

SCC Pickleball Club

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President's Corner

Dennis Rosett

I would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising efforts at FunFest. We had members that donated items, worked the booth, and stopped by to purchase raffle tickets and food. A good time was had by all.

If you read my blast about the court construction, or were at the CA Board meeting, you understand where we are in the process. I want to thank all the members that showed up at that meeting in support of the Club. It was good to hear firsthand the situation the courts are in.

March 13, after it rained, I went to the courts to see how well they drained. I saw a couple of issues, especially the trench on Court 1. I documented it with pictures and will get them to Lyn for her review.

I am in contact with MailChimp to transfer records over from Email Dodo. I have some paperwork to fill out to get our 501c3 discount and set up a payment schedule. If you have changed your email, or no longer want to receive our emails, please email the club at sccpickleball002@gmail.com.

Tom Hofpensperger and I talked to *Seniors in Service*, an organization that offers volunteers, support, and vision to organizations and clubs. They will be a big help to us in organizing events, tournaments etc.

Great news, Pickleballers our new website is up and running! Many thanks are due to the Website Committee, with special thanks to Trudy Donnelly. Here's the link: <https://sccflpickleball.club>.

My Club email that I look at daily 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!

FLASH just in... the CA approved lighting for our courts and they will be done with present contractor!!!!

Dennis Rosett: sccpbprez@gmail.com

Tournament News - 1

On February 12, Sun City Center Club Member John Orton teamed up with local resident Tim Larson to play in *The World Pickleball Tour Challenge Bradenton Event* at the GT Bray Recreation Center in Bradenton, Florida. After battling several very competitive matches, John and Tim won the bronze medal, finishing third in the 3.0 level, 60+ age bracket. This was Tim's first pickleball tournament.

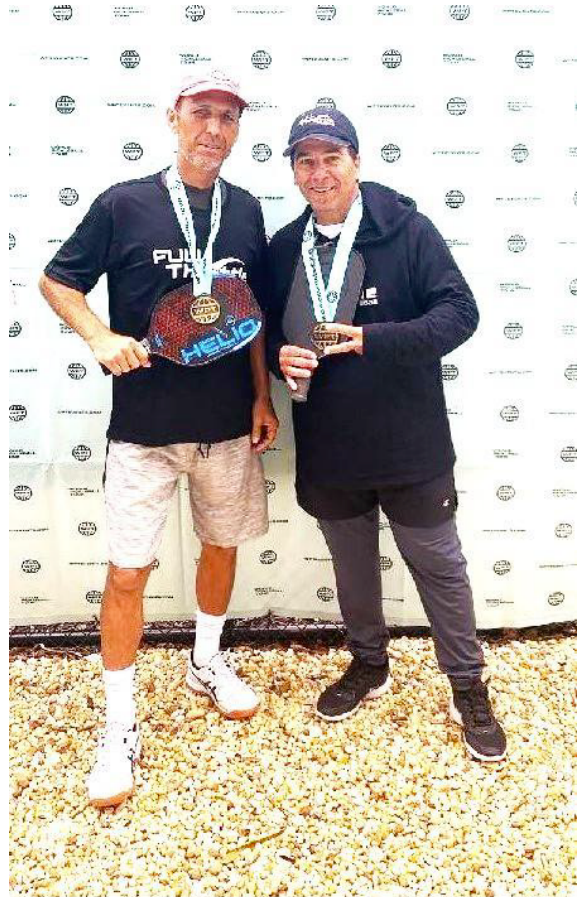
John and Tim's scrappy play helped them achieve this enjoyable, competitive experience.



John Orton Tim Larson

Tournament News - 2

Sun City Center Pickleball Club members Jeff Williams and Jorge Alves teamed up to enter *The WPT Bradenton Challenger Event* at the Bray Recreation Center in Bradenton Florida on February 12th. They played in the Men's 3.5 skill level in the 50+ age bracket. They recorded a 6-1 record losing only one game to the eventual winners and brought home a silver medal for their competitive play. They also punched their ticket to play in the *World Pickleball Tour Amateur Invitational Championships*, a \$175,000 cash purse event that will be hosted at the 42-court Pictona Venue in Daytona Beach, Florida next January 2024.



Jeff Williams Jorge Alves

Fundraiser \$ Committee

John and Fiona Orton, Kerry Austin and Len Lewinski

The success of FunFest 2023 would not have been possible without the help of many volunteers; not only those that worked at the Fest, but all those who donated things for raffles. Special thanks to Tom H. for his one-of-a-kind artwork, and Pat and Patti for their hard work on the front line. Thank you, thank you, thank you! The bucket raffle was a huge success with over 1,000 raffle tickets sold. I was a little surprised people wanted food over alcohol--LOL. The naked burrito was a popular item; breakfast was sold out by 12:15 p.m. We heard nothing but positive comments from returning customers. There were 30 more Club shirts sold at the event, along with new signups for Club memberships. With never doing a food booth and raffles together for the Club, I believe we did very well. The club made \$1,035 and this is without the \$305 of donations. Hopefully the Club will want to do this again next year.

Thank you Kerry Austin, John and Felicia Orton and Renee Bray two thumbs up!

Simple Tips to Improve Your Pickleball Game

Deb Tourangeau

March Madness Tips of the Month

Calling this March Madness brings to mind a pickleball question:

Are you rushing the net? When at the baseline, getting to the Non-Volley Zone (NVZ) is difficult. Hitting the proper shot will help get you to the NVZ along with "ball height recognition" and determining "should I hold or go?"

Proper shot selection to advance to NVZ: third shot drop to drive (5th, 7th or even 9th) shot drop will get you to the NVZ safely.

Reading A Shot - High or Low? A high shot by either you or your partner should hold. Being in control and making intentional shots gets you to higher level pickleball.

Key Points: Mastering your drop shots from anywhere on the court. Drop shots are a long dink that can be practiced with a partner.

Getting to the net, technique, and footwork. Split step and stop once your opponent is ready to strike the ball; do not run through your shot. Link for demonstration: <http://youtube/VHdurYao6d4>

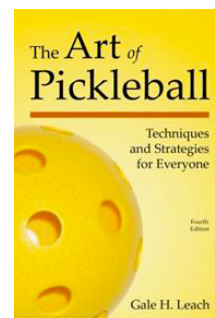
- Rules:**
1. You have 10 seconds to serve after the score has been called.
 2. The Net Post is out of bounds. If the ball hits the post, it's a dead ball.

Etiquette: Spectator comments should not be hostile, disruptive or disrespectful. DO cheer for great rallies, NOT opponents errors. DO NOT Call in or out balls unless directly asked.

Keep smiling on the court...

Playing for fun, exercise or competitiveness is your choice...

Keep enjoying the journey you choose!



Entertainment/Events Committee

Claire Coulston

Hello from the Events Desk! The Brats & Weenies Picnic and Moffitt Fundraiser had a big turnout and was a very successful event. All who came out had a most enjoyable day. Wayne Andreucci was the big 50/50 drawing winner and graciously donated his winnings back to the club. We want to thank everyone who donated and bought tickets. The Pickleball Club was able to donate \$680.00 to the Moffitt Cancer Foundation. The Fundraising Committee also was selling Club T-Shirts and reported that they sold a bunch. We want to thank everyone who brought food and helped out. The Event Committee did a great job putting this together. Thanks to Claire Coulston, Len Lewinski, Renee Bray and to everyone that worked with them to make the day a success. As always, we are looking for more volunteers to help with events; just reach out to me at any time.

2023 Tournament Committee

Val Bartosh, Carol Fleming, Mary LeGrand, Peggy McCauley, Mary Taylor, Jeff Williams, and Deb Zieg

The Tournament Committee started putting their heads together in January to plan for SCC Pickleball Club tournaments; ideas continue to flow. The Committee was charged with two tasks:

- 1) Tournaments
- 2) Ladders (Jeff Williams has volunteered to run the ladders in some format)

Kitchen Talk

- Tournaments listed here are for SCC Pickleball Club members only.
- The goal is to have tournament formats appealing to all members. The tournaments will be planned in detail during future Tournament Committee meetings. Please let a committee member know if you wish to volunteer to help manage any of the tournaments. Volunteers will also be sought as we get closer to tournament dates. Our goal is to achieve active member participation.
- Proposed dates are all weekends. Sundays may not be needed for some events. Rain dates are the following weekend.
- A discussion occurred about community donations for each tournament. Participants and members could possibly bring donations to each tournament for charities such as food pantries, animal shelters, American Cancer Society, etc. Ideas only; we welcome suggestions.

Claire Coulston has volunteered to procure snacks and drinks for select identified tournaments.

Mark your calendar for the following dates proposed to the Board; rain dates will be the weekend that follows the dates below. Dates are, of course, dependent on court completion. Committee recommends:

May 6th & 7th

“May the Force be with you.” All inclusive, possible blind draw for partners, music, and cook-out.

June 10th & 11th

“Fun in the Sun”: Competition by levels/ratings

August 12th

“Pickleball with the Stars”: Bring on your Hollywood persona, possibly under the lights

Oct. 7th & 8th

“Dink for Pink”: Dinking tournament fundraiser for yet to be named cancer organization, pink paddle raffle

Oct. 28th

“Monster Mash”: Best costume prizes, monster music, hopefully under the lights

Dec. 9th and 10th

“Naughty or Nice Christmas Tournament”: Competition by levels/rating.

Thanks to those who already expressed interest in assisting with tournaments and ladders: Claire Coulston, Pat Huisinga (ladders), Donna and Pete Cabral, and Gary Taylor. We apologize if we missed anyone. We will actively seek volunteers after dates are finalized and Board approved.

Sunshine Coordinator

Charlene Peterson

Hello everyone, let me introduce myself, my name is Charlene Peterson.

I will be taking care of the Sunshine Committee which is here to show support for all our club members and for their loved ones who might be ill or have unfortunately passed. It can also be for someone who might just need a little cheering up. I will make sure they know we are all thinking of them in their time of need for whatever reason. My contact information is iodine1982@gmail.com or 443-690-7907.

Apollo Beach

Dave Smith

Due to lack of participation, the CA is no longer paying for our use of Apollo Beach pickleball courts.

Rumor Mill

Steve Tortorella



Pulitzer Prize Committee has nominated the SCC Pickleball Club Newsletter for the coverage and investigative reporting of the pickleball court construction.

Fox News Alert

Fox news has obtained info on a communication intercept between Russian air command and an unidentified object floating toward the US. It appears that two night shift maintenance men, from Siberia, got drunk during their lunch break and wanted to see the inside of the balloon on a launch pad. "Who are you and what are you doing in the balloon?" This is Igor and my co-worker is my brother Ivan. We call him "Ivan the Terrible"

because he always gets us in trouble. After our daily vodka allotment, Ivan went over to the balloon capsule and got into it. I went over to help Ivan out, but he had another bottle of vodka that he had borrowed and would not let go. I fell in and the hatch closed. Our supervisor was having a party (at 3 a.m.) and would be there in the morning. Ivan and I continued to get drunk on the two bottles of vodka. We could not see or walk straight, but we were having fun looking at all the crazy lights flashing before us. I started to touch the lights. It was like the game Wheel of Fortune. I felt a funny sensation that I was floating.

Ivan was looking at a computer screen with a "Waze" display. He was having fun programming "where to Disneyworld FL". MacDill Air Force Base was on alert. Two F14s were sent to intercept. They directed the balloon "pilots" to change course and find a place south of the Air Base to land.

There was a clearing in SCC with a new black top, so down the balloon landed. The Sheriff, FBI, even the CA Board were present to greet our new visitors. Several black GMC Chevy Tahoes arrived also. About 12 large men in black suits and sunglasses seemed to take control of the area.

As the story goes, the pickleball contractor was a front for the CIA to get their hands on a Russian spy balloon. That is why there was a long delay to get the court constructed. The wind direction needed to be correct. The 2 maintenance men were sleeper agents for the US. For our inconvenience, they will be offering balloon rides for \$10 with the proceeds split between the SCC Pickleball Club and the CA.

So now you know the rest of the story.

A new Jeopardy question:

What special place did the Russian weather balloon land?

Answer: SCC pickleball court.

Pictures taken at our Brats and Weenies Event

We would like to thank Lorraine and Haig Yaghoobian for these pictures.



SCC Pickleball T-Shirts For Sale!



Hungry Pickleballers!



Our Infamous SCC Pickleball Communications Committee



Good Food,
Good Company

50/50 DRAWING



BIG WINNER \$\$



Ready, Set, Cornhole!



May the Pickle be with you.

Signing Off

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Club members may send your news, pictures, or questions to:

Pickleballnewsletter23@gmail.com

Information can be submitted but may not be used because of space and deadline, which is the 15th for the end of month publication. All information is reviewed prior to publication by the Communications Committee.

