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FROM THE BOARD

## I am putting myself forward to serve as President of the Board of Directors. I believe stewardship of community organizations is a privilege and it would be my honor to play a role in the next stage of the Santa Fe Pickleball Club. I've collected over 25 years experience in managing nonprofit organizations, both in executive leadership at the staff level and on various boards of directors.

People who have expressed an interest in serving on the board, with their mini-bios, are as

# (former College of Santa Fe). I am also just completing my tenure as president of the board for MAKE Santa Fe, a community makerspace that I co-founded in 2015. I currently serve in an advisory capacity to the board of directors for an international real estate investment company. I'm

Most recently, I finished several years as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Santa Fe Art Institute and I still serve on a committee examining next steps for the city-owned midtown campus

familiar and comfortable with both nonprofit and for-profit boards, fiduciary responsibility, legal requirements, and collaborative board work. I have also worked closely with staff and elected representatives at the City of Santa Fe over the years and I'm comfortable with local bureaucracies and politics. I would like to see the existing foundational work by Santa Fe Pickleball Club pioneers and leaders respected and continued and would hope to assist with shepherding the club's important role in the region as new courts and facilities come online and we see an increase in demand through new players, more visitors and increasing event

I am running for VP for the Santa Fe Pickleball Club because I have experienced and personally

community. I believe strongly in the purpose of the club to "promote the sport of Pickleball and the

private practice (www.marypartlowlcsw.com). Prior to moving to Santa Fe in 2016 I spent 20 years

advocacy, and graduate level higher education. I was born playing tennis and intend to live this

benefited from how the sport and this club in particular brings people together and builds

in the Washington, DC, area working in the areas of health care, global health policy and

value of physical exercise in the Santa Fe area" and I am inspired to be a part of building on the previous successes and exploring new opportunities for our club. In 2023 my personal involvement in the club activities included participating in Chile 1 and 2 School, Sunday afternoon Chile 2 Round Robin, volunteering for Cinco de Mayo, playing the 4th of July Round Robin and participating in Pickleball Poker. My primary play time is early morning at Fort Marcy and in 2024 I intend to be more present at Chavez Center. Professionally I am a Clinical Social Worker in

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Treasurer: **Alison Watt** 

chapter of my life with Pickleball paddle in hand!

Vice-President **Mary Partlow** 

follows:

**President:** Zane Fischer

for college and work. I earned a BS in Nursing from Boston University and spent 11 years as a critical care RN in suburban and inner-city hospitals. Finally, I landed in a Clinical Research NIH specialty unit in Boston, where I met my smart, funny, kind husband, Marc, while working alongside each other in patient care. From there, I earned a JD from Boston College Law School in 1991. We moved to Lubbock, TX for jobs and for what we thought would be a short-term Southwest adventure. We raised our 2 sons in Lubbock, TX. I worked in Civil Litigation, Child Protective Services, and Civil and Family Mediation. I've been a member in good standing of the Texas Bar Assn. for 32 yrs. I served for 5 years on the Texas Tech University Institutional Review Board (IRB) as a medical/legal Board member. We evaluated medical research grant applications for safety, efficacy and ethical standards. As an adult, I played USTA team tennis for decades. Due to a shoulder ailment, I tried Pickleball here in Santa Fe and joined the SFPC in 2022. I love the fun, diverse members who make up the SFPC. Pickleball is a tremendous way to meet friends, exercise and enjoy friendly competition.

Additionally, I garden, cook, swim, play tennis, read and make daily treks with my 12 year-old mini -schnauzer Poppy to the hilltops of our Tesuque neighborhood. We travel to visit our 2 grown sons. Max (29) is a pilot for American Airlines, residing in Austin, TX. Matthew (26) is an engineer working in clean energy sector, residing in Seattle, WA. We enjoy playing Pickleball when we get

If elected to serve on the SFPC Board, my focus will primarily involve communication with club members and outsiders, whether living locally or visiting Santa Fe, seeking a place to play. I'll work to keep our club user-friendly and welcoming. I'll be responsive to questions, complaints and

I have been playing for about 3 years now and have a real passion for anything Pickleball. I play 3

to 5 times per week at a combination of Fort Marcy and Quail Run. Reading and watching Pickleball videos and trainings in between! I enjoy playing with people of any skill level and especially meeting new players. I have developed relationships with many members of the club and appreciate all the work that goes into keeping things running smoothly with an emphasis on

As the new courts project moves along it will bring opportunities for the club to host more tournaments and attract some of the new generation of Pro players to enjoy and learn from.

There is some real passion at SF Pickleball and I would like to help grow that in the future.

new ideas that arise to promote a safe and enjoyable Pickleball experience for all.

**Allan Bird** I am interested in being on the Board and feel I can be of service on any committee. I have an interest in the Events, Social or Fundraising in particular. I would also be available for any committee position as needed.

fun.

Allan Bird

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**Shannon Washburn** 

experiencing the spirit of community.

activity and developing new friendships.

membership and club experience.

Members at-large

Thanks for your consideration.

I am applying for a position as member at large. Given my previous experience — I was a journalist for 42 years — I think I would be a good fit on the newsletter committee and would gladly help with social media, including Facebook. However, I would be happy to serve in an capacity in which you would need me. The reasons I'm running are several: First, I think the Club is doing a tremendous job of organizing and meeting the needs of club members as well as the community, and I would like to be a part of that. Second, I have served on boards and even chaired a few, so I think I can add that experience to the mix. Finally. I have a heart for new and beginning players and would like to do everything I can to help bring them along. I have shown that commitment by helping Rob with

I am a native Texan and moved to Santa Fe from Detroit in the Fall of 2022 upon retirement. I spent most of my career in wholesale, product development and management for Fossil and Shinola where I spent 10 wonderful years and retired after most recently leading the company as CEO. Since childhood I have had a love of New Mexico and being here for almost 2 years now I am assured I made the right choice to experience the next chapter of my life journey in Santa Fe. In 2023 I participated in Chile 1 Drills, Chile 1 and 2 Classes, Chile 1 and 2 Round Robin, played

the 4th of July Round Robin and enjoyed the club social events all the while picking up a new

In 2024 I plan to improve my pickleball skills at Fort Marcy, while getting involved at both Chavez and Romero Park and with the goal of becoming more involved in the club and the community. I plan to become an active volunteer with the after-school program and the food bank this year.

I would love the opportunity to serve on the board as together we will continue to build the Santa Fe Pickleball Club and highlight the sport, our club and our community. I am excited for what all is

have thoroughly enjoyed learning this amazing sport, connecting with new people and

My name is Shannon Washburn, and I am running for one of the three member-at-large positions for the Santa Fe Pickleball Club. I joined the club in January of 2023 (a pickleball newbie) and

**Board Meeting Minutes** These can be found on our webpage at https://santafepickleballclub.com/index.php/board-meeting-minutes/ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Dinko de Mayo Tournament

Our annual pickleball tournament will be held May 2-5 2024 at Fort Marcy Park. To register for the tournament, go to pickleballbrackets.com. There is a \$10 discount if you register before

need a lot of volunteers for both refereeing and running booths at the tournament. Please

clawts@gmail.com if you are willing to ref. We will be setting up another training for referees

contact Nic if you are willing to volunteer. <a href="mailto:nicnrb@gmail.com">nicnrb@gmail.com</a>. Contact me, Cindy, at

March 15. Tournaments are fun, so give it a try. Spread the word to players near and far. We will

Girls Inc. will be hosting a fundraising round robin tournament at the Fort Marcy outdoor courts this summer. Originally scheduled for May, it will now be held sometime in June. Stay tuned for more info. This will be a fun event to support a great cause.

Girls Inc.

Fort Marcy has received a lot of snow this season - everything from a light dusting to 6" of powder. Please, we encourage everyone who enjoys outdoor play to HELP with clearing the courts! Official calls for help are posted on Team Reach; please come out if able! It takes any where between 15-18 man power hours to clear the courts of snow. Also, if all of the courts

Village to keep the courts clear.

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**Food Depot** 

In snowy January volunteers worked with over 200 students at Turquoise Trail Elementary in 1st through 5th grades during their PE classes lead by Coach/Teacher Shawn Bliss. 4th and 5th graders were playing short games by the end of their sessions. Volunteers worked with after school students at Sweeney Elementary on January 25 and February 1st facilitated by Coach/Teacher Patrick Sweeney.

SFPC volunteers are helping an ongoing Friday afternoon one hour class at Genoveva Chavez Center through March 8 for the school for the Arts and Sciences led by Coach/Teacher Jose

Youth Pickleball Program in Santa Fe Schools

Fall/Winter Update

**SWEET PICKLES** 

**Tournament Results** 

**Tommy Wong Memorial Tournament** 

Bronze 4.0 60-65 Women's Doubles

Surprise, Arizona, Jan.5-8, 2024

# **FUND RAISING**

**BUSINESS ADOPT-A-COURT DONORS** 

The Santa Fe Pickleball Club is honored to recognize the following

businesses that have given so generously as Adopt-a-Court Co-

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opportunities. Thanks for your consideration Zane Fischer 505-577-3243

I've been a member of the Santa Fe Pickleball Club since the Spring of 2023. Playing Pickleball has added great fun and many new friends to my life. I have served on other Boards in the past, and I understand the responsibilities of being a Board Member. I currently work for the NM Public Education Department as an IT Business Analyst. In addition, my experience with Quickbooks as a former entrepreneur makes me a good candidate for the role of Treasurer. Thank you for considering my candidacy. Sincerely, Alison Watt Secretary: **Teresa Levine** I'm Teresa (Teri) Levine and I'm running for the SFPC Board position of Secretary. I've been playing Pickleball for a little over 1 year. I want to get more involved with our club by volunteering personal time to help the club develop in positive ways. I'm a Jersey girl (!) born in Ridgewood, NJ. Eventually, my family members all migrated to MA - mostly to "The Cape" and the Boston area

his Chile 1 drills as needed this past summer, including leading the group during his absences, and just helping beginners when they step on the court at Marcy. I'd like to continue that and see it expanded. Finally, allow me to thank you for this opportunity to apply and will continue to provide as much help as needed, regardless of the final result.

Shannon Washburn

in store for the club in 2024 and would love to contribute to the growth and success of our

**Youth & Family Pickleball** Ron Romero has arranged with the Genoveva Chavez Community Center to have pickleball for families there on Saturdays 10:30-Noon Volunteers welcome to come join in the fun!

Snow Removal

have not been cleared when you arrive to play, thank you for grabbing one of the orange plastic shovels OR one of the giant squeegees to clear all of the courts rather than standing around waiting for a court. Paddle Ups can also be interpreted as LEND A HAND. It takes a pickleball

SFPC Merchandise Store

For More Information Check with Ron Romero at 505-804-0123

By Nancy Mroz The Santa Fe Pickleball Club merchandise offerings can be viewed either by scanning the QR code, or visit the Club's web page at : santafepickleballclub.com

# 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 February are as follows: Tuesday February 13, from 9:00am to 11:30am

repack donated food for distribution to people in need.

Tuesday February 27, from 9:00am to 11:30am

Many Thanks Volunteers! Sign ups are on Court Reserve.

354-6073.

Smith.

By Annie Maes

Rule 7.H.

Pickleball question of

the month...

Got a rule question? Email PQ: SFePickleball@gmail.com

the call is a fault by Player A.

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

Chuck Stein, our treasurer, serves as our coordinator for the Club. You can sign up on Court

By Christine Wantuck Certified Coach PPR

Unfortunately, Pickleball Central is no longer rewarding pickleball clubs with their 5% return for purchases. This was effective January 1, 2024. People can still make purchases with a 5%

RULES & REGS

ankle. What's the call?

It is a fault if "the ball **contacts a player** or anything the player is wearing or carrying, except the

Editors Note: This rule pertains to tournament play. During recreational play, if a player falls,

paddle or the player's hand(s) in contact with the paddle and below the wrist." Since the ball hit Player A's body, Player A committed a fault and lost the rally.

please stop play and assist the fallen player. You can always do a replay!

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Cindy Lawton / Linda Tompkins

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During a match, Player A loses his footing at the kitchen line and falls to the ground, as his Partner keeps the ball in play.

On the next shot, the Opponent Player slams the pickleball

Regardless of whether you think the Opponent should or

down to hit Player A, who is lying on the ground after rolling his

should not have hit the pickleball at Player A who is in distress,

I received this information from of the USA Pickleball ambassador in AZ.

discount, however there is no reward when we pass out their discount cards.

COACH'S CORNER

Torneo International Tournament in Zihuatenejo, Mexico

Klaus Dlabik — Gold 60+ Men's Doubles

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE It has been a true honor to serve this club as President for the last two years. We have accomplished so much with new courts coming in, a growing membership, welcoming new and visiting players, dedicated courts both from the city and county, and stable finances. I can't thank all of you enough for the countless volunteer hours. A special thank-you to the other board members who worked so hard over the last two years (Wayne, Gaby, Chuck, Sandy, Mike, Nancy M, Nancy G, Nic, and Bruce). I could go on and on about what each of these folks did for me to make my job so much easier and you to provide playing opportunities, maintenance of the courts, the newsletter, school programs, accuracy of our financial records and reporting, events, classes, drills, etc. Next time you see them, please thank them in person. Our club will continue to succeed and move forward because the membership is made up of wonderful human beings. Thank you for being part of the Santa Fe Pickleball Club. Keep Pickling Best, Cindy **Upcoming Board Elections!** The annual meeting and elections will be held on March 2 at Chavez Center 11:30 – 1:00. You can also vote by sending an email (ballots will be sent out to SFPC members shortly) to sfepickleball@gmail.com. You must write in with your email that is associated with your club membership. We will validate your vote as a member with your email and name. You can vote stating: Approve all candidates or fill out the ballot, scan, and send in.

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