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## AUGUST, 2019 NEWSLETTER

## PALATINE PICKLERS' PLAY TIMES

ALL 7 DAYS ... Hamilton Courts ... 9:00 to Noon
MONDAY ... Harper College Building M ... 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
TUESDAY ... Sycamore Park ... 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Show up on time) Ideal session for beginners
TUESDAY ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY ... Hamilton's 2 NE courts ... 9-Noon ... 4.25+ players scheduled by Elke (ecjacobsen@gmail.com)
WEDNESDAY ... Sycamore Park ... 9:00 to 10:30 FREE MENTORING on basics of the game
WEDNESDAY ... Hamilton Courts ... 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. under the lights
THURSDAY ... Sycamore Park ... 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
THURSDAY ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY ... Sycamore Park ... 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY ... Sycamore Park ... 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## HAMILTON POLICIES

- Competitive play in North (left) cage \& Rec play in South ... Go where you think appropriate. If you lose three in a row on competitive courts, please move to rec side. If you win three on rec, consider moving.
- When a court clears, everyone moves east to the farthest open court.
- After your game, put your paddle in the Winners or Losers rack, in the "IN" side.
- When taking 4 paddles from the "OUT" side of the rack with the clip, move the clip to the other rack.
- No chairs with metal or wood legs are allowed inside the cages.
- If you are the last to leave courts, please pick up whatever (chair, paddle, sunglasses, etc.) has been left \& give it to me (Bear) when you see me. I maintain our lost \& found.



## SIX-COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

Historically, I've copied pics from Hoffman's site or page and just edited them. This year very few medalist pics appeared so I wrote below the names of our prodigious Picklers, and found, or was sent, a few pics. Then much later a ton of pics were posted. Thanks to the Hoffman photographers. Congratulations to all medalists

## LADIES

50-54 GOLD ... Elke Jacobsen \& Pam Reidl
55-59 SILVER ... April Volpe \& Pam Berzin
60-64 GOLD ... Patty Eagleton \& Gail Rohlfing BRONZE ... Brigitte Latal \& Jeanne Smith

65-69 SILVER ...Holly Goldsmith \& Kathy McWhorter
70-74 GOLD ... Peggy Whitlow \& Sandy Bergeson
75-79 SILVER ... Sue Cole \& Rosie Roggero

## MEN

55-59 GOLD ... Roland Lauer \& Ken Harris
SILVER ... Jerry Fedyski \& Roger Eads
60-64 GOLD ... Franklin Lim \& Bob Rhine
SILVER ... Al Zamin \& Karl Aschacher
65-69 GOLD ... Rick Johnson \& Ed Falkenberg
70-74 SILVER ... Ralph Cook \& John Nelson
75-79 GOLD ... Norb Kunnz \& Dave Blue
SILVER ... Carl Massa \& Mike Haynes
. BRONZE ... Mike Louie \& Stan Jones

## MIXED

55-59 SILVER ... Elke Jacobsen \& Roland Lauer
60-64 GOLD ... Judy Beckwith \& AI Zamin
. SILVER ... Jean Schlinkmann \& Rick Johnson
. BRONZE ... Patty Eagleton \& Steve DeLong
75-79 GOLD ... Rosie Roggero \& Stan Jones



Peggy \& Sandy


Bob \& Franklin


Tom \& Bill


April \& Pam


Sue \& Rosie


Ed \& Rick


Kathy \& Holly


Mike \& Stan


Greg \& Sol


Holly \& Sue


Terry \& Darrell


Gail \& Patty


Norb \& Dave


April \& Pam


Deanna \& Masato


Elke \& Roland


Ken \& Roland


Rosie \& Stan


Patty \& Steve


Judy \& AI


April \& Pam


Bill \& Gail


Cindy \& Bear


## ERRORS \& OMMISIONS

When I was doing the coverage of the Family Fun Tournament last month, I didn't realize I had the newsletter window overlapping the page of event photos. As a result I didn't get these two, talented and fun teams in the July newsletter. As my way of apologizing, I'm giving them larger photos now.


Cora \& Elke Jacobsen
Daughter \& Mom


John Fink \& R J Thielsen
Dad-In-Law \& Son-In-Law


In July's newsletter, I identified Sharon Riskin as Angelina Seltzer shown in the other 4 photos. Sorry, Ladies.


Bob


Jerry


Katrina


Karen


Mary


Mary Pat


Neal


Neal


Cindy

## 2 REMINDERS FOR MENTOREES

1) Mentoring has been moved by your popular vote to 9:00 to 10:30 on Wednesday at Falcon
2) Plan on coming to Sycamore at 2:00 on Tuesday and Thursday for games in which you help each other.


GREAT LAKES REGIONAL, Kalamazoo, MI


This tournament was all about Rick Johnson. He took 4.5 gold with Scott Walsstra ... 4.5 gold with Lynn Wagner ... and 3.5 gold in singles. He became our first "trifecta" winner from any tournament. Congrats, Rick.



Diane


Don


Donna


Debbie


Gina



Harry



Lori


Deb


Lois


Carol


Gary

Jim



Jill


Bob

## CHICAGO <br> Pickleball Open

This was the BIGGIE, the biggest, best tournament ever held in Illinois. Major kudos to Dana Joseph and Ken Herrmann for their tireless work in making this inaugural event on the pro circuit all it could be. Despite serious rain on two days and incredible heat, they and their myriad volunteers (thank you) made this an amazing experience for players and spectators alike. Well over 400 participants competed over the five days, including many of the world's best players who were competing for $\$ 25,000$ in prize money.

We can certainly be proud of the $\mathbf{3 6}$ medals won by our Palatine Picklers. In alphabetical order of first names (members have priority over non-member partners), here they are:


BRONZE 3.0 65+ Ladies' Doubles
SILVER 3.0 65+ Men's Doubles
GOLD $\quad 3.0$ 65+ Mixed Doubles
SILVER 3.5 35+ Men's Doubles
SILVER 4.5 19+ Ladies' Doubles
SILVER Sr Pro/5.0 Mixed Doubles
SILVER 3.5 65+ Ladies' Doubles
BRONZE 3.0 50+ Ladies' Doubles
GOLD 3.5 65+ Ladies' Doubles
BRONZE 3.0 65+ Mixed Doubles
GOLD $\quad 3.5$ 35+ Ladies' Doubles
BRONZE 3.0 50+ Mixed Doubles
GOLD 4.5 19+ Men's Singles
BRONZE 3.5 65+ Men's Singles
GOLD $\quad 3.565+$ Mixed Doubles
SILVER $\quad 3.0$ 65+ Mixed Doubles
GOLD 4.0 50+ Men's Doubles
SILVER $3.565+$ Ladies' Singles
GOLD 3.0 65+ Ladies' Doubles
GOLD 4.5 65+ Mixed Doubles
SILVER $4.565+$ Men's Doubles
SILVER 4.5 50+ Men's Doubles
GOLD Junior Boys Singles
GOLD 3.5 19+ Men's Singles
BRONZE Junior Boys Doubles
BRONZE 4.0 35+ Men's Doubles
SILVER 4.0 50+ Mixed Doubles
SILVER 4.5 19+/35+ Men's Doubles

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Thanks to those of you who sent, or posted somewhere I looked, photos of you with your medals. I apologize to those medalists who are not pictured. If you don't make sure I have your photo and tournament information, you can be sure it won't be in the next newsletter, and we all miss out. Email those to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Thanks.


Tom


Sue


Shellie


Sue


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April


Elena


Jane


Janeen


John


John


John


Karla


Judy


Kristin


Karen


Katrina

## LOST \& FOUND

I've long been the lost and found repository, but business boomed when Hamilton opened. I've been given charge of 3 chairs (all owners located), 2 pair of sunglasses (owners found), 2 shirts (owners found), 4 paddles ( 3 owners found ... one extremely heavy, wood paddle yet to be claimed). If you find or lose anything, see me.




Jeff \& Cammy


Josh


Sue


Tom


Vida


Wendy

## THANK YOU, JEFF ...

Jeff Schrank donated pickleballs to the club ... and not a six pack or dozen. He donated 96, new, Onix balls. This is beyond awesome. Along with the Dura Fast 40 balls I've purchased with your donations, we may be set for the summer for all three venues, once a storage box is installed at Hamilton.

While balls are our biggest, ongoing need, we have other expenses (paddle troughs, scoreboards for tournaments \& travel teams, advertising support of the Chicago Pickleball Open, donuts for Hamilton's Grand Opening, social events, etc.) so your anonymous donations put in the Crown Royal bag that hangs from the "Bear Chair" will still be appreciated. That said, Jeff's generosity made our bottom line a lot happier. THANKS, Jeff.



Tom


Ken


Valery


Sue


Pat


Tom


Patty


Paul

## WEDNESDAY MORNING HAMILTON POLICY

We have seven days to play at five pickleball venues in Palatine. Wednesday mornings are the most crowded. Because mentoring is using all three courts at Sycamore and the elite players are using two courts at Hamilton, there are only four Hamilton courts and three Locust courts available for everyone else. At Hamilton, for Wednesday mornings only, let's designate the eastern "rec" court for competitive players, leaving the two rec courts closest to the door for the rec players. If there were two doors on the east fence, the elite players could use the two eastern courts, but that's not the case so it makes sense to share to remaining courts, with the least disturbance to our rec players.

Hamilton is available for play from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. That means there are 98 hours of court time available to us each week. It's the goal of this club to serve ALL our members. Let's not get too upset that two to three of those 98 hours are being shared with the top of our talent spectrum and mentorees. Thank you.


## QUEEN OF THE COURT TOURNEY FOR 55-65 LADIES

It's time for our prime time ladies to take to the courts for a chance to be Queen for a Day. Thursday, August $29^{\text {th }}$ at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, the first, eight appropriately aged ladies to apply will compete for the Queen of the Court. You'll play one game with each of your seven rivals. Then we'll take pictures of the victors and go to lunch 200 yards away at the Onion Pub. You'll pay an $\$ 8$ fee at the Canlan desk. Courts will be available for practice, but the competition begins at 9:30 a.m. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com to enter.



Bing


Tom


Rosie


Paula


Ralph


Paula


Frank

Natalie

Mike




Kenny


Joe

## LOWER INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL TEAM INVITATION

From October 8th through mid-May, we compete against the MidBar team. That team is made up of players from Midtown Club and Barrington (Canlan). Participants are to be of a skill level from 3.0 to 3.5. Matches take place every other Tuesday morning at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Our roster will change each week. I want everyone who would like to experience travel team play, and is of the apporpriate skill level, to have that chance. Email me of your interest at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Once I set the schedule, l'll ask you to tell me each of the dates you EXPECT to be available. About a week before each match, l'll notify those of you I've selected for that day. Just let me know, if your plans changed and you can't make it. Then a day before the match I'll email the four men and four ladies who make up the roster to confirm that they're still good to go.

Unless it's gone up, you'll pay an \$8 fee at Canlan's front desk. You'll play one game to 13 with each of your teammates. Total games won determines the winning club that day. In the event of a tie, total points scored breaks it. If it's still a tie, then Palatine wins, because I did all the work. Just kidding. If it's still a tie, it deserves to stay a tie. We keep track of wins over the course of the Sept-Dec season, to declare the season's winning club. Then we start again in January with the winter-spring season for which there will be a new "cattle call" in the December newsletter.

Our Pickilers wear their Palatine Picklers shirts, if they have one. Games start at 9:30 and go to about 12:30 at which time those of us who can head south on Pepper Road a couple hundred yards for lunch at Onion Pub.

If you do not know if you're of the appropriate ability, ask me or almost anyone playing in the competitive cage at Hamilton to give you an honest evaluation.



Jay


John

Julie



Joe


Linda


Linda


Joe


Peggy


Rick


Samantha


Sharon


Scott


## UPPER INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL TEAM NEEDS CAPTAIN

After Captaining our higher travel team ( 3.5 to 4.0), Jim Latal accepted a work offer he couldn't refuse. This team of six men and six lady Picklers plays every other Thursday at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Gender and mixed pairs are seeded and play the same seeded pairs from three other clubs each match.

As Captain you can hand select your players or have me solicit interested Picklers. You can have a fairly permanent team with a small stable of subs or play a lot of Picklers. It's been done both ways with success, over the past five years. I Captained this team for three years and will be glad to help you get the hang of it. Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com . First match will be October $10^{\text {th }}$.


Thank you to Jim and Brigitte Latal for your two years of heading up this super fun, Picklers travel team. Your teams' dominance has been incredible.


Ana


Angie


Ed


Elke's shirt


Bill
Eric


Mike


Bill


If it's been a while, check it our website.. It's been updated. If a monthly newsletter pr Tweener Memo disagrees, go with them. That said, the website is awesome and will be kept as current as possible.



## NEWBIES ... ORDER YOUR PALATINE PICKLERS T-SHIRT

All you have to do is go to PalatinePicklers.com, click T-Shirts, choose your style, color, \& size. Then email Anne Stein at ceceduc8r@gmail.com or me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Give us your choice and when/where you can pay. Once we have orders for at least 12, we'll place our next order. So far 457 have been sold. I'm still holding several for pickup. Hint hint.


## COMING ATTRACTIONS

In the September newsletter, you'll see the results of the Skinny Singles tournament ... the results of the Ladies 55-65 Queen of the Court tournament ... the date of our fall Picklers' Picnic ... the date of our annual Picklers' Ping Pong Tournament ... an invitation to Lefties to see if we have enough interest to have a King/Queen tournament ... and coverage of the Palatine Park District "Thank You" night ... an invitation for Chicago Metro Pickleball fall league players ... and sweatshirts being added to our wardrobe options.


Donna


Ken


Chris


Mike


Teresa


John


Jamie


Lucky


## MENTORING SEASON ENDS IN SEPTEMBER

Another summer of Wednesday morning mentoring will conclude at the end of the September $4^{\text {th }}$. Tis summer we've enjoyed helping several dozen new and beginning Picklers, and some who just wanted more work on the basics. We've all worked hard but had a good time. Thanks to my fellow Mentors Dennis Bourgoin, Marv Zwass, and Neal Harris. And huge thanks to those who helped out. They include Linda Hycnar, Josh Ware, Tony Sciurba, Bob Huber, Chris Ganas, and Bob Goldstein.

## BUT MENTOREES WON’T BE DONE ... THEIR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AWAITS

On Thursday, September 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, eight of our 2019 Mentorees will compete for the honor of Mentoree King or Queen. The annual King/Queen of the Court contest takes place in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, starting at 9:30 a.m. The first eight mentorees to let me know (aokbarry@yahoo.com) they want to play will play one game with each of their seven competitors. In the event that 16 or more of you want to play, I'll see if we can have two more courts.

You'll pay an $\$ 8$ fee at the Canlan front desk, but bring enough for lunch after the competition. We'll head to Onion Pub just 200 yards away. But be among the first eight to email (verbal entries not accepted), if you want in on this fun.

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## IF YOU’VE BEEN OVERLOOKED

If you've not appeared in a newsletter for a while, please let me know. I'd like to squeeze in a Harper night, as many of you Picklers seem hesitant to venture north to Hamilton, Sycamore, or Birchwood. Rainy days allow me to pick up some Canlan-favoring Picklers. I'd like to try BG one morning too, as a bunch of Palatine Picklers favor those summer courts. A Fabbrini visit is on my wish list too. Not sure there will be sufficient time for all, or any, of that, but we'll see. Being called to play at Hamilton often keeps me from taking some pics and recruiting more newbies. If you haven't seen yourself in a summer newsletter, it certainly inn't personal. I enjoy helping all Picklers get to know each other.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED AT HAMILTON ...

You should. Perhaps, you've heard of the morning crowds. Yes, they exist. But these courts are truly the finest in the suburbs. Round up three friends and head over some afternoon. You'll be glad you did. Just stick "Sundling Junior High" in your GPS. The courts are RIGHT across the street.


August is always a large newsletter, due to the 6-County Sr Games. Add the Chicago Pickleball Open and all the new members brought in by Hamilton and the mentoring program, and this August's newsletter got huge. I hope that's ok. I hope to put the newsletter on a diet now.

Happy pickling
Bear Shatwell
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