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## SEPTEMBER, 2020 NEWSLETTER

### REVIEW OF HAMILTON PROCEDURES

With 221 new members this summer, it seems appropriate to go over our policies for safe enjoyment of our sport. As you may know, the US has only 4% of the world's population, but we have 25% of the COVID-19 cases and 22% of the world's deaths from the virus. We take safety seriously.

**MASKS ...** Masks are recommended, but they are not mandatory. Many Picklers who prefer to wear a mask ask their partners to do the same. Many of us wear masks between games for additional safety.

**BALLS ...** Each Pickler must have his/her own ball (preferably bearing owner's name). That is the only ball that Pickler will touch while at the courts. Partner's and opponents' balls should be sent in the general direction of their owners by kicking, shoving under the net, flipping, getting airborne and hitting, or putting.

**CAGES ...** The north/left cage is designated "Competitive," and the south/right cage is designated "Rec." When you arrive go to whichever cage you prefer. If you lose three, consecutive games on competitive courts, move to the rec. If you win three, consecutive times on rec, move to competitive. On Monday mornings the far east rec court will be for competitive play.

**PADDLE TROUGHS ...** This seems harder. Only one person should be putting a paddle in or taking one out of the troughs at a time. We are to stay at least 6' away from everyone with whom we do not share a home. The US has had more than five and a half million cases of Covid-19 and more than 170,000 have died from it. A leading cause is unmasked people not socially distancing. PLEASE do these simple things to keep from becoming a statistic. We really do not want to have these cages locked up again.

When there are enough players to warrant use of the troughs, put your paddle in whichever trough you prefer. There is an "in" and an "out" side. Without touching any paddle other than your own, slide the paddles as far toward the "out" side as possible.

When players come off a court, the first to approach the troughs should call out the names on the first four paddles in the trough bearing the clothespin. Then move the clothespin to the other trough and get out of the way so the other three with whom you just shared a court can, one at a time, place their paddles in the appropriate troughs. Of course, never touch a paddle that is not your own.

**NAMES ON PADDLES ...** Please have your name appear on both sides of your paddle upside down where the handle meets the paddle. This will allow your name to be easily read and called out.

**CHAIRS & BAGS ...** While it's fine to bring your bag into the cages, please set up your chair on the sidewalk at least 6' away from any other chair that isn't owned by a housemate.

**SANITIZER/WIPES ...** You should bring sanitizer and/or wipes to the courts. There's a good chance someone will have an "Oops" moment and absent mindedly pick up your ball. Clean it and your hands right away. Wiping it on your shirt does not count as cleaning it. If someone accidentally touches my ball, I sanitize it.



Cindy



Dave



Janet



Renee



Sal



Rioshni



Anneliese



Alex

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Clay



Chris



Connie



John



Lois



Linda



Martina



Matt



Lorne



Lynne



Mary



Mary



Joyce



Mike



Lucky



Mike



Sandy



Phil



Susan



Steve



Sandi



Patti



Mike



Martina's shirt



## MENTORING UPDATE

Huge thank you to Robin Dubin for answering the call. She has volunteered to handle the scheduling duties for our two, weekly, Wednesday morning mentoring sessions.

48 Palatine Picklers have signed up for mentoring. Each week we can serve 24 students. Availability schedules are such that about half the time we come up a few students short of a full 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

If you're newer to the game, these sessions will help. Please email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the Wednesday mornings through October 14<sup>th</sup> you EXPECT to be available. No commitment.

## 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MENTOREES' TOURNAMENT

Our final mentoring session for 2020 will be October 14<sup>th</sup>. One week later, at 9:00 a.m. right at Sycamore we'll have our season-end tournament. To be eligible, you'll have had to participate in at least two mentoring Wednesdays this year. I've limited this to the first eight Mentorees to email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) (hitting "reply" may not do it for you) will be assured a spot in this event. You will play one game to 11, win by 2, partnering with each of your fellow competitors. In bygone days we'd all go out for lunch afterward. Won't be risking that even outdoors this year. Your games will have a ref, to make sure you're practicing everything you'll have learned this summer. The top three finishers will be recognized in the November newsletter.

## FORMER MENTOREE MEDALIST & MENTOR ASSISTANT HAS MOVED

Linda Hycnar has finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the annual Mentorees' Tournament and throughout 2019 was an Assistant Mentor. This year she had a new home built in Florida and sold her local home. She wanted me to share this open letter with you.



August 1, 2020

Hello Picklers,

Very shortly, I will be moving to Ocala, Florida. I have enjoyed playing with you and will miss everyone! There's a lot of pickleball in my new community, so after this awful virus improves, please stop by and see me. I would love to see you. My email is [hycnarl@gmail.com](mailto:hycnarl@gmail.com).

Stay safe and healthy and hope you see you in Florida!

Linda Hycnar



Alberto



Ari



Ann



Cindy



Brigitte



Bob



Bob



Bob



Craig



Elizabeth



Frank



Gary

### EXPLANATION ABOUT THESE PICS

Indoor pics I can edit in less than a minute. Outdoor pics take a lot longer, and some are still terrible. Sorry.



Fred



Howard



Jini



John



Joshua



Sally



Joe



Rolland



Bill



Bill



Bill



Bill

## NEAL GIVING LESSONS ON HIS OWN COURT

Neal Harris's teaching skills have been appreciated by dozens and dozens of Picklers in our summer mentoring programs over the years. This year Neal and Mary had a pickleball court build on their Barrington property a little east and south of Good Shepherd Hospital. Along with the court, he has a versatile backboard specifically designed for picklers to practice different shots.



To learn more about convenient, private or semi-private lessons in his parklike setting, click on this link: <https://www.relax4life.com/pickleball-coaching/>



Lucky



Kathy



Kim



Ken

## MORE PICKLERS WILL HAVE TWO PICS THIS MONTH

If I have current pics of someone both in a mask and maskless, I'm putting them both in this newsletter.





Tobey



Sue



Sue



Sue



Sally



Sherry



Sue



Rick



Liz



Liz



Linda



Kathy



Russ



Marti



Lynnda



Jim



Jeff



Janice



Chris



Cammy



CC



Chandra



Dav



Chris



Barb



Ben



Anne



Arnie



Ari



Barb



Dora



Bob



Dora



Julie

## PICKLERS OF THE MONTH

Mike O'Connor was Master Mentor the first two or three years of our mentoring program. Cancer caused him to retire from that role. Linda has been a regular player over the years too. Mike is an excellent pickleball and table tennis player who participates in each sport as often as possible. Mike's ability to explain strategy and techniques in a way that is easily understood was a real asset to our program. While we miss his teaching, we're glad to see him occasionally on our courts. Linda remains his rock.



Carole



Chris



Harry



Hank



Norb



Jim



Stana



Steve



Jim



Scott



Jossie



Joyce



Joshua



John



Larry



Deb



Giuseppe



Adam



Mike



Bill



John



Debbie



Lori



Janet



Jim



Theresa



Joann



Dave



Heidi



George



Karin



Brigitte



Sebastian



Jim



Dominic



Frank



Gillian



Tom



Janeen



Debbie



Jaime



Don

## DINK BANG SIDEOUT'S SUMMER SLAMM MEDALISTS

From August 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Adam and Kristina (Dink Bang Sideout) ran a great tournament at Chippewa Park in Des Plaines. It was our first tournament for most of us in many months. Here are the Palatine Picklers who medaled. Non-members are in italics. Of the 141 participants, 46 were Palatine Picklers.

Mens Doubles 19-49 4.5-5.0 Trevor Weisbart & *Tom Moore* Bronze  
 . 4.0 Sammy Rosenthal & Josh Ware Bronze  
 . 3.0 Greg Kuhs & Harry Moore Bronze

50+ 4.0-4/5 Charlie May & Mike Saam

Mens Singles 19-49 3.0-3.5 Syed Karim Bronze

50+ 4.0 George Kas Bronze

Mixed Doubles 19-49 4.0 *Patty Hyde* & Josh Ware Bronze  
 . 4.5-5.0 Nez Agrawal & *Peter Sidorczuk* Silver

50+ 3.0 Mary Ryback & *Keith Wiener* Gold  
 . *Mary Kanter* & Gene Feldman Silver

Womens Doubles 50+ 3.0-3.5 Cindy Anich & Jane Krauser Bronze

Congratulations to all our medalists, and thanks to Adam and Kristina for coordinating all our fun.

## WHEN DO WE PLAY AT HAMILTON ?

We're always there Monday through Saturday mornings, starting about 9:00. Sunday at 2:00 we get a smaller turnout. Though I've not played this summer in evenings, Wednesday works. I'm told that Monday and Thursday also draw crowds. If you play an evening, there's a button on the fence in each cage about 10' from the door. This turns on the lights. If the orange light at the top of the fence about it blinks, you need to push the button again, or the lights will go out in a couple minutes. Lights automatically go off at 10:00 p.m.





Carolyn



Ben



Erin



Kathryn



Kristine



Dennis



Franklin



Elvira



Kelly



Jimmy



Mike



Debbie



Diane



Susie



Gregg



Neal



Diane



Deanna



Charlie



Bob



Donna



Lois



Joe



Greg

## WHO'S UP FOR THIS CHALLENGING COMPETITION

I can see this getting zero responses. So I'll try to bribe you. I'll let the winner order any Palatine Pickler shirt for free. OK here it is. I've seen many Picklers bounce the ball on the edge of their paddles. If you can do this even a few times, have someone video your effort and send it to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). I'll have a link to your superior effort in the October newsletter. You must appear in the video. You can't zoom in on Kyle Yates' hand during his workshops here and say it's yours. If you do go to one of his workshops, get him to demo his extreme talent with this challenge. It's really entertaining.



Maria



Anne



John



Bob



Mike



Masato



Chris



CC



Ray



Michael



Mac



Jenny



Deb



Tom



Craig



Terry



Tom

## NOW LET'S MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Since the courts opened June 4<sup>th</sup>, as I write this on 8/27, I've welcomed 207 players to the Palatine Pickleball Club. Forgive me if I try to recruit you again. I don't have the memory of a sixty year old. Apologies to the several for whom I have no pic. My sticking shutter produced many pics of the court surface instead of you.



Alexa



Anne



Aurelie



Beth



Brooks



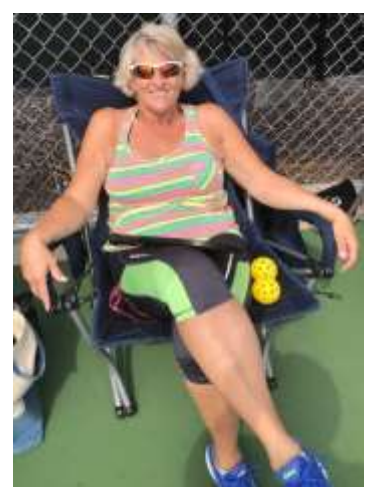
Carol



Chris



Chris



Cindy



Colleen



Connie



Dan



David



Dawn



Denise



Diane



Elvira



Erin



Gail



Gwen



Janet



Jeff



Jennifer

## WRONG HAND TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. on the Hamilton courts, we'll have our first ever "Wrong Hand" tournament. It will be a round robin. You'll play one game partnering with each of your competitors. The length of the game will depend on how many sign up. You must hit every shot with your non-dominant hand. Those of us who switch hands are out of luck. Can't do it this time. Use of dominant hand is instant loss of point. If you want to have laughs and frustrations, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



Jerry



Jess



Jim



Jim



Jim



John



John



John



Judy



Kathy



Katy



Laura



Magg



Maria



Mark



Mary



Matt



Maureen



Mike



Monika



Nancy



Nancy



Paul



Renee



Rick



Rob



Ron



Sandy



Scott



Sharon



Steve



Sue



Ted



Tim



Tim



## WHAT DOES THE USAPA SAY ABOUT PLAYING AS SAFELY AS POSSIBLE

They suggest playing only singles or with only those in the same household. They discuss sanitizing everything and obeying state, regional, local criteria and, of course, CDC precautions.

Because it comes up often, I want to share their guidelines which define our most controversial policy at Hamilton.

- Coordinate with your play group so that each person serves with a different color ball. If multiple colors are not an option, use a Wharpie and prominently mark personal pickleballs with your initials.
- Use your paddle and foot to pick up pickleballs and transfer them to your opponent/partner. If utilizing a raised net, hit the ball under the net to your opponent.

We did raise the nets in the rec cage, and that virtually makes the 4-ball policy a non-issue. For some reason someone cut the ties on two courts, but we'll raise them again and the nets on the competitive side too. Thanks, Jaime, for executing that great idea before I even read about it in the USAPA guidelines.



That's all I have for now, Picklers.

I certainly don't expect the response I get when I can stage fun, indoor tournaments, but I hope a few of you will swallow your pride and try playing with your "wrong" hand ... and make the effort to get someone to take a video of you bouncing a ball on the edge of your paddle. I know I can do it two or three times and think that may well be enough for me to get a free shirt.

Please play and live safely. That includes not bunching up by the paddle racks.

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