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REVIEW OF OUR REGULAR, SUMMER COURT TIMES

This chart is appearing first, as these times are not committed to many member memories. About ten times a week I'm texted, emailed, or called asking about a time or day we play. So here are our reserved court times.

.	MONDAY	8:30 – Noon	Sycamore Park
.	TUESDAY	4:00 – dusk	Sycamore Park
.	TUESDAY	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Birchwood Park gym (\$4)
.	WEDNESDAY	8:30 – 10:30	Sycamore Park
.	WEDNESDAY	10:30 – Noon	Sycamore Park (RESERVED FOR FREE MENTORING)
.	THURSDAY	Noon – 3:00	Sycamore Park
.	THURSDAY	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Birchwood Park gym (\$4)
.	FRIDAY	8:30 – Noon	Sycamore Park
.	SATURDAY	Noon – 3:00	Sycamore Park
.	SUNDAY	4:00 – dusk	Sycamore Park

When the number of Picklers at Sycamore dictates, we send some to Locust Park a mile away. If Mentoring needs an additional court or 2, that program will expand to Locust on Wednesday at 10:30. This program will use the tennis court if only one Locust court is needed. **We've gotten better.** When it comes to maximizing the curbside parking space at Sycamore, please remember to park so that either your front bumper or rear bumper is close to a driveway or No Parking sign. When you park well past a driveway, you're taking space that another Pickler could use. Thanks.

MEET THE 800TH MEMBER TO JOIN PPC

Mary Stallons became a Palatine Pickler on August 1st at mentoring.

MENTORING HIT A HIGH THAT DAY TOO

We had 32 students that Wednesday. We sent the 8 newest to the game over to Locust Park with one Mentor. We're really looking forward to having 6 courts off Smith Road next summer.



KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT FOR 50-59 YR OLDS



Eight pickleballers competed, and Jim Latal came out on top, with Rob Paneral and Brigitte Latal tying for 2nd and Chris Ganos coming in 4th. Normally, we don't recognize 4th, but that "lowest spot on the medal stand" looked too empty without him there. Congratulations to King Jim and his Court and to all who had fun competing.

UPCOMING INDOOR SEASON'S TIMES, VENUES, & FEES

It's hard to believe we're already thinking about moving play back indoors. Yet that's going to happen next month. **PLEASE** do me a favor and **print the chart** below or, at least, keep this newsletter handy. I'll have to refer to it myself to answer many of the dozens of questions I expect to be asked about these dates and times.

FALCON REC CENTER

Monday & Friday ... 50+ ... \$6 or \$50/10-pass for residents ... Oct 8 thru April 26 ... 8:00 a.m. to Noon ... Courts will be assigned (no play 11/23, 12/24, 12/28, 12/31, 1/2, 1/4, 3/25, 3/29)

Wednesday ... 18+ ... \$4 or 10-pass \$30/res or \$40/non-res ... Sep 19 thru May 22 ... 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 ... Open play (no play 12/26, 1/2, 3/27)

BIRCHWOOD REC CENTER

Thursday ... 18+ ... \$4 (or pass good for Wed at Falcon & this session) ... Sep 6 thru Jan 10 ... Noon to 3:00 ... Open play (no play 11/22)

HARPER HEALTH & REC CENTER, Bldg M

Tuesday & Thursday ... 18+ ... \$5 or \$45/10-pass (good only here) ... Sep 25 thru Dec 27 ... 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 ... Open play (no play 11/22, 12/25, 1/1)

Monday & Friday ... 18+ ... \$5 or \$45/10-pass (good all 4 days) ... Oct 1 thru Dec 28 ... 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 ... Open play (no play 10/12, 12/24, 12/31)

BIRCHWOOD EVENINGS ENDING THIS MONTH

Our Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. sessions come to an end after the Thursday's play on 8/23.

DOES SYCAMORE END ?

Sycamore sessions (see page 1) continue as long as weather permits. You can play either indoors or outside or both, for a couple months.

LET'S BREAK BRIEFLY FROM NEWS TO SEE SOME PICKLER PICS



Jim



Julie



Jimmy



Linda's shirt



Lisa



Joyce



Barb



James & Heather



Betty



Ana



Bob



Bill



Barb



Caio

AN OFF-COURT EVENT

Pickler Mike Rosenblum asked me if I'd include his invitation below in our August newsletter. While I refrain from publishing members' charitable events, this is different and seems to be a unique opportunity for us.

*Every morning we gather together as a group to compete with one another in an open and fun environment. We laugh and joke with one another and generally have a good time enjoying the athletics and the camaraderie. That's exactly why we all love Pickleball so much. Off the courts we are all very different people, each of us with different views and sensibilities. I'd like to tap into our off-court selves. Most of you know I have been a docent at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Centre for the past 5 years. The Museum is a place that celebrates diversity and educates us of the horrors of the Holocaust and other genocides that are still going on in the world today. I would love to lead a group of our Pickleball community on a docent led tour of the permanent exhibit at the Museum and then take everyone into the Hologram Theater where you will have an opportunity to ask questions to a Holocaust Survivor's holographic image and hear his responses. This is truly a magical technological experience that shouldn't be missed. Please join me and our friends at the Museum and bring your spouse or significant other on **Monday, August 20**. We should meet at the Museum by 12:45 and start the tour by 1:00. We will then attend the 3:00 Showing in the Hologram Theatre. Admission to the Museum is \$10 for seniors and includes admission to the Hologram Theatre. If you wish to join us, please RSVP to roseymike@comcast.net*

AN ITALIAN DOUBLE HEADER

Picklers Melody and Greg Woodsum played in the 2nd annual Bainbridge Cup in Montesilvano, Italy in July. They helped Team North America defeat Team Europe 106-82. Then they stayed to compete in the Italian Open Pickleball Championships.



OTHER NOT SO LOCAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Sheels Capital City Classic in Springfield, IL ... Dana Joseph & Thea Froehling earned Silver medals in the Ladies 3.5 division.



GREAT LAKES REGIONAL, KAAMAZOO, MI

35-59 Mixed 5.0 ... Chuck Feinstein & partner Camile Hughes ... Gold
 55-59 Mixed 4.0 ... Rick Johnson & partner Lynn Wagner ... Silver
 60-64 Mens 4.0 ... Rick Johnson & partner Ken Harris ... Gold
 60-64 Mixed 4.0 ... Rick Johnson & partner Lynn Wagner ... Silver
 65-69 Mixed 3.0/3.5 ... Mike Breslaw & partner Mimi Cook ... Bronze
 65-69 Ladies (no level) ... Char McLearn & Deanna Carstens ... Bronze
 70-74 Mixed 3.0/3.5 ... Peggy Whitlow & partner Dennis Robinson ... Bronze
 70-74 Ladies 3.0 ... Peggy Whitlow & partner Beverly McIntosh ... Gold



Long overdue, but Chuck Feinstein is our Palatine Pickler of the Month

CATTLE CALL FOR INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS

Next month we begin our 6th semester of the Barrington-Palatine Games. Barrington's Captain Doug and I are striving to keep this competitive at a 3.3 to 3.7 level. Last spring we got a little carried away with letting ever bigger horses out of our respective stables. I want rosters of Picklers who are basically my level, a bit lower or higher. These competitions are held every other Tuesday morning at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington.

Each roster will have four men and four ladies. You'll partner once with each of your gender teammates and with each of your mixed teammates. If you'd like to represent your club in a fun and friendly competition, let me know which of the following Tuesdays you **expect** to be available. After matches everyone from both teams who can go to lunch.

October 2 ... October 16 ... October 30 ... November 13 ... November 27 ... December 11

You are neither committing nor being assured you'll play any/all of the dates you think you'd be available. I'll notify those Picklers I want on a given roster about a week before the match. You can email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. I check that box more than I do PalatinePicklers@gmail.com, but I'll get your response either way.

KING/QUEEN TOURNAMENT FOR OUR OLDEST PICKLERS

If you'd like to compete with seven of your Pickler peers on the morning of Thursday, September 6th, let me know. (aokbarry@yahoo.com). Give me your exact date of birth. In two-three weeks, I'll let the eight oldest responders know they'll be playing to become the King or Queen of our most senior seniors. Thanks.

PICKLERS APLENTY AT 6-COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

Though many more competed or volunteered, we'll take a look at only those Palatine Picklers who earned medals. Players who are not members of the Palatine Pickleball Club are listed in italics.

MEN



Dennis Girardi & Jim Latal
55-59 ... Gold



Steve Delong & Al Zaman
60-64 ... Bronze



Ed Falkenberg & Rick Johnson
65-69 ... Gold



Tom Engels & Bill Myers
65-69 ... Silver



Ron Olesiak & Ray Jenkins
65-69 ... Bronze



John Nelson & Ralph Cook
70-74 ... Bronze



Mike Louie & Stan Jones
75-79 ... Gold

(LADIES ON NEXT PAGE)

NEW PLACE TO BUY EQUIPMENT

Pickler Linda O'Connor told me I should check out a new store to offer pickleball paddles, etc. It's the PGA SUPERSTORE at 1319 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, at the corner of Meacham & Golf. A sales person will take a new paddle out of its wrapper and let you try it on an indoor tennis court right there. Also, the Deer Park Dick's now has paddles in the \$40-\$50 range that would suit beginners well. Of course, we can always try ProLite paddles from Chuck Feinstein (847-877-7770) and Paddletek paddles from Peggy Whitlow (630-880-0479).

Another new place to buy paddles is Strings Attached, 1910 S Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights.

LADIES



Donna Beechick &
Madelon Queenan
55-59 ... Silver



Melody Woodsum &
Sue Shatz
55-59 ... Bronze



Linda Mihel &
Linda Gariano
65-69 ... Silver



Diane Olsen &
Jan Robinson
65-69 ... Bronze



Peggy Whitlow &
Sandy Bergeson
70-74 ... Gold

MIXED



Rick Johnson &
Jean Schlinkmann
60-64 ... Silver



Patti Eagleton &
Ed Falkenberg
60-64 ... Bronze



Kathy McWhorter &
Mike Breslaw
65-69 ... Silver



Tim Clifton &
Jan Robinson
65-69n... Bronze



Sandy Bergeson &
Stan Jones
70-74 ... Bronze



Mike Louie & Elvira Cridland ... 75-79 ... Gold



Norb Kunz & Sue Cole ... 75-79 ... Silver

SKINNY SINGLES KING/QUEEN RESULTS

The first ever half-court (skinny) singles tournament in club history was a hit. Eight Picklers had a fun morning, and half had a fun lunch. At the end of seven, sweaty games at Canlan, Greg Woodsum ended up the King, with a perfect record. Melody Woodsum stood on the 2nd place platform, and Holly Goldsmith captured 3rd.



ORDERING YOUR PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRTS



If you're ready to purchase your first, or fifteenth, Palatine Picklers shirt, here's what you need to do:

- 1) Go to PalatinePicklers.com and check out all the styles, materials, colors, and prices. Make your selection/s.
- 2) Contact Anne Stein (photo at left) and give her the exact specifications. Then give her the money or a check made out to R B Shatwell.
- 3) Once we have at least 12 Tshirts ordered, we'll place our club's order with the vendor.
- 4) Within three weeks of our placing that order, Anne will have your shirt/s ready for you to pick up from her.

WEBMASTER MOVED BUT KEEPS TITLE

John Piehl created our website and has been maintaining it ever since. Despite moving with Joyce to AZ full time last month, he is happy to keep it current. Thanks, John.

I was shocked when he told me recently that in the previous 31 days, our website had been visited 381 times. We've acquired about a dozen new members through the site this spring and summer.



SOME PICKLER PICS ARE LARGER THIS MONTH

Because I finally opted for a new phone with a better camera, about half the photos were taken with the new camera. I'm so pleased with the results that I'm making some of these a bit larger than I have in the past.



Linda



Linda



Kevin



Kenny



Linda



Steve



Tom



Rick



Rob



Sharon



Tippi



Tammy



Tom & Molly



Kathy



Jerry



Jeff



Jane



Joe



Iris



Jackie



Heather



Earl



Gene



Greg



Greg



Brigitte



Ben



Carol



Marla



Craig



Clay



Chris



Daniel



David



Chris



Debbie



Helen



Hoda



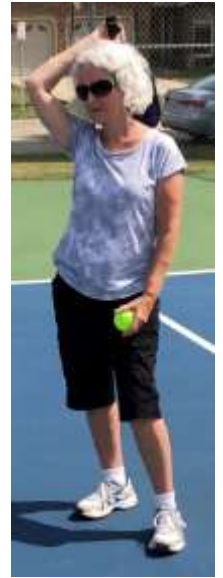
Liz



Nick



Pat



Maggie



Phil



Lois



Phil



Lucky



Don



Donna & Scott



James



Bob



Don



Jenny



Jim



Jim



Suren



Elayne



Johanna



Denise



Dan



Thea

IS IT A PETRIFIED, BABY BIB

Whatever you call it, it must be legal, because this photo was taken at the Great Lakes Regional. For those days when you really feel like slapping that ball, rather than hitting it, this is the paddle for you.



\$10 VALUE FREE TO PALATINE PICKLERS

Crown Royal bags are a part of my life. You can find 392 craft projects using them on Pinterest. No, I'm not on Pinterest, but I did see that headline somewhere. It gave me the idea to offer some to you.



SOME OF MY USES FOR THESE BAGS:

I keep one in my car's console to collect change from drive-throughs. I pack each shoe in one when traveling. I tie one to my courtside chair for contributions for balls. I do creative envelopes & posters so keep all my large Sharpies in one and fine Sharpies in another. When traveling I keep all my recharging cords in one. I keep half a dozen pickleballs in one. I pack socks in one. Grandbabies' cups, bottles, etc. go in one. I wrap breakables in 2-3 of them. I keep the dry erase pens, Gorilla Tape, etc. for tournaments I keep one in my golf bag to hold balls, tees, etc. I want in my pocket on the course. For trips not needing a big personals bag, I put shaver, toothbrush, hair brush, and toothpaste in one. There are many more uses, but you get the idea.

If you would like one or more 1.75L, purple bags, let me know. I checked Amazon, and \$10 seems the going price for one of these all-purpose bags. I've given several to Picklers who have asked, when they see the one on my chair. I'll be glad to make your life more convenient too. Just ask me.



Because many of our members, particularly newer ones don't know me yet, I've been putting a pic of me at the end of each newsletter lately. I thought this was appropriate for this issue full of medal-winners. I had Kathy take this, just before giving all my medals and trophies to Good Will, when we downsized in 2015.

Happy pickling.

Bear Shatwell, PicklerPrez