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MYRIAD MEDALS AT 6-COUNTY SR GAMES

The bulk of this month's newsletter will be the Games. Let's start by recognizing all our medalists. Rather than go by categories, I thought it would be fun to present these winners randomly. Sizes of photos do not denote color of medal or age or anything other than subjective preferences. Non-Members are in italics.



Franklin Lim Singles Gold
55-59



Neal Warner & *Sandy Bergeson* Silver 70-74



Lindas Mihel & Gariano Silver 65-69



Jan & Dan Robinson Bronze 65-69



Michelle Ryder & April Volpe Silver 50-54



Stan Jones & *Dottie Barron* Bronze 75-79



Rick Johnson Singles Gold 60-64



Patty Eagleton & Gail Rohlfing Silver 60-64



Ralph Cook & John Nelson
Gold 70-74



Roland Lauer & Elke Jacobsen
Silver 50-54



Sue Cameron & Holly Goldsmith
Bronze 60-64



Jim & Brigitte Latal
Bronze 55-59



Patty Eagleton
Singles Gold 60-64



Liz Berry & Bear Shatwell
Silver 65-69



Rea Kulick & Trish Moore
Gold 65-69



Judy Beckwith & Al Zamin
Silver 60-64



Jose Sosa
Singles Bronze 60-64



Patty Eagleton & Gail Rohlfling
Silver 60-64

WE'RE NOT DONE YET ... THESE PICKLERS ARE GOOD



Sue Shatz & Melody Woodsum
Bronze 55-59



Franklin Lim & Liz Chaplinsky
Gold 50-54



Gene Smyth & Patty Eagleton
Bronze 50-54



Jean Schlinkmann & Rick Johnson
Gold 60-64



Jeff Degner & Larry Shoemake
Silver 65-69



Cathy Carlson & Jan Robinson
Bronze 65-69



Sandy Bergeson & Peggy Whitlow
Gold 70-74



Rich Jaffe & Franklin Lim
Gold 55-59



Liz Chaplinsky & Elke Jacobsen
Gold 50-54



Jeff Degner & Cathy Carlson
Gold 55-59



Jerry Fedyski
Singles Silver 65-69



Barry Bakal & Bill Myers
Silver 55-59



Al Zamin & Rick Johnson
Bronze 60-64



Tom Engels
Singles Gold 65-69

BREAK FOR NEWS ... CLUB RATINGS PROGRESS

Greg Woodsum has been busy getting the club ratings off to a good start. Again, he has fence-mounted plastic boxes at both Sycamore and Locust. In those are index cards and a pen. Record **EVERY** game ... Winners write your names and your opponents' names and circle your own names. No scores are necessary. Greg collects these cards and sends the info on to be analyzed by the "Green Machine," a pickleball ratings program. Every week or two our club members' ratings will be updated. These can be accessed via our website **PalatinePicklers.com**. It's still early, but, with a few early exceptions, it's already showing itself to be pretty accurate, at least in terms of a pecking order. See what you think. In my opinion it may compress things toward the middle, lowering the ratings of our top players and raising the ratings of our weaker ones. Let's see how it plays out, once everyone has 50+ games recorded.

WANNA PLAY SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. ?

A group of Picklers are forming an extracurricular play group. If you'd like to be added to the email list for potential play at Sycamore at this time, let Dan Casey know. His email address is dancasey@appraiser.net.

OK ... MORE OF THE SR GAMES ... NOW PLAY PICS



April



Bear



Becky



Brigitte



Dan



Dale



Elke & Liz



Linda



Franklikn



Holly & Sue



Larry



Kenny



Elke & Roland



Rick



Rich & Franklin



Sue & Melody



Stan



Michelle



Tom



Cheerers Susie, Terry, & Darrell



Neal



Rick & Al



Cathy & Jan



Jeff



Franklin & Liz



Melody & Greg



Gail



Mike



Howard & Lynne



Sue & Sol



Joyce



Jose



Jim



Jeff & Cathy (and Liz)



Lynne & Becky



Melody



Liz & Bear



Jim & Brigitte



Lindas



Greg & Sol



Elke



Patty



Jerry



Bill & Gail

THAT'S IT FOR PALATINE PICKLERS IN THE 6-COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

A LOOK FORWARD TO FALL AT FALCON

Our Falcon season starts Monday, September 18th. The fee for the Monday and Friday 8:00-Noon play is either \$6 per day or a 10-play pass for \$50. These sessions are for those who are at least 50. Wednesdays from 8:00-Noon are for those at least 18, and the fee is either \$4 per day or a 10-play pass for \$30 which can be used Wednesdays at Falcon AND Thursdays at Birchwood. (See below)

BIRCHWOOD AFTERNOON PLAY

Starting even earlier, on September 7th, Birchwood gym will have pickleball for 18+ from Noon-3:00. Again, the fee will be \$4 per day or the 10-play pass mentioned above.



Sagar



Pam



Martha



Linda



Linda



Karen



John



Penny



Terry



Steve

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE ?

PalatinePicklers.com is evolving. There's more there now than there was two weeks ago. Check it out.

NEED A FEW MORE SHIRTS ORDERED...PLEASE

See our website for the dozens of options available. I need three more, before I can place our next order.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL IN KALAMAZOO

Some Picklers are so addicted, mileage means nothing, if there's a chance to compete for hardware. Who couldn't admire that degree of dedication? These Palatine Picklers did us proud in Michigan.



Jim Tricomi & Sue Cameron
Silver 3.0



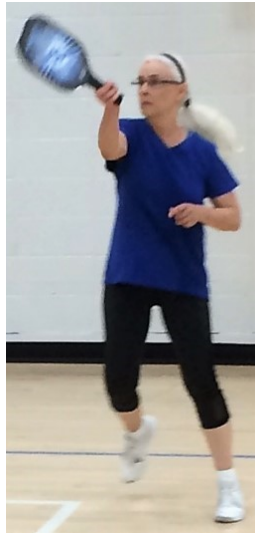
Holly Goldsmith & Sue Cameron
Gold 3.0



Ivy



Zoltan



Barbara



John



Alberto

MORE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL PICKLERS NEEDED

If you think you're between a 2.5 and 3.5, you'd enjoy representing PPC in one or more of our fall, Tuesday morning competitions. We'll field a unisex team of eight Picklers to compete against eight players from Barrington. You'll play with each of your teammates once. Let me know which dates you think you'll be available (9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 11/28, 12/2). Whether you make one team or several, you'll have fun. Not sure if your level is appropriate? Just ask me or someone else who can give you an idea.



David



Dora



Fred



Julie



Jim



Carol



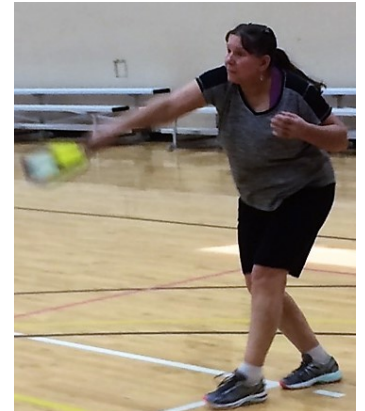
Heather



Soo



Pat



Sandy

BIRCHWOOD EVENINGS END THIS MONTH

The Tuesday and Thursday indoor, evening courts have been tremendously popular with Palatine Picklers this summer. Our last date for these play dates will be Thursday, August 31. **THANK YOU, PALATINE PARK DISTRICT** for all these enjoyable evenings.



Angelina



Greg



Sol



Nez



Laurie



Dori



Jeff



Jay



Earle



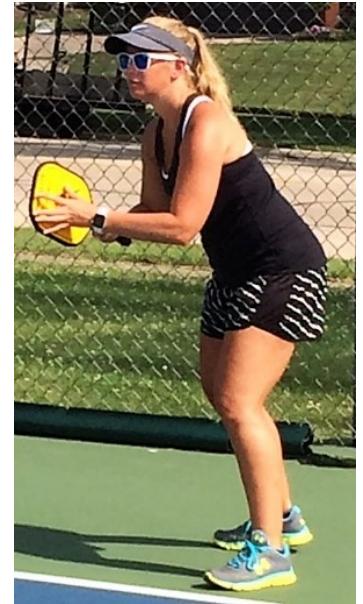
Bob



Lynne



Mike



Natalie



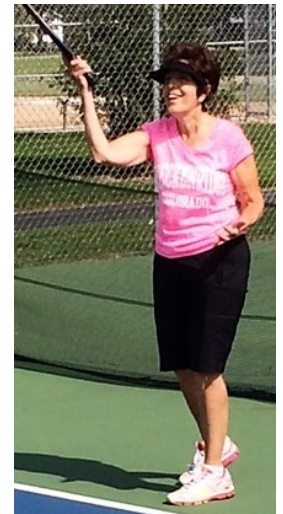
Penny



Tom



Sandy



Sue

MENTORING IS WELL-RECEIVED



Each Wednesday from 10:30 to noon, a dozen or so Picklers who want to reach the intermediate level have been getting some free help from the Pickler Mentors. Mike O'Connor, Dennis Bourgojn, Liz Berry, and Bear Shatwell have been enjoying seeing these ladies and gentlemen learn new techniques and polish their skills week to week. You needn't register for these sessions, just show up. Come early, if you'd like to get in a few games before mentoring begins. Above, Mentor Mike is working with technique as his group gets in some forehand and backhand target practice.

both ***Building Design+Construction*** and ***Multifamily Design+Construction***, contacted me through our website this month. He's doing an editorial on adding pickleball courts to condo developments and wanted to learn more about the game and give it a try. He chose to try a couple games on Wednesday, August 9th followed by experiencing our mentoring program.

WE'LL BE IN AN EDITORIAL

Robert Cassidy, Editorial Director and Associate Publisher of Multifamily Design+Construction, kept hearing about pickleball, but had no idea what it was. He plans on writing an editorial on adding pickleball courts to condo complexes this fall so contacted me through our website to learn about the sport. With his curiosity peaked, he chose to join us at Sycamore on Wednesday, August 9th to play a little and stay for our popular, 90-minute mentoring session. "Rob" really liked the sport, the instruction, his fellow mentorees, and the socialization. I hope to include his editorial, or at least excerpts from it, in an upcoming newsletter.





.. Dora



Jim



Jimmy



Mike



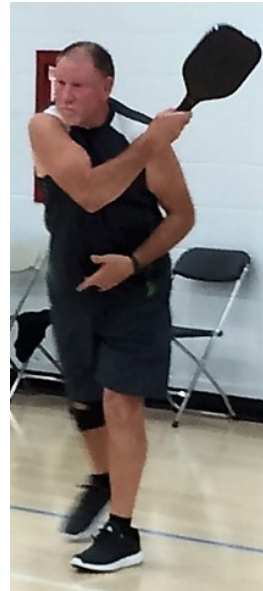
Iris



.. Kim



Un Suk



Keith



Janice

STATE GAMES, GRAND RAPIDS MI

Sue Cameron added two more medals to her growing collection, and Holly Goldstein teamed with her for one.



John Chronowski teamed with Sue for the Silver in 65+ 3.0 competition. Sue and Holly took Bronze in 60+ 3.0.

DANA & CHUCK'S OUTDOOR, WHEELING TOURNAMENT

No pics this time, but we have the following Picklers whose performance peaked for this event:

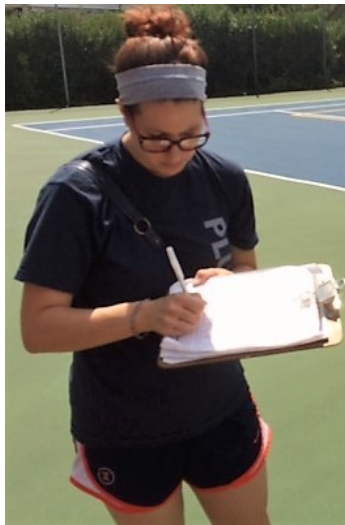
4.0 Mixed ... Elke Jacobsen & Roland Lauer took Bronze

3.0-3.5 Men ... Stan Jones & *Pat Norwick* earned Gold ... and ... Lance Schreier & *Tim Bland* got Bronze

3.0 Ladies ... Susie Schreier & *Jana Kedles* grabbed Bronze

3.0 Mixed ... Susie & Lance Schreier captured Gold

50 FOR “FULL” PPC MEMBERSHIP, ANY AGE FOR “HONORARY”



Alex Budden is our newest, and one of our youngest, Palatine Picklers. She and an out-of-area friend came to Sycamore Wednesday toward the end of mentoring. We'd already shrunk to activities on only two courts, including the lined tennis court. She asked if we'd be using the 3rd court again. When I said we'd finish the day on these two, she asked if it would be OK for her and her friend to play on that remaining court, adding that if we did decide to want the third court, they'd get right off. I realized right away that Alex is polite enough to be a Palatine Pickler so asked if she'd like to join. Absolutely. I explained that she'd be an “honorary” member due to her youth.

Not everyone knows it, but we have, perhaps, 20 honorary members. With the exception of not being able to play Wednesdays at Falcon and being willing to leave if we have more than a manageable number of 50+ members at any session, they can enjoy all the benefits of membership in the Palatine Pickleball Club.

That's it for August. September's newsletter will be considerably shorter, due to a couple vacations Kathy and I will be taking. So, if you'd like to submit photos or your own or a guest editorial or an idea for an event you'd like to organize, just email me. I'll be glad to include it in the next newsletter.

Happy Pickling,

Bear

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