

MID-SOUTH REGION NEWSLETTER
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I want to welcome Gayle Baker (San Antonio, TX) as a recently appointed ambassador for the Mid-South. She has been playing about seven years and has assisted fellow S.A. ambassador Ed Beyster at both introduction clinics and demos. One of the introductions was at a local high school while the demo was for S. A. high school teachers.

Stephen Morris (Fort Worth, TX) has also been recently appointed. He has been playing about 2 ½ years. He lives in Ruidoso, NM during the summers and has competed and qualified for the NSGA national tournament for 2015. He has worked demos in Ruidoso, Alto, NM, and Ft Worth. His goal is to help Ft Worth PB grow, not to mention the Country Club where he plays. He has started regular play times at his CC, worked two demo days, and had their first round robin mixer this month.

I am glad that both Gayle and Stephen have joined our ambassador family and look forward to seeing their impact on the Mid-South.

Gary & Peggy Stevens (Richmond, TX) are gloating (my term) as Daniel Moore (CO) visited their Del Webb Sweetgrass community in October to conduct a demo and followed that up by winning gold at the recently completed USAPA Nationals (Open Division) less than a month later.

Kay Seamayer (Dallas, TX) notes that with the help of fellow local ambassador Rose Ware, Dennis Watley, and others, there will be a tournament (the first) at the Lancaster Rec Ctr on March 13-15. All events except singles.

Kay also mentions that Desoto will begin their PB program early January.

Vicky Noakes (OK City, OK) says the registration is now open for the Sooner State Games (Jan 31-Feb 1). Age divisions go from 19 and up.

This sanctioned tournament can qualify you to play in the 2015 State Games of America if you finish in the top three of your age group.

Joe Dailey (Heber Springs, AR) now has a group of eighteen PB players on his mailing list with about a dozen who show up and play regularly. Due to the winter weather they have now moved into their new community center, which gives them two indoor courts WITH TWO MORE promised in the near future. They also now have regular PB play times (10am MWF). As for their outdoor courts, they have been playing on two tennis courts but have been promised THREE DEDICATED PB courts in place of some 'older' tennis courts. Great work, Joe.

The five players below represented the Mid-South at the FL State games earlier this month and each brought back two medals. From the right... Alice Tym, Bart Brannon, Winnie Montgomery, Ann Redman & me.



OK... Beginning Friday, January 2nd, we should begin updating all Places to Play, in the Mid-South region, on the USAPA website. The goal is to have this job completed by Feb 1st. Many sites, if nothing has changed (times/days to play, cost, etc) you merely need to hit 'update', and that days date along with who did the updating will appear automatically. A couple sites MAY need to be deleted and you will need to give a reason, such as 'no longer has pb', or whatever. If you are aware of a venue that needs to be added, you can enter that. I am sure many of you, when

traveling, plan your trip to be able to play PB along the way. Think how you would feel when arriving at a venue only to find that the info on the website was incorrect (wrong days or times to play). Although we would like to be completely up to date year round, this is our big push to be as current as possible. I am also asking that you consider updating sites (if needed) that may not be in your immediate area, but are in your state. I thank you in advance for your effort in helping completing this project in a timely fashion.

The USAPA Mid-South Regional (last four days of May...the first of those four days is open practice/dinner social) is now listed on the USAPA website. A flier and registration info will be added soon.

Stay safe during this holiday season as we look forward to a great 2015 pickleball year.

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