

# Palatine Pickler Page

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## We NEED Your Input

As a club we've experienced incredible growth in just two months. As I'm writing this, we have 130 members. Our needs are growing exponentially. We need your help to keep abreast of the opportunities for fun play in the northwest suburbs. PLEASE e-mail me at [bshatwell@hotmail.com](mailto:bshatwell@hotmail.com) with a subject of "pickleball," when you know of ANY open play. We hear things about Wheeling, Arlington, Crystal Lake, Barrington, Fox River Grove, Buffalo Grove, etc., BUT I have no details to share. If you know of one location that has open play, please e-mail me with (a) the days of play, (b) the times, (c) the cost for resident and non-resident, (d) the exact location, (e) if there are loaner paddles available, (f) if it's indoor or outdoor, and (g) if play is mostly for a given skill level. If you don't know all these, that's OK. Give me what you know. We want these newsletters to be informative. In another month, we'll be without Falcon. I want to have an all-inclusive list of summer play in the May newsletter. That needs your help. Thanks. -Bear

## Who Are We?

Palatine is already the most accepting place for any newcomers in the suburbs. We're actually proud of this. We're not elitist. We welcome any 50+er who want to enjoy the fastest-growing sport in America. We want the 4.0s and 5.0s too. In fact, let's envision Palatine Picklers being one of the largest pickleball clubs in America within 2-3 years. Growth is already off the charts, and the Palatine Park District is all for us. They gave us new outdoor courts at Sycamore and Locust last fall, and now they've lined three indoor ones at Birchwood Park. Perhaps we'll soon see outdoor, Lit courts at Community Center.

## Tourney Time



Several of our PPC players competed this month up in Loves Park, near Rockford. Holly Goldsmith & Dana Joseph, Debbie Paneral & Sue Johnson, Trevor Reisz & Rick Johnson, Scot Stubing & Rob Paneral all competed in mens or womens doubles. Chuck Feinstein medaled in mens doubles and mixed doubles at the highest level with partners not from our club. Other PPC participants in mixed doubles included Debbie & Rob Paneral, Dana Joseph & Scot Stubing (bronze medalists), and Rick & Sue Johnson. I'm told fun was had by all. In the future, we hope to share more precise results for all participants in area tournaments. Of course, with your help, we'll also hope to inform you of upcoming tournaments. If you'd like to play in any level-specific tournaments and aren't sure at what level you belong, ask us. We'll help you decide.

We WILL  
have shirts  
shirts

By the May newsletter, I hope to have artwork available that can be printed on affordable T-shirts. I've done some rough art I'll e-mail the Board. If approved, I'll share it next month. We'd love to have our club proudly displayed around the NW suburban area.



## Tuky Did It Right

Almost 20 PPC members attended the visitation Saturday to say good-bye to a lady who led a life worth living. What Tucky Marchica lacked in height she more than balanced with heart. In her eight decades, she positively impacted thousands of lives. She was what all good teachers strive to be ... that is inspirational. I'm not going to eulogize her here, but I have to say how remarkable it was for her to continue to play pickleball, while undergoing life-extending chemo. I do know something about that. I heard from her post-retirement boss Nancy and her husband about how the thought our pickleball, and many of us by name, kept her alive the last few months. In 1953 she was Miss Kentucky. Whatever virtues they saw in her then blossomed throughout her life. We got to enjoy the best of the best. We'll miss you, Tucky.

## FACING FINAL FALCON FLING

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the final day for play for Falcon Center, until the fall. Look for play at Sycamore Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings.

# **EVERYTHING is there for you**

There is now a Palatine Pickleball Club binder at the Falcon Park desk. It's under the computer closest to the courts. It has a copy of bylaws, newsletters, board meeting agendas and votes, e-mails, etc. It's for those without e-mail and anyone who wants to reread a newsletter or see what went on at the most recent board meeting.

## **Know your PPC Board Members**

To help you feel comfortable with your membership, we want you to know who's who. Here are photos of most of the Board members. Dana Joseph, Member Liason and Debbie Paneral, Secretary weren't available when these photos were taken.



Bear Shatwell, President



Darrell Rutter, Vice President



Neal Harris, Social Media Coordinator



Tim Saunders, Tournament Coordinator



Bob Roth, Ladder League Coordinator



Kevin Wright, Alternate Board Member