

MID-SOUTH REGION NEWSLETTER

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Shannon Jones (Huffman, TX) has recently been added to our growing list of ambassadors to the Mid-South Region. Although she is a true beginner, she hosted the PB group from Brenham, TX to come and demo and instruct the interested people in Huffman. Shannon wants to eventually have friendly competition with nearby towns/cities. Being the Athletic Secretary for the local school district, she is in a position to utilize facilities to host PB events for the community.

Vicki Bruce (Brenham, TX) has been approved by the USAPA for a community grant. Here is how: This grant will provide equipment for Boys & Girls Club of Washington County so the over 250+ youth who attend the Club on a daily basis have the opportunity to learn the

game. The funding would help facilitate a unique partnership between the local Pickleball Club, City of Brenham, and Boys & Girls Club. It affords disadvantaged youth the opportunity to learn a sport they would otherwise not have access to learn which is in direct correlation with one of the key principles around which the club centers its programming, Healthy Lifestyles. Teaching youth this particular game has the potential to help them grow and develop in many ways and is a sport they could very well end up playing for the rest of their lives. (Congratulations, Vicki).

(A brief note about USAPA grants. A certain amount is allocated each quarter of the year. There is a great chance to obtain the grant if it is to be used for any venue that currently does not have PB or maybe is just beginning PB. See GRANTS on the USAPA website for details.)

Speaking/writing of Brenham, Baton Rouge, LA ambassadors Cindy & Tex Morris were invited to Brenham to conduct a clinic. The event dealt with communication with partner, court position, and shot selection (set up your partner), and was enjoyed by all 30 participants.

Pat Heurtin (St Francisville, LA) and many members of their club recently celebrated the 3rd anniversary of the West Feliciana Pickleball Club with a party. The players have decided to call themselves 'Pat's Brats' for all she has done in the three short years. The Brats even have shirts. (photos below & next page)

Susan Henderson (Mesquite, TX) shares the link below to help promote an upcoming event. This will definitely get your PB juices flowing.

https://1drv.ms/v/s!ApC1n00lYRiehNJ8k_icspY11i6Wng

Give the video time to come up, then click the arrow at the bottom.

Winnie Montgomery (Hot Springs, AR) notes that she shared the video link about the health advantages of PB to not only PB players but to many non-players. (Maybe some of those will become active players, Winnie. Good idea).

Bob and Irene Romagosa (Denton, TX) conducted a ref/scoresheet clinic recently in Beaumont, TX. This was in preparation of the first annual Pickleball Championship of Beaumont, on September 28th. (photo next page)

REMINDER... Please send your tournament, clinic, info, etc., to Tim Dean (Mid-South webmaster) so it will be listed on our Mid-South website. (midsouthusapa.com). There is also now a link to the website from the USAPA website, under 'Places to Play', 4th line down.

And don't forget about the Mid-South ambassador Facebook page. This is for Mid-South ambassadors only. Contact Barb Patterson at (barbpatter1@gmail.com).

Well, I have been telling everyone that I can't wait for August to get here. Now, I can't wait for October to get here. 😊

STAY HYDRATED.

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