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MENTORING IS BACK

Our dedicated Mentors are back on Sycamore Park's courts every Wednesday morning, to help newer Picklers and any others who would like to brush up on their basic skills. You and three other students will work with one Mentor on one court for one hour. If you've yet to do so, you must email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with EACH of the Wednesdays through October 14th that you THINK you'd be available. It's OK to say, "all of them." It's not a commitment. That will be requested on the Monday two days before any session for which you'll be invited. If you don't get my Monday invitation, please do not show up. In alpha order, here are your Mentors:



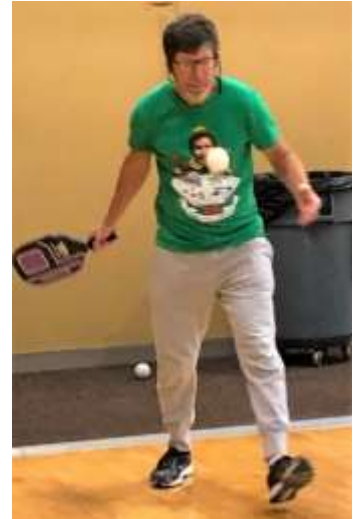
Bob



Dennis



Marv



Neal

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ... Your Monday invitation will let you know whether you'll be in the 9:00-10:00 session or the 10:15-11:15 session. All students must wear a mask covering nose and mouth. Each student must bring a ball marked with his/her name. That ball will be the only one he/she will touch with your hand all morning. You'll become adept at kicking, putting, or flipping balls back to their owners. At any time during your hour, you may call for either a hydration break or a breathing break. For a breathing break, just turn your back on the court, take a couple steps and take off your mask for a brief time. You should bring water or Gatorade, as the fountain there is not turned on. I do have a few paddles you may borrow for your session, if you don't own one yet. Students are invited to join us at Hamilton (across from Sundling Jr High on Smith St) Tuesday through Saturday mornings after 9:00 to play with us. We're friendly and helpful.



Each participant will be invited to play a majority of the dates they give me. You'll warm up with drills. Then you'll play actual games, with coaching after points.

NEW CHAIR POLICY FOR HAMILTON'S MORNING SESSIONS

Mornings are getting sufficiently popular that it's often impossible to keep your chairs at least 6' apart and only along the side fences. We've begun to set up our chairs on the sidewalk and grass south of the cages. West is fine too, if you don't care about watching the thrilling action on the courts. It's fine to bring your bag and water inside the cages.



Marti



Jenny



Kathy



Ryan



Sue



Pat



CC



Sandi



Steve



Tom



Sally



Phil



Mike



Mike



Mary



Larry



John

PICKLERS' HALF COURT TOURNAMENT

I came up with a cure for my withdrawal from running tournaments. We'll have a half-court singles tournament. It will be open to all Palatine Picklers who email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com by August 15th that they want to participate. Here's how it will work. I will send all competitors a list of names and email addresses of all participants. You will play each one of them one game to 11, change ends at 6. You may play either skinny or diagonal. If you don't agree on which to play, determine by the equivalent of a coin flip. The winner must **email** me with the score. Set up your own games when and where it's convenient. Because there is no way to know whether we'll have five or fifty players, I'm putting an ending date for this tournament as October 30. Hopefully, we'll finish well before then. The winner will be determined by total points scored. So Someone could win, without even playing several players. Obviously, the more you play, the better your total score will be.

No masks are required for this tournament, but we will follow the policy of handling only your own ball. Just kick, putt, or flip your opponent's ball back when it ends up near you after a point or side out.



Debbie



Frank



Jeff



Kathy



Janice



Jim



Laura



Neal



Brian



Bob



Kip



Linda

ANY LADIES WANT TO PLAY AT 7:00 A.M. ?

Hamilton is wide open. Its not hot. And the rest of the day is ahead of you. If you'd like to join Jossie Prochilo for early fun, email her at JossieProchilo@gmail.com.



Lori



Ken



Joyce



John



John



Linda



Jean



Lucky

PICKLER OF THE MONTH

Let's enjoy watching the Pickler who just may be our most athletic member. Giuseppe Rivetti is a super nice guy and covers more ground than anyone else ... He enjoys playing well above the court too. Ane he's 51. Not right.





Hank



Joyce



Mark



Lynnda



Lynne



Dora



Greg



Elke



Don



Dick



Frank

WHEN NOT A 5.0 PLAYER, HOW GREAT TO HAVE A FAN



Mike Simplenski has one. He's pretty cool.



Connie



Cindy



Debbie



Chris



Clay



Gillian



Greg



Sally



Sharon



Sandy



Vicki



John



Jane



Janet



Liz



Howard



Harry



Sandy



Don



Gary



Debbie



Gina

-REMEMBER YOUR DISCOUNTS

-For anything on PickleballCentral.com, use the promo code CRPALATINEPB for a 5% discount.

For A 10-20% discount on any Paddletek paddle, contsct Chuck Feinstein ... grtfuldad@aol.com or 847-877-7770.

PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRTS

OK, Picklers ... Since our last shirt order, I've signed up 124 new Palatine Picklers, and it's just 7/22 as I write this. It's obviously time to place another order. So, Newbies and others interested in expanding their pickleball wardrobe, go to the website (PalatinePicklers.com), select the style/s and color/s you want and send me your shirt/s preference/s complete with size. The website is awaiting updating so add \$1 to the price shown, for every shirt. I can place an order, once we have at least 12 shirts. I imagine we will have several times that, when I pull the trigger on our next order.

Meanwhile, I have in my car a dozen or so shirts from the last couple orders. If you own, or will own when paid, one or more of these, please let me know when you can pick them up at Hamilton any morning.



Heidi



Mary



Mike



Laurie



Sue



Susan



Spiro



Syed

VOLUNTEER WANTED

I could really use someone to take over the scheduling of mentorees for Wednesday morning mentoring sessions. I'll be glad to give you all the contact information and the "expect to be available" lists for each week through October 14th. You just need to notify those Picklers you choose to participate in each week's 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 sessions each Monday and get their "I'm in" or "Can't make it." If interested write me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. You'll never need to attend a session.

HOW RISKY ARE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ?



BE INFORMED:

Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.



WHEN WILL WE PLAY INDOORS ?

This is, perhaps, the question I've been asked most in the last month. Unfortunately, I do not know the answer. However, I'm willing to give my opinion. I predict we won't see indoor play until the fall of 2021. Again, I have no say in this decision. It's just what I see as a realistic projection. Illinois and Palatine are, thankfully, more concerned about our health than some states and municipalities. If a lot more people start wearing masks when in public stay socially distanced, avoid groups of people, and out of buildings other than their homes as much as possible, perhaps, we could see indoor play sooner.



Ari



Bob



Dave



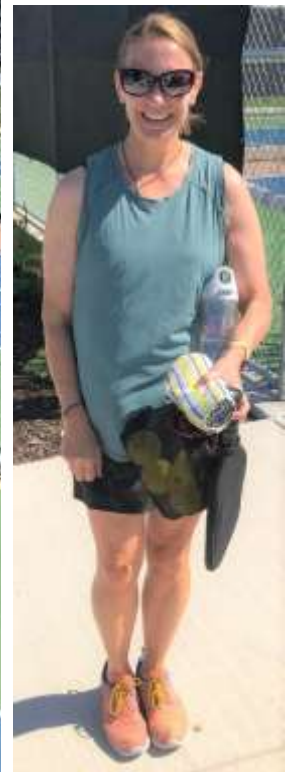
Holly



Adam



Bob



Diane



Donna



Fred



Greg



Chandra



Darrell



Dennis



Dave



**COINCIDENTAL PIC OR A
KATHRYN BACKHAND TO
CAROLYN'S FOREHEAD ?**
You may have to blow this up for
effect, but Jeff Degner took this
pic that is open to interpretation.



Clark



Cathy



Clay



Deb



Alex



Ana & Bentley



Brian



Bill



Beth



Bill



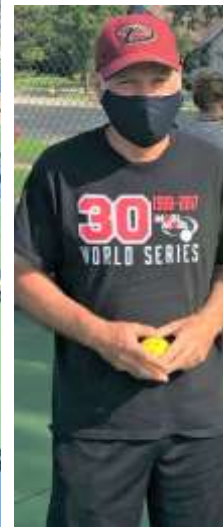
Ben



Joshua



Rick



Spiro



Jaime

HAMILTON'S PROCEDURE FOR WHO PLAYS WHERE & WHEN

For the benefit of our new members, let's review the procedures that have been working this summer.

- 1) Left/north cage is designated "competitive." Right/south cage is designated "recreational." You may start in either, but if you win 3 in a row in rec, go to competitive, and vice versa.
- 2) You should attach a name tag upside down on each side of your paddle by the handle. This will allow one coming off a court to call out four names, without touching a paddle.
- 3) DO NOT BUNCH UP at the paddle troughs. Stay 6' from the person ahead of you, when you put a paddle in or take one out of a trough. If you just won your game, put your paddle in the IN side of the W (upper) trough. If you lost, do the same in the lower trough. The first one to the troughs after your game should move the clip from one trough to the other and call out the four names of paddles in the trough that did have the clip. DO NOT BUNCH UP at the troughs.
- 4) If more than a handful of players are waiting to play, singles games should move to Sycamore.
- 5) When off the court, you must remain at least 6' from anyone with whom you do not live.
- 6) Unless you all live in the same household, each player should have his/her own ball and touch none other. You can putt, kick, or flip any other ball back to its owner.
- 7) If 4 Picklers choose to play together, just put all 4 paddles in a trough, making sure there are multiples of 4 ahead of yours. This may require asking one or more who come off a court to go ahead of you.
- 8) Don't latch a cage door. Someone else would have to get creative in opening it without touching it. You may bring your bags inside the cages, but please set up chairs at least 6' apart on the sidewalks.

You may remember seeing Fred Phillips' court being created. Here is the finished product being put to good use.





Brian



Roland



Mary



Amy



Fan



Alberto



Heather

2 APOLOGIES FROM BEAR

My phone's camera shutter has been sticking lately. If I took pics of you but you're not in the newsletter, it means that instead of you, I got pics of the court.

I do feel bad, when I don't recognize even a newer Pickler. The thing is as of July 29th, I've welcomed 137 Picklers to the club since locks came off courts June 4th. That volume and my senility aren't compatible. Sorry.



Craig



Martina



Arnie



Colleen



Bob



Tom



Al



Pam



Dan



Rin



Tobey



Noreen



Jeff



Marv



Patti



Austen



Emilie



Sandi

MENTORING MORNINGS HAVE YET TO BE FULL

Over the two, one-hour sessions, we can accommodate 24 mentorees. Enough have expected to be available, but there have been at least four that couldn't make it each week. If you are a new Pickler, you absolutely want to get into this program. If you have beginner skills, you should get into this program. If you're already decent but would like to brush up on technique, court position, shot selection, etc., we'd welcome you into this program. Marv, Dennis, Neal, Bob, and I really want to help you improve your game. Please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with the Wednesday mornings you EXPECT to be available from now through October 14th. I will email on Monday those Picklers we want to show up on Wednesday with ball and mask. Thanks.



I hope you do, but that snarky comment isn't mine.

Love multi-generational play. Tom & Dan this time.



DRAWSTRING BAG GIVEAWAY

Not since last year's June 24th & 25th grand Opening of the new Hamilton courts have I offered Picklers free bags. I'll have a supply at Hamilton the next several days. Last June 47 bags were taken. They're good for MANY things. I use them for personals in my pb bag, balls, pocket change, shoes in luggage, Sharpies, pens, tools, etc. They'll be in a Crown Royal case near the west doors. Take as many as you like.

IT'S NEWBIES TIME

Due to my forgetfulness or that sticky shutter, some new members aren't included. I hope to get them in the September newsletter in which they'll still be considered newbies. Here in alpha order are July's newbies.



Adam



Bill



Bob



Bob



Brigitte



Bruce



Carla



Carolyn



CC



Char



Chris



Dave



Dawn



Debbie



Dennis



Dennis



Diane



Dominic



Donna



Elizabeth



Frances



Frank



Gail



Ginny



Gisele see Jeff at end



Jenny



Jim



Joann



Joe



Joe



John



Jon



Karen



Kathryn



Loren



Louie



Lynnda



Mark



Martina



Mary



Mary



Mary



Matt



oops – Help



Michael



Michael



Nancy



Nicole



Noel



Pat



Rita



Robin



Rodney



Ryan



Ryan



Sal



Steve



Taylor, Brian, Zachary, & Missy



Terri



Theresa



Tom



Richard & Nancy



Tina



Jeff

WHEN EMAILING BEAR

Two favors you could do us are (1) sending your note to aokbarry@yahoo.com, rather than just hitting “reply” or sending it to PalatinePicklers@gmail.com. (2) Please sign your communiques. Many of you have unique or cute email addresses, but it takes me time to figure out to whom they belong. Thanks.

REGISTRATION FOR MENTORING WILL NEVER CLOSE

As I write this we have 37 Picklers signed up for mentoring sessions, but very few are available each week. Our ideal number is 24, with 12 coming to the 9:00 to 10:00 session, and 12 coming to the 10:15 to 11:15 session. If you will email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the Wednesday mornings you EXPECT to be available to participate, I will put you on each of those possible participant lists. Unless there is a reason you could not participate in one of those time slots, please don't share your desired one. I mix it up so everyone who can will get to play in both time slots. Again, your giving me dates is neither a commitment on your part nor an assurance you'll be invited to participate on any, given day. If you've been selected for a session, you'll get an email from me on the Monday two days before it. At that time you'll either confirm you'll be there or you can't make it. All you need is a mask or face shield, a ball bearing your name or special mark, water, and sanitizer. It's easy. It's fun. And, from all the feedback I've received, it's really beneficial.



Well, Picklers, it's been a busy month. I welcomed our 1500th member last month. Today I signed up our 1600th Palatine Pickler. I often ask a newer member who he/she is. A few ask me who I am. If not playing singles, I'm masked so I thought I'd put a couple pics of me, one in the perfect mask Janice Orłowski made for me and one of just me. There is at least one Pickler who accidentally appears in this newsletter twice. I'll give a Palatine Picklers patch to the first three who email me with a Pickler shown twice AND tells me on what pages. Stay safe. **Bear Shatwell, PicklersPrez aokbarry@yahoo.com**