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**MARCH, 2019 NEWSLETTER**

## **LOOKIN' PICKLERIFFIC**



Our annual Photo Day found 37 Picklers displaying some of our colorful attire. The first two to send me even the first names of each of these will earn a shirt from our existing inventory. If none are your size, you can choose a new one. Please put names in alpha order so I can easily compare to my list.



### **FACEBOOK RECYCLED**

It's been a few years, but, thanks to Karin Beil, we have a renewed Facebook presence. Just search "Palatine Picklers" and join our group.



# QUICK REVIEW OF OUR PLAYING TIMES & COURTS

Falcon ... Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 – Noon. (Must be 50+ on Monday & Friday ... Wednesday 18+) .

NO PICKLEBALL HERE 3/25, 3/27, 3/29

Birchwood ... Tuesday & Friday 6:30 – 9:00 a.m. (18+) Thursday Noon – 3:00 (18+) .

NO PICKLEBALL HERE 3.27

Harper College ... Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Monday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (18+)



Jolan



Maureen



Laurie



Steve



Bob



Linda



Anne



Bob



Andy



Kimbra



Masato



Gregg

### MANY MEDALS



Rick Johnson & Gord Alder ... AAU Chill Blaster  
Tournament, Englewood, FL ... 4.5 ... Gold



Ken Hermann  
Level 4 USAPA  
Championships  
Owensboro, KY  
Men's 50 Singles ... Gold



Trudy Donnelly & Patty Eagleton  
Silver Palms Tournament  
Okeechobee, FL ... 4.0 60-69  
Gold

### INAUGURAL CRYSTAL LAKE PICKLEBALL OPEN



John Cincola & Chuck Feinstein ... 5.0  
Silver ... Living Legend Dave Weinbach  
(on right) & partner took the Gold



Marina Ohmuller & Chuck Feinstein  
Mixed 4.5 ... Bronze



Cari Mory & Elke Jacobsen  
4.0 ... Gold

Names of players who are not members of the Palatine Pickleball Club are in italics.



Brian Wierst & Scott Stubig  
4.0 ... Bronze



Gail Roling & Sanjiv  
Upadhyay ... 4.0 Mixed  
Bronze



Kathy McWhorter &  
Monique Reynolds ... 3.5  
Gold



Kathy McWhorter &  
Joe Scarpino ... Mixed  
3.5 ... Gold



Bill Kirscht & Monique  
Mixed 35 ... Silver



Laurie Bender & Judy Elkberry  
3.5 ... Bronze



Lisa Glowski & Ray Jenkins  
Mixed 3.5 ... Bronze

### ADDISON'S WINTER BLUES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



From left to right  
Jimmy Latal ... 4.0+ ... Gold  
Gil Barker ... Court 4 ... 3.5 ... Bronze  
Bear Shatwell ... Court 5 ... 3.0 ... Bronze  
Peggy Whitlow ... Court 6 ... 3.0 ... Bronze





Valery



Stacy



Sammy (guest)



Phil



Marty



Lucky



Keith



Leah



Kenny



Karen



Kathy



Bob



Becky



Beth



Carol's shirt



Carin\*



Chris



Kathleen



Shelly



Steve



Scott



Vida



Zach



PITA

\* This shot of Carin was taken by PPD's LoriAnn the day she took our Photo Day photo on Page 1.

# LET'S DOUBLE OUR PHOTO PLEASURE



Carol & Christine



Cindy & Jim



Dennis & Howard



Cindy & Jim



Ray & Scott



Patti & Michael



Sue & Denise



Kathy & Holly



Howard & Lynne



Thea & Linda



Scott & Ray



Chris & Gene



Jim & Peggy



Kenny & Guy



Chris & Sue



Elka & Roland



Bob & Bob



Carol & Christine



Dennis & Cindy

## **“CATTLE CALL” FOR LOWER INTERMEDIATE PICKLERS (THAT’S 3.0 - 3.5 ... OR ASK US)**

There’s still time to get you into at least one of our every other Tuesday matches in Lake Barrington against the combined team of Midtown Club and Barrington players. This is a “lower intermediate” competition, with each club fielding teams of four men and four women. If you’d like to give it a try, email me with each of the following Tuesday mornings (say 9:00 to 12:30) you expect to be available: 3/19 4/2 4/16 4/30 5/14. My preferred email address is [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).

### **RECENT MIDBAR MATCH BEST YET**

On Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, after the completion of the 28 gender and mixed games, the Palatine Picklers and the MidBar team were tied at 14 wins apiece. To determine the winner of the match we had to look to total points scored. That was almost as close, with MidBar coming out on top 293-289. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> closest travel match in my four years of running four travel teams. Once two years ago, in a Palatine vs Barrington “intermediate intermediate” match, even our total points were tied.



Rick



Michael



Mary Jane, Julie, & Julie



Mike



Paulette



Satish



Sandy



Ron



Clay



Connie



Penny



Scott

## **KING OF THE COURT TOURNAMENT FOR 70+ MEN PICKLERS**

One of our most popular K/Q tournaments was the one for our seniormost Picklers a couple years ago. Well, it's back by popular demand. It will be at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, starting at 9:30 on Thursday, March 28th. Participants will play one game with each of their seven competitors. The first eight to email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) will comprise the field, but I'll keep a waiting list. The only cost will be Canan's \$8 fee you pay that morning. Top three finishers will win a Palatine Picklers patch on a lanyard. Then we go to lunch.

## **QUEEN OF THE COURT FOR 60+ WOMEN PICKLERS**

One of our most popular K/Q tournaments was the one for our seniormost Picklers a couple years ago. Well, it's back by popular demand. It will be at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, starting at 9:30 on Thursday, April 11th. Participants will play one game with each of their seven competitors. The first eight to email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) will comprise the field, but I'll keep a waiting list. The only cost will be Canan's \$8 fee you pay that morning. Top three finishers will win a Palatine Picklers patch on a lanyard. Then we go to lunch.



Steve



Jose



Karla



Karin



Lori



Marilyn



Andy



Bear (pic by PPD's LoriAnne)



Frank



Heidi



Guy



John

# REGISTER FOR THE PREMIER OF THIS PREMIER TOURNEY

You've been reading about the new Chicago Metro Pickleball organization, maybe attended a "meet & play" event or are already playing in the 4-team league that competes in Libertyville. We;; here's your chance to play in the inaugural Chicago Pickleball Open that's a pretty big deal, and you don't have to leave the state.



**\$25,000**



Proudly presents...

**2019**

# CHICAGO Pickleball Open

**When:** July 17-21, 2019

**Where:** Nike Park in Naperville, Illinois  
 20 courts and **\$25,000** in prize money  
 Pro & Senior Pro events!!!  
 (Singles, Doubles, and Mixed)  
 Level Tier II tournament certified by World Pickleball Federation  
 Live streaming from ProPickleball Media  
 \*Registration opens on March 15, 2019

**Events:**

Mens/Womens Singles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
Mens/Womens Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
Mixed Doubles	3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5
Junior Singles	Open
Junior Doubles	Open





Ken Herrmann- Tournament Director  
 Dana Joseph- Tournament Director  
 Steve DeMar- President Chicago Metro Pickleball



Registration begins March 15<sup>th</sup>. Just go to [PickleballTournaments.com](http://PickleballTournaments.com) and look for Chicago Pickleball Open. Think how cool it would be to play in the 1<sup>st</sup> ever of what will surely become one of the major U.S. tournaments. See you there.



April



Anne



Barb



Bob



Bob



Bob



Brigitte



Christy



Brian



Dale



Craig



Dennis



Dave



Jim



Lori



Linda

## TABLE TENNIS ... YES, JUST NOT NOW

I've been asked a lot about another table tennis tournament. Yes, we will make this an annual event. However, it will be in the fall again. If you're interested, open your newsletters right away, because, once announced, only the first ten to apply will get into this super fun competition.



Mark



Mary



Sue



Sue



Val



Rajdt



Nalee



Patti

## HARPER MONDAY NIGHTS ... NEWBIE HEAVEN

I accepted the honor of mentoring a few players new to the sport at Harper on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The three courts were enjoyed by at least 16 beginners. There were no intermediate players on site. That was SO cool. Because these players pay to play, drills were not appropriate. Explaining after each point what was done right and what was wrong was the game plan. Angelina Seltzer has agreed to mentor one court, while I do another next time. (Enter Harper off Algonquin/62, one light east of Roselle. Park in the lot on the left. Building M)

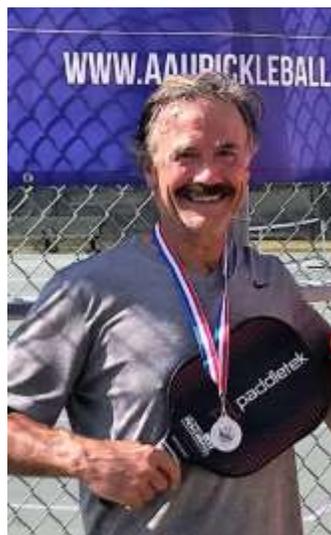
If you're a beginner or novice, I hope you add Monday nights (6:00-9:00) at Harper. This can be an ideal learning experience, with or without mentoring. Playing with similar level players is always a good thing.

## 11<sup>th</sup> HOUR ... JOHN KIRCHNER'S MEDAL MARCH

John is now my favorite medal-winning Pickler. (Ray Jenkins is close.) John sent me all the info and photos of his Florida medal-grabbing tour. Check it out.



John & Matt Rumsa ... Pickleball  
Cupid Shootout ... Punta Gorda, FL  
. 3.5 65-69 ... Gold



John ... AAU Chill Blast ...  
Englewood, FL ... 3.5-4.0  
3.5-4.0 Singles ... Silver



John ... Can Am Super Slam ... Snaiabel, FL ...  
Men's singles 3.5 ... Silver



John & Ray Gobberg ... Can Am Super Slam...  
Sanibel, FL ... 3.5 65-69 ... Silver



John & Branch Lew (no photo) ... Gamma's Riverbend  
Classic ... LaBelle, FL ... 60+ Men's Dbls ... Bronze

## OUTDOOR BALLS ... YES, EVENTUALLY

If we have a 70-degree day in March, you're on your own. I expect to return at least a few balls to the outdoor courts the first week of April. Winter temperatures don't do balls any favors so I keep them inside my tender, loving home! If you'd like to purchase balls, I'd suggest contacting Denise Hopkins ... ([hopchdh@comcast.net](mailto:hopchdh@comcast.net)) for a great value on pickleballs.



Carol



Carrike



Carol



Carol



Jay



Jim



Jim



Marilyn

**SUMMER MENTORS WANTED ...** If you're at least upper intermediate level and would like to donate some/all Wednesday mornings (10:30-Noon) to helping newer players at Sycamore Park, email me [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). Three of us worked every week last year, but we'd love an occasional day off.



Anita



Denny



Dennis



Helen



Cathie



Cathy



Christine



Cindy



**OUR OWN MARIANNE INVITES HELP**

She found a second, great group, this time in the Daytona area. They hope to build 8 courts through fundraising. You can join/support them for \$25 and get a free T-shirt. If you'd like to contribute to a fellow Pickler's new cause, cut, paste, and click the "link" below.

<https://pickleballdaytona.com>



Mike



Mike



Shelly



Kathy



Marilyn



Jake



Janeen



Bob



Joan



Johanna



June



Linda



Steve's shirt



Sue



Gil



J.J.

## DO YOU HAVE A PARTNER IN MIND ?

You'll want to be ready to register early on the 15<sup>th</sup> for the Inaugural Chicago Pickleball Open. (See story on page 12.) Chicago Metro Pickleball is going to be a force in the U.S.A. pickleball picture. Be there.



George



Gary



Carol's shirt



Barb



Denise



Tim



Tom



Terry



Kris



Laura



Joan



Janet

# ANOTHER 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR MEDALIST

Tom Ratzki & Rick Johnson  
... Southern Tropics  
Tournament, Naples, FL ...  
4.5 60+ ... Gold



John



Don



Hollis's shirt



Angelina



Dora



Harry



Elena



Elvira



Don



Gus



Gene



Mike



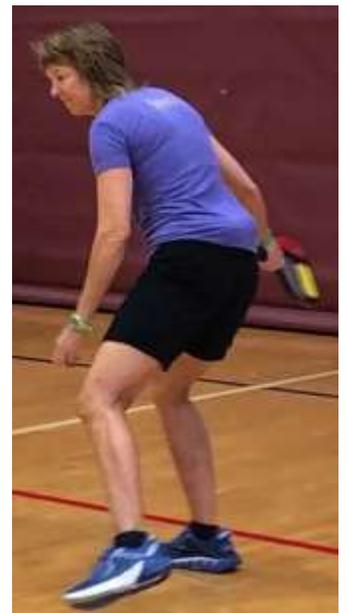
Howard



Henry



Donna



Lizzy



Ann



Susan



Greg

## CHICAO METRO PICKLEBALL ... NEXT SESSION

We're within a month of being done with the first season of the CMP league. Our competitions for four Clubs (Team April, Team Dana, Team Ken, & Team Bear) takes place every other Tuesday afternoon in Libertyville. It's for players in the 3.75 to 4.25 range. Each Captain sends four men and four women seeded 1 to 4 into battle. Each player plays with one gender partner and one mixed partner, facing each of the other teams once. That means six games are played by each participant. Team wins matter. Total points will break ties. The playoffs for our first session are on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

At this writing the next session has yet to be determined. Will we remain inside? Will we begin moving each match around the suburbs? Will we have a mini season at Libertyville? I don't know. Those decisions are pending. However, if you feel you are in the designated skill range and would like to compete, please email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). Teams have twice the number of players needed any week. All team members will get to play, but the play time may not be equally distributed. Captains create their own rosters for each match. The one thing on which all participants, win or lose, agree is this is a really fun league.

I should add that letting me know you want "in" doesn't guarantee you'll be on my team. The Captains shuffle players, in an effort to make each team have similar talent. Of course, there's a limit to the number of players the league can accept. The first 32 women and 32 men to "apply" get into the next session.



Don



Elvira's shirt



Fran



Scott



Holly



Joan



Mike



Tom

## NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR SR GAMES

Some tournaments are round robin format. You don't need a partner. The Six County Senior Games is not one of those. That means it's time to begin thinking of your gender partner and/or your mixed partner. All games will be played at Fabbrini Park in Hoffman Estates. Women's doubles will be held on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Men's doubles will be Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Mixed doubles will be contested Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. At this point I do not know about singles. The divisions are all by 5-year age increments, with no consideration of level so you'll want partner/s about your age. For those who have competed in the past, you should get this year's prospectus in May. The rest of you can Google "2019 Six County Senior Games," in a couple months, to get registration information.



Ed



Nick



Tom



Hollis



Sue



Amy



Lynn



**Let me know about the King tournament, the Queen tournament, MidBar games interest, and CMP interest. Happy Pickling. Thanks.**

**Bear, PicklersPrez**