

# Palatine Pickleball Club

May 25, 2015

## WORKSHOP WORKED WELL

Falcon got full, whacking got whacked, and practice got pitched. That's what took place this past Friday. Roughly 85 pickleball enthusiasts came to Falcon's for a free pickleball clinic. The always brightly color-coordinated Trevor Reisz was assisted by Dana, Chuck, and Seymour in demonstrating the softer side of pickleball play. The skill players drop the 3rd hit into the kitchen and spend the rest of the point dinking until a put away is possible which could take longer than a Blackhawks playoff game. This was great to practice and good to know, but I think spanking the ball will always have a home in Palatine. Some of us may be destined to mediocrity, but we'll be stress-free.



Pickler  
shirts  
available

We have selected several colors of high-quality, 100% cotton T-shirts. See page. You can order any of five colors in any size you choose. Here's the deal. Send Bear an e-mail ([bshatwell@hotmail.com](mailto:bshatwell@hotmail.com) telling me your name (may not recognize your e-mail address), and how many shirts you want in which size and color. Check out the colors on the last page.

## Where to Play

On subsequent pages you'll find a summary of both outdoor and indoor venues. Much of this info is from members (thank you) and, apart from Northern Palatine and Hoffman Estates, has not been verified. Before you drive far, check it out.

## Tournaments Too

Just as an FYI, when you register for a tournament by levels, you'd be better off playing a level, or even a level and a half, below where you think you belong. For instance, Dana & Scott who are among the best regulars at Falcon

played a few weeks ago as a 3.5 and finished only 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you look at the rating descriptions, it seems a 3.0 can generally tie his/her shoes without help. Ignore that, and both you and opponents will have more fun.

## 3-Month Growth

How popular is pickleball? Well, the Palatine Pickleball Club was founded not quite 3 months ago, and we just got our 150<sup>th</sup> member.

Needless to say we're going to want more playing options. Falcon can get incredibly overpacked. This is especially true in the fall and winter when Dana runs our

Monday & Friday sessions. Fortunately, the Palatine Park District likes us and wants to keep up with our needs. This may involve adding additional playing times at Falcon, adding some at Birchwood, and creating more dual purpose courts.

## PPC on Facebook

Look for Palatine Picklers. Like. Write a post or two. Have Neal upload your photos or videos. The public site is public, but ask Neal to let you onto the members only one.



This logo will be printed on the front in navy blue.



## Falcon Binder

I'm updating it at the moment, but by June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Palatine Pickleball Club binder will be back at Falcon. It contains newsletters, bylaws, extra e-mails to membership, Board meeting agendas & votes, photos, member list, etc. Invite friends to get acquainted with us through this binder.

# 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 and Debbie weren't available when these photos were taken.



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## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Here's information on some of the tournaments you may want to check out. You can find tournaments around the country at [http://pickleballtournaments.com/pbt\\_tlisting.pl?when=F](http://pickleballtournaments.com/pbt_tlisting.pl?when=F)  
More info on most of these is available on that site or by Googling the tournament name.

June 12-14 ... New Berlin, WI ... Pickleball Champions Series Wisconsin Cup ... Moreland Park Tennis Center ... 2.5 to 5.0 ... <http://www.pickleballcs.com/tournaments/>

June 20 ... Wheeling, IL ... Pickleball in the Park ... Chamber Park, 131 N Wolf Rd, Wheeling ... men's, women's, & mixed, both competitive and recreational ... \$20 each ... Scott Paddock at 847-913-2072 or [spaddock@wheelingparkdistrict.com](mailto:spaddock@wheelingparkdistrict.com)

June 20 ... Springfield, IL ... Meet, Greet & Compete Tournament ... ILES Park, 6th & Ash, Springfield ... register by 6/10 ... divisions 3.0, 3.5, 4.0+ ... Mo Egizii, [ilpbagofetch@gmail.com](mailto:ilpbagofetch@gmail.com)

June 27 ... Canton YMCA, Canton, IL ... <http://www.facebook.com/northernillinoispickl>

June 27 & 28 ... Lake Barrington, IL ... 2015 Ice Breaker Challenge ...

<http://www.pickleballtournaments.com/welcome.pl?tid=466#1>

June 27 & 28 ... Warrenville, IL ... 3 age groups (up to 50, 50-60, 60+) & levels 1.0 to 5.0 ... \$20 team fee ...

<http://www.northernillinoispickleball.com/a/northernillinoispickleball.com/www/NIPNews/2015warrenvilletournament>

July 10-12 ... Springfield, IL ... Scheels Capital City Pickleball Classic ...

<http://www.pickleballtournaments.com/welcome.pl?tid=441>

July 14 ... 8:00 a.m. ... 6 County Sr Olympics ... 1704 Glenlake Rd, Hoffman Estates ... Women ... register early ... [www.ilipra.org/assets/LatestNews/6ctyseniors15finalrt.pdf](http://www.ilipra.org/assets/LatestNews/6ctyseniors15finalrt.pdf)

July 16 ... 8:00 a.m. ... 6 County Sr Olympics ... 1704 Glenlake Rd, Hoffman Estates ... Men ... register early [www.ilipra.org/assets/LatestNews/6ctyseniors15finalrt.pdf](http://www.ilipra.org/assets/LatestNews/6ctyseniors15finalrt.pdf)

July 18 ... 8:00 a.m. ... 6 County Sr Olympics ... 1704 Glenlake Rd, Hoffman Estates ... Mixed ... register early [www.ilipra.org/assets/LatestNews/6ctyseniors15finalrt.pdf](http://www.ilipra.org/assets/LatestNews/6ctyseniors15finalrt.pdf)

August 14-16 ... Fort Wayne, IN ... USAPA Great Lakes Regional 2015

<http://www.fwpickleball.com/#!/regionaltournament/c7ak> ... 260-750-7705

## **SUMMER, OUTDOOR PLAY**

Except for Palatine and Hoffman which I know, the following info was given me by members. I cannot verify it, and even addresses & times may be for indoor. Please call first.

**Palatine (North)** ... Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00-noon reserved for 50+ ... Sycamore Park on Carpenter, 1 block west of Williams ... 901 N Clark ... 2 new pickleball courts ... free ... Please show up by 9:00. If we have enough, the more competitive players can move to Locust Park, 700 E Morris, which also has 2 new pickleball courts. (West on Carpenter a few blocks to Rohlwing. Left past stop sign to 2nd right. Right on Morris 1 block) There is a lockbox by the Sycamore courts that has an ample supply of balls to use & return. E-mail Board Members Kevin, Dana, Debby, Darrell or me for the combination.

Thursday 7:00 p.m. ... Sunday 4:00 p.m. ... Sycamore Park ... THESE ARE NEW SO PLEASE COME OUT TO HELP GET THESE STARTED.

**Palatine (South)** ... Olmstead Park has two dual use pickleball/tennis courts ... Take Palatine Road west. After you cross Ela Road there will be a shopping plaza on the left with a Jewel. Immediately after passing the plaza turn left (south) on Olmstead Drive. After about .5 mile the park will be on your right. Info provided by Jim Simmons 847-991-2748. He may have info on times & level of play.

**Algonquin** ... The Racket Club, 9101 S Route 31 ... 4 courts ... (confused about indoor/outdoor times & fees) ... Rob Laue 847-658-5688.

**Arlington Heights** ... Volz Park, 1001 W St James St ... 2 courts ... free ... Dick Larson 847-921-1465

**Barrington** ... no outdoor play at parks

**Buffalo Grove** ... Twin Creeks Park, 401 Aptakisic Rd ... 2 courts ... no set times, but busiest in mornings ... bring own equipment ... Chuck Burgess 847-850-2125

**Deerfield** ... Fri ... 9-12 ... through 8/3 ... Sachs Rec Center, 455 Lake Cook Rd ... 847-202-5111

**Hoffman Estates** ... Mon, Wed, Fri ... 9:00 a.m. - noon ... Fabbrini Park (formerly Highpoint Park), 1704 Glen Lake Road ... 6 pickleball courts & 2 lined tennis courts ... free ... primarily more competitive players ... Bill Graba 847-902-9276.

**Lake Barrington Shores** ... Has regular play on tennis courts but is limited to LBS residents & guests

**Wheeling** ... New, outdoor facility at Chamber Park, 131 N Wolf Road a couple blocks north of Dundee opens sometime in June ... 6 new pickleball courts ... \$2/resident \$3/non-resident ... Opens SOMETIME in June ... Brian Halterman 847-465-2941

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**Algonquin** ... The Racket Club, 9101 S Route 31 ... 9 courts ... (confused about indoor/outdoor months, times & fees) ... Rob Laue 847-658-5688.

**Arlington Heights** ... Pioneer Park, 500 S Fernandez ... Mon & Fri ... 9:00 a.m. - noon ... 847-577-3035 ... less competitive players welcome

**Lake Barrington** ... Canlan Sportsplex, 28156 W Northpoint Parkway ... Kirk Lingner 815-354-8961 ... year-round \$5/drop in or \$40/punchpass ... also leagues Thu & Fri 6:00-9:00 p.m. ... 12 courts ... All ages

**Deerfield** ... Sachs Center ... 9:00 a.m. to noon ... from June 19 through August 7th, with no play July 3rd ... \$6 per day.

**Elk Grove** ... Saturdays from 9 AM - 1 PM at the Pavilion located on Biesterfield Road several blocks east of Arlington Heights Road (on the south side of the street). First time to play is free, then you buy an 8-play or 16-play pass for \$24 or \$48. The pass is good for six months.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope to introduce a few things, possibly even before the next newsletter ... a singles ladder league ... a social get-together ... and the "Tucky Tournament." Meanwhile, please show up to support the Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon play at Sycamore Park in Palatine.



Please forgive my remedial computer skills. Our logo has neither the 'L' line on left and bottom nor my artist signature at bottom right, and it will be straighter on your shirts.

See next page for additional photos from Friday's workshop...followed by your T-shirt options.

## THANKS, TREVOR ... & Chuck & Seymour & Dana



Trevor and Chuck Feinstein showed us how to increase our ability and enjoy the game at a higher level. We all had a good time and thank all four instructors for their help.



Almost done ... T-shirt information follows on the final page.

# PALATINE PICKLEBALL CLUB SHIRT COLORS



**Safety Green**



**Lime**



**Carolina Blue**



**Safety Orange**



**Safety Pink**



**Sports Grey**

These are the colors on which your Palatine Pickler logo will be printed (on the front) in navy. I'd like to place our original order by the end of May so please e-mail me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) with the size (generous men's) and color of each shirt you'd like to purchase. Your cost is \$10/shirt. (add \$2 for XXL) Then mail a check for your total to me, Barry Shatwell at 853 N Sanborn Drive, Palatine, IL 60074-7275.

See you on the courts,  
Bear