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ANNUAL PICKLERS' PHOTO DAY



We were missing our snowbirds and several that had Monday conflicts, but excluding the 2nd Grand Opening Day of Hamilton, February 3rd may have seen our largest "picture perfect" assembly of Palatine Picklers. Can I name them on one try? Let's see. Front Row: Karin, Connie, Vida, Marilyn, Lucky, Anne, Anneliese, Sandi, Stana, Bear ... 2nd Row Up: Gary, Steve, Sally, Bob, Don, Mike, Mike, Ron, Mary, Donna ... 3rd Row Up: Howard, Darrell, Ed, Pat, Bob, Linda, Satish, Joan, Julie, Dennis ... Back Row: Jeff, Larry, Don, Steve, Tom, Frank, Dave.

Hmm, I thought that would be harder. I probably shouldn't admit it, but I'm such a Picklers nerd that I can spell all their last names too.

Remember ... The more you wear your Palatine Picklers shirts, the more you'll attract attention ... the more you'll publicize our club and sport ... the more you'll be asked, "What's pickleball?" ... the more you can refer the asker to PalatinePicklers.com through which they can join our club.

CURRENT PALATINE PLAY TIMES

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

Monday ... 18+ ... Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday ... (starting 4/7-5/26) ... 18+ ... 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. NOTE THESE 8, NEW EVENING SESSIONS
Wednesday ... 18+ ... Noon to 4:00 p.m. (no play 3/25)
Thursday ... 18+ ... Noon to 3:30 p.m.
Friday ... 18+ ... 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Friday ... (starting 4/3-5/29) ... 18+ ... 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. ANOTHER, AFTER WORK OPPORTUNITY

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

Monday ... 50+ ... 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (No pb on 5/23)
Wednesday ... 18+ ... 8:30 a.m. to Noon (No pb on 3/25 or 5/25)
Friday ... 18+ ... 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (No pb on 5/27)

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

The Harper gym will be closed from now until late summer, for restoration work.



Bob



Carin



Steve



Teri



Noreen



Steve's shirts



Laurie



Patti

NO BULL ... THEY'RE PERMANENT PARTNERS

You've seen Adam Oliva and Kristine Corrado in our newsletters wearing a lot of medals the last couple years. Not only do they play at a high level, they've run some terrific tournaments too. Now Kristine has picked up even more jewelry. Arranged with the Chicago Bulls and lots of family to get engaged during halftime of a home game. He even flew Kim, Kristine's mom up from Florida where she was snowbirding for the occasion, though she stayed away from Adam's skybox. The trip to center court was understood to be a family photo op. After some group photos, Benny the Bulll distracted Kristine. By the time he had her turn around, Adam was looking up at her from one knee, with the ring box held up. After she slid up to him for a hug and kiss, he pointed to Kim not far away. You can form your own opinion, but I think he made her a happy, young lady.



Kim had a great view

and after the kiss,

Adam pointed her out,

and Benny celebrated



Carole



Alberto



Cathie



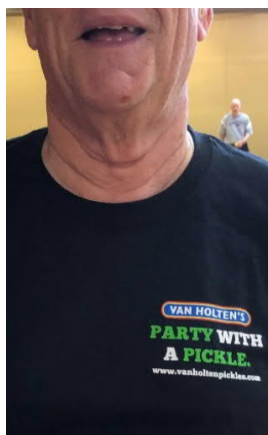
Steve



Cindy



Chris



Clark's shirt



Clay



Connie



Dave



Dave



Kenny



Linda

TREE TOPPERS "LEAF" RESULTS TO THE LAST GAME

Our first tournament for Picklers standing at least 6' came down to the wire. Mark had a lead after five of seven games, but fell to a tie for 4th. A dark horse with fantastic wheels, Mike hit the accelerator in the final two games to become Top Tree Topper.



Greg



Mark



Mike



Terry



Frank



Tom



Bob



George



Last month I felt really tall, with the Untall Ladies. This month I relate more to a Munchkin.



George 2nd Mike 1st Tom 3rd

2/4/2020

TREE-TOPPERS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Bob	1	X	13	4	13	13 ₂₄	11 ₂₅	11 ₂₅	1	66
Frank	2	4	X	4	7	12 ₂₇	11 ₂₈	5 ₉	13	54
George	3	4	13	X	13	13 ₃₄	13 ₃₄	11 ₂₇	13	80 (2 nd)
Greg	4	13	3	13	X	11 ₁₀	11 ₃₁	13 ₂₁	13	77 (tie 4 th)
Mark	5	13	13	11	11 ₁₀	X	13 ₃₁	5 ₄	11	77 (tie 4 th)
Mike	6	13	13	7	13 ₃₀	13 ₃₀	X	13 ₂₂	13	85 (1 st)
Terry	7	4	3	11	13 ₃₁	11 ₃₂	13 ₃₁	X	1	56
Tom	8	4	13	13	12 ₂₁	13 ₃₅	13 ₃₅	11	X	79 (3 rd)

ROUND: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 PLAYERS: 1-5-7-8 4-7-6-8 3-4-5-7 1-6-4-5 5-6-2-7 4-8-2-5 1-7-2-4
 2-3-4-6 1-2-3-5 2-6-1-8 3-7-2-8 1-4-3-8 6-7-1-3 3-6-5-8

WE ARE IN THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

It's official. I've paid the \$75 registration fee. I envision my car with it's PICKLRS plates and decorated with signs about us, and inviting Palatinians to join us, to lead our walking and ball bouncing Picklers. If we can find pickleball wrapped chocolates, we'll toss them to the kids. Otherwise, we'll share some mini Snickers, Milky Ways, etc. We'll be dressed in club shirts and look very happy. The parade starts at 11:00 on July 4th. If you'd like to share your club spirit, please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. I'm compiling a list of those who expect to walk the route. If you'd like to be on a committee to work on details, decorations, game plan, etc., please let me know. This is a great way to grow our sport and club. The dozen that answered the first call is hardly a good representation of who we are. I've been in many of these Palatine parades, and they're really fun. Let's make our initial entry a good one. BTW there's a fair/carnival at the end of the parade. Food and beer is plentiful.

THANKS, JIM. FALCON PADDLE HOLDERS ARE PERFECT

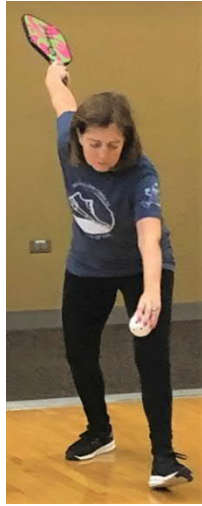
It's easy. When you remove the "up next" paddles (not before there's an open court please), move the flag to the other rack AND flip the rec-comp arrow to the other side. Do NOT pull paddles, before a court is open.

GLARE COURT POLICY REVIEW

I see that this needs a review. Some are saying, "Change sides at 6." Yeah, that's right IF, AND ONLY IF, you start playing on the glare court (the one by the lobby). If you "migrate" to the glare court, note the score. Subtract the leading score from 11 or 9, if games have been declared to be to 9. Then divide that number by 2. In event of a half point, round up. THAT is the leading score at which you change sides.



Betty



Ann



Betsy



Bob

NEED A COUPLE MORE WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

The date of the Widows Tournament is Tuesday, April 14th. Currently we have six participants ... Bear S, Bob B, Cindy A, Dave B, Sally H, and Val D. We need at least two more who have joined that club no one wants to join. I'll create a format for however many widows/widowers we have, as long as it is at least eight. Email me if you're eligible at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



Bill



Bill



Brad



Lynne



Mark



Manon



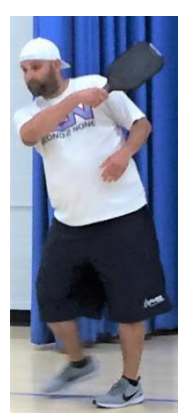
Mary Beth

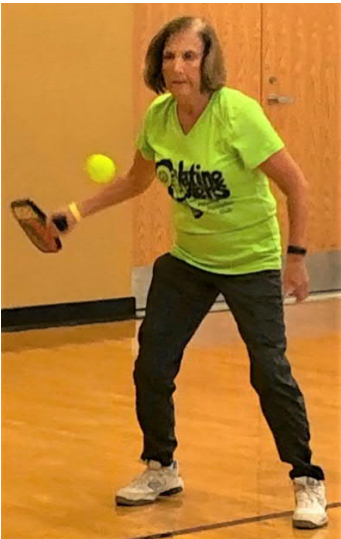


Marilyn

WE HAVE ANOTHER PALATINE PICKLER OF THE MONTH

I don't offer this honor monthly, but it seems appropriate this month. Let's see ... this guy's fiance and future mother-in-law have been Picklers of the Month. And he finally did something worth recognizing. (See page 3.) Congratulations, Adam Oliva. You're not only a great player and tournament manager. You're a PPotM.





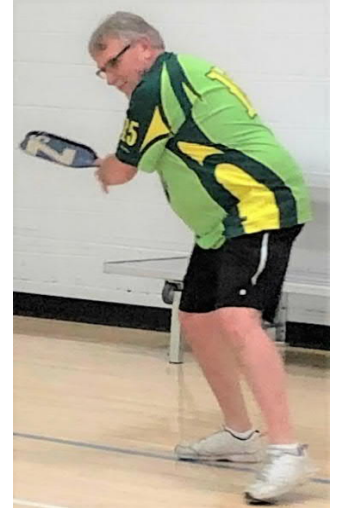
Anne



Bertha



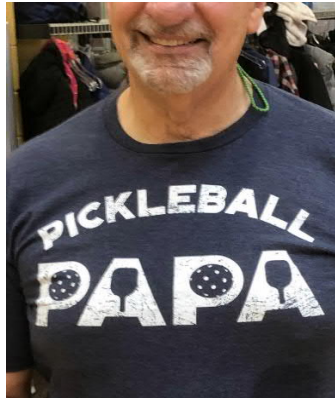
Bill



Bill



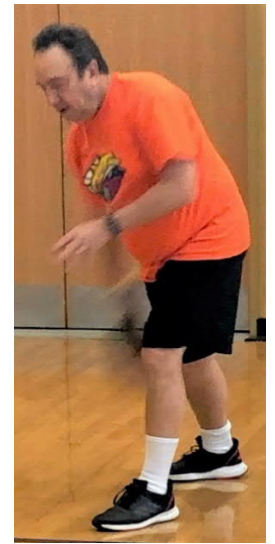
Denise



Dave's shirt



Denise



Clay



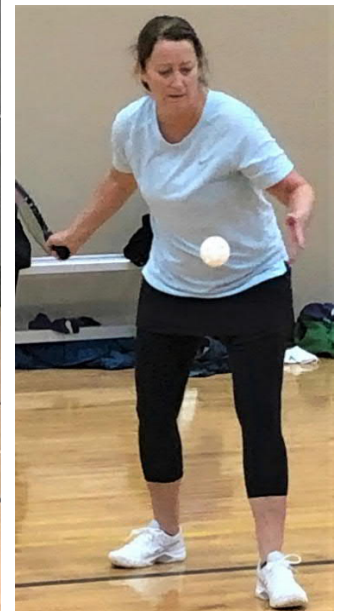
Ken



Lisa



Larry



Kristie



Sherry



Terry



Susie's Vday shirt



Harry



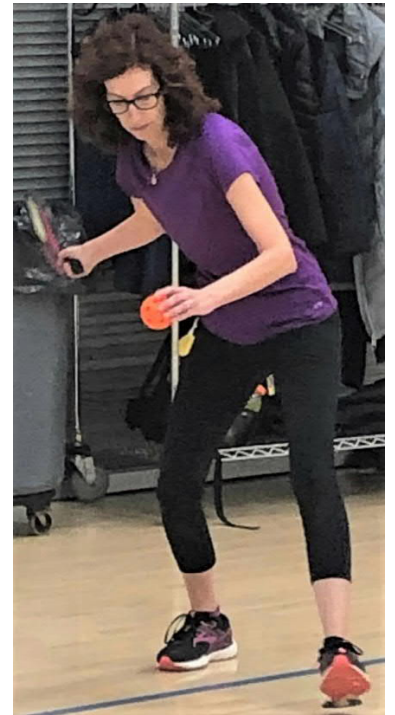
Janice



Gary



Greg



Mary Pat



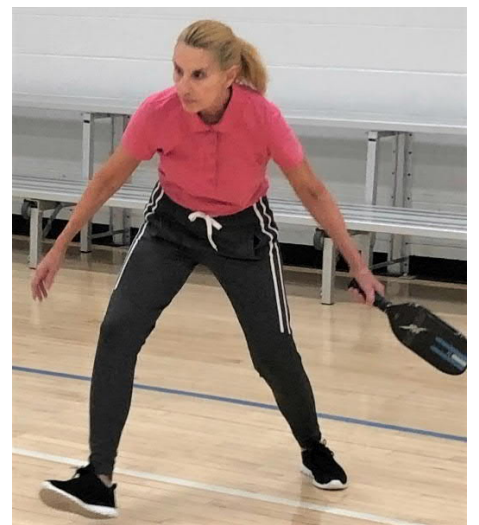
Masato



John



Karen



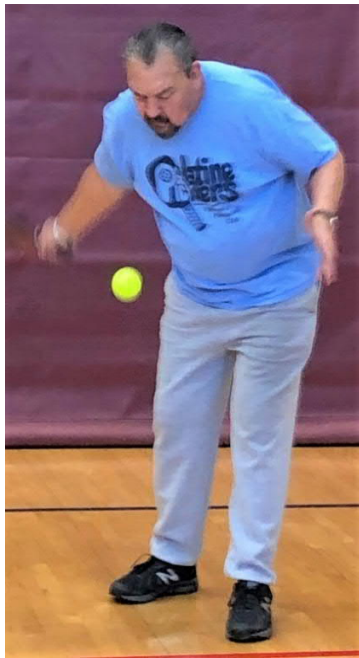
Julie

SEASONED MEN'S & SEASONED LADIES' TOURNAMENTS

It's been a while since I called our septuagenarians to compete. The first eight, Pickler men to email me AT aokbarry@yahoo.com who were born at least 70 years ago will compete the morning of Tuesday, March 31 at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. The first eight, Pickler Ladies to email me AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS will compete two days later, on the morning of Thursday, April 2nd. I have courts reserved from 9:00 to 1:00. Of course, after the "crowning" of the King and Queen, all competitors are invited to enjoy lunch 200 yards at the Onion Pub. Those of you who want to play but just hit "reply" to let me know will be put on the alternates list. If I get at least 13 applicants for either tournament, I'll make it a tournament for the first 12, assuming I can reserve a 3rd court.



Karen



John



Joan



Kim



John



Ken



Laura



John



Brigitte



Dennis



Dan



Dale

REMEMBER YOUR PALATINE PICKLERS BENEFITS

Need, or want, anything related to pickleball? Pickleball Central has it. Just go to pickleballcentral.com. When you check out enter the code CRPALATINEPB for your 5% discount.

Need an awesome, new Paddletek paddle? See/call/email Chuck Feinstein ... Find him at Sky Fitness in Buffalo Grove, call him at 847-877-7770, or email him at grtfuldad@aol.com. Mention you are a Palatine Pickler, and you'll receive a 10-15% discount.



Peter



Nancy



Ray



Mike

R U A MEMBER OF THE CLUB NO ONE WANTS TO JOIN?

Oops. On final review I see I already announced this. On Tuesday morning, April 28th those of us who have been widowed will play at Canlan in Lake Barrington. Afterwards we'll share lunch nearby. If you've lost a spouse/partner, please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com to register for this event. You'll be glad you did.



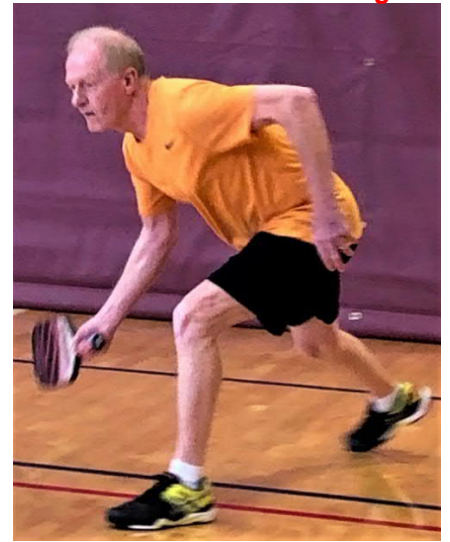
Nez



Phil



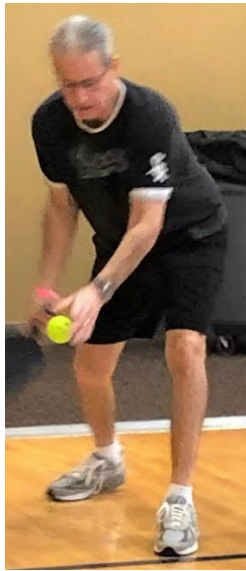
Paula



Ray



Nancy



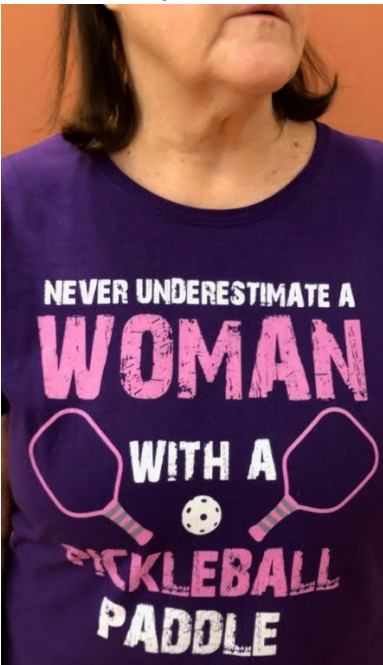
Philip



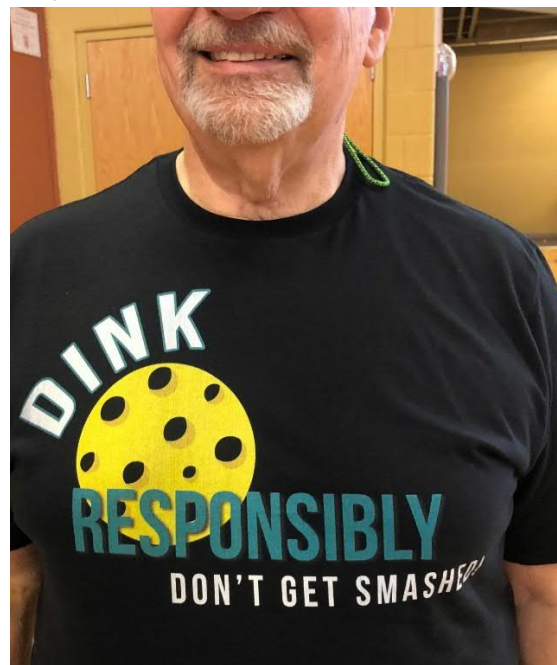
Neal



Mike



Linda's shirt



Dave's 2nd shirt



Harry's shirt



Denise



Dennis



Don



Fran



Frank



Elvira



Donna



Gary



Michael



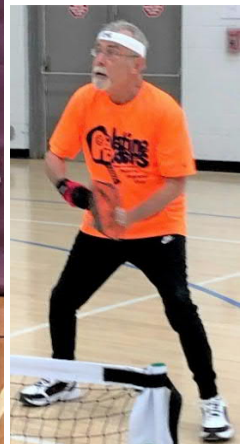
Mary



Satish



Mike



Mike



Robin



Steve's braggadocio shirt



Steve



Steve



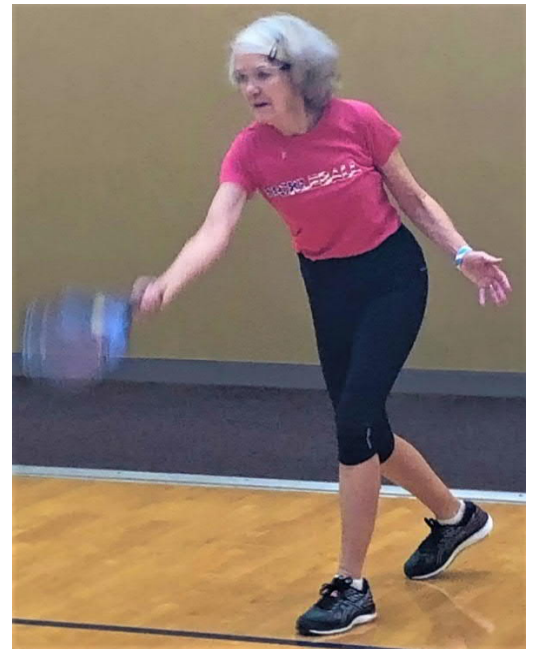
Sam



Sally



Robin



Susie



Cindy



Beth



Cathy



Charley



Pat



Peter's shirt



Patty



Thea



Roger



Patrick



Lynn



Marion



Lucky

MOST ANNOYING THINGS YOU CAN DO ON A COURT

This is not a national, regional, suburban, or even PPC survey. It's purely my opinion. #5 Thinking you have to change sides at 6 on the glare court, when you came to that court with a score of 4-2. #4 Arguing whether you have 5 or 6 points, when it's easy to note who started the game in the forehand court for each team. #3 Being at the kitchen line, while your partner camps out forever in the back court. #2 Asking the score two seconds before the server would call it out. #1 by big a margin ... Calling what you THINK is the score, before the server (only one allowed to call the score) calls it. #5 and #4 are easily handled, but the top 3 are really annoying.



Mark



Marilyn



Max



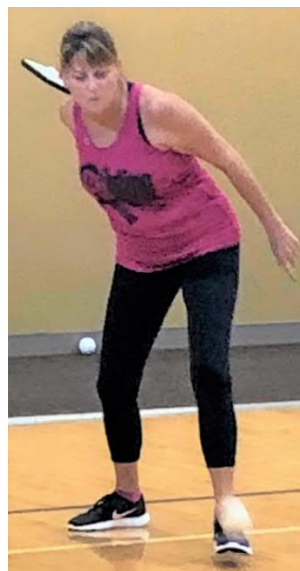
Melody



Laurie



Kimbra



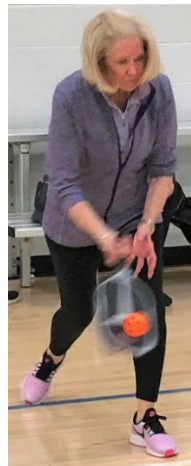
Linda



Kevin



Linda



Nancy



Val



Sandi



Chris



Carol



Art

SPRING LUNCHEON IS ON THE RADAR

Our annual Spring Luncheon will again be at Lamplighter Inn, downtown Palatine, on Thursday, May 14th at 12:30. A separate email invitation with more details will be sent out in early April. Once you get the invite, don't delay to send in your RSVP and payment as seating will be limited. I don't have the cost yet, but it's always affordable for a fun, pizza-plus lunch. This event will be limited to active Palatine Picklers, no non-playing spouses or next door neighbors.



Jim



Bob



Joe



John



John



Liz



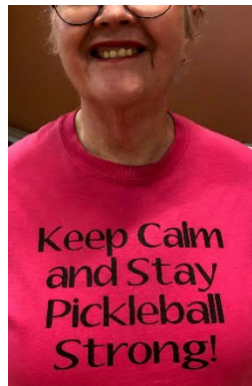
Lizanne

REALLY TRULY LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR NAME/S ON A BRICK

You've read in past newsletters and Tweener Memos about the rehabbing on Bainbridge Island off Washington of the birthplace of pickleball. Five Picklers can have a line (up to 20 characters & spaces) under our club name on a brick that will surround the new courts and building. Your line is only \$30. Let me know if you want to be immortalized, along with other Palatine Picklers. First come first served. We have room for three more lines on our fourth brick. So, unless eight of you want in on this, those who aren't in the first two to respond will be left out. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Thanks.



Karin



Karen's shirt



Leah



Mike



Pat



Peggy



Suren



Mike



Tom



Lucky



Valery



Deb



Dave



Jeff



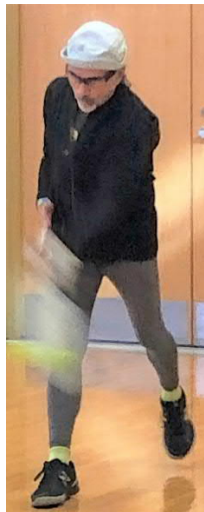
Anne



Fred



Gus



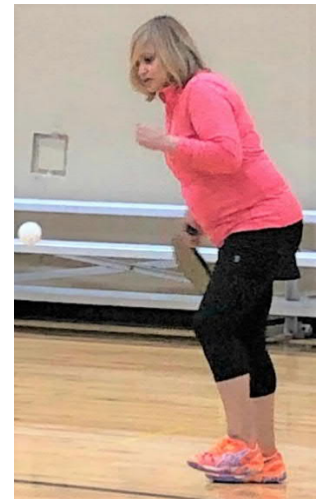
Don



Heidi



Jan



Hoda



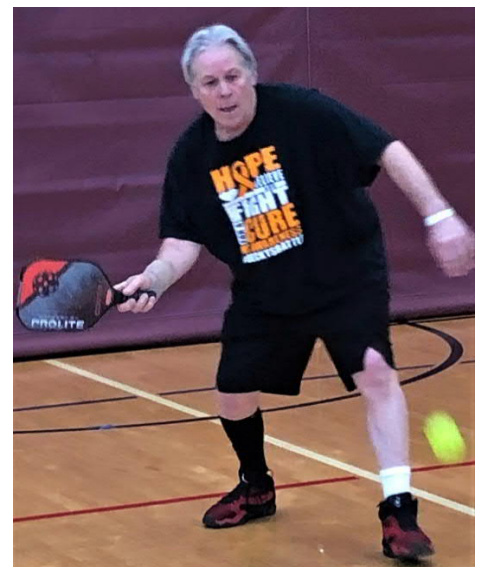
Kevin



Lance



Jim



Frank

THIS MONTH'S MEDALISTS

Let's start with Dana's Crustal Lake Racket Club's 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament. *Italics = not PPC members.*



Thea Froehling & Kim Evans ... 4.0 ... Silver



Chris Grooms & Masato Suzuki ... 3.5 ... Gold



Christine Towers & Margo Sugrue ... 3.5 ... Gold



Laurie Bender & Judy Eikleberry ... 3.5 ... Bronze

Being the investigative journaist I am, I found two more pics of Palatine Picklers medalists:



Liz Chaplinski & Mary Doten
5.0 ... Gold



Chuck Feinstein & Craig Schaper
5.0 ... Bronze

And now for all the other Crystal Lake medalists for whom I couldn't find a photo to share:

Men's 4.0 Pool 1 ... Lance Schreier & Lou Kaplan ... Silver

Women's 4.0 ... Lani Weisbart & Lisa Glowski ... Gold

Mixed 4.0 ... Suzie Schreier & Lou Kaplan ... Gold

... Lance Schreier & Carolyn Veliz ... Silver

Mixed 3.5 ... Elvira Cridland & Mike Davis ... Silver



Jim Latal...Addison
4.0 ... 1st Place



(missed last month)
Punta Gorda sings 4.0 Bronze



Shane Griffin & Ray Jenkins
Sterling, IL ... 3.5 ... Silver



Dennis Garardi
Addison 3.5 ... 3rd Place

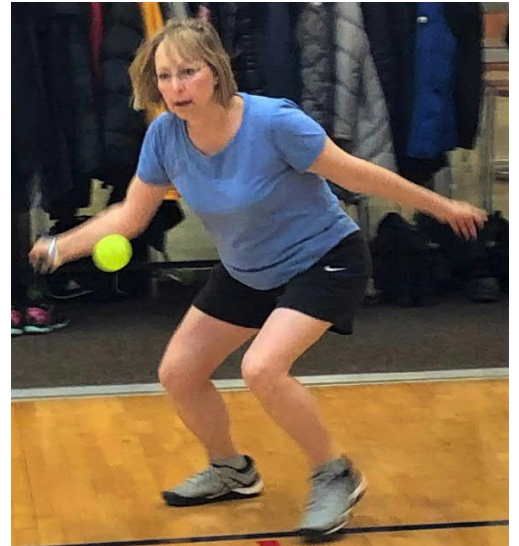
NO FALCON OR BIRCHWOOD PLAY ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH



Derek



Sandy



Ellen



Kathy



Darrell



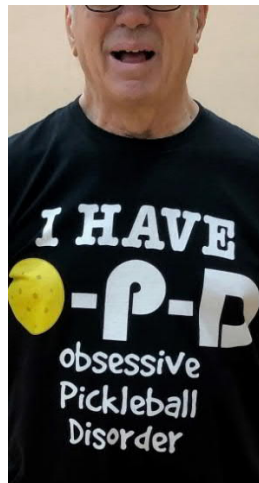
Jenny



Jeff



Hary's shirt



Jeff's shirt

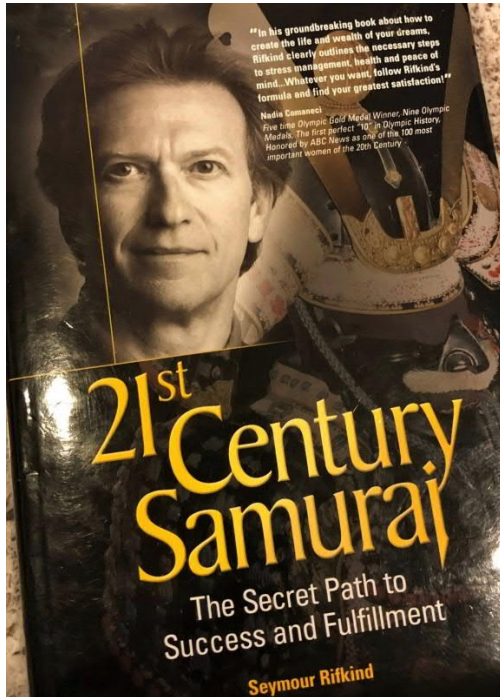


Jim's shirt



Val's shirt

WANT TO BORROW RIF'S BOOK ?



Many of you have taken workshops from Seymout Rifkind. Many more of you know he's done more than anyone else to introduce pickleball to countries around the world. Some know him from being President of the International PB Teaching Professional Assn. Some may know he can certify you as a Level 1 PB Instructor.

What you probably don't know is he's like to be the most goal-oriented human you'll ever experience. His book (at left) is an autobiography of an incredibly motivated individual that all of us can find both remarkable and inspiring.

I own this book and will be more than glad to loan it to anyone who'd like to "get to know" one of the most remarkable men in our locale. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



John



Julie



Hank



Barb

NEEDS TO BE REPEATED ... Whenever a Pickler tells me he/she wants to get in an event, I always say, "Email me, because this conversation never happened." If it's not in an email, I can't process it appropriately, and I talk to many Picklers each day. I'm too senile to remember who said what. Some still think verbal works. No.

JOYCE PIHL MAY HAVE MOVED, BUT SHE'S STILL A WINNER

We enjoyed having John and Joyce on our courts for a couple years. Then, for some unknown reason, they moved to AZ. John remains our webmaster, while Joyce keeps collecting medals. I have found some pics and a little more, regarding her success. She's been playing 4.0 and 4.5 tournaments and playing them well. Sorry for not having time to research more for details, but I know a number of you want to see what she's been doing.

I did have the fun of playing with them this summer, not in AZ or IL but in Door County, WI.



Aetna Tournament ... Silver



Huntsman Sr Games



sorry, no info at all



Silver



SSIPA West Championships



USAPA



SPA Monster Smash ... Gold



Lori



Ursula



Vida



Tom



Joan



George



Jack



Jackie



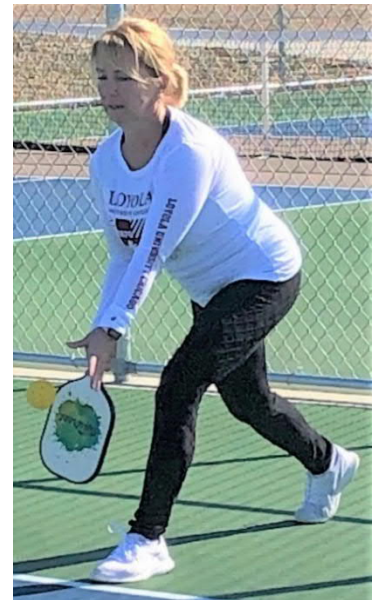
Howard



Kathy



Christine



Gina



Marie



Sue



Sue



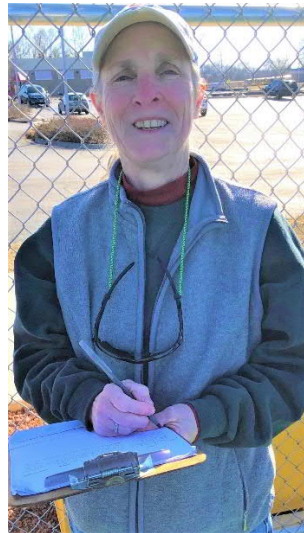
Tom

WEATHER PERMITTING ...

I've been emailing Picklers that came to mind at the moment, but let's just say that, if the weather is cooperating, we WILL be playing at noon on Sundays at Hamilton. Not that I'll take the time to email everyone, but, if I do and you'd like to be on that list, email me of that desire at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



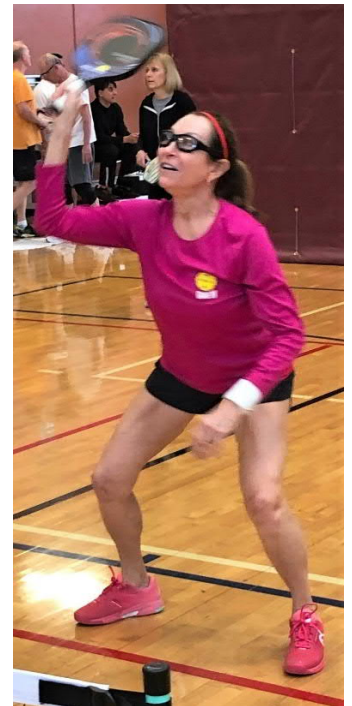
Ron



Theresa



Jim



Thea



Larry



Anita



Susie's shirt



Carl

CORONAVIRUS CAUTIONS

This isn't a hoax or exaggerated threat. I'm in my seventies and have COPD. That puts me at high risk. I intend to live to 105, to break the family record so I need your help. If you have to cough or sneeze, please cover your nose and mouth with your elbow, never your hand. Wash your hands before and after playing. The virus enters through only mouth, nose, and eyes so try to avoid touching your face. We all do that several hundred times a day so this is a challenge. Please click paddles after a game or just wave, no fist bumps or handle bumps. If sick, stay home. Some Picklers are already avoiding the courts. Remember ... if one of us is diagnosed, more will surely follow so let's do our best to avoid being that Patient Zero in our club. Thanks.



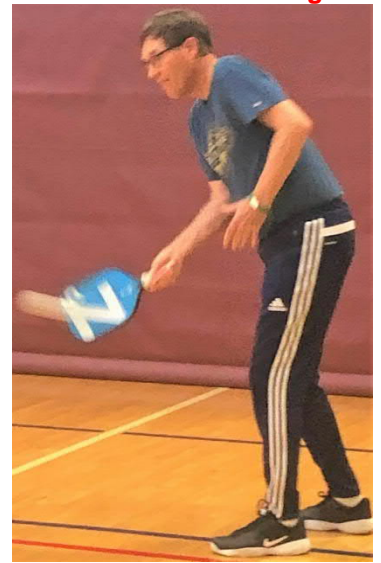
Lobster



Dora



Linda



Jim

PICKLERS' PAJAMA PARTY TOURNAMENT HUGE SUCCESS

Sixteen Palatine Picklers hit the Canlan courts in their favorite sleepwear for this March 5th event. I've run dozens of tournaments for our members, but none can compare to the fun everyone had at this one.



Before we began I explained the format and how to use the scoreboard. Then we took a group photo. Then I gave each participant a clipboard with a voting sheet and a pen, before having each Pickler step forward, explain about his/her pajamas and get a photo taken. Then we played 15 games, one with each of our fellow competitors. Bob McGowan who was our "on call" last minute sub tabulated the PJ voting for us. Prisoner Don Kaplan "escaped" problems to emerge the clear winner. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th were separated by one point. Great.

In the Pajama voting, Bear came out on top in his Harry Potter attire, with Gryffindor scarf, 4-Hogwards houses sleep pants, Hogwarts cap, Harry glasses, wand, and "Nimbus 2000" broomstick. Dave's Farmer John underwear & plaid bathrobe came in 2nd, and Anne's uh frumpy mom outfit with hair curlers came in 3rd.



Anne



Bear



Bob



Dave



Don B



Don K



Fran



Howard R



Howard W



Jeff



Lynne



Marilyn



Sally



Sandy



Tom



Vida



Bear explains the format, rules, how to use the scoreboard, and the PJ contest

2020 Picklers' Pajama Party Best PJ Ballot

Just put one check mark in each column beside the name

	Best	2nd	3rd
Anne Stein			
Bear Shatwell			
Bob Goldstein			
Dave Baumhardt			
Don Bextel			
Don Kaplan			
Fran Piehl			
Howard Rosenberg			
Howard Weisbart			
Jeff Degner			
Lynne Weisbart			
Marilyn Darby			
Sally Heraty			
Sandy Amatore			
Tom Kramer			
Vida Kostas			

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	TOTAL	
1 Anne S.	6	1	2	1	0	0	5	5	0	6	6	1	1	1	6	47	
2 Bears	6	1	1	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	78	4 th
3 Bob G.	6	6	6	6	6	3	1	0	0	3	3	6	1	6	6	59	8 th
4 Dave B.	0	1	0	6	5	6	5	2	4	6	6	6	0	6	3	51	
5 Don B.	3	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	3	6	6	6	6	6	3	79	3 rd
6 Don K.	6	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	83	1 st
7 Fran P.	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	4	6	2	6	3	1	2	0	37	
8 Howard R.	6	6	2	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	64	5 th
9 Howard W.	6	6	6	5	6	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	1	3		43	
10 Jeff D.	6	6	6	6	6	2	6	6	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	81	2 nd
11 Lynne W.	3	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	3	0	6	1	0	3		62	7 th
12 Marilyn D.	3	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	0	6	6	6	6	6	52	
13 Sally H.	6	0	0	1	1	0	6	6	3	3	0	4	1	6	0	39	
14 Sandy A.	3	6	6	1	0	3	6	6	6	2	6	6	6	6	6	63	6 th
15 Tom K.	3	6	1	5	0	6	6	5	0	3	0	0	6	6	6	45	
16 Vida K.	3	1	6	4	1	3	1	2	6	6	6	3	4	1	0	77	

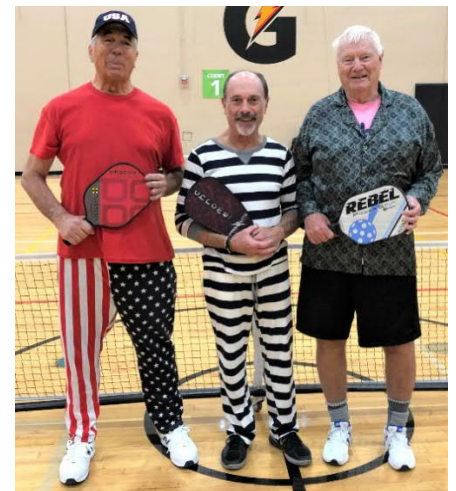
Everyone got clipboard,, pen & ballot After 15 games to 6, Don K won by 3. 1 separate



Dave 2nd, Bear 1st, Anne 3rd PJs



Marilyn & Anne team up



Jeff 2nd, Don K 1st, Don B 3rd Tourney



After the fun at Canlan, we all continued the fun at the Onion Pub just down the block. Still in our PGs, of course.



Dan



Kinga



Jeff



Julie



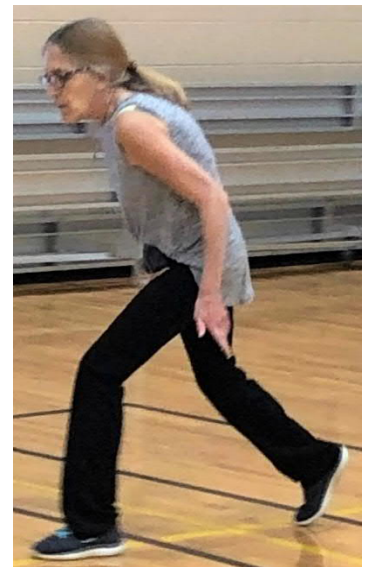
Kate



Karin – Kenny – Joan



Sandy



Wendy



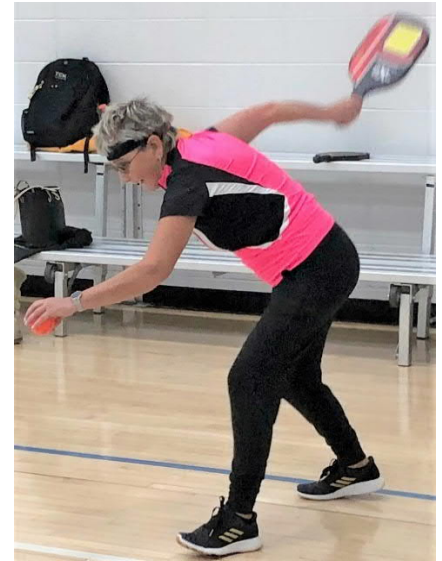
Tom



Stana



Jay



Elena

JUST ANOTHER SUNDAY IN THE PARK



The photo above was taken on Sunday, February 23rd. It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood. I had one of the six, soon-to-be Palatine Picklers that were playing there take this photo of us. Each of the next two Sundays saw us playing in even warmer weather. On any Sunday that has temps at least in the 50s, count on there being Palatine Picklers, and probably more future Palatine Picklers, at Hamilton at noon.



Lori



Russ



Tom



Alex



Sharon



Twins Bear & Jeff



Twins Stuart & Steve



Janet



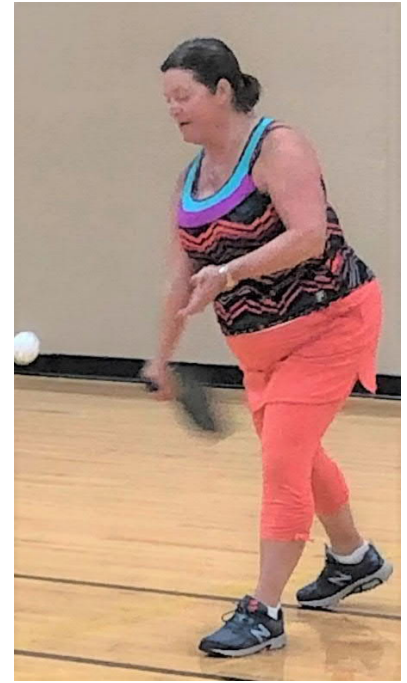
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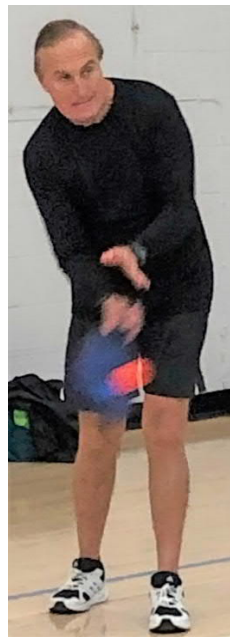
Laurie

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN ... NEXT VISIT WILL BE 3/23

Several Palatine Picklers spent a couple hours in the Schaumburg FMSC facility in December. The “work” was easy and fun, as well as being extremely beneficial. Marilyn Darby is our FMSC organizer again. She’s reserved spots for 30 Picklers to spend from 11:45 to 2:00 at the facility. If you’d like to participate in this feel-good activity, email Marilyn at mjdarby6@hotmail.com or find the sign-up sheet at Falcon. The first 30 to apply are assured a spot. Additional volunteers MAY be able to be added, depending on how many other groups and individuals sign up first.



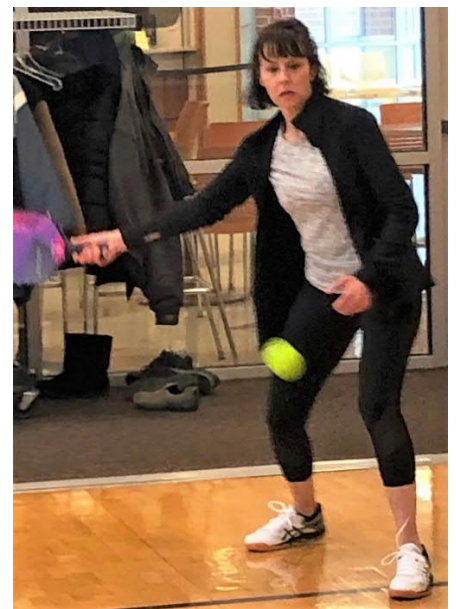
Lynn



Rick



Gregg



Brigitte



Sandy



Howard



Jack



Jeff



Daniel



Jonny



Marisa



Charley



Jerry



Sean



Jaime



Rick



Angela



Emily



Give Birchwood a try. The action is always so intense and exciting that the cheering fans can't take their eyes off the games

Well, Picklers, that's it for another month. Remember to register for the 70+ tournaments, them Feed My Starving Children, the 4th of July Parade, and to heed the Corona precautions. As always it's been my pleasure to attempt to enhance your enjoyment of our sport and your membership in the Palatine Pickleball Club. Bear PicklersPrez

