



PalatinePicklers.com

November, 2017 NEWSLETTER

THIS IS YOUR “CATTLE CALL” TO PLAY FOR THE PICKLERS

This fall 16 different Picklers represented our club in the Tuesday competitions at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Every other week a team of 4 men and 4 ladies compete against Barrington in “lower intermediate” matches.

This fall 29 Picklers took to the Canlan courts for “upper intermediate” competitions against three other clubs. These teams consisted of six men and six ladies.

NOW is the time to tell me you’d like to play for your club. **Tell me each date you THINK you’ll be available** to play. There’s no commitment. I’ll publish in January’s newsletter rosters for the winter-spring season. I’ll get everyone on at least one roster, assuming his/her level is appropriate. You’ll be able to see which dates you’re to play. Then a few days before the match, I’ll ask you to confirm your availability and intent to play. Then, for Thursday players, I’ll let you know your pairing numbers and seeds. Tuesday players have the fun of playing with each of their 7 teammates once.

LOWER INTERMEDIATE TUESDAYS: 1/9 1/23 2/6 2/20 3/6 3/20 4/3 4/17 5/1 5/15

UPPER INTERMEDIATE THURSDAYS: 1/11 1/25 2/8 2/22 3/8 3/22 4/5 4/19 5/3 5/17

All competitions begin at 9:30. Tuesday’s seven games are to 13. Thursday’s six games are to 15. Play is generally done before noon. This is your chance to let me know you would like to play “travel” pickleball for your Palatine Picklers.



Holly & Ken



Cathy & Scott



Don & Bob



Melody & Brigitte

The photos above are from a Thursday Canlan Competition in October.

SORRY ... I HAD FUN PHOTOGRAPHING STEVE

One of two newbies on Friday, October 21 was Steve Feldstein. He's so fluid that I just found him fun to photograph.



BACK TO VETERAN PICKLERS



Bob

Bob

Char

Brigitte

Don

Linda

Monday, October 23rd, set a record that was both impressive and frustrating. 73 signed Chuck's sheet. That's a record by more than a dozen. Waiting 30-60 minutes between games drove many away. Chuck did a great job on a stressful day. Another record was set when several newbies joined the club, putting us over the 600-member mark.



HERE'S A PEEK AT CANLAN COMPETITION

Sol Shatz and Greg Woodsum played as 1st seeds on October 19th for the Picklers. They helped Palatine win this four-club match. Thought it would be fun to show some of the contortions on our top, "upper intermediate" Picklers.



THINK BIRCHWOOD

For personal reasons I'd like to keep it a secret, but seeing what Falcon is experiencing, it's my duty to point out that the Birchwood gym is a great, three court facility. It's located off Illinois Street, between Plum Grove Road and Quentin Road,. For only \$4 you can play from noon until 3:00 every Thursday for several months to come.

REALLY? ONLY 4 EARLY BIRDS?

We have Tuesday mornings from 6:00 to 8:30 available to us at Birchwood. Two Picklers loved the idea. I'm not a cheerleader for it, but I'd make it three. Come on. You know there will be ZERO waiting time between games. Let me know you'll make it ... you can even tell me what arrival time is comfortable for you. Again, it's only \$4. Email me. Until we have enough to justify it, I won't ask the Birchwood crew to set up a net or two. Come on. We can take turns bringing coffee and donuts, if that helps. Update: two more opted to play. Phew.



Anelina

Cathy & Scott

Jeff

Lynn

Cathie

SEND ME YOUR FUN SHIRT PICS

The December newsletter will feature some of your pickleball shirts (on you) that aren't club, tournament, or advertising shirts. So don each of your fun, funny, pun-filled, and pickleball-promoting shirts, and have someone take your photo ... or wear each to Falcon and make sure you have me take your pic. As if you couldn't figure it out, I'm at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Not sure pics will get to me through the website so better use this email address. Do it. Do it now. This will be fun. Yes, Lynne, I'll put every photo you send in the newsletter, no matter how many pages it takes. For newbies Lynne Weisbart won the "How many pickleball shirts do you have" contest with 64 ... and that was months ago. I know she's bought more PPC shirts since then. Maybe she's added a few "fun" ones too. Send 'em. I'll print 'e



Michelle



Brian



Scott



Gail



Joe



Chuck



Dick



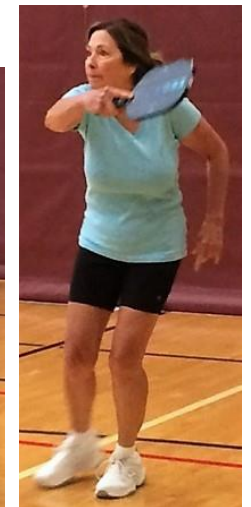
Bill



Larry



Judy



Sharon

REMINDER: WET SHOES STAY IN LOBBY

Think about it. Not I of course, but most of us are old farts. We fall down. We go “boom.” Not good. Water on courts leads to a slip risk. Basically, if anyone other than Kevin Wright goes to the floor, and the whole gym gasps. We want to stay upright. Dry days, sure, walk right into the gym. Damp pavement...change shoes in the lobby, NOT THE GYM. Thank you. I put a plastic bag in my gym bag into which I put wet street shoes. Everything else stays dry. Life is good.



Norb & Rob



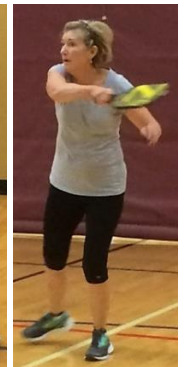
Holly



Hank



Marilyn



Lori



Greg



Shatz attack (Sol & Sue)



Cathy



Terry



Laurie

REMINDER: WE HAVE EARLY TUESDAY PLAY

If you happened to be at that Falcon frenzy last Monday, you should really appreciate this chance to play on uncrowded courts with lines and only a \$4 fee. We finally have four Picklers who want to play Tuesday mornings at Birchwood. That's enough to have PPD set up a court, but how 'bout giving it a try this week (10/31)? We can have the gym from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for several months. Let me know what time you'd like to arrive. I'll coordinate the arrival time with others so all know when a game can take place.

All programs, including all the previous Birchwood sessions, have started slowly and picked up momentum rapidly. That's happened most recently with the noon-3:00 session on Thursday. We had all three courts playing and Picklers waiting last week. IF we embrace the Tuesday morning session, we have a green light to try another day. I'd think Thursday is the next choice, as there's no other, local play that day. However, maybe Monday would be better. Either way, we have to jump on the Tuesday bandwagon, before we look any farther ahead. Let me know.



Janice



Wendy & Moira



Dori



Carol



Peggy

REMEMBER YOUR DISCOUNTS

Placing Peggy's photo reminded me that I should remind you there are three vendors who give Palatine Picklers discounts. (1) Use the code CRPALATINEPB when you buy anything at Pickleballcentral.com, and you'll get a 5% discount. Our club gets 5% credit too. (2) Visit Peggy's website Pickleballpaddleetc.com for her monthly specials. She carries a large line of items. (3) Buy any Prolite paddle from Chuck and get 10% off. He has demo paddles at Falcon.



Satish



Carole



Anne



Bob



Sue



Jim



Sand



Sue



Joan



Jim



Norm



Ursula



Tom



Ken



Linda



Ray

MAY BE FEWER PICS NEXT MONTH

In November I'll be attending nine PPC events, in addition to the Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri play times (more if I'm needed Tuesday morning at Birchwood). This seriously cuts into time I could devote to selecting, cropping, and editing pics.



John



Karen



Julie



Kathy



Karin



Dave



Linda & Cathy



Henry



Geri



Lynne & Laura



Don



Sally



Leroy

LAST MINUTE NEWS FROM PPD

Just got word from the Palatine Park District that, beginning Tuesday, November 7 we will have the Birchwood Park gym from 6:00 to 8:30 a.m. on **BOTH TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**. Here's what I need from you. Email me which of the first couple week's days (11/7, 11/9, 11/14, & 11/16 you believe you'll play there **AND** what time you expect to arrive. After the first couple weeks, I expect it to be established enough to now worry if there are enough Picklers to play. I'll let you know in advance who's playing and when they expect to arrive. Thanks.

LOWER INTERMEDIATE CANLAN COMPETITION

I sent this newsletter to one-third of you, before I got the news above about Birchwood. So, as long as I'm extending the newsletter to the 2/3 of you whose last name comes after Gelfand, I'll share the great Canlan Competition we had this morning. Both Barrington and the Palatine Picklers fielded teams of four ladies and four men. Each player played one game to 13 with each of his/here teammates. A total of 28 games were played. At the end our teams were tied 14-14. I had to total each teams points to determine the winner. In the second closest contest at Canlan yet, your Palatine Picklers won 267-264. That's the kind of close competition for which we Captains strive. I kind of liked the result too.

'TIL NEXT TIME...

That's it for November. Next month we'll have the results from the three King/Queen of the Court tournaments, medalists from the First Serve Management (Dana & Chuck) tournament, a final cattle call for the January to May Canlan Competitions (but don't wait 'til the last minute ... check the dates on page 1 and let me know now what works for you.

Happy pickling.

Bear

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