



OCTOBER, 2016 NEWSLETTER

WE'RE GETTING OUR OWN WEBSITE

Thanks to John Pihl's generosity and talents, PalatinePicklers.com will become a reality before the end of the year. We're looking to share who and why we are, newsletters, how to join, where we play and the cost, how to order shirts, travel results, upcoming events, etc., along with some more photos.

BIRCHWOOD'S POPULARITY GROWING

It's been an elite few of us who have shown the dedication, love of the game, and youthful energy to play two more hours of pickleball, after three hours in the morning. I'm joking. We all do, but too few are doing it. Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 for just \$3.00, there's a beautiful, well-lit, non-glare gym set up for us to play.

Friday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 will be available only through 10/21. Birchwood's gym is on the south side of Illinois Street, between Quentin Road and Plum Grove Road. fun. We're grateful to the Park District for these extra chances to enjoy our sport. Would we prefer Tuesday and Thursday times more? Of course, and the more we embrace what we're offered, the better our chance of earning more inviting times and venues.



SUMMER HALF-COURT SINGLES LADDER LEADERS

After a full summer of challenges from almost 40 Picklers, Greg Woodsum stood tall on the top rung. Second was Elke Jacobsen, and 3rd was Melody Woodsum. Congratulations to these three and all who participated.



SKINNY SINGLES ENCORE

Last week reigning outdoor champion Greg Woodsum drew names from a felt bag to establish the starting rungs for the fall, indoor half-court singles ladder. This is an extension ladder so there's plenty of rungs available for those who have yet to notify me of their interest. There's only 19 rungs occupied right now.

Games are to 15 win by 2, and players change sides at 8. This game is almost a drill for dinks, lobs, court positioning, and accuracy of shots. The fall season ladder will end the last day we play at Falcon in 2016.

CAUGHT IN ACTION



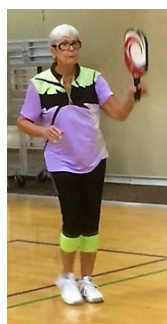
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Cyndi J



Jeff K



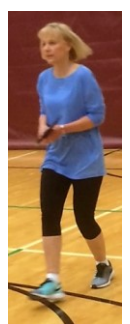
Anita O



Arlene K



Bob C



Brigitte L

WEINBACH CLINIC UPDATE

You expressed more than enough interest in a clinic run locally by national champion Dave Weinbach. We're now trying to find a date that works for both Dave and the Canlan Sports Complex in Barrington. This will have to be before the end of the year, if we'll get it to happen before spring. We could have a date any day now. If justified, I'll send e-mails to all 353 of you, looking for a commitment. Respond right away, because a few days later I'll release whatever additional spots there are to the Prairie State Pickleball Club of Hoffman Estates.

TELL HIM "BRADLEY STINKS" & MARV WILL SMACK YOU



Actually, when he saw his partner touching the no-volley line ready to hit, Marv jumped in to poach the shot.

WE'RE GETTING SCREENED

Well, it didn't quite make the projected installation date, but I have it on good authority that the no-glare screens for Falcon's north side upper deck windows will arrive on October 10th. As to when they'll be installed, we can only hope shortly thereafter.

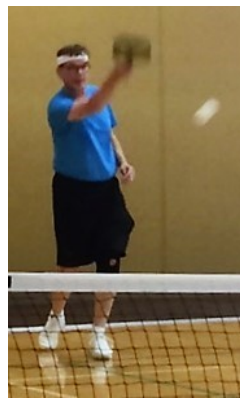
PICKLER PICS APLENTY



Linda G



Harvey S



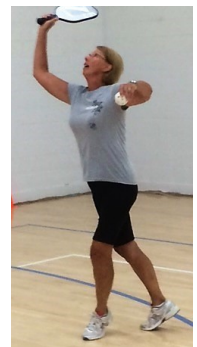
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Kenny T



Bob H



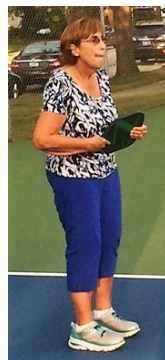
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Sue S



Moon P



Millie M



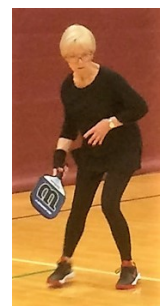
Kathy S



Suren S



Laurie J



Ursula R

PALATINE PICKLER T-SHIRT DAY

Friday, October 21st we'll call Pickler Shirt Day. If you own one of the 141 Palatine Pickler shirts in circulation, wear it to Falcon that day. If you don't own a PPC shirt yet but do own a digital 35mm camera, please bring that. As you can see many times in this newsletter, my iPhone 5S, particularly in my hands, doesn't yield state of the art results. We'll be taking a shot or two of us all in our bold colors for the website. Rest assured, those of you who recently ordered your shirt. I'll have it for you this coming week.

INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL LEAGUE UPDATE

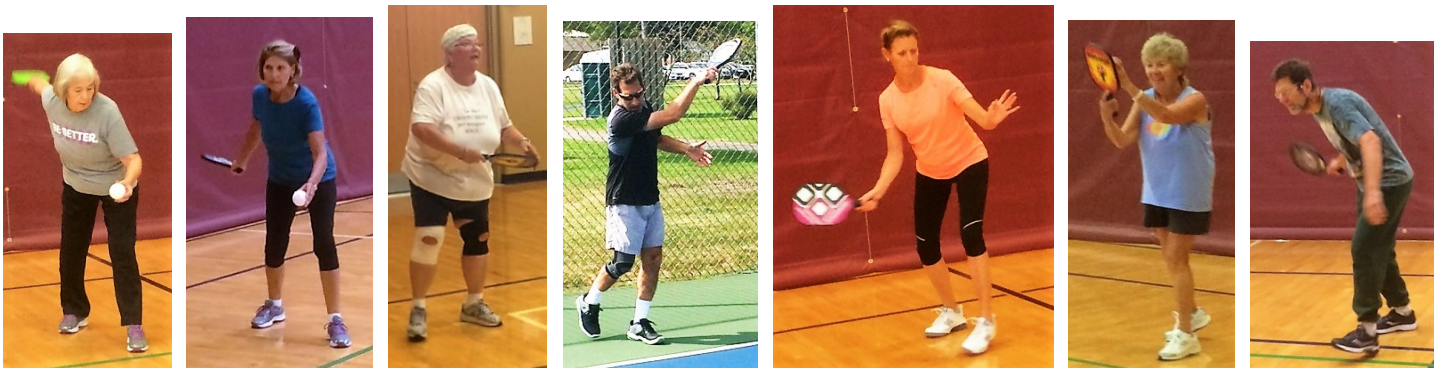
The fall, league against other clubs begins next week. On Tuesday the 18th, our Division 2 (roughly 3.0 players) players start off their five-match season. Representing the Palatine Picklers will be Melody Woodsum, Becky Coleman, Marti Marra, Lynne Weisbart, Mike Rosenblum, Kevin Wright, Neal Warner, and Jim Simmons.

Two days later, on Thursday the 20th, Linda Gariano, Cathy Carlson, Debbie Paneral, Debbie Myers, Hollis Pearlman, Melody Woodsum, Greg Woodsum, Marv Zwass, Tom Engels, John Forshall, Neal Harris, and Rob Paneral will lead our Division 1 team (roughly 3.5) into battle.

MAY STILL BE ROOM ON ROSTERS

There's been some foot-dragging and political obstacles with a club or two, when it came to putting rosters together for the Division 2 play. There is a good chance we'll be asked to either field a full, second Division 2 team (4 men and 4 ladies) or have a list of players who would be willing to play for other teams. Our rosters change each match. No two Pickler rosters in either Division will be the same. Let me know, if you'd like to play 3.0 +/- competition and would be available to play any/all of these five Tuesdays ... October 18th, November 1st, November 15th, November 29th, and December 13th. It's all speculative but probable. Thanks.

MORE IPHONE IMAGES



Joan B

Karin H

Susan G

Sol S

Liz C

Jan K

Neal H

ONE MORE MEMBERSHIP MILESTONE

As I'm writing this, our Palatine Pickleball Club membership stands at 354. This is nuts, great, rewarding, exciting, encouraging, noteworthy, indicative, inspiring, and basically awesome. We just may be the club that best illustrates the phenomenal growth of pickleball in America. We're only 19 months old. Imagine what conditions could be like in another 19 months. It's safe to say we're going to need more times and places to play. With that in mind, please consider playing at the Birchwood gym on Wednesday afternoon and Friday evening. We really need the Palatine Park District to know that if they build it, we will come.

REMEMBER SEYMOUR ?



A great many of us participated in one or more of the pickleball drilling sessions run by Seymour Rifkind in Lincolnshire. Sure he's an excellent pickleball player you may have seen playing with Chuck Feinstein at the U.S. Open, but do you know that ours probably isn't in his top three sports or his top five accomplishments? Several years ago he wrote an inspirational, autobiographical book. If you'd like to read it, I have a copy that I'll be glad to lend you. Of course, he'd probably prefer you search him on Amazon and buy it for yourself. If interested in the borrowing option, let me know.

FACEBOOK FRONT PERSON STILL FACELESS

We still have a Facebook page that still has no one overseeing it. We surely would like it, if one of you social media aficionados would volunteer to maintain this page. Yes, we'll soon have a website, but a great many of us still play on Facebook. It would be convenient to click on the Pickler page.



LATE BREAKING GOLDEN NEWS

Pickler Linda Mihel and her partner, Julie, competed in the ladies 3.0 65+ division of the Fall Brawl Pickleball Tournament in Utah. They left the tournament wearing gold medals. Congratulations, Linda and Julie.



That's it for this month. See you on the courts.

Bear Shatwell

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