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**JULY, 2018 NEWSLETTER**

## **MENTORING IS ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS**

Word of our Wednesday morning mentoring sessions has been spreading. In just the first four weeks, we've added a couple dozen new members, as a result of friends telling them about this nurturing program.



On this morning Mentors Melody, Liz, Dennis, and Mike worked with 20 students who want to improve their games.

For newbies or beginners who aren't familiar with these free sessions, they take place at Sycamore Park every Wednesday from 10:30 to noon. If you don't yet have a paddle, we'll loan you one. You don't need your lawn chair, as you won't be sitting, but bringing water is a good idea. There is a fountain and a Porta-Potty just outside the courts.

# LET'S WELCOME NEWER MEMBERS



Michael



Linda



Mary



Samantha



Tippi



Ana



Gina



Joyce



Gail



Gail



Ken



Julie



Elayne



Christina



Regina



Matt

## PARKING AT SYCAMORE

Two things: (1) Please respect the No Parking signs and avoid parking next to the courts. Police occasionally ticket cars. (2) **Please** park with your front bumper close to driveways or your rear bumper even with the sign so multiple cars fit. Last week I walked

# BACK TO OUR NEWEST PPC MEMBERS



Kathy



Jose



Zach



Skip



Regina



Mike



Mike



Regina



Dick



Susan



Darlene



Nick



Barb



Chris



Mike



Anne

### WISCONSIN CUP MEDALISTS



Partner Ken Harris & Rick Johnson Bronze 4.0    Thea Frohling & Dana Joseph Silver 3.5    Holly Goldsmith & Kathy McWhorter Bronze 3.5

### OLD CANAL DAYS CHICAGOLAND CLASSIC



Nez Agrawal & partner Will Deardon 4.0 Gold

## BIRCHWOOD SYSTEM IS WORKING

We love having evening times back. Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 the Birchwood gym is ours again. These evening hours are the only time many of our Picklers can play in Palatine, due to work conflicts. We're off to a great start. There are three courts with minimal, annoying extra lines. There's room to play, and the acoustics are fine. It's awesome that these evenings attract players of all abilities. So far it's been working that the really good players have the righthand court to themselves. The middle and lower players have the leffthand court, and the middle court is alternated every game, between the groups. When numbers warrant, we play games to 9, win by 1. Winners stay on and split for the next game. If a Pickler wins twice in a row, f he/she comes off for the next game. Paddles on the floor are arranged from left to right in two spots (right court players and left court players), with the paddles of the first off the court going on the left. Whether two or three players go onto one of the end courts next or four go onto the middle court, it's appreciated by all and keeps games competitive.

If it happens that we have a group that can be reasonable divided pretty evenly into lower, middle, and upper players, we've given each group their own court. Then each court has paddles waiting. Players who could be appropriate on either of two courts are free to go back and forth between, just by moving their paddles to those of the court on which they'd like to play next.

Just as we all enjoy Chuck/Dana assigning our games at Falcon Rec Center during the winter, having guidelines for court assignments keeps games competitive, safe, and fun for everyone. As more players arrive to unbalance the numbers on each court, we ask some to move up or down. It's worked really well. I think we all appreciate the cooperation that everyone has given.

## A PPC NEWBIE IS OUR PICKLER OF THE MONTH

One of our newest members is surely our most known throughout the pickleball world. Chris Evon and Terri Graham created the U.S. Open Pickleball Championship and have made Naples, FL the pickleball capital of the world. Chris played with us in late June and joined immediately. She also signed Terri up to be a Palatine Pickler also, as she's often in our area, despite living out east. I had the pleasure of meeting Chris, while I was at the U.S. Open in April. Her personality and ability on the court are on a par with her unwavering goal orientation and organizational skills. She's been helping local ladies develop their game here in Palatine for years. We're glad to finally have her as a Palatine Pickler. When Terri is in town, I'll try to cross paths with her so you can be introduced to her also.



## TUE THU SAT SUN TIMES CATCHING ON

Our Tuesday and Thursday indoor evenings need no help. They're golden. However, the noon session on Thursday and Saturday, and the 4:00 session on Sunday and Tuesday have needed my weekly reminders to about 60 Picklers. Having grown in popularity each session, I'm hoping these times have now become a familiar part of your weekly pickleball options. No more reminders. I've restocked the Sycamore bin with a lot more, new, bright yellow, Dura Fast 40 balls so we should be good for a while. Your appreciated donations to the Crown Royal bag hanging on my chair have assured our next purchase as well. Thank you.



**WE HAVE A FEW VETERAN PICKLERS PLAYING THIS SUMMER TOO**



Mike



Rob



Sandy



Rose



Pat



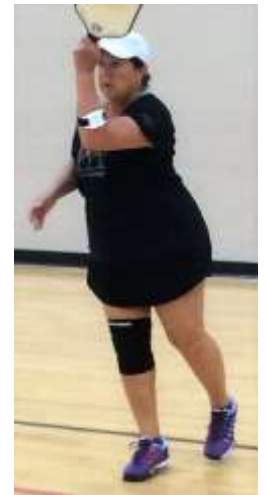
Soo



Shellie



Norbert



Marti



Larry



Linda



Laurie



Martha



Michelle



Zoltran



Vida



Tom



Sue



Moira



Sussn



Susan



Sue's shirt



Peter



Terry



Mike



Mike's shirt



Pete



Kathy

### HOW TO ORDER A PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRT

First go to [PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com). Click on Tshirts. Select the style you'd like and one of the colors that follows the shirt description. Then email Anne Stein at [ceceduc8r@gmail.com](mailto:ceceduc8r@gmail.com). With the exact wording of the description, the precise name of the color, and the size. She'll want your money (prices shown) before we order. Once we have 12 shirts sold, we can place our order. As I'm writing this, we have sold 333 Palatine Picklers shirts to date.

# AND ANOTHER 13 NEW MEMBERS



Sebastian



Jane



Craig 😞

Sorry, Craig ... perhaps the worst pic I've ever published



Caio



Bill



Gene



Adam



Jacqueline



Paul



Evelyn



Linda



Brandon



Kyle



## HALF COURT SINGLES TOURNAMENT

We've had lots of King, Queen, and King/Queen tournaments, but we've never had one like this. On the morning of Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 we'll play a "skinny singles" King/Queen of the Court tournament. This is limited to the first eight Picklers to sign up. You'll play one game to 11, win by 1, against each of your 7 fellow competitors. I'll record scores of each game on the scoreboard on the wall. At the end of your seventh game, we'll see whose total score is closest to a perfect 77. He or she will be our first Skinny Singles King or Queen.

If you're unfamiliar with the concept, your court is one-half (left side or right side) of the normal court ... so 10' x 44'. A random draw will decide who serves first. All normal rules are in place. You just don't need that 3<sup>rd</sup> "1" or "2," when calling the score. If you disagree on a ball being good or bad in the kitchen where there is no center line, replay it.

I'll give this a try so there's room for 7 more of you. Of course, after the tournament, we'll go to lunch to rehash ad infinitum every interesting point.

## BACK TO PICS OF VETERAN PICKLERS



Alicia



Ash



Barbara



Dave



Dan



Jeff



John



Nancy



Jerry



Jim

## DOES THE NAME "PINEHURST" RING A BELL ?

I've been a golfer/enthusiast most of my life. Names such as Pinehurst, Augusta National, Torrey Pines, and Sawgrass get my attention. Last month the Pickleball Coordinator at Pinehurst Resort contacted me. He'd seen our website and wanted to buy four Palatine Picklers shirts. His staff liked my logo. Talk about a feather in my USAPA cap. We worked out that I'd send him 4 shirts in exchange for six of his club's 2017 doubles tournament shirts. If you'd like a cotton, light blue, Pinehurst shirt printed both front and back for \$10, let me know. I have M, L, and XL shirts.



Jimmy



Linda



Greg's plate



Fran



Gail



Julie



John



Jay



Jim



John



Vida



Angelina



Bob



Bob



Tina



Carole



Brigitte



Brian



Melody



Thea



Leslie



Dennis



Denise's shirt



Dana



Lucky



Dora



Dave



Daniel



Debbie

**PLEASE SIGN YOUR EMAILS & TEXTS**

Every week I get emails and texts that require my going to my Yahoo contacts and searching for the sender's email address, to find out who's communicating with me. Please sign your communiques. Thanks.



Donna



Debbie



Chris



Bob



Bob



Cathie



Bill



Betty



Alberto



Carol



Carol



Janice



Kristine



Greg

Thanks, Picklers, for introducing more and more of your friends and family to our sport. Almost every day last month I sent out welcome notes to our newest members.



Happy pickling.

Bear Shatwell  
PicklersPrez