2 hours of drills followed by 1 hour of live games with/ against Lindsey and Riley!

June 1 (2.5 - 3.0): 9:00am-12:00pm
June 1 (3.5 - 4.0): 12:30-3:30pm
\$150 per player
Take your game to the next level while having fun!
Reserve your spot by emailing Cindy Lawton at clawts@gmail.com

Clinic location:
Fort Marcy outdoor pickleball courts
off of Old Taos Highway
Santa Fe, NM 87501
See you there!

More from the Ambassadors

Tree Trimming: In addition, Cindy has been in contact with the city, and they have requested an internal assessment to have the city trim the overhanging branches at the Ft. Marcy courts.

Christine Wantuck provided this link to **2021's top ten pickleball points**. Enjoy!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHMSWL5FDaU>

What is a **GOLDEN PICKLE?** — A golden pickle is when a team wins a pickleball game using its first serve, never allowing the opposing team to score a point, or even serve the pickleball.

RULES & REGS

Rule Changes for 2022

By Christine Wantuck, SW Regional District Ambassador

Please follow this link to check out the official 2022 rule revisions. There are several changes, so pay close attention to anything with NEW indicated.
<https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/rfp-official-rules/>

COACH'S CORNER

12 Pickleball Tips for 2022

By Christine Wantuck, SW Regional District Ambassador

1. In pickleball serving aces are rare. New players should aim to get their serve in play. As skills improve, start developing spin and pace.
2. Give yourself margin for error on all shots in pickleball; by not aiming for the lines.
3. After returning a serve, move up into the No-Volley Zone. Strategically it gives your team the greatest opportunity to execute an offensive shot.
4. Balls that are hit from below your knees are generally not attackable. When dealing with such a low ball it is best to hit a soft, defensive shot to your opponent, cross court.
5. Dinks are about setting up winning opportunities, aka high balls, while drops are about neutralizing the opponent.
6. If presented with a high ball, hit it at the opponent's feet or away from them, not at their body as they may have their paddle up ready to defend.
7. In competitive play, use your strengths to attack the opposing team's weakness.
8. In recreational competition, play the stronger player to improve your game.
9. During a match focus on what you can control, stay emotionally engaged, live in the moment with full attention on the ball in front of you.
10. Believe in yourself and be a positive, supportive partner on the court.
11. Give credit for good shots and take responsibility for bad shots.
12. Most importantly, have fun, make friends and spread the joy of pickleball.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Cedric Page

By Nancy Mroz

Cedric Page grew up in Syracuse, New York attending Syracuse University where he graduated with a BS in Geography in 1967 and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF. Cedric went to graduate school at Rutgers University where he earned a MS in geography.

An opportunity to teach at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs allowed Cedric to move out West. That move was great for his career but also something that he had thought about since his family had taken a cross country road trip in 1959 from Syracuse to Los Angeles. That trip was special and eye opening for a young man on so many levels...seeing this vast country and its diverse landscapes, experiencing regional cultural differences, and extended time with family while on vacation, to name a few.

He was on the faculty of the Air Force Academy for four years during which time he had a couple of temporary duty assignments at the Pentagon working on race relations documents for base commanders. At the conclusion of his active duty service, he returned to Rutgers where he earned his doctorate.

Cedric moved to Denver in 1975, teaching geography at the University of Colorado-Denver. Years later, opportunities drew Cedric and his wife, Doris, a family medicine physician, to Tacoma WA. Cedric moved to Santa Fe in 2007 after accepting the position of dean and subsequently executive director at UNM-Los Alamos. This was an opportunity to enjoy the multicultural/ethnic experiences of this "Land of Enchantment" and the sunny high desert climate of New Mexico. Cedric retired from UNM-Los Alamos as professor emeritus but continues to serve on two national higher education accrediting commissions and as a regent for the New Mexico Military Institute. Cedric is a lifelong learner, valuing education and teaching others the value of our diverse social, cultural and physical environment. He continues to volunteer with community organizations such as the Santa Fe NAACP and the Regional Development Corporation, and other social justice causes.

Cedric has participated in intramural and recreational sports all of his adult life including basketball, tennis, cycling (including annual rides over Vail Pass in the 1980's), racquetball since the mid-80's, golf and now pickleball.

Years before moving to Santa Fe, Cedric heard about pickleball from his daughter who took a pickleball class at her high school in Tacoma. After years of racquetball and its physical toll, he decided to check out pickleball. In 2018 he signed up for pickleball classes at Santa Fe Community College thinking that it could be "the" sport which he would be able to play in his later years. After taking Ed Woodard's class in 2019, Cedric was hooked on pickleball. Pickleball for him is social, creative and has a sense of community while getting a work out. Continuous learning and practicing the skills of pickleball will maintain his interest and enthusiasm for the sport. Playing several times a week watching You Tube videos and playing with others at higher skill levels continues to provide new concepts for him to work on while having fun with his pickleball partners. When you run into Cedric at one of the many pickleball venues around town, tell him that you read about a piece of his history in the Santa Fe Pickleball Club Newsletter!

Welcome New Members!

Provided by Gaby Loy

Robbi Duda
Patricia Gay-Webb
Colleen Hodges

Dan Jones
Vincent Pigott
Suzanne Schmidt

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

CAUGHT ON THE COURTS

Thanks to the Work Crew! Shoveling and Screens

