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INDOOR SEASON OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL

It's official. Hamilton, Sycamore, and Locust will remain open with nets up all winter long. Whenever the weather allows, those of us who won't be playing indoors will still have a place to enjoy our sport. We may not get to those boxes of old photographs and slides after all.

I will be glad to compile a directory of any Picklers who would like to be kept abreast of when we want to head to Hamilton. I'll be glad to compile it, but I'd like a volunteer to send out the emails to everyone, whenever we see the opportunity to play. If you'd like to be notified of intended play times, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Remember to sign your name. If you're willing to send out emails to the list I'll give you, also email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



We've already had some mornings that required gloves and stocking caps, but that didn't deter us. We just won't play, if the courts are the least bit slippery.

INDOOR PLAY SUGGESTIONS

For those looking to move indoors, let me supplement the Tweener Memo that shared the Palatine Park District's policies and procedures. It didn't give phone numbers, and I've been asked several times to share those. Falcon's is 847-202-5111, and Birchwood's is 847-991-1960. You'll see this again later in this newsletter.

To avoid the strong possibility of being assigned to a group of players whose talents are incompatible, register a group, preferably of six, all at once. The PPD has told me they'll be glad to keep you together.

If paired with a Pickler who wears a mask on the court, please ask him/her if you should wear one also.

Above all else if you make a reservation, keep it. I know of at least one instance in which a no-show player forced three others to go home, since no fourth was there. Not cool.



Dave



Donna



Janice



Sally



Jeff



Joe



Lucky



Liz



Mary



Paul



Stana



Mike



Sue



Lois



Steve

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER/S NEEDED

After every newsletter is sent, I receive numerous emails saying how much the photos of our Picklers are appreciated. I'm sure most of us would like to see this continue. Of the 8,361 photos that have appeared in our newsletters, I've taken more than 8,300 of them. Here's the thing... I'm not going into Falcon, Birchwood, or Canlan for at least a year so I won't be there to take pics of Picklers on the courts.

If you have a smart phone (or a "real" camera), you can be a contributing photographer. It can be one or ten of you so can send pics to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. I will give credit each month, by sharing that indoor photos this month were taken by Abby Alpha, Benny Beta, and Gloria Gamma. I won't identify which were taken by whom. You need not do any cropping or editing. You can take multiple pics of individuals. I almost always do. I won't use any pics that are too blurry or embarrassing. Funny is fine. Send me two or three a month or two dozen a week. The more that I receive, the more I'll share in newsletters.



Sal



Shellie



Robin



Pat

Please remember to send your pics to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, not PalatinePicklers@gmail.com. Thanks.

REMEMBER YOUR DISCOUNTS

The holidays are fast approaching. Maybe, you can find the perfect gifts for your pickleball enthusiasts and save money at the same time.

PickleballCentral.com has anything and everything related to pickleball. When you use the promo code **CRPALATINEPB**, you will receive a 5% discount on everything you purchase.

Chuck Feinstein is our local representative of Paddletek paddles. Identify yourself as a Palatine Pickler, and he'll give you a discount of 10-20%, depending on the paddle you choose. He can be reached at 847-877-7770 or grtfuldad@aol.com.



Marion



Pat



Jim



Jim



Hank



Greg



Giuseppe

REMEMBER TO SWITCH SIDES HALFWAY THROUGH YOUR GAMES ON FALCON'S "GLARE COURT" BY LOBBY

MENTOREES' TOURNAMENT A SMASHING SUCCESS

Over the course of the summer, 58 students participated in at least one mentoring session. Those who participated in at least two and were among the first 16 to apply got to compete in our annual, year-end, Mentorees' Tournament. Each Pickler played one game to 6 with each the other competitors. Mentoree Marsha Miller had to withdraw from the tournament before It started, but she volunteered to manage the scoreboard. With the exception of Marv Zwass who couldn't be there on the 21st, all Mentors served as Refs for the morning.



Mentorees gathered socially distanced for a pre-play photo op.



Joe Klen 2nd, Spiro Robert 1st, Bill Parry 3rd



Karen Lemme 5th, Maria Churak 4th, Lois Farb 6th



Refs Dennis Bourgoïn, Bob Goldstein, Bear Shatwell, Neal Harris



Scorekeeper Marsha Miller



Alex



Becks



Katy

A COUPLE OUT OF STATE PICKLER SUCCESSES



Holly Goldsmith & Mary Thomason their medal Dale Zwack & Jonny Storm - Mint Fall Classic, Bremen, IN
The Villages Tournament ... 3.5 ... Silver 5.0-4.5 ... Gold ... lost only 11 points in 10 games

REMEMBER LAST MONTH'S KYLE YATES CHALLENGE ?

That was the edge of paddle ball bouncing competition that Jonny Storm won by more than 100. Pro Kyle Yates made this activity popular the way Tiger Woods made bouncing a golf ball on a club popular. At the Chicago Pickleball Open this fall, Kristine Corrado pulled out her phone to catch Kyle do his usual, impromptu thing.

Check it out here: <https://youtu.be/4zUxkNwDGBg>

DRIVE-BY DROVE HOME THE MESSAGE

On Saturday, October 17th, one day before George Cridland's 94th birthday, the drive-by was a huge success. Elvira asked Bill & Linda Graba of Hoffman's club and me to spread the word. A great turnout from each (often both) club left the Ela Library parking lot right on time at 3:00. Elvira had George out on their driveway two blocks away, with veterans from the Lake Zurich American Legion who honored George with a plaque.





PALATINEPICKLERS.COM VISITS

Our Webmaster, John Pihl, sent this 2020 summary through the end of September. Interesting. Surprised to see the stats of Chicago and Milwaukee.

Page	Pageviews
/Home	1985
/WhereWePlay	887
/NewsLetters	558
/SkillsDrills	478
/HowToJoin	346
/Contact	214
/Shirts	214
/Mentoring	201
/Links	166
	<u>5083</u>

City Users

Chicago	428
Palatine	257
Arlington Heights	119
Lake Zurich	42
Buffalo Grove	37
Schaumburg	29
Hoffman Estates	25
Milwaukee	17

Female 46%
Male 54%

CATTLE CALL FOR JANUARY “MAYBE” TRAVEL TEAM

We may, or may not, have a 3.0—3.5 travel league, starting in January. If we do, it's at Canlan Sportsplex in Barrington every other Tuesday. Morning or afternoon is to be determined. The only thing for sure is Connie Kus will be Palatine's Captain. We plan to give every appropriate applicant at least one or two weeks to play. We'll play a combined team from Barrington and the Midtown Club. If you'd like to make one or more rosters, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Every other week we field a team of four men and four women. It's all fun.



Bill



Bob



Janet



Maggie



Neal



Sandy



Kenny



Larry



Kathryn



Karen



Kathy



Kathy



Lori



Sherry



Steve



Suren



Sally



Jaime



Janet



David

SUMMER SKINNY SINGLES COURT TOURNAMENT WINN

We had all summer to complete the matches, but quite a few never happened. Kathy Carlson finished 1st, Bear Shatwell 2nd, and Sue Cole 3rd.





Karen



Chris



Cindy



Clay



Kathy



Larry



Tim



Valery



Zig



Tobey



Tim



Wendy



Mary Ellen



Maria



Joshua



Julie



Judy



Joyce



John



Jessie



Jim



Jeff



Heidi



Kathryn



Mary Anne



Jenny



Howard



. 9 of us didn't mind a little snow



Anne



Becks



Carolyn



Carole



Bob



Ari



Anneliese



Brian



Cathy



Chris



Colleen

IF YOU'D LIKE EVEN SAFER PLAY ...

Throughout the summer I often heard that Palatine had the strictest, safest procedures for play of all the courts on which Picklers had played. From what I've heard now, the Palatine Park District has established stricter, safer policies than other communities, for indoor play. We can be very proud of that.

However, with COVID-19 surging, you may want to consider additional measures of safety. In the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines is the following:

"When exercising indoors, face coverings should be worn at all times, including while exercising or participating in practices or competition." While masks are required in Falcon and Birchwood at all times not on the courts, everyone would be safer if masks were also worn when you're breathing more heavily, yelling, "Yours" or something to your partner, and often being closer than 6' apart.

In the Phase 4 of Restore Illinois Plan are the following:

"Do not use the public ball cleaner."

"Bring hand sanitizer with you and use during your match and at the end."

"Players should stay on their side of the court and avoid changing sides during match play."

"Tennis players should each bring a new can of balls to a match, different brands or same brand/different numbers and only serve with your tennis balls. If playing pickleball, use different color balls." The policy at Hamilton has been to touch only your own ball. That hasn't hampered play significantly, particularly since Jaime Sandoval lifted the bottoms of the nets so balls can be rolled directly back to their owners using paddles. This last one is in Palatine's policies, but I felt it deserved reiterating by a most credible source.



Connie



Craig



Cherrie



Chris



**HAVE A HAPPY AND
SAFE THANKSGIVING**





Cathie



CC



Deb



Jossie



Tom



Trish



Robin



Linda



Janice



Deb



Diane



Bill



Dave



Diane



Jay



Bill



Erin



Aurelie



Dave



Devang



Gillian



Deb



Dan



Debbie



John



Jaime



Bill



Gail



Ken



Al



Lizanne



Dora



Tom



Brigitt



Gary



Don



Elke

PHOTOS ... Some Picklers appear twice, masked and unmasked. Al & Elke won't be seen for months so WTH.



Four unknown Picklers enjoyed playing in coolish weather on that likely illegal cul de sac court with painted lines that you saw in a recent newsletter. Don't ask. Don't tell.

MEET OUR NEWBIES

I apologize to the several new members of whom I did not get a usable photo. Hopefully, weather will allow me to remedy this in the next month or two. Some in our newbie section have belonged for a while, but they were never featured in the newbie section so appear now. Here are our newest members, in alpha order.



Amy



Ashley



Becks



Ben



Bob



Bob



Brad



Brian



Carol



Corey



Debbie



Denise



Jay



Jay



Jennifer



Jim



Julie



Karl



Kirk



Lenore



Marianne



Marie



Ralph



Rick



Ryan



Sue



Sue



Teri



Vicki

PALATINE'S INDOOR TIMES, COURTS, & POLICIES

You can view everything you need to know about playing indoors by clicking on or copying and pasting the address below into your address window:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uy2wLuMVC1xKokFbim-SKWrsVkEHtzSo/view>

Indoor play is only a couple weeks old and is still gaining popularity. So, though you are to make your reservation at least a day in advance, you may get lucky calling on the day you want to play. Falcon's phone is 847-202-5111. Birchwood's is 847-991-1960.

UPDATE ON PICKLERS' LOST & FOUND

If you see something of yours, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Most are recent, but some are from 2019.





PLEASE ORDER ... OR PICK UP ... YOUR PPC SHIRTS

We have hundreds of summer newbies who have yet to order a Palatine Picklers shirt. Come on. Get on this popular bandwagon. Go to PalatinePicklers.com and find the style and color you like. Add \$1 to the cost. I've yet to update the website. I did send an email to the dozen or so Picklers who have not picked up their shirt, but haven't heard back from anyone. Some of you owe me for these. Financing was not in the job description I wrote myself so please let me know if you're around. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. I'll even deliver



I take pics but am not in many. Figured what the heck. I turn 75 on the 10th so why not celebrate all the fun I've had competing. Kathy took this pic before these and dozens of trophies sold in our estate sale. I apologize to Kate Wildman and all the others, including many newbies I thought I took, but sticking shutter took the court instead. Hope to get you next time. Happy pickling wherever.

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