

**NOTICE: The Palatine Pickler Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 5 at Lamplighters is sold out. If you have already RSVP'ed but not paid your luncheon fee, please get your money to Fran Piehl by November 15th.**



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## **NOVEMBER, 2018 NEWSLETTER**

### **EARLY RISERS WANTED**

Last year we had early bird play in the Birchwood Park gym on two mornings. We never filled all three courts, but happily used. Now the Palatine Park District has given us the chance to play all five, weekday mornings. Since virtually no one was interested in starting at 6:00 or 6:30, let's look to play from 7:00 to 9:00. Here's what we'll do ... if you'd like to be an early Pickler, email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) with EACH morning you could play. Be sure to tell me who you are, as few email addresses really identify you. I will then let all of you know who can play on which days. Unless you tell me not to do so, I will include both your name and your email address so all you early birds can communicate and coordinate your play dates. I'll ask your day's coordinating Pickler to let the PPD know which day/s they should set up nets. If you've been to Falcon or outdoors at Sycamore when you have to sit longer than you get to play, you should love these morning sessions. You'll have a lot more court time.



Denise



Jane



Howard



Michelle



Phil

### **MENTORING MOVES INSIDE**

Though not a Palatine Picklers program, one of our Mentors, Dennis Bourgoïn and another instructor hold sessions at Pioneer Park in Arlington Heights (500 S Fernandez) Mondays from 1 to 3. Fee is \$5.

## INTERMEDIATES NEEDED

Palatine Picklers are no longer competing with either Barrington or Midtown Club. I've arranged for them to compete with each other every other Tuesday instead of each competing with us. Both clubs sought to field teams stronger than those for which I started the Tuesday competitions. Those players already have Thursdays for the upper intermediate (3.5 – 3.9). I want Picklers of slightly less skill to have the chance to experience team play. We could say "lower intermediate to middle intermediate" or we could say 3.0 - 3.5.

I've asked both Midtown and Barrington to discuss between themselves the possibility of each putting two ladies and two men on a MidBar team. I know we have enough Picklers at this level that we could form two, Palatine teams and have really fun, intramural competitions. Even these would be sort of like your most fun days at Falcon or Birchwood or Sycamore, but with the added fun of being on a team for a whole morning of seven games. If Barrington and Midtown form a team, it will be even more rewarding for all of us.

Every other Tuesday, starting November 6<sup>th</sup>, we'll play at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Games will begin at 9:30. Canlan's fee is \$8 for the morning. We'll have a scoreboard on the wall for all to see how they're doing. After matches you can enjoy lunch with your teammates 200 yards from Canlan.

At least half of you reading this are the ones we want. One quarter are more skilled than we seek, and one quarter aren't quite there yet. So ... please email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) with your interest. You are not committing to any number of dates, just expressing your interest in giving this a try. I'll then ask each of you to tell me the dates you'd be willing to play. Then I'll put rosters together for each date and get these to all of you. All of you who have competed on Tuesdays the last few seasons should email me about your interest. So should everyone else who isn't sure if you're a fit for these bi-weekly matches. I'll let you know.



Ralph



Rich



Janeen



Theresa



Bob



Angelina



Karen



Melody



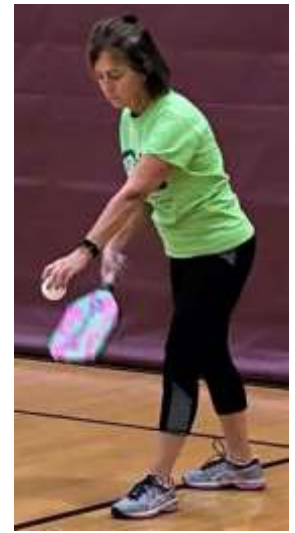
Brigitte



Bob



Bob



Ann



Joan



Jim



Joan



John

## FAMILY TIES KING & QUEEN TOURNAMENT

Kristine Corrado gave me a great idea. On Tuesday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll stage our first "pairs" King & Queen tournament at Canlan. That can be mother-daughter, brother-brother, sister-brother, father-son, cousin-cousin, son-in-law – parent-in-law, aunt-nephew, etc. No age restrictions.

The Canlan fee is \$8 per player. You may practice first. Games begin at 9:30. Each pair will play one game to 13 (win by 1, change sides at 7) against each other pair. The pair with the highest total at the will be our King & Queen. Email me the names, ages, and relationships of your team ... [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



Marilyn



Lynn



Lori



Mike



Maggie



Mike



Sue



Tom



Sheila



Vida



Don



Gary



Fran



Cathy

### HARPER IS NO-STRESS FUN

I tried Harper Tuesday morning. Courts are fine, if you ignore the hard-to-see, thin lines. There's plenty of room between courts. Evening times are doing well, with several stronger players, but mornings could use some more intermediates. It's a bargain. Enter from Algonquin, or you'll log a lot of steps walking to the gym.



Chris



Craig



Connie



Dennis



Dana



Carole



Carin



Carol



Sol



Lucky



Mike



Lynne



Dave



Bob



Brad



Becky

## ADD TO THE 350+

That's how many Palatine Pickler T-shirts are being worn by our members. It's easy to order an affordable, club T-shirt. Go to our website ([PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com)) and click on T-shirts. Check out all the styles and colors. Then email your choice, and your preferred color, to Anne Stein ([ceceduc8r@gmail.com](mailto:ceceduc8r@gmail.com)). Most are only \$15, some a bit less, some a bit more. All prices are shown on our website. You won't get them in a couple days. We need twelve to keep our prices so it may be a few weeks. So don't delay. Order your shirt/s now.



Kevin



Kathy



Kim



Kristine



John



Joyce



Judy



Julie



Ken



Kenny



Kathy



Kelly

## YOUNG GUNS DIDN'T DISAPPOINT

The eight youngest Palatine Picklers to have applied competed. in this first (now to be annual) Youngest Picklers King/Queen of the Court tournament. All battled royally on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Going into the seventh and final round, Kristine led both Jimmy and Chris by 5 points. Jimmy and Nez faced Kristine and Daniel. Jimmy and Nez were awesome, giving Jimmy the lead. However his 84 points could be matched by Chris with a win on the other court. Games are to 13, win by 1. Chris and Denise were battling back and forth against Leah and Adam. You could have heard a pickleball drop, when the score got tied at 12-12. The final point seemed a marathon, before a final kill shot gave Leah and Adam the win and gave Chris 2<sup>nd</sup> place by one point.



**PHOTO AT LEFT:**

Back Row: Daniel, Chris, Jimmy, Adam Front Row: Denise, Leah, Nez, Kristine, Seated: Bear who organizes all our tournaments and was coerced into getting in this pic.

**PHOTO BELOW LEFT:**

Chris Ganas, 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Jimmy Latal, King  
Kristine Corrado, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**PHOTOS AT BOTTOM:**

Jimmy's winning form





Adam



Holly



Deanna



Neal



Marv



Steve



Nancy



Sue



Sandy



Ron



Sue



Jacob

### GLARE COURT POLICY

For Falcon newbies, the lobby court has a special policy. Due to the glare, change sides half way through your time on the court. If you start on that court, that means change at 6. If you move there, cut the difference between the higher score and 11 in half. Round up if necessary. Switch sides when that score is reached.



### MORE DISTANT TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES



April Volpe & son *Joshua Volpe*  
Kenosha Boys & Girls Club tournament  
4.5 Mixed ... Bronze



Carly Joseph & *Mike Sullivan*  
Kenosha B&G Club tourney  
4.0 – 4.5 ... Silver



*Ed Falckenberg* & *Rick Johnson*  
Tampa Bay Sr Games 4 Life  
65-69 Men's ... Gold



*Sue* & *Rick Johnson*  
Tampa Bay Sr Games for Life  
65-69 Mixed ... Gold



*Linda Mihel* & *Marvin Paxman*  
Fall Brawl, St George, UT  
65+ 3.0 Mixed ... Silver



*Marvin Paxman* & *Linda Mihel*  
Huntsman Games, UT  
65-69 3.0 Mixed ... Silver



Ray Jenkins & Lisa Glowski  
Gurnee ... 3.5 Mixed ... Gold



Earl Greenberg & Troy Konz ...  
Sun City Roundup (AZ) ... 4.0 Men's ... Silver

## RESULTS WITHOUT PHOTOS

Chuck Feinstein & Gene Smyth ...  
Midwest Fall Brawl ... Michigan  
City, Indiana ... 5.0 Men's ... Silver

Chuck Feinstein & Kasandra  
Gehrke ... Midwest Fall Brawl ...  
Michigan City, IN ... 5.0 Mixed ...  
Gold

Carly Joseph & Charlotte  
Neumann ... Kenosha ... 4.0 – 4.5  
Ladies ... Gold

Soo Jeon & Zach Cole ... Gurnee  
... 3.5 Men's ... Gold

## PICKLER OF THE MONTH: GREG KUHS



You probably know Greg for his long reach and lethal kill shots. You may remember him from the spring Lamplighter lunch at which he served as emcee, as well as co-organizer. As our MailChimp Master, he sees that you get our newsletters and other communiques. He's hand-entered the names and addresses of our most recent 150-200 members. He usually writes the cover letter for our newsletters and tallies all the responses to our social events. He's in charge of our **PalatinePicklers.com** domain name and our **PalatinePicklers@gmail** email account. He sees that you're kept informed of everything we do. Thanks, Greg.

## CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

I've heard from several Picklers what a good feeling it is to drive up or down Smith Road and see the continuing progress on what will be our six, beautiful, outdoor courts next season.



Don



Carol



Cheryl



Debbie



Greg



Hoda



Tom



Ray

## FINAL MIDTOWN MATCH

You're aware by now that I've reconfigured the Tuesday matches at Canlan Sportsplex. Our lower intermediate teams played Barrington one week and Midtown Club the next. After pretty close matches the first few seasons, we'd been getting beaten pretty easily by both clubs this fall. I decided to have them play each other, so they could have better competition. Before our final match, I let Midtown know that we would win this one, just to go out in a blaze of glory. They assured me they'd have no problem with being on the receiving end of a mismatch, knowing it would be fun to play against equal or superior players. It's all friendly, and four of the Midtown players rostered for this match are also Palatine Picklers. For the most part I brought in some of our Thursday, upper intermediate players to assure that promised, decisive victory. Thanks, Picklers. Good luck to Midtown against Barrington...and good luck to Barrington against Midtown.



**MIDTOWN CLUB**  
**Back:** Neil, Brian, Dick, Donna, & Fred  
**Front:** Linda, Holly, & Madelon

DATE: 8/27/21

RECORD SCORE - CIRCLE WINNERS

*I'll take photos on both teams & write final game*

TEAM	PLAYER	SCORE	W/L
PALATINE LADIES	1. SPENCE	11-2	W
	2. AMI	11-2	W
	3. Lynn	11-2	W
	4. Madelon	11-2	W
PALATINE MEN	5. GREG	11-2	W
	6. Dick	11-2	W
	7. Jim	11-2	W
	8. Jeff	11-2	W
LADIES	1. Donna	11-2	W
	2. Holly	11-2	W
	3. Lynn	11-2	W
	4. Madelon	11-2	W
MEN	5. GREG	11-2	W
	6. Dick	11-2	W
	7. Jim	11-2	W
	8. Jeff	11-2	W

**PALATINE PICKLERS**  
**Back:** Jim, Greg, Jeff, John  
**Front:** Melody, Carol, Lynn, Brigitte



Anne



Dick



Stan



Linda

## WE'RE ENTERING 2<sup>ND</sup> PAIR SEASON

Falcon floors can get slippery easily. All it takes is a little moisture or grit (such as salt) to make them a fall risk. When it's rainy or snowy, it is Pickler policy to carry your playing shoes into Falcon and change in the lobby. This minor inconvenience will give all of us a safer indoor season. Thanks.



Nancy



Jim



Jim



Lee



Leah (love that only the ball is in focus)



Linda



Linda



Lizanne



### GIVE YOUR GAME A QUALITY TWEAKING

Chuck Feinstein is a top, national player, and he's ours. He LOVES to help Picklers improve their games. He's offered professional coaching for several years, with a LOT of happy clients. Contact him at [paddleup001@gmail.com](mailto:paddleup001@gmail.com) or 847-877-7770.



Donna



Ed



Elke



Johanna



Neil



Linda



Marti's shirt



Nez



Phil



Cathie



Cathy



Jerome

**PLEASE DON'T FEEL SLIGHTED**

I've been frustrated that I've missed some of you, due to being called to play. Sorry. Not personal. I'll try next month, though we'll be gone a lot, and the housesitter won't go to Falcon/Birchwood/Harper/Play N Thrive.



Henry



Laurie



John



Mike



Tony



Ursulla



Dora



Bob



Vic



Steve



Jeff



Ben



Ray



Phil



Wendy



Terry



Franklin



Satish



Bill



John



Gregg



Jay



Marti



Jimmy





Jan



Kathy



Jeff



Jerry



Jo



John



Janeen



Mike



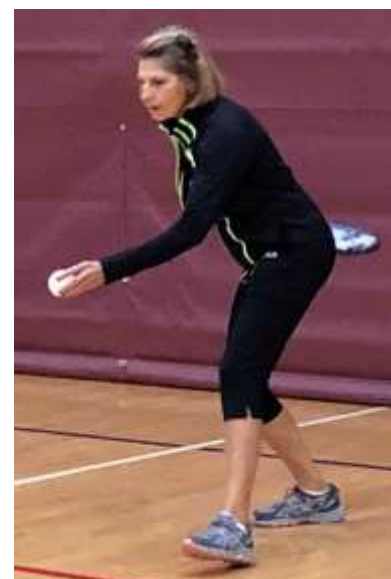
Bill



Chris



Jeff



Karin

**IF YOU DON'T FIND YOURSELF IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

That means I really don't like you. Just kidding. There have been several Picklers I hoped to capture, only to be called to play ... and then you left, before I could catch up with you on the courts. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com), and I'll try to make sure you're in the December newsletter. Thanks.



Lisa



Sally



Julie



Anita



Laurie



Mark



Jeff's shirt



Cathy



Ron



Dave



Betsy



Marti's 2<sup>nd</sup> purple shirt

## OUR THURSDAY TRAVEL TEAM OFF TO A PICKLERIFFIC START

Every other Thursday this fall (and again in winter and spring), we field a team of six ladies and six men Picklers to compete at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. The team format is three gender teams and three mixed teams. That's just two partners for the morning. Each pair is ceded and will compete against similar pairs from each of the three clubs in these matches ... Hoffman Estates, DuPage, and LibertyRidge (combined clubs from Libertyville and Park Ridge). Historically, Palatine has been very strong in this "upper intermediate" league. Anyone who has not earned a medal in a 4.0+ tournament, and is at least 45 years of age, is eligible to compete. Last spring I handed the reins for our Palatine team over to Jim and Brigitte Latal who have done a masterful job of putting strong rosters on the court for each match. Here's the team which finished first in convincing fashion on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Not one of these Picklers had a losing record, and, as a team, they won 72.5% of points played



Standing: Jim, Carol, Deanna, Barb, Jeff, Neal, Don, John, & Bob.  
Kneeling: Cathy, Linda, & Brigitte

## PALATINE PICKLERS PING PONG PLAYOFFS

Our first ping pong tournament was November 1<sup>st</sup>. Ten Picklers had a great afternoon, even though several struggled with learning to serve legally. Interestingly, only three of us had a winning record. See two below.



Jake, Phil, Connie, Bear, Linda, Greg, Chris, Nez Marv, & John



John, 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Jake, 1<sup>st</sup> undefeated ... Marv 3<sup>rd</sup>

## 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 ... 8:00 a.m. to Noon... 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)

### BUEHLER YMCA

**Tuesday** ... 18+ ... \$7/non-memers & free/members\* ... 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ... thru end of year

**Thursday** ... \$7/non-members & free/members\* ... 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 (\* I confirmed \$7 fee 10/15 and told them it was way out of line. They said it will be re-evaluated.)

## HOW MANY PICS HAVE APPEARED IN NEWSLETTERS ?

I got curious so, during one of the World Series games I went back to February, 2015 and started counting. Through this issue, there have been 3,037. That means my little iPhones have taken roughly 10,000 pics of Palatine Picklers. Most have been for recognition of peers, but some have been for athleticism or laughs.

## WANNA PLAY FOR FREE?

No prize this month, but can anyone tell me who has two, individual and different pics (with same name under them) in this issue? Think I made just this one mistake again. (and NO, it's not Jimmy.)



Powered parachuting is one of the coolest things I've ever done. Google it, and try it. It's awesome plus.

Happy pickling,  
Bear  
PicklerPrez