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ILLINOIS' BIGGEST PICKLEBALL EVENT IS COMING

Chicago Metro Pickleball is hosting the inaugural Chicago Pickleball Open, from the 18th to the 21st of July.



In just three months, Naperville will be home of what may become one of the biggest pickleball tournaments in the country. It's possible that your division still has room for you. Go to pickleballtournaments.com. Click on Future tournaments and scroll down the chronological list until you come to 7/18 or search for Illinois tournaments and scroll down far fewer. If you're in town and enjoy playing with a gender or mixed partner or both who are about your age, see if you can still register. You can even register as a player seeking a partner. Just as playing in the U.S. Open should be a bucket list item for every player, playing in this inaugural event will be a life-long memory. Whether you play as a 3.0 or a 5.0, you'll love the excitement of this event being staged right in your back yard. I'd love to have a heavy workload of getting photos of Palatine Picklers medalists into the August newsletter. If you can't play, consider volunteering. If that's not possible, at least plan to attend.



Cindy



Don



Sarah



Vida



Phil



Tom



Ursula



Carol



Chris



Janet



Lucky



Nancy



Steve



Neal



John



Analiese



Mary



Peggy's shirt



Ron



Sally



Sarah



Tom



Valery



Sue



Sue



Sue



Karen



Karin



Kenny



Kate



Larry



Nick

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

It's almost time for our third Lamplighter Luncheon. It's Thursday, May 23rd from 12:30 to 4:30. This one is for only active Palatine Picklers (no spouses, friends, other club members, etc.) Let us know you want to come by sending a signed email to PalatinePicklers@gmail.com. Then the first 72 to get their \$10 fee to Bob Sitarz will make the guest list. Find Bob at Falcon, or mail your check to Bob Sitarz, 884 N Coolidge Ave, Palatine 60067;

Though not required, it's been fun at previous events to see a lot of Palatine Picklers shirts.



Neal



Mike



Lori



Laurie

CHICAGO PICKLEBALL OPEN IS COMING ... REGISTER NOW

This is a BIG DEAL so I'm hitting it again. Find a gender partner and a mixed partner, pick your level and age and make it happen. If you need help in finding an appropriate partner, email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com). I'll try to help you find one. The pros are signing up for this great event. You should be too.



Lori



Bobbie



Carol



Gus



Elvira



Don



Dana



Leah



Laurie



Laura



Laurie



Laura



.. Bob



Carol



Craig



Grace



Gary



Janice



Jay

2nd PLUG for ANOTHER PICKLERIFFIC LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 23rd, 12:30 to 4:30 AT LAMPLIGHTER INN. As our club grows, the reservation restrictions tighten. Please email your intent to attend to PalatinePicklers@gmail.com and indicate if you'd like to bring an appetizer or dessert. However, be warned that it's only the first 72 to get their \$10 registration fee to Bob Sitarz (at Falcon or send your check to Bob Sitarz, 884 N Coolidge Ave, Palatine 60067-2224) who will make the guest list. 2 REQUESTS: (1) Please sign your email. (2) Please DO NOT arrive BEFORE 12:30.

Lamplighter Inn has a cash bar upstairs where we'll be, to go along with the pizza and salad they'll serve. Though not required it's always fun to see dozens of Palatine Picklers shirts at these get togethers.

CONFESSION: I create newsletters over several weeks. I have a list of topics I check off, as I cover them. I forgot to check this off. I'd written a few Picklers about it so didn't realize I'd already covered it in here.

DANA'S 4.0 TOURNAMENT MEDALISTS



. Jim & Jimmy Latal
... Men's Gold



Adam Oliva & Kristine
... Mixed Gold



Steve Livermore & Scott Stubig
... Silver



Tim Mottl & *Gail Pistello*
... Silver



Lance Schreier & Lou Kaplan
... Bronze

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



Bob



Bill



Cathie



Mike

CHICAGO METRO PICKLEBALL SUMMER LEAGUES

As successful as the winter league has been, CMP is expanding to 7 leagues for summer play, from June 10 to July 29. There will be two men's leagues (3.25-3.75 and 4.0-4.25). Same for the ladies. Then there will be weekend, mixed leagues, also for those skill ranges. You can learn more about these exciting leagues at ChicagoMetroPickleball.org. Registration information will be posted there on **April 8th**, as will be site locations, rules, formats, fees, and team Captains. Teams will have a maximum of 13 players, 8 of whom will be rostered for each match. So now you have three CMP registrations to address ... Chicago Pickleball Open gender and mixed pairs and the CMP summer league. What a pickleriffic summer awaits us.

PICKLER OF THE MONTH ... DENISE HOPKINS



Denise has always been a regular at Birchwood. She's also played on our travel teams for years and has participated in several King/Queen of the Court tournaments. Recently, she played for Bear's Pickleholics in the Chicago Metro Pickleball league, when I was short one lady, even though she's on another team. Denise has volunteered to play a couple times for the MidBar team, when they couldn't fill their roster. She loves drilling at length. She sells Birchwood players orange pickleballs that are shared with all courts, as they're easier to see than the green ones there. Denise will also be playing in the CMP events this summer.

WE'VE HIT 1,000

While mentoring newer players at Harper Monday evening, March 25th, I welcomed our thousandth Palatine Pickler. Fortunately, not all play in the same place and time. Some are awaiting healthier bodies to begin playing. Many have moved to more fertile pickleball locals. And, shockingly, some have tried our sport and not loved it. Still, in the four years and one month since starting the PPC, I've now sent more than 1,000 welcome notes. We're doing a lot right, to promote the growth of pickleball in Chicago's suburbs. Thank you.



TONY CIPOLLA ... #1,000

Picklers Johanna and Don Harden brought their daughter Sam and her husband Tony to Harper, to learn how to play. I thoroughly enjoyed playing with them and helping them learn the basics. While Sam plays a more conservative game, I nicknamed Tony "Crash" for his reckless abandon style. He believes no ball can get by him. He logged more steps in a game than I did in three hours. Though their schedules restricts their play to evenings and weekends, I'm sure we'll see a lot of Sam and Tony in the months ahead.



Terry



Valery



Sam(antha)



Steve



Scott



Marilyn



Kathy



Moira



Karen



Kathy



Linda's shirt



Harry



Don



Dawn



Chrissy



Clay



Cathie



Gary



Fred



Howard



Fran



Debra



Cyndi



Linda



Leslie



Linda



Lisa



Ron



Sue

DARRELL PICKED THE PICS

The March newsletter introduced a contest to see who could find the three Picklers who had two, solo photos of different “poses.” I wasn’t expecting such a response...eleven entries. The instructions were a bit vague, but Darrell Rutter was the best detective. He won a Palatine Picklers T-shirt. After months in rehab, we’re glad to see him back on our courts.



OK, PIC PICKING PICKERS, LET’S TRY AGAIN

This month I have included eleven Picklers twice. We’re talking different “poses” with only a first name under each. The first person to identify all nine (or the most) AND at least one whose identical photo appears twice will win some shirt from inventory or, if I don’t have your size, any T-shirt from what you see on PalatinePicklers.com. It would make life easier, if you include the page numbers on each of your selections. Let’s see who would be our best (tv game) Concentration contestant. Same individual, different pose, only a first name beneath the photo. Happy hunting. Eleven Picklers played last month. This one is harder. Are you up for the challenge?



Steve



Suren



Sue



Andy



Tim



Russ



Sandy



Phil



Ray



Ray



Rick



Val



Regan



Lizanne



Leandra



Jeanne



Susie



Steve



Darrell (welcome back)



Connie



Bud



Greg



Jim

70+ KING OF THE COURT

On Thursday, May 28th, eight young septagenarians took to the courts to vie for the title of King of the 70+ Court. It was a fun day for all followed by an enjoyable lunch. Pay attention for future King/Queen events.



The "Nice game" touch ends a game. Bob Bregenzer, 2nd ... Ray Jenkins, King ... Marv Zwass & Steve Fine 3rd.



Anne



Bill



Bear's shirt



Carole

MOTHER NATURE ALLOWED MORE PROGRESS

The few days of warm weather in late March found workers back at it. The better the weather the sooner we'll be playing under the lights.





Ann



Fran



Hank



Hoda



Lori



Anny



Sandy



Wendy



Wendy



Terry



Mark



Mike



Kathy's shirt



Karin's shirt



Chris



Carol



Cindy



Dennis



Greg

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You'll save 5% on every purchase, when you enter the code CRPALATINEPB. Every dollar saved is saved.



Tom



Ivy



Gregg



Chris



Peggy



Johanna



Cathy



Marv



Sherry



John



Cathy



Anne



Jane



Karen



Maria



Bob

INAUGURAL SHAMROCK PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

George Kas, Tournament Director and Palatine Pickler, ran a round robin tournament in Schaumburg. Picklers Sandy, Susan, Keith, Jose, and Bill participated, but only Bill Kirscht left with a medal ... gold in the 4.0 division. Congratulations, Bill.



Tournament Director George Kas congratulates Bill Kirscht on his gold medal performance.

MORE RECENT MEDAL WINNERS



April Volpe & Josh Volpe ... B-Town Throwdown ... Bloomington, IL ... 4.5 Mixed ... Gold



Bob & Linda Mihel ... S Utah Pickleball Shootout ... 65+ 3.0 Mixed ... Gold



Frank



Ed



Shelly



Marty



Dick



Frank



Tom



Ray



Dennis



Joan



Michael



Jim



Jim



John



Stanna



Ann



Sammy



Fran



Steve



JJ



Dave



Satish



Shufeng (or "Mike")



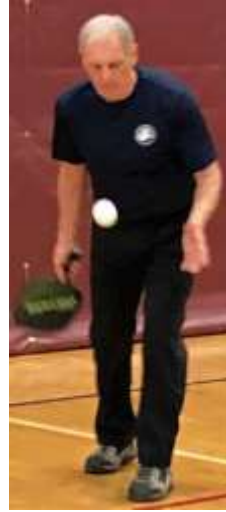
Bob



Jolan



Fred



Dave



Gil



Kathy



Kathy



Chris



Dave



Sue



Barb



Jim



Sue



GROWIN' THE SPORT & OUR CLUB

Sammy is one of our newer pickleball addicts and honorary Palatine Picklers. Grandma Anne Stein introduced him to the game earlier this year. He's a natural who's looking forward to playing Junior singles in July's Chicago Pickleball Open.

This summer we'll be having that family pairs tournament. I'm pretty sure Sammy and Anne will be there.

That's it for this month. Thought about plugging both the Chicago Pickleball Open and the Spring Luncheon a third time, but that may be overkill. Surely, you've already stopped reading this April newsletter to register for both events.

Something new this month was my importing extra photos from the previous month. Sometimes I save more than one photo of a Pickler per month. I wasn't able to take a pic of several Picklers this month so grabbed one from last month that wasn't published. If you don't see your photo in a newsletter, and you had seen me in the gym in which you were playing, it's only because my playing corresponded with your playing. Many of our members play on courts I rarely/never visit. I'm kind of a homebody, wanting to help assure everyone playing in Palatine has a great experience and recruit every new player in our own gyms to become a new member of the Palatine Pickleball Club. If it's been a couple months since you found a photo of yourself in a newsletter, please let me know. I'll make sure you're in the next newsletter, whether I visit the courts you frequent or find a pic in my archives. All Picklers deserve to be recognized.

Happy pickling ... Now ... Toe the line and paddle up...



Bear Shatwell

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Adjusting phone's camera for next shot