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FOUR FAVORS FALCON FLOOR

The four-shoe season is in full bloom now. Tracking Mother Nature’s elements onto the gym floor does three things: creates a slippery, safety hazard ... is abrasive to the floor ... and prompts fellow Picklers to roll their eyes. So please remember to carry your court shoes into the building and change shoes in the lobby. Of course, this should apply to Birchwood, Canlan, and any other indoor, pickleball facility you frequent.



Anne



Carole



Athena



Carol



Barb

NEED A FEW MORE OF YOU TO ORDER SHIRTS

To place our next order of Palatine Pickler shirts, we need five more. Go to PalatinePicklers.com, to check out the styles and colors of shirts from which you can choose. Then let Bear know. (You can do that through the website also, via the “Contact us” tab.

After this order, we’ll look to place just three orders per year.

IT'S "FUN SHIRT" TIME

Over the past two months, you've been sending your photos of your fun shirts, or my iphone caught you in them. Check out these shirts that may cause you to feel-good, giggle, groan, guffaw, or roll your eyes. They're all fun. You may have to look twice, but no shirt appears in this collection two times...oops. except Greg.



Lynn's



Bear's



Dick's



Laurie's



Melody's



.....Marti's front



Mrti's back



Jeff's



Bear's



Linda's



.... Bear's



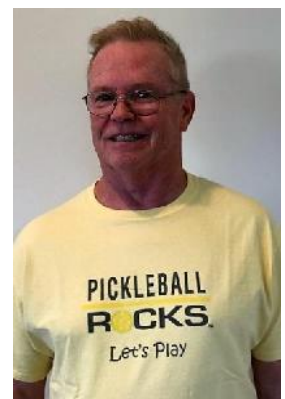
Greg's



Bear's



Frank's



Bear's



.. Linda's



Jeff's



Julie's



Pete's back



Pete's front



Melody's



Linda's



Bear's



Greg's



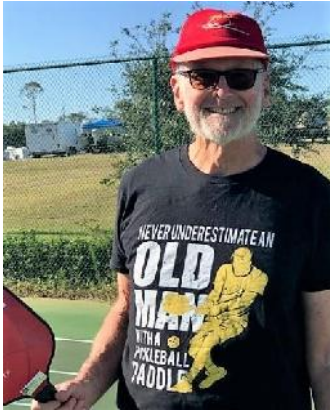
Jeff's



Bear's



Melody's & Greg's again



Dave's



Frank's



Anne's

Greg, Melody, and Bear have Pickleball Rocks shirts that are a grey area for this collection. Pickleball Rocks IS a company, but it's also a great, fun saying so they got in. Anne's shirt is just a vendor promo, but she looks great and went to the trouble of getting her pic and sending it to me so we'll end with her ... however ...

BOB TOOK THE INVITATION TO A WHOLE, NEW LEVEL

Bob was, apparently, so enamored by the invitation to send a pic of a "fun" shirt that he kind of ignored the part about them being pickleball-oriented. Have to admit, though, that he does have a fun shirt.



HOW 'BOUT ANOTHER DANA DAY?

Dana Joseph and Chuck Feinstein of First Serve Management so loved their 14-hour day working their last tournament that they're anxious to do it again. SIGN UP NOW for the Sunday, February 11th tournament in that same facility at 333 W Dundee Road, Wheeling. Times will be determined, once the number of competitors has been finalized. Bring your partner to play men's, ladies, and/or mixed in 3.0, 3.5, or 4.0 division. It's \$25 for your first event and only \$5 more, if you play in a second. AND the top three finishers in any division get "gold, silver, or bronze" medals on great ribbons...and their photo taken by Chuck himself.

CONGRATULATIONS, JIM BLAIR

One, and only one, Pickler solved the mystery of which of the couple hundred Picklers appearing in the December newsletter had two different photos in the newsletter. Great observation, Jim. You deserve Pickler of the Month.



CANLAN COMPETITION ROSTERS

We'll have a LOT of Picklers seeing action for both the Tuesday, "Lower Intermediate" matches and the Thursday, "Upper Intermediate" matches. Four men and four ladies play Tuesdays. Six of each play Thursdays.

Here are the rosters for our first five, TUESDAY Canlan Competitions of 2018.

JAN 9	JAN 23	FEB 6	FEB 20	MAR 6
Kevin Wright	Mike Rosenblum	Bob Sitarz	Jim Latal	Gregg Dideuh
Bob Goldstein	Ken Monico	Bob Driscoll	Kenny Thakker	Jim Latal
Bob McGowan	Gregg Dideuh	Jim Blair	Tom Kramer	Don Kaplan
Greg Kuhs	Don Bextel	Bob McGowan	Greg Kuhs	Bear Shatwell
Denise Hopkins	Linda Mihel	Lynn Weisbart	Sue Johnson	Marti Marra
Linda Cherney	Carol Stevens	Karin Hribar	Lynn Weisbart	Linda Mihel
Madonna Stoioff	Sue Pratt	Mary Knight	Mary Knight	Peggy Whitlow
Sue Johnson	Madonna Stoioff	Linda Mihel	Peggy Whitlow	Denise Hopkins

For teams with four men, we're rostering 16 (4 play 2 times & 12 play once).

For teams with four ladies, we're rostering 12 (1 plays 3 times, 6 play twice, & 4 play once).

The goal is to give everyone a chance to play, while still fielding a team with a good chance to win.

Consequently, our better players may make more rosters than the rest of us.

Here are the rosters for our first five, THURSDAY “Upper Intermedite” Canlan Competitons of 2018.

JAN 11	JAN 25	FEB 8	FEB 22	MAR 8
Marv Zwass	John Forshall	Scott Rosen	Mike Rosenblum	Neal Harris
Neal Harris	Bear Shatwell	Marv Zwass	Bob Goldstein	Jim Latal
Bob Bregenzer	Bob Sitarz	Neal Harris	Gregg Dideuh	Don Kaplan
Jim Latal	Don Kaplan	Bob Bregenzer	Kenny Thakker	Bear Shatwell
Gregg Dideuh	Ken Monico	Jeff Degner	Jim Latal	Jeff Degner
Mike Rosenblum	Jeff Degner	Rob Paneral	Rob Paneral	John Kirschner
Linda Gariano	Hollis Pearlman	Linda Gariano	Sue Cole	Hollis Pearlman
Linda Mihel	Angelina Seltzer	Angelina Seltzer	Linda Gariano	Linda Mihel
Dana Joseph	Dana Joseph	Karin Hribar	Linda Mihel	Dana Joseph
Sue Gilder	Brigitte Latal	Sue Gilder	Karin Hribar	Marti Marra
Brigitte Latal	Sue Johnson	Donna Beechick	Brigitte Latal	Donna Beechick
Thea Froehling	Thea Froehling	Sue Cole	Sue Johnson	Thea Froehling

We’re rostering 17 men (3 play 3 times, 7 play twice, & 7 play once).

We’re rostering 13 ladies (5 3 times, 7 2 times, & 1 once)

Again, the goal is to play as many Picklers as possible, without throwing anyone “under the bus.”

SORRY ... BAD SPACE MANAGEMENT. IF I'M ABLE TO FIND A FILLER FOR HERE, YOU WON'T SEE THIS.

BEAR WITH ME, AS I LOOKED FOR 2018's BEST PICS

I thought it would be fun and challenging to come up with my favorite 25 photos I took in 2017. I went through each month’s file and pulled out contenders. They totaled 188. I cut that to 74. Then I cut that to 49. Then 37. I finally narrowed them to these 25. Some were selected for form, some grace, some athleticism, some timing, some expression, some humor, and some for a combination of qualities. The generally poor quality of some wasn’t a factor. Hope you enjoy revisiting some of these and seeing many for the first time.

With the exception of my favorite shot, these are presented in random order.



.... Angelina



Jeff



Linda



Hank



Carl



Carole



Bob



Linda



Jim



Kevin



Jimmy



Tim



Steve & April



Sally



Liz



Jim



Kathy



Linda



Don



Cathy



Charlie



Gregg



Mike



2017's Best of the Best Pic: Sharon



Susan

THANKS TO THREE NEW HAND-RAISERS

Three of our 630 members answered the call and volunteered their time and talents. Thank you, Cathy Misniak and Gregg Kuhs for getting this newsletter, and all future ones, out. Thanks to Greg Panos for being willing to coordinate the Early Bird play at Birchwood.

Anyone else want to help make this club be the best it can be? There's a LOT of work that goes into this, and the workload is growing. (I've just accepted another travel team competition. Midtown Club wants to compete with us.) Your help is needed. I'll be happy to do the newsletters, but there's not enough time for me to run three travel leagues, a Pickler lending library for other clubs, all our King/Queen tournaments, take/edit photos, run ladders, procure shirts, do special events, etc. Without your help, I'll have to consider retiring from managing travel teams and leagues (once the season ends mid-May), or I'll run the travel programs but reduce the newsletter to a two or three-page publication with few pics.

With Greg, Cathy, and Gus adding to the help Jim Latal, Bob Sitarz and webmaster John Pihl have offered, we're close to having enough Picklers for a Board of Directors. Wouldn't you like to be part of the club's future? Please email me.

BACK TO NEW PICKLER PICS



Myrna



Neal



Nez



Sol



Ann



Carol



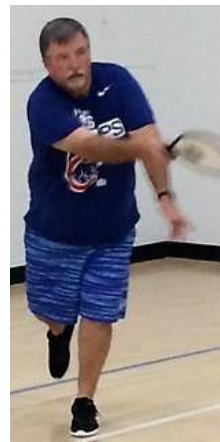
Dan



Greg



Don



Dan



Keith



Marti



"Lobster"



Mike



Greg



Joni



Joanne



Frank



Gail



Mike



Julie



Ralph



Sharon



"Lobster"



Lynne

HAPPY NEW YEAR, PALATINE PICKLERS



Tom



Don



Rich



Janice



Gene



Mike



Marianne



Penny



Raul



John



Marv



Karin



Lynn



Millie



Soo

REMINDER ... EARLY PLAY AT BIRCHWOOD

There's been fun play on great courts at Birchwood on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you target 6:45, you'll hit the most popular ETA. We play until 9:00 or a bit beyond. Tuesdays don't need my constant reminders. Sufficient players show up. Thursdays are not as automatic. So let's go with this ... IF you're going to play Thursday early morning, email me with your anticipated arrival time. Now this can be done through our new email palatinepicklers@gmail.com or through the website. I will let everyone who responds know how many are coming and when. Gus Panos has volunteered to coordinate the Early Bird play. Express your interest, and I'll get your contact info to him.

Of course, the Thursday noon to 3:00 sessions are back in full swing at Birchwood.

LAST CALL FOR SHIRTS

We're overdue for our next shirt order. Please check the website ... PalatinePicklers.com ... and click on the shirt tab. You'll find all the styles and colors you could want. We need to wrap up this next order. Then we'll coast for several months. Let me know ... again through the website or palatinepicklers@gmail.com what you'd like to own. Then pay me as soon as possible. BE SURE YOU SEE MARK YOU AS PAID ON MY CLIPBOARD.

NEW CATTLE CALL FOR 3.4 - 3.9 PLAYERS

Here's the deal ... I haven't gotten confirmation from Canlan yet that four courts will be available, but let's assume they are. We need a bunch of men and ladies who are "upper intermediate" who would like to play Tuesday afternoons against similarly skilled players from the Midtown Club. Each club will field teams of four men and four ladies, and each participant will play one game to 13 (win by 1) with each of his/her teammates. If interested, please let me know ... palatinepicklers@gmail.com or through the "Contact us" tab on our website PalatinePicklers.com. Competitions could begin this month.

LET US KNOW IF ...

I'd say, "Let us know if you don't get this," but that's too lame for a group of our sophistication. So I'll say ... Let us know, if you had a problem downloading the newsletter or if it wasn't downloadable on you phone. This is the first newsletter sent via what we hope will be the future of your receiving all our communiques.

NOTE THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

We now have a great email address ... easier than my personal one or even going through the website. Just send you thoughts, questions, suggestions, etc. to palatinepicklers@gmail.com. I'll either get back to you or refer it to one of you volunteers who will get back to you a.s.a.p.

HOPE YOUR 2018 IS PICKLERIFFIC...

Bear
PicklersPrez