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WE'RE 4 YEARS OLD

Hope you can Bear with me, as we look back on what we've enjoyed, since I recruited a start-up Board of Directors, drew a logo, and launched PPC mid-February, 2015. Among things we've done since ... signed up 920 members ... raised almost \$1300 for charity at the Tucky Time Tournament honoring a beloved member we lost ... administrated the 4-club Thursday upper intermediate travel league ... gave more than 50 Picklers the chance to play on Thursday teams ... published 49, monthly newsletters ... shared 3655 photos ... started two, Tuesday lower intermediate, inter-club competitions ... staged summer-long skinny singles ladders ... kept play days as competitive for all as possible ... offered the chance to compete in two dozen King/Queen of the Court tournaments for different age/skill groups ... celebrated a Valentines newsletter with photos of 52 married member couples ... created popular and ongoing summer Mentoring sessions ... sold 389 shirts ... celebrated the U.S. Open in rhyme ... created five dry erase scoreboards for events ... held a table tennis tournament for members ... kept summer courts supplied with balls ... promoted PPC member discounts for Pickleball Central and ProLite & Paddletek paddles ... held 2 picnics ... had spring and holiday Lamplighter lunches with prizes ... had myriad post-Canlan competition lunches ... have annual Photo Day for those wearing club T-shirts ... have been enjoying the Woodsums donation of PPC patches for fund-raising and competition winners ... and have worked with the Palatine Park District to add venues and play times.

CMP IS OFF TO A GREAT START

The Chicago Metro Pickleball League, consists of four teams from the north and northwest suburbs. So far we've had 2 matches, with all 4 teams (Team April, Team Bear, Team Dana, & Team Ken) enjoying close competition. Team Dana finished 1st both times, but even 4th place was only a few wins behind This league is for players 3.75 to 4.25. 39 of the 58 players are members of our PPC. This season ends April 9th. Look for next month's cattle for spring season.





Christine (900th member)



Clay



Patrick



Sandy



Scott



Vinny



Michelle



Denise



Mike



Mickey



Fran



Donna



Carol

WE BID A SAD FARWELL TO HANK BERGMAN

Hank Bergman joined the Palatine Picklers April 1st, 2016 and instantly loved the game and the bonds he formed with fellow Picklers. It was actually his brother Rich's idea that Hank give it a try. Rich wanted Hank to get more exercise and had heard that pickleball was a fun way to do that. Hank liked it so much he talked Rich into trying it and joining PPC a year and a half later. We hadn't seen Hank this fall. He was fighting a health issue, a fight he finally lost in December. I've been assured that Hank truly loved our sport and our club. We'll miss his warmth and his friendship.



PARK DISTRICT APPRECIATES PICKLERS

On Friday, January 18th, those of us who played at Falcon were welcomed by a table full of muffins and bagels. It was an unexpected Pickler Appreciation gesture by the Palatine Park District. We can safely say the appreciation is mutual. Thank you, PPD, for this surprise.





Ralph



Peter



Linda



Dana



Cindy



Cathy



"Dinkless Wonders" Bear & Jeff



Donna



Alberto



Erin



Elvira



Dave



Anneliese

OUR "CLOSEST TO 60 YEARS OF AGE" TOURNAMENT

Some were over, some younger, but these eight were the closest to 60 from those that sought to play in this King/Queen of the Court format.



Jim, Brigitte, Linda, Greg, Denise, Linda, Carol & Neal



3rd=Jim ... 2nd =Neal ... 1st = Brigitte



Al



Bill



Carol



Gene



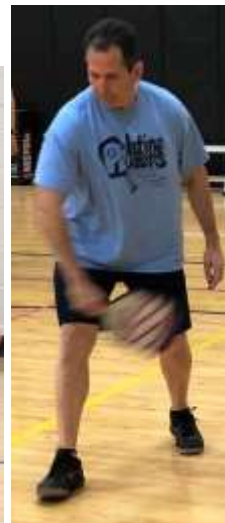
Janice



Gregg



Sam (guest)



Jim



Karen

REMEMBER ... 2 PAIR OF SHOES

Please don't wear street shoes into the gyms. Players have been slipping on damp floors. Thanks.



Chuck



Holly



Harry



Howard



Sue



Terry



Satish



Scott

CATTLE CALL FOR 3.0 TO 3.5 PICKLERS

The spring season for the Palatine vs MidBar matches begins mid-March. We field teams of four men and four ladies. Each will play one game with each teammate on Tuesday mornings in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Games begin at 9:30 and last to about 12:15 after which teams go to lunch 200 yards away. For those of you who believe you're of the appropriate level, tell me EACH of the dates you believe you could make. **March 19 ... April 2 ... April 16 ... April 30 ... May 14.** If you're not sure ask me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. A week before each match, I'll notify those I've put on the roster. A day or two before it, I'll ask you to confirm. Thanks.



Jim



Sandy



Ron



Thea

JIM BLAIR, PICKLER OF THE MONTH

He may play more pickleball in more places than any other member, and he's been our Handyman for years, fixing fences, building holders for "next four" paddles, creating a ball case, and a patching scoreboard. Thanks.



Fran

Jane

Jerry

Johanna



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Frank

Greg

Dennis

Dick

MEDAL DETECTION



KaSandra Marie Gehrke & Trevor Weisbart
Chuck Feinstein ... Terre Haute Winter Slam Jam ... 5.0 Mixed ... Gold
Robin ... Advanced Silver



Bill Kirscht & Mike Field ... Madison Gold Tournament, Princeton East ... 3.5 Mens ... Gold

Chuck also teamed with Josh Lancaster for a 5.0 Mens Silver in Terre Haute



Angelina Seltzer, Gold & Linda Mihel, Silver
Lake Bluff Round Robin ... Intermediate



Lisa Glowski & Ray Jenkins ... Lockport Snow Bowl ... Mixed 3.5 ... Gold



Cathy



Bob



Donna



John



Ken



Lizanne



Lucky



Mary



Lynn



Norbert



Pat



Roland

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8th IS PHOTO DAY

Be sure to wear your Palatine Picklers shirt to Falcon. It's our annual "Picklers Photo Day." About 10:00 we'll ask you to remember your scores and who's serving, but put games on hold. All wearing a PPC shirt will assemble against the curtain on the lobby side for photos. This newsletter may be too late to serve as reminder. Sorry.



Sandi



Ray



Steve's shirt



Tim



Brigitte



Anne



Bear



Chris



Leah



Laurie



Kim



Marv



Pete



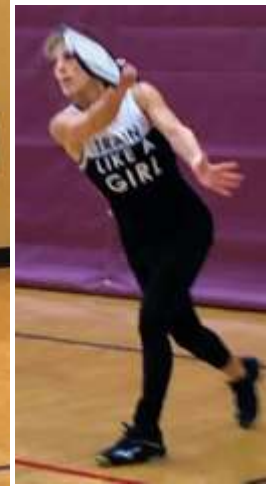
Lynne



Linda



Marty



Kathy



Karen



Jon



Kathy



Jose



DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR PATCHES

See Bear to get your Palatine Picklers patches. These are great for luggage tags, key chains, iron-ons for clothing, etc. Your \$5 goes for balls. Free lanyard too, if desired.



Lori



Lynn



Linda



Linda



Adam



Vida



Vince



Steve



Randy



Susan



Linda's shirt



Lori



Howard



Gus



Ens



Craig

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Last year we were invited to our first luncheon. This year we had 10 Picklers attend. The sit-down lunch was excellent, as was the conversation at our table, but the best was yet to come. Greg Kuhs was called up to accept his plaque as the Palatine Pickleball Club's Volunteer of the Year from Susan Gould, PPD Board President & Mike Clark, PPD Executive Director.



Then I was inducted onto the Palatine Park District's Volunteer Honor Roll, in recognition of my efforts for Palatine Amateur Hockey Association, Palatine Boys Baseball, and Palatine Pickleball Club. Gus Panos highlighted my volunteer work and then, surrounded by Gus, Honor Roll Committeeman, Susan Gould, PPD Board President, Mike Clark, PPD Executive Director, and Dennis Hanson, Honor Roll Committee Chairman, I was given my plaque and lapel pin. Quite the honor. Thanks, Gus, for checking on baseball and hockey and being a catalyst.



Marv Zwass, Greg Kuhs, Bear Shatwell, Kathy Shatwell, Bob Sitarz, Linda Cherney, Bob Goldstein, Gus Panos, and in front Sandy Amatore and Linda Mihel. Chris Ganas had to leave before we took this photo. A great day.



Carin



Brian



Carol's shirt



Chris



Tim



Bob



Neal



Jim



Deanna



Angelina



Jimmy



Dave (guest)



Steve



Dora



Mike



Mike



Bob



Debbie



Moira



Cathie



Joan



Tom



Bill



Mike



Craig



Cyndi



Joe



Becky



Sue



Elke



Brian



Bob



John



Ursula



Laurie



Jolan



John



Amy



Kathy



Steve



Bob



Penny



Sally



Betsy



Laurie



Kim



Larry



Michelle



Masato



Ray



Andy



Hank



Sue



Wendy



Michelle

THE CENTER LINE RULING RUMOR

One of our more accomplished Picklers played in a tournament somewhere in December where it was stated that a new rule is in effect that makes a serve that hits the center line (not the kitchen line) “out.” I tried in vain to find out online if this were true. I couldn’t find it. I talked to the player who brought this “new rule” to our area. He/she also had tried to verify it, with no mention anywhere of it. I then emailed Melody Woodsum who was certified in December as a Pickleball Referee, figuring a new ref would be the most likely to be familiar with new rules. She gave the definitive answer. It is a bogus rumor. There are new rules coming this month, but as of now, and expected to remain, a served ball that hits the center line is good. If this ever changes, I’ll let you know.

CELEBRATING 4 YEARS OF FUN PICS

As an anniversary gift to us, I thought it would be fun to go through all 49 newsletters and pick my TOP 40. This proved more difficult than I'd have thought. My first batch had 188 photos. Then I got ruthless and cut it to 67. With much second guessing, I finally got it to 40 shots. This involved cutting all shots of more than one Pickler. Some are chosen for body position, some facial expression, some focus, some simply because I liked them. Here are my TOP 40 in alphabetical order, concluding with my TOP 10. Hope you enjoy these.



Alicia



Anneliese



Bill



Bob



Carl



Carol



Cathy



Charlie



Don



Don



Donna



Franklin



Greg



Jeff



Jim



Jimmy



John



Kathy



Kevin



Kim



Kristine



Leah



Leslie



Linda



Masato



Melody



Mike



Norb



Sissy



Tony

TOP 10



Betsy



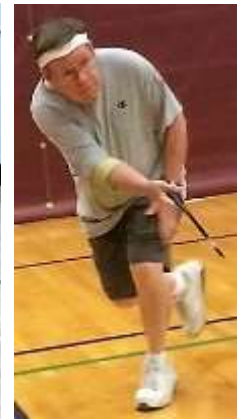
Daniel



Heather



Jane



Jim



Kim



Liz



Lynne



Help

NUMBER 1 Sabastian



That's it for another month and another year. Hope you're enjoying our club. Happy Pickling.



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Thanks to Mike Louie for the 2 pics of me in this shirt.