

SSC Pickleball Club

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February 2023 Issue



President's Corner

Dennis Rosett

From the Prez

Well, here we are almost March and we still do not have our courts completed. I know it is frustrating, I feel the pain as well. I wish I could give you a completion date, but one was not negotiated in the CA contract with the construction company. We will have a very nice place to play in the not-so-distant future with a large, covered center area between the courts to stage play and activities. Be assured that things are happening with the Club. Committees are meeting and forming plans for fun events, fundraisers, tournaments, ladders and more.

The Board is looking into policy changes. We have been meeting monthly and will continue to do so. We recently procured funding from the CA to pay the monthly fee for our rental time at Apollo Beach Racquet Club. We will investigate the possibility of some limited nighttime play there, depending on availability and cost.

The Fundraising Committee has been very active, and the Club will have a large presence at the **Fun Fest on March 11th**. On **March 4th** there is going to be a get together at the horseshoe pavilion. The new website is moving forward and will be a big improvement over the existing one. I am excited for the future of the Club and can't wait to see everyone at the grand opening party.

Reminder - there is a Membership Meeting March 22nd in the Caper Room (at the Atrium) at 6pm.

I have a Club email that I look at daily; it is sccpbprez@gmail.com. Please feel free to email me any questions, information, or ideas you may have. Thanks to everyone for your support with both family and Club issues. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy month ahead. Pickle on!

Dennis Rossett



Member Stories

All aboard the Jorge & Mike pickleball journey...

By Dee-Dee Tottrup

It all began one bright and sunny day in Sun City Center in the Fall of 2017. Mike Keltz' wife Suzie had a friend who introduced Mike to pickleball. Mike and Suzie signed up for beginner lessons that fall. Mike was hooked. Enter Jorge Alves in Spring 2018. Jorge's wife, Sandy, has a friend here in SCC who was a neighbor of Helen Tavares. The Alves' connected with Helen and once again, through our beginner lessons, another pickleball junkie was born.

And "they met"..... Both started playing more and more.... but not yet as a team. Eventually they were invited to play with Don Moniz's "Greenlances" group. They got better and better as individuals, and realized they clicked, not only as teammates, but also as friends. They played with the advanced players in our club, picking up pointers along the way. They gained confidence. They watched videos. They played more and more and got better and better. When they go north for the summer, they continue their pickleball journey. Mike has joined the YMCA in Southern Indiana. Jorge is part of a large club in Maryland (800 members). Jorge takes lessons and his other claim to fame is that he's played with Colin Johns (impressive).

Next step, let's try tournaments.... Their first one was in St. Pete. They came in third, but the conditions were terrible that day—rainy, and then an electrical blackout at the end of the day didn't help. They tried to get into the US Open in Naples but didn't get in through the lottery. Their next try gained them a silver.

And then this happened 2023 Daytona Pictona Men's Doubles 50+ 3.5. They won every game through the brackets and wound up on Center Court for the gold.... won 11-7 and 11-6--no third game necessary for these two. In addition to bringing home the gold there, they now qualify for the WPT 2024 Amateur Invitational January 2024 in Daytona. AND get this--that venue includes a \$185,000 purse!!!!

They are looking forward to continuing to play and drill and share their knowledge and experience with others. Their next personal goal is to reach a 4.0 rating. When asked how they keep calm when things get rough and they get the jitters, they agreed that they simply remind each other about SCC, say "Let's go SCC" and tap paddles to their shoulders and hips, reset and refocus. It works every time. What also worked for them is that these guys went from thinking pickleball was like lawn bowling, graduating from Introduction to Pickleball lessons, working hard and standing on the middle step of the podium.



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MEN'S DOUBLES 50+ 3.5

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Simple Tips to Improve Your Pickleball Game

Dinking Deb's February Pickleball Tips

Deb Tourangeau

Tips to Becoming a Better Intermediate Player

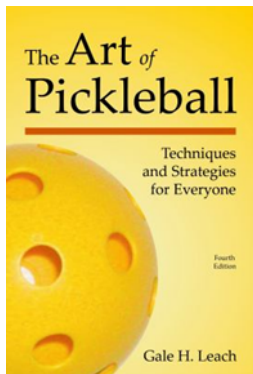
- No serve or return of serve should hit the net (minimize unforced errors)
- Serve deep – return deep
- Be dynamic - be moving on balls of feet – ready position (paddle up)
 - (no statues on court)
- Master backhand & force backhand shots

Practice – Drill – No partner to drill with, use the practice wall.

Play pickleball by the rules - Common faults I see on the court:

1. Foot faults – baseline foot faults during the serve: do not step on the baseline when making contact with the ball or outside the service box area.
2. Non Volley Zone (NVZ) faults - volleys (ball hit in the air, no bounce) may not be played while in the NVZ area. Feet must be established outside the NVZ area before striking the ball. Momentum nor any part of your attire may fall into the kitchen (NVZ) after you have struck the ball in air (even if play is dead).

Court etiquette: When retrieving a ball on the court or adjacent court, please make eye contact with the player and return ball to receiver. If you are waiting to receive the ball, raise your hand to identify where the ball should go.



Apollo Beach

Dave Smith

Times that club members Only are allowed to use the courts at Apollo are as follows:

Mon-Wed-Fri 11:00am-1:00pm

Saturday 12:00-1:30pm and 1:30 to 3:00pm

Use SignUp Genius to reserve your spot. Only 12 spots available for each slot.

Again, please list all names of members playing.

No visitors allowed.



Entertainment Committee

Claire Coulston

Sun City Center Pickleball Club

presents

Pickleball "Brats and Weenies"

Saturday March 4, 2023 Noon- 3 PM

SCCCA Horseshoe Pavillion

Bring a Dish to Share

(ie. Potato Salad, Mac Salad,

Baked Beans, Dessert. Etc.

&

BYOB



Music & Corn Hole Games

RSVP no later than March 1 to

sccpbevents@gmail.com

The Club will be participating in the SCCCA
Fundraising event for Moffitt Cancer Center via
50/50 Raffle

(Bring Cash)

Addn. Donations accepted at the picnic
Make checks payable to

Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation



Sunshine Coordinator

Charlene Peterson

We have a couple of Pickleball members who could use our get well wishes:

Dennis Rosett's wife Cheryl was recently in the hospital and Len Lewinski has had knee replacement surgery. If you know them, please wish them well.

My contact information is iodine1982@gmail.com or 443-690-7907.

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Rumor Mill

Steve Tortorella

Construction Activity started on the courts or was it something else.

History prior to Del Webb.

I grew up in Brooklyn when I visited my grandfather on Herkimer Street for some homemade raviolis and meatballs. He couldn't speak English very well, so Italian was spoken in the apartment. He was the master wine maker for the community. In his basement was the press with a silver spot which would pour the golden red wine into the bottles.

My Uncle Joe "Brown" (Gentile) and my grandfather would sit at the table and talk and drink. I didn't understand them and asked my mother what they were talking about. She told me they were going to the farm and will be away for a few weeks.

Uncle Joe's Godfather was Vito Genovese. As you may know, Al Capone had a retirement home in Miami and controlled that city. Vito had a retirement home in Tampa. My grandfather and Uncle Joe would take 2-3 trips a year down to the farm, by car. Down to the farm meant a trip to a farm south of Tampa.

In a moment the rest of the story.

We know how slow construction has been going since the contract was signed in May 2022. It appears that there was an intervention by the FBI to delay any work. You will now notice that all the asphalt has been removed and the surface has been leveled, but still piles of dirt. If you see some men walking on this surface, they are getting ready to start using a ground penetrating radar device to see if there are any objects/bodies under the surface. And you wonder why the new volleyball courts haven't been started.

And that's the rest of the story. Paul Harvey

May the Pickle be with you.

Signing Off

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Pickleballnewsletter23@gmail.com

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