



Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

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MESSAGES

From the President

I really have enjoyed seeing so many people; new and seasoned players, young and older, and mobile and less mobile on the courts. Our club is growing with over 350 members. The programming in the afternoon has been well received with the courts now having more activity throughout the day. Visitors have only said positive comments of their experience here in Santa Fe; thanks to all of you.

I met with the city a few weeks ago along with Councilor Signe Lindell, our big supporter, in regard to the new courts. We continue to work with the city moving the project forward. The next steps are to gather estimates on project cost and draw up the plans. The projected goal is to have plans ready by the end of this year (fingers crossed) and no promises but hopefully.

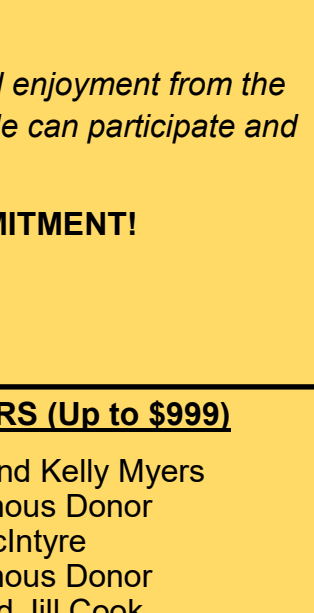
Keep pickling.
Cindy

From the Board



We now have four ball holders. We thought we would give it a try, so players have balls easily accessible on each court. If you are willing to donate a few Franklin X-40 balls, drop them into the ball holders. Please do your best to return the balls to the holders after each game.

Pickleball Poker: Unfortunately, pickleball poker was rain delayed. The new date is **July 17th**. There are still a few openings left. Join on the calendar. There will be a 50 – 50 raffle at the event or a choice of \$1000 off a pickleball trip (Donated by Jon Moore from pickleballtrips.com). \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20. You must be present to win. Our grand prize includes items such as paddles donated by Seikirk, Paddletek, Takeya water bottles and much more.



Head Demonstration Day: Team Head Player John "Juan" David will be at our courts on **Sunday, July 10th** from 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Come try out the head paddles either by signing up for the round robins or coming to play on the other two open courts. Sign up on the calendar if you plan to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Depot Community Outreach

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club is continuing its efforts to give back to the community! Several times a month we are volunteering at the Food Depot. Volunteers evaluate and repack donated food for distribution to people in need. Chuck Stein, our treasurer, serves as our coordinator for the Club. You can sign up on Court Reserve by searching under Categories and "Community Outreach". If you have questions, please email Chuck at chuck@chuckstein.com or you can text him at 214-354-6073.

Current month dates are as follows:

- Thursday, July 21 afternoon (1:30 to 4:00) – Full
- Monday, July 25 morning (9:00 to 11:30) – Three slots available

Fund Raising Update

As we begin to focus our campaign in pursuit of business sponsors, as part of our Adopt-a-Court program, we remind you again to think about a business where you might facilitate an introduction to our fundraising team. Thank you Jeff King and Eslee Kessler for doing just that! We are very pleased to be nearing the halfway point in donations and commitments! Thanks to each of you for getting us this far!...and please help us maintain our momentum!

From one of our donors:

"Donating to the new courts was a no-brainer. I get so much exercise and enjoyment from the current courts! This is an easy way to help contribute so even more people can participate and enjoy pickleball in Santa Fe." Jane Frederick

THANK YOU DONORS AND THOSE MAKING THE COMMITMENT!

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 Danny Robinson
 Judy Sanderson
 Suzanne Warwick
 Amy Alford
 Hu and Susan Hamilton
 John Crowley
 Ruth Getz Koval
 Steve and Lynn Mendes
 Frank Lux
 Cynthia Daniels

Drill Sessions

Drill Sessions: The drill sessions are almost like a mini-lesson with volunteer instructors planning and running the sessions each week. The instructors are hoping that the sessions would also help bring funding to the court expansion project. Initially, the club wanted to charge a \$10 fee per player, however the city councilors stated it must be a contribution. Most places around the country charge \$25 for a drill session. Although the \$10 contribution is stated at sign up, very few people are donating. If you are able, please consider a donation when you participate. All money goes to the court expansion project.

Upcoming (non-sanctioned) Abq Tournaments

- NM Games August 19-21** at Marzano Mesa: Information at pickleballtournaments.com and abqpickleball.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 with skill/age. Registration will open in June. Information at pickleballtournaments.com

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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

Coach's Corner

Hold the Line—Should I Stay or Should I Go?

By Christine Wantuck Certified Coach PPR

Experienced pickleball players know that the first team to dominate the no-volley zone (NVZ) is in a strong, offensive position. The team at the NVZ should try to pin their opponents back on the baseline as this tactic improves their chance of winning the rally and/or scoring a point. One of the most common errors I see net players make during a rally is backing off the NVZ line to hit a shot then NOT returning to their position at the NVZ, while their ball is in flight. Stepping back six to twelve inches and staying there creates more angles, space and time for the opponents to use against you.

Of course, there are exceptions to a quick return at the NVZ line. For example, you may want to step back when you are anticipating a fast-paced ball from your opponents. Stepping back gives you more time to react, providing an opportunity to reset the point. Again, provided you did not pop the ball up, return to the NVZ line before the ball crosses the net.

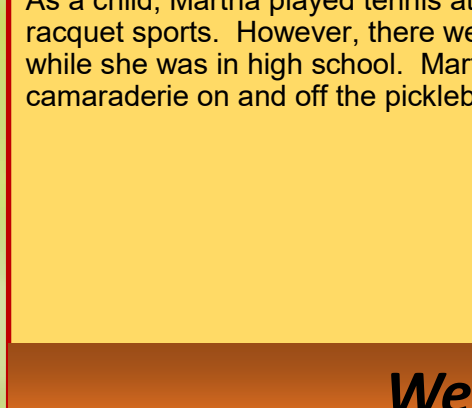
Strategically, when at the net you want to hit balls out of the air as this takes reaction and decision time away from your opponent. However, when your opponent hits a high 3rd shot drop and you are unable to take the ball out of the air, you should step back and let the ball bounce before returning it.

Remember, offensive play at the net takes patience. Your goal is to hit a shot that allows your team to control the NVZ setting your team up for the next ball.

RULES & REGS

Legal Paddle Hit

By Annie Maes



Question: When a shot is to my far left side and I know I can't reach it with my paddle in my right hand, I switch to my left. When I do, I grab the paddle by the edge and make my shot. Another player told me I cannot do that, is there a rule for this??
Answer: Yes, and you can!

Rule 11.O. Paddle Possession. A player must have possession of the paddle when it makes contact with the ball. A violation of this rule is a fault.
 [Editor's Note: There is no rule against not holding the handle. Even if the ball hit her finger, hand, or wrist, while holding the paddle, the ball is still live until it hits the ground.]

Update on CRBN Paddles



CRBN paddles are now USPA tournament approved as long as they have a serial number.
https://equipment.usapickleball.org/paddle-list/?filter=55-crbn&filter_5=6mode=any

A Little Bit on Etiquette

By Diane Reynolds

Golf etiquette, written and unwritten, could fill several pages. Pickleball etiquette is still evolving. We go to the net after the game to touch paddles and murmur words of love to our opponents. When our court's stray ball enters another court, we holler "Ball!" so that no one is hurt --two examples of current etiquette.

I propose an unwritten rule for the etiquette of returning an errant ball to the proper court, to an opponent or even to our own partner. Pick the ball up off the ground with your hand and baseball throw it, underhand toss it, or direct it with your paddle to the proper player. When getting the ball to your opponent when it is their serve, try to make sure they are aware it is coming. Get that ball where it needs to go accurately and with compassion. That means no smacking it with your paddle so it rolls along the ground or kicking it like a soccer player. Bend down, pick the ball up like the kind human you are! Focus on the player who will be serving and send it to him/her on a happy one bounce so there is no need to bend over or move extra yards to retrieve your possibly inaccurate swat of a ground ball. Why do TWO people need to bend over to pick up a ball? If one bends, picks it up and delivers it to a fellow player so that the player easily receives it without bending, what a wonderful world this would be--especially for us old(er) people!

MEET THE MEMBERS

Martha Applegate

Interview by Nancy Mroz



A synonym for Martha Applegate...A person who takes action when she sees a need. Her actions include not sitting back in retirement and just relaxing. She has volunteered in Juarez for at least six years bringing supplies, money and relief to people who are refugees from many areas in Mexico and Central and South America. She has made at least five trips from Santa Fe in her trusty van. Her longtime friend Lilia Whitener, who used to live in Santa Fe, coordinates these efforts from Juarez. Martha has been able to spring into action helping families who are trying to reach the US, or just trying to move through Mexico searching for a better life. Fellow picklers Cynthia Feiden-Warsh and Diana Thatcher have accompanied Martha on one of her many trips to Mexico. Martha's refugee asylum work through Juarez with

Lilia's local guidance continues to be a driving force in her life.

At the end of the summer, Martha again leaves for Juarez to continue her work with refugees from Central America and an orphanage in San Carlos, Mexico. Martha is seeking donations for families, especially children's clothing, men's clothing, sturdy shoes, luggage, small household items like towels, sheets, pillows, and new underwear and socks. Financial donations are also welcome.

Please drop them off at 2887 Calle de Pinos Altos, SF, 87507 by August 28th. Martha can be reached at 505-490-2032. Martha is so grateful to the entire pickleball community for their incredible generosity and continued support.

Martha's charity efforts are not surprising given that her work career for the State of New Mexico in social work started in Farmington, then Las Cruces, and eventually in the mid-80's to Santa Fe. Her work started in the area of adoptions and morphed to the Department of Health. Her specialties involved 25 years of home visits throughout her territories. With each year in New Mexico, her love for her adopted home and the people grew. Martha retired from the State of New Mexico when she turned 50 in 2004 ready to start her next life chapter. While in Santa Fe Martha raised an adopted daughter who has brought her so much joy!

Another interesting adventure that Martha is involved in is the Wildlife Rescue program in San Carlos, Mexico. She wants to continue these efforts because she loves learning about these creatures. She has even learned how to assist in the necropsy (animal autopsy) of a sea turtle, which she found very fascinating...she is not a bit squeamish!

Martha was born in Santiago, Chile while her dad was working for the Child of New York. The family returned to a small town outside of Toledo, Ohio where she spent her childhood. In fact, she has just returned from Ohio having attended her 50th High School Reunion.

You might wonder how a Midwesterner ended up spending most of her adult life in New Mexico? One of her dad's brothers had TB and lived in Sunmount Sanitarium (Carmelite Monastery). Martha's dad spent time in New Mexico visiting his brother, cementing his love for the culture, language, people and food. He was fluent in Spanish. Martha grew up with a real connection to the southwest.

As a child, Martha played tennis at a local old style tennis club in her neighborhood. She was hooked on racket sports. However, there weren't avenues in the Midwest for young girls to compete in athletics while she was in high school. Martha started playing pickleball about six years ago. She loves the camaraderie on and off the pickleball court. You go girl!

Welcome New Members!

By Gaby Loy

Membership in Santa Fe's Pickleball Club is exploding! We are now over 350 strong and growing. Six more courts sound like a dream but are much needed to keep up with the number of players joining in our addiction. We are optimistic this will happen in the hopefully not-too-distant-future.

July's Pickleball social is set to be at the Santa Fe Brewing Co. (Address: 35 Fire Place), with Fusion Tacos as the food venue. Date is July 17th after the Poker Pickleball event, so start time is 1:30 to 2:00-ish. Let us know you're coming by registering on the Court Reserve calendar. What a way to wrap up a stupendous pickleball day!

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

SWEET PICKLES

Member Recognition

Santa Fe club members showed strong performances at the **NM Senior Games** in Las Cruces last month. Congratulations to all!

David Wannigman and Dan Guevara take Bronze in Men's Doubles. Awesome job gentlemen.

Cheers to Cindy Lawton and her partner Joanne Brown for winning gold in Women's Doubles

CAUGHT ON THE COURTS

All courts full and players waiting -- Need more courts!

Just turned 60!