



# Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

March 2022

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## Message from the President

Thank you all who voted for us and placed your confidence in this group to bring about a vibrant Santa Fe Pickleball Club. I am very excited for the direction the new board members decided upon. Our primary focus in the next month is to hear from our members to understand what YOU want from the club. We have a lot of thoughts but certainly want to make sure it matches the members' needs. The Survey Monkey went out on March 2nd via email. Please take the time (approximately 2 minutes) to fill it out before March 10th. We will be planning a "Meet the New Board" event sometime in May so you know who we are. I am looking forward to hearing from you and playing with you.

Best,  
Cindy

## Club Annual Meeting/Elections

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club Annual Meeting and Elections was held **March 1, 2022** at Estancia Primera Clubhouse, 450 Avenida Primera S. All candidates were officially elected.

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**\*Not on ballot. Still serving 2-year term**

## AMBASSADOR'S NEWS

By Cindy Lawton

- Newman clinic is set for June 1st
- Organized the Dinko de Mayo tournament – see below on how to participate
- Working on an Agreement with the city to use the Fort Marcy public courts for club events.
- Met with the City's Economic Impact Dept.; compiled data for them.
- Working with the city to purchase benches for Fort Marcy.
- City has received the bids for the tree trimming.
- Wrote a small clip for the Southwest Regional Newsletter in regards to our new courts

## Upcoming Activities

### Dinko de Mayo Tournament

Santa Fe Pickleball Club's first and soon-to-be annual **Dinko De Mayo Tournament**  
 When: Thursday, May 5, 2022  
 Where: Fort Marcy Complex  
 Team Fee: \$400 (\$50 per player)  
 Cinco De Mayo get-together following the tournament

We are looking for eight members of the Santa Fe Pickleball Club (four women and four men) to represent the Fort Marcy Complex for the tournament. The Fort Marcy team will be playing a round-robin format against teams from both Las Campanas and Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club. Participants are guaranteed seven games. Each player must have a rating of less than 3.75.

Selection of the Fort Marcy Complex Team:

The top two teams from both a men's and women's ladder competition will make the Fort Marcy Complex Team.

Cost to enter the ladder: \$10 per player. If you make the team, that fee will count towards the \$50 entrance fee.

Men's Ladder: Contact Wayne Siefert via email at [wayne@green-vci.com](mailto:wayne@green-vci.com) with both your name and your partner's name by March 20, 2022.

Women's Ladder: Contact Cindy Lawton via email at [clawts@gmail.com](mailto:clawts@gmail.com) with both your name and your partner's name by March 20, 2022,

Yes – you must have a partner to compete

Ladder competition will be held at the Fort Marcy Complex

Ladies: Monday, April 4 at 2:00 pm

Men: Tuesday, April 5 at 2:00 pm.

### Other Albuquerque Tournaments

1. **The ABQ Pickleball Club's Earth Day Classic** (April 22-4) at Manzano Mesa outdoor courts is now open for registration at [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com).

The tournament is sanctioned by the USA Pickleball Association. Early registration is \$50 (thru March 5th), after which registration is \$60; the registration fee covers all events. This is a skill/age pool play tournament for singles, doubles and mixed doubles: the groupings are listed at [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com). Also, there is a need for paid referees. If you can referee and/or would like a referee clinic, please contact Gary Rutherford at [ruthergary@aol.com](mailto:ruthergary@aol.com).

2. Registration is open for **Senior Affairs 50+ Tournament** on May 13-15 at the Manzano Mesa outdoor courts. This is a skill/age pool play tournament for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. A \$20 fee includes all events and shirts. This Tournament is advertised on [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com). Registration is currently available through Senior Affairs Community Centers, and forms for download and mail-in as well as more information is at [abqpickleball.com](http://abqpickleball.com) under future tournaments. Membership in Albuquerque City Senior Affairs (residence can be anywhere) is required (\$20 annually) which will cover both use of all Senior Affairs Community Centers as well as this tournament and the Meet and Greet Tournament in September.

3. **NM Games** August 19-21 at Manzano Mesa: Information at [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com) and [abqpickleball.com](http://abqpickleball.com). Registration will be on [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com) in March. This tournament will have an under-19 division for the youngsters. Singles, Doubles and mixed. Pool play by skill/age, \$50 covers all events and includes shirts.

4. **Albuquerque Senior Affairs Meet and Greet** September 16-18. This tournament will be for ages 16 and up, pool play by skill/age. Cost will be \$10 per event and membership in Senior Affairs gyms (see 50+ Tournament.) Registration will open in June.

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### 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)

## MEET THE MEMBERS

### Owen Perillo and Catherine Leon

By Nancy Mroz



In early January Owen, Catherine and I met up via Zoom. I was in Santa Fe, Catherine was in Albuquerque and Owen had just arrived in Santa Barbara. I had met Owen and Catherine on the pickleball court a little over a year ago.

Owen previously lived in Chicago and worked as a partner in a tech consulting business from which he 'retired' in 2003. While re-evaluating personal priorities and goals, he decided that "you only live once" in a world where time is a scarce commodity. Owen wanted to spend more time with family, and focus his professional energy on promoting healthy, adventurous lifestyles. A big piece of that goal was a move to the Southwest, specifically Santa Fe. He wanted to be able to run, hike, bike and enjoy his outdoor world every day. Once in Santa Fe, Owen launched Santa Fe Mountain Adventures, a unique tourism company specializing in outdoor adventures, cultural tours and team-building experiences for its clients. Although Owen has sold the business, he still volunteers on the board of The Mountain Center in Tesuque, which uses adventure therapy for at-risk and/or marginalized youth to teach them life skills.

Meanwhile, Catherine, who is a New Mexico native from Roswell and a University of New Mexico Lobo alumnus, was very involved in her career as a psychotherapist in Albuquerque, specializing in mental health and relationship issues. She has also been a dancer and has practiced yoga every day of her adult life.

Owen and Catherine met on Match.com about eleven years ago. They bonded quickly as they had similar lifestyles and values, and both had kids of similar ages: Owen with two boys in Santa Fe and Catherine, a daughter in Albuquerque. Even today they are a LAT couple (Living Apart Together).

How did they get into pickleball? In Santa Barbara, a friend introduced Owen and Catherine to the sport. Owen had played tennis, basketball and golf in high school and rowed Crew at Cornell. Owen felt that pickleball aligned to his healthy, adventurous life goals. He fell in love with it, became addicted, and started to compete right away in singles matches at tournaments. He won his first five tournaments!

Catherine's journey in the pickleball world has been so much fun as she is a firm believer in this important mantra for herself --"accept your weaknesses." She also loves that pickleball has allowed her to meet people anywhere that she would never have met otherwise. She loves the positive energy and social aspects of the game, including being able to play with the family, having both sexes competing and playing together, and experiencing different levels of players on the court at the same time, all laughing and having fun, with each person celebrating even small improvements in their game.

Now the whole blended family plays pickleball, currently three generations because Cat's 87-year-old-mother Rose is playing and loving it! She used to play tennis, but had given it up since the demands were too much for her in her 80's. Cat's sister Vicki has found pickleball to be a healing experience after her husband passed away.

Owen and Cat remind us to continue to "Dink responsibly and you won't get smashed!"

### Welcome New Members!

Provided by Gaby Loy

Mark Adorney  
 Peggy Appledorn  
 Christopher James  
 Brenda Jennings

Steve Jennings  
 Maria Lynch  
 Kat Sawyer  
 Barbara Seeley

**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

## CAUGHT ON THE COURTS

