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DECEMBER, 2019 NEWSLETTER

## HOLIDAY GIFT FOR YOUR RETIREE FRIENDS

You are reading this newsletter for one reason. You love pickleball. If you've ever worn a pickleball shirt, you've surely been asked many times by friends and strangers alike, "What is pickleball?" You've been happy, even proud, to explain it to them. I hope you've even invited them to come play with you. You were successful some of the time and some of the time you were met with a wide variety of reasons why they couldn't do that. Well, maybe, you can now give them the gift of motivating them to give our sport a try.

Thank you, Picklers Mary & Neal Harris and Heather Schneider for bringing this story to my attention. It's a well-written account of one lady who had previously used all the excuses to avoid giving the sport a try and her finally picking up a paddle. Now you can share this link with those curious, but reluctant, individuals. Of course, you'll also let them know that your Palatine Pickleball Club is the most welcoming and friendly bunch of people imaginable. Check this out: [Are You Really Retired if You Don't Play Pickleball?](#)

## USAPA NATIONALS, INDIAN WELLS, CA

The U.S. Open and the Nationals are THE pickleball tournaments in the country. Picklers succeeded there.



Chuck Feinstein & Yvonne Ting  
55+ 5.0 ... Bronze



Jon Sharpe & Greg Woodsum  
60+ 4.0 ... Gold



Melody Woodsum  
reffed a center court match

# LET'S MEET SOME NEWBIES



Betsy



Glenn



Kate



Kevin



Vik



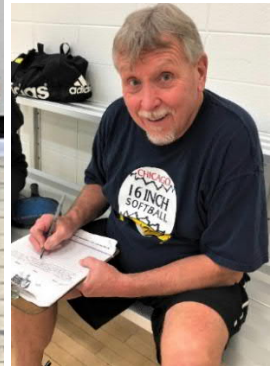
Todd



Pat



Jamie



Bill



Adam



Beth



Alex



Clark



Barb

# WHEELING WINNERS



Steve Livermare & Scott Stubig ...  
4.0 ... Gold



Patty Eagleton & Rea Kulick ...  
4.0 ... Gold



Susie Schreier & Carolyn Veliz ...  
4.0 ... Silver



Bill Kirscht & Bernie Smuda ...  
4.0 ... Silver



Gil Barker & Kim Neppel ...  
4.0 ... Silver



Gail Pistello & Thea Froehling ...  
4.0 ... Bronze



Patty Eagleton & Ed Falkenberg ...  
4.0 ... Bronze



Ina Blogg & Cathy Carlson ...  
3.5 ... Gold



Kristen Jura & Chris Grooms ...  
3.5 ... Silver



Janeen Noto & Barb May ...  
3.5 ... Bronze

Masato Suzuki & Chris Grooms  
3.5 ... Bronze

Pictured above, all six are Palatine Picklers  
a ladies' 3.5 sweep for PPC



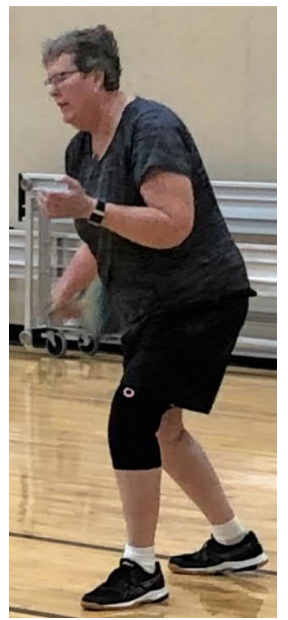
Anne



Bob



Bob



Carol



Mike



Mike



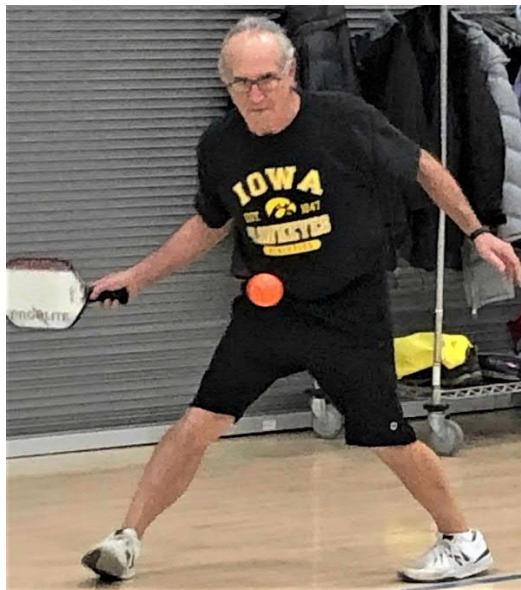
Pat



Phi



Mike



Mike



Sally

## MARATHONERS MADE IT MEMORABLE

The first annual Palatine Picklers Pickleball Marathon had several surprises. The biggest was that we could do it. Some of us feel tired after two or three hours of play. Yet this 8-hour event (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a one hour lunch break) found us still playing with some energy at the end. This Pickler found that it is possible to successfully lob Chris Ganas. All participants enjoyed it and want this to become an annual event.

This started at 8:00 a.m. at Falcon where we played until 1:00. Then we had an hour to eat and get ourselves to Birchwood. There we played from 2:00 to 5:00. Those who participated are, in alpha order, Bear Shatwell, Bob Lampen, Chris Ganas, Darrell Rutter, Jaime Sandoval, Jim Musgrave, Jim Ward, Lynne Weisbart, and Sherry Hana. Bob had most steps (26,153), Chris had most wins (25). Jaime had most points (314). Bear had best guess for most steps (24,310).



Those still standing at 5:00 were Jim W, Lynne, Bob, Jaime, Sherry, Bear, and Chris



Marilyn



Marty



Mary



Marv



Steve



Steve



Steve



Steve



Steve



Steve's cap



Steve's shirt



Steve's 2nd shirt

# LEFTIES LOVED COMPETING WITH THEIR KIND

Our first Southpaw tournament took place November 14<sup>th</sup>. It was another winner which Chris G won.



Chris G



Fran (switching was allowed)



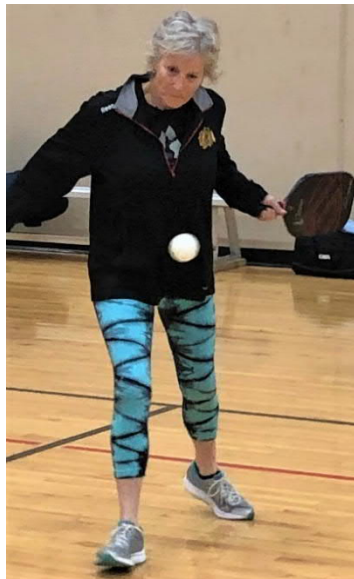
Daniel



John Al



Chris J



Cathy



John An



Sally

11/14/19

## SOUTHPAW'S SHOOTOUT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<u>CATHY</u>	1	X	13	13	4	13 <sub>30</sub>	13 <sub>56</sub>	13 <sub>69</sub>	72 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
<u>CHRIS G</u>	2	13	X	13	13 <sub>39</sub>	13 <sub>52</sub>	13 <sub>65</sub>	13 <sub>78</sub>	91 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
<u>CHRIS J</u>	3	13	2	X	13 <sub>28</sub>	3 <sub>31</sub>	2 <sub>33</sub>	13 <sub>46</sub>	59
<u>DANIEL</u>	4	9	13	13 <sub>35</sub>	X	0 <sub>35</sub>	13 <sub>48</sub>	10 <sub>58</sub>	71 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )
<u>FRAN</u>	5	13	2	2 <sub>17</sub>	0 <sub>17</sub>	X	0 <sub>17</sub>	13 <sub>30</sub>	34
<u>JOHN AL</u>	6	9	6	13 <sub>25</sub>	13 <sub>41</sub>	0 <sub>41</sub>	X	5 <sub>46</sub>	59
<u>JOHN AN</u>	7	9	13	2 <sub>27</sub>	3 <sub>27</sub>	13 <sub>40</sub>	5 <sub>45</sub>	X	48
<u>SALLY</u>	8	9	6	4 <sub>11</sub>	13 <sub>33</sub>	2 <sub>29</sub>	10 <sub>47</sub>	4	48

ROUNDS:  
 1 1:15-7:48  
 2 1:12-3:15  
 3 3:14-5:17  
 4 1:16-4:15  
 5 5:16-2:17  
 6 4:18-2:15  
 7 1:17-2:14  
 8 2:13-4:16  
 9 2:16-1:18  
 10 3:17-2:18  
 11 1:14-3:18  
 12 2:19-1:13  
 13 3:16-5:18



Cathy Carlson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to winner Chris Ganas, while Daniel Koste took 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Barb



Arlene



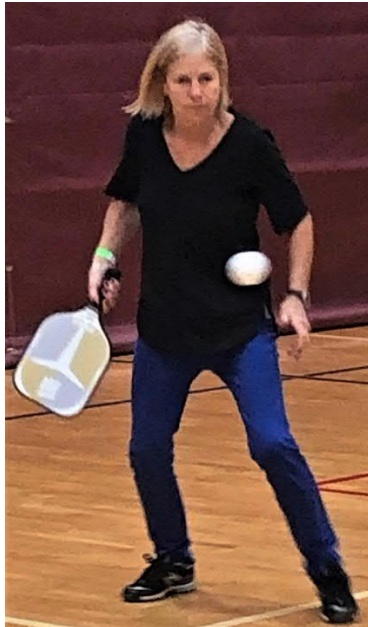
Carole



Craig



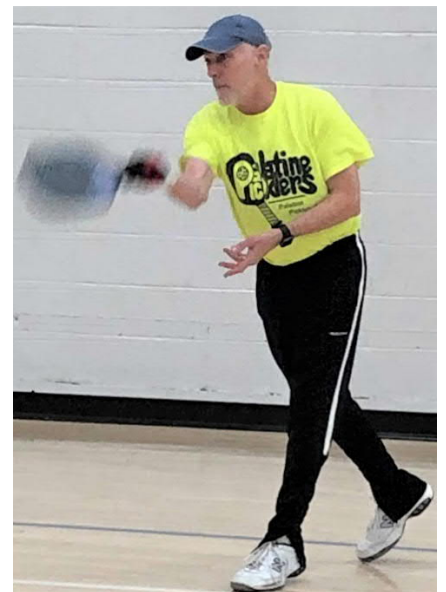
Deb



Dawn



Jaime



John



Anne



Bill



Chris



Beth



Cathi



# MORE MEDALISTS



Chuck Feinstein & Yvonne Ting ... USA Pickleball National Championships ... 55+ 5.0 ... Bronze



Derek Huff & Jon Bradford ... Prolite Net Candy Classic ... 5.0 ... Gold



Erin Fiene Bradford & Jon Bradford ... Prolite Net Candy Classic ... 4.5 ... Gold



Jon Sharpe & Greg Woodsum ... USA Pickleball National Championships ... 60+ 4.0 ... Gold



Melody & Greg Woodsum ... USA Pickleball National Championships ... 60+ 4.0 ... Gold

## TOURNAMENT FOR PICKLER LADIES NO TALLER THAN 5'3"

Tired of being lobbed? Frustrated that your opponents take two steps to your five? Then this is the tournament for you. This could be popular, but it's a busy season so I'm going to limit it to the first eight vertically challenged ladies to want "in." Who wants to me a Queen of the Untall? This will take place at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington the morning of January 21<sup>st</sup>. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



John



Ann



John



John



Max



Satish



Shelly



Thea



Ted



Susan



Jim



Janice

**REMEMBER TO GET YOUR 5% OFF**

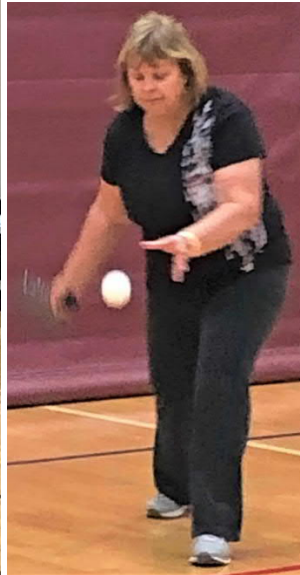
When checking out on [pickleballcentral.com](http://pickleballcentral.com), be sure to enter the code CRPALATINEPB for your 5% discount.



Sue



Tom

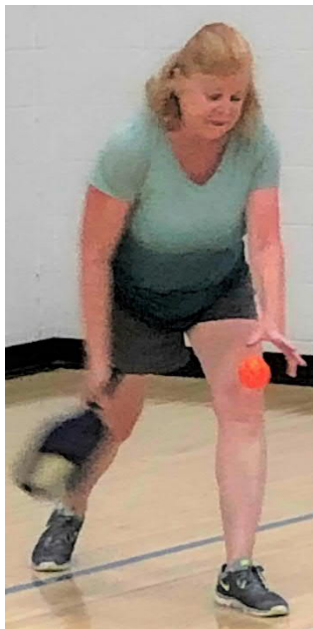


Val



Gregg

## PPD CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY WINNER



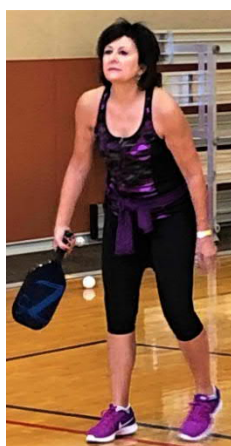
Several first-time Birchwood Picklers showed up for the Palatine Park District's Customer Appreciation Day. However, it was Birchwood regular who won the big gift basket. This insulated lunch box held a water bottle, a blue tooth speaker, and a wide variety of gift cards from local businesses.



Masato



Linda



Lori



Liz



Lucky



Lori



Judy



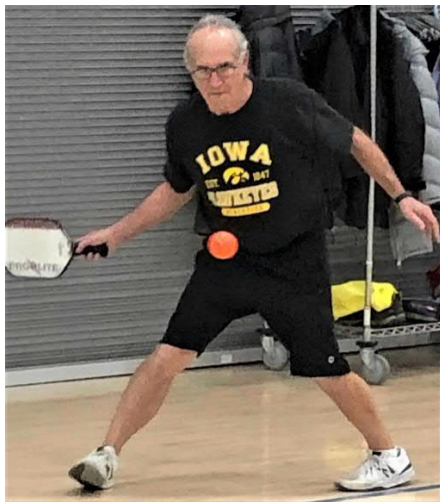
Julie



Lesa



Karin



Mike



George's shirt



Greg



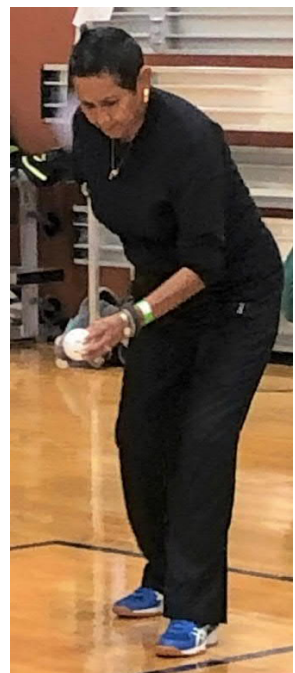
Gary



Gary



Elke



Elvira

# OUR PALATINE PICKLER SHIRTAHOLIC

To paraphrase a very famous movie line, I think Lynne Weisbart is about to tell Howard, "We're going to need a bigger closet." Lynne loves pickleball shirts. I asked her to share her amazing collection with us. She did, and even by category.



tournaments



tournaments



brands



Pickleball Rocks



Engagement



brands



Dink



miscellaneous



U.S. Op



U.S. Open Patrons



Long Sleeved U.S. Open



Miscellaneous



Long Sleeved U.S. Open



Long Sleeved USAPA and more



Palatine Picklers



Lynne



her shirt closet

Just in case any of you wonder, I did count them. Lynne had 107 pickleball shirts, when she took these photos.



Pam



Peggy



Ray



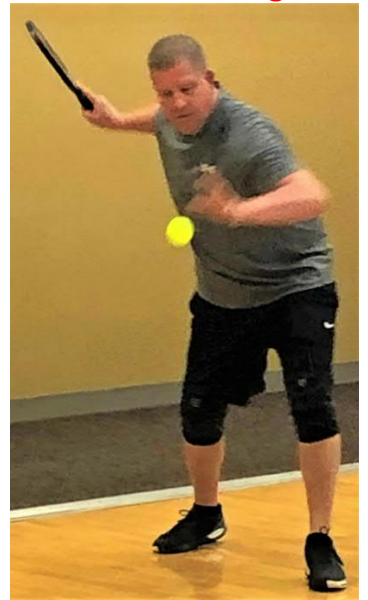
Rick



Ron



Sally



Scott



Sarah



Sandy



Neal



Nick



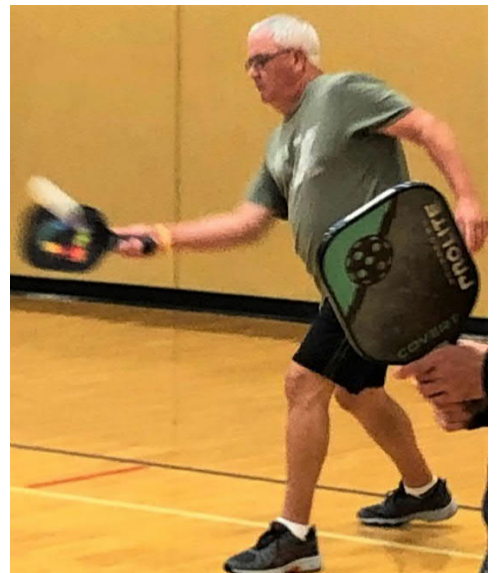
Joan



Joe



John



Ken

## MORE PICKLERS SHIRT OPTIONS

It may not be on the website yet, but we now offer a zipper hoodie. Our logo will be printed on the back. Cost is \$24 through XL, \$26 for XXL, and \$28 for XXXL. Just tell me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) or Anne ([ceceduc8r@gmail.com](mailto:ceceduc8r@gmail.com)) the general color you'd like, and we'll tell you what options, if any, you have.

Now, due to popular requests, we can offer white ink logos for dark colored shirts. We will have to wait until we have at least a dozen wanting this, but it will add only \$1 to the cost of any shirt. Again, let Anne or me



Leah



Larry



Laura



Kristie



Linda



Laurie



Sherry



Bob



Clay



Carl



Carol



Carole





## CHICAGO METRO PICKLEBALL IS HAVING FUN

Seen above are the more advanced players who are enjoying biweekly competitions. Coming soon will be competition for ladies in the 3.0 to 3.5 skill level. Watch for news about this in a Tweener Memo or the January newsletter. Everyone who has played in CMP events or participated in a CMP workshop has loved them. The coming league will be the first for more intermediate level players and should be extremely popular.



Connie



Darrell



Craig



Dave

We still have some patches available for purchase at \$5. Use them as luggage tags and back pack tags. They are iron-on so would look great on your jacket or cap. See Bear to get yours.



## STILL TIME TO GET INTO OUR BIONIC TOURNAMENT

At 9:30 next Tuesday morning (December 10<sup>th</sup>), Picklers with a new hip, knee, or shoulder will take to the Canlan courts in Lake Barrington. As I write this, twelve, "bionic" Picklers are planning on playing. I'll close registration at 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>. That will give me three days to create a format and make a scoreboard. There are no age, skill, or gender restrictions for this fun event. After we take photos at the end of competition, those whose schedule allows will head to the Onion Pub for lunch, just 200 yards south on Pepper Road.

If you have an appropriate new part and want to have a truly fun morning playing one game with each of your fellow bionics, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). On the evening of Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>, all participants will be asked to confirm their intent to play. I usually ask for such confirmation one or two days before an event, but this tournament requires more preparation time than most.

Due to the necessity of having exactly the number of Picklers expected, I'd like to have two subs available to step in at the last minute. While I prefer bionics, I'll be happy with Picklers who live close to Canlan. If interested email me.



Deb



Dick



Dora



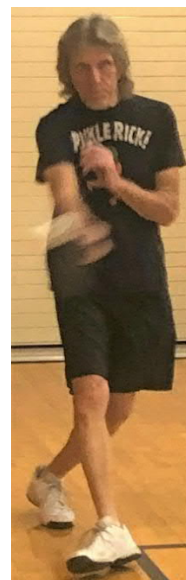
Fran



Fran



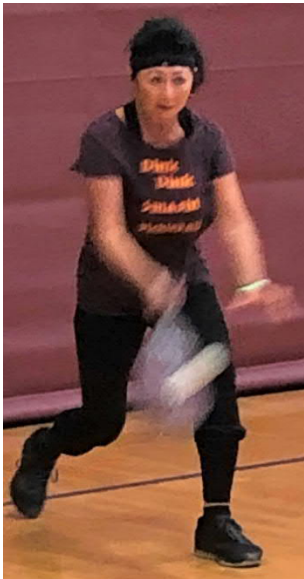
Frank



Rick



Lori



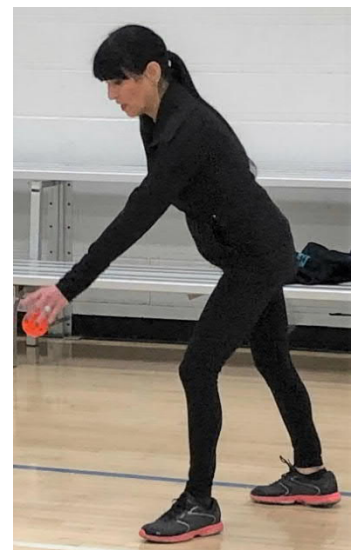
Sandy



Sandi



Suren



Sue



Vida



Kim



Kim



Jeff



Henry



Jeff



Jim



Jim



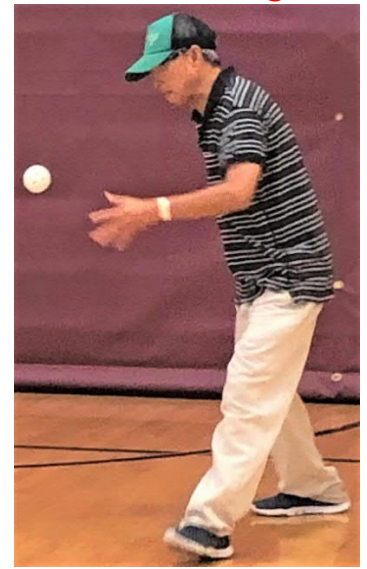
Jim



Jim



Linda



Lucky



Martha



Ralph



Tom



Rioshni



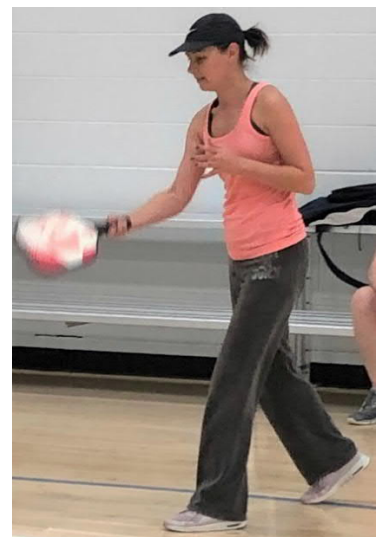
Russ



Steve



Tom



Valery

REMINDER ... Change sides half way through your time on the glare court at Falcon. Round up. If you migrate there at 6-3, that leaves 5 points to 11. Round 2.5 up to 3, and change sides when one pair reaches 9.



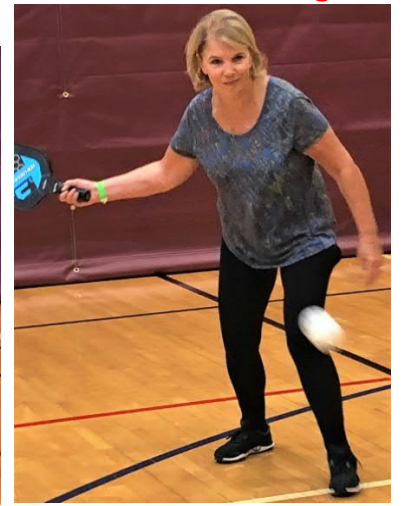
Kenny



Wendy



Tony



Vigdis

## LIVE ON, IN THE BIRTHPLACE OF PICKLEBALL

You've read about this opportunity in previous newsletters. On Bainbridge Island, Washington more than half a century ago, pickleball was invented. The game grew ... you can find out how by clicking on this link Marilyn Darby shared: [History of Pickleball](#)

The original court still exists. Six other courts have been built, and they'll be joined by \$230,000 of six, new courts, a park-like entrance showing the sport's history, and a brick walkway surrounding the area. Two sides of bricks can be purchased and engraved. A 12x12 brick with our logo and 8 lines of 15 characters & spaces goes for \$56.25 per line. We have one such brick sold out. We'll need all eight lines purchased, if we're to have a second, large brick. Then there is an 8x8 brick which has PALATINE PICKLERS at the top and five lines of up to 20 characters & spaces. So far our first such brick has four lines sold. These lines are only \$30 each.

We'll collect the money later, but email Bear at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) to let us know you want to be a part of this historic project. Let me know how you want your line to read too. Thanks.



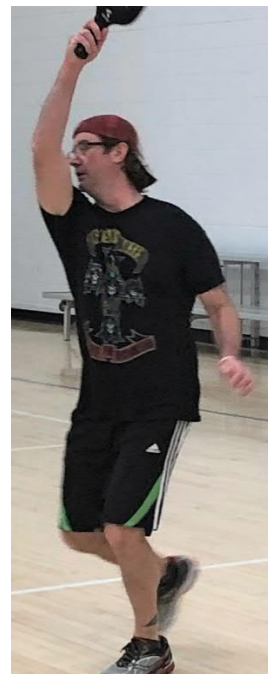
Tom



Cindy



Digger



Nick



Jeff



Lizanne



Denise



Gene



Elena



Annaliese



Bill



Bob



Dennis



Donna



Gus



Bob



John



Karen



Karen's shirt



Greg



Jeff



Dave



Melody



Sam



Julie



Deanna



Amy



John



Bob



Hollis



Dave



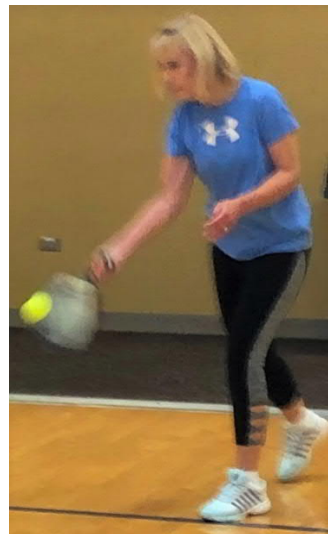
Joshua



Cathy



Mary



Brigitte



Ed



Karin



John

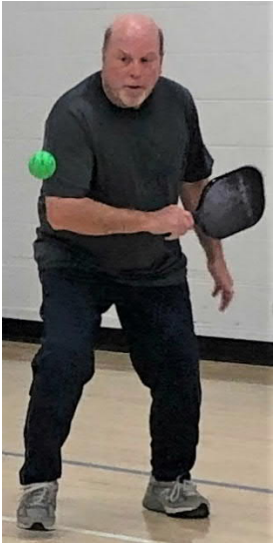


Tony



John





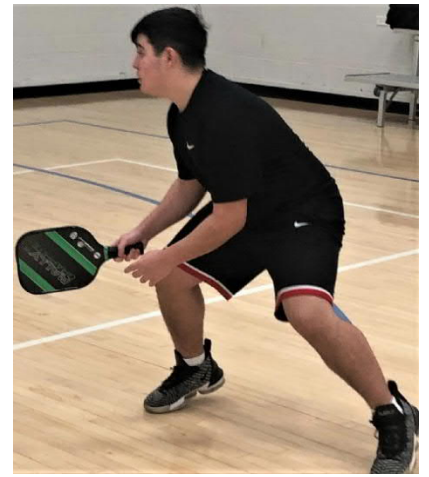
Art



Karen



Howard



Chris



Deb



Mike



Angelina

## EVEN NEWER NEWBIES



Mark



Gina



Kip



Dorothy

## THANKS, PALATINE PARK DISTRICT

Not only did your giving us extra, Birchwood play time Friday and Saturday for Thanksgiving week that we loved, but it brought us seven new Palatine Picklers. That's a win-win-win.



## BEAR'S ANNUAL+ OFFER

I use these bags for a dozen different things ... I have white balls in one, orange balls in another, yellow balls in a third. I put shoes in two when packing. I have my tape, pens, holders in one for tournament scoreboards. I keep my keys & bifocals in one at courts. Etc. Etc. Etc.

I have 1.75 liter bags for anyone who wants one or several. At the Grand Opening of the Hamilton courts, I gave away 47 of them. I'll have a supply of them with me at Falcon and Birchwood until Christmas. Just ask me for one/some. Happy Holidays.

## CURRENT PLAY TIMES

MONDAY ... Falcon Park Gym ... 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (for players 50+)

MONDAY ... Birchwood Park Gym ... Noon to 4:00 p.m.

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)

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 2:00 p.m. (for players 50+)

FRIDAY ... Birchwood Park Gym ... 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## CHECK OUT WHO'S CHECKING US OUT

Webmaster John Pihl has shared these stats.

Seems we're known far and wide.

Users

230 Users in month

1,100 users since June 1 and almost 2,000 sessions

Devices

50% of hits were from a mobile device

43% Desktop

7% Tablet

Page Views	
WhereWePlay	191
SkillsDrills	87
NewsLetters	71
Shirts	68
HowToJoin	44
Contact	37
Mentoring	32
Links	25
Default	8

Source		
1	United States	218 (94.78%)
2	France	10 (4.35%)
3	Canada	1 (0.43%)
4	Mexico	1 (0.43%)

#### States

1	Illinois	194 (87.39%)
2	Arizona	7 (3.15%)
3	Florida	4 (1.80%)
4	Ohio	4 (1.80%)
5	California	3 (1.35%)
6	Texas	3 (1.35%)
7	Virginia	2 (0.90%)
8	(not set)	1 (0.45%)
9	Colorado	1 (0.45%)
10	Missouri	1 (0.45%)

#### Towns

1	Chicago	69(34.85%)
2	Palatine	50(25.25%)
3	Arlington Heights	14(7.07%)
4	Buffalo Grove	7(3.54%)
5	Schaumburg	6(3.03%)
6	Bartlett	4(2.02%)
7	Elk Grove Village	3(1.52%)
8	Hoffman Estates	3(1.52%)
9	Lake Zurich	3(1.52%)
10	Lansing	3(1.52%)

HOPE YOU'RE REGISTERED AND PAID SO WE CAN HOLIDAY PARTY WITH YOU ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AT THE DREAM PLACE.

## LAST CALL FOR WINTER, LOWER INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL TEAM

If your abilities put you in the 3.0 to 3.5 range, and you'd like to play for your Palatine Picklers, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the dates you THINK you'd be available. Here are the Tuesday morning (9:30 to about 12:30) dates we compete at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington against a team consisting of both Midtown Club and Barrington players:

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

Those Picklers who are already on their "Expect to be Available" lists are Carole D, Connie K, Elena N, Linda C, Lynn G, Lynne W, Mary Pat V, Sandy A ... Bear S, Bob G, Gary T, George D, and Mike K. If you don't see your name here, but want to play or thought you had registered, please send me your availability dates.

One week before each competition, I will email those eight Picklers I have put on the roster for that match. Then 1-2 days before each match I will ask each of them to confirm their intent to play on Tuesday morning.

I will do my best to get everyone onto at least one roster, because playing for your club and having lunch at the Onion Pub afterward makes for a truly fun and rewarding day.

Hope your holidays are warm and wonderful. Our Palatine Pickleball Club has had a truly great 2019, and I look forward to helping you enjoy being a Pickler even more in 2020.

Bear Shatwell  
PicklersPrez  
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