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HOLIDAY PARTY PLEASES PICKLERS



PICKLER PICS PORTFOLIO



Adam



Michelle



Mike



Pat



Tom



Kelly



Karen



Gus



Janice



Jane



Jeff



Dori

PPC SHIRT DAY IS APPROACHING ... BE PREPARED

In February we'll take our annual photo at Palatine Pickler Shirt Day. This will be in the middle of a Falcon session. I'll announce the exact day next month. Once we have at least 12 shirts prepaid, we place our order. Then it may take about three weeks for them to be ordered and printed. So make sure, if you don't yet have your first PPC shirt or you want a different style or color for the big photo, place your order right away.

SEE ANNE, YOUR OFFICIAL SHIRT LADY

First, visit PalatinePicklers.com to find your ideal style and color. Then find Anne at Falcon ... or email her at ceceduc8r@gmail.com.

You could also contact us through the website or email us a PalatinePicklers@gmail.com with your preference/s. We'll need to collect the cost, as soon as possible. Thanks.



Crew neck ... V-neck ... Cotton ...
Wicking ... Racerback ... Sleeveless ...
Tank top ... Long-sleeved ... Dozens of
colors ... Most for only \$15 ... Prices
shown by colors available in each style
on the website. Order now, order often.

MORE THAN 350 SHIRTS SOLD SO FAR



Kristine



Amy



Betsy



Keith



Joan



Frank



Jim



Leah



Jacob



Anita



Bob



Bob

WINTER, LOWER INTERMEDIATE CATTLE CALL

It took some monumental efforts from us, from Barrington, and from Midtown, but we think we finally have our act together for a fun, bi-weekly competition for those of us in the 3.0 to 3.5 range. It's Palatine vs the MidBar team, with each team consisting of 4 men and 4 ladies. Each player will play one game with each of his/her teammates. That means three gender games and four mixed doubles games. Then we all go to lunch. We Picklers have a lot of eligible players. There will be times, as there have been already, when I run another event just for us, at the same time the Picklers vs MidBar competition is taking place.

Please send me each of the following dates you EXPECT to be available. Going on a list for a given week doesn't mean you'll play. We'll have a lot more than can be rostered for each week. About a week before any match, I'll send those of you who I've selected for that match notice of you're being on the roster. If it's five days before a match and you haven't heard from me, you're not expected to show up at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington expecting to play. MAYBE I'll publish each week's rosters for the five matches of the winter season in the January newsletter. (I say "maybe" because I've done this, and a month later 1/3 of those rostered for a match have had their plans change.) The thing is, if you're eligible talent-wise and would like to play, I will do my best to get you onto at least one roster. So... let me know each of the following dates you believe you'll be available: 1/10 ... 1/24 ... 2/7 ... 2/21 ... 3/7. Thank you.



Dennis



Tony



Vic



Marti



Marilyn



Carla



Bob



Carin



Denise



Chris



Deb



Marv

“CLOSEST TO 60” KING/QUEEN TOURNAMENT/S

On Thursday, January 17th at 9:30 a.m. we'll have those eight Pickler Ladies and eight Pickler Men battle for the Queen and King of the Court. We'll have these two tournaments running simultaneously. Then we'll all go out for lunch. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, with your MMDDYY date of birth, if you'd like to participate. No partners are needed. You'll play one game with each of your seven competitors as your partner. Unlike most K/Q tournaments we have, being in the first eight to respond won't guarantee your spot in this event. Is 52 to young or 68 too old. You'll have to wait to find out. Let's set 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7th as the cutoff for applying for this tournament. By the next day I'll let everyone who applies know which eight men and eight ladies will be competing for these crowns.



Dora



Elke



Jim



Joan



Linda



Lynn



another Marti shirt



Bob

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE HAVE TO HAVE AN EVEN SCORE?

It hasn't been only newbies who have inquired lately about how which side of the court one is on relates to their team's score. It is important for everyone to make a mental note of who is each team's first server, at the beginning of the game. Why? Because, it's often asked, "Do we have six or seven?" Whenever you are standing on the side of the court on which you started the game, your score will be even. When you're on the other side, your score has to be odd. There are no, "But what ifs." It's cut and dried. If you and your where have been running back and forth during a point, if you know your score, you'll know where you belong.



Bob



Eileen



Ed



Fred



Hoda



Julie



Maureen



Melody



Ray



Peter



Rea



Satish

TRAVEL TEAMS UPDATE #1

THURSDAY TEAM It has been a successful season for our “Upper Intermediate” team of six Lady Picklers and six Gentlemen Picklers. These are to be 3.5 to 3.9 level players. Every other Thursday they compete against three other clubs. Here’s how our Palatine Picklers have done this fall.

TEAM	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	POINTS FOR/AGAINST
Palatine	1 st	2 nd	1 st	1 st	1 st	132-48
Hoffman Estates	tied 2 nd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	2 nd	96-84
LibertyRidge	4 th	3 rd	3 rd	4 th	4 th	58-86
DuPage	tied 2 nd	4 th	4 th	2 nd	3 rd	72-108

SEE TEAM PHOTO ON PAGE 16



Brad



Mickey



Shiela



Tom



Don



Vince



Cathy



Do

RECENT MEDALISTS

I'm sure there are more medalists in the last month, but I really need your help. If you medal, email me the details (tournament, location, division, medal, partner). It's fortunate I happened across these, but there may well be more. It's not too late. If you earned a medal in a tournament, even if it was a month ago, email me what I need to give you the recognition you deserve.



Peggy Whitlow & Angie Robinson
Nationals, Indian Wells, CA ...
70+ & 75+ 3.0 Ladies ... Silver

Rick also teamed with Ken Harris for 60+ 4.0 Goldzzz



Lynn Wagner & Rick Johnson
Nationals, Indian Wells, CA
60+ 4.0 Mixed ... Bronze



Chuck Feinstein & Yvonne Ting
Nationals, Indian Wells, CA
5.0 Mixed ... Silver



Michelle



Brigitte



Heather



Greg

GLARE COURT RULE REPEATED

There's still confusion so let's review. When you move to the lobby court at Falcon, note the score. Subtract the winning score from 11 (or 9 if that's the end of the game). Subtract that from 11 or 9. Divide that in half. Round up, if it's a .5 number. Then add that to the winning score when you move. When that score is achieved, change sides. The glare should be shared as equally as possible.

TRAVEL TEAMS UPDATE #2

TUESDAY TEAM This was the 2nd match of the new “lower intermediate” (3.0 – 3.5) match between our Palatine Picklers and the MidBar (Midtown Club and Barrington combined) team. They blew us away about the same as we blew them away in the first match. They had a hard time coming up with 4 ladies so subbed men. This challenge, I’m assured, will be conquered by our next match.

KING/QUEEN TOURNAMENT Because we have quite a few, appropriate players who’d like to compete, I ran a King/Queen tournament, in addition to the inter-club event on the 20th. Here are photos of that event. Players left too rapidly to grab them for pics of the inter-club event.



. Jim, Michelle, Mike, Greg, Linda, Gus, Bear (Sue Johson missed pic)

Bear 2nd, Greg 1st, Gus 3rd

Note the iron-on patches on lanyards awarded to the medalists. These are available for \$5, with or without the lanyard. I have two, back to back on my luggage, making it easy to find on the airport carousel



Peter again (I love this pic)



Scott



Steve



Sue



Sue



Marty



James



Nez



Voltran



Sally



Sandy



Vida



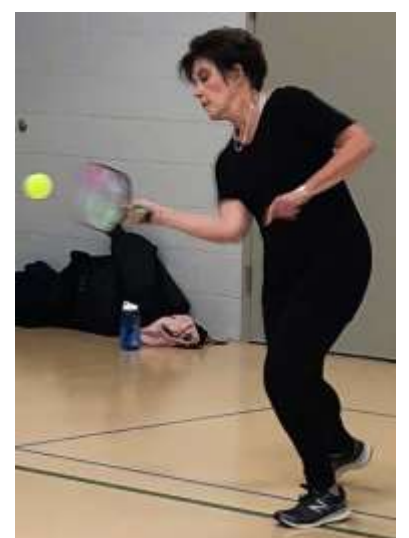
Bear



Gregg



Chris



Lucia



Sebastian (one of my fav pics ever)



Mike



Mike



Soo



Paulette



Bruce



Angelina



Dave



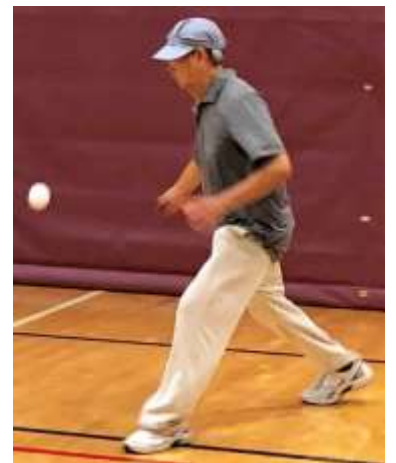
Linda



Gene



Mike



Lucky

WHEELING WINNERS

Dana Joseph and Chuck Feinstein once again ran a great tournament. Here are the most successful Palatine Picklers to participate in it.



Gina Fite & Trevor Weisbart
4.5 Mixed ... Silver



Kristine Corrado & Nez Agrawal
4.0 Womens ... Silver



Lance Schreier & partner
4.0 Mens ... Bronze



Kristine & Lance
4.0 Mixed ... Bronze



Charlie May & John May
3.5 Mens ... Gold



John Kirschner & Ray Gobberg
3.5 Mens ... Silver



Charlie & Carol Stephens
3.5 Mixed ... Gold



Lisa Glowski & Ran Jennings
3.5 Mixed ... Silver



ANOTHER REASON TO PLAY ON A TRAVEL TEAM OR IN A TOURNAMENT

After all these morning events, we enjoy lunch nearby. Following the 11/20 match and tournament, Linda, Jim, Gus, Bob, Bear, Kelly, Sandy, Ray, Bob, Michelle, Linda, and Greg did just that.



Laurie



Tom



Tom



Angelina



John



Deanna



Dave



Carole



Neal



Rosie



Peter



Dan

DON'T FORGET TO EMAIL ME YOUR AVAILAVBLE DATES FOR THE LOWER INTERMEDIATE MATCHES ... AOKBARRY@YAHOO.COM



Sue



Sandy



Trevor



PICKLEBALL PORTAL



CHUCK'S DECEMBER PADDLERIFFIC SALE

All month our own Chuck Feinstein is offering 20% off every ProLite paddle. Test one at Falcon Monday or Friday ... or call him at 847-877-7770 ... or email him at grtfuldad@aol.com. You can even arrange for him to deliver your paddle. Still time to save \$ on a perfect holiday gift. He'll even help you decide.



Marianne



Kathy



Karin



Larry

NOTE THE DARK DAYS

Falcon will be closed 12/24, 12/26, 12/28, 12/31, 1/2, & 1/4 ..., Harper will be closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, & 1/1



I received this photo long after I'd written the page 8 update on the Picklers Thursday travel team. The roster changes slightly from match to match, but those representing our club most recently are as follows: Men – Co-Captain Jim, Marv, Jeff, Neal, Don, & Gregg. Ladies – Deanna, Karin, Hoda, Cathy, Co-Captain Brigitte, & Carol. Thanks for representing our club so well both on and off the courts.



Terry



Anneliese



Mary



Mike



GET YOUR PALATINE PICKLERS PATCHES

You can get one either of two ways ...
 Donate \$5 to PPC (give it to Bear) ... or finish
 in the top 3 of one of our King/Queen of the
 Court tournaments. (See page 10 to see
 them on lanyards.)

Greg & Melody Woodsum will be glad to
 create iron-on patches for any organization
 or event. Write Greg at
gtwoodsum@aol.com

I have back to back patches on my luggage.
 I'll soon have one on the arm of my jacket.



Randy



Steve



Donna



Phil



Lee



Howard



Laurie



Kim



Bob



Gary



Scott



Mike

PLAYER RATINGS HELP WANTED

Many of you will remember the ratings system that was in place at Sycamore and Locust Parks during the 2017 summer. You can still see the results, and how the system works, on our website PalatinePicklers.com. Just click on "Club Rating."

It requires Picklers to write the players and the scores of EVERY game played. There were plastic boxes mounted on the fence at each park, along with paper and pencils. It also requires someone to pick up those papers and to send the results on to pickleballratings.com. Greg Woodsum started this in Palatine and managed it in 2017. He and Melody were not in town long enough this year to keep the ratings going and do not expect to be able to do so in 2019.

If you will be around next summer to visit the boxes at least every other week and submit the data, and have even the slightest curiosity of what it entails, please let me know. I'll have Greg get you through your training.

This program can be started right away at our indoor venues too, if you'd like. If a volunteer agrees to run this program, we'll see that a special email goes to the membership explaining exactly how it will work.

MEDALISTS SHOULD BE REPORTERS TOO

Thanks to those of you who are diligent about sending me the name, date, and location of a tournament in which you medal, your partner's name, the color of your medal, and, when available, a photo. I've had some fortunate searches for results and have tracked down some photos, but I know I've missed a lot of you who we'd like to recognize and congratulate. We all enjoy seeing the successes of our fellow Palatine Picklers. Please send your good news to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Thanks.

VENUES, TIMES & FEES OF PALATINE PICKLEBALL

Several times each week I am asked for information that appears below and has been in recent newsletters. Please make note of it or print it out.

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 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 for here & Wednesday at Falcon) ... through Jan 10 ... Noon to 3:00 ... Open play

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 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. Better inquire at 847-359-2400.)



Lisa



Clay



Jim



Tippi



Laurie



Chris



Frank



Neal

HAMILTON COURTS ARE MATERIALIZING



The pride of Palatine, when it comes to pickleball, is coming along well. Recent weather whacks have stalled construction a bit, but sometime in June or July, we'll have six, gorgeous, lit, dedicated courts on which to smash and dink our stuff. I took this photo on December 6th. It shows the posts that will support the fence around our courts. For those who are new members or haven't been paying attention, these are virtually across from Sundling Junior High on Smith Road, north of 14/Northwest Hwy and south of 68/Dundee Road. We are SO grateful to the Palatine Park District, for striving to meet the growing needs of local Picklers.

DECEMBER 4th CANLAN ACTION

Our “lower intermediate” (level 3.0 to 3.5) team competes against MidBar (combined team of Midtown Club and Barrington) every other Tuesday. Because enough Palatine Picklers answered my cattle call to play various dates, I have been staging a King/Queen of the Court tournament also. That requires eight Picklers, or two courts. Our travel team takes four courts so we’re occupying the entire 2nd gym at Canlan. A primary goal of the Palatine Pickleball Club is to provide as many opportunities as possible for members to compete at their level. On these every other Tuesdays, we’re putting 16 Picklers on the courts for a full morning of fun. And, of course, the court action is followed by a great time at the Onion Pub a couple hundred yards away.



Back row Picklers Greg, Mark & Bear ... Front row Sue, Anne, Rosie, Gus, and Lynn

MidBar players *Kathy, Diane, Mark, Lori, Jeff, Fred, Tom, and Cyndi*

. Names in italics are NOT members of the Palatine Pickleball Club. Many players have “dual citizenship.”



KING was Bob McGowan
 Vice King Kevin Wright
 surprisingly “fell” out of the gym.

 Queen Angelina Seltzer (top right) and Vice Queen Denise Hopkins



With Dave Weinbach
 Chuck Feinstein took a 5.0 bronze at the Monopoly Challenge tournament in Rockford

OUR 1st DECEMBER MEDALIST

That last second addition of Chuck and Dave forced the addition of this extra page. I'm enlarging my pic to take up more room so the page looks less ridiculous.



HERE'S WISHING ALL PALATINE PICKLERS A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

We come from diverse backgrounds, educations, ethnicities, religious beliefs, orientations, economic statuses, and political philosophies, but we're all grateful for the bonds that our sport and our club have fostered. Here's to a pickleriffic 2019. Thanks for being part of us.

Thanks to Fran, Greg, Linda, & Maggie for that fantastic Holiday Pickler Party.