

Palatine Pickler Page

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Welcome to Palatine Pickleball Club

It was at the suggestion of the Palatine Park District that I founded this club. The phenomenal growth of our sport got their attention. Perhaps because I have presided over one PPD affiliate and helped bring under their umbrella, it seemed I wouldn't say, "No." So I prepared a list of purposes for the club and brought it to Mon-Wed-Fri Falcon sessions for two weeks, along with a sign-up sheet. The result: We already have 71 members. I've recruited a Board of Officers I felt represented the diversity of our group and drafted bylaws for the club. (attached) This is the first newsletter. I suspect they'll be sent every 2-3 months. Thanks for joining. -Bear Shatwell

Meet Your Board

Barry ("Bear") Shatwell will serve as President for 2015. The other five Officers will be, in alphabetical order of last names, Neal Harris, Dana Joseph, Debbie Paneral, Darrell Rutter, Bob Roth, and Tim Saunders. These volunteers have been selected for their integrity, interest in the game, optimism, and familiarity with the full spectrum of our talent pool.

If you'd like to serve on future Boards, we'll ask you to make your candidacy known to the Board in December. Future Boards will be elected by our club's membership.

Fun Name

I've proposed the "Palatine Picklers" as Club nickname. The Board will select our nickname at its first meeting. If you have a suggestion or two, please e-mail me at bshatwell@hotmail.com. Also, if you would like to submit artwork for a name, we'd appreciate it. Thanks for any input.

Clearing It Up



We are NOT conflicting with either Dana or the PPD. Dana's Monday & Friday program, and PPD's Wednesday program, are working exceptionally well. At this point we aren't likely to schedule any winter, on-court events. It's our goal to give our summer play more options AND to lobby the PPD for measures which could enhance our enjoyment of their facilities. We also hope to schedule periodic social events.