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## JUNE, 2020 NEWSLETTER

### READY FOR A PEACEFUL, SAFE, OUTDOOR, EXPERIENCE ?

After months of quarantine, Neal Harris is offering you a chance to clear your mind, stretch your legs, and enjoy a unique experience. Below is his invitation. He's offering this free of charge, for the time being.

*We hope you're staying healthy and safe during this unique time in history. Spring is in the air and at Relax4life, our outdoor walking labyrinths are open by appointment. If you and any of your household members would like to enjoy the peacefulness of our outdoor walking labyrinths, simply email ([relax4life@gmail.com](mailto:relax4life@gmail.com)) or call (847-842-1752) to set an appointment. To honor social distancing, only one family will be permitted on the property each hour. Enjoy our 5 acres, pond and waterfall and walk 1, 2 or all 3 outdoor labyrinths to calm your mind, get a little exercise or just have something different to do during this time.*

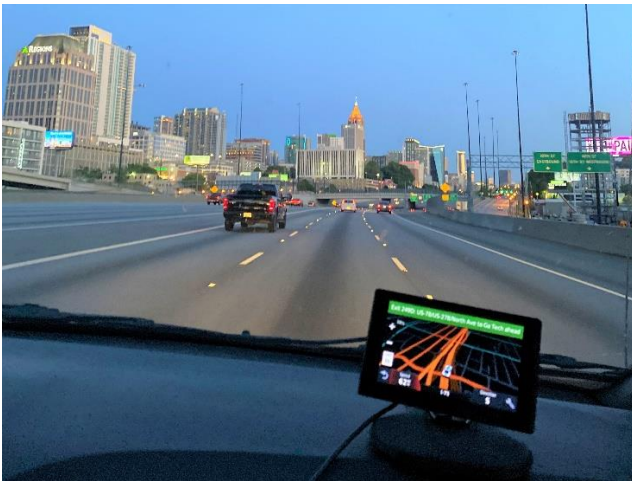
Neal and Mary live just a little east of Canlan Sportsplex in Barrington. You can learn more about their classes, workshops, events, and property at [relax4life.com](http://relax4life.com). Relax4Life is a holistic education and services center.





Neal and Mary Harris

## LET'S CHECK OUT THIS MONTH'S PICKLERS PASTIMES



Elena & Mike Nikolaev rented a van to drive to Sarasota, FL (where masks were rare). This was taken as they drove through Atlanta.



Julie & Bob Gall and Stan & Laurie Jones, on different days enjoyed safely walking the trail at Buffalo Creek



Linda Mihel made bone broth, if anyone got sick, planted seeds for garden, & grew nutritious microgreens

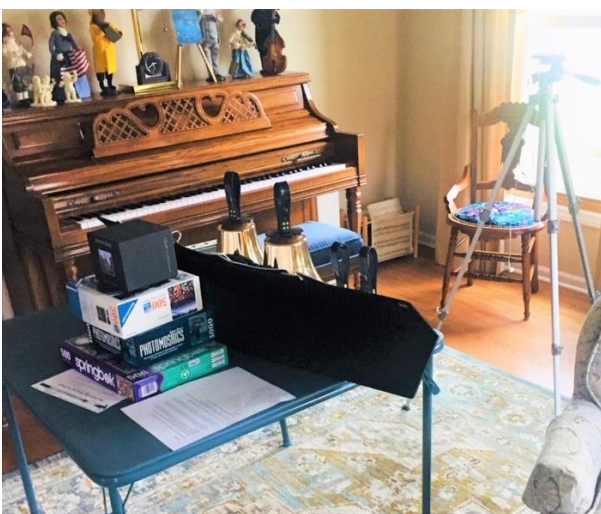




Daniel Koste played in pro pool tournament in FL and has been practicing on his home table



Connie Kus drilled a hole through a golf ball and attached a rope so she could reel it back in, after driving it.

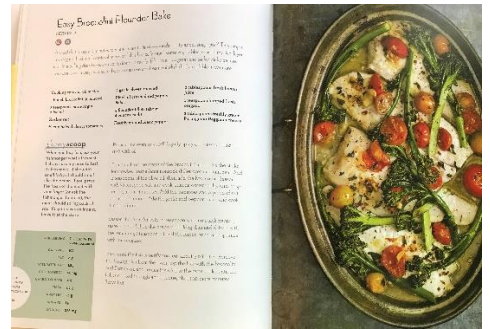
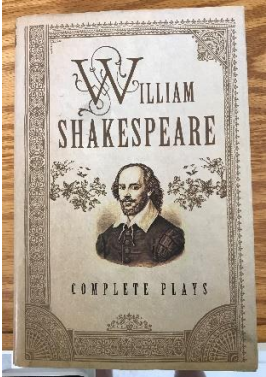


Bob & Nancy McGowan set up a recording studio in their living room to rehearse their handbell parts during a zoom call. Bob also conducted science experiments at his home for grandkids to watch at theirs.

## LIKE SEEING THESE QUARANTINE PASTIMES ?

Then please take part. Send your photos (preferably with you in them) to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).





Dennis Ruggles is reading classics, working out with NCH Wellness Center exercise videos, improving his culinary arts, and teaching himself French.



Coping with the quarantine was a challenge for Greg & Melody Woodsum, Holly Goldsmith, and Dave Shoemaker, all part-time Floridians, but a boat, bike, and slalom ski made the hardship a bit more bearable.



Adam Oliva & Kristine Corrado designed shirts & tourney formats     A nice stretch of Bear's daily 90-minute walk     Finn helps kim Kelly garden





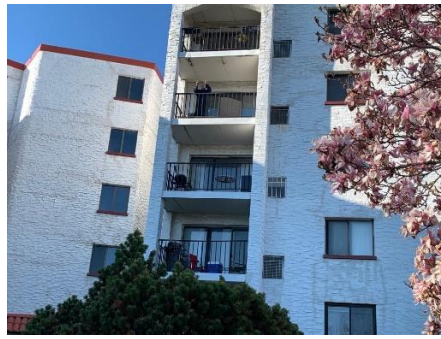
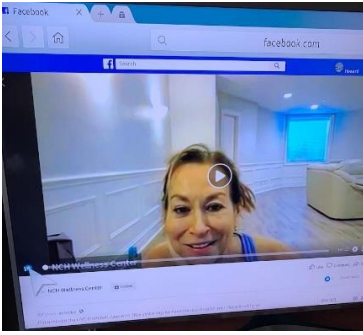
Bob Goldstein and Elaine walk a lot, and he watches workers rebuild their backyard pool.



Cindy & John Anich came across a giraffe, elephant, lion, pelican, frog, and turtle on a walk along Biesterfield Road. They also put up a happy weather vane and replaced hardware on all their kitchen doors and drawers.



## AND NOW THE LYNN & HOWARD WEISBART PAGE



They attended Thea's workout classes. They learned the hard things the quarantined cleaning lady can't. They held a family gathering to celebrate Lynn's dad's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday outside his place.



They bought a clipper and gave each other haircuts. Howard played his three instruments. Lynne pursued her jewelry-making hobby. They bought a small ping pong table and played.

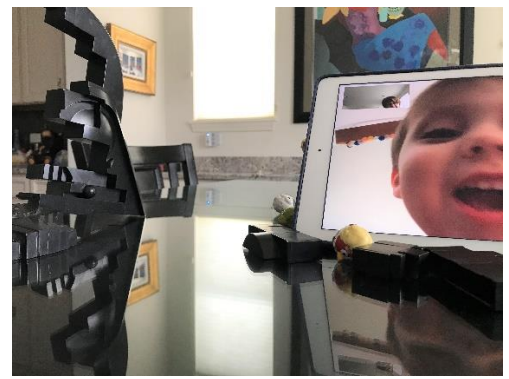


Howard paints. They both enjoyed creating and devouring incredible edibles.

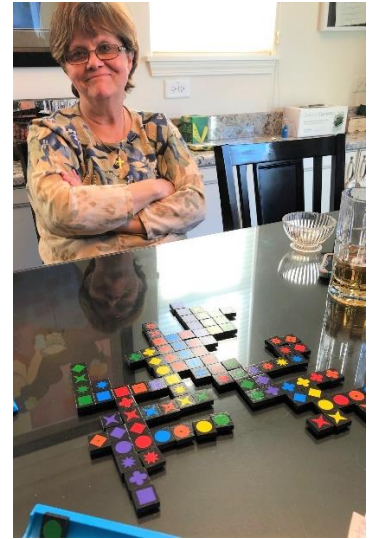


And they enjoyed watching all the flowers bloom, while on their frequent walks.





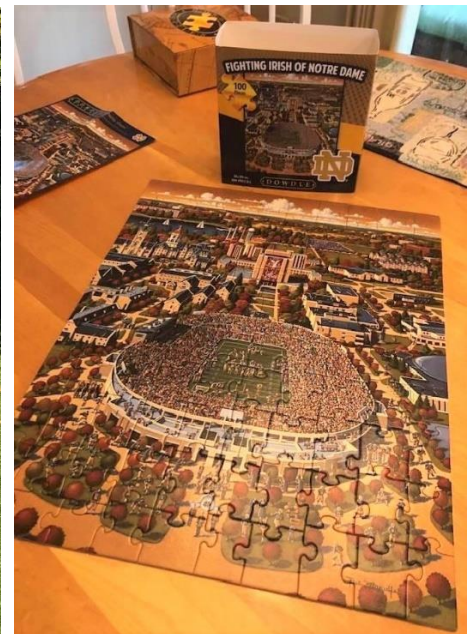
Kathy Shatwell interacted with three grandkids. 10 yr old Sydney was working 2 devices, while playing a game with a friend. She watched 5 yr old Miles try skateboarding. And she played Angry Birds with 3 yr old James. Her Angry Birds pieces are below. She nurtures her future garden and plays Qwirkle and Scrabble with me.



Lynn Perkins celebrated with family at distance by twirling sparklers



Adam Metzger had yard fun in San Diego



Ann, John, & Joe Buras had a puzzle-building contest. Maybe next time, guys

**We'd like to see your photos ... Send them to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).**



## TOO COOL NOT TO SHARE

Joyce Pihl, now living in AZ with our Webmaster John, goes on walks, when she's not winning pickleball medals. She shared the photos below of painted stones she's seen on her Facebook page. I borrowed them.





## **GUESS THE QUESTION I'VE BEEN ASKED DOZENS OF TIMES**

You got it ... "When can we play in Palatine?" I exchanged a few emails with Mike Clark, Executive Director of the Palatine Park District, mostly on this topic. Below is his articulate response.

*The only idea and update I can provide you is that the courts will remain closed during the remainder of Phase 2 to the Restore Illinois State Plan. While data and trends are showing that even Cook County is meeting the metrics in order to move into Phase 3 in 10 days, it obviously is not a guarantee.*

*While Phase 3 does permit non-essential businesses and areas to open with no more than 10 people gathered in "one area" it is still not very clear what is defined as an area and whether or not if being outside would change how that is defined and interpreted. We are hopeful in the coming week as this potential phase movement approaches we will receive more guidance and direction on which we can operate. In addition, the staff and Park Board will need to discuss and come to consensus what and how we will re-open courts.*

*My hope is that we will open courts again with signs installed on how they can be used and remain in compliance with public health guidelines and likely be self-policed as we do not have the resources and funding to staff and police each and every park, court and recreation area. Unfortunately, we had to close off everything at first because people were not following social distancing and we along with the police department were inundated with public complaints.*

*I am willing to give people another chance now that they hopefully know more and have more information on how to live life and enjoy things in public more safely, but it is not solely my call and even if we did agree to open, it would be conditional on that people do not violate the rules again. If they do, we will be forced to again shut down until Phase 4 comes into play.*

## **LET'S HAVE NO "ABOVE THE LAW" PICKLERS**

Here's the deal. I'm high-risk so, depending on the rules in place when Palatine opens, I may well not play. However, I am looking forward to getting back to having lots of "Picklers in action" photos in the newsletters. So, I will show up at courts to take pics from 15' away. The PPD hopes we will all be the Pickleball Police, for enforcing their restrictions. There will often be enough players to warrant playing only doubles. Some things are yet to be determined, but, with the possible exception of singles players PLAYING, I doubt anyone without a medical excuse will be allowed on courts if not masked. I encourage ALL Picklers to help enforce all the restrictions we're given. Please notify me of any violators. I will be the club's whistle-blower. If anyone feels it necessary to ignore the restrictions and endanger others, future play in town will be jeopardized. Because people will be people, the PVC troughs may not be right for this summer. Some will surely be tempted to take out more than their own paddle or crowd around the troughs waiting to remove or insert a paddle. However, we can give it a try. **Please see that your name appears upside down on both sides of your paddle near the handle**, as we won't be able to see a name on the top.

We want to remain the club to which all others look, for how to maximize members' enjoyment of their sport and their club. We've waited too long to enjoy playing on Palatine courts. Let's not risk losing that privilege.

**AFTER VIRTUALLY COMPLETING THIS NEWSLETTER, COURTS HAVE BEEN OPENED. I'VE ADDED BOLD COMMENTS IN ITALICS AFTER SEVERAL ITEMS, TO SHARE WHAT IS, RATHER THAN WHAT I ANTICIPATED.**

## **BAMBRIDGE BRICK BUYERS**

Those Palatine Picklers who will be immortalized at the birthplace of pickleball are Angelina Seltzer, Bear Shatwell, Brian & Shari Coleman, Carol Hawes, Connie Kus, Elvira Cridland, Geri Clarin & Tom, Greg Woodsum, Lynne & Howard Weisbart, Marv Zwass, Mary Pat Venetucci, Melody Woodsum, Neal Harris, Robert Born, Sandy Amatore, Sue & Sol Shatz, Susan Dougherty, and Terry & Susie Layton. Thanks, everyone.



# THESE FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE A DOGGONE GOOD LIFE



Holly & Larry Goldsmith's Lacey enjoys a weekly ride, makes friends with a turtle, and watches an alligator.



Kim Kelly's Oscar enjoys resting or picnicking with James and Finn

Mike Bryskier's Cooper hitches a ride.



Bear & Kathy Shatwell's Rusty gets by on just being adorable, but he's super smart and very emotional too.

## SHIRTS ARE HERE ... NEXT TIME THEY'LL COST A BIT MORE

Our screen printer got back to work, and I was able to pick up our most recent order. I sent an email to all who had shirts in this order. If I'm holding yours but you'd like it now, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). We'll find a time for you to pick it/them up. Starting with our next order, every shirt will cost us \$1 more.





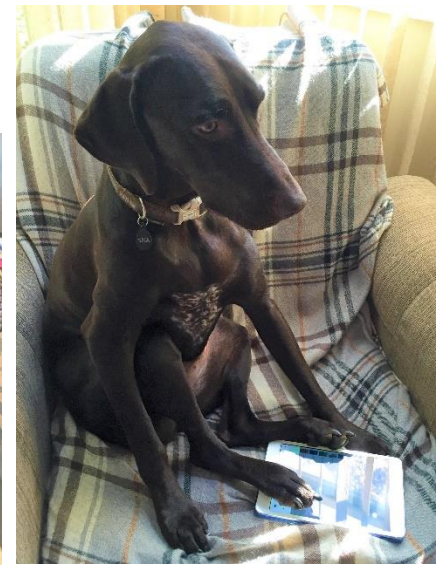
Sue Cole's foster puppy Quinn and her Shawzie get along famously.



Jeff Degner's Luna thinks she's a lap dog



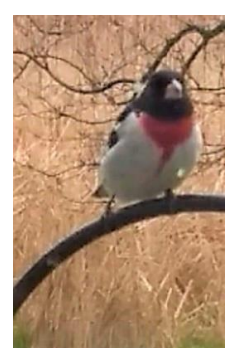
Lynne & Howard Weisbart's grandpuppies Nellie and Kane are welcome guests



Elena Nikolaev's Nika checks her Facebook page each day

## CONNIE KUS SHOULD BE CALLED CONNIE DOOLITTLE

Connie runs a 365 day yard party for all creatures. We live 100 yards from her but rarely see any of these.







The coyote is thinking of a duck dinner



Snake in the family room no big deal ... Frog and snake par for the course







## **NO 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE & NO 6-COUNTY SENIOR GAMES**

Both of these events have been cancelled for 2020. The registration fee I paid for our parade entry will either be returned or credited toward the 2021 parade.

## **CHICAGO PICKLEBALL OPEN RESET**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chicago Pickleball Open in Naperville has been moved to the Labor Day weekend. You can learn all about it and register on [pickleballtournaments.com](http://pickleballtournaments.com).

## **A TIMELY POEM BY ANGELINA SELTZER**



**COVID-19 go away  
Let the world play  
Again, someday; pray**

She is having this engraved  
on a Baimbridge brick too

## **WILL THERE BE MENTORING THIS SUMMER ?**

Other than “When will Hamilton open,” this is the question I’m most frequently asked. So here it is. Last summer’s major Mentors, Dennis, Neal, and Marv, and some Assistants are all anxious to novices and beginners again this summer. Once courts open, I’ll see if they are available the next Wednesday, or if we’ll start the following week. All participants will be required to wear a mask and have hand sanitizer. Sessions will again be at Sycamore, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. You’ll be notified by Tweener Memo and/or newsletter.

***MENTORS AND I WILL BRAINSTORM WAYS TO HAVE “LEGAL” MENTORING ... STAY TUNED***



# SOME QUARANTINE PASTIMES WERE PICKLEBALL



Anne Stein played at daughter Robin's house.



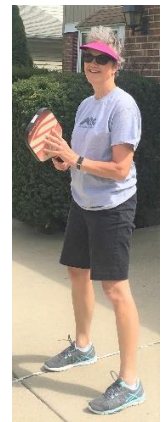
Gregg Didech was one of few this day to obey BG's mask rule.



Fred Phillips marked where lines will be painted in drive.



Mike Siemplenski liked watching new coating being applied to the 1999 court on Marco Island.



Clay & Chris Farnsworth had Steve Shapiro over to play. Lynne & Howard Weisbart set up in empty parking lot.





Tony Fratini's court attracted neighbors so he set up a sanitizing table with hand sanitizer, table sanitizer, nitrile gloves, masks and bleach water for the balls. Go, Tony.



Several Picklers played in Crystal Lake where singles players didn't have to be masked but doubles players did.



Donna, Jeff, Deanna, Peggy, Sue, Ray, Bob, and Norb enjoyed getting safely back onto the courts

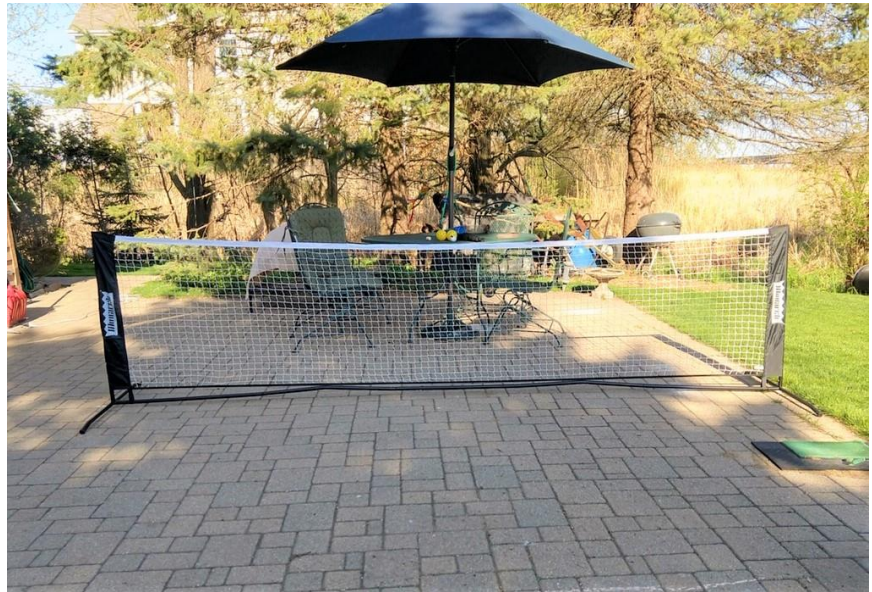


Mary Pat Venetucci & sis don't need no stinkin' net



Ron Stein practices in driveway with grandson Henry





Kathy & Bear Shatwell dink on driveway    Connie Kus has her Pickleboing return a ball back over the net



Chris Jacobsen plays on driveway with his daughters. Elke took the pic. The left side of the badminton net is attached to their car.

## AND A COUPLE MORE NON-PICKLEBALL PASTIMES



Holly & Larry Goldsmith may have had the most fun



John Forshall may have been most disappointed  
(Look closely)



## LET'S REVIEW HAMILTON POLICIES SO WE'RE READY

- 1) The left/north cage of 3 courts is designated for "Competitive" play. **2 COURTS**
- 2) The right/south cage of 3 courts is designated for "Recreational" play. **2 COURTS**
- 3) Picklers can enter whichever cage they choose. However, if a Pickler loses three, consecutive games on the Competitive courts, he/she should put the paddle in a Recreational trough. If a Pickler wins three, consecutive games on the Recreational courts, he/she should put the paddle in a Competitive trough.
- 4) NEW: Picklers should create two name tags and affix them to each side of their paddles upside down near the handle so "Mary Murphy, you up" can be called out, without having to touch the paddle.
- 5) Assuming all six courts are available for us, there's a chance that the two, eastern courts on the north will again be reserved for Elke's group of elite players on Wednesday morning. Her group could opt for a different day (Wednesday is tough, as Mentoring will be using Sycamore courts) or move to the afternoon or move to Locust Park. It's all speculation at this point, but be prepared that Wednesday could be a crowded morning at Hamilton. **ELKE CAN'T HAVE MORNING COURTS**
- 6) Social distancing when off the court (6' away from anyone who doesn't live in your household) will be expected.
- 7) It is expected that doubles players will be required to play in face coverings. (A handful of medical exceptions with doctors' notes may exist, and it's possible 4 who live in the same household may be exempt.) Again, this is only speculation at this point. We hope all Picklers will help enforce whatever restrictions are deemed appropriate by the Palatine Park District. **MOSTLY SINGLES PLAY ALLOWED**
- 8) As for PVC trough use, when you finish a game, stay 6' apart as you insert your paddle in the Winner or Loser trough. Same with withdrawing your paddle, when you're up next.
- 9) When, usually mornings, there is a significant number of players on site, singles will not be allowed. Afternoons is more appropriate for singles. **MOSTLY SINGLES PLAY ALLOWED**
- 10) Again, as I write this, I do not know what restrictions will be announced by the Palatine Park District. One may be that each player (if all 4 aren't in the same household) should have his/her own ball and should not touch any other ball. Balls can be kicked or flipped back to their owners. I'm not predicting that this will be one of PPD's rules; I'm just saying you should be prepared, in case it is. **IT IS**
- 11) If 4 Picklers want to play as their own foursome all the time, that's fine. Just have all 4 paddles put in either the W or L trough together, and see that 4 or 8 paddles are ahead of your 4. This may mean asking one or more to come off courts after you to put their paddle/s in front of yours. **NEVER MIND**
- 12) NEW: Do not latch the "doors" into the cages. We want them to be pushed open/closed by feet.

## WHAT DOES THE USAPA SUGGEST FOR SAFE PLAYING ?

The USA Pickleball Association has introduced their suggestions for returning to courts during this pandemic.

[https://www.usapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-RETURN-TO-PLAY\\_USAPA.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=746966-a-bootcamp-sneak-peek-the-agony-ecstasy&utm\\_source=lists%2F30301-The-Pickleball-Gurus-GuruNation&simplero\\_object\\_id=su\\_VCisMZyVAvd59cnFusrSFEKf](https://www.usapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/COVID-19-RETURN-TO-PLAY_USAPA.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=746966-a-bootcamp-sneak-peek-the-agony-ecstasy&utm_source=lists%2F30301-The-Pickleball-Gurus-GuruNation&simplero_object_id=su_VCisMZyVAvd59cnFusrSFEKf)

## MOST HAVING COVID-19 HAVE NO SYMPTOMS

Now with more tracking being done, experts are realizing that it's far greater than the 30% of those infected who are asymptomatic. Now they're saying it could be 80%. That's a great reason to wear masks whenever we're fairly close to others.



## A PAIR OF PICKLERS OF THE MONTH



Howard & Lynne Weisbart are the ultimate Palatine Picklers. Whether representing PPC winning medals, enjoying our Picklers PJ Party, sharing pics of Lynne's collection of 107 pickleball shirts, Lynne being 1 of 7 still standing at the end of our Pickleball Marathon, or sharing 16 pastime pics for this issue, they support PPC in a big way. Thanks, Howard & Lynne.



## DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES ?

### HOW 'BOUT KIM CORRADO & PARTNER BEATING ADAM & KRISTINE ? ( & BEATING THEM 11-0 )

The courts were open in Florida. Adam Oliva and Kristine Corrado have been seen in numerous newsletters with 4.0+ medals around their necks. Kim isn't quite at that level yet. Were Adam and Kristine playing left-handed or having to hop on one foot? No. Did Kim have the luckiest day of her pickleball career? Oh, yeah. She just happened to team up with some kid named Kyle Yates. If that doesn't ring a bell, Google him.





## SHOPPING FOR GETTING BACK TO PLAYING

It seems forever to some of us, since we were playing on a real court. Maybe you're a different size than you were then. Maybe you want to celebrate your return with new shoes or a new paddle. Maybe you just need to buy some balls. Whatever your shopping needs are, you're able to fill at least most of them at [pickleballcentral.com](http://pickleballcentral.com). When you go there, be sure to use the promo code **CRPALATINEPB**. This earns you a 5% discount. It also earns the Palatine Picklers a 5% credit on future purchases.

## LET'S TRY THIS ONE AGAIN

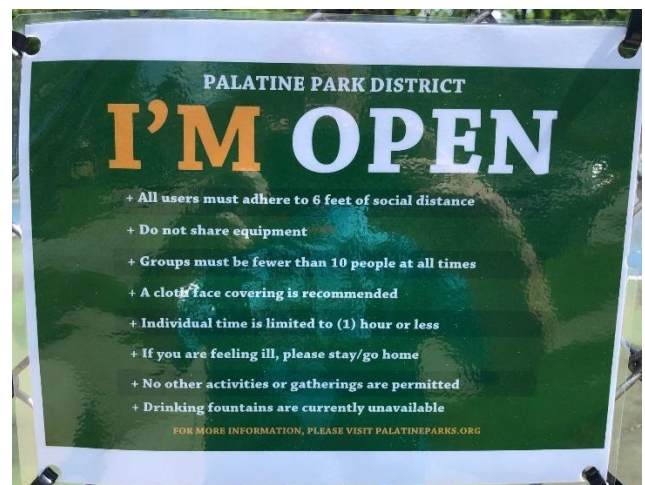
As a club you came through nicely on my requests for quarantine pastimes and your pets. The other thing I'd sought was some of your favorite events our Social Committee or I have staged for you over the last five years. I'd really expected to read that someone liked our Family Fun Tournament or playing on one of the Canlan travel teams or the Lamplighter lunches or the Untall Ladies Tournament or the Pajama Party Games or getting newsletters or mentoring or a skinny singles ladder or the two Grand Openings of Hamilton or having club T-shirts or something. Not getting a single response was disappointing. I certainly don't believe I've been investing dozens of hours each week for only my own amusement so let's try this again. I really do want to know what types of events you like so I know where to focus in the future. You can go to [PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com) and check the February, 2020 newsletter, for a list of most of the events the Social Committee or I have created for you. Then email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com), if you see one/some that you do remember as having been particularly enjoyable. Thanks. I hope to share results with you in the July newsletter.

## LATE BREAKING NEWS ... WE'RE OPEN

As of Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Hamilton, Sycamore and Locust courts are open. Sycamore and Locust are unchanged, but Hamilton's middle nets have been removed. Courts will be for singles, unless four Picklers from the same household. That means your across town daughter or brother can't play doubles with you. Each player, as anticipated, must have his/her own ball and touch no one else's. While face coverings are recommended, they are not required. The 6' social distance rule is, of course, still in effect.



Sign posted at Hamilton



Sign posted at both Sycamore and Locust

For those who think you could never play singles, you need to know about half-court singles, also called "skinny singles." Your court is only 10' wide so there's not too much running. It's a great way to develop your skills at lobbing, getting to the kitchen line, making accurate passing shots, and reflex volleys. I enjoy playing to 15, win by 2.

Thanks, Palatine Park District. We love this game so will work together to see your guidelines are followed.



# HE DOESN'T KNOW HE'S SICK

WITH AN INCUBATION PERIOD OF UP TO 14 DAYS,  
HE SPREADS COVID WITHOUT KNOWING HE IS SICK



**PROTECT AMERICA AND WEAR THE DANGED MASK!**

This is why it's important to wear a mask, whenever we may be within 6-10' of other individuals.

Well, I'm happy to say that our next newsletter should again have pics of Picklers doing what they enjoy doing most.

Palatine has almost 400 known cases of COVID-19. To my knowledge none are Palatine Picklers so thanks, everyone, for staying home and social distancing.

Happy pickling again.

Bear Shatwell

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