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## **NOVEMBER, 2019 NEWSLETTER**

### **PING PONGING PICKLERS HAVE TIME & PLACE TO PLAY**

Finally, thanks to the suggestion by Mike O'Connor, we have this year's table tennis tournament venue. It's the Wheeling Rec Center at 100 Community Blvd, Wheeling. The tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. You bring your own paddle. I'll get the balls.

Each Pinging Pickler will sign a waiver and pay \$5 to the Park District. Whether or not you have previously expressed interest, please EMAIL me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your desire and your name (I haven't memorized all your email addresses yet.) Warning: Hitting "reply" will not deliver your desire to me nearly as quickly and could cost you a spot on a potentially first come first served roster. Registration is open through Thanksgiving. After that I'll create the format, make the scoreboard, and let you know the details. Legal serves will be required.

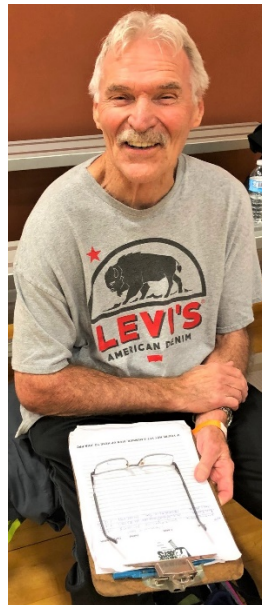
### **WELCOME, NEWER NEWBIES**



Clarence



Cindy



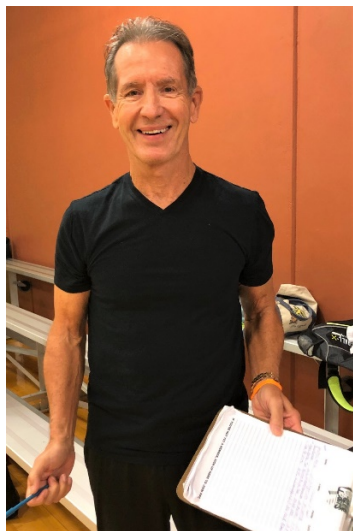
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Denise



Bertha



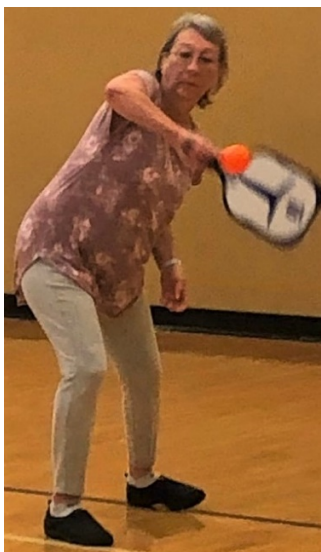
Tom



Pam



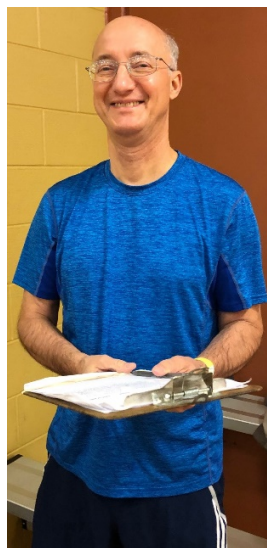
Sandy



Nancy



Rick



Mike



Mary Anne



Mark



Kim



Judy



Marion



Ronne



Trish



Kathy



Mary



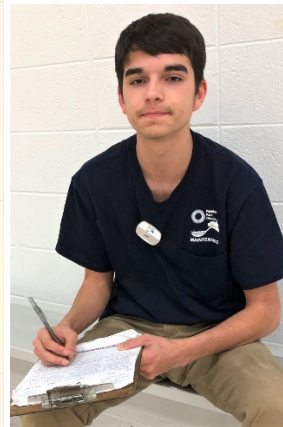
Judy



Tobey



Ganesh



Jon



Latrell

## DECEMBER IS PICKLERS' PARTY TIME



Our annual holiday party is the what. Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 to 4:00 is the when. The Dream Place, 1280 E Dundee Road, Palatine is the where. Because it's really fun to socialize with fellow Palatine Picklers is the why. A Tweener Memo from our Social Committee will bring your invitation later this month. It will explain the menu, the cost, who will collect that amount from you, how many Picklers can attend, any attire suggestions deemed appropriate, and how to r.s.v.p. Reply quickly, as attendance will be limited.

# NOW FOR SOME VETERAN PALATINE PICKLERS



Ann



Angelina



Peter



Jim



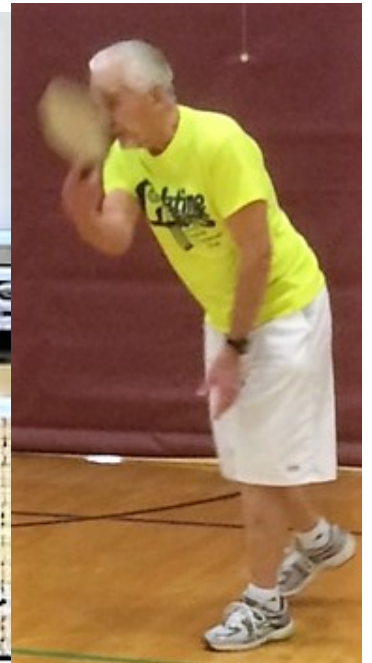
John



Joe



John



John



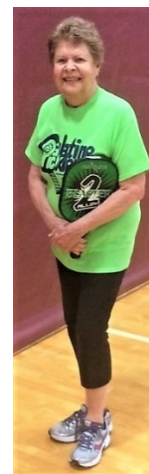
Tim



Mike



Jim



Joan



Dana

# HEAVY METAL TIME



Jon Bradford & Neil Mediratta  
Discover Columbus (IN) ... Open ...  
Gold



Jon & Erin Bradford ... Discover  
Columbus (IN) ... 4.5 ... Bronze



Carol Stephens & Syndi Shelton  
Fall Brawl, St George, UT ....  
60-64 3.5 ... Gold



Ron Olesiak & Ray Jenkins ... Bgc Sports  
... Kenosha, WI ... 3.5 ... Gold



Ellen Thorp & Lind Mihel  
Huntsman Games, St George, UT...  
3.0 65-69 ... Silver



Linda Mihel & Ellen Thorp  
Fall Brawl, St George, UT ...  
3.0 .... Bronze



Amy



Bob



Bob



Debbie



Brigitte



Gary



Greg



Penny



Satish



Sharon



Mike



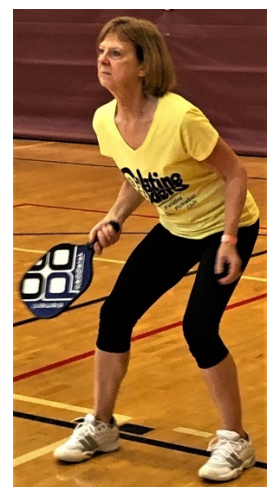
Lynn



Laurie



Clark



Cathy

## CALLING LOWER INTERMEDIATES FOR WINTER TEAM

We've been enjoying playing every other Tuesday this fall (and all last year) at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. We field a team of four ladies and four men to play against the MidBar team. Half of them are from the Midtown Club and half from Barrington. Over the course of seven games, you will partner once with each of your seven teammates. Then, if you have the time, you'll enjoy lunch with them at the Onion Pub down the street.

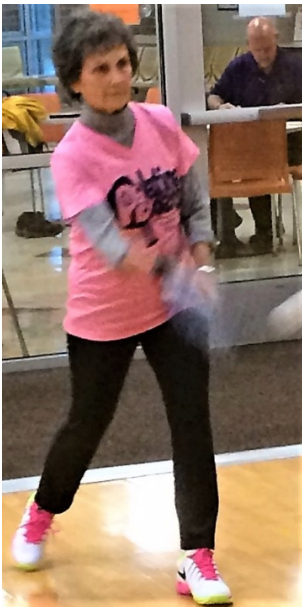
**Who gets to play?** This competition is for those who have, or would have, a rating between 3.0 and 3.5. That probably describes half of our Palatine Picklers. If you aren't sure if you'd be appropriate, ask me or someone a little better than you what he/she thinks would be your level. We're talking every day level, not the sandbagged level many claim for large tournaments.

I prepare our roster for each match about a week in advance. It's very likely we'll never have the same eight Picklers on any two rosters. While I try to balance the talent on each team we field, it's more about having fun and the chance to play for your club than about winning. I strive for close matches.

So ... here are the dates for our January through mid-March, Tuesday morning (9:30) matches. Please email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) (please don't hit "reply") to tell me which dates you EXPECT to be available. Again, you'll have a week's notice so you can cancel, if selected for a roster but can't play that day after all.

1/14 1/28 2/11 2/25 3/10 3/24 4/7 4/21 5/5

If you WANT to experience playing for your awesome club and are of an appropriate skill level, I will get you onto at least one roster ... unless 100 of you respond. In that case, I'll try to start another travel league.



Arlene



Bear



Cindy



Dick

## HOW 'BOUT A REPLACEMENT PARTS TOURNAMENT ?

I'm limiting this one to eight Picklers so respond quickly, if interested. If you have had a knee, hip, or shoulder replaced and would like to compete with other bionic men and ladies, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). We'll play at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, starting at 9:30 Tuesday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Our Pay Canlan's \$8 fee at the lobby desk. As always, you can enjoy lunch with your pieced together peers afterward.



Cathy



Chris



Connie



Darrell



Dennis



Don



Elke



Frank



Gail

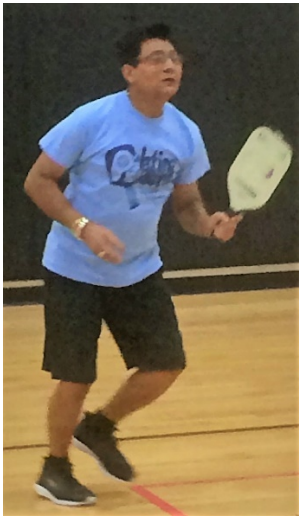


Julie



Karen





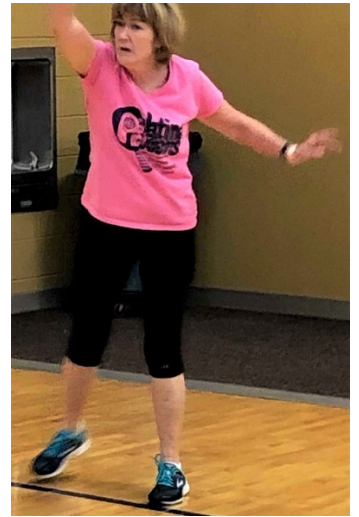
Kenny



Kevin



Lisa



Lori



Marilyn



Lynn



Marti



Melody



Our Thursday, our Upper Intermediate (3.5-4.0) Picklers Travel team is totally dominant over three other teams. Here we have, in back row, Deanna, Donna, Marv, Jeff, John, Bob, and Sue. Front row has Peggy, Kim, Ray, Brigitte, and Gregg. When Captain John puts a team on the floor, Hoffman, LibertyRidge, and DuPage teams pretty much know they're playing for second place. Guess we can call this Pickler power. Congratulations, Top Team To date, the Picklers are 55-17.



Bill



Bob



Bob



Carin



Gregg



Henry



Gus



Bob



Carl



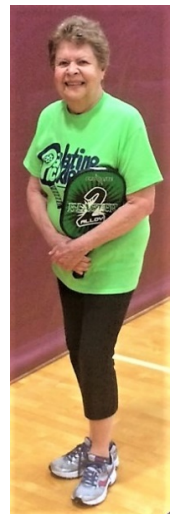
Chris



Denise



Anne



Joan



Cathy



Chris



Debbie



Donna



Gil



Greg



Howard



Jeff



Greg



Marilyn



Mary



Michelle



Mike

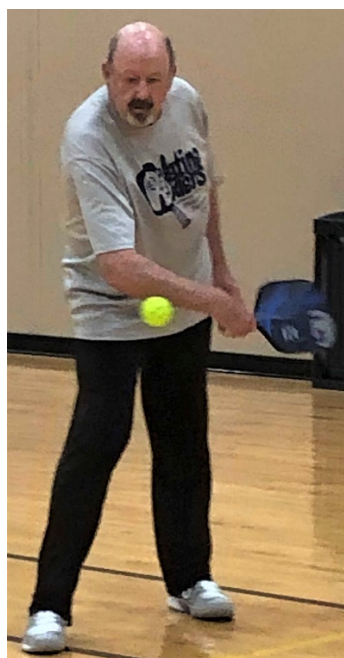
## GLARE COURT POLICY

Now that we're mostly indoors, it's time for our semi-annual review of our "Glare Court" policy. The "Glare Court," of course, is the one nearest Falcon's lobby. Because of the distinct advantage of playing on the lobby side, we want to split the time each pair plays there. That means if you start your game there, teams will change ends, when the winning team reaches a score of 6, or 5 if playing to only 9. If you "migrated" to that court with a game in progress, subtract the winning team's score from 11 or 9 and divide by 2. Add that number to the winning team's score. When one team hits that number, change ends. Round up. Sound tough? It's not.

Let's say four of you move to the Glare Court with the score 6 to 4. Assuming you're playing to 11, there are five points remaining. Half of five is two and a half which rounds to 3. Add 3 to the existing 6, and you know you'll change ends when either team reaches 9. Easy peasy. And, no, you won't bring down the wrath of Bear, if the score is a bit lopsided, and the team that's ahead volunteers to stay on the glare side. However, if the winning team does not switch sides and stays on the vision side, they will both incur a penalty of three newsletters without their photo. Just kidding. I couldn't be that harsh. Just follow the policy.



Neal



Norb



Pat



Ron

## SHIRTS ... NEW AND INVENTORIED

Check out PalatinePicklers.com for our newest offers. We have a crew-neck sweatshirt at a great value and a hoodie. Maybe (depends on how fast I can clear my plate of more pressing projects) we'll have a zip-up sweatshirt also. See Anne Stein or me, to order your T-shirts and sweatshirts. We're at Falcon and Birchwood.

Meanwhile, I have a trunk full of shirts from this summer. If you're in the list below, please email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) of where you'll be playing and when so I can deliver your shirt: Bob Lampen, Lisa Schuller, Sally Heraty, Jeff Wayne, Bud Brinkman, Karen Robinson, Deb Sutton, Josh Ware, Emilie Cheng, and Deb Kirschner. If you're named and I already delivered your shirt, forgive me. I obviously forgot. I have a few even older orders. If you have ordered a shirt and it's not in your closet or drawer or shelf, please let me know. These shirts would look so much better on you than in my trunk. Thanks.



Steve



Tom



Ursula



Suren



Steve



Shelly



Linda



Linda

### VISIT OUR UPGRADED WEBSITE

Webmaster John Pihl has done an incredible job of making PalatinePicklers.com even better. Check it out.



Kimbra



Laurie



Larry



Lee



Linda



Kathy



Kim



Dori



Jack



Fred



Jane



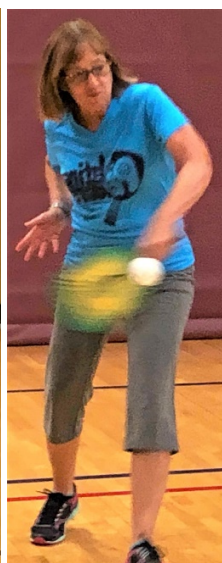
Jim



Jeff



Pat



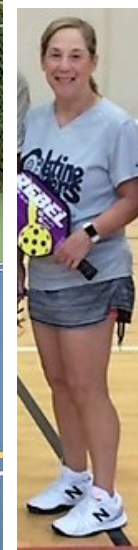
Karin



Tom



Tippi



Sue

## MORE MEDALIST MEMORIES



“Kind of a Big Dill” tournament, Western Springs ... Connie Kus ... 3.0 ... Gold ... Daniel Koste ... 3.0 ... Bronze



Bob



Bob



Carol



Debbie

## LET'S REVIEW ...

We have the lefties tournament 11/14 ... We have the Picklers Ping Pong Tournament 12/4 ... We have the Bionic Picklers Tournament 12/10 ... We have the 12/12 Picklers luncheon ... We have the invitation for 3.0-3.5 Picklers for the Tuesday MidBar matches ... We have an updated PalatinePicklers.com website ... We have sweatshirts and hoodies added to our wardrobe options. ... We have a review of Glare Court policy ... We have a lot of pics of Picklers in Palatine Picklers shirts. Why? Because I really like that logo I made when I started this club so thought I'd celebrate my birthday month with a bunch of them. There's even more on the following pages. Hope these pics make you want to order a few more colors or, maybe, a sweatshirt.



Marv



Don



Dave



Carole



Jim



Joanne



Neal



Dora



Daniel



Bob



Becky



Gail



## SNOWY, WET, SALTY ? CHANGE SHOES IN LOBBY

It's that time again, when slippery courts are a possibility, IF we don't enter the gyms with dry shoes. You'll be more comfortable, and the gyms will be safer, if we all change into our playing shoes in the lobbies of our gyms. Thank you.



Frank



Jay



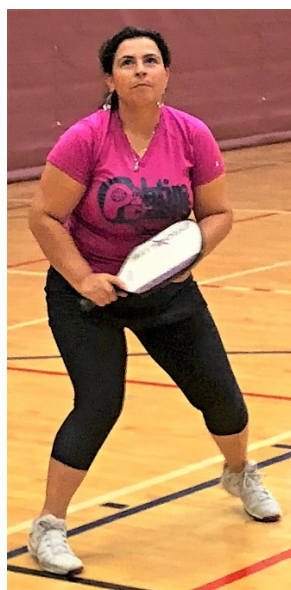
Fran



Linda



Cindy



Nez



Sammy



Sue

## CLARIFICATION ABOUT BIRCHWOOD EVENINGS

The information in the newsletters has been correct. One of our members heard a rumor so called the Palatine Park District. She was told that Tuesday evenings would continue past the end of October, since that time slot was being well embraced. This is NOT the case. For the foreseeable future, no evening play is possible. If that should change, the PPD will notify me, and I will notify you via a newsletter or Tweener Memo.



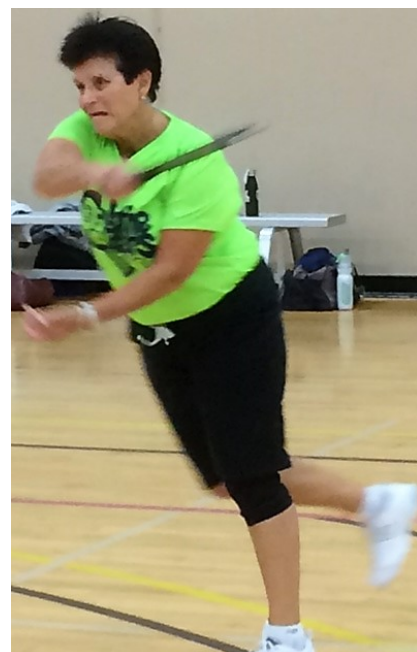
Heather



Jim



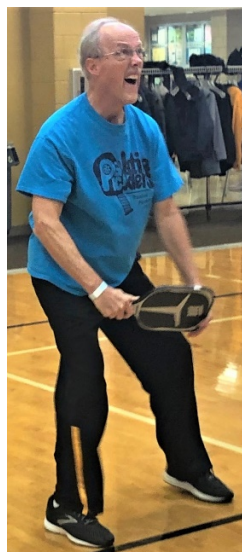
Wendy



Linda



Susan



Phil



Sue



Carol



Kim



Connie



Howard



Mike



Judy



Vida

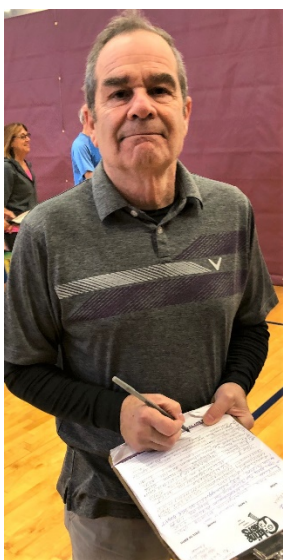


George



Michael

### AND THREE MORE NEWBIES



Jeff



Marianne



Sam



That's it for this month. Lots going on in November. I know I missed a lot of Picklers who have worn PPC shirts that I just didn't capture. I'm sorry about that.

I'll close this newsletter with our current playing schedule on the next page.

Happy pi8ckling.  
 Bear Shatwell  
 PicklersPrez  
 aokbarry@yahoo.com

## PICKLERS' NOVEMBER PLAY TIMES

**ANY DAY WEATHER PERMITTING** ... Hamilton Courts ... 9:00 a.m. to Noon

**MONDAY** ... Falcon Park Gym ... 8:00 a.m. to Noon

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

**TUESDAY** ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. (Have friends join you. LOW attendance, if any)

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

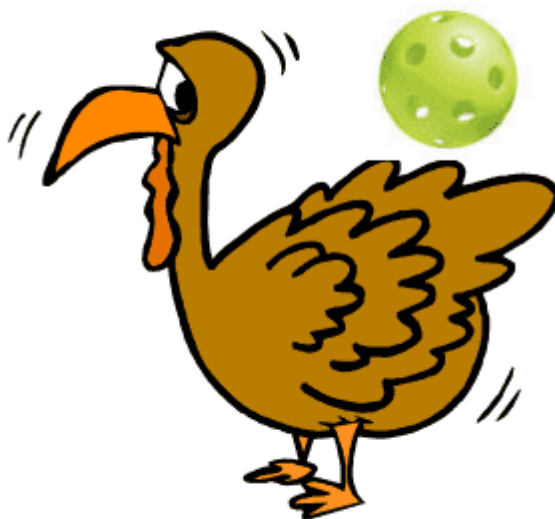
**WEDNESDAY** ... Falcon Park Gym ... 8:00 a.m. to Noon (for players 18+)

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

**THURSDAY** ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. (Have friends join you. LOW attendance, if any)

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

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



**HAVE A PICKLERIFFIC THANKSGIVING.**