

Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

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MESSAGES

From the President

The new system is up and running. We had a few glitches and I appreciate your patience as we worked through them. We have approximately 200 active members. This is an exciting time as the weather changes and the courts fill up with play. The club continues to meet with the parks dept, the councilors, plan events, participate in community outreach, maintain our courts, and fundraise for new courts. For all of this we count on all of you and appreciate all the volunteer hours and money that you have contributed.

Many thanks,
Cindy

From the Board

Welcome Host:

The club is asking each member to be a welcome host once this summer. The time is from 8-9:30 a.m. Please sign up on the court reserve calendar. The responsibilities are the following:
Set up (and take down) the table and chair near the entrance
Place the donation jar out
Have visitors fill out the forms
Set out fundraising sheet on table and explain the court expansion project if asked.
Explain to newbies or visitors about court shifting and paddle-up system if unfamiliar.
Help make sure the paddle-up system is working
There are several options for the money that is collected during your shift. Give the money to a board member the next time you see them/send in a check for the amount/donate it to court expansion project on-line/grab a deposit slip from the donation jar and drop it off at the bank of Albuquerque.

Next-Paddle-Up System:

The courts are getting busy, so we will start incorporating the use of the "next-paddle-up" system during open play. When you arrive at the courts, place your paddle to the first slot open to the right of the blue clip on the next-paddle-up board. Once all the slots are filled to the right, then start from the first slot on the left-hand side. The clip moves to the right and then starts from the beginning on the left. Paddles do not move, just the clip moves. The club encourages individuals to play randomly and meet new players. If you want to play with a particular group of four, then place all four paddles together in the first opening of four slots. If you show up and there is an open slot between the next-up clip and the group of four paddles, then place your paddle in that slot to fill a grouping of four. The group of four must wait for the players getting off the courts to give them a chance to fill any open slots. If all four slots do not fill up when an open court occurs, then the group of four may go ahead of just two or three paddles. Please place your name on the side of your paddle and be ready to get on the courts when it is your turn. Wait patiently on one of the benches until it is your turn.

Player Movement On Courts:

It is important to reduce the number of interruptions on the courts when getting on and off before or after your games. We have developed this system to help the flow. Please walk together as a group of four while exiting and entering the courts. Make sure to have one or two balls with you before you enter onto the courts.
Players will move toward Old Taos Highway once the court west of them finishes play. Finish your point and then shift. When players are ready to shift, players who have finished their game shall pass by that court toward the east all together.

Examples:
Playing on court 2, court 4 finishes. Players from court 2 move to court 4.
Play is on court 1 and 3, and court 5 finishes. Players move from 1 to 3, and 3 moves to 5.

Memberships:

We have set up several memberships for the club. At this time, many of you have suspended memberships. If you were part of the club before and have not done anything in Court Reserve, you are probably a person with a suspended membership. We are asking each person to go into the system using your email and set up a password and make one of the following choices with your membership:
1) Individual Memberships: Join the club for \$35/year. This will allow you to join our many events and social activities. We also have youth and family memberships.
2) Join as a SFPC friend membership. This is a free membership. This will allow you to continue to get the newsletter, volunteer, and help with our numbers for the city. You will not be able to partake in the events on the calendar.
3) Cancel your membership

We would appreciate you taking care of this on your own. If your choice is a cancellation or a friend membership, the club can do this for you. Just email the club with your preference (2 or 3) at sfpickleball@gmail.com and we can change your membership for you.

Introduction to Pickleball:

Do you have friends that want to learn how to play pickleball? The club is offering a free clinic the third Saturday of each month. The first one is scheduled on May 21 from 1 to 3. Willing to help with this clinic. Contact Faith Spencer at faithspencer@comcast.net. Have your friends go to the website santafepickleballclub.com and join either as one of the paid memberships or as a free SFPC friend membership. Once a member, they can sign up on the calendar.

Playing Opportunities:

Each week the club is offering for free the following playing opportunities for paid members:

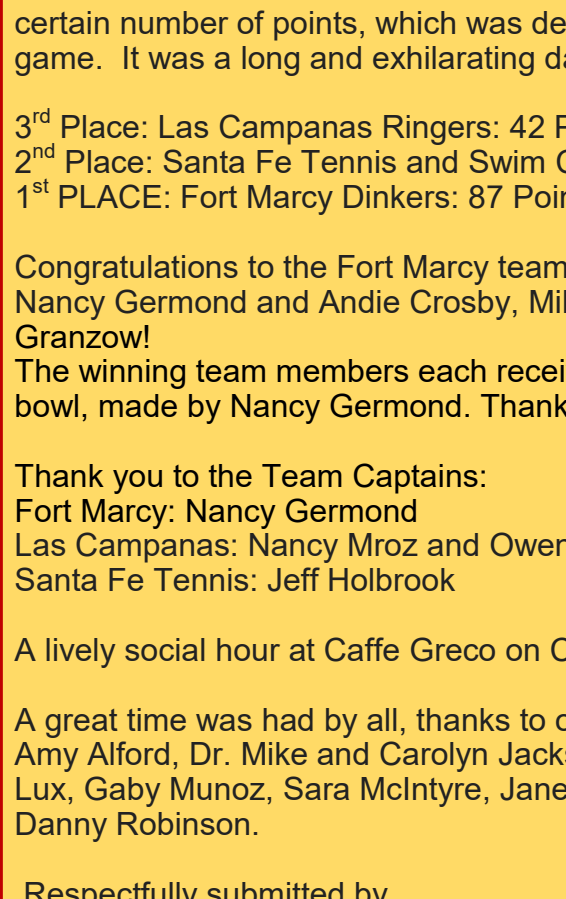
- Open play by playing level
- Round Robins
- Drill Sessions

Signing up is easy by just finding the date you are interested on the calendar and clicking on **Details**. This will bring you to the next page where you just click register. The number of players is limited for each event. If it is full and you are still interested, please sign up for the waitlist. This will help us understand which events are most popular and help us determine when we need more sessions.

Please withdraw if you signed up for something and you no longer can make it. The events on the waitlist will be automatically contacted. Under the tab, playing opportunities/events – click on My playing opportunities/events. You will see your registered events. Click on the details button for the event you want to withdraw from and then click withdraw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wow! The Tennis Now Channel is now Promoting Pickleball



Pickle Party: 5 Things To Know for US Open Pickleball Championships In this week's news, the world's biggest pickleball party—the Minto US Open Championships—land in Naples, Florida this month. Five things to know about the tournament and one of the nation's fastest-growing sports. Check out this promo from Tennis Now: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGYN-3KtOSI>

Christine Wantuck
USA Pickleball SW
PPR Certified Coach

Food Depot Community Outreach

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club is continuing its efforts to give back to the community! The Food Depot is located at 1222A Siler Road (between Rufina and Agua Fria) and the SFPC has volunteered to work shifts sorting donated food for redistribution to Santa Fe residents in need. We are volunteering in groups of five, and shifts are either from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. twice a month (usually on a Tuesday and a Thursday). Chuck Stein, Club treasurer, is serving as the coordinator for the Club. Please consider using the Court Reserve system to volunteer for this worthy cause.

Testimonial: I have participated with a couple of times, and would encourage others to jump in. It's a rewarding 2 1/2 hours spent with fellow Pickleballers and I was in this last week on an assembly line type of food packing for those in need. Bruce Panowski

Fund Raising Update

Jim Hille

If you missed our campaign announcement, go to santafepickleballclub.com and learn about our goal to construct six more courts at Fort Marcy. We have received over \$27,000 toward our campaign with another \$30,000+ committed, for a total of over \$57,000! Thanks to all of you who have helped with our successful fundraising kickoff!

To date, we have received donations and commitments from roughly 25% of our club members. We really would like a much higher level of participation...so please support our campaign!
We also have 18 of 24 court co-sponsorship opportunities as part of our Adopt-a-Court program. If you have a relationship with a business that might be a candidate for becoming a court co-sponsor, please let us know. We'll make the contact, or support you in the effort.

THANK YOU DONORS AND THOSE MAKING THE COMMITMENT!

ADOPT-A-COURT CO-SPONSORS (\$5000)

- TapandMedia.com (Aleta Pippin & Bennie Wallace)
- Anonymous Donor
- Anonymous Donor
- Mary Alei & Donnie Torres
- Marilyn Durkee
- Jim & Tina Hille
- Susan Kirst-Millsbaugh
- Wayne Siefert

BANGERS (\$2500)

- Anonymous Donor
- Anonymous Donor
- Sharon Beaupre

DINKERS (\$1000)

- Julie Kersig & Mark McDaniel
- Kim & Frank Mancuso
- Adam & Gale Wasserman
- Nancy & Gene Mroz
- Owen Perillo & Catherine Leon
- Abel Vasquez
- Denise Hurtado
- Deborah Rethemeyer/Patricia Locke

PLAYERS (Up to \$1000)

- Anonymous Donor
- Kelly Myers
- Sue McIntyre
- Paul & Jill Cook
- Sarah McIntyre
- Willie & Janna Bahn
- Mark Miera
- Mark Reynolds
- Zane Fischer
- Matt Surpise
- Michael Barnard
- William Gregg
- Betty Johnson
- Kirtly Spear
- Fred Knight
- Bruce Panowski
- Roslyn Gomez
- Sarah Bennett
- Tim Kirkpatrick
- Eslee Kessler
- Gerry Becker
- John Crowley

Upcoming Albuquerque Tournaments

- NM Games August 19-21** at Manzano Mesa: Information at pickleballtournaments.com and abcpickleball.com. This tournament will have an under-19 division for the youngsters. Singles, Doubles and Mixed. Pool play by skill/age.
- Albuquerque Senior Affairs Meet and Greet** September 16-18. This tournament will be for ages 16 and up, pool play by skill/age. Registration will open in June. Information at pickleballtournaments.com

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Activities

Dinko de Mayo Tournament

On a warm, sunny 5th of May, 24 Pickleball players from Fort Marcy (Dinkers), Las Campanas (Ringers) and Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club (Jalapeños) participated in an all-day battle against each other in our first (annual) Dinko de Mayo Tournament. In the morning, we had a Women's Doubles Round Robin, and a Men's Doubles Round Robin. After a lunch break, we had a Mixed Doubles Round Robin. Each player got to play 8 games. Each team received a certain number of points, which was determined by the number of points they earned in each game. It was a long and exhilarating day and at the end, the results were:

- 3rd Place: Las Campanas Ringers: 42 Points
- 2nd Place: Santa Fe Tennis and Swim Club: 59 Points
- 1st PLACE: Fort Marcy Dinkers: 87 Points!!

Congratulations to the Fort Marcy team, which consisted of: Abel Vasquez and Dan Guevara, Nancy Germond and Andie Crosby, Mike Miera and Ron Geyer, and Wanda Lobito and Mary Granzow!
The winning team members each received a beautiful, hand-made, hand-painted guacamole bowl, winning by Nancy Germond. Thank you, Nancy!

Thank you to the Team Captains:
Fort Marcy: Nancy Germond
Las Campanas: Nancy Mroz and Owen Perrillo
Santa Fe Tennis: Jeff Holbrook

A lively social hour at Caffè Greco on Canyon Road was the nightcap for a really fun day!

A great time was had by all, thanks to our great group of volunteers: Cindy Lawton, Gaby Loy, Amy Alford, Dr. Mike and Carolyn Jackson, Bruce Panowski, Nancy Lesicka, Allan Bird, Frank Lux, Gaby Munoz, Sara McIntyre, Jane Frederick, Annie Maes, Eslee Kessler, Sandy Arrighi and Danny Robinson.

Respectfully submitted by
Wayne Siefert



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

Coach's Corner

Performance Perception

By Christine Wantuck Certified Coach PPR

At a recent pickleball tournament in Albuquerque, I enjoyed watching some good teams full of heart and emotion. I found that most of the spectators appreciated watching teams play quality points. Watching an exciting match motivates us to achieve the skill, confidence and strategy modeled by the players we observe. As much as everyone enjoyed the drama of a particular match, once it was over, they moved on to the next game or thinking about where to have lunch, without much thought about the actual match outcome. So why is it then that we as players put so much pressure on ourselves about the match outcome and the opinions of others versus the process involved in playing that match?

I overheard a player, that was having a bad day, express concern about possibly losing their current rating, letting down their teammate and missing easy shots in front of fellow players. Unfortunately, they fell into the trap of attaching their self-worth to their performance on the pickleball court. They let their need to be validated by the supposed expectations of others influence their performance.

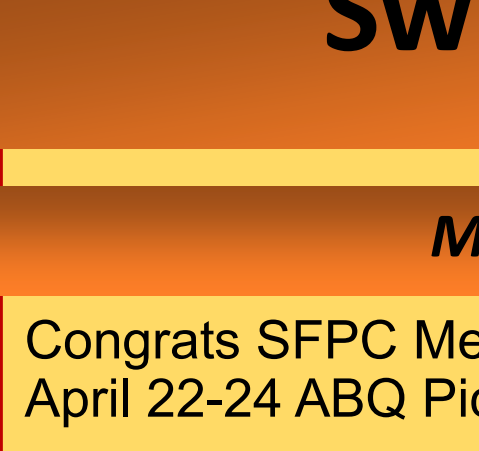
Whether you win or lose, the reality is that most of our friends are not that invested in our results. Most players desire the opportunity to enjoy really good competition and the excitement of a chance to compete. The next time you start worrying about the opinions of others, calm your mind, focus on the basics, embrace the moment, and enjoy being on the court trying to play to the best of your ability. Utilize the knowledge gained through your wins and losses as a means to improve future performance.

Now get out there and have fun!

RULES & REGS

Ball Hitting Player's Hand

By Annie Maes



A player is hitting a two-handed stroke (where both hands are in contact with the paddle) when his right hand is hit by the ball below the wrist. Is this a fault?

Answer: If the player is in the process of changing hands with both hands on the paddle or is attempting a two-handed stroke and either hand is hit below the wrist, **as long as the player's hand(s) are still on the paddle, the ball is still in play. Rule 7.H**

Note: Recent Paddle Ruling

All CRBN paddles are banned, as of 4/29, from APP, PPA & sanctioned tournaments. They have been removed from the USAPA approved list. <https://usapickleball.org/news/usa-pickleballs-statement-regarding-crbn-paddles>

MEET THE MEMBERS

Carolina Loudet

Nancy2 (Nancy Germond) had the pleasure of interviewing Carolina Loudet on a zoom call recently. Here's the scoop she discovered about Caro, nicknamed *The Argentinian Viper* due to her incredible net play on the court.

Carolina was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina where she and her brother had a happy, wonderful childhood. Her father was a merchant officer on a commercial shipping line and this allowed Carolina to travel with him on four remarkable trips when he sailed from Argentina to the Mediterranean, North Sea and the Far East including Japan. These adventures lasted between 2-4 months, introducing Caro to the world at a young age. She fondly remembers the middle Atlantic nighttime skies painted with stars from horizon to horizon. During her second trip to Europe, Carolina and her dad put messages in wine bottles sealed with corks and tossed them into the sea. These bottles were eventually found on every single continent carried by the ocean currents far and near. Caro received letters and postcards from the lucky finders. One of Carolina's bottles resides in a museum in Germany today!

Educated with a degree in film direction, Carolina worked on various projects while still in Argentina. She spent time in front of the camera working as a reporter on a family-oriented nature show "Ecomundo" where she interviewed celebrities with their pets. Her first major studio film project was as a production assistant on "Seven Years in Tibet" starring Brad Pitt (90% of this film was filmed in the Andes of Argentina, NOT the Himalayas). She left Argentina at the age of 30 to work on "The Mexican" in Mexico, also starring Brad Pitt, followed by "Frida" where she worked as the second Assistant Director.

A love connection (not with Brad Pitt - ha!) resulted in a move first to San Francisco and eventually to Santa Fe in 2012. Her first introduction to pickleball came in 2015 when she, her partner and their 6-year-old tried the sport as a fun family activity. A class at Santa Fe Community College fueled her interest followed by more competitive play at Chavez Center. Her love of the sport further expanded when she traveled to Albuquerque to play outdoors.

While Carolina has participated in just a couple of tournaments, her true passion is competitive rec play once or twice a week. She wishes she had more time to play. She looks forward to participating in future tournaments and ladders soon to be offered by the Club.

Her favorite pickleball shot is the third shot drop as it's a set-up for the ensuing rally, and anyone who has played with Caro knows she is very, very good at this shot! Her favorite snack to refuel between games is baby dried bananas from Trader Joes. Her biggest challenge on the court is maintaining focus - her mantra is to remain patient and centered. As she said "I'm in the zone, I can do more damage" (oh yes she can!) Caro attributes her recent "inner" work to improving her pickleball game as well as all aspects of her life.

Thank you, Carolina, for sharing your story with all of us and we'll see on the courts soon!

Nancy Germond & Nancy Mroz

Welcome New Members!

By Gaby Loy

Members

Welcome members old and new. With the transition from paper forms to electronic sign-ups, we are well over 200 members and counting. Court Reserve has opportunities for players to improve their games with level appropriate drill sessions, as well as round robins. If you've registered on Court Reserve, make sure you have completed all required information, in order to sign up for events and play for your level.

Pickleball Socials

We will send out an email once location has been confirmed for these social events.

Reminder: Membership and Donations to the club can easily done on our website at: santafepickleballclub.com

SWEET PICKLES

Member Recognition

Congrats SFPC Members for Excellent Results April 22-24 ABQ Pickleball Club Earth Day Classic!

- Men's Doubles 3.5 50+ Gold - Owen Perillo/Doug Dent
- Men's Doubles 4.0 19+ 35+Ovrall Bronze - Victor Avila/Aljian Benitez
- Men's Doubles 4.0 Overall 50+ 60+ Gold - Michael Nava/Raymond Maestas
- Men's Singles 3.5 50+ Silver - Owen Perillo
- Men's Singles 4.0 19+ 35+Ovrall Gold - Victor Avila
- Mixed Doubles 3.0 60+ Silver - Amy Alford/Aaron Henderson
- Mixed Doubles 3.5 60+ Pool Win Silver - Nancy Lesicka/Dale Coffing
- Mixed Doubles 4.0 70+ Gold - Linda Shafer/Ray Thomas
- Mixed Doubles 4.5 4.0 19+to50+. Gold - Nancy Germond/Michael Nava
- Women's Doubles 3.0 19+ 35+. Silver - Amy Alford/Gabriela Loy
- Women's Doubles 3.5 70+ Gold - Nancy Lesicka/Eva Casby
- Women's Doubles 3.5 70+ Silver - Annie Maes/Deborah Trilo
- Women's Doubles 3.5 70+ Bronze - Linda Shafer/Evelyn Bourland
- Women's Singles 3.5 60+ 70+Ovrall Silver - Annie Maes

