



Santa Fe Pickleball

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

February's is an abbreviated newsletter with the primary purpose of notifying the SFPC general membership of the important annual meeting coming soon (see below), as well as a few activities that are happening in the near future. Subsequent newsletters will revert to our complete format.

Note: The SFPC Board meets regularly. Minutes for the meetings can be found on the Clubs's website santafepickleballclub.com > About > Board Meeting Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yearly Meeting

Santa Fe Pickleball Club will be holding its annual meeting at the:

Genoveva Chavez Community Center (GCCC)

3221 Rodeo Road

Santa Fe, NM 87507

The meeting will be in the community room

Saturday March 4th from 11:45 to 1:00.

The agenda includes voting for board members, financials, update from the city, new calendar, input from members, etc. Pizza will be served for lunch.

I hope you can attend.

Cindy Lawton, President

2023 SFPC Board Elections

There are two openings for the position of Santa Fe Pickleball Club Board Members-At-Large. With this newsletter, we are also attaching a ballot to vote for the candidates. Please fill it out and either download it and email it to sfpickleball@gmail.com or print it out and bring it to the Saturday, March 4 yearly meeting (see above).

Here are the bios of the candidates:

Nic (Nicole) Bluin: I first tried pickleball in 2015 but became more passionate in the last few years, thanks to the club! It's been the best, so much fun. I want to give back, get involved more seriously. I've been a regular volunteer for the monthly intro sessions, and I've been teaching private lessons to the entry level player. My degree is in P.E. though most of my experience teaching, managing and organizing events for the last 30 years has been in sports like climbing, whitewater and cycling. I'm super enthusiastic, and so very dedicated that I'm skipping my annual trip to FL in Mar/Apr because of the SF Pickleball Club. I'll be helping with group lessons, free drill sessions and continuing to volunteer for the newbie classes. Pickleball is my first priority when I organize my to-do list each morning. My schedule is open and flexible, so meeting the board requirements is no problem.

D. Reed Eckhardt: I believe I have shown my commitment to the group — serving as frequent host on Saturdays hosting desk and other efforts. I bring plenty of experience serving on boards. I was president of the Wyoming Press Association board and helped start the Cheyenne (Wyo.) Meth Initiative. Here, I serve on the Core Team of 350 Santa Fe, a climate advocacy group, and write a weekly news digest for them. I am a 40-plus year journalist and hold an MBA from Tulane U. I'd be glad to help the club with messaging and communications. Finally, I am fully committed to seeing our sport grow in Santa Fe and would like to have a role in helping to do that. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Tim Endy: I am interested in being considered for serving as a board member at large for the SF Pickleball Club. My wife Darlene and I are both relatively new members having joined the Club last year after moving here from Upstate NY. We are both new to pickleball having just started in NY before moving here to SF and since our initial involvement have progressed from a beginner to intermediate level. I have enjoyed being a member and I am impressed by the level of organization and dedication to its members through league play, drills, round robin and open play sessions. This is unlike our previous experience and the members of the SFPC have been open on how to play better with a high level of congeniality on the court. We both enjoyed the end of the year and Christmas events. For these reasons, I would like to contribute to the organization and continue its excellence by serving as a board member at large. My background is I am a full-time employee for an international non-profit organization but have my afternoons and weekends free to play PB and have the time to contribute to the organization. I have experience in grant writing and currently serve as the Chair of the Board of a nonprofit charity called Road 2 Recovery Central New York. This is a nonprofit organization my wife and I started 6 years ago and are still active in the organization which raises funds and supports those with opioid addiction into long-term recovery programs. Through this charity I have experience in fund raising and organizing events. Thanks for the consideration.

Nancy Germond: I moved to Santa Fe at the end of 2020, the same year that I discovered pickleball, and I haven't looked back on either front. In the past, I have owned my own art business, worked for 3M and American Airlines and a software start-up so I have served on many committees, written many business plans and I am familiar with the workings of Boards. I have been part of the newsletter crew for the past 6 months and now I am ready to contribute more to the Santa Fe Pickleball Club. If elected, I promise to be an active board member, fairly representing our diverse pickleball community and bringing lots of enthusiasm to the table.... court!

Mary Guzman: I'd like to be considered for a candidate for the Board Member at large. I am a native of Southern California, and moved to New Mexico in 2001 to co-own a restaurant in Taos. I relocated to Santa Fe in 2004 and fascinated by the architecture, culture, and community, I began my real estate career in 2006. I'm an avid pickleball player. We have memberships at Santa Fe Tennis and Swim and Quail Run. We also sponsored Santa Fe Pickleball Club. For these reasons I feel that I'd be a good candidate for the board. Thank you for your consideration.

Eslee Kessler: I was born in Chicago and raised two children there before I moved to Santa Fe in 1994. I had played women's team tennis and paddle tennis in Winnetka, Illinois. I twice I played in the Illinois State mixed doubles tournaments. When I moved to Santa Fe, I didn't play any racquet sports because I got my exercise as a kindergarten teacher in the Santa Fe Public schools and on weekends, I rounded the art galleries and museums. I did yoga, NIA dance, studio and drawing, St. John's, Honesda and Community College courses, hiked and climbed the Pederal, Baldy, Continental Divide and other trails, and attended many Native dances. Santa Fe continues to offer so many wonderful choices! I also worked at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Educational Outreach and developed supplemental curriculum for the exhibit and designed student tours. When I retired in 2009, I traveled to Nepal, India, China, Ecuador, France, Italy, and frequently to San Francisco, London and Kenya where my children live. I am presently a volunteer art docent at three museums. I got into pickleball via my dear childhood friend, who was living in La Jolla, CA, and badgered me for one year, finally convincing me to try it! I showed up at Ft. Marcy indoor courts, and fell in love with the game! I have taken two Level Up camps and consider myself a student of the game, appreciate the opportunity for lessons and have loved our club's drill classes! I am presently helping with the student pickleball classes at Cesar Chavez Elementary School. My interest in joining the board is to expand community programming, help with member events, and continue to support the plans for expansion of the courts at Ft. Marcy. I am very grateful for this game and the camaraderie of the Santa Fe pickleball community.

Upcoming Tournaments

Indoor Tournament at GCCC (Genoveva Chavez Community Center)

Santa Fe Pickleball Club is excited to be working with the Genoveva Chavez Community Center (GCCC) for the club's first-ever indoor round robin tournament.

Play will be by "Chile Level".

Dates will be March 3rd for the women and March 4th for the men.

Registration will be on Court Reserve (\$20), with more details to follow as members register.

This is a fundraising event for Fort Marcy EXPANSION!!

If you are interested in refereeing for the tournament, notify Gaby Loy (505) 690-4626.

Drill Volunteers Needed

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club will continue to promote improvement in your game by offering drills for each Chile level. They will be offered once weekly beginning in the middle of March, **but we need volunteers to help with these sessions.** Although there is officially no charge for the drills, a \$5 - \$10 donation per session is recommended to help offset instructor costs. Please contact the following coordinators if you would like to help with this program.

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Newbie Clinics

Do you have friends that want to learn to play? Sign up for Newbie Clinics on Court Reserve by joining the club either as a free member (SFPC Friends) or paid membership. Clinics will be offered INDOORS at Ft. Marcy: 1:00—3:00 February 25 and March 18.