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## **OCTOBER, 2019 NEWSLETTER**

#### **PALATINE PICKLERS' PICNIC**

It was a beautiful afternoon Thursday, Spetember 19th, and these Picklers planned to party.



Anneliese & Stewart



Bill, Jim Cathie, Dennis, Kim, Cathy, Marv, Marti



Jaime



Jeff



Joe, Betty, Fran



Lucky & Rosie



Gus & Carol



PeptoBismoman

Thanks to Julie Gall for assistine me with the challenge of taking photos that make it appear the subject Picklers are having fun. Several of her efforts appear on these two pages.

This year's fall picnic may not have had the gourmet delights brought last year, but it was a lot easier for all. We brought (or were supposed to bring) no outside food. No hours of prep work in the kitchen, no lugging bowls to the Twin Lakes deck, no trying to find them later. We just came, stood in a long line, ate, and drank.

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Harry & Phil

Dennis

John & Cindy

John & Joyce









Larry & Bob

Linda & Greg

Sherry, John, & Howard

Bob & Tom









Stana & Don

Sandy

Kim & Bear

Janice, Mary, & Lisa

I apologize for not having a usable photo of at least two picnicking Picklers ... John M and Bob G (although the top of his head did make a cameo), and anyone else I not shown here.



#### **PICKLERS' PLAY TIMES**

ALL 7 DAYS ... Hamilton Courts ... 9:00 a.m. to Noon

MONDAY ... Falcon Park Gym ... 8:00 a.m. to Noon (begins 10/14 for players 50+)

MONDAY ... Harper College Building M ... 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY** ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. Early Bird open play

TUESDAY ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (through 10/29, but closed 10/11)

WEDNESDAY ... Hamilton's 2 NE courts ... 8 - Noon ... 4.5+ players scheduled by Elke (ecjacobsen@gmail.com)

**WEDNESDAY** ... Falcon Park Gym ... 8:00 a.m. to Noon (for players 18+)

WEDNESDAY ... Sycamore Park ... 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Mentorees & Beginners open play

WEDNESDAY ... Hamilton Courts ... 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. under the lights

**WEDNESDAY** ... Birchwood Gym ... Noon to 4:00 (through 12/19)

THURSDAY ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. Early Bird open play

**THURSDAY** ... Birchwood Park Park Gym ... 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY ... Falcon Park Gym ... 8:00 a.m. to Noon (for players 50+)

SATURDAY ... Sycamore Park ... 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY** ... Sycamore Park ... 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY ... Hamilton Courts ... 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.









Anne Lucky Marti Lyle





Pat



Steve











Tom

Valery

Mary Ellen

Leroy



#### PICKLERS HONORED FOR LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS

Kathy Mazur, a pilot named Vince, Bob Bregenzer, and Holly Goldsmith didn't hesitate, when Steve De Mar (President of Chicago Metro Pickleball) collapsed at the Buffalo courts. Bob began administering CPR, before Kathy took over. At one point, when it seemed breathing had stopped, Holly administered mouth to mouth. Paramedics continued CPT and an AED was deployed. Steve is grateful and doing well.



**PICKLER OF THE MONTH** one of the most recognized Picklers, Lucky Tran earns the recognition.



















Maurene

Mike

Ryan joining

Ryan playing









Jane

Ina

Janice

Laurie









Linda

Gary

Jay

George

## **OLDER GUYS KNOW HOW TO HAVE A GOOD TIME**



Fred, Jeff, Steve, Ken, Terry, Bob, Bob, Bear, Norb, Mike, George, Bob, Jerry, Marv, Don, Gus, & Mike





Each Pickler played one game to 6 with each of his 15 fellow competitors. A unique and fun-for-all format.









Amy Anne's "Sandy shirt" Nez & Elke Paul









. Cammy Chuck Colleen Deanna

#### **PING PONG UPDATE**

Play and Thrive was the perfect venue last year, with five tables in the perfect-sized room. Unfortunately, they closed their doors. My backup plan was a ping pong club in Arlington Heights. Unfortunately, they too closed. I've received a few suggestions ... the Schaumburg facility on Springinsguth and a couple senior centers, but I don't have the time to investigate. Having been on vacation for a week, I'll be playing catch up on won't be Pickler stuff for another couple weeks. If anyone has time to check out any of these venues, please do. We'd want at least four tables. I'm the eternal optimist, but I think we'll find something somewhere sometime.

If any table tennis players have yet to email me of their interest, I'm at <a href="mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com">aokbarry@yahoo.com</a>.

#### **PADDLE BATTLE IN HIGHLAND PARK**

Adam Oliva and Kristine Corrado experienced some weather challenges but pulled off a tournament in which everyone had fun, and many left with the cash prizes that were awaiting excellence in each division.









Sebastian Krzywacki & Bruce Gear Sammy Rosenthal & Kristine Cari M & Rea Kulick Lisa G & Lani Weisbart 4.5 ... Gold

4.0 ... Gold

4.0 ... Gold

4.0 ... Silver







Jimmy Latal & Brad N ...4.0... Silver

Ken A & Masato Suzuki ...3.5...Gold Charlie May & Kristen J...3.5 Bronze



Sammy Rosenthal & Mike Saam



Harry Moore & Sandy Amatore



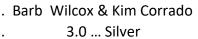
3.5 Bronze tie (Chris Ganas & Charlie May were their partners)

3.0 ... Gold

3.0 ... Gold

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Rose Roggero & Kelly Olson 3.0 ... Bronze



Adam M & Kim Corrado 3.0 ... Bronze









Adam

Harry

Jerry









Mike

Sally Jim Melody









Vinny Tom Tony Wendy









. Scott Sal Rusty Sebastian









. Tom Tom Tom Tom



REMEMBER BIRCHWOOD Noon-4:00 WED & 11:00-4:00 THUR



## **HOW THE RACKING SYSTEM AT HAMILTON WORKS**

Yes, I've explained this before, but with dozens of newbies each month and dozens more who may look only at the photos in newsletters, it's worth reviewing. Competitive play is in the left/north cage. Rec is in the right/south. When you arrive put your paddle in the trough with fewest paddles. When a court clears, winners put paddles in the top trough, losers in the bottom. A clip decides which trough goes out next. The four paddles closest to the "out" side get the court and move the clip to the other trough.

Singles is not allowed during busy times. If players want to stick to themselves, they still need to put paddles

side by side in troughs, but can move other paddles ahead of theirs so out together. You CANNOT move your paddles closer to the "out" side.

they will be a group of four to go

If new players are playing, and I'm not there to recruit them and inform them of how this works, you're all authorized to politely explain these procedures. They work. You should also refer them to PalatinePicklers.com and suggest they join this awesome club online.









Marilyn

Martha

Rick

Stan









Sherry

Sue

Tess

Su



# PICLERS' SPIRITS NOT EASILY DAMPENED

A little squeegeing and a little slip testing was all it took to get play under way. Ten minutes later four courts were going.



#### LAST CALL FOR LEFTIES

On a Thursday very soon (10/14, 10/31. or 11/14), our southpaws will compete in the unisex, no-level, no-age King/Queen of the Court. Afterward. I'll offer the victors a left-handed compliment, and we'll head to the Onion for lunch. If you respond now (email me at <a href="mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com">aokbarry@yahoo.com</a> ... I'll ignore applicants who simply hit "reply"), you can still get into this event. Within two or three days, I'll have all applicants give me which one/s of those mornings can work for their schedules. The most popular wins. I'll then notify all applicants of the results and explain the format which I'll determine, only after I have the final number of playing srelkcip.



#### **OUR CLUB HAS NOW SURPASSED THE 1300 MEMBER MARK**

That's because we're the most welcoming, most nurturing, most event-oriented club around, with some of the best outdoor and indoor courts in the northwest suburbs. And we have the best T-shirts andmost photopacked newsletters too.











Jaime Jeff Linda Mary

#### WHY ARE REALLY BAD PHOTOS BEING PUBLISHED?

There are a lot of photos in newsletters aren't good, but a few (Colleen, Derek, Gene, & Neal in this one, for instance) are more than a little blurry. Why print them? Because one of the primary reasons for all the photos is to help Picklers get to know one another. Perhaps the clothing, the body angle, the hair style, etc., may be just enough to let someone recognize the individual and then better associate the name with him/her.









Ravi

Rusty & Tom

Sarah

Vigdis











Wendy St

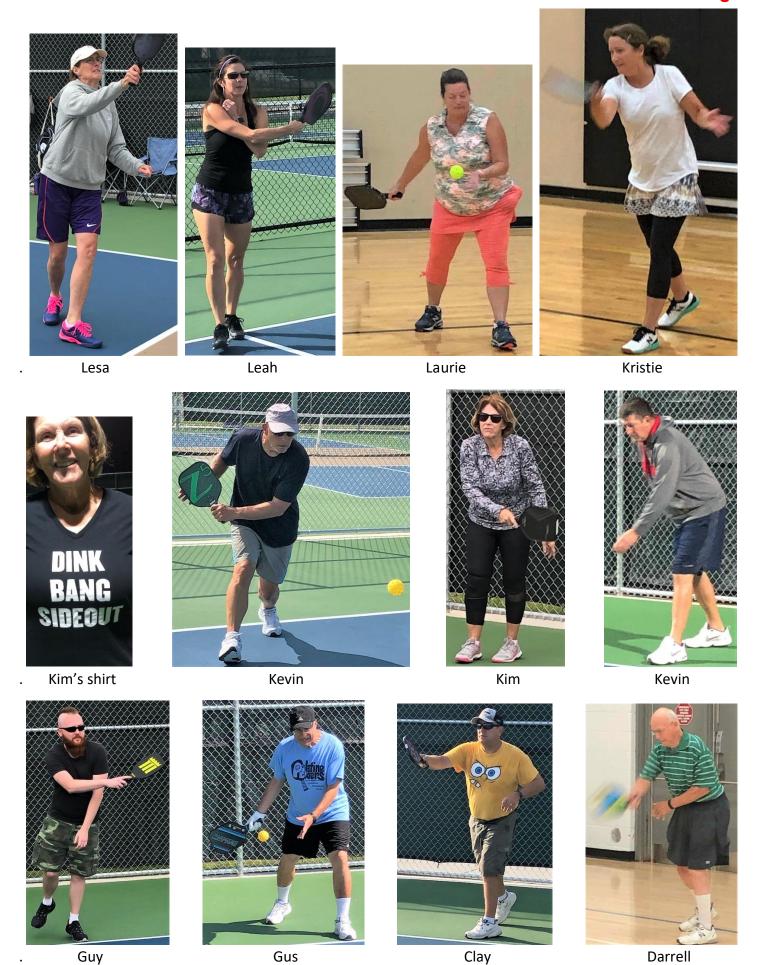
Steve

Sebastian's shirt

Peggy

Mike

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# **INDOOR TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, October 27, 2019

**Round Robin Format** 

Guaranteed 7 games, max 8 people per bracket 11 am to 3 pm (or to completion); Check in 10:30 am Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place bracket winners Registration deadline October 11

#### REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL - \$25 PER PLAYER (RES/NON-RES)

DIVISION CODE 540251 D Novice 3.0+ 540251 E Intermediate 3.5+ 540251 F Advanced 4.0+ 540251 G Advanced 4.5+ on our website after registration 540251 H **Tournament T-shirt** \$15.00 - Sm thru XXL

There will be a Halloween theme but costumes are optional. Brackets will be emailed and posted

closes on October 11.

We reserve the right to change tournament format. Registration is open now. Josa Sosa - Tournament Director

> Register online at <a href="https://recregistration.wsprings.com">https://recregistration.wsprings.com</a> or at the Western Springs Recreation Center, 1500 Walker St., WS 60558 Questions? 708-246-9070













Keith Gary













Mike

Donna

Marsha

Austen









Dennis



#### **NEXT REFEREE TRAINING ... ACT QUICKLY**

Melody Woodsum's next training for would-be pickleball referees will be held October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 to 8:00 p.m. The fee is \$30. For more information contact Melody at <a href="mailto:mail



#### **PUT YOUR NAME WHERE IT MEANS SOMETHING**

will be the last time you'll read about thi for a while. The founding of pickleball took place on Bainbridge Island in Washington. The original court will be complimented by a \$230,000 to create six new courts, making 12 in all for play. Then a park-like setting at the entrance that shows the history of the sport. A brick walkway will surround the area, and bricks can be purchased. We have one large, 12x12 brick with our logo and 8 lines of 15 characters sold at 56.25 per line. A smaller 8x8 brick will bear PALATINE PICKLERS and five lines up to 20 characters, including spaces. Four lines have been sold. Email aokbarry@yahoo.com to be the 5<sup>th</sup> name/s.





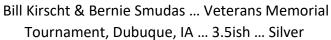




Bob Jean Nick John

#### **MORE TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES**







Jon Bradford & April Volpe ... Turner Camp Tournament ... 5.0 ... 3<sup>rd</sup> Place









Nick Jay Mary Larry



Barb

Lou



Sandy & Mary Anne

#### TRAVEL TEAM SEASON HAS BEGUN

Below were the Picklers who made up our first, lower intermediate (3.0 – 3.5) roster for our bi-weekly matches with MidBar, the combined team from Midtown Club and Barrington. These are played at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Picklers play one game partnering with each of his/her teammates. If you would like your name on one of our rosters, email me at <a href="mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com">aokbarry@yahoo.com</a> with which of the following Tuesday mornings you EXPECT to be available. This invitation is for only those who are not already on these lists. 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, & 12/17. Week before each of those dates, I will email only those Picklers I've selected to play in the upcoming match. Then 24-48 hours before the match, I'll email you again asking for a final confirmation that you're still "good to go."



Back row: Bear, Linda, Connie, & George. Middle row: Lynn, Angelina, & Jim. Kneeling: Bob.

Though we lost our first match of the season 18-12, that requires an asterisk. Midtown rostered a player who has been playing only a month or two. No one knew he was way too good for this level and would win all seven of his matches with ease. I enjoyed playing against him three times loving the challenge. Though we won't be seeing Harvey again, we wish him well playing with "his own kind."

Our upper intermediate team that competes with three other clubs begins play Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. I'll hope to have their photo in the November newsletter.

#### SHOULD GET SWEATSHIRT INFO TO WEBMASTER JOHN SOON

I do have our first one and love the value. It's 50-50 cotton-poly, very soft, and only \$16. Ask to see if, if you like. It will be available in several colors. I'm considering adding a hoodie to our wardrobe options also.

# AND NOW TO ANSWER THE QUESTION "EVERYONE" HAS BEEN ASKING

Who's going to be assigning our courts, now that Chuck is running the pickleball operations at Sky Fitness in Buffalo Grove full time? It will still be Dana Joseph's First Serve Management, but rather than Chuck with an occasional Dana, it will be Mike Sullivan sharing those duties with Dana. So everyone can relax. The antimismatch procedure we've long enjoyed still endures.

#### PADDLE MISTAKENLY TAKEN FROM HAMILTON

Monday morning, October 7<sup>th</sup> was a typically busy time at Hamilton. Liz Chaplinsky was introducing the game to some first-timers in the right/south cage. Liz is sponsored by ProLite and had loaned a paddle to someone. It must have ended up in someone's bag or carried away by accident. It's a ProLite Supernova model with a "Demo" sticker on it. It has a black face with orange markings. If you have it, please let Liz (<a href="mailto:chaplinsky@comcast.net">chaplinsky@comcast.net</a>) or me (<a href="mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com">aokbarry@yahoo.com</a>) know. There have been several paddles left at Hamilton or mistakenly removed. With one exception that still resides in my trunk, all have found their rightful owner. We hope to keep this record intact. Thank you.



#### WELL, THAT'S IT FOR ANOTHER MONTH ...

Sorry this month's newsletter is a little later than usual. That's due to having been on vacation for a week, with only six hours laptop time, almost all of which was catching up on club email.

I want to thank, with only two or three exceptions, everyone for honoring my request to not email me questions that were answered in the September newsletter. And thanks for emailing me at my address, rather than "reply." Who says you can't teach old Picklers new tricks?

Thanks for making our Palatine Pickleball Club the most awesome club in the .... well, anywhere.

Call me egotistical for making my closing photo so large, but I REALLY like this pic that my beautiful bride Kathy took of me.

Happy pickling.

Bear

PicklersPrez