



SOUTH CHESHIRE PICKLEBALL CLUB –NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the latest newsletter!

A couple of areas to mention from me before moving on to the Officer's content

If a session on SPOND is full, please do not be put off booking. Add yourself to the wait list as there have been many occasions recently when vacancies have arisen – you will then have first refusal! Don't be put off either if the numbers are even – please book on!

I have several small posters available publicising the Club. Whilst I believe most public areas of Nantwich have been covered, if you have access to a noticeboard, club or other place where you think our poster would attract attention, please let me know.

Committee Update

The date and venue for the Club's AGM has been set - details below. Further information will be sent out to members in early January.

Treasurers Update

Membership renewals for SCPC were due on 1st September and the committee were pleased to offer a small discount to (then) current club members who paid their renewal before September play slots were released. Thank you to those of you who took up the offer and paid promptly. Pleasingly most members did, and this made it easier for the subsequent release of play slots. For new members, the membership fee is £30 running until Aug 2026.

The committee will be reviewing court usage at the next committee meeting. Unfortunately, whilst the club is paying for courts, in some sessions courts are not being used and this is not viable long term. It is recognised that there will be absences for holidays, other commitments or injury and this will be considered in deciding whether to amend our contracted bookings with Legends.

As a club, in accordance with our constitution, club funds may be used for the furtherance of pickleball for SCPC. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions that they think may be worth considering that would be good use of club funds, please do mention it to anyone on the committee.

A summary of the club's financial position will be available at the AGM when the budget for 2026 will also be presented.

Linda

Membership update

We now have 51 members! Welcome to Lynne and John Hewitt who are our most recent members.

We are currently organising an in-house tournament, due to take place in February, and once we have a firm date, we'll let everyone know.

Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions for the club. You can contact me via SPOND, or via my email address and I will share with the rest of the committee.
Jeanette.

Coaching update

We have now held five coaching sessions at the club, all provided by Pickleball People (Harold Routledge and Mike Muir), and we have two more planned to take place before the end of the year on Tuesday 25th November and Friday 19th December.

I think coaching improvement is a key activity for our club, and I've been really pleased with the response we've had to it.

As a precursor to having an in-house coach at the club, I am attending a Pickleball Leader's Certification course in November. This is provided by Pickleball England and is a requirement before undertaking the Level 1 Coaching Course.

For those that like watching YouTube videos on improving your game, I can recommend the following one:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=u0JsZbbE3Jc>

Andy

Cobras/ Vipers Update

With 2 of the 3 matchdays completed in the Invitational League 3, the Cobras sit 5th in Division 2, having drawn 4 of their 5 matches. The Vipers seem to be on the draw trail too, with 2 draws, 2 wins and a defeat in Division 3 placing them 4th, with an outside chance of a top 2 finish. The final matches at Chesterton will be on Sunday 23 November.

If you are interested in some Fun and Competitive Team play, representing the Club, please contact Malcolm for further details.

DUPR Update

We are slowly building up ratings for our club members at our sessions. Numbers have dropped off recently and with the onset of the "Busy Season", I propose to relaunch DUPR in January. If any club member needs further information on DUPR, please contact Malcolm.

Social Media Update

Our channels are:

WEBSITE: southcheshirepickleballclub.co.uk

EMAIL: southcheshirepickleballclub@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: South Cheshire Pickleball Club

INSTAGRAM: south_cheshirepickleballclub

Give us a follow or a like!!

Christmas Party 2025

What a fantastic response I have had for this year's Christmas Party, which is being held at The Cheshire Cat for the second time around.

We have 36 club members attending and I have been into The Cheshire Cat to pay everyone's deposits.

For those of you who haven't paid up in full, I will message you individually to let you know when I will need the balance of monies outstanding to be sent to me, via my MONZO account.

Thank you everyone for all your responses and your menu choices, which as I did last year, I will make sure that we have copies of everyone's menu choices on our tables.

The tables are booked for 7.00pm but I would suggest that we arrive around 6ish so we can have a drink before we sit down for the meals. Regarding drinks, it will be up to individuals to pay for their own drinks and bottles of wine, as this seemed to work well last year.

Also, it might be a good ideal to bring some cash with you to put towards a gratuity for the staff at the end of the evening, which I will be happy to collect from those of you happy to contribute at the end of the night. If there are any suggestions around the arrangements, please do let me know, always a little tricky?

Anyway, I look forward to seeing you all on the night, which I'm sure is going to be an enjoyable and fun filled evening!

Tracey

Did you know....?

Malcolm Edge has appeared on TV.... In the late 1980s, our chairman "less than starred" on the quiz show 15 to 1 with William G Stewart. Two questions were successfully negotiated before a couple of broadsiders took him down just before the final 3.

David Royle collects (and drinks!) limited edition malt whisky.

Andy Lawson saved a fellow mountaineer's life when his ice axe broke on Snowdon.

I'll be tracking down 3 Ladies for 3 more "did you knows" before the next newsletter...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 23 November – Invitational League 3 Matchday 3

Tues 25 November - Coaching Session

Fri 12 December – SCPC Christmas Party at The Cheshire Cat

Fri 19 December – Coaching Session

Sat 10 January – Invitational League 4 Matchday 1

Sat 24 January - Noon-2pm -Friendly v Holmes Chapel at Legends

Thurs 29 January – Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Legends 7pm

Sun 1 February – Invitational League 4 Matchday 2

Sat 21 February Noon -2pm – Club Doubles Competition

Enjoy your pickleball!!

Malcolm

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