

## Santa Fe Pickleball **Newsletter**

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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Wow – a very exciting time regarding the court expansion project. The city asked for our input regarding the court expansion project during the ENN meeting on Thursday the 29th. The meeting was attended by about 100 club members and a half dozen neighbors. Overall, the meeting was extremely positive in moving the project along. I can't tell you how much I appreciated the attendance by our membership. This was a great showing by our club. Thank you all for taking your time and providing input during this important meeting. Cindy



# FROM THE BOARD

**Sportsmanship.** We had a few incidences last month regarding lack of sportsmanship by a few players. We remind everyone that the city and the club expects all players at Fort Marcy to follow the USAPA Sportsmanship guide. The sportsmanship guidelines are posted at both entrances of the Fort Marcy Courts or can be found here. https://usapickleball.org/what-is-pickleball/ sportsmanship-guide/. We are asking all members to read and familiarize themselves with this guide.

Calendar/Balls: The club calendar will be active through November 19. The weather is not dependable enough to have regular events after this date. The courts will remain open for play during the winter months. The club will NOT fill the tubes with balls after this date. The balls crack too easily when cold. The club will provide several appropriate shovels for clearing the courts of snow. Shovels must NOT contain any type of metal edge for they will damage the courts. Court Upgrades: The club finally found some well-made barriers to help with ball interference during drill sessions/group lessons. The club also purchased two ten-foot awnings. The city approved the installation of these on the fence. We hope you find these provide some shade on the courts next year during the hotter months. An AED was also purchased and approved by the city to be installed at the courts. These purchases are made thanks to all of you joining the club and paying your dues.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## AED / First Aid

The AED (Automated External Defribrillator) is now in place on the fence above the Lost & Found box. For a suspected cardiac event: person down, unresponsive, and not breathing, call 911. One person start CPR while a second person opens the AED box by entering "9111" on the cable lock. Push the silver button on the cable lock, remove the AED and follow the vocal instructions until an EMT crew arrives.

Let's hope it never comes to this, but if it does, these procedures may save a life.

### **Gamma** Clinic

Gamma, a popular paddle and clinic provider internationally, came to Santa Fe for 10 fantastic hours of instruction. The lead pro was Vicki Foster, out of Scottsdale, AZ. Vicki is a one of the best PPR instructors, named national clinician of the year in 2022, and has been the head pro with Gamma for the last 5 years. She repeatedly won national titles but focuses most of her time on clinics and teaching. The clinic was fantastic. Now, the Santa Fe players who took the workshop are all trying to put what they learned into practice. Not an easy task but certainly fun to keep learning and trying to improve.



### **Player Hierarchy**

By popular demand, the Men's and Women's Hierarchy dates have been extended in Court Reserve through November 17. You must sign up no later than Tuesday midnight for that week's hierarchy. The Women have over 50 players now /Men over 40. Rankings are posted on the website. A friendly reminder: If you have signed up and just can't make it, contact Cindy or Bruce by Tuesday (or before) so we can remove you for that week.

Our hierarchy group winners for Men (Sep. 22) and Women (Sep. 29) are listed here.

Women Men Group 1 Frank McDonald Sara McIntyre **Daniel Guevara** Group 2 **Kirtlye Spear** Group 3 John Finnick **Renee Martinez** Jack Swonson **Cat Freemire** Group 4 Group 5 **Timothy Miller** Group 6 Group 7 Group 8 Group 9

### SFPC Merchandise Store

#### By Nancy Mroz

Check out the Santa Fe Pickleball Club merchandise offerings either by scanning the QR code, or visit the Club's web page at : santafepickleballclub.com

SFPC online merchandise store is adding Men's Tall merchandise to all lines that offer it, SPF shirts and more men's shorts.





\$20 for License Plate, Limited Edition. Nancy Mroz will deliver-505-660-4600

#### **Pickleball Poker Event**

Pickleball Poker is back for a 2nd year. The event will take place October 22 from noon to 4:00pm. This will be a fundraising event for Youth Shelters & Family Services (YSFS), which delivers life-changing solutions to homeless, runaway and in-crisis youth in Northern NM. Learn more about this amazing organization at youthshelters.org. This event is open to members of all levels. Last year club members found it to be a super fun and social event; one of our favorite offerings. You will receive 7 cards - one card when you check in and one card for each round of pickleball - play 6 rounds total. If you win the game, you get a choice from two cards (and return one); losers of game receive one card.

Grand prize is worth \$200+ and 2nd prize is a \$100+ value. There will also be a 50-50 Raffle with tickets \$5 each or 5/\$20. Register on Court Reserve. There are just 7 spots left.

The post-event party will be at the Alley (153 Paseo de Peralta) in the DeVargas Center and we will award the prizes to the poker and the raffle winners there. Everyone is welcome...poker players, club members, families, kids, friends. Come enjoy some food and drinks with your fellow pickleball lovers. This is an un-official gathering with no club sponsored food. You can also have some fun bowling, or playing billiards, darts and shuffleboard.

## Upcoming (non-Santa Fe) Tournaments

#### Albuquerque

ABQ PICKLEBALL CLUB AFTERGLOW TOURNAMENT Oct 15-17, 2023 For more information, go to about the about th scroll to the tournament date.

#### Las Cruces



PickleballBrackets.com Southwest Organ Mountains Open



### **Food Depot**

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club is continuing its efforts to give back to the community! Two or three 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-

Current dates for October are as follows:

354-6073.

Thursday October 12, from 1:30pm to 4:00pm Tuesday October 24, from 9:00am to 11:30am



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SIGN UP ON COURT RESERVE** Cesar Chavez Elementary School Youth / Family Pickleball Clinic

Supported by the Santa Fe Pickleball Club Saturday October 21st from 9:30 to 12 noon. Cesar Chavez School Playground and Gym. All SFPS Elementary and Middle School students and families are welcome. Come play America's fast growing, family-friendly sport! Santa Fe Pickleball Club instructors on hand to teach and support. Free for all, no registration needed.

Questions? Contact Coach Ron Romero at 505-804-0123 or Nancy Mroz at 505-660-4600

Pickleball Classes at **Pinon Elementary** 

Thanks to the hard work and tenacity of Nancy Mroz, the SFPC was recently able to introduce over 200 4th, 5th and 6th graders to the game of pickleball at Santa Fe's Piñon Elementary School. Over the course of 4 days and 10 gym classes, led by their Coach Rich Rosen, a committed group of volunteers, working with mostly kids who have never seen a paddle before, gave the students a spirited introduction to the game and had them asking, "When are you coming back?"

A special shout out to lead volunteer Frank Lux for running the classes and Cedric Page, Judy Anastasio, Gayle Torrez, Jackie Rasso, Nancy Mroz, Suzanne Warwick, Eslee Kessler, Ishwari Sollohub, and Mary Partlow for leading each group of 3-6 students on their maiden Pickleball journey.

# **COACH'S CORNER**

Your Pickleball Rating

By Christine Wantuck Certified Coach PPR

As a recreational player, how many times have you wondered about your pickleball rating compared to the people you play with? Jason Jamison, our National Advisor and Consultant for USA Pickleball, has developed a digital self-rating "app". The digital self-rating app is not currently an official USAP rating tool nor meant to compete with existing rating systems in the industry. The app is based on the UTPR rating descriptions found on the USAP website and intended to give players a fairly accurate assessment tool to get started in recreational programs, leagues and events. Please take a moment to try the assessment yourself as a beta test. So far, it seems to have been pretty accurate based on people's genuine responses to the questions and hopefully it can be a resource for you. Jason will monitor the results to see if there are any technical glitches as results are generated back to the respondents. Jason added a city and state field so he can kick back responses for your respective areas to help validate accuracy.

Give this unique opportunity a try to determine your recreational rating. Thanks for your support.

https://forms.gle/qp9r99Bgopq5fdtF8

## **RULES & REGS**

## **Replays**

By Annie Maes

Pickleball question of the month...

This question came up recently during play at Ft Marcy...

Is it a replay when the ball goes over the net and bounces off the brace (bottom bar).

Rule 11.L.5.b Except on the serve, if the ball goes over the net

Got a rule question? Email PQ: SFePickleball@gmail.com and hits the center base, or any part of the horizontal bar, or the ball gets caught between the net and the horizontal bar, a replay will be called. Other than on the serve, if the ball goes over the net and bounces on the court and then performs any of the three above listed actions, a replay shall occur. A big thank you to Aleta Pippen for submitting the question AND the answer!

Indeed it is!!

Next month I will confirm what the rule is if a legal serve bounces and then because of wind and/ or backspin, hits the net, post, or bar. Is it a dead ball and the servers point?? Stay tuned!!



Member Recognition



SFPC striped the Indoor Court at the Espanola Rec Center. Good job crew!

**SWEET PICKLES** 

**Tournament Results** 

Labor Day Classic - Albuquerque - Sept. 1-3





Doubles 4.0 (60-69) [Photo is at earlier tournament, but same couple]



Joyce Paulsen/Cindy Lawton-- Silver --Women's Doubles 4.0 (open)

Albuquerque Senior Affairs Meet & Greet -Sept. 22-24



Linda Shafer / Michael Hill -- Bronze Mixed 3.5 (50-59)

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Of Diana Thatcher / Rich Wojdula ALE -- Bronze Mixed 3.5 (70+)

## Pagosa Springs Tournament - Sept. 29



Cindy Lawton/Michelle Bustamante – Gold Women's 4.0

# **FUND RAISING**

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