



Santa Fe Pickleball Newsletter

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MESSAGES

From the President

You, our Santa Fe Pickleball Club members, continue to impress me on a regular basis. The compliments are numerous that I receive thanks to all of you. We are close to 300 members with activity on the courts throughout the day. The newbie clinic was a huge success, the playing opportunities are filling up, and so many of you volunteered in many different capacities. I can't thank you enough for the time and dedication you put into this club.

From the Board

Global Announcements: Announcements are posted on a regular basis in the new Court Reserve system. A red dot by the announcement tab indicates a new announcement has been posted. Types of announcements are:

- New or changes to events on the calendar
- Tournaments and clinics here or nearby
- Tournament results

Pickleball Poker is coming June 26. This is a fundraising event for the court expansion project and a lot of FUN! Sign up now on the calendar. No partner – individual sign-ups only. The cost for the public is \$50 and for paid members is \$40. At check-in, each player will receive one playing card. Each player will participate in 6 different games with a variety of partners. After each game, you will receive your next playing card for your poker hand, thus 7 cards total. If you win your game, you get to choose one of two cards. If you lose your game, you are given a card; thus a small incentive to winning the game. After your 6 games, put together your best poker hand to win the grand prize, including a free lesson with one of the best in New Mexico, new paddle, and new pickleball bag. Additionally, the winner will receive \$300 discount off a Jamaica pickleball camp with Kyle Yates. <https://straightawaytravel.com/event/pickleball-in-paradise-sandals-south-coast-jamaica-3/>



The club will be serving bagels, juice, coffee, etc.

Playing opportunities: There has been a lot of positive feedback as well as some concerns regarding the various playing opportunities that occur on the calendar. The board will continue to do our best to listen and adjust the calendar as well as add events. We encourage everyone to still sign up on the waitlist if an event is full. Conversely, if you have signed up for an event and then decide you can't make it, be sure to remove your name so someone on the waitlist can attend. The board monitors the waitlist numbers to help us understand where we may need to add additional sessions. Please write sfpickleball@gmail.com with comments regarding playing opportunities.

Newbie clinic: The newbie clinic was extremely well received:

- "Great fun today and Linda was a fab teacher! Look forward to many more sessions - have signed up for beginner drills. Calendar is very well organized. Will definitely let my friends know about this wonderful program"
- "I want to thank everyone involved in setting up this beginner clinic today. I've played tennis the majority of my life but with a heart condition and various correctional surgeries, and the fact that I'm closing in on age 80, continuing to play tennis is no longer an option for me."
- "Today's pickleball instruction experience was one of the most exciting sport activity days I've had in a very long time!!! Thanks so much for the patience and great instructions. I really feel confident that I might be able to continue with this sport."

Sig Lindell's response to the above statement was "Now that is winning."

MANY THANKS to our fabulous volunteers for the May's newbie clinic: Amy Alford, Wayne Siefert, Linda Shafer, Annie Maes, David Brenner, Diana Thatcher, and organizer Faith Spencer.

The next clinic is June 18. Contact Faith Spencer if interested in volunteering to teach.

Next-Up Paddle System: A friendly reminder that paddles should not be moved once placed in the paddle-up system. You are welcome to move or remove only your paddle but please do not move anyone else's. If you get off the court and do not want to play with the same four people, consider doing the following:

- Wait – place your paddle on the rack
- Walk to place two paddles in the first opening and two in the next grouping of four

Comments: We have heard several people state, "I don't want to play with any more beginners." Remember, a better player on the court may think the exact same about you. Experts say that 30% of your games should be played with people below your level. Use this game as an opportunity...if you are on a court with players of less skill, consider this time to practice. This provides you a game to truly focus on yourself under less pressure to work on a variety of shots you need to improve upon. Here are some ideas:

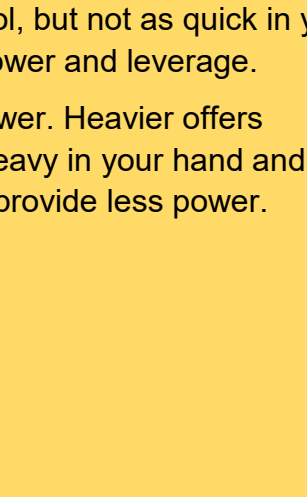
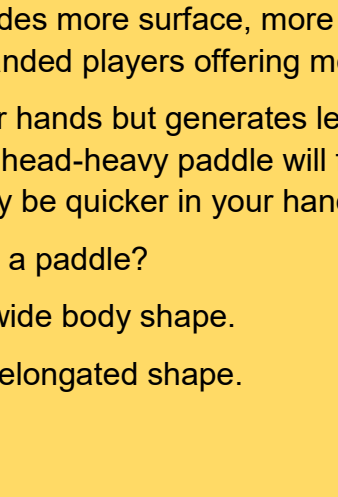
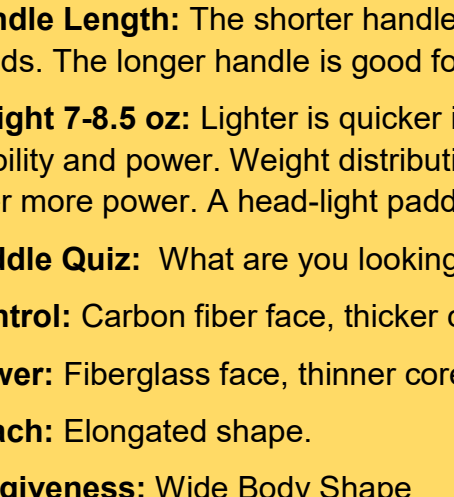
- Return the serve in the last 25% of the court
- Serve to the other team's backhand
- Serve in the last 25% of the court.
- Hit every return of serve with your backhand
- Drop all third shots into the kitchen.
- Drop all third shots with your backhand
- Cross court drop shots
- Try to hit the middle line on your return of serve
- Return every serve to opponent's backhand
- Don't drive any balls during the game
- See if you can return a loopy deep ball so you can walk to the kitchen line
- Count if you are unforced errors in the game (this should be less than 5, otherwise they probably aren't so weak after all).

Remember, we all started as a beginner at some point. We hope everyone can still enjoy being outdoors and active no matter who you are playing with on the court.

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 located at 1222A Siler Road between Rufina and Agua Fria. Volunteers at the warehouse primarily evaluate the quality of donated food and repack food purchased in bulk into smaller packages. Both of these activities prepare food acquired by The Food Depot 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. You are required to show proof of both vaccinations AND booster at time of volunteering and must wear an N95 face mask while volunteering. If you do not have an N95 mask, they will provide you with one. You will also be asked at each shift if you have had Covid symptoms, tested positive for Covid within the past 2 weeks, have been in contact with anyone with Covid, or if you have traveled outside the country. June dates are the afternoon of June 16 and the morning of June 22.



Fund Raising Update

Jim Hille

Our fundraising campaign continues to make great progress! Thank you to each of you who have made the commitment to make Fort Marcy a 12-court complex!

If you are a club member and have yet to make a donation...we are hopeful you will consider joining our growing list. If you have made a commitment, but have yet to send your contribution, please get us your funds as soon as you are able.

Our campaign for businesses to become sponsors as part of our Adopt-a-Court program is our next focus. If you have a relationship with a business that might be a candidate for becoming a 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 or more)

- Anonymous Donor
- TapeandMedia.com (Aleta Pippin & Bennie Wallace)
- Lawton / Bernard Family
- Mary Alei & Donnie Torres
- Mariyam Durkee
- Jim & Tina Hille
- Susan Kirst-Millsbaugh
- Wayne Siefert
- Jackson Family
- Kaitlin Berry & Quentin Caricelli

BANGERS (\$2500 to \$4999)

- Anonymous Donor
- Sharon Beaupre

DINKERS (\$1000 to \$2499)

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

PLAYERS (Up to \$999)

- Anonymous Donor
- Steven & Kelly Myers
- Sue McIntyre
- Andie Crosby
- Paul & Jill Cook
- Gaby Munoz
- Willie Bahn & Janna Tucker
- Gerry Becker
- Mark Miera
- Mark Reynolds
- Zane Fischer
- Michael Barnard
- William Gregg
- Kiritye Spear
- Fred Knight
- Bruce Panowski
- Matt & Susan Surprise
- Roslyn Gomez
- Tim Kirkpatrick
- Eslee Kessler
- Betty Johnson
- Sarah Bennett
- Danny Robinson
- Judy Sanderson
- Suzanne Warwick
- Amy Alford
- Hu & Susan Hamilton
- John Crowley
- Ruth Getz Koval
- Annie Maes
- Jackie Marvin

Upcoming Albuquerque Tournaments

1. **NM Games August 19-21** at Manzana Mesa: Information at pickleballtournaments.com and abmpickleball.com. This tournament will have an under-19 division for the youngsters. Singles, Doubles and Mixed. Pool play by skill/rage.

2. **Albuquerque Senior Affairs Meet and Greet September 16-18.** This tournament will be for ages 16 and up, pool play by skill/rage. 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 Mizro at 505-660-4600 or nancymizro@gmail.com

Coach's Corner

Thinking of buying a new paddle?

By Christine Wantuck Certified Coach PPR

Braydon Packer from Pickleball Effect offers the below educational advice on picking a pickleball paddle. I hope this information helps guide you in future pickleball paddle selections.

Pickleball Paddle Guide: Watch This Before You Buy Your Next Paddle.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chiPPzhPH3vE>

Summary of Five Paddle Specifications Braydon suggests you consider:

Core Material: 90% of paddles have a Polymer core because it offers a nice balance of power and control. Thickness is measured in millimeters from 10-19. The thicker paddle offers more control and touch. The thinner offers more power, but less control.

Face: Fiberglass equals more power with a smaller sweet spot. Carbon fiber has more control, but less power. Unfortunately, not all carbon fiber paddles are equal, so research what you are buying.

Shape: Wide body shapes are more forgiving with their larger sweet spot in the middle of paddle. An elongated paddle, on the opposite end of the spectrum, is less forgiving with more power and a higher sweet spot.

Handle Length: The shorter handle provides more surface, more control, but not as quick in your hands. The longer handle is good for 2-handed players offering more power and leverage.

Weight 7-8.5 oz: Lighter is quicker in your hands but generates less power. Heavier offers stability and power. Weight distribution: A head-heavy paddle will feel heavy in your hand and offer more power. A head-light paddle may be quicker in your hand but provide less power.

Paddle Quiz: What are you looking for in a paddle?
Control: Carbon fiber face, thicker core, wide body shape.

Power: Fiberglass face, thinner core and elongated shape.

Reach: Elongated shape.

Forgiveness: Wide Body Shape

Power: Head heavy paddle

Paddle Speed: Lighter paddle

More information as your skill advances in pickleball:
How the Shape of Your Pickleball Paddle Affects the Power and Spin It Can Generate
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sv9mp6QGRJk>

Braydon's List of Best Paddles for 2022
<https://pickleballeffect.com/hot-list/>

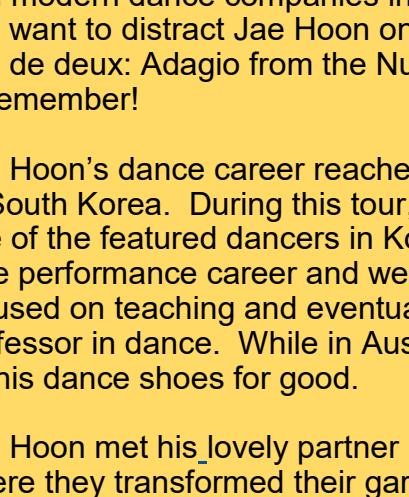
Enjoy and let me know what you think about Braydon's review.

Christine

RULES & REGS

Kitchen Faults

By Annie Maes



Player 1 on Team A hits a successful volley from behind the kitchen line. Player 2 continues and a player on Team B hits the ball and then the ball is hit by Player 2 on Team A. Immediately after, and without making any additional contact with the ball, the momentum from Player 1 on Team A from his last shot, causes him to step into the kitchen.

Does the fact that play continued and 2 other players hit the ball, negate the kitchen fault by Player 1 on Team A?
This is a Fault! Rule 9C & 9C.1

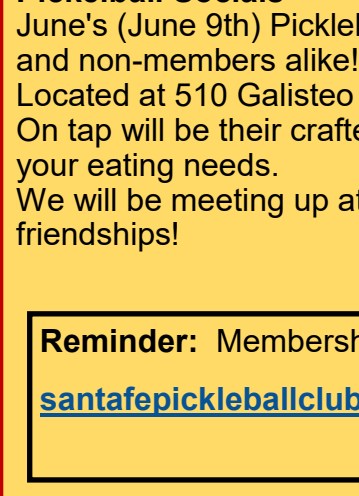
9.C. During the act of volleying, it is a fault if the volleying player's momentum causes the player to contact anything that is *touching* the non-volley zone *including the player's partner*...

9.C.1. It is a fault even if the ball becomes dead before the player contacts the non-volley zone. Editor's Note: Momentum is the key here. So even if your partner pulls you back, it's a fault. Even if the other 3 players continued play and your side won the point, it's a fault.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Jae Hoon Lim

Interview by Nancy Germond



I had the pleasure of interviewing Jae Hoon prior to playing in the Sunday Round Robin. I hope you enjoy getting to know him better as much as I did.

Jae Hoon was born in South Korea and moved to the United States in 1995 from Seoul to learn English. As he boarded the plane as a young 19 year-old, he left behind his parents and also their wishes that he become a doctor. In one year, through hard work and determination, Jae Hoon had learned enough English to enroll in college where he discovered his passion for dance through a jazz dance class. With focused determination, he was able to transfer to the University of the Arts in Philadelphia to study ballet where he studied and danced for 5-6 hours a day. His dedication, natural athletic talent and focus presented job opportunities in various ballet and modern dance companies in San Diego, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Sarasota and Chicago. If you're a deejay, Jae Hoon is the pickleball court, play Tchaikovsky's score of the Sugar Plum pas de deux; Adagio from the Nutcracker; he danced as the Prince for more shows than he cares to remember!

Jae Hoon's dance career reached its pinnacle in 2008 when he brought Koresh Dance Company to South Korea. During this tour, he received much deserved publicity and notoriety as he was one of the featured dancers in Korean Dance Magazine, "Momm". In 2011, he retired from a full-time performance career and went back to school for his Master of Fine Arts in Dance. He focused on teaching and eventually landed at the University of Texas in Austin as a guest professor in dance. While in Austin, he shifted his talents to teaching Pilates full-time and hung up his dance shoes for good.

Jae Hoon met his lovely partner, Arana in Austin in 2016. They moved to Santa Fe in July 2020 where they transferred their garage into a Pilates and yoga studio. Their family includes Toupee, a sassy cat from Philly and Apollo, the troubled dog. Apollo was driven to Albuquerque for training every Saturday for 6 months to become a well-adjusted family member. Future plans for the fit, happy couple include a marriage and a "second HoneyMoon". To book a session with www.jaehoonlimpilates.com and check out his website at www.jaehoonlimpilates.com.

Jae Hoon recalls the exact day he picked up a pickleball paddle - August 14, 2021 - a birthday of his dear friend, Danny. Armed with a \$20 Walmart paddle, his initial reluctance to try pickleball turned into a 4-hour play fest! Like many of us, he is now obsessed and tries to play 5 times a week. He loves the teamwork, full body exercise and concentration (no monkey mind) required to be successful. His favorite shot is the third-shot drop, about which he has a love/hate relationship. He is a dedicated student of the game and he watches YouTube pickleball tournament/instructional videos daily. Future plans include competing in tournaments and he hopes to find good partners for men's doubles and mixed doubles play. Don't be surprised to see Jae Hoon's proven dedication resulting in US watching HIM one day on YouTube!

And borrowing questions from The Colbert Questionnaire:
Jae Hoon prefers a window seat if the flight is less than 3 hours but switches to an aisle seat for flights over 3 hours

His scariest animal is a swarm of wasps
He prefers oranges over apples
He asked for Nora Jones' autograph when she came to Philadelphia
His favorite action hero is John Wick
His favorite sandwich is a BLAT (bacon, lettuce, avocado, tomato)
He secretly stashes cardboard boxes since he has moved more than 30 times since he came to the U.S., even though he knows he should throw them out
His favorite smell is the mist from an Ultrasound humidifier

See you on the court, Jae Hoon! I now admire your pirouettes even more!!

Welcome New Members!

By Gaby Loy

Members

We have officially hit the 300 mark at the end of May. Under the leadership of Cindy Lawton (President), the board, and volunteers are making this a summer of learning and growing: level-appropriate round robins, drill sessions and special events (Dinko de Mayo and upcoming Pickleball Poker), are all found on Court Reserve. Don't miss out on the FUN, and become a member!

Pickleball Socials

Our monthly Pickleball Social will be held at Santa Fe Brewing's Break Room for members and non-members alike! Located at 510 Galisteo St, Santa Fe Brewing is Santa Fe County's oldest brewery. On tap will be their crafted Beers, Ciders and Seltzers! Bang Bites is parked on the property for your eating needs. We will be meeting up at 3:00 — a good day for great Pickleball, cold drinks and creating new friendships!

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

SWEET PICKLES

Member Recognition

Santa Fe members showed strong performances in local and out-of-town tournaments last month. Congratulations to all!

MD—Men's Doubles

WD—Women's Doubles

MxD-Mixed Doubles

Santa Fe Senior Games

WD 65+
Gold - Mary Collins and Deborah Triolo
Silver - Wanda Lobito and Sandy Arrighi

WD 50-64
Gold - Amy Alford and Cindy Lawton
Silver - Gaby Loy and Nancy Germond

MD 65+
Gold - Jeff King and Ron Geyer
Silver - Dennis Wilhoit and Mike Miera

MD 50-64
Gold - Owen Perillo and Mark McDaniel
Silver - Robert Morris and Joseph Luna

MxD 65+
Gold - Mary Granzow and Dennis Wilhoit
Silver - Mary Collins and John Crowley

MxD 50-64
Gold - Cindy Lawton and Owen Perillo
Silver - Linda Shafer and Wayne Siefert

WD 70+ 3.5
Silver—Annie Maes and Eva Casey

MxD 50+ 4.0
Gold—Nancy Germond and Michael Nava

MxD 70+ 3.5
Bronze—Annie Maes and John Yip

MxD 50+ 3.0
Silver—Amy Alford and Jeff Levine

Albuquerque Senior Games

MD 50+ 3.0
Gold—Jeff Levine and Wayne Siefert

MD 60+ 2.5
John Bently and Rich Wojdula

WD 70+ 3.5
Silver—Annie Maes and Eva Casey

MxD 50+ 4.0
Gold—Nancy Germond and Michael Nava

MxD 70+ 3.5
Bronze—Annie Maes and John Yip

MxD 50+ 3.0
Silver—Amy Alford and Jeff Levine

Legacy Under The Lights—Mesa, AZ

MD 19+ 3.5
Bronze - Arturo Loy and Victor (LeVick) Avila

WD 70+ 3.5
Silver—Annie Maes and Eva Casey

CAUGHT ON THE COURTS

With the Newmans

