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WE'RE 3 YEARS OLD

It was late February, 2015 that the Palatine Pickleball Club came into existence. Two months later we already had 125 members. Now 667 enthusiasts have become Palatine Picklers, and we keep growing each week.



In the fall of 2016 some of our early members wore their club shirts for our first picture day.

LET'S HAVE ANOTHER PICTURE DAY

More than 300 Palatine Pickler shirts have been ordered by our members. Let's see how many can be worn to Falcon on Monday, March 12th. We'll stop play long enough to take another photo about 10:30.

END DATES FOR INDOOR PLAY

Falcon's last day is Friday, May 25th. However, please note that there is no Falcon pickleball on 3/26 or 3/28.

Birchwood's last Early Bird (6:45-9:00) is Tuesday, May 29th. The final noon-3:00 Thursday will be May 31st.

Indoor and outdoor play are not mutually exclusive. On any nice day, you can show up at Sycamore about 9:00 a.m. There are always a few weeks we have some Picklers playing inside and some outdoors.

MEET SOME OF OUR NEWBIES

It's been a rare day this year that we haven't added a new member. I thought you'd enjoy seeing faces you may not yet recognize. Some are "honorary" members. Those are Picklers who fall short of the 50-year age requirement for full membership. I know you'll make all these newbies feel welcome.



Lizanne



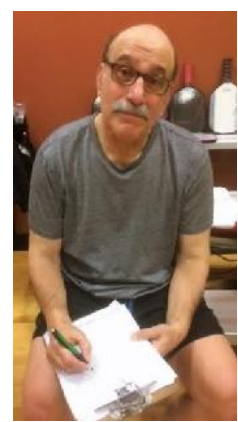
Nick



Maureen



Tem



Ed



Kathy



Amy



Andrew



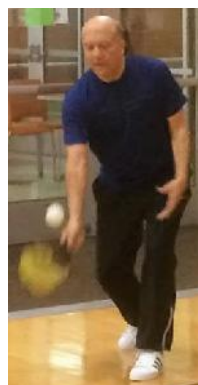
Janet



Tracy



Sally



Tom



Pam



Barbara

DANA & CHUCK'S WHEELING WINNERS

On February 11th a number of Palatine Picklers participated in the most recent Wheeling tournament run by Dana and Chuck of First Serve Management. Here's a look at those who earned medals. PPC members are in bold. Non-members are shown in italics.



**Jon Bradford & Cory
Nation GOLD men's 4.0**



**Jon Bradford & Rho
Blank GOLD mixed 4.0**



**Jake Tedlund & Bill Myers
SILVER men's 4.0**



**April Volpe & Nez
Agrawal SILVER ladies' 4.0**



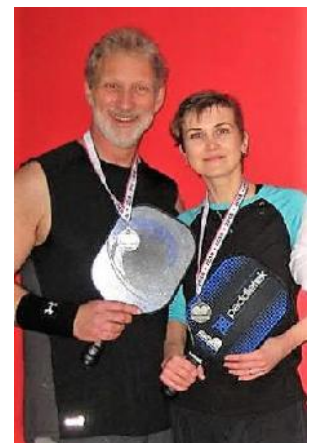
**Franklin Lim & Elke
Jacobsen SILVER 4.0**



**Lew Kaplan & Lance
Schreier GOLD men's 3.5**



**Bryon Won & Tim Mottl
SILVER men's 3.5**



**Lane Schreier & Jenna
Kedles SILVER mixed 3.5**



**Becky Coleman & Carol
Stephens BRONZE 3.5**



**Karin Hribar & Max
Huang BRONZE mixed 3.5**



**Greg Kuhs & Angelina
Seltzer SILVER mixed 3.0**



**Lynne & Howard Weisbart
BRONZE mixed 3.0**

ADDISON TOURNAMENT RESULTS



In this February 10th tournament, Jim Latal (left) won 76 of a possible 77 points to capture gold in the 3.5 division, while Lance Schreier took bronze in the 4.0 division. Congratulations, Guys, and thanks to Jose Sosa for another well-run, fun event.

63-72 YR OLDS' KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT TOURNAMENT



Bob Goldstein ... Marv Zwass ... Bear Shatwell ... Steve Fine

On March 1st, eight Palatine Picklers aged between 63 and 72 competed for the title of King or Queen of the Court. After three hours of very active play, Marv Zwass had undisputed bragging rights, having won all 91 points (the max possible in 7 games to 13). Bob Goldstein took 2nd with 77, while Steve Fine and Bear Shatwell tied for 3rd one back at 76. The lone lady to participate, Mary Brinkman, took 5th in this 8-Pickler tournament.

PING PONG STILL PENDING

There's still time to join this group, to play ping pong wherever and whenever we finally find a time and place to do whatever. So far Picklers who play ping pong include (in alpha order) Alex Kerrigan, Bear Shatwell, Chris Ganas, Jeff Degner, John Mollenkamp, Karin Beil, Laurie Sadowski, Linda Cherney, and Nez Agrawal.

If anyone has an idea of where we could find at least a couple tables for no/minimal cost, please let me know. Whether it's in a couple week or next month, we WILL have some sort of a ping pong tournament. We will still serve for 5 points at a time, unlike what you see on tv now, but we will require legal serves.

NEW PALATINE PICKLER SHIRT OPTIONS

Yet again, you've asked, and we've responded. We now have both men's and ladies' tank tops and also long sleeve club shirts available for you. These options, along with colors from which you may choose, and prices will be up on our website ... you surely know this by now ... PalatinePicklers.com. It may not be this week, but keep checking, or else email me, and I'll send you the information for the type shirt you request. Meanwhile ...



Ann Stein is the new Manager of All Things Shirt-Related. See her for all your wardrobe wants. She'll take your order and your money and give that to me. Then I'll place the order and pay for it and pick up the order in a week or three and give it to Anne to check, bag, and deliver. THANK YOU, Anne.

NOW FOR SOME EVERYDAY PICKLERS' PICS



Chris



Everyday Chuck



Don



Dave



Don



Alicia



Bob



Brian



Pat



Laurie



Marv

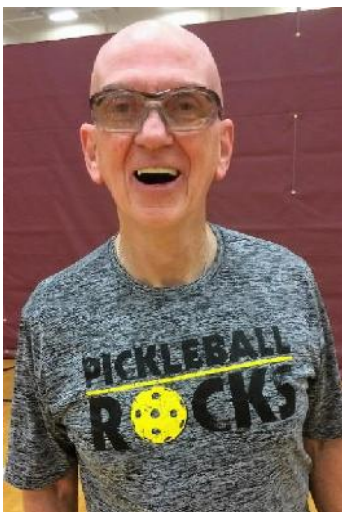


CHANGING OF THE GUARD FOR OUR TOP TRAVEL TEAM

I've published our Pickler team rosters through the March 22nd match. I'll fill the voids, create the pairs, determine the seeds, etc. through that match. THEN Jim and Brigitte Latal will manage our 12-Pickler, Thursday teams that compete with three other clubs.

The team management isn't the only thing that will be changing. For three seasons, I've given everyone who wanted to experience upper intermediate play (and was at least semi-appropriate) that opportunity. Recently, one team has elevated their skill level dramatically. The Latal's and I agree it's time to put our best, sub-4.0 players on the court. Our match-to-match rosters will change little. The league has requested that anyone is eligible who has not earned a medal in decent-sized tournament at a 4.0+ level. This allows us to bring back some players who I'd felt were above "upper intermediate," because they were playing at the 4.0 level. So the bottom line is, if you want to play upper intermediate travel for the Palatine Picklers, make sure you get in some games with the Latal's so they can recognize and appreciate your impressive skill level.

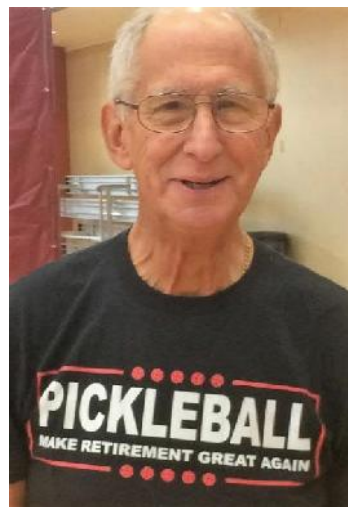
FUN SHIRTS KEEP APPEARING ON OUR COURTS



Jay's



Laurie's



Steve's



Scott's

DO YOU TWEET ?



The following information is from Greg Kuhs, our Communications Director, who has been sending you Your recent newsletters:

For those of you who use Twitter on any of your devices, a Twitter feed @palatinepickler has been set up for the Palatine Picklers. Note the character limit was one too few to allow the 's' on "Picklers."

The purpose of the Twitter account is to allow us to make last minute, important announcements concerning club activities, changes in schedules, etc. Our goal is to use Twitter as a way to post brief information that may be helpful to our members. We will also do our best to send out an email between monthly newsletters, should there be an urgent issue that affects our members. Please be patient as we try-out this additional social media communication tool.

So - if you use Twitter, follow us at @palatinepickler.



Gregg



Jim



Guess whose



Kristine



Kenny



Karen



Neal



Nancy



Linda



Victorious Jim & Kenny



Donna & Brigitte rule



Lynne



Jay



Andrew



Brian



Ann



Liz

Whenever it's wet or salted, please remember to wear street shoes into the lobby and change shoes there,



Donna



Judy



Kathy



Karen



Laurie



Marv & Linda



John

CHUCKLESS DAYS AT FALCON

Neither Chuck nor Dana will be assigning courts at Falcon on these three mornings: Friday, March 16th ... Monday, April 23rd ... Friday, April 27th. Though these days will be self-governing as are Wednesdays, they are still reserved for those who have experienced a 50th birthday. However, the fee will be only \$3 for residents and \$4 for non-residents of the Palatine Park District.

MIDTOWN CLUB IS OUR NEWEST "TRAVEL" RIVAL

We've playing matches every other Thursday morning with four clubs for three years. We've been playing matches every other Tuesday morning with Barrington for two years. Now we've begun playing matches every other Tuesday afternoon with the Midtown Club. We've split our first two matches, and both clubs are finding this to be a fun and competitive match up. Let me know if you'd like to be considered for a roster.

REQUIRED FORM FOR CANLAN PLAY

Whether you play at Canlan regularly, for travel teams, or only for King/Queen of the Court, etc., your release must be on file with them. It's pretty simple. Just click on the link below, complete the form, and hit "Submit." Thanks.

<https://tms.ezfacility.com/OnlineRegistrations/Register.aspx?CompanyID=2335&GroupID=1944384>



Gregg and Greg

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRT TO FALCON ON MONDAY, MARCH 12TH

Happy Pickling. 'Til next month...



Bear
PicklersPrez