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## JUNE, 2018 NEWSLETTER 67 PICKLERS PARTIED

The May 21 luncheon at Lamplighter Inn had great food and drink, but the socialization was even better. Pickle jar centerpieces with balloons attached were a nice touch, and the dozens of prizes and awards were fun for all. Thanks to Linda Cherney, Bob Sitarz, Greg Kuhs, and Larry Woolheim for giving us an awesome afternoon.



# QUEEN FOR A DAY

Only the more elder among us will recognize that headline, but eight Lady Picklers enjoyed a really fun event featuring our 50+ Lady Picklers. Melody Woodsum emerged as Queen of the Court, in a close competition.



Melody Woodsum, stands over her court, Sue Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> and Linda Mihel 3<sup>rd</sup> We enjoyed lunch afterward.

What a great day was had by all eight (over 50) Lady Picklers and me (scorekeeper) on May 10<sup>th</sup>.  
The contenders are pictured below.



Angelina Karen Sue Karen Linda Denise Melody Nancy



Action from the Queen of the Court Tournament

## WATCH THIS U.S. OPEN VIDEO

Here's a link to a very quick look at what attending the U.S. Open would be like. Copy and paste the following in your browser. It captures the essence of the event, but it's quick glimpses so look closely for Terry and Susie Layton. Also check out pro Kyle Yates' ball bouncing skills about ¾ through the video.

[http://www.pickleballchannel.com/USOPC-2018-Montage?utm\\_source=bm23&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=US+Open+Pickleball+Championships&utm\\_content=The+Biggest+Pickleball+Tournament+EVER+-+2018+Minto+US+Open+Pickleball+Championships&utm\\_campaign=The+Biggest+Pickleball+Tournament+EVER+-+2018+Minto+US+Open+Pickleball+Championships](http://www.pickleballchannel.com/USOPC-2018-Montage?utm_source=bm23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=US+Open+Pickleball+Championships&utm_content=The+Biggest+Pickleball+Tournament+EVER+-+2018+Minto+US+Open+Pickleball+Championships&utm_campaign=The+Biggest+Pickleball+Tournament+EVER+-+2018+Minto+US+Open+Pickleball+Championships)

## PICKLERS IN AND OUT



Debbie



Dick



one Don



another Don



One Greg



Another Greg



Dan



Ash

## REVISITING SPRING/SUMMER SYCAMORE SCHEDULE

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				

## INDOOR BIRCHWOOD EVENINGS ... Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 - 8:30

### BACK TO PICTURING PICKLING PALATINE PICKLERS



Jo



Keith



Holly



Rose



Melody



Lynn



Ray



Sandy

**FORGIVE FUZZY PICS** My phone should probably be in a museum by now. Please forgive the quality of photos. I feel you'd rather see a recognizable, though fuzzy, pic than none of each Pickler I try to capture. The idea is to bring us closer together by putting names with faces. Now that we're outside, those of you who don't regularly play summers in Palatine should try to make an occasional appearance so I can capture your image, before the local members forget who you are. You'll probably even like playing here. I'll play an occasional Saturday in BG to take a few pics of our more Eastern members.



Hollis



Karin



Kenny



Linda



Linda



Steve



Satish



Gregg



Marti



Jim



Heidi



Bob



Bob

# THANKS, VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to volunteers, my weekly PPC work has been reduced by almost half. This is a huge gift. Please let these Picklers know you appreciate their efforts. I certainly do.



Anne ... PPC Shirt Sales



Bob ... Co-Social Chair



Jim ... Co-Thurs Travel



Brigitte ... Co-Thurs Tra



John ... Webmaster



Bob ... Travel Stats



Greg ... Communications



Linda ... Co-Social Chair



Mentor Mike



Mentor Greg



Mentor Dennis



Gus ... Early Birds



Mentor Liz



Mentor Melod

## WE'VE PASSED ANOTHER MILEMARK

We've now had 721 Picklers sign up for membership in the Palatine Pickleball Club. Thirteen newbies have come from the mentoring program this spring. Participants tell their friends who, then, want to join PPC. I've signed up members from each of our play times, from restaurants, from strangers seeing my shirt, from a holiday party, and from other sports events. I hope all of you are exploiting all your opportunities to grow the club also.



Mike Scenczka is the **700<sup>th</sup> Pickler** to join the Palatine Pickleball Club.

Only about 600 are still receiving our communiques, and only a fourth of them play with us with any regularity, but Mike is all-American evidence to the appeal of the Palatine Picklers.



David



Greg



Dave



Dori



Chris



John

Ellen



Don

Arlene



Sandy

Janice



Hoda



Frank



Don



Donna



Brigitte



Cathy



Ann



Bob



Darrell



Rob



Susan



Lynn or Karin's shot

# LOTS OF NEWBIES



Beth



Betsy



Donna



Elayne



Helene



Susan



Mike



Jamie



Carrie



Greg



Mike



Beth



Tippi



James



Steve



Diane



Nick



Connie



Russ

I apologize to newbies not pictured. Either I didn't get a good photo or I got confused over who's who. Please tell me you didn't make it here ... I'll make sure you appear in July.



Art



Stefanie, Andy, Debra, & Casey

## BACK TO VETERANS



Jeff



Jim



Jeff



Linda



Jose

## KING OF THE COURT FOR 65+

Eight, super-fit, young men with at least 65 years to prepare for this May 24<sup>th</sup> competition vied for King of the Court. Each played one game with each competitor and two against each. It came down to the final match that pitted men who were 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> against two who were tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>. It doesn't get much better than that.



Marv Zwass, center, was crowned King, with John Kirschner finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Bear Shatwell 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Marv Zwass (center) had a perfect record to earn "King." John Kirchner (left) was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Bear Shatwell 3<sup>rd</sup>

**OOPS CORRECTION & COMPENSATION**

I've known Kristine Corrado for a couple years, but last month, for ??? reason, I misnamed Becky Coleman's partner in winning the 3.5 silver in Dink for Hope. I told Kristine I'd make it up to her so this talented, young player is our Palatine Pickler of the Month.



Laurie



Kim



Linda



another Linda's shirt



Raul



Steve & Steve



Thea



Tom



Moira



Tom



Bear



Betty



Barb



Dick



Lynn



Lynne



Anita



Dora



Linda

## NEED TO EMBRACE NEW SESSIONS

Too often this spring, I've spent 15-30 minutes reading my Kindle, waiting for someone to show up. We all know the Mon, Wed, Fri morning times. Let's start playing these new sessions ... **TUESDAY 4:00 – 6:30 ... THURSDAY noon – 3:00 ... SATURDAY noon – 3:00 ... SUNDAY 4:00 – 6:30**. All are at Sycamore Park.

## TESTING THE WATERS

I've not run a King/Queen of the Court tournament for just 50-59 year old Picklers. If you're in this decade, and if you're available on Thursday mornings, and if you'd like to play in a tournament of your peers (no partner needed), email me. I prefer [AOKBarry@yahoo.com](mailto:AOKBarry@yahoo.com), but I'll check PalatinePicklers@gmail every couple days too. If we have eight of you, I'll make that happen at Canlan Sportsplex early this summer.



Happy pickling. Bear, PicklersPrez