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INDOOR & OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL

Hamilton and Locust will remain open with nets up all winter long, but when snow-covered, the courts will be locked. Falcon is open to us Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to 12:30. Birchwood has pickleball Monday through Thursday from 11:30 to mid-afternoon (ending hours vary). You can check the Palatine Picklers Facebook page or Team Reach where Jay Cozza posts all times, including those at Harper College.

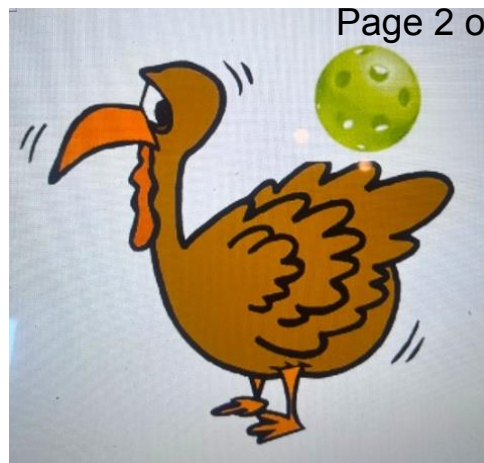
OUR FIT HEALTH WORKERS ENJOYED THEIR TOURNAMENT



Stephanie 2nd, Karyn 1st, Jane 3rd

Paul, Scott, Sue, Gina, Jacquie, Barb, Diane, Mary

Of course, most of us enjoyed lunch afterward a mile away at the Kelsey Road House.



2nd MONTH IN A ROW WITHOUT A PICKLER PROFILE

Some of you suffer from the illusion that you aren't interesting enough to be profiled. Wrong.

Please ask for my Profile Prompter. From your responses I write your Profile

I've written 56 profiles of Palatine Picklers. Every one was well-received. Why? Because every one of us is interesting in our own right. So please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com and ask me to send you my one-page of questions. You will also want to look around for some photos of you doing anything other than pickleball.

HOW 'BOUT JOINING THESE PROFILED PICKLERS?

Occasionally, I'm asked if I have profiled Soandso and, if so, when. It seems a good idea to answer this question for one and all. I've been writing these "up close and personal" introductions to Palatine Picklers not on the court for almost four years. I'd love for you to email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com and request my "Profile Prompter" that all these Pickers completed. Easy peasy.

Dec 2020 – Bear Shatwell Dec 2020 – Clay Farnsworth Dec 2020 – Jeff Degner
 Dec 2020 – Jenny Buesing Dec 2020 – Neal Harris Jan 2021 – Gary Thompson
 Jan 2021 – Jaime Sandoval Jan 2021 – Lynne Weisbart Jan 2021 – Marv Zwass
 Feb 2021 – Anne Stein Feb 2021 – Bob Goldstein Feb 2021 – Bob Mcowan
 Feb 2021 – Gillian Steele Mar 2021 – Marsha Miller Mar 2021 – Robin Dubin
 Apr 2021 – Connie Kus Apr 2021 – Jim Musgrave Apr 2021 – Larry Shoemake
 Apr 2021 – Melody Woodsum Apr 2021 – Terri Merrill May 2021 – Ari Cohen
 May 2021 – Howard Rosenberg May 2021 – Janet Parry June 2021 – Kristine Oliva
 June 2021 – Tom McNulty July 2021 – Don Bextel July 2021 – Mary Knight
 Aug 2021 – Bill Parry Sep 2021 – Pat Taylor Oct 2021 – Gene Grohowski
 Nov 2021 – Patrick O'Connell Dec 2021 – Tracy Weslager Jan 2022 – Julie Ganzer
 Feb 2022 – Nicole Verlotta Mar 2022 – Karen Koziol Apr 2022 – Pat Morgan
 May 2022 – Pam Sammons Jun 2022 – Bill Buesing Jul 2022 – Ryan Dreier
 Aug 2022 – Nancy Smearman Aug 2022 – Marcia & Jesse Cohen

Sep 2022 – Chris Burbidge Oct 2022 – Jim Simmons Nov 2022 – Hayden Harris Page 3 of 24
Feb 2023 – John Evans Mar 2023 – Bill Myers Apr 2024 – Ann Buras
May 2023 – Kurt Conrath Jun 2023 – Scott Brown Jan 2024 – Fred Phillips
Jan 2024 – Tracey Grady Apr 2024 – Scott Pfeifer May 2024 – Natalie Silverman
July 2024 – Dave Shhoemaker Sep 2024 – Jim Sulzer

If you are curious about any of these Picklers, just go to PalatinePickleres.com and find the appropriate newsletter in the library.

Again, to be clear, you give me a bunch of information, in whatever order. I put the pieces together the way I think makes sense and write your mini autobiography. Your Pickler peers DO want to get to know the real (non-pickleball) you.

LET'S LOOK BEYOND THANKSGIVING TO THE HOLIAYS

We're looking forward to our first holiday party in a few years. It's December 19th in the Schwaben Athletic Park, 301 N Weiland Rd, Buffalo Grove. Clay Farnsworth has created this affordable event. We'll be piggybacking on their own holiday luncheon. for just \$20 apiece. Though it will be a predominantly German day, they'll add "American" food and give Clay time to play Dejay and sing a bit for our Picklers group. There is also a very reasonably priced open bar. For now email Clay that you'd like to attend. He'll give Schwabnen our approximate number so they can plan on our exclusive section. Then Clay will tell you who at Schwaben to contact for reservations and pay. Non-member spouses, etc. are welcome.



Chris and Ann are already getting in the mood. German attire is optional.



This year's will be Thursday, December 12th at 9:00 in Canlan. Judging will precede play. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com to make your reservation. Of course, lunch for all whose schedule allows will be in a VERY holiday environment in the Kelsey Road House a mile away.



YEAR'S BEST MENTORING PROGRAM STARTS THIS MONTH

Hundreds of Palatine Picklers have enjoyed our Wednesday Sycamore sessions by invitation. Students stay with three others during which they spend half an hour with each of three Mentors. Thursday afternoon and/or our Saturday afternoon walk-on sessions a Hamilton are more unpredictable. We never know how many students will show up.

Our indoor sessions at Canlan on Tuesday mornings (11/19, 12/3, & 12/17 this year) will run from 9:00 to Noon. Students will share a court with three other of similar ability all morning and will be mentored by each of six Mentors. You'd be really hard-pressed to find pickleball training that gives you more bang for your buck. After all it's free. You will have to pay Canlan's \$10 daily fee, but that's all. And when the three hours is over, we drive a mile to share a fun lunch. So if you could benefit from a little learning or a lot of review, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with the dates you expect to be available. HOWEVER, if your schedule changes, please email me by noon Saturday before your session to take you off that ETBA (Expect To Be Available) list. Failure to do so is risky. If you're selected and either don't reply to your invitation or turn it down, you earn a strike. Two strikes gets you banned from mentoring for six months. None of us want that. So I suggest putting "maybe mentoring" on your calendar each date you give me. Then you'll be reminded to email me, if you end up putting something else on that morning.

In 2024 we've mentored 101 students on Wednesday and an estimated 50-60 at Hamilton.

You got the three 2024 dates above. Here's the rest of the indoor season: 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, & 4/22 All sessions are 9:00 to Noon in Canlan. Email me your dates.

LEAST YOUNG LADIES TOURNAMENT



. Down: Karyn & Stephanie Standing: Jean, Evelyn, Barb, Janice, Sue, Pam, Judy, Jacquie, Carole, & Karen.

Stephanie 2nd, Karyn 1st, Jean 3rd



LEAST YOUNG MEN'S TOURNAMENT



Terry, Bob, Dave, Tommy, Don, Bear, Pat, Ray, Gerd, John, Jeff, & Tom



Dave 2nd, Pat 1st, Ray 3rd

As usual about half of these ladies and men enjoyed lunch once play ended.

JOIN OUR INTRAMURAL FUN

So far in 2024, 87 Palatine Picklers (49 ladies and 38 men) have enjoyed Tuesday morning, intermediate level play in our intramural matches at Canlan. I'd be happy to roster you at least once, to see you it goes. This is NOT serious tournament. We all have a lot of fun. Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with your interest AND your MMDDYY date of birth. These are our comparative "youngsters" against their "elders."

Upcoming match dates are 11/12, 11/26, 12/10, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, & 4/29. Email me the mornings you expect to be able to participate.

THANKFUL FOR EVER-GROWING PICKLER DISCOUNTS

5% OFF anything sold on PickleballCentral.com, when you use the code **CRPALATINEPB**.

10-20% OFF Paddletek paddles from Chuck at 847-877-7770 or grtfuldad@aol.com.

20% OFF anything at engagepickleball.com, with the code **20jon**.

25% OFF anything from Gammasports.com, with the code **ba_soderborg25**

\$10 OFF Vatic Pro paddles ... https://vaticpro.com?sca_ref=3606076.ir5retg8qU Use code **CHICAGO**

5% OFF anything purchased at Badminton Warehouse, when you mention Palatine Picklers

10% OFF anything purchased at Strings Attached, when you mention Palatine Picklers

\$29.99 for FF80 paddle (see Bear for demo), on Amazon. Search ALKORT. and \$40 for colorful paddle – See Bear for demo. For \$29.99, the FF80 rivals Friday for best value.

CLUB SHIRTS MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS



You see them everywhere. There's 500+ out there. Any Palatine Pickler would love another one ... or maybe a sweatshirt. Maybe a cap. On your computer (not phone), you can order these on our website, PalatinePicklers.com. I can tell you that we've grown our membership by a couple dozen, just by my wearing one of these in public. If someone asks you about your shirt, PLEASE tell them to go to PalatinePicklers.com and click HOW TO JOIN. Giving them my email address seems popular, but it delays the process.

LET'S HONOR ULTRA STEPPERS & SUPER ULTRA STEPPER

These Palatine Picklers have walked/run above and beyond the status of Worthy Walker (15,000-19,999) or Super Stepper (20,000-29,999 steps a day). Ultra Steppers have walked/run more than 30,000 steps in a day. The rare air of Super Ultra Steppers is for our Picklers who have surpassed 40,000. All of these deserve a second recognition. And now we have the new category of Marathon Ultra Stepper for a Pickler who logged more than 50,000 steps in a day.

MARATHON ULTRA STEPPER (50k in one day)



Jeff Colish ... 56,800

Finished 2024 Chicago Marathon in 4 hours 19 minutes. Congratulations, Jeff.

SUPER ULTRA STEPPERS (40k in one day)



Branson Johnson ... 42,951



Jeff Colish ... 40,912

ULTRA STREPPERS (30K in one day)



Jonny Storm ... 38,271



Sue Feinburger ... 35,997



Jeff Colish ... 34,238



Scott Beil ...32,759



Karen Neetz ... 30,837



Dan Salbego ... 30,416



Bear Shatwell ... 30,216

WANT TO WIN YOUR FIRST TOURNAMENT?

Pickler Jim Farnia discovered this video aimed at that very goal. Just don't forget to send me a photo of you with your medal and, maybe, partner. Thanks, Jim.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgMnNrJXGDk>

BUNCHES OF NEWBIES THIS MONTH



Nicole



Lolita



Kim



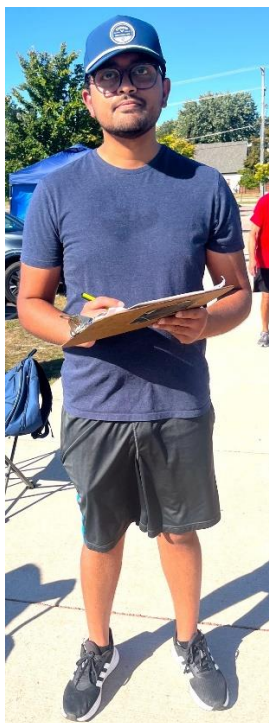
Lori



Catlali



Donna



Faraas



Kim



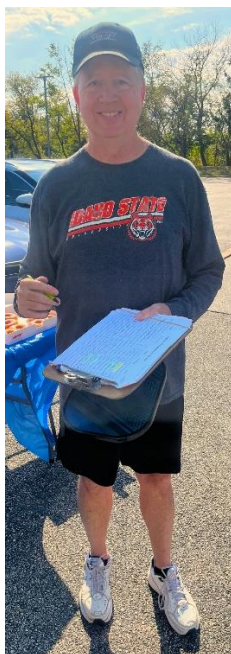
Olga



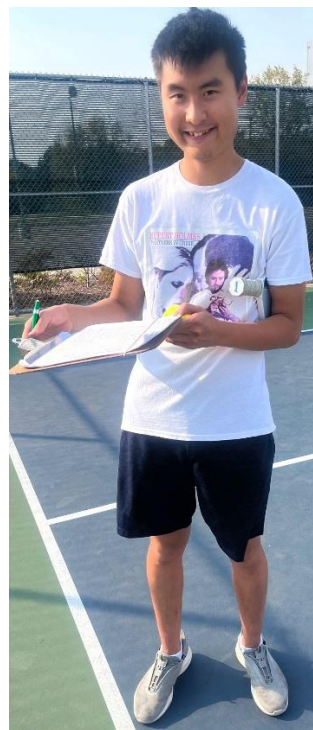
Guy



Jess



Jim



Phillip



Sean



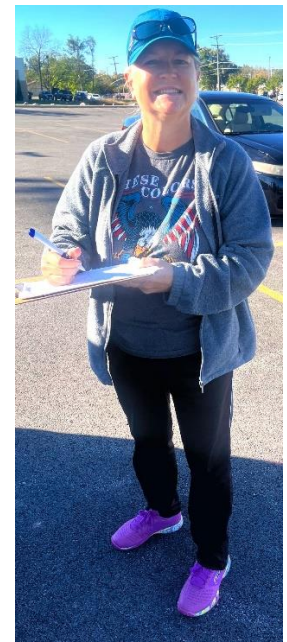
Jeff



Kim



Masumi



Renate



Polly



Russ



Steve



Spring



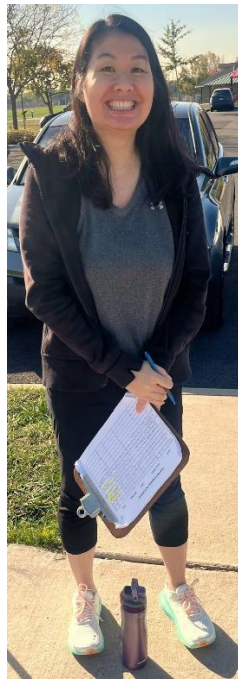
Terry



Shane



Martha



Millie



Maribeth



Lynne



Marc



Alicia



Carrie



Aki



Allie



Cathy



Bess



Dan



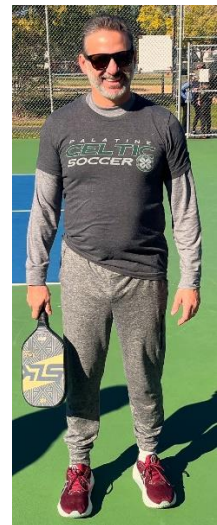
Jean



Huton



Jeff



Joe



Jeff



John



Julie



Kate



Mick



Yury



Vijay

FEW BUT SPECIAL – THIS MONTH’S MEDALSTS



Daniel Koste & Brian Szady
Lifetime Center –
4.0 Silver



Brian Locascio – Arlington Rec --
Inaugural Tournament – Silver (7--
weeks after knee surgery)

MARATHON ULTRA STEPPERS (50K+ in a day)

56,800



Jeff Colish

SUPER ULTRA STEPPERS (40K+ in a day)

42,137



Jeff Colish

ULTRA STEPPERS (30K+ in a day)

34,027



Natalie Silverman

29,617



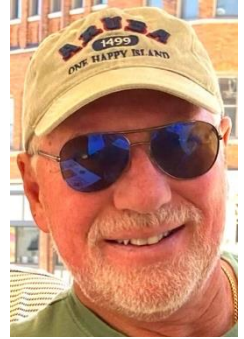
Jeff Colish

29,024



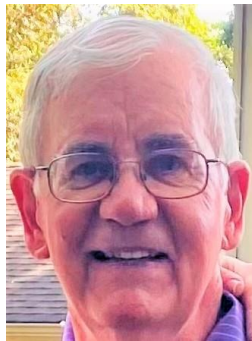
Natalie Silverman

23,387



Gary Thompson

20,830



Bob McGowan

20,458



Joanie Willmeth

WORTHY WALKERS (15K+ in a day)

19,188



Gary Thompson

17,932



Marcia Cohen

17,572



Bear Shatwell

15,570



Pat Kaminski

15,546



Annette Grabowski

Your phone may be tracking your daily steps. If you have a little, red heart icon, that's where you'll find your daily steps. If you get 15K or more, just take a screen shot and email it to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. You too can be featured in this walker-honoring section!

PERFECT TIME TO GIVE THANKS TO SPECIAL PICKLERS



Bob McGowan ... Creates stats every 2 weeks for intramuralists



Cathy Maraist ... Found 8 hours of "lost" work on this newsletter



Greg Kuhs ... Mails all our newsletters & Tweener Memos



Jonny Storm ... Does layouts & names for Picklers in action



Kathy Ford ... Schedules our Wednesday Mentorees



Linda O'Connor ... Handles all shirt orders



Mary Werling ... Edits & lays out Walkers & Newbies



Sheila Lullo ... Forwards all online Newbies to me

2004's Mentors ... Bill Buesing, Bill Parry, Brian Knight, Chris Farnsworth, Dan Salbego, Dee Dee Belovicz, Dennis Bourgoin, Frank Wasilewski, Greg Willard, Hayden Harris, Jenny Buesing, John Stepal, Karyn Picchiotti, Marcia Cohen, Marv Zwass, Mary Knight, Pam Sammons, Ron Haaker, Scott Brown, Tom Battisti

HALLOWEEN COSTUME JUDGING & TOURNAMENT



. Kevin, Dan, Karen, Bear, Evelyn, Kent, Ann, Kate, Natalie, Carole, John S, Howard, John A

Though not as large as the last couple Halloween tournaments, color and enthusiasm couldn't have been more apparent. Everyone had a great time AND everyone went to lunch, joined by a couple others too. Next month we'll have another, annual, dress-up tournament which will be just as much fun. Please email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot in the Ugly Holiday Sweater Tournament. Now let's check out the costumes in alpha order.

I have some space here so I'll explain that the "dark" photos to follow were taken in Kelsey Road House's well-decorated basement. It was that dark down there. I should add that they decorate for the holidays just as much, and I'll reserve space for us, after the Ugly Sweater Tournament so you better email me NOW to get into that one.



Ann



Bear



Carole



Dan



Evelyn



Howard



John A



John S



Karen



Kate



Kent



Kevin



Natalie



Costumes – Howard (middle) was clear-cut winner. The next four were closely bunched so we'll show them all ... Dan and Karen tied for 2nd. Bear was 4th, and John S was fifth.



Tournament: John S 2nd, Dan 1st, Kent 3rd Ladies: Ann 2nd, Kate 1st, Carole 3rd



Our Palatine Picklers will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, November 6th from 2:30 to 4:00. This is at 740 Wiley Farm Ct in Schaumburg. We've done this for years. Right now we have 16 Palatine Picklers giving their mid-afternoon to this worthy cause. Maureen Greene has reserved 20 spots for us. So, the first four of you to say you'd like to be part of our group this time will be rostered. Just email Maureen at maureentgreene@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

LET'S CHECK THIS MONTH'S PICKLERS IN ACTION



Amy



Ann



Anna



Annette



Barb



Baxi



Bear



Bill



Bill



Caroline



Chris



Christie



Cindy



Debbie



Dennis



Diane



Don



Gerd



Gina



Jeff



Jeff



Jeff



Jim



John



June



Kathy



Kim



Kim



Mark



Mark



Mary



Millie



Natalie



Nicole



Paul



Polly



Ray



Scott



Steve



Sue



Tim



Tom

HAVING HIM MENTOR FOR YEARS HAS BEEN MARVELOUS



Marv Zwass has been mentoring Palatine Picklers on Wednesday mornings from May through October for eight years. Sadly, his last session was October 30th. He hasn't lost interest. He just developed a vision problem and his doctors don't want him outside between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Four fellow Mentors and 38 Mentorees contributed to a "Thank You" fund for Marv. His instruction, his humor, and his encouragement will be missed. So on his last day of mentoring, we gave him a round of applause and a check for \$1150. Though he won't be offering tips to the 24 participants in the November 5th Mentoree Tournament, he will be assessing faults as one of the six Referees.



Thank you, Marv, for these eight years of fun,
coddling Newbies who'd just begun.

They loved your humor and wisdom too.

They're sorry your mentoring is through.

They loved your mentioning of Brad Pitt.

And smiled at high school boy friends to hit.

You taught them to come up to the line.

And told them that there all would be fine.

Hundreds of Newbies have learned from you.

Those who learned little were only few.

You encouraged them to be their best.

And challenged them to an on-court test.

They learned and they loved your coaching style.

And wish you the best for a long while.

You're the best, Mentor Marv

Thank you.



BIONIC BODIES TOURNAMENT

Our annual tournament for Picklers with metal implanted in their bodies (excluding mouth) will be Thursday, November 21st at 9:00 in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. When our playing ends, we drive a mile to share a good lunch. Email me your desire to play this year. I'm at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



**ENJOY YOUR
THANKSGIVING**



OK, Picklers ... Let's start signing up for events. We still need four for Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday 11/6. There's intramurals on 11/12. There's the Bionic Bodies Tournament on 11/21. There's indoor mentoring 11/19, 12/3, and 12/17. There's the Ugly Holiday Sweater Tournament on 12/12. And there's our holiday luncheon on 12/19.

We had fun with the Halloween Costume Tournament and lunch in an arachnid basement. Our intramural series is within one match, with the Wise Ones holding a 32-30 lead over the

Whippersnappers. We've welcomed our first Marathon Super Ultra Walker. We enjoyed our Least Young Men and Least Young Ladies Tournaments.

October was, indeed, a fun month. November and December will be great too, as long as you start emailing to get involved.

Happy Thanksgiving, Picklers.

Bear

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