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CHICAGO PICKLEBALL OPEN

The Palatine Picklers competing and those volunteering was, understandably, down from last year, but we did have 28 members competing in this major event and several volunteering their time. Here are our medalists.



Gail Pistello & Thea
4.0 50+ Gold



Lynne Weisbart & Connie Kus
3.0 50+ Gold



Jim Latal & Gregg Didech
4.0 60+ Silver



Kelly Gust & Kim Evans
4.0 50+ Silver



Michael Woldorf & Scott
Stubig 4.0 50+ Silver



Patrice Hulseman &
Ray Jenkins 3.0-3.5
60+ Silver



Monique Reynolds & Bill
Kirscht 3.5 50+ Bronze



Ashland, KY Round Robin
Lance Ross & Ray Jenkins
3.5-4.0 Silver

FYI butchering Ray was the photographer, not my editing



Bill



Ari



Chris's shirt



Cindy



Ryan



Patty



Sally



Mike



Ron



Sally



Tim



Steve



Stana



Shellie



Rick



Suren



Zig



Sue



Phil



Bob



Bill



Bob



Heidi



Elvira



Janice



Janet



Joshua



Karin



Jim



John



Kathy



Kathryn



Jenny



Karen



Larry



Kathy



Linda

TWO EXPLANATIONS ABOUT PICKLERS' PHOTOS

- 1) Many Picklers appear twice in this newsletter. One wearing their mask and one bare-faced. Some of us may not recognize someone one way or the other so I thought I'd let you see them in each of their looks.
- 2) In the Newbie section later there are a couple Picklers who have actually been around for more than a month. However, I failed to get their photo into a previous newsletter. I want you all to see our newer members so you can make them feel as welcome as they are.



Katy



Joe



Mac



Mike



Mary



Mike



Jeff



Lynnda



Joshua

HELP MAKE HAMILTON EVENINGS FUN FOR ALL

I've played all but two days at Hamilton, since it opened June 4th. One was too hot. The other was rained out. I've been happy to play "pickleball police," and everyone has been receptive to our policies. I've heard MANY Picklers say evening play is an unorganized nightmare. I will print policies and get them onto the three doors. Please help spread the word and urge everyone to follow them. They work. Thanks.

LOST & FOUND

I have served as our lost and found since Day 1. I'm happy to continue to do so, but I think using the yellow box outside the south cage at Hamilton is fine too, for those nimble enough to do so. Here are items which have been given to me last summer or this. If one is yours, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



Sept, 2020



Aug, 2020



Aug-Sept, 2020



summer, 2020



summer, 2019



Sept 22, 2020



Sept 25, 2020



Alex



Maria



Nancy



Neal



Greg



Greg



Howard



Sue



Tom



Tim



Noreen



Mike



Sue



Mike



Maggie



Marsha



Lynnda



Martina

PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRTS ARE POPULAR

If you haven't gotten your Palatine Pickleball Club shirt ... or several ... why not? It's easy. Just go to PalatinePicklers.com. Then find the style and color you like, and email me that information, along with the size your prefer. You won't get it in a few days, but you will get it. Whenever we have at least twelve preorders, I can place our order. Our printer will hold our order, until we can be piggybacked on other orders for the several shirt makers we want, to save shipping costs and keep our great prices. It's usually within 2-3 weeks that I can pick up our order. Oh, I've yet to do a lot of updating on our website so add \$1 to whatever price you see for your favorite shirt. Just FYI to date, **551 shirts have been ordered**. Most of this summer's newbies have yet to get their first shirt so how 'bout it. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with your preferences.



Joe



Linda



Lori



Lois



Kathy



Tom



Pat



Valery



Jim



Ann's shirt



Bob



Cathy



Clay



Judy



Julie



Jaime



Giuseppe



Paul



Sandi's shirt



Ted



Gillian



Gail



Hank



Jeff



Jeff



Jim



John



Joyce



Howard



Bob



Kathryn



Micki



Mimi



Susan



Scott



Mary Pat



Renee

94th BIRTHDAY DRIVE-BY

Elvira Cridland has been a talented and friendly force at Falcon for years. She brings her husband George in his wheel chair. George is a WWII Navy veteran who enjoyed an Honor Flight to WDC. A party is out of the question due to COVID so Elvira wants to celebrate George’s birthday with a drive-by parade. We are to meet in Lake Zurich’s Ela Library parking lot at **2:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 18th**. Elvira and George live 2 blocks away. She’ll video us driving by. In case you want to put a sign in your window, they will be on the passenger side.





Robin



Donna



Darrell



Ed



Frank



Dan



Bill



Dora



Arnie



Chris



Amy



Brigitte



Barb



Carolyn



Connie



Anneliese



Deb



Al



Chris



Dave



Cherrie



Chris



Deb



Susan



Don



Elke



Ken



Donna



Sandy

THANK YOU, JAIME

Jaime Sandoval came up with the idea of raising the bottoms of the nets, to allow easy rolling the balls back to their owners. This has made such a great difference. The “touch only your own ball” policy is virtually a non-issue. He’s raised the nets at Sycamore too so mentoring will also be much easier. Love it. Thanks, Jaime.

DON'T ASK ... DON'T TELL



Some creative Picklers actually painted their cul de sac with pickleball lines so they could play without chalking lines each day. It may not be quite code, but we won't share who did it or where it is.

YOUR DISCOUNTS ARE WAITING



10-20% discount on Paddletek paddles ... Call or email Chuck Feinstein.

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grtfuldad@aol.com

PickleballCentral.com ... 5% off EVERY purchase, when you use code

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MENTOREES LOVING THEIR LEARNING

So far this summer we have helped 54 newer Picklers hone their skills. Most have come back for more. We owe a huge thanks to our Mentors Bob, Dennis, Marv, and Neal, in alpha order. Thanks too to Robin Dubin who replaced me as Mentoree Scheduler. The program has run smoothly all summer.



Mary



Dan



Dan's shirt



Bill



Frank



Carolyn



Tom



Lucky

WE'RE KIND OF A BIG DILL

There are still a lot of pickleball players around I've yet to sign up for the Palatine Pickleball Club, but it's hard to think there are still a lot. We curised past the 1,700 member mark two weeks ago. Since early June when Hamilton was unlocked, more than 265 new members have joined.

Since I started asking when the club was about a year old, 470 of our members live within the Palatine Park District.

Of the 551 Palatine Picklers shirts we've sold, six have been ordered by individuals in other states. They shopped on our website and liked what they saw.

This summer our mentoring program has sereved 56 Palatine Picklers to date.



Martina



Bill



Debbie



Terry

FAMILY FANS



After playing with John themselves, Carol, Peyton, and Madison warm to the idea of watching John Nero play a more competitive game. They couldn't mask their pride in our club's two, newest members.

WILL THERE BE TRAVEL TEAMS THIS FALL ?

For years we have had two travel teams play every other week at Canlan Sportplex in Lake Barrington. A team of 12 Palatine Picklers (6 men and 6 ladies) in the 3.5 - 4.0 range compete against Barrington. Simultaneously, a group of 8 (4 of each gender) compete at the 3.0 – 3.5 range against a combined team of Barrington and Mid Town Club. I have run this “lower intermediate” team and league from Day 1. If Canlan does open and is open to having one or both leagues compete again, there are many questions. Will any of the four teams be able to field teams? Will the leagues be allowed to continue, after it’s obvious that they’re incapable of social distancing? Will the number of courts available for play reduce the size of the teams? John Kirschner is the current Captain of the “upper intermediate” team. It’s been a bit early for me to see if he’ll continue in that role, should that larger league be given the green light to play?

If Barrington and Mid Town are confident that each club can guarantee two men and two ladies each week, then I’d like to see the Palatine Picklers field teams of eight. I’m sure we have the numbers to assure being able to put teams on the courts for each competition. However, I will not be serving as Captain. We bought a treadmill to take care of most of my winter exercise. Should this league be allowed to play, I need a replacement Captain. You can choose your players for each competition, or I can continue to do that and email you your roster. However, you would be responsible for keeping, maintaining and filling in the dry erase scoreboard each match. You will also be the one who gathers all 16 players to a socially distanced meeting during which you explain the rules and how to use the scoreboard. (I’ll give you detailed instructions.) Before the season begins, I ask everyone interested in playing for the Palatine Picklers to select from the dates offered which ones they THINK they would be available. I strive to give everyone who wants to play that chance to play for our team so it’s unlikely any two weeks would see an identical roster. Those who have played in the past saw me at Canlan every week, even if I didn’t have myself on the roster. I wouldn’t expect you to do that. It’s OK to put yourself on each week’s roster.

Today I was told we will have the opportunity for the lower intermediate league to play this year, but it cannot happen, unless one of you volunteers to Captain our team. Please let me know you’re interested, by emailing me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

KYLE YATES CHALLENGE WINNER

I thought if I got even five, edge bounces, I may win the free Palatine Picklers shirt. I almost doubted anyone else would take the time to have someone video him/her attempting this. Well, some of you did. However, one Pickler was just a little bit better. How much better, you ask. Rather than tell you, I’ll let you see for yourself. Here’s the link to his video. Copy and paste, if necessary.

<https://youtu.be/AHtQQb9yWsY>

Jonny Storm (a.k.a. Jon Bradford) bounced his ball, yeah, that many times. I won’t even share what took 2nd. However, if we do this again, Jonny doesn’t get to play. Congratulations, Jonny. Awesome.



MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

It continues to be a growth-oriented, outdoor season for the Palatine Picklers. Below are most of our newbies. I apologize for the dozen or so not pictured. Most are due to my camera's sticking shutter. Some are due to my forgetting to take a pic. Some may be shown but not with names ... also due to that shutter screwing up my ability to match sign-ups to photos in order order. In alpha order here are our newest members. If I've misidentified you, or your pic isn't here, please let me know. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



Amy



Ann



Art



Augie



Becks



Bob



Brian



Carol



Carolyn



Cherrie



Chris



Chris



Debbie



Deborah



Devang



WRONG HAND TOURNAMENT

A few of us were willing to suffer the embarrassment of terrible, and missed, shots to compete with only our non-dominant hand. Bear Shatwell took 2nd, Neal Harris 1st, and John Anich 3rd. Due to Hamilton being more crowded than expected, Neal invited us to compete on his court in Barrington. For the photo we held paddles in a more comfortable hand.



Earl



Ed



Edger



Jeff



Jeri



Jim



Joe



John



John

COULD USE YOUR CREATIVE IDEAS

Without guaranteed, indoor court time, I haven't been able to run our normal, fun tournaments this summer. Any ideas to supplement edge bouncing and summer-long half court round robin would be appreciated.



Jordan



Judy



Kaison



Karen



Karen



Ken



Kody



Larry



Leo



Maria



Marsha



Matt



Max



Mike



Nancy



Paul



Rich



Rick



Russell



Sam



Sue



Terry



Tom

Again, I apologize to you newbies who are not pictured here. Let me know who you are, and I'll try taking another pic or two and get you into the November newsletter. The same is true for anyone to whom I've attributed a wrong name. My sticking shutter is a huge frustration. When I end up seeing that I don't have a pic of one or two newbies, I have to guess who I have. It was easy when the order of pics matched the order on my sign-up sheet. Just can't justify the cost of a new phone. Sorry.

Anyway, welcome all newbies, pictured or not. We're glad to have you.



Tracy



Please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you know the identities of any of the above Picklers. Thanks.

INDOOR PLAY UPDATE

Keith from Birchwood and John from Falcon have collaborated and proposed a game plan for opening indoor play in early October. It's been submitted to the powers that be. No word yet on approval, rejection, or alteration to the game plan. I'm sure that, when/if there is a plan in place, you'll receive a Tweener Memo to let you know under what circumstances the Palatine Park District will allow indoor play. This is a very complex issue with serious ramifications. As you know Palatine has been more conscientious than some communities. That's a really good thing. Let's hope those who are willing to play indoors do so as safely as possible.

IT'S BREAST CANCER MONTH

I wear a lot of pink in October and have raised roughly \$30,000 for various breast cancer causes. Prior to retiring I owned Chem-Dry carpet cleaning franchises. I served on the committee that made breast cancer our national charity and offered ways our thousands of franchises could benefit it, while benefiting themselves. As spokesman I was asked to make an appeal to franchisees to embrace this concept. It would be shown at the national convention and regional workshops. If you're interested in watching one more video, here's the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Zo-QYqmAj8>



Our sport and our club are growing at an incredible rate. We're about to enter the flu season and, likely, a second corona virus wave. It's really important that we act responsibly. Wear a mask, particularly on the courts where we're in closer proximity and breathing more heavily.

Many of us won't be playing indoors. For those that will, please follow the guidelines and them some.

I'd love to hear your creative ideas for competitions we can enjoy now and through the winter months.

Happy & Healthy pickling

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