

SCPB NEWSLETTER

Club Members Step Out | Up Your Game!

Events

FEBRUARY

2/14 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
5:00 pm 6:30 pm POTLUCK

2/22 MIXER 9:30 am

2/27 GENERAL MEETING 3-6pm

MARCH

3/14 "PICKLEBALL ROCKS"
DINNER/DANCE

3/28 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
5pm- 6:30 pm POTUCK

Elections

This year, the position for PRESIDENT and SECRETARY are coming to the end of their two-year term. If you are interested in obtaining more information or applying for one of these positions, please contact Steve or Robin Daw at daw.robin@yahoo.com

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR NAME IS FEBRUARY 19th.

Volunteers Needed

Enthusiastic beginners need a teacher. Contact Margo Perry at 734-223-2416 to volunteer on Mondays 11:00 - 12:00.

Fun Challenge Event

Club members took on the challenge with their partners to compete in the Club's first Challenge Event. Attempting to score points in six different event against time and targets, it was not easy, but a lot of fun! Becky Cranford, Coordinator stated, "New to Sun City pickleball was the skills challenge which I had wanted to introduce to the club for years. So happy that despite the learning curve on putting it together; it was a fun morning."



Pickleball Skills Challenge Medalists

Medal winner Tracey Hobday remarked, "It was a Triple F: Friends, Fun and Food." Be sure to join in the fun next time.

SKILLS CHALLENGE
CRISS-CROSS

ATTEMPTS: 5
TIMED EVENT
COMPLETE IN 20-30 SECONDS=10 POINTS
COMPLETE IN 31-40 SECONDS=5 POINTS
COMPLETE IN 41-60 SECONDS=10 POINTS

TEAM MUST HIT 20 SUCCESSFUL CROSS COURT DINKS.
2 PLAYERS MUST HIT 20 CRIBS CROSS DINKS OVER THE NET BUT UNDER THE NET.
IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE YOU MAY RESTRIK WHERE YOU LEFT OFF.

POSSIBLE POINTS FOR TEAM: 40

SKILLS CHALLENGE
SERVE/RETURN

ATTEMPTS: 5
SERVE ATTEMPT: 5 FOR 10 POINTS
3 DINKS: 2 FOR 5 POINTS
SERVE TO YOUR PARTNER WITH BALL LANDING WITHIN 3ft OF BACK OF COURT.
3 POINTS FOR RETURNER.
PARTNER RETURNS THE SERVE WITH BALL LANDING WITHIN 3ft OF BACK OF COURT.

1 POINT FOR SERVE!
IF YOUR SERVE LANDS IN CORRECT SERVICE BOX BUT SHORT OF THE 3ft LINE
1 POINTS FOR RETURNER!
PARTNER RETURNS THE SERVE ANYWHERE IN THE COURT BUT SHORT OF THE 3ft LINE

POSSIBLE POINTS FOR TEAM: 40

SKILLS CHALLENGE
PIN POINT SERVE

ATTEMPTS: 5 FOR 10 POINTS
SCORE: 3 POINTS
IF SERVE IS WITHIN 3ft OF BACK OF COURT
SCORE: 1 POINT
IF YOUR SERVE LANDS IN CORRECT SERVICE BOX BUT SHORT OF THE 3ft LINE
SCORE: 10 POINT BONUS
1 EXTRA ATTEMPT FOR EACH POINT
PLACE YOUR SERVE IN ANY OF THE 3 TARGETS IN THE BACK SERVICE ZONE.

POSSIBLE POINTS FOR TEAM: 40

SKILLS CHALLENGE
SHOT DROP

ATTEMPTS: 5 FOR EACH PLAYER
SCORE: 2 POINTS
HIT A DROP SHOT INTO THE KITCHEN.
SCORE: 1 POINT
ANY SHOT OVER THE NET BUT NOT IN THE KITCHEN.
SCORE: 10 POINT BONUS
IF YOU PLACE YOUR DROP SHOT WITHIN THE 3FT TARGET ZONE.
1 EXTRA ATTEMPT FOR EACH POINT
IF YOU PLACE YOUR DROP SHOT WITHIN THE 3FT TARGET ZONE.

*PLAYERS MUST BE ABLE TO RECOVER THE BALL FROM THE GROUND, HIT THE BALL AND THEN BEGIN AGAIN WHERE THEY LEFT OFF.

POSSIBLE POINTS FOR TEAM: 40

SKILLS CHALLENGE
BING-BANG VOLLEY

ATTEMPTS: 5 FOR EACH PLAYER
TIMED EVENT
COMPLETE IN 30-40 SECONDS=10 POINTS
COMPLETE IN 41-60 SECONDS=20 POINTS
COMPLETE IN 61-90 SECONDS=10 POINTS

YOUR TEAM MUST HIT 50 CONTINUOUS VOLLEYS WITHOUT THE BALL DROPPING INTO THE KITCHEN AND WITHOUT STEPPING INTO THE KITCHEN.
WHENEVER A VOLLEY IS MISSED, HIT THE GROUND, OR GOES INTO THE NET, BOTH PLAYERS MUST DROP THEIR SHOULDER TO THE GROUND, HIT THE BALL AND THEN BEGIN AGAIN WHERE THEY LEFT OFF.

POSSIBLE POINTS FOR TEAM: 40

CLUB MEMBERS CHALLENGE COACHELLA VALLEY CLUBS!

In January, our SCPB Pickleball Members formed three teams to compete in the East and West Coachella Valley Pickleball League, coordinated by Ramona Schraeder. The teams have been very successful and are truly enjoying playing at other resorts across the valley. Feedback from other clubs describe us as having good sportsmanship and a friendly spirit. We are proud that our courts/players are second to none!

THE "NOT SORRY" 3.5-4.0 TEAM

Kristy Smith, Captain. Brandon and Kristen Hooper, Roger Nachman, Mike Berk, Robert Heckert, Mike and Kathy Burke, Donna Gioia, Pam Askins, Steve Daw, Don Accuradi, Jerry Hays, Deb Reardon, Pete Krasny, and Ramona Schraeder.



THE LITE DINKERS 3.0 - 3.49 TEAM

Diane Wadsworth and Cindi Mainprize, Captains. Barna Gropman, Ben Vanegas, Brian Place, Cecile and Lachlan Kirk, Chris Kammerer, Don Rose, Helen Maricza, Jackie Clewett, Jim and Nancy Wilbanks, Larry Iverson, Lisa Lincoln, Nancy Radar, Rob Duncanson, Sandy Pearson, Tom Bradley, Shari Kamburoff, and Walter Danalevich, and, Steve Miller.



THE DINK AND DASH 3.0 - 3.49 TEAM

Todd Rainey and Jeff Schraeder, Captains. Amy Kimura, Scott Mattes, Shirley Zailo, Greg Parsons, Laurie Craig, Robert Rodman, Jean Mylen, Ezra Sasson, Elizabeth Reyes, Sue Anderson, Rick Klein, Joel Korelitz, Judy Robinson, Beth Hodges, Donna Wolfe, Stan Weliever, Chuck Wright, Elisa and Steve Crosetti, Marian and Steve Zalewski, Drew Johnson, and Susan Grace Macaulay.

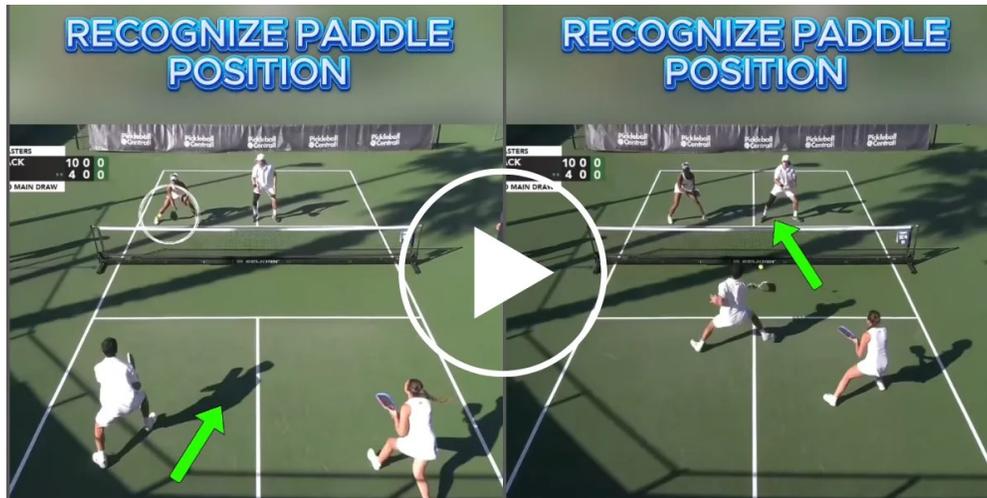


DESERT LEAGUE DRAWS SCPB PLAYERS

Our very own competed across the desert Captained by Cindi Mainprize and Dianna Ahumada: Shari Kamburoff, Lori Greenman, Shirley Parsons, Joanie Morano, Laura Landy, Barna Gropman, Nancy Radar, Jean Mylen, Helen Maricza, Susan Tate, Diane Wadsworth, Kathy Fitzpatrick, and Paula Russell. Beside winning several matches, this team became awesome friends. Nice job, Paradise Pickleball Team!



Recognizing Paddle Position



There are a ton of visual cues that higher-level players use to make decisions. An experienced player knows what to look for from their opponent's outfit choice, court positioning, and swing path.

One visual cue you need to start paying attention to immediately is paddle position.

Pro player Ryan Fu breaks down exactly what he sees in [this mixed doubles point](#) to give him the upper hand.

Fu hits a drop for his team and looks to land the ball in the kitchen. While the ball is in the air he evaluates his opponent's paddle position to determine her next move.

- He sees her **paddle drop low** to play the ball out of the kitchen
- This tells Fu that she won't be attacking and gives him free rein to crash forward
- The advanced court position allows him to poach the next ball and get on the offensive

Fu counters the ball to her left shoulder setting up a putaway on the next shot. The key to flipping the point comes with his ability to **recognize the advantage early**. Instead of returning the point to neutral, he can turn the tables in his favor and finish the point.

When you're hitting your next drop or reset, **don't wait until the ball bounces** to move forward. Look at your opponent's paddle position to determine the height where they will contact the ball, if it's low, move in, if it's net level or higher, retreat.

The End of Rally Scoring?

There have been multiple evolutions in the MLP scoring format.

- In 2025 the league will move away from rally scoring and use side-out scoring games to 11 for regulation games.
- Dreambreakers will still be played to 21, and remain rally scoring, win on your serve, and win by two.