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HAPPY 5th ANNIVERSARY, PICKLERS

It's hard to believe we're already 5 years old this month. It's the perfect time to look back and remember all we've accomplished and all the memories we've made. Yes, I've been the catalyst for 95% of this, but it's taken all of you to make them happen. The countless hours I invest on photos, newsletters, making scoreboards, mentoring, etc. is because I love doing things that let others enjoy their sport, their club, and even themselves a bit more. It's paying my dues for all with which I've been blessed in life. I was just as invested as President of youth hockey and years of managing teams of 9 and 10 year olds and creating 7 yearbooks for baseball. Looking back at five years of PPC newsletters and thousands of emails, I want to celebrate our five years by sharing some of what has made us the fantastic, fun, and unique club we are today.

In late February, 2015, at the request of the Palatine Park District, I started the PPC. I recruited Bob Roth, Dana Joseph, Darrell Rutter, Debbie Paneral, Kevin Wright, and Tim Saunders as our first Board. In our first meeting, we chose "Palatine Pickleball Club" as our club name and "Palatine Picklers" as what we'd call ourselves. We also voted to adopt the freehand logo I drew up as our official logo. We made it clear we were not competing with, or trying to replace, Dana's First Serve Management that had the contract to run pickleball in Palatine or the Palatine Park District itself. I wrote a list of our purposes and goals and brought it to Falcon, along with a nice display Darrell made. By the time I wrote that first, February newsletter, we had 71 members and were off and running. It was our original idea that we (the members) would elect officers from those who applied annually. Yeah, with zero applicants, that didn't work out as planned. The original Board lasted six months, before the administrative staff of PPC was just I. In subsequent years, a number of volunteers have stepped up to play major roles. John Pihl first suggested he could manage a website, if I gave him stuff to put on it. Major success. First Greg & Melody Woodsum, and then Greg Kuhs, Linda Cherney, Fran Piehl, Sandy Amatore, and Bob Sitarz took over our social calendar and deliver three get-togethers each year with games, prizes, raffles, and fun. Greg Kuhs volunteered to be our MailMaster getting communications from me to you.

Dana called reps from four clubs together to form an upper intermediate travel league to play every other Thursday at Canlan. I was the Palatine Captain. The league was to be run by Kirk, Canlan's then Pickleball Director. The first week I challenged his methodology. He "took his ball and went home," leaving me in charge of the new league. That worked fine. I managed to put 60 Palatine Picklers on rosters over the next couple years, while playing human trafficker for 53 Picklers to play for other teams that couldn't fill a roster. Then, two years ago, I was happy to turn the reins of Thursday's league over to Jim and Brigitte Latal. This year they

turned them over to John Kirschner. Jim, Brigitte, and John have been tremendously successful, with the PPC winning with ease over the other three clubs. Currently Gregg Didech is filling in for vacationing John.

I started two Tuesday, every other week matches ... one with Barrington and one with the Midtown Club. These were designed for 3.0 to 3.5 players. We'd play one club one Tuesday and the other the next. However, both our opponents started filling their rosters with stronger players. That conflicted with my idea of letting our intermediate Picklers have fun in competitive matches. I terminated that league and started two new ones. I had Midtown and Barrington play each other with the stronger players, while asking each club to give just two men and two ladies of 3.0 to 3.5 level to a combined MidBar team for our Palatine, lower intermediates to play. Both of these two, new matches/leagues are working well a couple years later, and a lot of Palatine Picklers are enjoying representing their club in competitive matches.

It was a year or two into the PPC that I started our summer mentoring program, for true newbies and beginners. From Day #1 we've had awesome Mentors in Mike O'Connor, Dennis Bourgojn, Neal Harris, Marv Zwass, and also me. We've had part-time assistance from Bob Goldstein, Linda Hycnar, Tony Sciorba, Chris Ganas, Bob Huber, and Jeff Degner. Each week these Wednesday sessions attract 25-35 students. At the end of each season I run a King/Queen of the Court tournament for the Mentorees. Always fun. This mentoring program has grown our club incredibly. Attendees tell their friends who tell their friends, etc.



Carole



Sandy



Shelly



Joshua



Larry



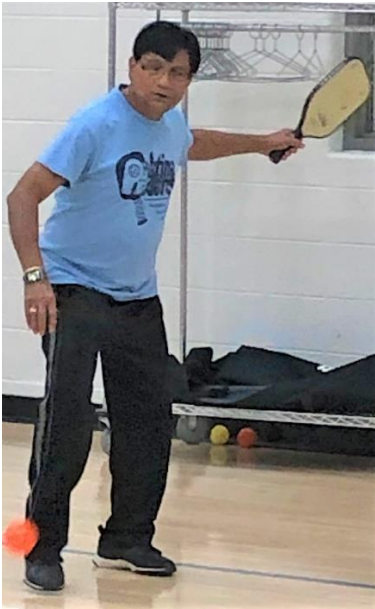
Karin



Kate



Julie



Kenny



Kim



Kimbra



JohnADFA

BACK TO REVIEWING CLUB HISTORY

I am thrilled with the relationship I/we have with the Palatine Park District now. However, that has evolved. I was, admittedly, a PITA to them in the past. I kept asking for stuff. Early on I wanted the tennis courts lined for pickleball at Sycamore and Locust. We got that. Then I asked for true pickleball courts. We got that too, though I should have suggested 6 pickleball courts at Sycamore and leave the two tennis courts at Locust. We got 2 pickleball courts and one dual-purpose tennis court at each facility. Still a major gift for us. Then I lobbied for anti-glare shades on the upper, walking track at Falcon. We got that also. The lobby court is, understandably, still an obstacle, but I initiated the “change sides half way through the rest of your game” policy, when you “migrate” (cloned that term for our use) to the “Glare Court.” Last June, the Palatine Park District gave us the biggest gift imaginable, with the eight, awesome Hamilton courts.

TOURNAMENTS OF EVERY KIND

I strive to create tournaments for every segment of our membership. Most have been age-related. We’ve had King/Queen 60-64 ... 70+ men (three times) ... 60s King/Queen (twice) ... 65+ men ... 50s men ... 50s ladies ... ladies closest to 60 ... 60-64 ladies ... 65+ King/Queen ... 55-65 Queen ... 8 youngest Queens ... Oldest Ladies ... Oldest 8 Men ... 60+ Queen ... 50+ Queen ... 70+ King/Queen. We had a King/Queen 3.0 to 3.5 tournament. We’ve also had the Family Fun Tournament for 13 pairs of non-spousal relatives ... the Bionic Tournament for those who have had a hip, shoulder, or knee replacement ... 4 Mentorees, season-end tournaments ... a Lefties tournament ... three Skinny Singles tournaments ... last month’s Untall Ladies Tournament (5’3” and under) ... This month we have the Tree Toppers Tournament for men 6’+ ... and next month we’ll have the Picklers’ Pajama Party Tournament ... I may be forgetting a few, but you get the idea. Always looking for ideas.

We had our Picklers Marathon ... Falcon 8:00 to 1:00 ... Lunch/travel break ... Birchwood 2:00 to 5:00. This had four contests ... most wins, most points, most steps, and best guess for what would be the most steps.

MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER STATS

In December I sent our **1,400th member my welcoming email**. Including this month’s, I have sent our members **61, monthly newsletters** which totaled **782 pages** and contained **6,637 photos**. Along the way we have also sold a total of **502 Palatine Picklers shirts**.



Ann



Clay's shirt



Bill



Frank



Greg



Jeff



Janice



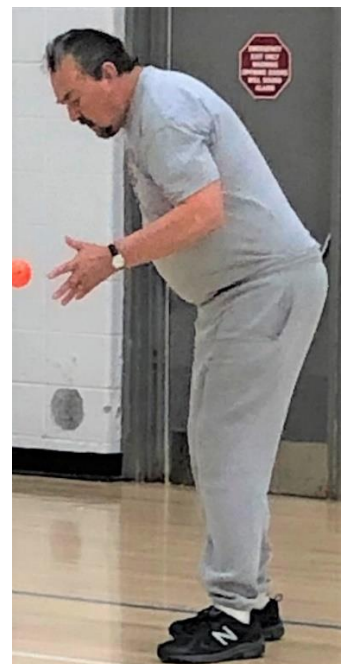
Gina



George



Jean



John



John



John



John



John



Lesa



Ron



Tom



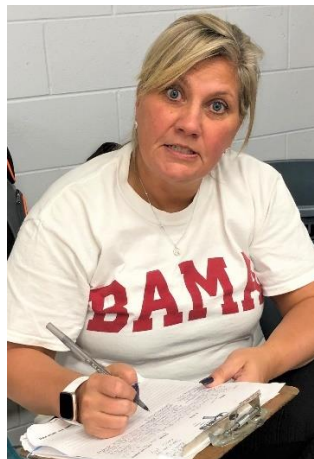
Ron



Laura



Les



Kimberly



Lisa

HERE'S A HEFTY HELPING OF HIGHLIGHTS in no particular order

- **The Tucky Tournament** ... We lost Tucky Marchica to Multiple Myeloma. She played in both Palatine and Hoffman. With Bill and Linda Graba from Hoffman's help, we secured the Fabbrini courts at no cost and got the Hoffman Park District to donate tables and chairs. I did some promoting, as did Hoffman. I made sign-up sheets and "medalist" certificates I put in little frames I had. Tim Saunders helped me with registration and court assignments. 40 picklers from two clubs had a great morning, and I was able to donate 100% of the \$1240 we brought in to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.



- **Early Travel Attempts** ... We had, in our first summer, a travel team match at Hoffman in which we were blown away, but, in all our colorful Palatine Picklers shirts, we looked better. Then we went to Libertyville for another travel team match. This time we did the blowing.



- **Skinny Singles** ... We had two or three summer-long, half-court singles ladder tournaments and one fall, indoor one. I remember one of the outdoor winners was Greg Woodsum, and Ralph Cook won the indoor one. Darrell Rutter ran the first outdoor tournament.
- **Pinging Picklers** ... We had a great 10-player tournament in 2018 which Jake John won. I couldn't make it happen in the fall of 2019, but we'll have another this spring.
- **Picklers Picnics & Luscious Luncheons** ... What started with the Woodsum's Picklers' Picnic in the Park with food and pickleball at Sycamore has grown under Greg, Linda, Fran, Sandy, and Bob. We've enjoyed several spring and holiday luncheons upstairs at Lamplighter Inn and a couple fall picnics on the lakeview deck at Twin Lakes. Now we've enjoyed fantastic food and fun at The Dream Place, for December's holiday luncheon. The Social Committee has always decorated with pickles, created fun games, run raffles for great prizes, and kept things moving and fun.
- **Feed My Starving Children** ... Marilyn Darby got a late start at the December luncheon, but she managed to recruit about a dozen of us Picklers to spend about three hours in Schaumburg filling bags of food that make an unbelievable difference to kids in myriad countries. She'll spearhead another excursion this spring and will let me know when so I can let you know. I'm sure we can get a few dozen Picklers to donate one morning or afternoon to this wonderful cause. It's even a lot of fun.
- **Photo Day** ... Every year we've had a Photo Day. We stop play at 10:00 at Falcon to have each Pickler wearing a PPC shirt gather for a group photo. Of course, this group gets bigger and bigger each year, but it's fun for all to be part of this incredible, growing group of Palatine Picklers.
- **Two Favorite Newsletters** ... I enjoy trying to incorporate seasons in my newsletters. It took some work, but I LOVE the **February, 2017** newsletter. That's Valentines month, and I included photos of 50 husband-wife photos of Picklers. That still makes me feel really warm-fuzzy that so many couples can enjoy a sport together. I had that with golf with my late wife, and it made a great marriage almost magical. A physician blunder has postponed pickleball for my bride of 7 years, but we'll love it later. The **May, 2018** newsletter had my review of my first experience of the U.S. Open. Was this ever a Picklers' bucket list experience. I won't regurgitate it, since you can find it on our website. I walked the parking lots taking pics of smiley license plates, and I even wrote a poem (I do that a lot) about my week-long experience in Naples.
- **We have a website** ... When John Pihl got PalatinePicklers.com up for the world to see, I felt as though I/we were on the red carpet at the Oscars. For a pretty cyber-stupid guy, this was big time. Occasionally, John will share with me the numbers of how many are visiting our site. The numbers are, to me, almost nonsensical. The number of states and countries checking us out is staggering. John has done an amazing job of making the site user-friendly and interesting.
- **Facebook** ... From the first Board Neal Harris and then Debbie Paneral got us onto Facebook. Last year Karin Beil resurrected our presence. I probably should promote that more. Sorry.
- **Twitter** ... Greg Kuhs has gotten us on Twitter. I think I registered years ago, but am clueless. I don't even want to get involved with Twitter or Instagram. Facebook is more than enough for me. I hope I ran a two-day Grand Opening, because the first day was weather-challenged. I brought a ton of donuts and had Crown Royal bags as favors. The reception was nuts ... 40-some the first day and 70-some the second day. EVERYONE loved these courts, the nicest in the suburbs. I made sure I got the first serve on the first day, because, well, I thought I deserved it. it's being of benefit to you Twitterers.
- **Volunteer Recognition Luncheon** ... This week 10 of us attended our third, annual Palatine Park District Luncheon, along with volunteers from many of Palatine's clubs and organizations. Last year Greg Kuhs was recognized as our Volunteer of the Year. This year it was Anne Stein.

- **Grand Openings of Hamilton ...**



These, fantastic courts have helped to grow our club big time. I'd drive by them at least once a day, even when not playing. If I saw cars or bikes, I'd go, introduce myself and the club, and sign up newbies who do/will love all that membership offers. At the Grand Openings, we gave away 7 dozen donuts and 47 Crown Royal bags.

- **Bainbridge ...** Being part of the history of pickleball seems so cool to me and a few others. I'm sorry the bulk of our membership feels \$30 is too much to become a part of this sport's heritage. We have only two, complete bricks (go back to read in most, recent newsletters, particularly January's). We have two wanting others to join them on a third brick. If you'd like to join us at at the birthplace of pickleball, email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com). Come on ... It's \$30. You can take your grandkids, to see your name enshrined there.
- **Hamilton Court Assignments ...** I asked our Handyman Jim Blair to make tubes like Fabbrini uses for court assignments. That part I borrowed. Then I designated the south (right) cage for "rec" players and the left (north) cage for "competitive" players. Go wherever you feel comfortable, BUT, if you win three consecutive games on rec, to to competitive, and, if you lose three, consecutive games there,

move to rec. This worked well all summer, almost. I wasn't there a couple times when non-Picklers wanted to control a court by themselves. Confrontation is difficult. I'm a shy guy. I will be the wall flower at any party, but on pickleball courts with my Picklers there, I'm a force with which to be reckoned. Right is right, and I'll make it happen. Long ago I learned you can't please all the people all the time, and I don't care. When there is a situation which is right for most, that's got to be enforced.



Jim



Jim



Joan



Michael



Patti



Patti



Ron



Steve

1st MEDALISTS OF THE MONTH (more later)



Judy Beckwith & Brigitte Latal
Lockport Snow Bowl
4.5 ..., Silver



Melody & Greg Woodsum
Pickleplex at Punta Gorda
Mixed 4.0 60+ ... Gold



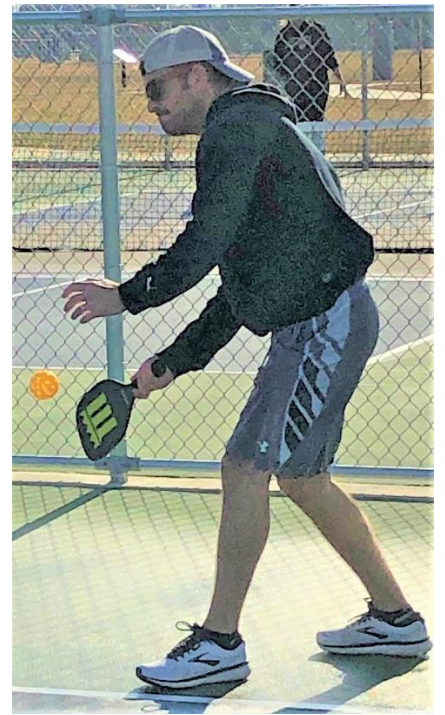
Bill



Bill



Bill



Aaron



Bob



Bear



Gary



Greg



Anneliese



Chris



Chuck



Clark



Mary Pat



Bobbi



Mike



Pat



Our young phenom, **Sammy Rosenthal**, was already building quite a pickleball resume. Now that he's had a private lesson with Simone Jardim who collects pro gold medals seemingly weekly, expect to see Sammy winning 4.5 tournaments with regularity very soon.



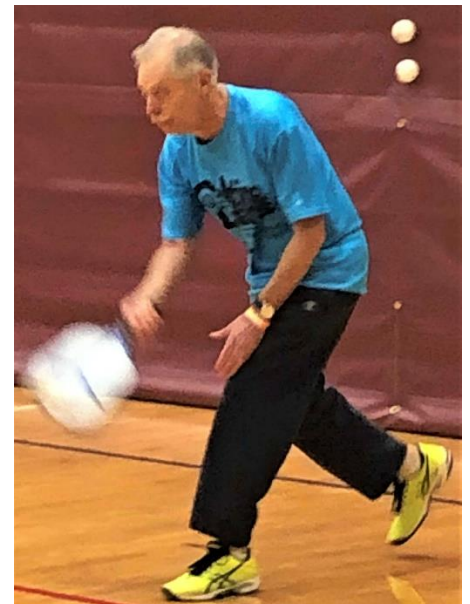
Sally



Janine



Mike



Steve



Sue



Sue



Tom



Tom

TAKE PICKLEBALL ... ADD PLATFORM TENNIS ... THEN ADD A LOT OF STEROIDS

Alberto Bernabe came across a sport that he wanted to share with us. The two videos shared here are bound to elicit "Wow" several times, "OMG" a few times, and maybe even a "You have got to be kidding me." Enjoy.

https://youtu.be/z2Uq6nPk_GU

<https://youtu.be/RGUOHfNaoco>

Copying and pasting each on my address line and clicking Enter worked for me. These WILL make you smile.



* * * * * Four Lindas * * * * *



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th 10:15
Our annual Photo Day at Falcon.
I'll call time out for all games, and those Picklers IN PPC shirts will gather on the lobby side of the curtain for photos.

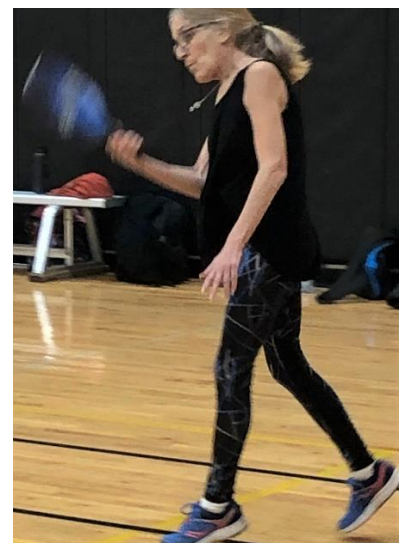
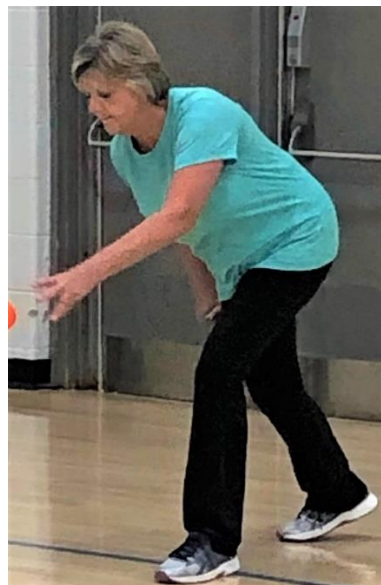


Lynne

Phil

Keith

Pat



Vik

Valery

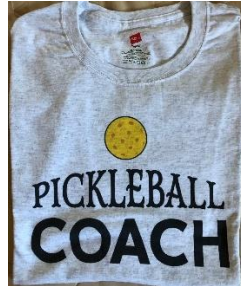
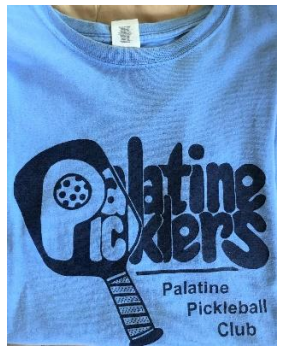
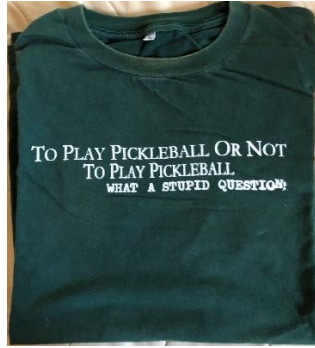
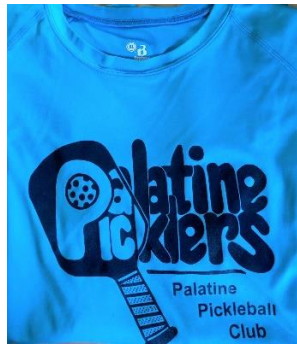
Vida

Wendy

MOVING FROM WORN SHIRTS TO EMPTY SHIRTS

Two months ago we saw the collection of (has to be) World Record Holder of Pickleball Shirts Lynne Weisbart. As Forrest Gump said, "For no particular reason," I thought I'd share my closet's contents. Feel free to share your pickleball wardrobe. Just send me the pics, and I WILL put them in a newsletter. However, Senior Games shirts are not pickleball shirts so I won't be sharing those.





Alberto



Bob



Chris's shirt



Cindy



Dan



Connie



Wendy



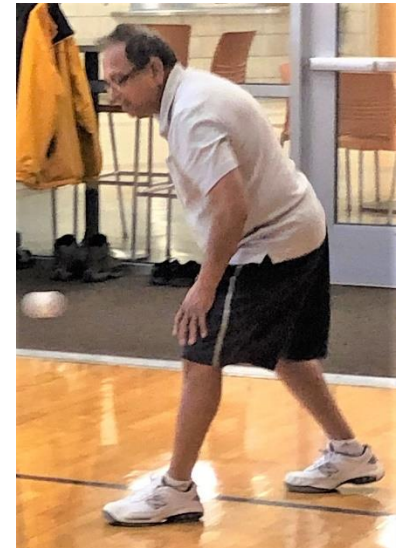
.Sherry



Val



Steve



Satish



Barb



Dennis



Bob



Carin



Darrell



Neal



Mary Beth



Rich



Ray



Dave



Don



Donna



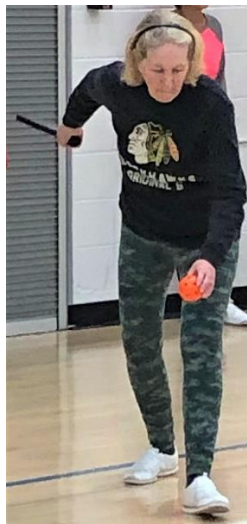
Donna



Elvira



Frank



Gail



Harry



Howard

MEXICAN RENDEZVOUS

Greg Kuhn and Linda Cherney vacationing in Puerto Vallarta played pickleball with another pair of vacationing Picklers ... Jaime Sandoval and Deb Sutton. Love it, when Picklers connect far from home.



Mike



Karyn



Jim



Alex



Gregg



Masato



Marv



Elena



Chris



Karen



John's shirt



Julie



Fran



Mike



Mike

WE'RE SADDENED, OF COURSE, BUT ALSO THANKFUL



Dennis P. Waliczek passed away last month. Dennis joined the Palatine Picklers in November of 2016. His widow Sue also joined our club. Dennis was a positive personality who will be greatly missed. In recent years he played mostly to the east of us, but I've heard from other Picklers who frequent Buffalo Grove and Wheeling courts that he was a perfect partner. He made the games fun for all. Not long after walking off the pickleball courts, he quietly passed away at home. He was 75. To have enjoyed his sport on his last day with us is certainly a blessing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and the family.



Hank



Joe



Jenny



Jim



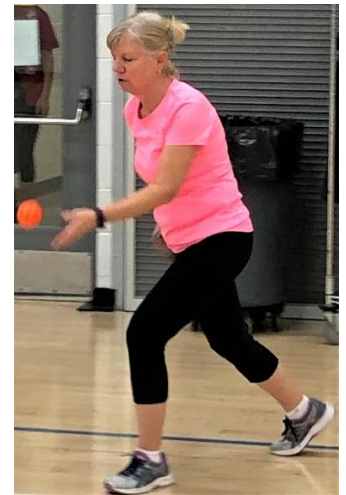
Jim



Melody



Ken



Mary



Gary



Deb



Marion



Anne

PICKLERS PAJAMA PARTY

A lot are signed up, but I'll take more. Play begins at 9:30 Thursday, March 5th at Canlan. It's round robin, with no regard for age, skill, gender, or slipper size. This is just for fun. We'll keep the fun going at lunch at the Onion Pub, once we've rhetorically crowned the Picklers Pajama Prince or Princess. No, you do not have to wear slippers, but you may play in a bathrobe over your PJs, in curlers, a night cap, or even with a sleep ap machine on your back. To register email me at (please) aokbarry@yahoo.com. There will be voting on best PJs.



Kathy



Mark



Mary



Rick

MORE MEDAL SUCCESSES

Let's look at what else took place in the last month. Sometimes I'm the last to know. That causes these late-in-the-newsletter entries, but it doesn't detract from the successes these Palatine Picklers enjoyed. Again, please email me you medal pics, the tournament, your partner, the division, and the color of your medal.

RIVERBEND GAMMA CLASSIC, Labelle, FL



Kimberly Bachrouche & Kristine Corrado
4.0 19+ Women's ... Silver



Adam Oliva
Men's Singles ... 4.0 ... Gold



Chaz Perryman & Adam Oliva
Men's ... 4.0 19+ ... Gold



Melody Woodsum
Women's Doubles ... 3.5 60+ ...
(Margaret Pfister had already left)



Riva Post & Kristine Corrado
Pickleplex Grand Opening ...
Punta Gorda, FL ... 4.0 ... Silver



Adam Oliva & Kristine Corrado
Mixed ... 4.0 19+ ... Silver
Lucy Kitcher, middle, runs many FL events

UPPER INTERMEDIATE PICKLERS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE

Playing every other Thursday morning at Canlan Sportsplex, our 3.5-4.0 team routinely wins, and wins big, over the teams from Hoffman, DuPage, and LibertyRidge, the combined team of Libertyville & Park Ridge.

LOWER INTERMEDIATE PICKLERS ARE WELL-MATCHED

Playing every other Tuesday morning at Canlan, our 3.0-3.5 team seemingly alternates victories with MidBar, the combined team of Midtown Club & Barrington. Lots of close matches and fun times.

“UNTALL LADIES” TOURNAMENT WASN’T SHORT ON FUN

One dozen diminutive dinkers from our club met at Canlan, to crown the Ultimate Untall Pickler. The bar was set at 5’3”. Only those who could stand under it could compete. You can meet them below.



At 5’10” I never thought I could feel so tall. The Ladies invited me, and I thought I might give some perspective.



Lynne

Elena

Cathie

Jane

Angelina

Karen



Mary

Marilyn

Sue

Geri

Theresa

Sandy

There were 11 rounds in our Untall Ladies Tournament. Each Lady partnered once with each other Lady. Games were to 8, win by 1. To see which Untall stood tallest at the end of the morning, see the next page.

PALATINE PICKLERS		UNTALL LADIES											JAN. 21 2020	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	
1 Angelina	0	8	8	8	6	7	8	8	3	7	8		71	
2 Karen	1	0	6	4	0	8	8	4	3	8	8		50	
3 Cathie	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	1	8	8	8		80	3 rd
4 Elena	2	2	7	8	8	8	6	7	8	8	8		72	
5 Geri	8	0	8	8	5	8	8	7	3	3	2		60	
6 Jane	8	2	3	0	0	8	8	8	8	7	3		55	
7 Lynne	8	8	7	4	8	8	6	8	8	8	8		81	2 nd
8 Marilyn	1	8	3	4	5	7	1	1	2	8	7		47	
9 Mary	8	8	8	4	8	4	6	8	8	3	2		67	
10 Sandy	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	2	8	8		82	1 st
11 Sue	2	7	8	0	6	7	6	4	3	3	7		53	
12 Theresa	0	7	6	8	8	4	1	8	8	3	3		56	



Our Ultimate Untall Pickler was Sandy (in blue). Second was Lynne (in yellow). Third was Cathie (in green). One point separated 1st and 2nd and one point separated 2nd and 3rd. That's great competition. Congratulations to all for great play and camaraderie. Many enjoyed good lunch and conversation at the Onion Pub afterward.



Jean



Ralph



Karen



Regan



Leah



Paula



Mark



Ed



Susie



Frank



Debbie



John



Scott



Denise



Barb



Julie



Kathy



Deb



Lisa



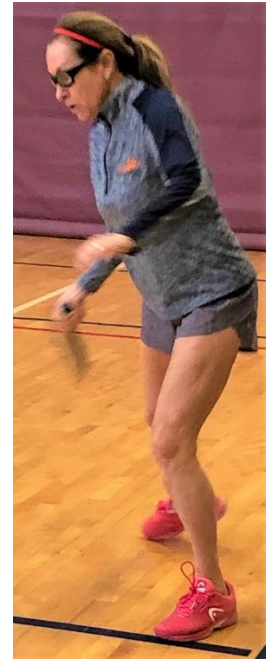
Kristie



Kelly



Karen



Thea



Betty



Denise's shirt



Laurie



Bob



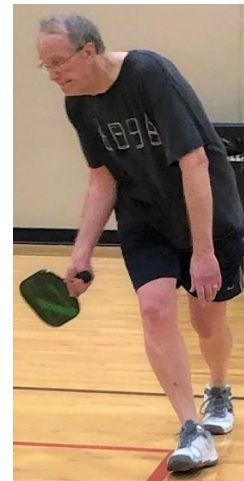
Chris



Kathy



Noreen



Bob



John

DRILL SESSIONS APLENTY FOR ALL LEVELS

I'm often asked where Picklers can go to drill. Here are some options for honing your skills.

Indoor Pickleball Clinics (BEGINNER, BEGINNER PLUS & ADVANCED Classes)
(Register through the Recreation Dept - see registration info below) All indoor classes held at Western Springs Recreation Gym, 1500 Walker St., Western Springs 60558

Beginner Clinic - Wednesdays 12 - 1pm

Beginners Class

Instructor Cliff Florczak

February 5 - February 26 Code for registration 240251 A1 Fee \$50.00

March 4 - March 25 Code for registration 340251 A1 Fee \$50.00

Beginner Plus Clinic - Wednesdays 11 - 12pm

NEW CLASS

Graduated out of a Beginners Class or need a little more instruction and still feel that you are not quite ready to jump into open play? This class is for you.

Instructor Cliff Florczak

February 5 - February 26 Code for registration 240251 A3 Fee \$50.00

March 4 - March 25 Code for registration 340251 A3 Fee \$50.00

Beginner Clinic - Fridays 12 - 1pm

Instructor Jose Sosa

February 7 - February 28 Code for registration 240251 A Fee \$50.00

March 6 - March 27 Code for registration 340251 A Fee \$50.00

Advanced Clinic - Fridays 11 - 12pm

NEW CLASS

Instructor Jose Sosa

February 7 - February 28 Code for registration 240251 A4 Fee \$50.00

March 6 - March 27 Code for registration 340251 A4 Fee \$50.00

Beginner Clinic - Tuesdays 6 - 7pm

Instructor Jose Sosa

February 4 - February 25 Code for registration 240251 A2 Fee \$50.00

March 3 - March 24 Code for registration 340251 A2 Fee \$50.00

Indoor Skills & Drills Clinics (Intermediate thru Advanced only) This is not a beginners class (Register through the Recreation Dept - see registration info below) Indoors at Western Springs Recreation Gym, 1500 Walker St., Western Springs 60558

This class is designed to take your skills to a new level through a variety of drills. Practicing these techniques can only add to your playing skills. Each week sets a new challenge and will help your skills in dinking, 3rd shot drop, lobs, forehand and backhand and serving. Instructor Jose Sosa (PPR certified instructor/coach) has been teaching pickleball for over 15 years. Equipment provided or bring your own.

Skills & Drills - Mondays 10:30 - 12:30pm

Instructor Jose Sosa

February 17 - March 2 Code for registration 240251 B Fee \$43.00/\$53.00

March 16 - March 30 Code for registration 340251 B Fee \$43.00/\$53.00

THE RACKET CLUB OF CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT

9101 S. Route 31, Algonquin 847-658-5688

Drop-in Drill n' Play Clinics led by World Top 25 Player & IPTPA-certified Teaching Pro John Cincola

1st Wednesday of each month, 2:00 to 3:30 ... 3.0/Beginner to Advanced Beginner

2nd & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 2:00 to 3:30 ... 3.5/Intermediate

4th Wednesday of each month, 2:00 to 3:30 ... 4.0/Advanced

Daily Fee: \$10/members and \$15/non-members

PIONEER PARK, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

500 S. Fernandez

Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 drop-in, through May. Instructors Skip Kornfeind and Dennis Bourgojn work with newbies. Paddles are available. Daily fee: \$6 or 4 passes for \$20. 4 courts. Drills, play, rules, strategy. 847-577-3035 or 847-271-3010.

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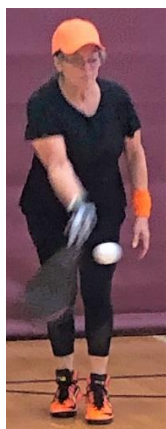
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PICKLEBALL DRILLS WITH APRIL ... 6 Fridays, February 28 through April 3. 8:30-10:00 a.m. Beginning level.

Daily Fee: \$25 or all 6 sessions \$125. Paddles available. Instructor: April Volpe.



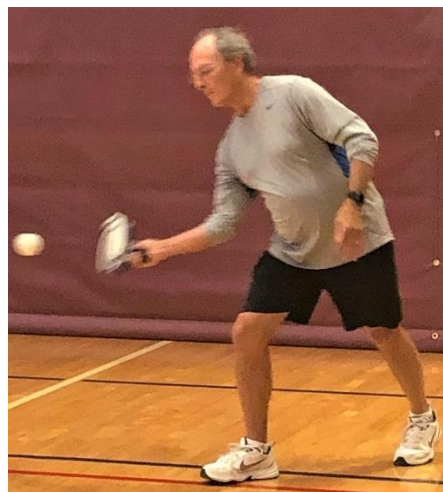
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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS RUN BY PALATINE PICKLERS



We are pleased to announce **The Harper College Classic**. This tournament will be part of the Chicago Series presented by Chicago Metro Pickleball.

Tournament Name:

Harper College Classic
(Chicago Series - Tier II)

22 COURTS *

Date: June 12 - 14, 2020

Address: 1200 W Algonquin Rd., Palatine, IL 60067

Registration Fee: \$60 and \$20 per event

Early Registration Fee: \$48. Ends 3/15/20

Registration fee includes: a tournament t-shirt, a welcome bag, and three raffle tickets

Friday - Men and Women's Singles

Saturday - Men and Women's Doubles

Sunday - Mixed Doubles

LEVELS 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0

Age Divisions: 0 - 49 (19+), 50+

* Ages and levels may be combined if less than 5 teams.

* The number of teams in each division will determine format.

Early Registration Ends: March 15, 2020

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2020

Cancellation Deadline: June 3, 2020

Must register by May 1, 2020 to receive a tournament shirt!!

Call or email us with any questions! Adam - 847.513.2283 Kristine - 831.265.2706

Info@DinkBangSideout.com



Marlene



Fred



Sandy

Schaumburg Park District's
SHAMROCK PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 14 ... Noon – 4 p.m. (or until completion)

The Sports Center, 1141 W Irving Park Rd, Schaumburg

Round Robin format. Ladies' Doubles 3.0+ (barcode 38768) Men's doubles 3.0+ (barcode 38769)

Fees: \$50/team Field limited to 8/16 teams per division

Register at The Sport Center or at parkfun.com-team registration.com

For information call 847-891-1266

Net Candy Pickleball presents

Spring Swing 2020

Crystal Lake Racket Club, 9101 S Rt 31, Lake in the Hills

March 27-29

Friday, March 27 ... 3.5 Men's/Women's Doubles ... Singles ... Pro Skinny Singles \$\$\$

Saturday, March 28 ... 4.0 ... 4.5 ... 5.0 Men's & Women's Doubles

Sunday, March 29 ... All level Mixed Doubles

To register go to pickleballtournaments.com



Dick



Lee Ann



Roger



Jim



Chris



Lobster



Clay



Suren



Dale



Sandy



Justin



Bertha



Terry



Karla



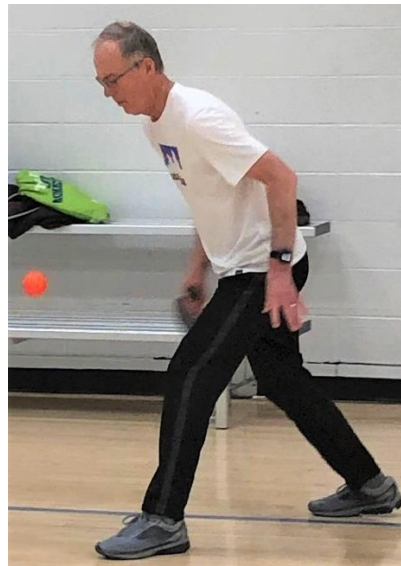
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Dave



Peter



Mike

Pickler Theresa Lemmer is the Director of this one. Players will be bracketed by skill level.

★ D214 Pickleball ★

Tournament



Round-robin format

8 players/bracket

7 guaranteed games

Warmups start at 8 AM

Tournament starts at 9AM

Registration Deadline: 2/28

Only \$29 to participate, \$25 for GC

**Register online at ce.d214.org or
at (847) 718-7700 (class #1857)**

 **Community
Education**
High School District 214

March 7

8AM - 2PM

Forest View Educational Center
North & South Gyms (Door 1)
2121 S. Goebbert Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL

It's so cool that we have so many Palatine Picklers running tournaments. Let's see. There's Dana/Mike ... Adam/Kristine ... Jose ... George ... Theresa ... that I can think of. Maybe more. That's awesome.

OUR HONORED VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

On February 1st, ten Palatine Picklers who have volunteered their time and talent during 2019 enjoyed a great meal and inspiring 3.5 hours at the Palatine Park District's "Volunteer Recognition Luncheon." Eighteen, local clubs/organizations had put up one individual to be recognized for his/her service to their group. I'd written my nomination for Anne Stein, our "Shirt Lady." It's a pretty big deal, and she's a pretty big "dill" for us.



Jay Cozza, Pickler & PPD
Board President, Anne, & Mike
Clark, PPD Executive Director



Anne's plaque



posing in front of our banner

Congratulations, and thank you, Anne, for all your shirtly efforts.

There to witness Anne's honor were her hubby and Platine Pickler Harvey Stein, and 2019 volunteers Bear Shatwell, Bob Goldstein, Bob Sitarz, Jim Blair, Karin Beil, Linda Hycnar, Marv Zwass, and Sandy Amatore.

2 QUICK QUESTIONS NEEDING FEEDBACK

- 1) How many of you would be interested in walking with the Palatine Pickleball Club in Palatine's 4th of July Parade? I know spots have to be reserved well in advance, and we may have already missed it, but I think it would be an awesome way to grow local interest. If there's enough interest, I'll work on a game plan and jump through the hoops to make it happen. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you'd be willing to walk a couple mile parade route in your club shirt and with your paddle.
- 2) Always looking for more FUN tournaments, I'm considering widows (unisex term for widows and widowers). If you are one (being remarried does not nullify your widow status) and would be interested in playing in a widow tournament ... and would enjoy the sharing that would occur in the post-play lunch, please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. If there's sufficient interest, I'll set a date.

NEW COURT ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURE FOR FALCON



No longer will there be a competitive side and a rec side of the curtain. The next available court will be filled with the four who are up next. I've hired Jim Blair to build four, 8-paddle racks (see photo at left) ... two for competitive and two for rec. At the front of each rack is an indicator as to which (Win or Lost) rack is due up next. An arrow between the rec and competitive racks will indicate which group is due up next.

The hardest easy thing to remember is, when you remove four paddles for those heading to a court, move the rack indicator AND the arrow indicator. This new procedure should eliminate ALL the concerns that you've shared with met in 2020.

PICKLER PLAYING TIMES, EARLY 2020

BIRCHWOOD \$5/day \$30/resident 10-play \$40/non-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.

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

Monday ... 50+ ... 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Friday ... 18+ ... 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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. (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. (through March 5th)

PERFECT TIME & PLACE FOR NEWBIES TO PLAY

That Monday afternoon session in the Birchwood gym is ideal. It's not heavily attended. Those who do play are welcoming and helpful to beginners. There are virtually no confusing, extraneous lines on the courts. The lighting is wonderful. It provides a no-stress opportunity to practice and develop your skills.

ORDER NOW & YOU MAY HAVE A SHIRT IN TIME

We cannot place our orders, until they contain at least twelve shirts total, regardless of what styles. Then it takes two to four weeks before I can pick them up from the printer. To hold down our shipping costs so I can keep your prices low, the printer piggybacks our orders onto larger orders for each of the several shirt suppliers. Sometimes that means waiting a couple weeks. IF you go to PalatinePicklers.com and select the style, color, and size shirt you want and let Anne Stein (ceceduc8r@gmail.com) or me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) right away, you may have your shirt in time to wear it on Monday, February 24th when our well-attired group photos will be taken.



REVIEW OF EVENT COMMUNICATIONS

We enjoy a lot of events ... matches with other clubs, leagues, and many tournaments. I announce such upcoming events in the newsletters. I invite you to email me of your desire to play. In the case of bi-weekly matches, I ask you tell me each of the upcoming dates you EXPECT to be available to play. About one week before the event, I email all the Picklers I have selected for that roster or tournament. Then two days before the event, I'll email each one again asking for their final confirmation that they're still planning on being there.

Here's what is often confusing: Just because you told me you expected to be available does not mean that you will be playing that day. Until one week before a match, you won't know. If we have a match the next Tuesday, you needn't email me on Thursday to ask if you'll be playing. (You won't be.) We'll have a lot of Picklers playing in the Picklers' Pajama Party Tournament which is on March 5th. I will email all who will be playing on, or about, February 27th. You don't have to email me during the next three weeks asking if the tournament is still on. (It is.)

SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Monday, February 24th is Picklers Photo Day ... March 5th is the Picklers' Pajama Party Tournament ... four, area tournaments are introduced ... Drill sessions in the area are detailed ... If you are widowed and want to play a tournament with other widows/widowers, let me know ... If you have interest in walking in the 4th of July Parade, let me know.



HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY, PALATINE PICKLERS

We've accomplished a lot. I know that, because I'm almost always wearing a pickleball shirt, and it seems that each month fewer people ask me, "What's pickleball?" We've spread the word and grown our sport and our club well. Thank you all.

Bear Shatwell
PicklersPrez
aokbarry@yahoo.com