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## SEPTEMBER, 2017 NEWSLETTER

### SUMMER PLAY PERSISTS

Yes, the indoor, Falcon season starts September 18<sup>th</sup>, but that is only one option for you. The schedule that opened the July newsletter (can find on PalatinePicklers.com) remains in effect until snow flies. It's your choice. Play at Sycamore and Locust, or come inside at Falcon. (Refer to August newsletter for Falcon fees.)



### ROSTERS SET FOR CANLAN COMPETITIONS

The fall teams are set. Please answer the cattle calls when they appear. We need more Tuesday ladies. Barrington will field unisex teams with more men than ladies, but we'll field 4 & 4. Our ladies will benefit from strong competition. Though called "lower intermediate," competitions, several of Barrington's Tuesday players are also Palatine Picklers who will play on our Thursday "upper intermediate" teams.



Denise



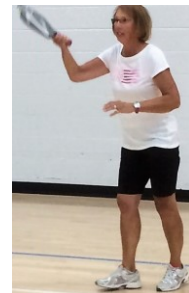
Bob



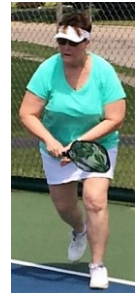
Darrell



Carol



Carole



Linda

## TUESDAY ROSTERS

Please mark your calendar. I'll seek your confirmation that you'll play a few days before each match.

9/19	10/3	10/17	10/31	11/14	11/28	12/2
K Monico	K Wright	K Monico	K Wright	K Monico	K Wright	K Wright
J Blair	J Blair	D Kaplan	J Blair	D Kaplan	D Kaplan	D Kaplan
B Shatwell	K Thakker	B Goldstein	B Goldstein	B Goldstein	B Shatwell	B Shatwell
K Thakker	B Marra	J Latal	B Marra	J Latal	B Marra	J Latal
L Mihel	M O'Shea	L Weisbart	L Mihel	M O'Shea	M O'Shea	M O'Shea
M Marra	L Weisbart	K Geiser	M Marra	L Mihel	L Mihel	L Mihel
L Weisbart	K Geiser	S Johnson/B*	K Geiser	K Geiser	M Marra	M Marra
S Barreca	S Barreca	S Barreca	S Johnson/B*	S Johnson/B*	L Weisbart	K Geiser

\* Sue Johnson can't make 1<sup>st</sup> game or 2 so Bear will play for her until she arrives.

## THURSDAY ROSTERS

We had 15 men and 13 ladies apply for these rosters. No man got more than 3, and no lady got more than 4 play dates. A week before matches, I'll ask for your confirmation that you're still good to go. Then I'll email you your gender and mixed pairings and seeds.

10/5	10/19	11/2	11/16	11/30	12/14
B Shatwell	G Woodsum	B Goldstein	D Kaplan	B Goldstein	B Shatwell
G Woodsum	R Paneral	D Kaplan	J Degner	J Latal	D Kaplan
J Latal	K Monico	J Degner	B Shatwell	R Gobberg	J Degner
M Zwass	N Kunz	M Zwass	M Zwass	R Paneral	J Latal
N Kunz	R Gobberg	S Shatz	S Rosen	S Shatz	K Monico
R Paneral	S Rosen	N Harris	S Shatz	N Harris	R Gobberg
B Latal	C Carlson	C Carlson	B Latal	B Latal	B Latal
D Joseph	H Goldsmith	D Joseph	C Carlson	D Joseph	D Joseph
M O'Shea	L Gariano	K Hribar	H Goldsmith	H Goldsmith	L Gariano
M Woodsum	L Mihel	M O'Shea	K Hribar	L Gariano	L Mihel
T Froehling	M Woodsum	S Shatz	S Shatz	L Mihel	M O'Shea
W Jordt	S Barreca	W Jordt	T Froehling	S Shatz	T Froehling

## FALCON'S FIRST FRENZY

The Falcon season starts Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. It's \$6 per day, or you can buy a 10-play pass for \$50. Wednesdays are \$4, or a 10-play pass that works for either Falcon on Wednesday or Birchwood for \$30. Birchwood gym is ours Thursday from noon to 3:00. That, too, is \$4, if you don't buy the 10-visit pass.



Sandy



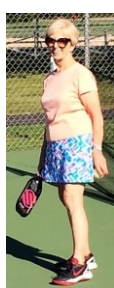
Susan



Soo



Dori



Ursula



Zotran



Tom

## HOW 'BOUT REAL RATINGS

Locust players are filling out the winner team cards, but Sycamore games aren't being recorded as often. I've heard it's largely because we don't know each other's names. It's unlikely that anyone will be offended by being asked their whole name. These "club" ratings are fun and somewhat indicative of how your skills compare to those of others. They'll give you at least some idea of what level you should enter in tournaments. So let's fill out every game's winners and losers. You must enter all your games, win or lose, for this program to be of any value to you and your fellow Picklers. The more games you play and enter the more accurate your "club rating" will be. **MEANWHILE ...**



**MEANWHILE**, Seymour Rifkind is available to confirm a "real" rating for each of us. You SHOULD go to [iptpa.com](http://iptpa.com) (International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association) and see how exacting this rating program is. Check out the skills needed to obtain any ranking. Then, how it works is you sign up to be evaluated for whichever specific ranking for which you think you may qualify. Then let me know what for what rating level you'd like to be tested. When we have enough Picklers who want to try for a given rating, we'll schedule a time to have you go to Seymour's Arlington Heights rating facility (many of you have been to clinics there). Charges are minimal. You will be tested as detailed on their website. This is a pass-fail deal. You may try for 3.5 and fail. That doesn't result in being given a 3.0 or 2.5. It merely means you are not at 3.5 yet. You can then try again or try the 3.0 evaluation. Once you have an IPTPA rating, you'll be good with it wherever you go. We often hear about a Palatine 3.5 isn't even a 3.0 in The Villages, etc. The IPTPA ratings are universal. I know I'm looking forward to getting an official 3.0 rating. By next spring I hope to be ready to try for a 3.5, assuming I do pass the 3.0 evaluation. **DO GO TO IPTPA.COM** and check it out. This is the real deal. IPTPA ratings are the same everywhere so they avoid the regional differences often found.



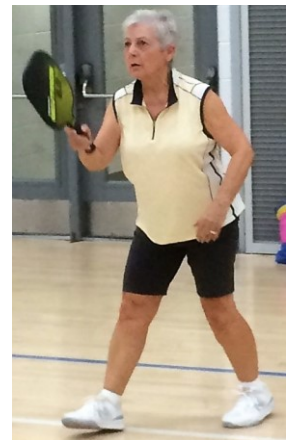
Lisa



Sagar



Rob



Rose



Liz



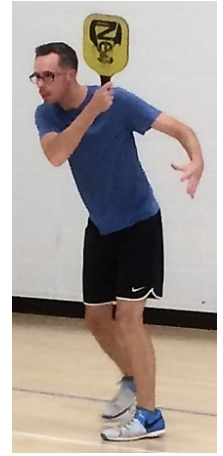
Mike



Norbert



Michelle



Wes

### YOU CAN FIND ANSWERS ...

Once again I've answered double-digit questions about things that were in the most recent newsletter. I'm still almost smilingly answering each email with the answer sought, but I'd really appreciate it if you'd refer to newsletters, before asking me to refer to the last newsletter for you, if I don't happen to remember the answer. Your questions deserve answers, but you may not know that dozens of others ask questions following each newsletter. I have to admit that hours of really unnecessary emailing drains me. At least half a dozen times this week I've answered things by quoting what I'd already written in the last newsletter. PLEASE do your homework, before making me do it for you. It still seems many of you don't know that **PalatinePicklers.com** exists. Our website has all newsletters and a lot more. So many times I've been told, "I didn't keep the newsletter so what blah blah blah?" You can find that newsletter on the website, IF you access it on a PC or laptop. Few phones or iPads can open newsletters beyond to first page.



Becky



Bob



Elke



Jerry



Jeff

### "DO WE HAVE 8 OR 9?"

Scoring questions pop up often. What many/most members don't realize is it's easy to know your score, if you noted which players served first in the game. If Gilbert served first, his team will have an even score any time he finds himself standing on the right side of the court and an odd score whenever he is on the left side. If Gertrude wasn't her team's first server, when she's serving from the right side she's doing so with an odd score. This will ALWAYS be the case. So note who serves first for each team. It will avoid arguments. Thanks.

## MENTORING GROWS BIG TIME

We've had more than 20 participants for our late August sessions. This 10:30 Wednesday morning program at Sycamore is attracting new PPC members faster than if we were offering free coffee & donuts. The results have, for many players, been truly impressive. Here's a look at one Wednesday's action.



We took this early, before several participants arrived. Kneeling are Mentors Greg, Liz, Bear, Mike, & Melody. There will always be at least three mentors, though some rotate. Dennis is a frequent Mentor also.



## MORE TOURNAMENT MEDALISTS

Every member medalist from any tournament anywhere will get at least a mention in the next newsletter...but only if I know about it. Occasionally, I stumble across a performance that deserves recognition. The State Games of America in Grand Rapids is such a stumble.

Rick Johnson & *Niles Newton* scored a Gold in the 4.0 65+. Then Rick teamed with Lori Richard for a Bronze in 4.0 65+. Kathy McWhorter partnered with *George Dyer* for Bronze at 3.5 60+. The ever-popular pairing of Holly Goldsmith & Sue Cameron took Bronze at 3.0 (don't have the age group, probably 45+).

Moving up to the 4.5-5.0 50+ singles event, Chuck Feinstein took Silver.

## LADDER'S LAST CHALLENGES

The Skinny Singles Ladder, the current status of which is on our website (BTW that's PalatinePicklers.com), has been changed 37 times this summer. To date four Picklers have held the top rung. Expect the action in the final few days (it's done at dusk on September 17<sup>th</sup>) to be fast and furious. After a slow start Marv has lobbed off all recent challengers. Final top three rung-holders will be announced in the October newsletter.



Liz



Jim



Karin



Kenny



Larry



Don



Dora



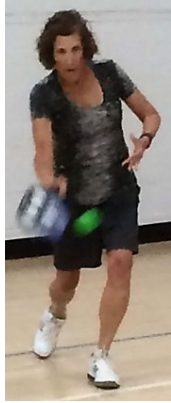
Jean



Gail



Brian



Anne



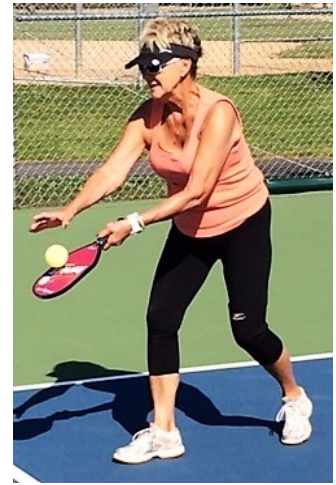
Dave



Marcia



Bill



Fran

## AWESOME AUGUST RESULTS CONTINUE

Rick Johnson and Patty Eagleton usually play at Hoffman, but once a Palatine Pickler, always a Palatine Pickler. Both made the most of the last weekend of August at the Wisconsin Senior Olympics in New Berlin.



Niles Newton & Rick Johnson  
13-0 for Gold in 65-60 Men



Patty Eagleton & Rick  
8-0 for Gold in 60-64 Mixed



Rick Johnson  
6-0 for Gold in 65-69 Singles



Chuck Feinstein & Patty  
Mixed Gold



Patty & Gail Rohlfig  
Ladies Bronze



Patty Eagleton  
Singles Bronze

## REMINDER OF FALCON & BIRCHWOOD TIMES & FEES

Falcon welcomes us Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, beginning Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Mondays and Fridays will cost either \$6 per day or a 10-play pass for \$50. Wednesdays are open to any player at least 18 for \$4 or a 10-play pass for \$30. These Wednesday rates and passes are usable at Bierchwood also where we'll play Thursday afternoons from noon to 3:00, beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>.

CONTRARY TO THE RUMOR YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, I confirmed with Falcon staff that there is no plan to offer pickleball on Friday evenings.



Jay



Jim



Nancy



Nez



Leroy



Stuart



Susan



Ray



Martha



Angelina

## DISCOUNT OPTIONS FOR PALATINE PICKLERS



- A) By using our Club Rewards code CRPALATINEPB, you will save 5% on anything/everything you order on pickleballcentral.com. Our club will get 5% credit also.
- B) Peggy Whitlow sells bags, balls, jewelry, clothing, etc. Find monthly specials on her website. This month it's \$10 off any Engage paddle.
- C) Chuck Feinstein offers PPC members 10% off any Prolite paddle.

**Happy shopping and saving.**



## DO YOU HAVE A PICKLEBALL BUCKET LIST ?



### MELODY & GREG WOODSUM DO

This couple takes their play seriously. They participate in myriad clinics. They play on our travel teams. They excel on our ladders. They serve as Mentors. They possess a U.S. Open gold medal. They drill more than a dentist. They have several dozen pickleball T-shirts. They even have a pickleball machine. One item on their bucket list is challenging, impressive, inspirational, remarkable, unique, book-worthy, and fun, and they have a decent start to it. So what is it they want to do? Melody and Greg are looking to play in a pickleball tournament in each of the 50 states. We'll enjoy periodic updates on their progress.



Jeff



Bob



Tom

Happy pickling, everyone.