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GET YOUR PICKLER SHIRTS READY

Friday, February 8th will be this year's Picklers Shirt Day. At 10:00 we'll stop play. Everyone wearing a Palatine Picklers shirt will gather against the curtain behind the middle court on the lobby side for our annual club photo. If you are not wearing your PPC shirt, please stay out of the photo. Mark your calendars. Don't be one of those who laments having forgotten.

Here's what we looked like the last couple years. Let's make our 4th anniversary photo even more colorful...on Friday, February 8th.



HOLIDAY PARTY AWARD WINNERS

For those of you unable to attend that fantastic luncheon party last month, you've seen the photos, but you don't know of the Picklers chosen by the Social Committee (Fran, Greg, Linda, & Maggie) to win fun awards.

Smallest Chair = Dennis Bourgoïn ... Best Eye Protection = Lynne Weisbart ... Goofiest Headware = Chris Ganos ... Most Frequent Player = Jim Blair ... Energizer Bunny = Don Kaplan ... Social Butterfly = Lucky Tran .. Woman in Black = Sandy Amatore ... Tiniest Pickler = Anne Stein ... Man in Black = Dennis Bourgoïn ... Best Pickleball President = Bear Shatwell. 20% OFF ProLite paddle = Betty Bourgoïn (donated back to club for future use)

WHO SAID GUYS CAN'T MULTI-TASK?

Chris Ganas proved that to be an unfounded myth. While winning two, consecutive games, he never moved that right hand away from his ear or had a break in his conversation.



CAUGHT ON THE COURTS



Debbie



Dennis



Donna



Gene



Trevor



Adam



Carole



Chris

MELODY MAKES THE CALLS WITH AUTHORITY

Our of our most color-coordinated ladies on our courts can now be seen in more official attire. Melody Woodsum passed her Referee Certification last month. Even before she was an “official official,” she was trusted with the big stage. She officiated matches at the U.S. Open in Naples, FL last April. Congratulations, Melody. We’re proud of the effort it took for you to accomplish your goal.



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Tom



Deanna



Lizanne



Peggy



Marge



Frank



Lynne



Sandi

JUST BECAUSE I GOT 5 PICS OF AN UNBLURRY JOHN

If you play at Falcon, you've "sort of seen" John sprinting across the gym to get a ball from three courts away or to pick up something that someone has dropped, before it even hits the floor. Most pics of him are a blur.



Kristine



Leah



Kimbra



Lobster



Karen



Carol



Andy



Betsy

SOUTHPAWS UNITE

Lefties are kind of shy and non-comital so this may not work, but I love trying new groups. Let's have a King/Queen tournament to see who our best lefty is. No gender, no age, just lefty. Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, 9:30 at Canlan Sportsplex. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you want to play. Include name.

MEDAL WINNERS



Ed Falkenberg & Rick Johnson ... FL Sr Games ... Silver



George Kas & Jose Sosa ... Mt Prospect



Bill Kirscht ...



Dennis Girardi & Jim Latal ... Mt Prospect Holiday Tournament ... 3.5 Gold



John Forshall, Sue Johnson, Sandy Amatore, & Mike Kaminski
3.0-3.5 PPC King/Queen ... Sue = Queen (and high scorer)
Sandy = Vice Queen ... John & Mike = Co-Kings



NEW LEAGUE PLAY ABOUT TO BEGIN ... BUT IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE TO JOIN.

<https://chicagometropickleball.org/2019-winter-team-league>

This link will get you to everything you'll want to know. The league is intended for 3.75-4.25 level players. Teams aren't quite full, though, so 3.5s may be accepted for this first season.

Don't delay. Registrations close on the 9th.



Ann



Ursula



Tom



Sue



Steve



Tim



Tippi



Steve



Clay



Connie



Cathie



Cathy



Brian



Don



Eileen



Heather

PICKLER OF THE MONTH

Kim Corrado doesn't get sidelined by having a right arm in a sling. She plays left-handed and gets good at it. She went through mentoring in 2017 and then won the Mentoree King/Queen of the Court tournament. She's a Birchwood regular who enjoys equally playing with players better and worse than she. She strives for improvement and never makes a partner feel bad. She could be our Palatine Picklers poster child.



Kelly



Tom



Wendy



Nez



Neal



Peg



Jeff



John



Janice



Howard



Holly



Mike

PARKING LOT PICS

It seems our cars are a fine indicator of our addiction. Check out these Picklers' plates. Then order your own.



CAN YOU BEAT 6 YEARS, 3 MONTHS ?

If your age is closer to 60 than that, there's still time for you to get into the "Closest to 60" King/Queen of the Court tournament. It will take place at Canlan Sportsplex on Thursday morning, January 17th. You'll partner once with each of your seven fellow competitors. Highest score will earn the title of King or Queen. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you'd like to compete with your contemporaries.



Tom



Russ



Ryan



Linda



Laurie



Carl



Carin



Dave



Cindy



Fred



Jimmy



Joe



Ron



Satish



Scott



Steve



Carol



Frank



Fran



Ellen



Gus



Jon



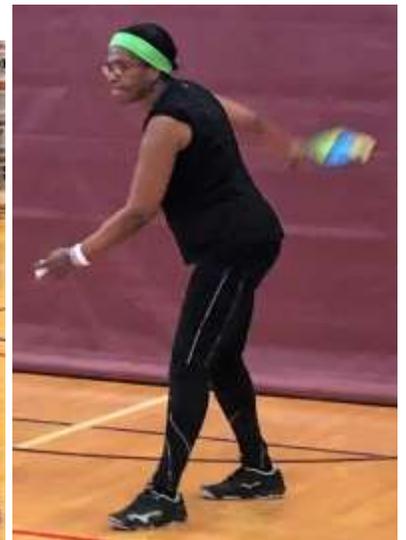
Mark



Mark



Mike



Becky



Bill



Harry



Sandy



Bob



Anneliese



Bob



Bob



Brigitte



Lori



Lynn



Phil



Mary



Cyndi



Marti



Ray



Ryan



Joan



Scott



Terry



Sue's shirt



Masato



Moira



Mike



Mike



Michelle



Maggie



Marilyn



Anne



Don



Dora



Kristie



Ken



Mike



Sandy



Jo



Jim



Lizanne's shirt



Val



Mickey



Jeff's shirt



Amy



Alberto



Denise



Bob



Andy (guest)



Bill



Carol



Jim



Vinny



Dave



Dave



Ed



Chris



Bob

WAKE UP WANTING YOUR PICKLEBALL FIX A.S.A.P. ?

Then this is for you. Birchwood's gym will be ready for you by 6:00 a.m. on both Tuesday and Thursday. Though the call for Early Birds attracted only Joe a couple months ago, the Birchwood staff informs me that players are showing up for these early games that last until 9:00. So it seems we don't need to coordinate the days we can play. Just show up and play.



Gregg



Al



Karen



Sebastian



Mike



Randy



Jose



Jim



Ray



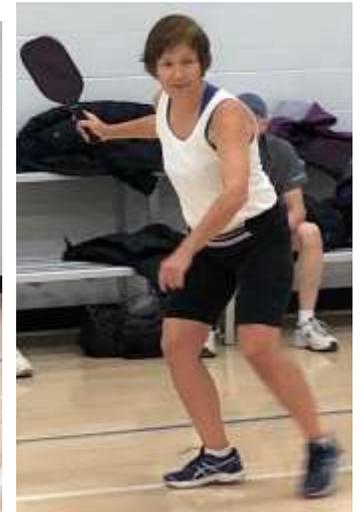
Angelina



Karen's shirt



Maureen



Janet



Susan



Norbert



Krystyna



Bob



Tom



Hank



Greg



John



Sally



Joan



Scott



Tom



Rosie



Tim



Anne



Julie



John



Julie



Peter



Linda



John



Sandy's shirt



Larry



Karin



Vince



Vida

KEEP THIS ISSUE ... IT'S A REFERENCE

I wanted to give you as many faces you'll see this winter as possible. Sorry for those that escaped the gym, before I could catch them. For about half a dozen, I went back in the archives to show you who they are. Some, such as Larry above I had to shoot from so far they're too blurry to enlarge more. Happy 2019.

PATCHES ARE FUN & FUNCTIONAL

In my trunk (or whatever you call it in a non-sedan), I have a lot of patches, and a lot of lanyards arranged by color. For \$5 you can purchase one of these colorful club, iron-on patches. The money goes into the club fun for balls, scoreboards, perhaps prizes, etc. These were donated by Greg and Melody Woodsum. I love how recognizable my luggage is, when adorned with a club patch. They also look great on clothing. Let me know how many you'd like. If you'd like a lanyard for it, there's no extra charge. You can email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you'd like me to bring your patch/es to Falcon or Birchwood or Canlan.



COULD USE A FEW MORE LOWER INTERMEDIATES

Every other Tuesday morning your Palatine Picklers compete with the MidBar team (of players from Midtown Club and Barrington combined). This is intended for those of us in the 3.0 to 3.5 range. If in doubt as to whether you're qualified, email me or talk to me in a gym. We'll roster only four men and four ladies for the MidBar matches (rosters vary each time), but, if we have enough extra Picklers for any given date (you tell me which dates work for you), we run a King/Queen of the Court tournament on adjacent courts at Canlan. Again, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you'd like to have a morning of fun at your level, whether you're put on the match lineup or the tournament one.



I hope you enjoyed seeing so many Picklers in this issue. I don't plan to make this a habit, but it seemed a great way to start the new year.

Since I have few pics of me on the court, and I do want you to know who to blame for whatever is in our newsletters, I select a photo each month from my personal collection. This month I chose one of Mexican, winter warmth from a few years ago.

Hope 2019 is a fantastic and pickleriffic year for all of you.

Bear Shatwell
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