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MAY, 2019 NEWSLETTER

LAST INDOOR DAYS

Falcon Monday & Friday ... May 24th

Falcon Wednesday ... May 22nd

Birchwood 8:00 a.m. - noon, Monday & Friday ... May 24th

Birchwood Thursday noon – 3:00 ... May 23rd

Harper ... 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. ... May 30th

Harper ... Monday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. ... May 27th

OUTDOOR DAYS

This will be a work in progress all summer. But for now, as weather allows, let's go with these, for open play:

Sycamore Park ... Monday & Friday ... 9:00 to Noon

Wednesday ... 8:30 to 10:30 (then mentoring uses the courts)

Tuesday & Saturday ... 2:00-5:00

Sunday ... 4:00 to 6:00

When the number of players warrants, we send the more competitive ones over to Locust Park.

WHEN DOES MENTORING BEGIN ?

Our first session will be Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:30 on the Sycamore courts. These will be held every Wednesday throughout the summer. They are free. Just bring your water bottle. Participants will spend a half hour on each of the three courts going through different drills and exercises with three different Mentors or pairs of Mentors. These sessions are for newer and beginner Picklers, not to be confused with drill sessions for more experienced players. No reservations are needed. Just show up and enjoy practicing things that will help your game.

60s QUEEN OF THE COURT



Angelina



Cindy



Karen



Cathy



Linda



Ann



Carole



Michelle



Queen Cathy Carlson (middle) is flanked by runner-up Angelina Seltzer (left) and 3rd place finisher Linda Mihel. Another fun and close competition was enjoyed by all.



Bob



Fran



Halina



Janet



Sammy



Nancy's shirt



Rick



Peggy



DARRELL DONE DID IT AGAIN

Think 'll have to invent a new newsletter contest. Darrell Rutter is too good at those that resemble the Concentration game of finding duplicates. He won another PPC shirt, for finding even some twice-shown Picklers of which I was unaware.



Fred



Don



Don



Dennis



Elvira



Fran



Dick



Ken

SYCAMORE PLAYERS DIRECTORY

This spring I have coordinated some playing times for players who were regulars at Sycamore last year. That inspired me to find a better way to get Picklers to play when THEY wanted to play, not when I suggested they play. To this end, if you'd like to share your email address and phone number with others who would like to play occasionally at Sycamore, send that information to me. I'll compile it in alpha order of your first name and send the list to all who are on it. Then, whenever a Pickler decides he/she would like to play at a given day and time that week, he/she can contact as many on that list as desired, whether it's just four to six players or all of them. If you'd like to be in the directory, please send your name, email address, and phone number to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com in the next day or two. Please do not simply hit "reply" to this newsletter which sends things to gmail which I don't check daily.

MASATO'S AMAZING EXPERIENCE

Masato Suzuki was in Japan recently and had the opportunity to meet, and play with Japan's Mr. Sato (Chief Representative of Japan Pickleball Association) and Daniel Moore, 2-time US Open champion & son of legend Scott Moore who taught him the game.

Masato teamed with Daniel, 10-year old Vincente Russo who played in 2018 US Open and his parents and two ladies to form Team USA for the day. They competed with five other teams.

Though Tokyo has some 13,000,000 residents, only about 1,000 currently play pickleball. Daniel who resides in Nagano is trying to grow the sport in Japan. Nagano will host the country's first, big event this October.



Masato returned to the US in time to partner with Eric and take silver in the Tuscon Area Pickleball Tournament, in the 3.5 50+ division, losing to much younger brothers from Canada. It's safe to say that Masato Suzuki has had a pickleriffic spring, including being an outstanding player on Team April in the Chicago Metro Pickleball league.



Anneliese



Bill



Bob



Cathy

REVIEW "GLARE COURT" POLICY

Some newer Picklers aren't familiar with changing sides halfway through their time on the court nearest Falcon's lobby. If you started your game on this court, change sides at 6 (5, if playing to only 9). If you arrived on this court mid-game, say 7-3, subtract the higher score from 11 and add half (round up) to the higher score, to determine at what score you'll trade sides. In the 7-3 example, you'd change when one team reaches 9. If you come on the court with a 6-5 score, change sides when 9 is reached.



Gina



Mike



Nick



Rick



Sandy



Ron



Cindy



Craig

WINE & NINE AT THE HILLS

The Park District asked me to share word of this event with you. On Sunday, June 1st, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. This \$50 event raises funds for the Palatine Park Foundation which provides scholarships for PPD and affiliate programs to residents in need. Limited to ages 21+. The event features wine tastings around the course, a variety of golf-related competitions, disc golf, raffles, and more around the Palatine Hills Golf Course. Register at <https://web2.vermontsystems.com/wbwsc/ilpalatinewt.wsc/search.html?module=PSS&fmid=49308900>. More information can be found at palatineparkfoundation.org.



Terry



Marv



Lynn



Michelle



Karin



Jim



Gil



Hank



Brian



Carole



Anne



Jolan



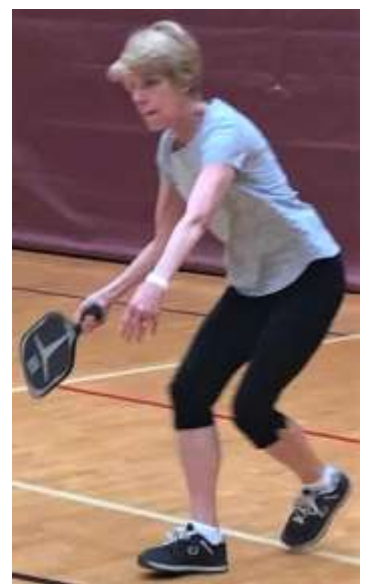
Julie



Shelly



Lori



Marilyn

THERE MAY STILL BE A CHANCE TO GET IN



The third week of July will see the most amazing pickleball ever in Illinois...and you can be part of it. The inaugural Chicago Pickleball Open will take place right in Naperville. Many of the country's top pros will vie for \$25,000 in prize money, but EVERYONE is welcome to compete for the fun of being involved. There is still room for many pairs, especially in the 3.0 men's, women's, and mixed divisions. Of course, you'll want to watch the world's best players, but actually competing in this 1st ever event should be a bucket list item for all of you. Just go to pickleballtournaments.com. Then click on tournaments and then the state-by-state link. Scroll down the chronological list, until you reach the Chicago Pickleball Open. Then register. This event is being staged by the new (last fall) Chicago Metro Pickleball organization, under the direction of our own Ken Herrmann. Let's help fill up all the divisions and give our local tournament the start it needs to become one of the premier events on the pickleball calendar.



Cathie



Deb



Darrell



Gus

FAMILY TIME TOURNAMENT

Saturday June 8th at 9:30 at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington will see our first Family Time Tournament. Pick your favorite, related pickleball partner and email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com that you want to play in this fun event. Whether you choose your grandmother, son-in-law, cousin, step mother, sister, uncle, dad or niece, just let me know. This one excludes your married or life partner. This tournament is limited to the first eight pairs to register. You will play each of the other seven pairs once. The pair with the most wins (or most points, in case of a tie) will be declared our "First Family."

I've scheduled this one for a summer Saturday, to accommodate those who work or attend school. Whether you have a chance to win or expect to finish last, it's about having a fun time with a loved one. Just register.



Clay



Carol



Elvira's shirt



Frank

MEDALISTS

Here we congratulate those Picklers who have competed so well they've earned a medal AND LET ME KNOW. If you ever earn a pickleball medal, please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with the name of the tournament, the name of your partner, the division in which you played, the color of the medal, and a photo of the two of you. (A group photo is fine. I'll just crop you out.) ***Names of non-PPC members appear in italics.***



- A) *Gene Smyth* & Chuck Feinstein ... Bearded Beetle Sr Open, Rockford ... 5.0 50+ ... Silver
- B) Jane & Craig Jacobsen ... Spring Swing, Rockford ... 3.5 mixed ... Gold
- C) Holly Goldsmith & Sue Cameron ... Bearded Beetle Sr Open ... 3.5 women's ... Bronze
- D) *Anny Swanson* & Kathy McWhorter ... Bearded Beetle Sr Open, Rockford ... women's 3.5 60+ ... Silver
- E) Norb Kunz & Dave Blue ... Sundial's Gamma Tournament, Sanibel, FL ... Men's 3.5 70-79 ... Bronze

MOTHER NATURE CONTROLS WHEN THEY'LL BE DONE, BUT CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON OUR 6 COURTS





LUNCH IS A SELLOUT

The first 72 of us who answered to call for the May 23rd Spring Luncheon at Lamplighter will have a great time with fine food, delicious desserts, plenty of prizes, adult elixirs, and lots of laughs. The rest of us will look forward to the next luncheon.



Kate



Howard



Chris



Dave



Masato



Sandy



Satish



Vic

CHICAGO METRO SUMMER LEAGUE

On the next page, you'll see how much we enjoyed the inaugural winter league competition with four teams. The summer league is hoping to be even more ambitious. As I write this, how this will play out is undetermined. Go to chicagometropickleball.org and open the summer league page to see where it stands. This hopes to have several skill levels and even more teams. You can help make this a reality. Check it out.

WINTER SEASON ENDS A SUCCESSFUL START

Established as a four-team league for players in the 3.75 to 4.25 range, Captains drafted their players from the pool of applicants. All seven matches were close enough to be really fun for all. When the season ended in playoffs, Team Dana (7 Palatine Picklers) took 1st, Team Ken (4 Palatine Picklers) took 2nd, and Team April (5 Palatine Picklers) and Team Bear (8 Palatine Picklers) tied for 3rd.



Team Dana



Team Ken



Team April



Team Bear



Don



Dan



Lizanne



Jay

PICKLER OF THE MONTH ... DENNIS BOURGOIN



Dennis has served as a Pickler Mentor since the program started. He's also a Mentor in Arlington Heights. He's always an inspiration, in his playing through ongoing physical challenges. He's one of the most ground-covering Picklers we have on our courts and one of our most positive, encouraging players.



Dora



Greg



Jude



Karin

PALATINE PICKLERS TRAVEL TEAMS ENDING SEASON

This month we're finishing up another, successful travel team season. Since last fall our 6 men 6 women upper intermediate (3.5-4.0) travel team has dominated the four-team league that has been playing at Canlan Sportsplex every other Thursday. Meanwhile, our 4 men 4 women lower intermediate (3.0-3.5) team has split victories with MidBar (combined team from Midtown and Barrington) every other Tuesday.

We all take the summer off, but look for cattle calls for these travel teams in the August and September newsletters, if you'd like to play for your club. Jim and Brigitte Latal run the upper team, and I run the lower. We'll be glad to consider putting you on one roster or many for the fall and winter sessions.



Laurie



Kelly



John



Steve



Scott



Susan



Sandy



Tony



Anita



Barb



Denise



Jim



Sandy's shirt



Mike



Michael



Ron



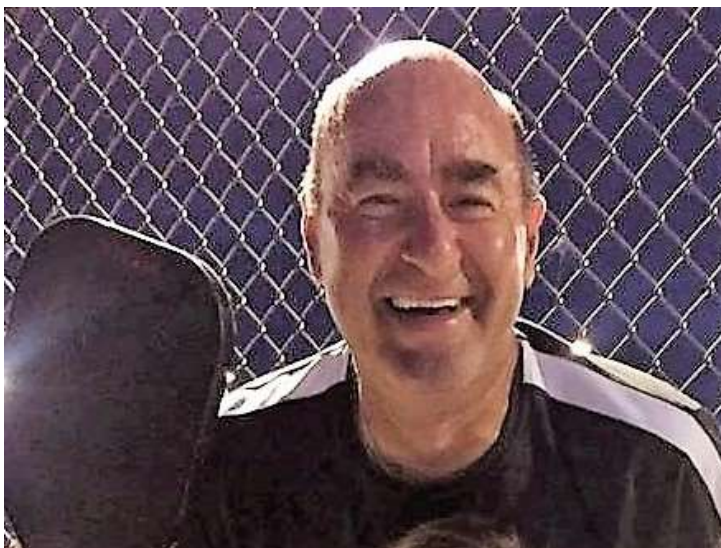
Neal



John



Gary



SUMMER LESSONS

Our own Chuck Feinstein, IPTPA certified Instructor and national champion, is giving individual and group lessons in Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, Gurnee, or wherever you prefer. Contact Chuck at 847-877-7770 or email him at grtfuldad@aol.com to learn more.

HE PEDDLES PADDLETECK PADDLES TOO

Thinking of getting a new paddle? Chuck will let you demo a paddle before buying it from him. And he gives Palatine Picklers 10-15% off, depending on the paddle.



Chris



Ed



Mike



Stacy



Ana



Cheryl



Michelle



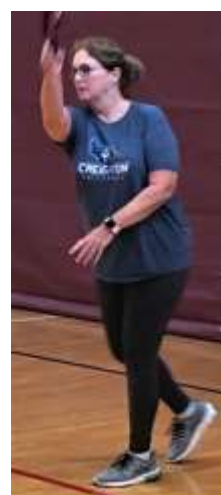
Shufeng ("Mike")



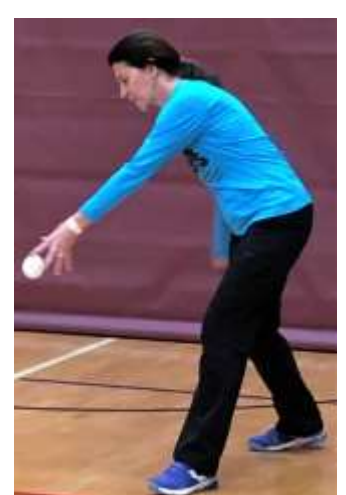
Marty



Lucky



Marianne



Lynn



Lisa



Levern



Penny



Mary



Mike



Pete



Nick



Vida



Val



Heather



Linda



Gary



Harry



Julie



Johanna



Donna



Carin



Bud



Connie



Frank



Greg



Jerry



John



Amy



Carol



Lou



Lynn



Sherry



Valery



Phil



Nancy



**DES PLAINES 2ND
ANNUAL PB
TOURNAMENT**

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

*Terri Hooker & Chris Ganas
took Gold*

*Keith Wiener & Janeen
Noto took Silver*





PICKLERS APLENTY ATTENDED THE BIGGIE

Check which Palatine Picklers earned a medal or two in Naples, Florida late last month. You'll find them near the end of this newsletter. Meanwhile, take a look at this impressive list of those who competed in the ultimate pickleball tournament. In alpha order here's a list of those I know, with apologies to any I've missed.

Adam Oliva, April Volpe, Bob Mihel, Brigitte Latal, Chuck Feinstein, Dana Joseph, Don Froelich, Gary Hollander, Greg Woodsum, Holly Goldsmith, Howard Weisbart, Jim Latal, Kathy McWhorter, Kim Corrado, Kristine Corrado, Larry Goldsmith, Linda Mihel, Liz Chaplinsky, Lynne Weisbart, Melody Woodsum, Mike Breslaw, Sol Shatz, Sue Shatz, Susan Dougherty, Thea Froelich, Tim Mottl, Trevor Weisbart. And again, Susie and Terry Layton were on hand to cheer on all our locals.



Stana



April



Becky



Nick



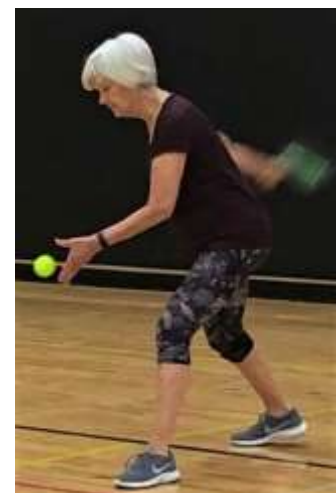
Carl



Jim



Kimbra



Sue



Tom



Yakov



Tim



Nancy



Kathy



Kenny



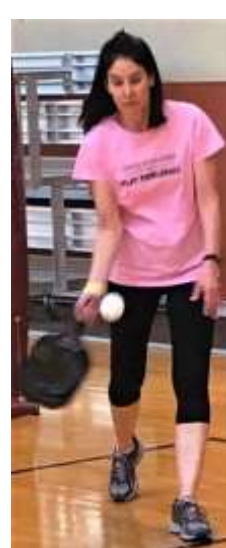
Jennifer



Janice



Jeff



Jane



John



Joan



Bill



Lynn



Steve



Lori



Joan



Laurie



Andy



Ann



Sally



Kris



Frank



Tess



Linda's shirt



Ed



Donna



Ray



Kathy



Steve



Wendy



Dave



Bill



Hollis



George



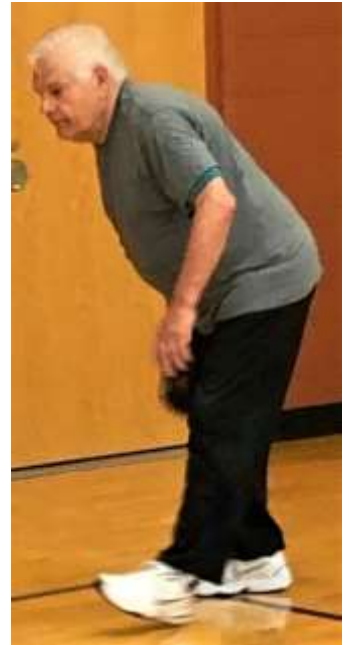
Linda



Terri



Linda



Jim



Suren



Laura



Guy



Carol

DES PLAINES MEDALISTS ... ADVANCED DIVISION



Erin & Jon Bradford
Gold



Ray Jenkins & Lisa Glowski
Silver



Kathy McWhorter & Mike Breslaw
Bronze



Linda



Tony



Ann



Hank



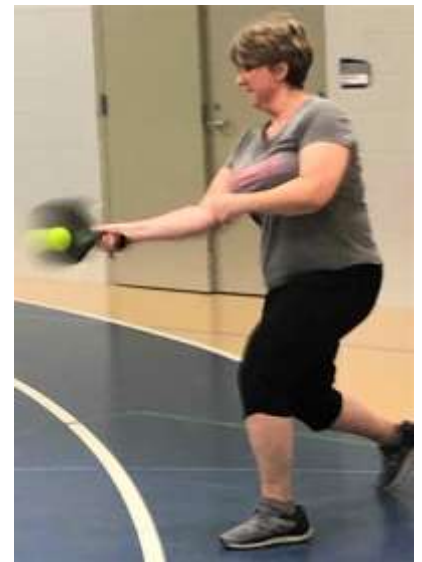
Tom



Bill



Tom



Sandy



Betsy



Ann



Bob



Grace



Bob



Marti's shirt



Susan



Vince



Tom



Deanna



Mary Pat



Dave



Mike's shirt



Theresa



Donna



Tony



Gretchen



Kris



Gregg



Mike



Bear



Larry



Brigitte



Mike



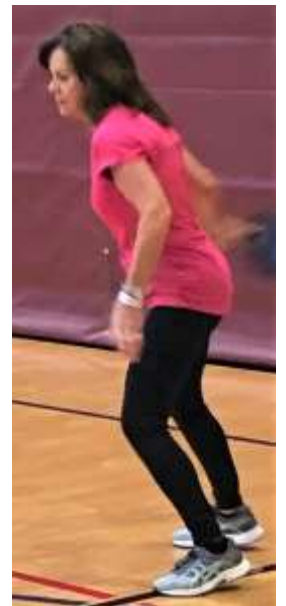
Chuck



Jim



Bob



Sue

2 TOURNAMENTS BEING HOSTED BY PALATINE PICKLERS

JOSE SOSA'S **SPRING FLING** ... Addison Park District Club Fitness, 1776 W Centennial Place, Addison ... Saturday, May 18th 8:00 a.m. to Noon ... Round Robin (partners provided) ... 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 ... \$20 ... Register at www.addisonparks.org or call 630-233-7275 ... After registering email Jose with your skill level (coachsosa@yahoo.com).

Jon Bradford's **NAPERVILLE PICKLEBALL SMASH** ... Saturday, June 1st or gender doubles f& Sunday, June 2nd for mixed doubles ... \$35 registration + \$10 per event ... 20 indoor courts at Naperville Tennis Club, 1011 E Benton Avenue, Naperville ... Contact JonnyStormPickleball@gmail.com.



Deb



Kris



Kim

BIRCHWOOD TO HOST EVENING PLAY

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30, Picklers can enjoy indoor play for only \$4. (No play on July 4th.) Evenings have been popular in the Birchwood gym the past two summers with a number of young and competitive players. We have them play on the East court, with intermediates in the middle and less competitive players on the West court. Who plays where will vary from day to day, depending on who shows up, but expect to have the winner and loser piles of paddles at each court.

STILL HAVE A FEW PATCHES FOR YOU



These iron-on, awesome patches are adorning luggage and a jacket or two. They're also key rings. They can even be seen on several athletic bags at Falcon. If you'd like one or two, they're only \$5. Just see Bear. You can have a lanyard for free, if you'd like to wear yours. These are thanks to Greg and Melody Woodsum.

A FEW PAIRS PICS

99% of the 4300 photos I've put in newsletters are of individuals. Feedback has encouraged me to show these so we can get to know who it is with whom we've been sharing a court. It's considerably harder to capture two players in a photo of any interest, and I don't spend much time pursuing that result. Still, I've taken a few that may be fun for some of you.



Karin & Jim



Dennis & Connie



Howard & Nick



Jim & Dora



Scott & Janice



Dora & Tony

START THINKING ABOUT 6-COUNTY SR GAMES

On the Fabbri courts in Hoffman Estates, women's doubles will be contested Tuesday, July 9th. Men's doubles will be on Thursday, July 11th, and mixed doubles will be Saturday, July 13th. All competitions start at 8:00 a.m. You need to find your own partners, and you'll play in 5-year age groups. If you have played in past years, you should have received your prospectus by now. First timers can register online at ILIPRA.org.



PICKLERIFFIC PICKLER PERFORMANCES



. Liz Chaplinsky & Becky Doege ... 4.5 19-49 ... Bronze Melody Woodsum & Brigitte Latal ... 3.5 60+ .. Bronze



. Greg Woodsum & Melody Woodsum ... 3.5 60+ ... Bronze Lynne Weisbart .. 3.0 65+ singles .. Bronze



Halina



Linda's shirt



Rosemary

SOLICITING NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

Well, this May newsletter set two records. It contains 278 photos (old record was 227) and stretches to 30 pages (old record was 25). I get motivated by the “Love the newsletters” comments I sometimes get. To date I’ve had only one comment of, “More stories. Less photos.” Though not fond of the abuse of English, this response got me wondering how popular the sentiment might be.

In 2019 I’ve already published 1,123 photos. Since I started the club in 2015, I’ve included 4,349 photos in newsletters. Taking photos, selecting them, editing them, researching stories, writing them, putting newsletters together, inventing and running tournaments, running travel teams and leagues, recruiting, mentoring, reading/sending dozens to more than 100 emails a week, ordering shirts, etc., makes the Palatine Pickleball Club a full-time job for me, and I love it. However, If you would rather see less lengthy newsletters, please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com (don’t just hit “reply”) and let me know. If enough of you prefer, I’ll be glad to put the newsletters on a photo diet. Thanks.



HAPPY PICKLING, PALATINE PICKLERS

I love thinking the PPC is helping some of you get more out of your involvement in this awesome sport and our pretty special club.

This toast is to you, for making our club the best it can be. Thanks.

Bear
PicklersPrez