

# PALATINE PICKLEBALL CLUB

March, 2015

## We are official!

Your 7-member Board has met. The nickname has been chosen. The bylaws have been revised and adopted. The Officers have their titles and responsibilities. We're out of the starting gate and anxious to turn your Palatine pickleball experience into something special. If you have questions or input for the Board, you now have a go-to person. Just read the list of Officers and, if you're still not sure, check out the attached bylaws. These are basically what you received last month, but they have evolved a bit for the better.



YOU are one of the **Palatine Picklers**. That's the nickname selected over a dozen contenders. In the next month or two, we'll have artwork and can offer you cost-saving apparel options proudly displaying your affiliation.



- **Bear Shatwell**, President
- **Darrell Rutter**, Vice President
- **Neal Harris**, Social Media Coordinator
- **Bob Roth**, Ladder League Coordinator
- **Tim Saunders**, Tournament Coordinator
- **Dana Joseph**, Member Liason
- **Debbie Paneral**, Secretary
- **Kevin Wright**, Alternate Board Member

## PALATINE PICKLEBALL CLUB HAS SURPASSED 100 MEMBERS

We're only 3 weeks old. This shows just how popular our sport is.

## Want to pickle this autumn in awesome locales ?

Members Ann Blanchard and Tina Labellaret discovered an awesome tour that combines amazing western topography with pickleball. You can visit three scenic states over seven days this November and play in each of them, with this tour sponsored by the Hoffman Estates Park District. Check it out at

[file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/2015\\_Pickleball\\_canyonCountry-HEPD.pdf](file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/2015_Pickleball_canyonCountry-HEPD.pdf).

If you do go, we'll want to summarize your experience in the December newsletter.

## MORE PB

We have it on good authority that Birchwood Park has been lined for three, indoor courts. The unofficial talk with PPD says Tuesday and Thursday afternoon play is being considered. We should have definitive word by April's newsletter.

## OURDOOR READY

The 2 new, exclusively pickleball courts at both Sycamore and Locust Parks are ready for your games, once spring decides to stay.

## TOURNAMENT BUZZ

If not already registered, you should know that on April 18 & 19 there's a tournament in Loves Park near Rockford. Here's the link:

<http://www.pickleballtournaments.com/welcome.php?tid=417>

A number of our Picklers are entered. We'll share their results. There are still a few openings so recruit a partner and register for one of several events.



## **DANA'S DEPARTURE DOESN'T DELETE DATES**

Yes, Dana will soon be leaving Falcon to tend to her tennis management responsibilities. However, the Falcon courts will still be available for us to dink, lob, serve, and smash that holey ball from 8:00 a.m. until noon each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for another month. We'll welcome Dana back to the indoor facility this fall. In the meantime she'll still be active on our Palatine Pickleball Club Board.

## **WE HAVE A SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**

Board Member Neal Harris has created a Facebook page for Palatine Picklers. Check it out...and please write something. I think I have the only two posts to date. If you have a good photo or two involving our members playing, please forward those to Neal at [neal@relax4life.com](mailto:neal@relax4life.com). He may put them up on that page.

By the April newsletter, we hope to have a website also.

## **MISS SOMETHING OR WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PALATINE PICKLEBALL CLUB?**

Although I haven't asked or gotten the okeedokee from the Park District, I'm optimistic that I'll be allowed to keep a binder at the Falcon desk. In it you will find each newsletter, printed Board agendas with hand-written notes, vote results, etc. I hope to have this available before the next newsletter. Asking to see this binder is how anyone without an e-mail address can keep up with our newsletters and announcements.

## **IF YOU TELL ME, THEY WILL COME**

For those who play in Lake Barrington Shores, Arlington Heights, Birchwood Park, Locust Park, Sycamore Park, Barrington, Fox River Grove, or anywhere else, please drop me an e-mail [bshatwell@hotmail.com](mailto:bshatwell@hotmail.com) to let me know where and when members are likely to find a game and what, if any, fees are involved. It will help if you give me an idea of the level and kind of play too. In other words, is it mostly serious male dinkers, mixed couples, power hitters, ladies only, whatever. I'd like to share this info with everyone.

'Til next time, hope to see you on the courts,

Bear Shatwell  
President