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PHOTO DAY

About a year and a half after our first Photo Day, we had a second. Not everyone remembered to wear their Palatine Picklers shirt, but it was still a fun time and shows some of the shirt styles not available last time.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 1) Neither Chuck nor Dana will be at Falcon Monday, April 23rd or Friday, April 27th, but you'll pay less.
- 2) Falcon's last day is Friday, May 25th
- 3) Birchwood's last Early Bird (6:45-9:00 a.m.) is Tuesday, May 29th. Last 12-3:00 is Thursday, May 31ST
- 4) Outdoor play begins whenever you want it to. To be safe show up by 9:00, Mon, Wed, Fri.

U.S. OPEN PICKLERS

Later this month a lot of Palatine Picklers will be headed to Naples, FL to play in the largest pickleball tournament on Earth. Others are going down to support them. In alphabetical order here are those I know are going. Apologies to those I've missed. Picklers who are attending but not playing are in italics.

Bear Shatwell, Bill Myers, Chuck Feinstein, Dana Joseph, Don Kaplan, Gail Rohlfing, Greg Woodsum, Holly Goldsmith, Howard Weisbart, Jose Sosa, Kathy McWhorter, Larry Goldsmith, *Laurie Jones*, Linda Mihel, Lynn Weisbart, Melody Woodsum, Patty Eagleton, Peggy Whitlow, Sol Shatz, Stan Jones, Sue Shatz, *Susie Layton*, *Terry Layton*, Thea Froehling, Tim Mottl, and Trevor Weisbart.

Next month's newsletter will surely have considerable coverage of this gathering of some 1600 players from around the world.

NAPLES, FL ... PICKLEBALL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Knowing I would soon be playing in the U.S. Open, Holly Goldsmith gave me this link for the story behind this event landing in Naples. I thought, "Great 😊." Then I saw it was 14 minutes. I thought, "Great 😞." Then I watched it. Yeah, GREAT 😊. See for yourself http://www.pickleballchannel.com/iheartpickleball_naples You'll be glad you did.-



Brian



Ann



Lynne's shirt



Angelina



Marianne



Nez



Mike



Neal's shirt



Mike



Michelle



Bob & Don



Leah & Lynn



Brigitte & Christine



Linda Cherney & Bob Sitarz, our new Social Chairpicklers



Right away they arranged a lunch at Olive Garden for Friday, March 30th, a day when Falcon was closed to us. Carole, Larry, Jim, Julie, Linda, Angelina, Greg, Linda, Bob, Joann, and Bear had a great time. Keep up the good work, Linda and Bob.

REMEMBER ... IF YOU'LL PLAY AT CANLAN, FILL THIS OUT

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

THE MGM SHOW

That's "Melody & Greg's Medals" Show. While avoiding snow, the Woodsums have covered the map playing.



3.5 55+ Gold at Southern Tropics in Naples, FL ... 16 teams



3.5 Silver at West Cupid Shootout in Bonita Springs, FL ... 12 teams



3.5 50+ Bronze at West Silver Palms Tourney in Okeechobee, FL



Bronze 3.5 in W Riverbend Gamma Tourney in LaBelle, FL ... 6 teams



Sol Shatz joined Greg for a 3.5 60+ Silver in Fun In The Sun Tourney, Sun City W, AZ ... 14 teams

Sol and Sue Shatz have had snowbirding success too. They captured Gold at 3.5 in that Fun In The Sun tournament. And they took Bronze at 3.5 in the Grand Canyon State Games in AZ.





Bob



Dan



1-legged Steve



Darrell



Carole



Jeff



Gregg



Hollis



John

LIKE THE ENERGIZER BUNNY

Rick Johnson installed a special rack in his home to hold all the medals. He just keeps winning and winning.



(A) Gold 4.0 with Gord Adler in Southshore Sunshine Sizzler, Kings Point/Sun City Center, FL (B) Gold with Lynn Wagner, same tournament (C) Gold up to 4.5 singles, same tournament (D) Gold 4.0 with Ken Harris in Sterling, IL (E) Gold 60-69 Open Division at Sarasota Slam in FL. I think it's time to start building a bigger medals rack.

OUR 2018 SPRING-FALL OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

Here are the times regular times Picklers will hit the courts at Sycamore and Locust courts. There is no official starting date. If the weather seems to your liking, just show up. Surely others will be of like mind. Over the years Sycamore has been our primary venue and the one preferred for recreational play. It has the benefits of a drinking fountain and a PortaPotty. Stronger (upper intermediate and above) Picklers traditionally gravitate to Locust.

There will be balls in the bin by Sycamore courts. Small donations may be put in the Crown Royal bag that hangs from my chair when needed. At Locust you supply your own balls. Whichever court you attend, be sure to bring a chair and a beverage. Sunscreen is a good idea too.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:30-Noon	4:00-6:30	8:30-10:30	Noon-3:00	8:30-Noon	Noon-3:00	4:00-6:30
		10:30-Noon Mentoring Session				

Each venue features two pickleball-specific courts and one tennis court with yellow lines for pickleball.

These are our set times. Groups of Picklers have always added their own, additional times to meet and play.



Holly Goldsmith and Sue Cameron teamed up again. This time they captured Silver in the 3.5 ladies division at the Pekin Spring Swing tournament.



Bill



Terri



2-legged Steve



Thea



Steve



Satish



Scott



Susie



Hoda



Glenn



Cathy



Julie



Jim



Greg



Anita



Bill

LET'S HAVE A QUEEN OF THE COURT

This one will be our first for only Lady Picklers. The first eight ladies of at least 50 years of age to respond will compete for the Queen of the Court title at Canlan on Thursday, May 10 at 9:30.

AND AN AGING KING

If you're a guy and at least 65, be among the first eight to reply, and you'll compete for King of the Court. This one will take place at Canlan on Thursday, May 24th at 9:30.



Cathy



Carol



Donna



Don



Ed



Fran



Leah



Lori



Lynn



Maureen



Lynn



Marv



Mary



Scott's shirt



Marti



Wendy



Terry



Mike



Linda



Linda



Kenny



Keith



Lars



Kristine



Laurie

SHIRTS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

For a variety of reasons, I have an inventory of never-worn Palatine Picklers T-shirts. Email me or see me, if you'd like to check out any of these: Small pink cotton V-neck (\$14) ... Small coral pink cotton crew-neck (\$13) ... Medium silver wicking V-neck (\$15) ... Medium pink cotton V-neck (\$14) ... XL electric blue wicking crew-neck (\$15). If you placed a recent order with Anne Stein, those shirts should be available within the next two weeks. And now a PLETHORA OF PALATINE PICKLERS ...



Sandy



Sue's shirt



Sandy's homemade



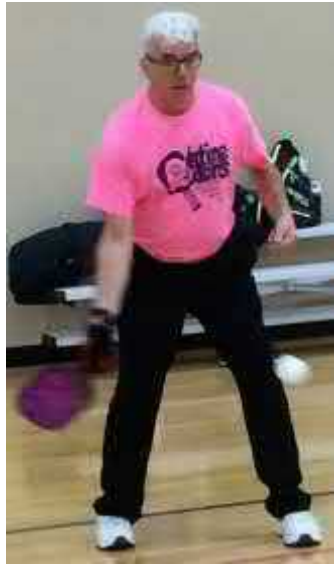
Denise's



Chris



John



Jeff



Joanne



Karin



Penny



Pat



Mike



Alicia



Neal



Dennis



Dennis



Debbie



Dave



Dave



Karin



Kathy



Jenny



Karl



Laurie



Kathy



Kevin



Kathy



Darrell



Carin



Ray



Don



Arlene



Eileen



Holly



Suren



Carol



Ralph



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Jim



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Debbie



Bob



Bob



Ursula



Gus



Tom



Gail



Aluana



Brigitte



Sandy



Scott



John



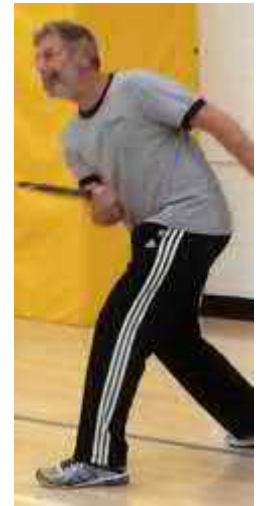
Terry



Jim



Karen



Fred

CALLING ALL MENTORS ... AND MENTOREES

Our summer mentoring program begins on Wednesday, May 16 at 10:30 at Sycamore Park. Whether beginner or just one who wants a little drilling to sharpen his/her game, all Palatine Picklers are welcome in this free program.

Those who would like to help others develop or refine their skills, please let me know. Last summer our regular Mentors were Mike O'Connor, Glen Woodsum, Melody Woodsum, Dennis Bourgojn, Liz Berry, and me (Bear Shatwell). I hope to welcome all back again this summer ... and more to our "coaching staff." If we get more Mentors, I can create a rotating schedule for those of us who would appreciate an occasional week off. This is a great way to give back to the sport that's given you so much joy and satisfaction.

CURIOUS AS TO HOW MANY PICKLERS ARE PICTURED IN APRIL?

I was so I tallied the results. 139 Palatine Picklers appear within the 152 photos in this month's newsletter. Both those numbers set records, edging the December issue. HOWEVER, this won't be the norm. Thanks to volunteers, I've had a little more time to spend on the newsletter this month, but I'll be gone for nine days later this month so think of this month's excess as making up for next month's shortage of Pickler pics.



Lee



Lynne



Becky



Geri



Peter



Joan



Ken



Dennis

PALATINE PARK DISTRICT PICKLERS NEED TO ATTEND

On Tuesday, April 17th, we need a presence at a PPD meeting. It's at the Community Center on Wood Street, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. It will include consideration of constructing pickleball courts at the Hamilton Reservoir east of Smith Street, between Dundee Road and Northwest Highway. Needless to say, we NEED a lot more, local courts so PLEASE show up for this meeting. The PPD is looking for resident input. Hopefully, we can celebrate at Emmett's after this meeting.

STILL ROOM FOR MORE AT DINK FOR HOPE TOURNEY

Find a partner (3.0 to 4.5+ men's, women's, or mixed) and get in this charity tournament. It's on Saturday & Sunday, April 14th and 15th in Wheeling. Call Dana Joseph (847-404-3174) or Chuck Feinstein (847-877-7770) for details. Proceeds benefit AMIR (A Man In Recovery) Foundation.



Nancy



Joan



Cathy



Michelle



Lizanne



Dave



Bob



Nancy

POST-PICKLEBALL LUNCH BEING PLANNED

Details aren't yet finalized, but Linda and Bob are organizing a lunch at a local restaurant for mid-May. Watch for a non-newsletter email from PalatinePicklers@gmail.com that will tell you all about it.

That's it for April. Hope you enjoyed putting names to faces you've seen on our courts. Be sure to register for the King & Queen tournaments. Happy pickling.

Bear Shatwell
PicklersPrez

