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AUGUST, 2026 NEWSLETTER

TIME FOR OUR 3RD, 32-PICKLER TOURNAMENT

It's time for our 3rd, big tournament in the Mt Prospect Pickler. The first 32 of you to email me your desire to participate will play from 10:00 to Noon on Tuesday, August 25th. For those who have yet to play there, it's on the right (SW) side of Rand just before 83. Plan to get there to



pay, warm up, and get our group photo taken before 10:00. The fee for the morning (for non-members) will be \$10. You'll each be given a clipboard with a scoresheet and pencil and assigned a starting court. The two whose first names are earliest in the alphabet will be partners. You'll play for 15 minutes when my whistle will blow. 15 minutes ends your game, not any particular score. Winners move to the court with the next highest number, while losers move to the court with the next lowest number. (If there is no such court, you

stay where you are.) Before leaving your court, write YOUR score on your scoresheet and be sure to take your clipboard with you. Beside your score is a space for you to keep a running total.



When you arrive on your new court, you will get new partner – the one whose name is earlier or later in the alphabet, just as yours was for the last game. At the end of your 8th game, turn in your clipboards and pencils. I'll want a photo of the top three finishers. Then we drive again to Jameson's Char House on Dundee/68 just east of 53 for lunch, if your schedule permits.

“RED, WHITE AND BLUE” TOURNAMENT

The first fun event in July was the RED, WHITE AND BLUE Tournament in honor of the flag and our country’s 250th birthday. Twelve Picklers played eleven games to seven to determine the top dogs. We didn’t vote on who represented the event’s theme best but Carole, Colleen, Bear and Joe were all strong contenders.



Bob, Joe, Judy, Kent, Natalie, Chris, Colleen, Marcia, Mike, Clay, Bear, Carol



Judy



Bob



Colleen



Carol



Joe



Kent



Marcia



Bear



Clay



Chris



Mike



Natalie



Red, White and Blue

Mike 2nd, Bob 1st, Colleen & Kent tied for 3rd

NEW, BEGINNING, & ADVANCED BEGINNERS COME ON OUT WEDNESDAYS

You can spend one half hour being mentored by each of the day's three Mentors, while sharing your court with three Picklers of similar ability and/or experience. Sessions are at Sycamore Park (Carpenter and Clark), the first from 9:00 to 10:30, and the second from 10:30 to Noon. These are FREE. We supply the balls. I also have loaner paddles, if needed.

HOW DO YOU GET TO PARTICIPATE? Email Rune, our Mentoree Scheduler, at RuneKarsbaek@gmail.com, with the dates you Expect To Be Available. These sessions will be every Wednesday weather permitting through October 28th. Then we move indoors on Tuesday mornings for three hours with six Mentors.



Yes, in each of these pics, the Mentors are explaining things to their students, but don't get the wrong idea. Far more than half the time you WILL be hitting a ball. You can also just walk on to Hamilton Thursday and/or Saturday for 3-5 sessions, but please arrive a little early.

MEET NEWBIE PICKLER JUAN ORTIZ

Juan was born in 1983 in Humbolt Park, Chicago. He spent his youth moving all over the city's North, South, and West sides. At about age 12, Juan caught the sports bug, playing with neighbors who had a basketball hoop. The kids ignored standard length games and often played 100-point games, with occasional hydration breaks.

As a high school freshman with newfound freedoms, he fell into the "wrong" crowd. He did survive a gunshot wound in 1998, but it resulted in paralysis. That necessitated transferring to a fully wheelchair-accessible high school, as he adapted to his new, forever life. He was introduced to



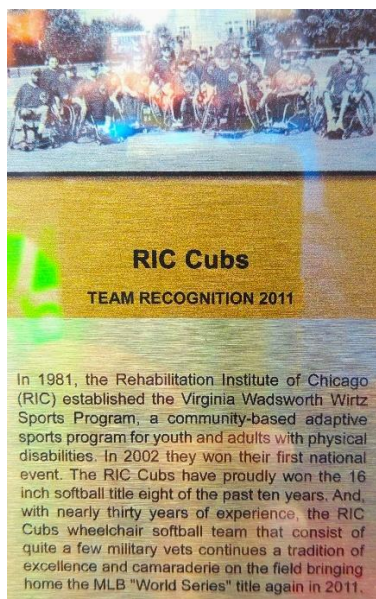
wheelchair basketball by a very persistent, long-time school buddy. He initially rejected the idea, thinking it was nonsensical. One day he saw a couple guys in wheelchairs "pitifully" tossing the ball around. Juan's buddy eventually convinced him to get out there. That opened the door for a number of "adaptive" sports for Juan. He adapted instantly and went on a tear. He went from Rookie of the Year to Most Improved Player to team MVP, in three, consecutive years. By his junior year of high school, Juan joined the local, adult men's wheelchair basketball team, in addition to his high school team. He earned Rookie of the Year there too. In his senior year he took the MVP award for both his school and his adult teams.

He waited until he was 22 to head to the University of Illinois to both attend school and play for the legendary U of I wheelchair basketball program. He played for an Olympic Gold Medal winning Coach who felt winning championships wasn't just a goal; it was a baseline expectation every year. Juan developed what he calls "next level mental toughness," through grueling 6:30 a.m. three-hour practices, afternoon weight room sessions, relentless drills, and random surprise workouts when the Coach would call the team to Memorial Stadium, just to have them push up and down the steep stadium ramps. He learned to set specific goals and put in the raw hard work to achieve at a high level. He expects to carry that mindset into every aspect of his life. Some of Juan's U of I teammates went on to become Paralympians. All keep in touch and are proud of the lives they've built.

At right is a 2005 pic of Juan in his pre-college softball era. While putting in the work in Champaign, he crossed paths with "Mo" (Maureen) as a freshman, when she was ready to graduate from Western Illinois University, with a degree in therapeutic recreation. She "had the best heart" and was actually involved in helping coach Juan's wheelchair softball team. Maybe because of her presence, Juan had his best season ever. She was the "real deal," running



practices and hitting grounders to the infielders. But timing was tricky. She was finishing college and heading back to Chicago to launch her career.



Above Juan's wheelchair softball team was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011. Next is his Forrest Park, IL softball Hall of Fame display. The third pic is of Juan in Texas Rangers Stadium in 2005, when he represented Team Latin America.

When Juan came home for college summers, he was into competitive, wheelchair softball, winning several national championships and earning All-Tournament 2nd baseman of the Year. His success led to his being inducted into the Wheelchair Softball Hall of Fame.

After a year of the dreaded long-distance relationship, Juan knew he wanted to build a life with her so walked away from a couple years of dominating in the U of I team destined to be national champions and moved back to the Chicago to be closer to her and finish school. He took classes at UIC, earned a degree from DeVry, and then, after a short break, went on to earn his Master of Business Administration (MBA). Mo is a professional Occupational Therapist working in a Palatine clinic. She is kind of a local hero for racket sports injuries. Picklers note: If you suffer from tennis elbow, knee tweaks, or ankle sprains, Mo has a good chance of getting you back on the court quickly. She's a former Division 1 athlete who played softball. She also loves golfing with friends.

They married in 2012 in Mo's hometown church in Elmhurst. Because both Juan and Mo were middle infielders, they had their reception at Harry Caray's in Lombard. They even handed out boxes of Cracker Jacks to guests.

Their first apartment was in Oak Park. Then they rented in Elmhurst for a few years, before buying in Lombard and starting their family. Their daughter Morgan is now 10. Twins Ben and McKenna are 8. They all love playing pickleball with Dad.

The kids have tried tennis, soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball. With a Wheelchair Softball Hall of Fame Dad and a D1 softball Mom, there's that hope for an athletic scholarship or three. Dad is always their primary driver and ultimate fan.



Above in Sedona this year Juan is shown with Morgan and McKenna. Then he's with Ben, Baseball Player of the Game, and finally with Mo during a back yard karaoke night.

The happy family finally found their forever home in Plum Grove Estates right here in Palatine. They love the "suburban community vibe" here ... watching the kids ride bikes to their friends' houses, taking the bus to school, and living in a neighborhood where everyone smiles and waves while on walks.



2025 All-Tournament Team, wheelchair softball nationals

Juan currently serves as Director of Information Technology for the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists (ADCES). He oversees the organizational IT infrastructure, manages technical teams that keep critical systems running, ensures their computers and cloud environments are seamless, and maintains the web presence that supports diabetes care professionals nationwide.

He also serves on the Board of the Chicago Adaptive Sports Foundation, dedicating time to ensure that individuals who find themselves in similar life-changing situations have real options and opportunities, as well as a supportive community. They offer not only high-level sports to recreation that even includes an adaptive fishing boat operating on Lake Michigan and Chicago rivers all summer.

A decade ago, Juan served on the Board (and VP of Rules Committee) of the National Wheelchair Softball Association. He spearheaded the international expansion of wheelchair softball. That included his traveling to Japan, to teach Chicago's legendary 16" softball game. That must have worked, as less than a decade later Japan came to Chicago and beat the local team. That elevated the sport globally, for which Juan felt a source of pride.

To help tell these stories, Juan produces and hosts a podcast called "Chicago Grit." It focuses on local, adaptive sports players, and dives into their various hardships and how they find the "grit" to keep pushing forward.

Juan says his greatest source of pride is giving back – showing newly injured or adaptive athletes that sports such as adaptive pickleball can unlock doors, turn heads, fuel their competitive spirit, and prove that achieving on the court translates directly into triumph in everyday life.

About two years ago, Juan chose to trade the grueling travel circuits, 8-game tournaments, and locker room camaraderie for more time with Mo and the kids.



In Mexico, 2023



2025 fishing trip with Juan's Dad



Trick or Treating

PICKLEBALL ENTERS HIS LIFE. Just when he thought his competitive playing days were behind him, adaptive sports friends had found pickleball through Special Recreation Associations up north. In November of 2025 he took a 10-week beginners clinic. He had a humorous adjustment from his home run hitting to the finesse of pickleball. Big surprise, he was hooked immediately. With his suburban peers, they travel around the suburbs, from early mornings to evening games, including at Hamilton, Buffalo Grove, and Fox Lake.



Asked what he likes about the Palatine Pickleball Club, Juan said “the sheer openness of the community. Everyone has embraced me with open arms and given me the chance to prove myself on the court.”

He wants everyone to know that he is fiercely competitive. Wheelchair picklers get two bounces and can put their front wheels into the kitchen, but that’s it. He wants your best shot. If you put one by him, it will only make him better. If you beat him today, just be ready for a more competitive Juan tomorrow.

At left are a couple of Juan’s peers playing at Hamilton.

ASIDE FROM PICKLEBALL, Juan loves relaxing with family and playing competitive (Duh!) dominoes.

Bucket List check offs. Laying on the street in Chicago in 1998 scared, bleeding, and waiting to die led Juan to REALLY appreciate every morning he wakes up. That doesn’t get old for him.

Still on his Bucket List – The June, 2027 Pickleball Nationals. His goal is to become one of the top wheelchair pickleball players in the country. Beyond that, he wants to reach a skill level that will see him competitive in ANY (not wheelchair only) tournament and be competitive. Family goals – see his kids succeed, finding whatever makes them happy, seeing them fall in love and experience all life has to offer.



Here are websites & Media to enhance your understanding of Juan’s journey:

Chicago Adaptive Sports Foundation:

<https://www.chicagoadaptivesports.com/>

Chicago Grit Podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/@ChicagoGritCAS>

Recent CBS Feature:

<https://youtube/2922qWdHypO?si=jqqPS50wZ53BweT1>

If you have questions or comments for Juan, his email address is juor3rd@gmail.com.

BORN IN ILLINOIS? SKIP THIS ARTICLE

Our second NON-NATIVE tournament will be Thursday, August 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. If you were born anywhere than in Illinois, email Fun Tournament Director Bob at BobMcGowan1946@gmail.com to join the fun. As with all our Canlan events, lunch at Kelsey Road House a mile away follows, for those available.

FRED & ANN'S "TEAM REACH" PICNIC & PB TOURNAMENT

Fred Valdez and Ann Buras, for the second time, teamed up to create a morning and mid-day pickleriffic event. Fred ran the morning pb tournament at Hamilton and grilled delicious, Chicago hot dogs, while Ann coordinated the food at Meadowlark Park (Yes, the place we hope to soon see a lot of pickleball at 14 & 68).



Hosts Fred and Ann Tournament: Rich 2nd, Dan 1st, Tom 3rd
Thanks, Fred and Ann. It was a fun day.

DEDICATED OR DEMENTED ?



It was hot, and the air was smokey, but in 11.5 years I don't recall cancelling mentoring when it wasn't raining. Mentors Bear and Steve showed up in masks. Mentorees Madeline and Joe just showed up. We did a variety of, fun things for about 90 minutes, before calling it a day.

KILDEER PICKLR HAS SUBMITTED AN OFFER FOR US TOO

I've been given a doctored brochure, to reflect the reduced fees Palatine Picklers will pay.

Pro membership is \$179/month (no discount)

Unlimited monthly is \$121 vs \$139/normal

Play (monthly – Limited) \$75 (must buy 3) vs \$89/normal

Junior monthly \$69 (no discount)

Unlimited yearly - \$1390 (no discount)

Unlimited monthly play \$144 – Free/member

Tournament Fees \$60 – Free/Member

Leagues \$40 – Free/Member

4 Guest Passes \$120 – Free/Member

4 Clinics \$160 – Free/Member

Total \$524 - \$139/Member (\$121/Palatine Picklers)

If you have questions, you can email them at kildeer.il@thepicklrfranchise.com or call them at 224-507-1570. Their address is 20393 N Rand Rd, Kildeer.

Remember from last month, the Kildeer Picklr Kildeer is offering special rates for non-members on days with extreme heat, humidity, rain, or high winds throughout the summer. To

stay updated, please download the TeamReach app and join the "Palatine Picklers" group using code PPball2023. They will post active weather alerts and rate details directly to that page whenever this offer is available.

AH SENIOR CENTER'S 6TH TOURNAMENT IS COMING

Introduced last month, Palatine Picklers have been key to the success of this, annual event.



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
8:30 AM TO 1 PM

\$45
Per Person

- 10 Outdoor courts
- Round-Robin format
- No rain date
- Players receive tournament giveaway & Snacks

For more information
847.253.5532 or seniorcenter@vah.com

Register Online
QR code or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ahsc-inc-pickleball-tournament-tickets-19884042686947aff=oddtcreator>

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PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
8:30 AM TO 1 PM

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____
BEGINNER (3.0): _____ INTERMEDIATE (3.1-3.9): _____ ADVANCED (4.0+): _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ YEAR OF BIRTH: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
METHOD OF PAYMENT: CHECK CASH OR USE QR CODE FOR ONLINE PAY
ONLINE PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION PLEASE [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/AHSC-INC-PICKLEBALL-TOURNAMENT-TICKETS-19884042686947aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ahsc-inc-pickleball-tournament-tickets-19884042686947aff=oddtcreator)
MAIL OR DROP OFF FORM TO: ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SENIOR CENTER, INC., 1801 W. CENTRAL ROAD, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60005. CALL 847-253-5532 FOR MORE INFO.

AT DRYDEN SCHOOL
PICKLEBALL COURTS

842 S Dryden
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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS Senior Center, Inc.

I will make one change to the divisions. Beginner is meant to be anything up to 3.0.

The sooner you register, the more likely you'll get in. Palatine Picklers routinely win a large percentage of the divisions. Just remember to send me your medal results and photo of the two of you with your medals. I'm at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

NEAL HARRIS WILL VISIT HAMILTON 8/24

A favorite Mentor for years will be back in town for one morning. No party this time, but he'd love to say "Hi" to friends he's missed since moving to a snowless environment.

NEVER FORGET YOUR PALATINE PICKLER SAVINGS

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 EngagePickleball - Use discount code 20Jon

Selkirk discount code is Adv-JBradford

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

15% OFF anything in Badminton Warehouse in Schaumburg, by mentioning Palatine Picklers

10% OFF anything purchased at Strings Attached IN Arlington Heights, when you mention Palatine Picklers. You can demo their paddles too.

MORE SAVINGS & BIG NEWS FROM MT PROSPECT PICKLR

Your special rates for Palatine Picklers - \$125/month (vs \$139 reg) or \$1251/yr (\$1390 reg).

They now have the latest ball machine called VOLLEY. See video:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DaLKkmCAaD9/?igsh=MXd3MXF1d2J0c2Y2Mg==>

Also, they now offer the **newest paddle/racket sport in the world, TYPTI**. Check it out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OKm2tEXgYc>

ANNUAL TEACHERS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

There are none. Our last Teachers Tournament had twelve (12) participants. This year Bob heard from exactly four (4) of us. Until turning our Fun Tournaments over to Bob McGowan, I created and ran well over 100 Fun Tournaments. I recall having to cancel one of our Tree Toppers Tournaments (guys at least 6') for insufficient interest. That's the only one. This current cancellation is both a shock and a disappointment. We certainly have no shortage of teachers, and most don't work summers. This cancellation is a mystery.

Along with all our mentoring and our open play policies, our Fun Tournaments have been a leading cause for our club's hugeness. These things naturally attract Newbies.

Our next tournament, as you've read, is August 13th. It's for ANYONE who was not born in IL. It's called the Non-Native Tournament. It was a success last year. If you're qualified, please email Bob you'll play. Again, all our Fun Tournaments are Round Robins which means you'll partner with each of your competitors for one game. No matter how bad you think you are, you CANNOT hurt anyone's chances. The best three that day will almost always finish in the top three. They really are fun for everyone. And then there's that "always" lunch nearby.

HOW MANY PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRTS DO YOU HAVE?

The average per member who has purchased is 2.6. If you come in at an embarrassing zero, it's time to join the well-dressed. They are nonsensically inexpensive. In fact I'm told that I am underwriting some of them. We'll be changing prices soon. So go NOW to PalatinePicklers.com (on computer, not phone), click SHIRTS, select your style/s, color/s, and size. Then scroll down and buy them. Shirt Manager Linda will contact you and have you send her a check made out to me. Within a few (hopefully) weeks, she'll tell you she has your shirt/s. If you want to go for John Stepal's one-order record of six shirts, I'll publish that in the next newsletter. If you go for my record of a dozen, I'll publish that in all caps next newsletter. We're approaching 1,000 shirts having been sold. That's great, but it still means there are thousands of Palatine Picklers who have yet to buy their first. Come on. Let's show our support. Besides, (can't find rolling eyes emoji) that's a pretty cool logo I drew by hand in 2015.

PICKLERS IN ACTION



Amy



Annette



Bilal



Bill



Brian



Carol



Chrissie



Deborah



Gavin



Diane



Donna



Elke



Jacquie



Janet



Janice



Jean



Jeff



Joe



John



Judy



Julia



Karen



Karen



Kim



Linda



Lori



Madeline



Mary



Mary



Mary



Michael



Nancy



Randy



Rich



Scott



Sally



Steve



Steve



Tom

WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR WALKERS ?

Let's get back to a bunch of Picklers in this section. If you have evidence of at least 15,000 steps in a day, email your proof to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

WORTHY WALKERS (15,000+ STEPS IN ONE DAY)

18,366 steps



Bear Shatwell

18,119



Bob McGowan

MEET SOME OF THIS MONTH'S NEWBIES



Aahil



Amy



Bilal



Brian



Brooke



Caden



Craig



Derek



Donna



Doug



Gail



Jean



Jimmy



John



Juan



Judy



Katherine



Leah



Mark



Michelle



Mike



Nancy



Randy



Saki



Shania



Zach

CHICAGO PB OPEN – COME WATCH THE PROS

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Sign up to compete in the best tournament play.

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GET YOUR TICKETS

Watch the best pros in the world compete.

SCAN FOR TICKETS

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The annual Vlasic Classic Chicago Open at the Danny Cuniff Park, 2700 Trail Way, Highland Park always draws a lot of Palatine Picklers. Many volunteer, many play, and many more spectate. This year it runs from August 6th through the 9th. Amateur registration fee is \$40. The tournament benefits Chicago Shriners Children's Hospital. Daily admission is \$26, \$11 for kids.

Top pros in the world will compete for \$125,000 in prize money. Select amateur divisions will be held at Club Pickle & Padel where no admission will be charged.

To see if you can still register and to buy tickets, go to <https://www.theapp.global/tour-schedule/2026-app-chicago-open-benefiting-shriners-childrens>.

DIRECT FROM THE MP PICKLR'S KEYBOARD

I've already touched on some of what follows, but this is a last minute submission by Ron Weiland, Franchisor. I'm just copying and pasting it.

Upcoming Event: Palatine Pickler Tournament at The Picklr Mount Prospect: On Tuesday, August 25 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you are a member of Mount Prospect, this event is completely free. For non-members, the cost is only \$10. Email Bear at aokbarry@yahoo.com to register. The first 32 will get into the tournament.

Exclusive Palatine Picklers Membership Discount: Covered above

Try TYPTI – The Hot New Racket Sport: Have you heard of TYPTI? It's an extremely fun new game that is spreading across the country. This is a hybrid of tennis and pickleball played right on a standard pickleball court. Instead of a paddle, you use a 22-inch strung racket with a special channeled foam ball that allows for heavy spin and bounces about 300% higher than a pickleball. There's no "kitchen" meaning you can volley from anywhere. Mount Prospect is currently offering FREE classes to learn this exciting new sport. Call our front desk at 847-716-2244 to learn more and book your lesson today!

Level Up Your Game with the Volley Machine: The Picklr Mount Prospect is thrilled to feature the latest in pickleball technology - the Volley machine. This isn't just a standard ball machine; it features interactive drills and game scenarios with over 50 pre-built programs. You get unlimited videos of your training downloaded directly to your app, plus intuitive AI that tracks your progress and identifies areas for improvement so you can level up faster. A Mount Propsect Pro membership is required which is an upgrade to our standard unlimited membership but comes with a lot of additional perks. Contact Mount Propsect for more details.

THIS MONTH'S MEDALISTS



Jean Schlinkmann & Patty Eagleton
Illinois 6-County Senior Games
Women's Doubles 65-69
Gold



Barb Kaufman & Rick Johnson
Illinois 6-County Senior Games
Mixed Doubles 65-69
Gold



Steve Loh and Patty Eagleton
Illinois 6-County Senior Games
Mixed Doubles 65-69
Silver

HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY AN AWESOME AUGUST



It's hard to believe the summer is actually more than half over. For the most part, it seems it's been great so far. Unfortunately, I've missed most of the pickleball part. I got a new knee in early February. Six weeks later, I was cleared to play, except my body had decided to pay me back for a couple months of limping. Bursitis sidelined me all summer. Now I should be able to run on the court, but my mind is still saying, "No way." If you partner with me, please yell at me to take a couple steps to get to an easy ball.

We're still in the early stages of seeing if all the volunteer help is enough to keep me around past December. I have to keep processing Newbies, along with taking and selecting pics, writing Pickler Profiles, running Picklr 32-player tournaments, promoting non-PPC tournaments, and writing editorials. If all else I have to do is send unedited medalists, unedited action shots, unedited Newbies, and unedited Walkers to other Palatine Picklers and then copy and paste what I get back, respond to emails, assign courts for mentoring, and, mentor a few times a week, I can keep doing this for a while longer. So I'll put my "semi-retirement" on hold at least a few months into 2027.

This month's closing photo was taken at the Ann-Fred Picnic. Steve loved his Bear shirt and thought it went well with my BEAR cap. I had to agree.

Please sign up for our (A) Tuesday 8/25 32-Pickler tournament, (B) Wednesday mentoring, (C) Fun Tournaments, (D) shirt purchases at PalatinePicklers.com, (E) attending the Chicago PB Open. Also, please email me that you'd like my profile prompter which will let you give me a start at creating a profile **of you**. (Most of the 67 I've written are not as large as this month's so don't be intimidated). We'd still like to know more about your life off the courts.

Thanks for making the Palatine Pickleball Club one of the most awesome and largest clubs in the country.

Bear Shatwell

PicklerPrez

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