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WE'RE STILL PLAYING OUTDOORS

Here's the last time we'll be seeing outdoor times this year. If it's nice, just show up, preferable at noon & 4:00 on those days. If you arrive a half hour later, there may be no one there, though several had come by.

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 (MENTORING <u>thru 9/12</u>)
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

INDOOR TIMES, VENUES, & FEES

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)

DOZENS VISITED HOLOCAUST MUSEUM



Many pickleball players accepted Mike Rosenblum's invitation to experience his guided tour of the permanent exhibit at the Museum and then the Hologram Theater to ask questions of a Survivor's holographic image and hear his responses. It was a rewarding and enlightening experience for all. Thank you, Mike, for organizing it.



END-OF-SUMMER LUNCH & SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER

Linda Cherney, Cathie Bloss, and Greg Khus invite you to lunch **after morning play Monday, September 17th**

WHAT: Food & beverages (even alcoholic) can be purchased in the clubhouse there. No prizes or activities.

WHERE: Twin Lakes Recreation Area at 1200 E Lake Drive, Palatine. Meet on the patio facing the lake.

HOW: RSVP to PalatinePicklers@gmail.com with WHO you are, HOW MANY, & if you'd like to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Though not required, wearing Palatine Pickler shirts would add to the fun.

Remember how much fun our Lamplighter lunch was this spring? Now we add fresh air & great views.



Sandy



Susan



Nez



Rosie



Larry



Kathy



Janice



Sharon



Natalie



GreSusan



Tom



Susan



Sheila



Soo



Linda

NOT TOO LATE FOR INTERMEDIATE SIGN UP (vs Barrington)

The Palatine Picklers field two travel teams. Our stronger is by invitation. Our intermediate is open to anyone to apply to me. I'll try to get every Pickler who is within the talent range onto at least one roster. Our every other Tuesday morning matches are against Barrington at the Canlan Sportsplex. Let me know which dates you expect to be available ... Oct 2 ... Oct 16 ... Oct 30 ... Nov 13 ... Nov 27 ... Dec 11. If I feel you're too strong or too weak for these competitions, I'll let you know. A week before each match I'll email rostered Picklers.



Ana



Barb



Myrna



Bill



Mike



Mike



Michelle



Maggie



Mary



Lois



Marv



Kelly



Linda



Joyce

WHO'S WRITING YOU

Though I check PalatinePicklers@gmail.com about every other day, I never respond through gmail. If you are served well with a response from that address, it is thanks to Greg Kuhs, our Mail Manager. My responses will come from aokbarry@yahoo.com. I'm not comfortable being given credit for good deeds Greg has done. Thought you should know. -Bear

CHUCK IT UP TO LACK OF COMMUNICATION

If you medal in a tournament, please inform me. Tell me the name of the tournament, its location, your division, your partner, and the color of your medal. If there's a photo, send it too. I'm happy to share your success with your Palatine Pickler peers, but if I don't know about it, I can't share it. When I happen to come across such things, I'll put them in a newsletter. Sometimes I get lucky finding things, sometimes I don't. Please help me out.

Here are a few more of Chuck Feinstein's winning ways last month which he has since shared with me.



Kalamazoo Regional ... Gold in Mens 5.0 with Gene Smyth
Beer City Open in Grand Rapids ... Silver in Mixed 5.0 with Yvonne Ting (losing an epic battle against Stephanie Lane & Scott Moore for gold)
Beer City Open ... Silver in Mens Sr 5.0 with Gene Smyth
Unconfirmed rumor ... Chuck got gold in mixed in New Berlin, WI

MENTORING COMING TO AN END



Wednesday, September 12th will be the final mentoring session for 2018. As many as 32 "students" have participated in these free, weekly sessions.
Thanks to those Mentors who worked with me all summer ... Mike O'Connor, Dennis Bourgojn, Marv Zwass, those who often mentored ... Greg & Melody Woodsum, Liz Berry, & Chris Ganas, and those who stepped in to help when asked ... Neal Harris, Jim Latal, Jeff Degner, & Bob Goldstein.



Don



Gina



Elvira



Gus



Greg



Anne



Debbie



Art



Carole



Gary

MORE TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES



Melody & Greg Woodsum...Gold...
3.5 55+...Mid States Regional...MN



Jacob Fillion & Greg Woodsum...
3.5 60-64 Mid States Regional



Greg & Melody...Gold...3.5 50+
Tournament of Champions, UT



Wayne Burdick & Dennis
Girardi...Bronze...3.0...
.. Lemont, IL



Rick Johnson...Silver
singles...Michigan
Sr Olympics



Rich Walker & Rick
Johnson...Gold...65-69
MI Sr Olympics



Peggy Whitlow & Sandy Schaeffer...
Bronze...70-74...WI Sr Olympics

NEW/DIFFERENT, INTERMEDIATE LEVEL CATTLE CALL (vs Midtown)

We are SO popular. Midtown Club wants another shot at us. So, decent. sub-4.0 players, please answer this, new "Cattle Call." We're targeting 3.3 to 3.8ish Picklers. (Try to play with/against me ... if you are a bit better or worse, you're what I'm seeking). Please email that you EXPECT to be available on any/all of these Tuesday mornings ... 09/25, 10/9, 10.23, 11/6, 11/20, and/or 12/4. Neither you nor I are committing for these dates. You're just going on my "expect to be available" lists for each of these dates. About a week before a competition I'll email those I want on our roster for that week.

These matches will be played at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. They'll start at 9:30 and end just in time for lunch nearby with your teammates. You'll pay an \$8 fee at the lobby desk.

Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with the dates you're available. Thanks.

MEET OUR SEPTEMBER PICKLERS OF THE MONTH



Dennis Bourgojn and Mike O'Connor have each missed only two, weekly, 90+ minute mentoring sessions all summer. Their mastery of teaching the sport as Mentors has helped roughly 50 "students" develop the skills and techniques to improve their game and, thus, enjoy their time on the courts even more. And, this has been their second year serving as Mentors. The Palatine Picklers thank you both, for your countless hours and your dedication to nurturing the skills of our picklers.



Paula

Phil

Julie

Mark

Lois



Judy



John



Dave



Dennis

BALL \$\$\$ WELCOMED

Thanks for your donations. If you'd like to help buy even more balls, the Crown Royal bag attached to my chair at Sycamore awaits. I have another Crown Royal bag in my gym bag, when I play indoors.



Carin



Carol



Carol



Deanna



Bob



Chris



Char



Jane



Dan

PLAY N THRIVE

Play N Thrive is located at 81 Remington Rd, Schaumburg (847-485-0303) can have up to 10, indoor courts. To start, it's 9-1 Sunday and Monday for \$5/day or 12 pass/ \$50. Showers and lockers (bring lock) are there too.

MENTOREES' ANNUAL KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT TOURNAMENT

This was so much fun last fall, we're doing it again. We've worked with about 50 Picklers over the summer, to help hone skills which will serve you a lifetime. THIS is the time for you to demonstrate how much you've learned and developed. The first eight mentorees (who participated in two or more mentoring sessions) will get to play. Don't delay.

WHEN: Thursday, September 27th ... Games begin at 9:30. Courts ready for practice by 9:00.

WHERE: Canlan Sportsplex, 28156 W Northpointe Pkwy, Lake Barrington

WHAT: 7 games, partner with each of your 7 peers once ... Scores for each Pickler are recorded and totaled.

LUNCH: After the competition, if your schedule allows, we'll go to lunch a couple hundred yards away.

This is FUN and shows you how much you've learned. To register Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



Donna



Iris



Char



Jim



Jim



Jimmy



Nancy



Norbert



Sandy

RESPONDED TO THE SEPTEMBER 17TH GET-TOGETHER YET ?

We're old. We're forgetful. Go back to page 2 and respond that you're coming to this summer-end party.



Terry



Wendy



Zack



Dave



Kelly



Johanna



Joe (guest)



Jerry



Jeff



Brigitte



Barb



A;berto

STEPPING INTO THE KITCHEN

We've seen a lot of confusion about the kitchen lately. You CAN step into the kitchen to play a ball that has bounced there. You CANNOT step into the kitchen to volley a ball, and your momentum can't take you there.



Neal



Samantha



Sue



Wendy



Adam



Tippi



Amgelina



Brian



Carl



Carol



Cathie



Bob



Mike

NO CANLAN PICKLEBALL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

WIN A PINEHURST PICKLEBALL TSHIRT

Be the first to email me with the name of the individual who has two, individual photos in this newsletter. This doesn't include Dennis Bourgojn, Mike O'Connor, Linda Cherney, Cathie Bloss, or Greg Kuhs.

MIDTOWN'S FALL CLASSIC PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

I told Neil Wywialowski, Floor Director at Midtown Athletic Club (1760 N Hicks Rd, Palatine) that I'd pass on information about his upcoming tournament. Below is information from the flyer he sent me. Contact him at neil.wywialowski@midtown.com or 847-496-2553 with questions or to request a registration form.

WHEN: September 29th & 30th, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Times will be determined closer to the event)

WHO: Men's, Women's, and Mixed ... 4.0+ Advanced ... 3.0-3.9 Intermediate ... 2.0-2.9 Beginner

COST: Midtown member \$30 Non-member \$35 (you can ask if there's multiple event discount)



Carol



Cathy



Glenn



Don



Mike

PICKLEBALL SERVICE



Don't forget to use our club code **CRPALATINEPB**, for your 5% discount on anything ordered from Pickleball Central ... Paddles, balls, clothing, jewelry, accessories, whatever.

Late in June I added 36 light green pickleballs to the dozens of yellows and oranges already at the courts. Shortly thereafter I spent some time away from the game. When I returned 5 weeks after putting the green balls into the mix, Jim Blair informed me that every one of the green balls had broken. I called Pickleball Central saying we received a bad batch. They wanted me to send photograph/s of the broken balls. I could certainly see the justification of that request (I could be trying to con them), but we'd always stepped on bad balls and thrown them out. I did find two at Locust and brought them to mentoring. They broke in the first hour. I photographed them for PC. Given that we have some balls more than a year old, I was surprised to learn that balls should last "a few games to a few weeks" so the breakage could be normal. However, for continued good will, they are sending me 36 yellow balls (we've had better success with them). We should be impressed by, and thankful for, such excellent, good faith customer service from a vender. Visit their site.

PICKLEBALL PARKING PRIME FOR PICKERS

In the last two-three weeks, thieves have helped themselves to the contents of two cars, one at Birchwood Park here in Palatine and one at Fabbrini Park in Hoffman Estates. Remember to not only lock your car but to hide anything of value in your trunk, in your glove compartment or console, or under a blanket.

SENIORMOST KING & QUEEN TOURNAMENTS = ROYAL SUCCESSES

Of the dozens of tournaments for Picklers and all the travel team events, Thursday, September 6 saw the most Palatine Picklers I've ever put on courts at one time. This was when the oldest eight men competed for Sr King of the Court, while the eight oldest ladies competed for Sr Queen of the Court. After the matches most of us enjoyed having lunch together at the Onion Pub. A fun day for all.



Norbert Kunz is our Sr King (middle)
 . Bob Bregenzer (left) 2nd & Tom Loftus (right) 3rd



Elvira Cridland is our Sr Queen (middle)
 Angelina Seltzer (left) 2nd & Cathy Carlson 3rd

The ladies' competition was, perhaps, the closest of all the King & Queen and King/Queen tournaments we've enjoyed. Out of a possible 91 points, Elvira scored 83. The 6th (of 8) place finisher was only 16 points back.

It deserves mention ... today the bleachers weren't set up. I usually have 1st place two steps up, 2nd place 1 step up, and 3rd on the floor, much like an Olympic medal stand. Today I asked Bob, Tom, and Cathy to crouch down enough to get all the heads in the proper elevation.

Here's to enjoying the rest of
 our outdoor season, on and off
 the courts.

Bear Shatwell
PicklersPrez

