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## JANUARY, 2020 NEWSLETTER

### PALATINE PICKLERS PARTY PLENTY

On December 12<sup>th</sup> 85 Picklers filled The Dream Place lounge with much merriment. Our Social Committee of Greg Kuhs, Linda Cherney, Fran Piehl, and Sandy Amatore (Bob Sitarz was recovering from surgery) hit a grand slam with this one. The food was incredible, and the service was so genuine and complete. THANKS, Guys.

[Click Here to see dozens of photos taken by many Picklers at the party.](#) Meanwhile, I'll share some that I took.



Sandy, Greg, Fran, & Linda pulled raffle tickets, while Picklers stared at their ticket numbers and hoped.



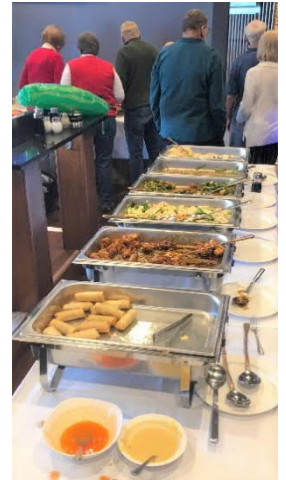
Mary Knight is \$250 richer



Jim Blair is every bit the baker he is a handiman



Howard won the Sandy towel



Our Social Committee had us bring gently used clothing for charity. They also had prizes for pickle finders, and raffle prizes that included a \$250 grand prize. Their decorations were pickleriffic too.



BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY, WHEN OUR NEXT SOCIAL EVENT IS ANNOUNCED. SEATING MAY BE LIMITED.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT PICKLER PICS

As you know, if I'm not on a court, I'm usually beside one taking photos. As a longtime photographer (when we used film, half a dozen lenses, and a bunch of filters), I'd love to camp out at a court to get a couple, great action shots. However, my primary goal is to get Picklers to know one another so boring shots work. Still, some shots are less exciting to take. That's due to the subject's attire. To show you what I mean, I'm dividing the Pickler pics in this newsletter into, first, those involving blah attire. Then I'll share pics of "truly worthy of publication" attire. And, finally, I'll share pics of Picklers in my favorite attire. (Can you guess?) My beautiful bride has asked to cut my pickleball laptop time back to no more than 40 hours a week. One easy cut for me is to reduce taking pics of Picklers in uncolorful attire. So, if you don't see yourself in some newsletters, you'll know why. I won't stop printing pics of Dennis, Steve, other Steve, Dick, Sandy, Mike, etc. I'll just show them less frequently. You may see Picklers in two, or even three, sections of this newsletter, because some choose to have a full range of color in their closets. I'm not dissing black, grey, etc. I just prefer livelier colors.



Chris



Don



Donna



Fran



Nick



Scott



Ray



Tony



Neal

## TREE-TOPPERS TOURNAMENT

If you are at least 6' in height, and want to compete with others who are hard to lob, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). You'll compete on Tuesday morning, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. This is unisex so bring it on, Lengthy Ladies.



Mike



Sue



Wendy



Zeke



Sue



Vigdis



Bob



Carol



Dora



Lori



Howard



Jaime



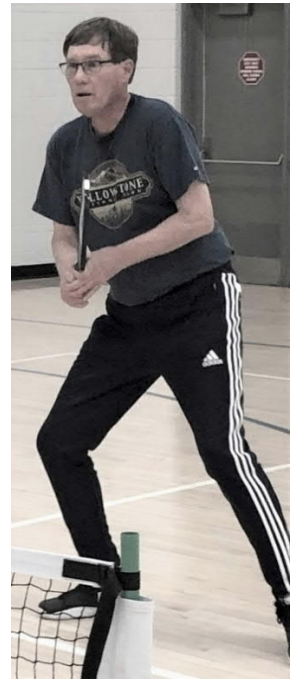
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jeff



jim



jim



Joan



John



Bob



Bill



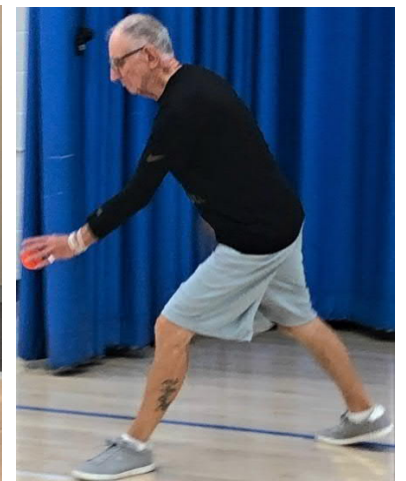
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Sarah



Terry



Tom



Sally



June



Ken



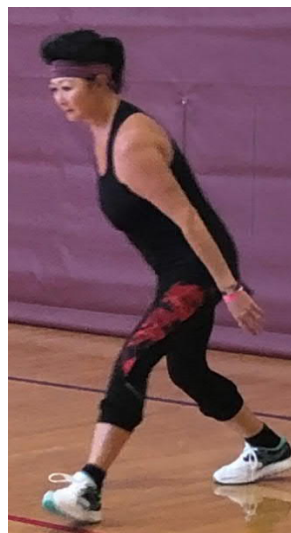
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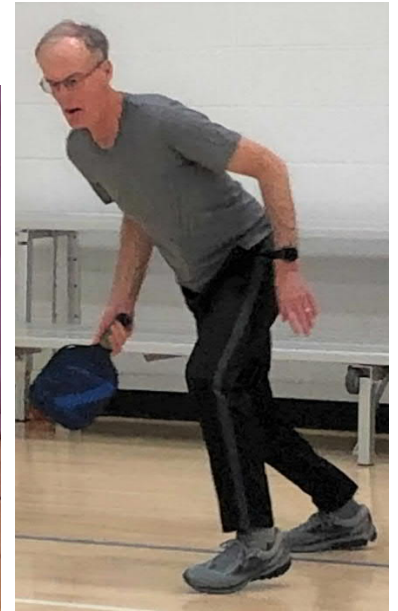
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Shelly



Sandy



Mike



Laura



Karen



Les



John



Cindy



Anneliese



Clay



Dave



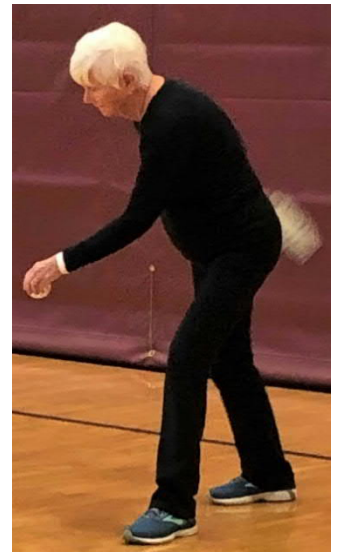
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Denise



Jim



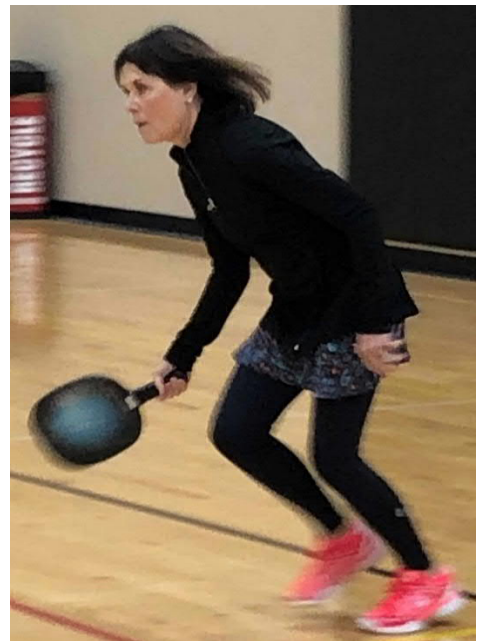
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Masato



Frank



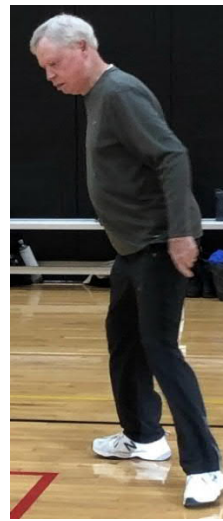
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Jeff



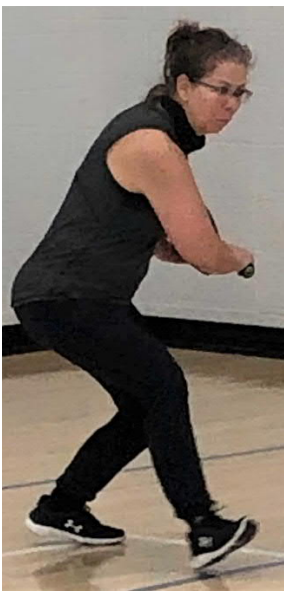
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Dave



Harry



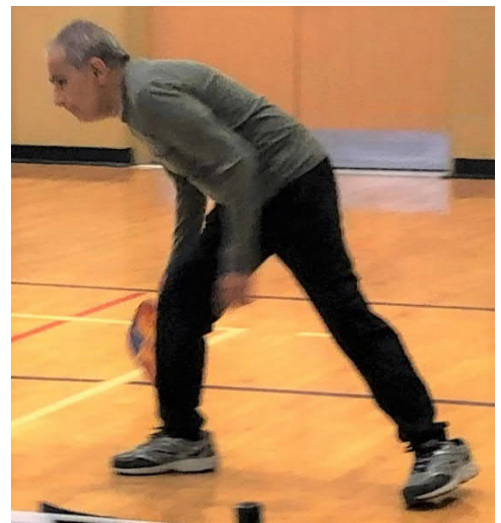
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Dennis



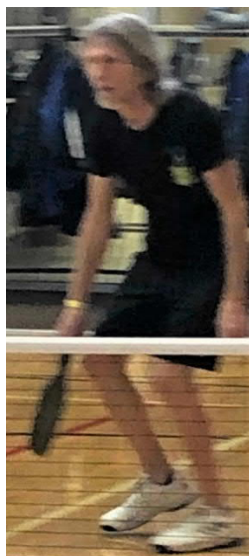
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Suren



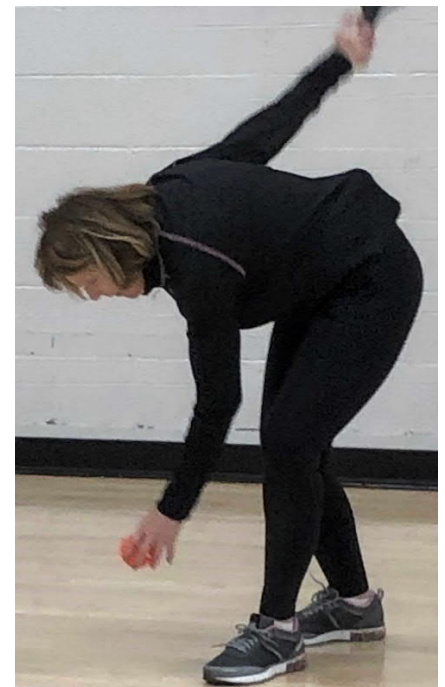
Ellen



Rick



Linda



Kim

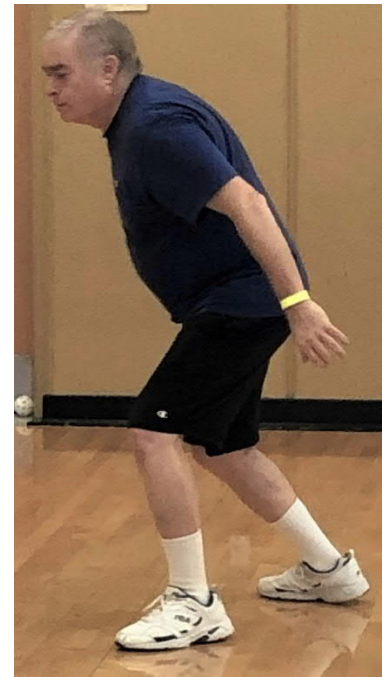




Cathie



Lori



Steve

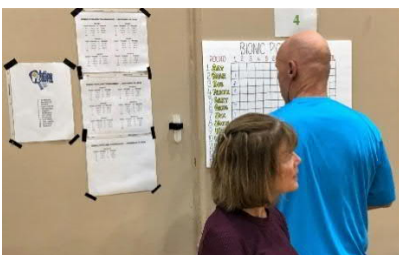
## BIONICS TOURNAMENT

We gathered those Picklers with a replacement shoulder, hip, or knee to compete for the Bionics Pickler title.



Frank, Bob, Sue, Jim, Bear, Gary, Kim, Laura, John, Tom, Greg, & Steve all point to their replacement part/s

BIONIC PICKLERS 12:10:19													TOTAL		
ROUND	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
1	ART	7	7	7	7	0	7	7	7	7	7	4	BYE	74	(1st)
2	BEAR	1	BYE	0	7	7	7	5	7	7	0	7	7	56	(2nd)
3	BOB	7	7	7	7	0	7	7	7	3	3	7	7	73	(3rd)
4	FRANK	0	2	BYE	4	7	5	7	6	7	7	3	2	50	(4th)
5	GARY	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	1	BYE	7	7	5	74	(5th)
6	GREG	7	7	0	7	1	BYE	7	7	3	7	7	7	60	(6th)
7	JIM	1	3	7	2	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	75	(7th)
8	JOHN	6	1	1	BYE	2	5	0	7	0	0	3	6	7	38
9	KIM	0	1	4	2	1	7	5	0	BYE	7	1	7	7	42
10	LAURA	7	3	7	1	1	7	7	3	0	2	BYE	2	5	45
11	STEVE	1	7	7	2	0	0	BYE	7	2	1	7	7	41	(8th)
12	SUE	7	7	4	4	7	1	3	3	2	3	7	7	55	(9th)
13	TOM	BYE	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	2	7	4	26	(10th)



Greg enters his 2<sup>nd</sup> game scores. The scoreboard showed total scores and then adjusted for the two subs who are not bionic. Bob was last minute Art sub, and Tony subbed for Jim when he pulled a hamstring. Gary took the gold, while Greg took silver, and Bob won the bronze. It was, as with all our tournaments, a truly fun day for all.

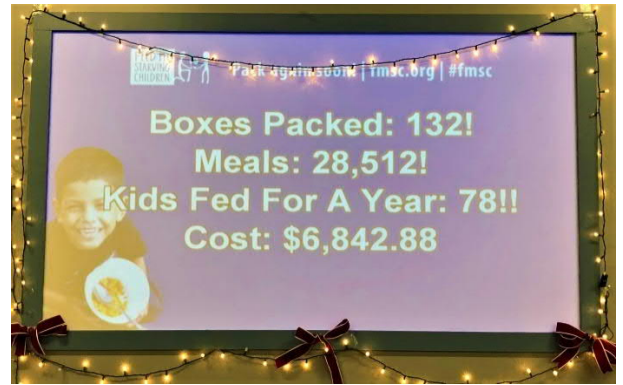
## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Marilyn Darby organized our club's first volunteer effort for this incredible charity. We gathered at the FMSC facility in Schaumburg on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to spend a couple hours scooping and bagging and weighing vitamins, vegies, soy, and rice in plastic bags. The work was mundane but really fun. And it is amazing how much good these bags can do. Check out the chart below that shows what our effort (and the rest of the 35-50 volunteers in our session) accomplished. We were the noon to 2:00 session. There was one session before us and three after us. This goes on six days a week. A whole lot of people volunteer a couple hours to make a huge difference in the lives of kids in dozens of countries. Marilyn will organize another Picklers day next spring. Look for the announcement in a future newsletter. For a first PPC effort, with negligible notice, we had a nice turnout.



On the next page, you'll see us in action. Notice how awesome we look in hairnets and without jewelry.





The chart at the right shows the impact our collective (several groups) effort made. That's a pretty feel-good thing. Donations make it possible. So add to the feel-good day by dropping \$5 or \$10 into their donation box. Hope you'll join us, when the Palatine Picklers come back in a few months. Thanks, Marilyn, for getting us involved. Picklers really do have power even off the courts.

## NOW FOR MORE COLORFULLY DRESSED PICKLERS

We're done with the "naughty list" of boring-blah-bland Pickler attire. Now let's kick up the color volume. These pics are a LOT more fun for me to take and share.



John



Alex



Dennis



Gregg



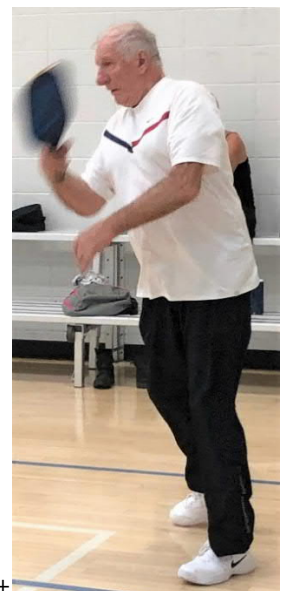
John



Barb



Ken



John



Kenny



Karin



Kim



Kinga

## LET'S STOP SAYING "START"

The USAPA would like us to start games with "zero-zero-two" (0-0-2), rather than the less formal "Start." It's how all sanctioned tournaments begin the game, and it just makes sense. The "2" indicates that the server is the last server on that team. Yeah, "Start" has a warm-fuzzy feel, but let's try to embrace the real score. "Start" is not a score. Scores are numerals. Thanks.



Kim



Lesa



Larry



Linda

## FALCON COURT ASSIGNMENTS

This was covered in the Tweener Memo, but let's review. We no longer have Mike assigning courts and pairings. Now we'll have the far side of the curtain be for "rec" play, while the near side is designated "competitive." You decide where you want to play, but, if you win three games in a row on the rec side, put your paddle on the competitive side. If you lose three in a row on that side, move to the rec side. It's the honor system, but please respect it. On each side we should have winners & losers racks. Thanks.



Mike



Mike



Beth



Bertha



Bill



Bob



Melody



Marv



Don



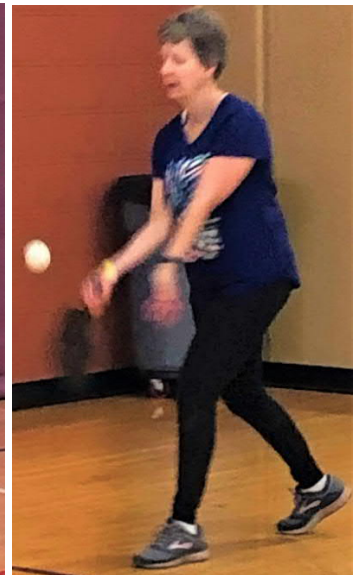
Bill



Clark



Carole

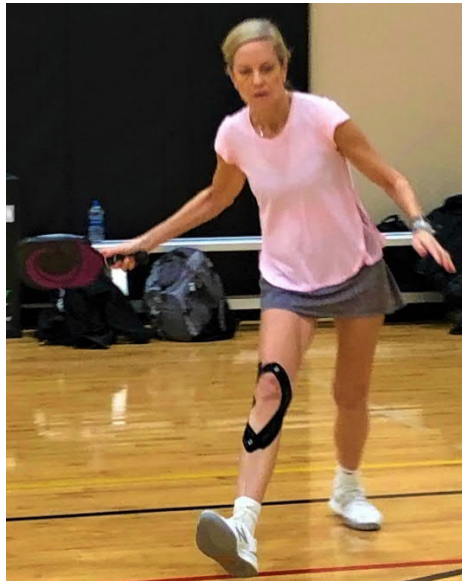


Carol

HOPE YOUR 2020 IS TOTALLY PICKLERIFFIC



Ellen



Donna



Dora



Frank



Greg



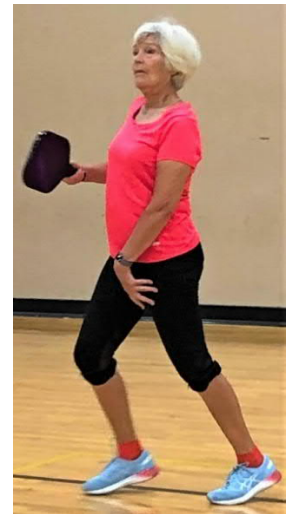
Gregg



Greg



Neal



Sue

## FALL, LOWER INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL TEAM REVIEW

We compete against the combined team of Barrington and the Midtown Club. It was an excellent fall season, with our Palatine Picklers barely edging the competition for the fall title. Our rosters included these Picklers: Angelina Seltzer, Carol Hawes, Connie Kus, Denise Hopkins, Linda Hycnar, Lynn Gens, Sandy Amatore, Sue Dougherty, Bear Shatwell, Bob Goldstein, Bob McGowan, Daniel Koste, Gary Thompson, Greg Kuhs, Jeff Frank, Jim Blair, and Mike Rosenblum. If interested in playing in the Winter season, write Bear at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).

## FALL, UPPER INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL TEAM REVIEW

These Picklers compete with three other clubs every other week. They've dominated, finishing first all but one week. Those Picklers who have contributed to this domination are Brigitte Latal, Cathy Carlson, Chris Grooms, Deanna Carstens, Donna Beechick, Kim Evans, Linda Mihel, Peggy Armstrong, Sandy Amatore, Sue Cole, Bob Bregenzer, Bob Goldstein, Don Kaplan, Gregg Didech, Jeff Degner, John Kirschner, Masato Suzuki, Marv Zwass, Neal Harris, Ray Gobberg, and Rob Paneral. If interested in this 3.5-4.1 league, write John Kirschner at [j-kirschner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j-kirschner@sbcglobal.net).



Susan



Stana



Steve



Steve



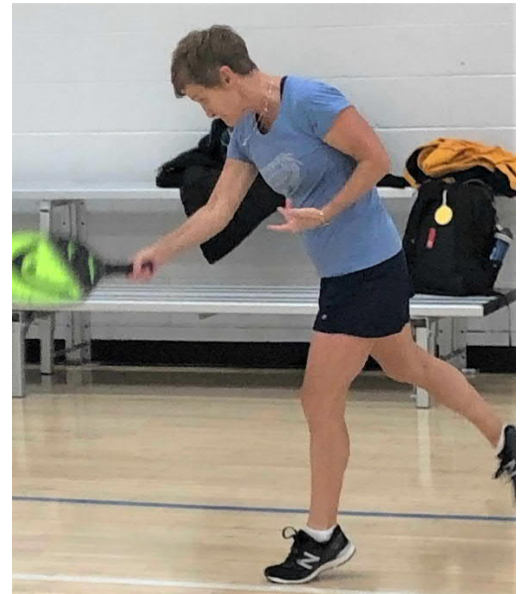
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Bob



Carl



Barb



Bob



Darrell



Deb



Elvira



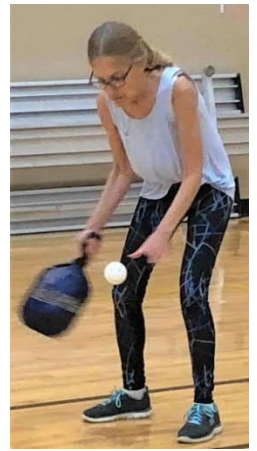
Terry



Susie



Tom



Wendy



Sherry



Shelly



Janice



George



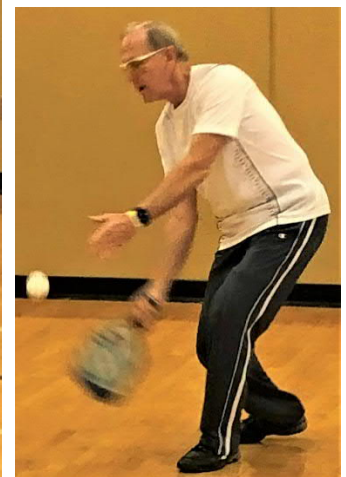
Dave



Gary



Frank



Fred

## DON'T FORGET TO SWAP SIDES ON THE GLARE COURT

Pay attention to your score, when you migrate to Falcon's lobby court. Subtract the high score from 11 (or 9), cut that in half (round up) and change ends, when one pair reaches that score. Announce that right away.





Jim



Jim



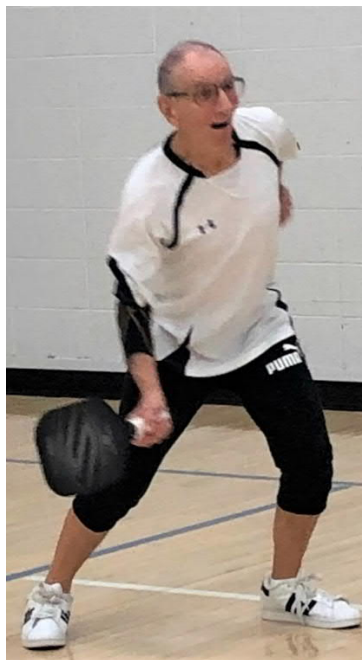
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Jim



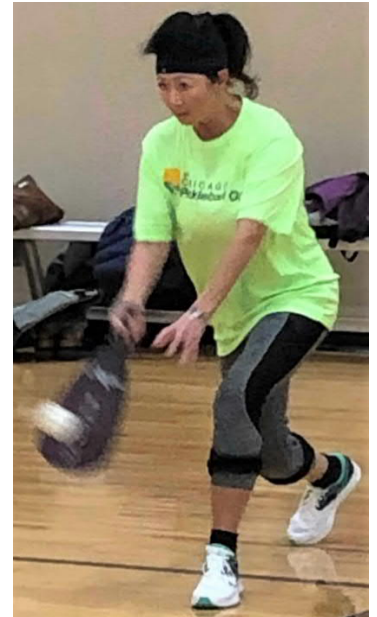
Valery



Tom



Susie's shirt



Sandy



Sally



Rick



Ray



Phil

WISHING EACH OF YOU A PICKLERIFFIC 2020

# LUCY KITCHER TOURNAMENT, PUNTA GORDA, FL



Adam Oliva  
3.5+ 19+ Singles ... Gold



Kristine Corrado  
3.5+ 19+ ... Bronze



Adam & Kristine  
3.5 19+ Mixed Doubles ... Silver



Lizanne



Jim



Laurie



Anneliese



John



Mike



Judy



Pat



Frank



Linda



Mike



Deanna



Marilyn



Mike



Mike



Nick



Ron



Ray

## KIM HAD A REALLY REALLY RARE LESSON

You'll have to ask Kim how this amazing thing came to be, but our own Kim Corrado had a one-on-one lesson from THE Kyle Yates. A few of you may be asking, "Who is Kyle Yates." Well, aside from being one of the most humble and friendly celebrities in the pickleball world ...

Kyle was first introduced to pickleball by his uncle, Mike Welter, while he was in high school. As an avid tennis player, his transition to pickleball was fairly quick. In 2014, Kyle played in his first USAPA National tournament and took gold the very first day in the men's doubles 19+.

Two years later, he decided to put his education at the University of Florida on hold in order to dedicate himself full-time to developing pickleball. Soon after, he won the grand slam of men's pro doubles by winning the US Open, Tournament of Champions, and the USAPA Nationals all in 2016.

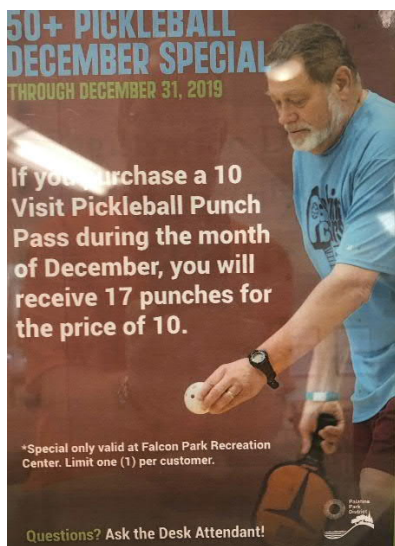
Since then, he has won six US Open pro doubles titles (with 4 different partners), two TOC pro doubles titles, and two USAPA Nationals pro doubles titles, among others. In 2018, he was named the WPF world #1 ranked doubles player. If you'd like to be entertained, Google or YouTube can show you some unbelievable highlights.



Kim with her personal mentor Kyle



Adam and Kristine got in on the photo op too



How cool that our own Howard Rosenberg was selected as the poster boy for the PPD's holiday gift to Picklers. I hope you all took advantage of this 17 for the price of 10 deal that expired at the end of 2019. I heard that Howard will sign photos of this poster that rested on Falcon's counter, for a \$3 donation to the Palatine Pickleball Club.

AND NOW FOR PICKLERS DONNING MY FAVORITE ATTIRE



Carin



Gus



Tom



Ron



Masato



Suren



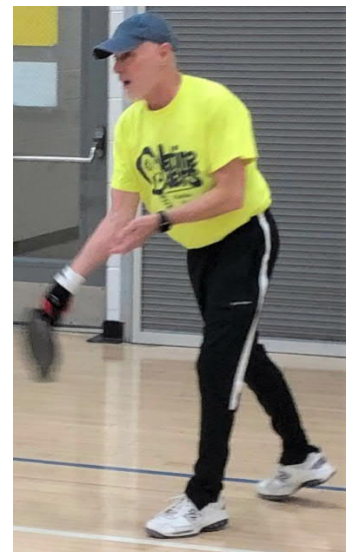
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Mike



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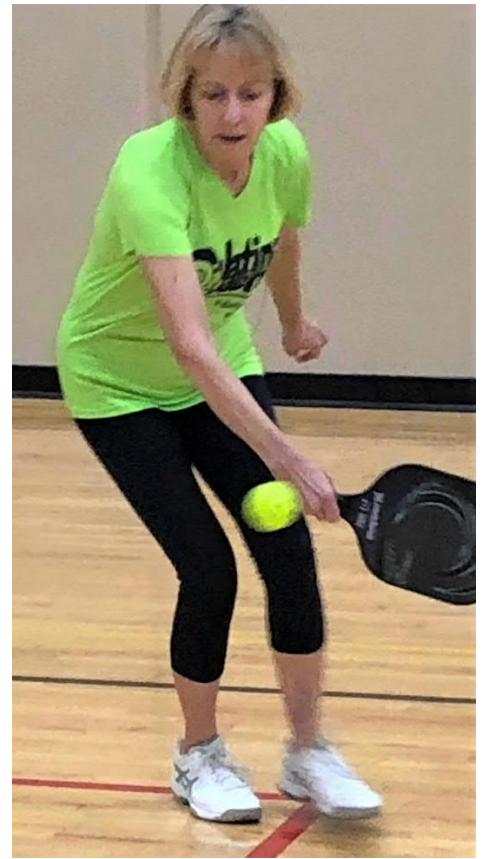
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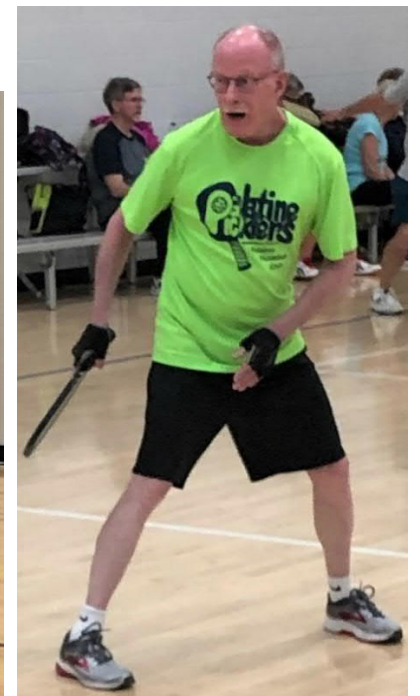
Jim



Gary



Greg



Dennis

## UNTALL TOURNEY MIGHT STILL ACCEPT LITTLE LADIES

The competition for Untall Queen is to take place at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington on Tuesday morning, January 21<sup>st</sup>. We have the eight untall ladies needed ... Elena, Angelina, Mary, Sandy, Cathie, Jane, Lynne, and Marilyn. If you are a Lady Pickler no taller than 5'3", you may still apply. I'll take one, two, or three for the alternate list. If four more want "in," I'll make a new format for 12 contestants. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com), if you'd like to get on the list of alternates and, maybe, actually play.



Debbie



Dave



Angelina



Deb



Bear



Bob



Steve



Bob



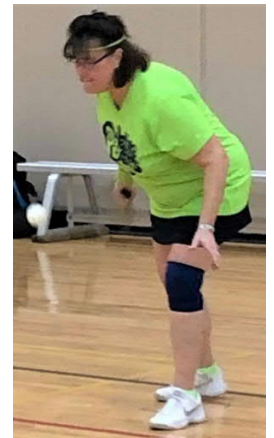
Tom



Anne



Michael



Linda



John



Jim



Lynn



Joe



Sue



John



Chris



Shelly

## HOW MANY PICKLER PICS WERE PUBLISHED IN 2019?

Only two months featured fewer than 200 pics. The 2019 total is 2843. That is a record year, and it will probably remain our record. I need to go on a Picklers laptop time diet.

## THANKS TO OUR 2019 PPC VOLUNTEERS

I'd like to thank those Picklers who have helped to make our 2019 an incredibly successful year. Our primary volunteers, in alphabetical order have been Anne Stein, Bob Sitarz, Bob McGowan, Dennis Bourgojn, Fran Piehl, Greg Kuhs, Jim Blair, Jim & Brigitte Latal, John Kirchner, John Pihl, Linda Cherney, Marv Zwass, Neal Harris, and Sandy Amatore. Also helping in assistant roles were Bob Goldstein, Bob Huber, Chris Ganas, Linda Hycnar, and Tony Scurba. Truly sorry, if I've skipped a valuable volunteer.



# I WANT TO THANK PALATINE PARK DISTRICT

Over the past five years, occasionally the Park District considered my lobbying a bit over the top. The PPD has given us a lot of things that enhance our enjoyment of our sport. We've gotten blinds at Falcon. We've gotten, first, lined tennis courts at Sycamore and Locust and, later, two exclusively pickleball courts at each location. We've gotten wind screens. We've gotten blinds on the walking track windows at Falcon. This year we got the awesome, Hamilton courts and even wind screens. We've gotten the OK to have elite players reserve two courts once a week. We have the right to reserve Sycamore for mentoring once a week. We've been invited to participate in PPD's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon the last two years. Now, we have the Falcon's playing time extended to 2:00 p.m., and all sorts of extra playing time at Birchwood. For all these we are truly appreciative. They have all contributed to the rapid growth of our Palatine Pickleball Club. Thank you, PPD.

## PICKLER OF THE MONTH

We don't have a Pickler of the Month every month so when we do, it's because there's someone who has shown him/herself to have stood out from the always wonderful crowd of Picklers. This time it's Elena Nikolaev. She REALLY loves being a Palatine Pickler. She's ALWAYS ready to play ... anywhere, anytime, or in any tournament. She's as optimistic as they come, and always has a good time, win or lose. She's also just made the largest donation to our club in its five-year history. Thank you, Elena.



## DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> AND 26<sup>th</sup> NEWBIES



Amy



Bill



Chad



Chris



Casey



Mark



Meg



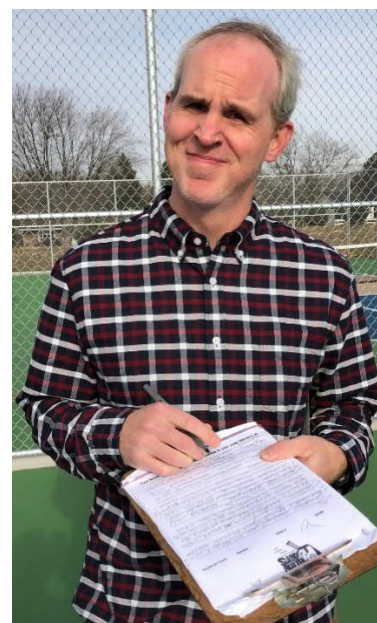
Nolan



Robert



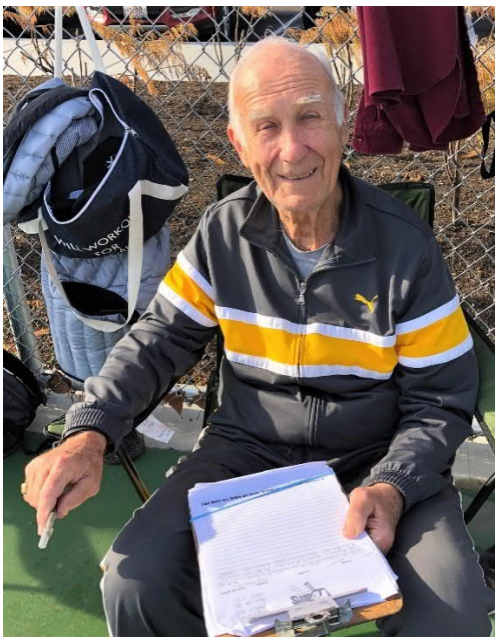
Ryan



Steve



Tyler



Zig



Maureen & Jeff

Thanks to Mother Nature's gift of warm and dry weather and to PPD's gift of Birchwood times, I signed up 14 new Palatine Picklers over the course of just two days.

That tops my first two nights of mentoring at Harper for most newbies in 2 days.



We love playing outdoors in Palatine in December, whether in shorts, biking gear, or Lucky's Eskimo attire.  
NOW FOR SOME RECENT PICKLER PICS WITHOUT ATTIRE GROUPINGS



Brian



Geri



Adam



Pat



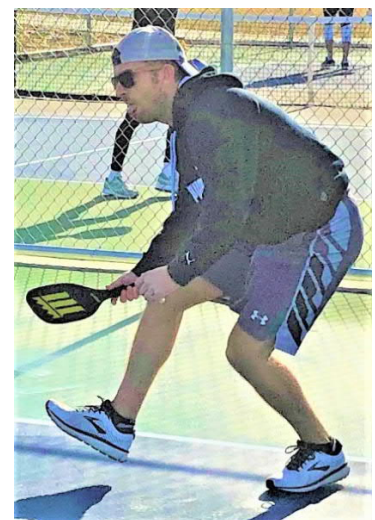
Elena



Cindy



Patti



Aaron



Jeanne



Bob



Greg



Jeff



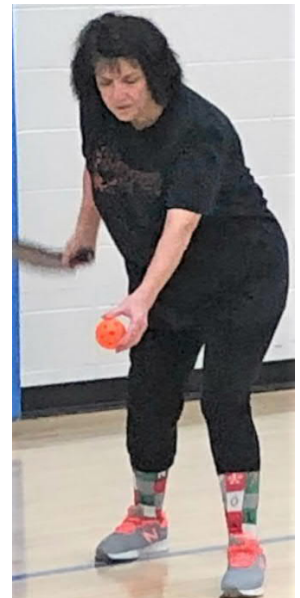
Ina



Jerry



James



Lynne



Mary



Gus



James



Mary Anne



Gail



Julie



Trish



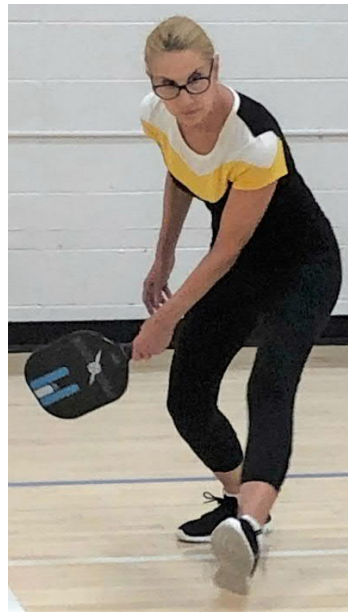
Chris



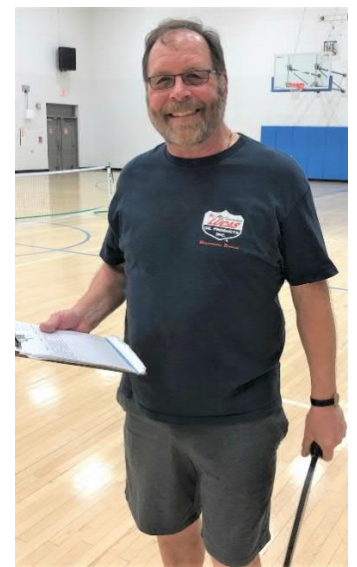
Gina



Clay



Julie



Dan



Sharan



Ann



Bill



Maureen



Sandy



Vida



Lucky



Special times at BIRCHWOOD were fantastic holiday gifts from the Palatine Park District. For a couple of these late December sessions, we had 30 Picklers enjoying the chance to play.

## LET'S REVIEW STATUS OF PALATINE PICKLER SHIRTS

I am still holding on to summer-order shirts for Karen R, Bud B, Josh W, Marge F, and Rick S.

From our most recent order, I still have shirts for Joan R, Janeen N, Emilie C, Ed S, and Judy K. ... and shirts for four more Picklers whose paperwork is missing in action. Let me know if you belong to one of these: XL v-neck wicking coral (or some orangeish color) ... Large cotton crew—neck Electric Blue ... 2 Large grey sweatshirts.

We cannot place an order, until we have at least 12 shirts being ordered. They can be any mix of styles. Just go to PalatinePicklers.com and select your style, color, and size. Then let Anne Stein ([ceceduc8@gmail.com](mailto:ceceduc8@gmail.com)) or me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) know what you'd like. Prices are shown on the website. How quickly we'll get shirts once ordered can vary. With so many styles, our printer has to order from different suppliers. To save us large shipping charges, they try to piggyback our shirts with other orders. Sometimes this is almost immediate, but sometimes it takes 2-3 weeks. I've opted to continue this process, rather than raising prices about \$3 per shirt to cover unshared shipping charges.

If anyone wants a white logo, rather than our dark blue, you can order it, but you'll have to wait until 11 more white ink shirts are desired, before we can place that order.

## PICKLER PLAYING TIMES, EARLY 2020

BIRCHWOOD    \$4/day    \$30/resident 10-play

Monday ... 18+ ... Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday ... 18+ ... Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday ... 18+ ... Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Friday ... 18+ ... 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (not January 3<sup>rd</sup>)

FALCON            \$5/day    \$40/resudebt 10-play

Monday ... 50+ ... y8:30 a.m. to

Wednesday ... 18+ ... 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Friday ... 18+ ... 8:30 a.m. to

HARPER            \$5/day    \$45/10-play

Monday ... 18+ ... 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday ... 18+ ... 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (January 7th through March 3rd)

Wednesday ... 18+ & skill level 3.5+ ... 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Thursday ... 18+ ... 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (January 9th through March 5th)

## WHADATYATHINK?

You know I'm always introducing new and creative tournaments. For this one, I want to test the waters. No skill level, no gender, no age restrictions. Just in happy pajamas. If you'd be up for a Pajama Pickle Party Tournament, please email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). It would be in March, if there's sufficient interest. Of course, it should be almost a requirement that participants DO go to lunch at Onion Pub after the Tuesday competition.

## GREG WOODSUM'S APPEAL TO BE PART OF PB HISTORY

Happy New Year, Fellow Palatine Picklers

I'm hoping that at least one Palatine Pickler is in the holiday spirit and, perhaps, we'll have more of you out there once you read this. In his recent newsletters, Bear has invited those that would like to have their name, club, slogan, etc. remembered forever at the birthplace of Pickleball on Bainbridge Island, Washington.

We currently have two pavers close to being ready to order. One is going to be a 12x12 paver with the Palatine Picklers logo and is being paid by Bear, Greg & Melody Woodsum, Neal Harris, Angelina Seltzer, and Connie Kus. This paver is ready to go. We also have a 2nd paver that needs one more entry at a cost of \$30 in order to be finalized. Attached is a mockup of what that paver will look like.

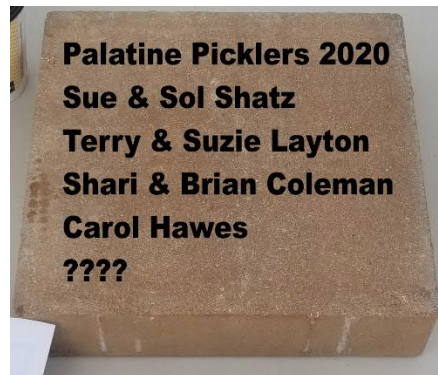
I would love to have more Palatine Picklers purchase a paver to reside forever at the birthplace of this game. Below is an excerpt from The Founders Courts Project form. We currently have the 1st and last bullet covered in some way. Let's see if we can add more:

- The game has grown because of the grassroots and innovative efforts of pickleball clubs all over North America. Buy a brick to honor and embed your pickleball club at the home of the game.
- The game has grown due to over a thousand Pickleball Ambassadors and their tireless work in promoting the game. Buy a brick in the name of an ambassador who has contributed

significantly to the growth and the quality of the game.

- Most importantly, the game has grown because of the individuals who took the time to help us learn the game while sharing their passion for the game in the process. Buy a brick in the name of the person who taught you the game.
- Or buy a brick in your own name because you want to support this historic effort. The bricks will be used to create the walkways, surrounds and common areas between courts. Join us, and together we'll create a facility honoring the birthplace — and the founders — of the game we all love!

If I order the pavers at the same time, they will be located together. Let's see if we can extend the holiday spirit and get a few more pavers ordered from the Palatine Picklers or whomever you want to honor in the name of pickleball. As a reminder one more name is needed at a cost of \$30. A small 8x8 paver is a total of \$150 with text only. A larger 12x12 paver is a total of \$450, but it can include a logo.



Let Bear know (aokbarry@yahoo.com), if you'd like to join us on bricks in the birthplace of pickleball.

Happy Holidays and Thanks,  
Greg Woodsum

Welcome to 2020. I'm sure we'll all help to make this a truly pickleriffic year for the Palatine Picklers. Thanks for your cooperation, participation, and sportsmanship throughout 2019.

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