



PalatinePicklers.com

DECEMBER, 2017 NEWSLETTER



Lynne



Jim



Lynn



Kenny



Linda

PICKLERS ARE PLENTIFUL & PERSONABLE



Don



Sol



Ralph



Pat



Raul



Steve

2ND CATTLE CALL FOR "TRAVEL TEAM" PLAYERS

If you'd like to play in the Canlan Competitions in Lake Barrington this winter/spring, let me know the dates you think you'd be available. In January I'll publish the rosters for the first five matches. Tuesday is for "lower intermediate," and Thursday is for "upper intermediate."

Competitions begin at 9:30 at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. You don't need a partner. Tuesday's teams will be four ladies and four men from Palatine playing against four ladies and four men from Barrington. Competitors will pair with each of their seven teammates for one game. Two ladies will never play against two men.

Thursday is more involved. Four pickleball clubs field teams of six ladies and six men. Participants are paired and seeded by the team Captains and play one game against the same seeded pairs from each of the other three clubs...three gender games and then three mixed games.

If you've already given me your expected availability, thank you. If you haven't, please do. If you aren't sure if you're either under-qualified or over-qualified for either day, ask me. You can always reach me through the "Contact us" tab at PalatinePicklers.com.

Tuesday's dates for the winter season are: Jan 9 ... Jan 23 ... Feb 6 ... Feb 20 ... & Mar 6.

Thursday's dates for the winter season are: Jan 11 ... Jan 25 ... Feb 8 ... Feb 22 ... & Mar 8.

BACK TO PICKLER PICS



Gregg

Gus

Holly & Liz

John

Jim



Dan

Diane

Greg

Dilip

Hollis

RESULTS: KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT for 60 YEAR OLDS

On November 7th, eight sextagenarian Picklers competed to become King of Queen of the court. After playing with each fellow competitor once and against each one twice, Jeff Degner donned the proverbial crown, Linda Mihel finished 2nd, and Mary Brinkman took 3rd.



Jim Ronk, Mary Brinkman, Linda Mihel, Jeff Degner, Myers, Linda Hycnar, & Frank Bing. Photo of top 3 was taken before an error in addition was discovered that had Mary replace Debbie.



Liz Berry was the 8th competitor, but she TOOK the photo above.

BIRCHWOOD'S POPULARITY IS GROWING

EARLY BIRDS ... On both Tuesdays and Thursdays, we have the gym from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. Here's the deal: Until it's taken for granted at what time there will be enough to have a good time, **please email me** the time you intend to arrive for EACH Tuesday and each Thursday. I'll then email all who plan on coming with the results. We don't want someone getting there at 6:00 and waiting an hour for others. So far 6:30 has been a good starting time.

NOW POPULAR are Thursday afternoons from noon to 3:00. This session took a while to catch on too, but all three courts are full the whole time now. Great gym. Fun players. Nurturing for newer players. All levels welcome.



Mike



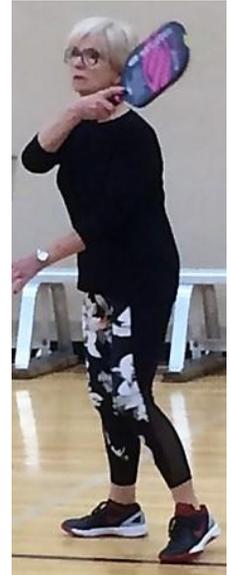
Tom



Tim



Soo



Ursula

OUR CHUCK IS UP

In Casa Grande, Arizona last month, our own Chuck Feinstein, Falcon Court Master, Coach Extraordinaire, Friend to all, Player of tunes, Maestro of “Move down,” Purveyor of anecdotes, softball slugger, and part-time pickleball player captured a really big one in November. Chuck and partner Camille Hughes-Strope captured the gold medals for 4.5 mixed doubles at the USAPA National Championships. As you know Chuck sells Prolite paddles. Don’t be surprised if he starts selling autographs too. This is kind of huge so don’t “upchuck” over the accolades.



RESULTS: KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT for MENTOREES

On Wednesday mornings throughout the summer we held mentoring sessions for beginners and any who wanted to drill on basic skills. On November 9th eight Mentorees competed in a King/Queen of the Court tournament. Everyone had a great time playing one game with each fellow Mentoree and two games against each. At the end of the morning, Kim Corrado was crowned Queen of the Court, with Linda Hycnar finishing 2nd and Penny Quaide 3rd.



Kim Corrado, Jeff Porter, Joe Iacovo, Ursula Rahal, Linda Hycnar, Laurie Jones, Sue Daugherty, & Penny Quaide Linda 2nd Kim 1st Penny 3rd

Having watched, and worked with, these Picklers all summer, seeing their current skills in action against one another was incredible. I wasn't Master Mentor or even a Major Mentor, just another Mentor, but I still felt like a proud parent on graduation day. Not that I had many doubts, but seeing the skills they are now displaying totally convinced me that the mentoring sessions will be renewed next summer.



Brian



Bonnie



Bill



Carol



Bear



Janice



Charlie



Diane



Jeff

PEGGY WON AT NATIONALS TOO

Peggy Whitlow went to Casa Grande, AZ too. And she also came home with a National Championships medal. Our other paddle-peddling Pickler captured a bronze in the 70+, 3.0, ladies singles tournament. Congratulations, Peggy, you Energizer Bunny.



Pat



Steve



Sandy



Rich



Nez



Scott



Penny



Millie



Myrna



Vic

PERSONAL REQUEST

I hope I'm not whining, but I receive and send not just dozens but a **lot** of PPC emails each week. A good number of received emails require me to go search an email address, to identify the author. Please sign your emails. I may not recognize 4pigsinapen@aol.com as being Fredrica Farmer. These situations, and answering myriad questions which were already answered in the newsletter, take time I'd rather not spend. Thanks.



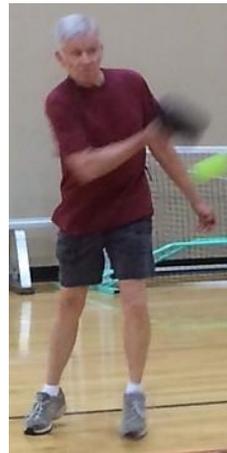
Frank



Jeff



Gene



Jim



Frank



Angelina



Anne



Carol



Darrell



Debbie

“NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED”

This old saying sometime seems appropriate. This is one of those times. A great many Picklers have chosen to avoid the crowds at Falcon and play at Canlan on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. That’s understandable. Sacrificing “good” games for minimal wait times is a reasonable decision for many. Here’s what you need to know about Canlan. Tammy Kerr, Boss Lady of the facility, is considering removing the cold water cooler from the Canlan gym. It should take only a first visit to realize that there is water in the gym that saves a trip to the fountain in the hall, but there are no cups.

The water is there as a gift from Canlan. Due to costs and environmental considerations, there are no cups. It’s up to all who play there to bring a water bottle, empty Gatorade bottle, etc. which can be filled from the cooler. Unfortunately, there is so much whining and moaning about not having cups there that the cooler is in jeopardy.

Let’s make sure that Picklers are not among the whiners. Just bring something into which cool water can be poured.



Don



Ken



Kathy



Keith



Marianne



Linda



Nez & Dave



Lucky



Lee



Holly



Laurie

EXTENDING FUN SHIRT PIC DEADLINE

Do you have a pickleball-related shirt that is not from a tournament or a club (PPC or any other)? If so, the January newsletter would like to show it off. Admittedly, even I have yet to get around to donning a few shirts and having Kathy take my pic in each. We want to feature all the fun shirts our members wears occasionally. There are a few in the folder, but I know there are dozens more out there that would give your fellow Picklers a smile. Have someone take a pic of you in each fun shirt you own and email those pics to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. With or without your pics, the January newsletter WILL show off the fun shirts we've collected. We'd rather that collection includes your shirt/s so look through your closet or drawers and see what you have.



Carl



Brian



Carole



Cyndi



Dan



Mike



Sue



Wendy



Thea



Sue

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE TRULY PICKLERIFFIC



Carol



Bob



Karl



Ray



John



Karin



Mike



Rob & Linda



Bob



Joni



Dave



Hank



Marti & Lynne



Mary



Melody & Brigitte



Laurie & Ursula



Ken & Bob

“I’m in”

While waiting for photos of the recent FSM Wheeling tournament medalists, I’ll share a “how it works” description. Veteran event participants know this routine, but for first-timers and future first-timers, I’d like to explain how I run events. It may be a Tuesday club vs team competition or a Thursday 4-cub Canlan Competition, a King/Queen of the Court tournament or whatever. I’ll notify right away those who “make” an event, when enough Picklers to stage the event have answered a “cattle call.” I’ll let them know they’re in a tournament or will publish the rosters I’ve created (Canlan matches). About four or five days before the event, I’ll email those chosen for it, to get a confirmation that each is still planning on participating. I request a reply to that email with just, “I’m in.” I’ll reply with a happy face, to let them know I got their confirmation. BTW that four or five days prior to the event is critical. I used to do this a week or more in advance, to give me plenty of time to find a replacement, if necessary. BAD IDEA. Seniors’ memories, it seems, don’t stretch a week. Twice we experienced a no-show which caused half the games to be forfeited and a bunch of players having nothing to do for several games. I’ve had no problems, since asking for confirmation closer to the event.

In the case of Thursday Canlan Competitions, one to two days before the event, when I have a confirmed 12 Picklers, I send out the pairings and seeds for gender and mixed games. So there really is no need to ask a week in advance who your mixed partner will be. I can’t tell you, because I don’t consider pairings, until I have a full team, and that has yet to be confirmed.



Terry



Jolan



Dana



Karin & Holly

FOR ANYONE NEEDING A LIFE

I’m inserting this filler after the newsletter is done. For what I believe is only the second time, I’ve accidentally put two pics of a Pickler (not counting multi-player pics) in this newsletter. Coincidentally, it’s the same individual I duplicated a couple years ago. Can you find him/her?



Joan



sorry – lost name



Alicia



Jimmy



Mike

CALLING ALL TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS

I KNOW there are a LOT of ping pong players among us. I'm not sure what I'll create or where, but let's get a fun day of play ... a tournament ... and some socializing to discuss two of our favorite sports and get to know each other better. Just email me "I play ping pong." Within the next couple months, I'll see that we get together for a fun event somewhere, hopefully at a Palatine Park District facility.

RESULTS: KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT for SEPTEGENARIANS

On Tuesday, November 21st, eight, young 70-somethings battled all morning. It was fun for all.



Bob McGowan, Darrell Rutter, Bob Bregenzer, Sue Cole, Terry Layton, Gus Panos, Bear Shatwell, John Forshall



Bear 2nd, Bob B 1st, & Bob M 3rd

LOOK FOR FUTURE KING/QUEEN TOURNAMENTS...JUST RESPOND QUICKLY...ONLY 8 GET IN.

YEAR END THANKS

In 2017 a number of Picklers have stepped up small and large, to make our lives easier and better. I'd like to thank the following individuals, in alphabetical order, for their help:

- Dana Joseph** ... donating balls to the Sycamore storage bin
Dana Joseph, Greg Woodsum, Marv Zwass ... returning scoreboards at Canlan to me
Dennis Bourgoin ... serving as Mentor for summer mentoring sessions
Greg Woodsum ... serving as Mentor for summer mentoring sessions
Greg Woodsum ... setting up and maintaining the summer ratings program
Jeff Degner ... setting up & returning scoreboard for 60s King/Queen tournament
Jay Newby, Keith Williams, Linda Mihel, & Sharon Gallas ... taking a photo of me on the court
Jim Blair ... making the "Winners" & "Losers" paddle holders for Birchwood and Canlan
Jim Simmons ... taking over the reins for the Tuesday Canlan Competitions
John Pihl ... maintaining our awesome PalatinePicklers.com website
Julie Gall ... donating balls to the Sycamore bin
Larry Shoemake & Neal Harris ... serving as Mentor for the 1st, summer mentoring session
Liz Berry ... maintaining "Where we play" section of our website that has all area play details
Liz Berry ... serving as Mentor for summer mentoring sessions
Linda Mihel ... running one Tuesday Canlan Competition
Linda Mihel ... taking some of the early 2018 photos that were used in newsletters
Melody Woodsum ... organizing our June Picklers Picnic in the Park picnic and play afternoon
Melody Woodsum ... serving as Mentor for summer mentoring sessions
Mike O'Connor ... serving as Mentor for summer mentoring sessions
Thea Froehling ... serving as our photographer at the U.S. Open

RESULTS: DANA/CHUCK WHEELING TOURNAMENT

Sorry there are no medalist photos to share, but here are the Picklers who placed:

- 4.0 Men: Gold = Rick Johnson & partner ... Bronze = Trevor Weisbart & partner
4.0 Mixed: Gold = Trevor Weisbart & partner
3.5 Women: Gold = Nez Agrawal & partner ... Silver = Thea Froehling & partner
3.5 Men: Silver = Lance Schreier & partner ... Bronze = John & Charlie May
3.5 Mixed: Silver = Nez Agrawal & Mike Rosenblum ... Bronze = Suzie & Lance Schreier
3.0 Women: Silver = Sue Cole & Sue Johnson ... Bronze = Lynne Weisbart & *daughter Lani*
3.0 Men: Gold = Don Bextel & Bear Shatwell ... Silver = John Kirschner & Tom Loftus
3.0 Mixed: Silver = Liz Berry & Bear Shatwell ... Bronze = Sue Cole & Tom Loftus

PICKLER TRAVEL TEAMS

In case it makes any prospective Canlan Competitors less intimidated by the frightening idea of playing on a travel team representing your club, I thought I'd share how un-scary we can be. Each match it's a different group of Picklers. Perhaps, next year you'll be on one of our teams.



This was the Thursday, Upper Intermediate team that played November 16th.



The DuPage team



The Hoffman team



The LibertyRidge team

SEE TUESDAY CANLAN COMPETITORS LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER



Jan



Vinnie



Tom & Mike



Karen



Julie



Mike



Debbie



Steve



Denise



Dennis

HELP WANTED

As the PPC has grown to more than 625 members, the club could benefit from more of my time than the serious hours a week I've been willing to give it. I haven't even had time to update the website these past three months. I could use your help. Here are areas in which your talents would benefit your fellow Picklers (and me):

- **Sending newsletters** ... I'll give you the newsletter in pdf, the cover email, and our membership list with names and email addresses. You do whatever you want to get it to everyone.
- **Purifying mailing list** ... There always undelivered newsletters. More often than not, I don't spend the time to text or call members to get these corrected.
- **Run our Tuesday Canlan Competition program.** That means doing whatever it takes to get four men and four ladies of appropriate ability on Canlan's courts every other Tuesday morning. Not required but seemingly appreciated, you can figure and send individual and team statistics to participants after the match.

- **Run our Thursday Canlan Competition program** ... This is considerably more complex. Every other Thursday you field a team of six men and six lady Picklers. A day or two before the match, you send your players the pairing for both gender games and mixed games, along with your assigned seeds (1-3 for gender & 1-6 for mixed). Print you're your pairings team numbers, seeds, and names. Before the match, mount the dry-erase scoreboard (you're in charge of running the 4-club competitions), a container of dry erase pens, and your printout on a wall easily accessible to both gyms. With or without announcements, get everybody playing at 9:30. Verify all scores are entered throughout the morning. Photograph the completed scoreboard, just in case any scores rub off before you can start your computations. Take down scoreboard and pens. Return balls to the front desk. Once home, do whatever stats you desire. Let the other three Captains know the order of finish and the respective scores. Again, not necessary but traditional, figure and send all the individual and team stats to participants within a day or two of the match.
- **Run King/Queen of the Court tournaments** ... This is pretty easy. Determine for what demographic (age group, left-handed brunettes, self-described beginners, etc.) you want to offer a tournament. Solicit 8 participants (I'm glad to put your cattle calls in newsletters). Send rules (I'll supply) to them. Before the match begins, mount the dry-erase scoreboard on the wall. Enter the appropriate eight scores after each of the seven games. Add each participant's scores, enter the totals and write 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by the medalists. Take a photo of the group and of the top three.
- **Early Bird management** ... Maintain Birchwood player mailing list and inquire weekly who will arrive when for the early morning Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Then mail all who will show up when everyone is expecting to arrive.
- **Sycamore Coordinator** ... Maintain email mailing list of players interested in playing at other than PPC designated times and get them playing whenever sufficient players desire.
- **Travel Team Coordinator** ... Set up club vs club matches with other clubs/towns. Agree on a format and the number of players. Solicit players. Send your team all necessary information about where and when and how much, if there's a fee.
- **Social Chairperson** ... (Melody started this in 2017) Come up with fun events for members to get together, even if no pickleball is involved. Do whatever is necessary to make them memorable and enjoyable. Solicit help as you see fit.
- **Shirt Manager** ... Solicit sale of PPC shirts, give me all the styles, colors, and sizes needed (minimum of 12 needed). Collect the fees and give them to me, with all the info. Usually a couple weeks later I'll give you the shirts and some zip lock bags in which you can pack them for each buyer. Then get them distributed however you can.
- **Photographers** ... Though I've sort of enjoyed taking 98% of the photos you've seen in newsletters, I'd welcome more photographers, surely with better cameras than I have on my iPhone 5S.

- **PR Manager** ... Someone to get PPC some well-deserved recognition. Yes, we're growing at an incredible pace. The more we grow the sport, the more playing opportunities we'll stimulate throughout the NW suburbs. WE know virtually all 50+ individuals would enjoy playing pickleball, but just think how many times a week, or month, you answer the question, "What's pickleball?" It's our responsibility to do our part to enlighten the world. Also coordinate with other clubs for the common good.

Jim Latal and Bob Sitarz have said they'd help out, but we haven't discussed in what capacity yet. How 'bout joining them on an expanded administrative staff?

1st SLEEVELESS SHIRT

Four Picklers requested we add sleeveless shirts to our options. The first to order one was Neal Harris. If ten more of you order a shirt within a few days, whether sleeveless, cotton, wicking, crew or v-neck there's a good chance you'll have before the end of 2017.



Jim



Sandy



Karin



Anita



Kevin



Sharon



Peter



Chuck



Arlene



Gail



Neal



Laura



Marv



PPC's Tuesday 11/28 Canlan Competitors
We won 18-10



Barrington's team ... all of whom are in
PPC too but now play mostly at Canlan

WANNA PLAY IN THE U.S. OPEN ?

Lynne Weisbart has done that and thus has preferential registration. She has a partner for ladies competitions, but she needs partner/s for 65-69 mixed competition and 3.0 mixed play. The Open is in Naples, FL the last week of April. Let her know, if you're interested in an amazing experience at an incredible venue filled with thousands of dedicated players. Reach Lynne at lynne.weisbart@gmail.com.



Jerri



Peggy



Barb & Bill



Karen



Alissa

FALCON'S & BIRCHWOOD'S DARK DAYS

Our last Falcon play day this year is Friday, December 22nd. We'll return on Monday, January 8th. Our last Birchwood day is Thursday, December 14th. We'll return on Thursday, January 4th.

A facility JUST opened in Mt Prospect. The Central Community Center at 1000 W Central has open pickleball on up to 9 courts from 9 to noon, for only \$3...or \$20 for a 10-play pass. Unfortunately, the reviews have been from severely negative to "Bulldoze the place." I'm told they're receptive to making those improvements that can be fixed. Even those will take time. For now I recommended that you curb your curiosity and trust the five reviews I've received about dead spots, low ceiling, painted floor that "eats" the ball, courts too close together, etc. If/when enough changes have been made to make it a viable venue, I'll happily report that.



Lynn



Susan



Michelle



David



Pat

LOOK FOR THE PICKLERS PORTILLOS PARTY

Expect an early January newsletter. In it look for the date and time of our next social event ... a get together at Portillos on Dundee Road. Melody Woodsum will be organizing this.



Christine



Liz



Jill



Mike

IF YOU PLAY AT CANLAN...

Attached is the release that Canlan needs you to sign. It's a lot of legalese yadda yadda yadda that won't cost you anything but will let them continue to offer us all a great pickleball venue. Please print, sign and return it. Thanks. If they don't have your release on file, you may find your car towed so just do it. I'll likely forget to attach it so some batches. Tell me.

DECEMBER PICKLEBALL IS COOL



We dressed a bit more warmly than we do at Falcon or Birchwood, but Mary, Brian, Janice, Jim, Anne, Mike, Bear, and Denise enjoyed playing at Sycamore until it got too dark.

ANOTHER NEARBY TOURNAMENT

Another Palatine Pickler is staging a tournament. Jose Sosa wants you to mark your calendars and register for the second “Winter Blues” Pickleball Tournament. It takes place Saturday, **February 10th** at the **Addison** Park District Club Fitness facility. It’s round robin play so you sign up individually for 3.0-, 3.5, or 4.0+ level. You’re guaranteed 7 games. Total points for the 8:00 a.m. to noon event win. Registration is limited to 48 players so contact Jose early. Email Jose at coachsosa@yahoo.com for more information.

ONE OF OUR MOST WELL-RECOGNIZED PICKLERS

We could make a case for Lucky, Marv, Jeff, Don, Darrell, Dana, or even me, but few Falcon or Sycamore Picklers aren’t aware of Satish, our featured Pickler of the Month. (This will be a monthly feature only when I have at least 5 appropriate photos.)



YES, I KNOW...YOU WANT TO SEE MORE PICKLERS



Kelly



Marcia



Martha



Jay



Sue



Ivy



Kim



Mike



Bob



Pat



Dora



Pam



Tom



Mike



Bob



Linda



Carol



John



Elke



Julie



Daniel



Sally



Jim



Fran



Michelle

SORRY TO THE DOZENS NOT INCLUDED

This newsletter gives you solo pics of 177 Picklers. While that's hardly a drop in the bucket, there are dozens I'd have liked to include, but I hadn't taken recent photos of them. In fact, several of the pics on the final couple pages were taken from my archives, just to include faces you're seeing on our courts this month. If your photo is not included in this newsletter, PLEASE let me know, and I'll try to get you in the January newsletter.



Becky



Jim



Cathie



Carl



Larry



John



Greg & Melody



Dick



Joe



Sandy



Marti



Scott



Judy



Sue



Tom



Adrienne



Linda



Marilyn



Brigitte



Dori



Fred



Dennis



Joann



Rose

WE'RE NEARING THE END OF THIS THING ...

LOTS OF NEWBIES ... SHOULD NEED LOTS OF SHIRTS

For those who don't know, we need to order 12 shirts to keep our excellent pricing. I have four pre-ordered now. We've added a couple dozen newbies, since our early November order. Let's place one more order this year ... and then give it a rest for a few months. Newbies, how 'bout showing support for your club? Just go to PalatinePicklers.com and check out all the styles and colors for the shirts you can order. Then let me know what you'd like and give me cash or check (R B Shatwell). Once I place our order, I will pick them up in 2-3 weeks and have them with me at Falcon for you.

LET'S REVIEW SWITCHING SIDES ON LOBBY COURT

For those who are newer to our club and playing at Falcon, you've surely noticed the extreme glare on the court nearest the lobby. Because that glare is likely to cost a few points a game, teams switch sides halfway through their time on that court. If your game starts on the court, switching sides at 6 is an easy concept. If you move to that court with a game already in progress, it's just a bit trickier. Say you move to the lobby court with the score of 5-2. The winning team has six more points (assuming game is to 11) so someone announces before the next serve, "Switch at 8." That's half way to 11, for the time on this court. It's barely trickier yet, if there's an odd number separating the leading score from 11. Say you get to the lobby court with the score 6-5. There are only 5 points to 11. The PPC policy is "Round up." Since you can't switch sides at a score of 8.5, you switch when one team reaches 9.

Another court may deserve a side-switch. If sunny, the middle court on the far side gets glare from the windows in that little room behind the wall. Glare side declares they want a switch.

ANOTHER CHUCK IT UP VICTORY

Just in ... Chuck Feinstien is on a roll. Last weekend in Zionsville, Indiana at the Indy Holiday Round Robin, he and partner Josh Lancaster captured Gold in Mens 5.0, and, with KaSandra Gehrke, added a Bronze in 5.0 mixed doubles. Way to go, Chuck. We're proud of you.





Ted



John



Linda



Jim

SET YOUR TV

On Saturday, December 23rd at noon our time, CBS Sports will air the medal matches from the Pickleball Nationals. Watch what it is to which you aspire.

MISFIT SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW

Over the months, four Picklers have purchased shirts which don't fit as desired.

- 1) XL Wicking Crew-neck Columbia Blue \$15
- 2) L (may really be XL) Wicking Crew-neck Electric Blue \$15
- 3) M Cotton Crew-neck Lime \$14
- 4) Petite S Cotton V-neck Azalea Pink \$14

If interested in checking one of these out, let me know, and I'll let the owner know.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD GAME

Consider this newsletter my "thank you" to all 629 of you, for making the Palatine Pickleball Club the most welcoming, most nurturing, most event-oriented and, hopefully, most fun club around. I hope this newsletter serves as your "who's who" reference for months to come.

You won't see 200+ photos again. Since starting this club, I've put on hold things to which I'd like to return so I hope to cut my off-court time to about 20 hours a week. Until someone is willing to replace me, I'll be proud to remain your PicklerPrez, but I'll be more of a mini-me.

Thanks for all the intrinsic rewards you've given me, and Happy Holidays.

Bear
PicklerPrez