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## FEBRUARY, 2018 NEWSLETTER

### 4 CATTLE CALLS

#### #1 CATTLE CALL ... TUESDAY AFTERNOON UPPER INTERMEDIATES

This one may well be the most important. On Tuesday, February 13, we'll put four Lady Picklers and four men on Canlan's courts our first of five matches against players from Midtown Club. The problem is that a good number of our 3.4-3.9 level players will be playing for Midtown. So PLEASE, if an upper intermediate player and MAY BE available on any/all the dates below, let me know. So far we have only two ladies and two men.

The matches start at 1:30 on the following dates: 2/13 2/27 3/13 3/27 & 4/10. These Tuesdays are NOT the same days as the Tuesday morning Canlan Competition Tuesdays. Every Tuesday we'll have a match, but they'll alternate between competing against Barrington in the morning or Midtown in the afternoon. By emailing me, you are saying only that you EXPECT to be available on the date/s you give me. I'll put together rosters for each match and either put them in a newsletter or send them to all who respond with one or more dates. Then, a few days before the match, I'll ask each rostered Pickler to reply to my emailed confirmation request with simply, "I'm in." Here's the deal. I feel we'll be facing very strong competition so this time I'll be rostering the strongest players possible. Unlike the fall Tuesday and Thursday sessions, I'm not assuring everyone who responds will get at least one match. Don't let that scare you from replying, though. There's a good chance I'll be beating the bushes for even a beginner or two, as we get near the matches. Thanks for understanding. Now stop reading and email me with the dates you think you'd be available, if needed,



Chris



Elke



Greg



Donna



Bob

## #2 CATTLE CALL ... TUESDAY MORNING INTERMEDIATES

This is for our ongoing Canlan Competition with the Barrington/Canlan players. While it started as a “lower intermediate (3.0) competition, Barrington has a shortage of players and does not compete in the Thursday, “upper intermediate” play. So gradually the 3.0 idea got left in the dust. Two matches ago they brought their stable of horses and blew us away 18-9. Last time we brought ours, and they weren’t quite as strong, and we won 21-7. If both clubs field their best or their “normal rosters,” we could have a good match. I have always wanted to give everyone a chance to experience travel play, and this “seemed” the right place for slightly weaker players to get that experience. After fielding four players that went 0-7 last fall, with virtually no chance of winning a game, I won’t be doing that again. I hope to field only (in my semi-ignorant opinion) 3.0 to 3.6 players.

OK, some of you responded to these dates long ago. I’m ignoring those responses. I’ve learned planning 10 weeks in advance merely makes a lot more work for me. So tell me again, or for the first time, which of these Tuesday mornings you EXPECT to be available: 3/22 4/5 4/19 5/3 & 5/17. Again, no guarantee you’ll play, but there’s a 100% chance you won’t if you don’t reply. (unless, as has been the case, I’m beating the 11<sup>th</sup> hour bushes)



Lois



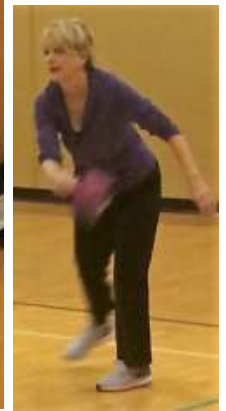
Lori



some 5.0's plate



Jeanne



Heidi

## #3 CATTLE CALL ... THURSDAY MORNING UPPER INTERMEDIATES

This is for the 3.4 - 3.9 crowd. It’s the most competitive play we have. Four clubs convene at Canlan to have at it. Captains seed three (6 total) gender pairs and six mixed pairs. Each pair will play one game against the similarly seeded pair from each of the other clubs. Again, I’m ignoring your earlier replies, so please let me know which of these Thursday mornings you expect to be available. We’re normally contenders, but did finish barely out of last place once last fall. And we’ve recently won convincingly. I won’t play only our horses, but I will try to field what I think will be rosters that will finish first or second. After all, we are, by far, the largest club so we deserve to have respectable showings.

Here are the Thursday mornings. Let me know which one/s you EXPECT to be available: 3/22 4/5 4/19 5/3 & 5/17. No commitment ... just an expectation of availability. I’ll let you know on which rosters I’d like you to play. If your plans change, no problem. You’ll be replaced. If you’re not sure if you’re at this level, ask me. I’ll be honest.

As a bonus to playing Tuesdays or Thursdays, Picklers usually head a couple hundred yards away for lunch at the Onion Pub. These social get-togethers have been enjoyed by all.

## #4 CATTLE CALL ... PING PONG PLAYERS

There are a LOT of ping pong players in our membership. Very few of you responded to the earlier cattle call so we’re trying once more. Don’t know what the format will be or where it will be, but, if you enjoy ping pong, let me know you want to take part in this fun, social event. There are only six of us to date, and I know we can double or triple this. Who likes to play ping pong? Let me know.



Sharon



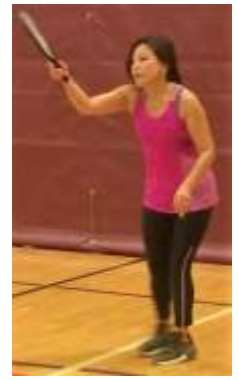
Scott



Susie



Suren



Sally

## PICKLERS INCLUDED IN VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

We're thrilled to be recognized, for the first time, as a Palatine, volunteer-run club/organization worthy of inclusion in their Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. This annual event shows the PPD's appreciation of all that local groups run by volunteers do for the community. This will be on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ten Picklers will fill our table. These were selected on the basis of their contributions to the club's past, present, and future. Thanks to the PPD for appreciating our efforts to give locals more ways to enjoy their Palatine experience.

## A FEW MORE FUN SHIRTS

We have an encore for the fun shirt presentation of last month. Hope you enjoy these too.



Susie Layton's closet boasts quite a collection of pickleball apparel, rivaling the Woodsums for 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind Lynn Weisbart. Her 70 or so is kind of in an untouchable league of its own.

# FEATURE PICKLER OF THE MONTH ... DENISE HOPKINS



Denise plays weekly at Birchwood and at Sycamore throughout the summer. She's among our most dedicated at chasing down every ball, and she's the inventor of the two-handed, underhanded lob.



Ursula



Michelle



Mike



Nancy



Nancy



Linda



Liz



Scott



Sharon

## HOW 'BOUT A NEW KING/QUEEN GROUP?

It's been a couple months so let's have the first eight Picklers between 63 and 72 respond with a desire to play in a King/Queen of the Court tournament. This will be at Canlan in Lake Barrington on Thursday, March 1st at 9:30 a.m. How it works is you'll play one game to 13 (win by 1) with each of your seven competitors. In the process you'll play against each of your fellow competitors twice. Canlan's fee will be \$8. Medals? We don't need no stinkin' medals. The Picklers with the highest point totals over seven games will be honored in the next newsletter. Everyone will witness your glory. So, game on ... email me your desire to be included.



Marilyn



Lucky



Jan



Laura



Laurie

## REMINDER: NEWSLETTERS CAN BE SEEN AT FALCON

As a reminder all PPC newsletters are available at Falcon. Ask the desk for the PPC binder. Because it was getting too large and heavy, I've printed recent newsletters on two sides and two pages per side.



Karin



Lynne



Gail



Hank



Gus

## NEW RULES RELEASED ... HERE'S ONE TO PRACTICE

It's not new that, once the score is said, that the serve must be made within 10 seconds. What is new is that all three numbers of the score must be called out, before the service arm begins its motion. I've noticed some of us are pretty lax about even calling the score, especially that pesky third number... and frequently the score isn't being called, until the ball is flying over the net. Let's all practice doing it the new, right way.



Jim



Bob



Alberto



Bear (thanks Mike Louie)



Linda

### LOCAL ASSET ASSISTS LARRY & OTHERS

Chuck Feinstein ([gtrfuldad@aol.com](mailto:gtrfuldad@aol.com)) has been giving lessons to dozens of Picklers for years. Last month he coached Larry Kerns, our newest Pickler. Larry is allowed two bounces and to enter the kitchen, except for his rear wheels. Before assigning courts at 9:00, Chuck had three, happy lady Picker students. He's good. Try him.



### BIRCHWOOD COURT TIMES UPDATE

Our popular, Thursday noon to 3:00 session will continue through the end of May. So will our Tuesday Early Bird session from 6:45 to 9:00. The Thursday Early Bird time slot, which appears in the PPC catalog, while appreciated, just didn't work so, unless you recruit an adequate number of players yourself, don't expect to find players there. The staff will be glad to set up one or more nets, if they're needed.



Larry



Jenny



Eileen



Heidi



Leah

## CHUCK & DANA HAVE CONFLICTS

There will be Mondays and Fridays in the next couple months during which we'll have to learn to get along by ourselves. Of course, we love being assigned our fun games. However, when we're on our own, we need to honor some, procedural, traditional procedures (a.k.a. rules). Court assignments may be random and self-regulated or more competitive players stay north and less serious players stay south or paddles piled for a "next four" procedure can change from day to day. HOWEVER, there are standards for all play. (1) If there are more than 36 players in the gym, games are to nine (win by 1). (2) When a court opens, all games should move west as far as possible. (3) On the glare court (close to lobby), change sides half way between the leading score when you arrive at the court and 11 (or 9 if crowded gym). (4) Unless there are no more than 24 in the gym, when your game ends, leave the court...No replay, no swap partners and play again. Just leave the court. (5) Whatever the court assignment du jour, if you realize someone/anyone has been sitting, regardless of how much better or worse you view him/her, offer an invitation to play with you. That's the Palatine Pickler way.



Sue



Pam



Lynn



Lobster



Bonnie

## MEET YOUR NEW SERVERS



Greg is sending the newsletters ... Anne is taking shirt orders ... Bob & Jim will have duties not yet determined



Bill



Sue



Ann



Tom



Sandy



Alicia



Angelina



Carole



Bob



Bob



Julie



Bob



Neal



Darrell



Bob

That's it for this month, Picklers. Please revisit the cattle calls. The most pressing is the one for Tuesday afternoons for 3.4 to 3.9 level (upper intermediate) players to compete against players from Midtown Club, many of whom are also Palatine Picklers who are on our Thursday competition rosters.

Happy pickling.

Bear  
PickerPrez