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YOU'LL HELP CREATE NEWSLETTERS IN 2021

Our newsletters will be looking a bit different for a while. COVID has already impacted our lives in so many ways. Now it's even changing our newsletters. At least until the pandemic is well behind us, I won't be sharing hundreds of photos of Picklers playing in the past month or two in each issue. I may take a few pics of bundled up players at Hamilton, when weather allows, but they're not likely to be as much fun as those which let you actually easily recognize the subjects. For those of you who play indoors, please take the time to snap your shutter a few times, when you're not on the court yourself. Then attach them to an email to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. But this is just the first way you can help fill our newsletters.

Because so many of us won't be playing indoors or very often outdoors, we'll have a lot of hours each week that we will be filling with other activities. I want you to send me photos of you involved in those pursuits. This is what filled our May and June newsletters. We need to do this again. Again, I want photos of YOU. A pic of you frosting a cake is far more interesting than one of just the cake. Of course, a short explanation of each pic would help too. This is the second way you can contribute to our newsletters.

The third is contributing to our new "Up Close & Personal" feature. Starting this month we'll be getting to know a few Palatine Picklers as we've never known them. If you'd like to be considered for inclusion in a future newsletter, send me answers to the questions I'll share later in this newsletter, along with a few photos of you not related to pickleball.



Janet



Marion



Tim



Steve



Sal



Paulette



Mimi



Maggie

SAVE ON YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Whether treating yourself to a paddle upgrade or your first pickleball shoes or selecting something for one of the other picklers in your life, be sure to use your CRPALATINENPB code, to save 5% on everything you purchase on pickleballcentral.com. If it's a Paddletek paddle you'd like, contact our Palatine Pickler Chuck Feinstein at 847-877-7770 or grtfuldat@aol.com, for a 10-20% discount.



Lois



Lucky



Larry



Linda



Joe

ABOUT THE EARLY 2021 3.0 – 3.5 TRAVEL TEAM

Yeah. The cattle call didn't get the usual "around the block" result. I think there are a lot of us that have no interest in playing indoors this year. The more I thought about it, the more I realized I don't want to persuade Picklers to do something that I think is too risky to do myself. Therefore, I'm canceling the winter-spring lower intermediate travel competition. Let's hope I'm able to publish a new cattle call for the fall season. Thanks to Connie Kus and Larry Shoemake for having volunteered to be Co-Captains and run the Palatine Picklers team and the matches. I hope their offer will still be there, when this fun competition against the combined team of Midtown Club and Barrington can more safely be contested.



Joe



Kathy



John



Joshua



Judy



Ken



Katy



Deb

ANOTHER, FUN THING YOU CAN SHARE



SEND ME PICS OF YOUR FAVORITE MASK/S

We all have masks. I've seen some fun ones, some good-looking ones, and some political ones. Let's share. These are mine. Send pics to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Thanks.



Greg



David



Howard



Jaime

MEET PICKLER NEAL HARRIS



meeting monkeys in Costa Rica with a doc being trained meditating for decades his patented labyrinth
 by Tuina-Chinese Medical Massage in 1986
 at Guang An Men Hospital for Orthopedics & Traumatology in Beijing

Neal is 60. He's been married to Mary for 31 years and lives in Barrington with 15 yr old Pebbles German Shorthaired Pointer, 10-yr old Serena medium-haired kitty & her daughter 9 yr old Tiffany. They have their own fenced-in pickleball court. His profession is Energy & Meditation Teacher/Practitioner -Psychotherapist- Labyrinth Enthusiast and Owner/Administrator of Relax4Life Center (holistic education & services).

Neal grew up in Lincolnwood. He attended Nilus West then Northern IL (School of Professional Psychology) where he earned both BA and MA in Psychology. He learned pickleball at the Barrington Park District six years ago. His hobbies include reading Stuart Woods, Robert B Parker, and Star Trek novels, jogging with their dog, and teaching pickleball (certified instructor).

The bucket list items he has experienced include wife Mary and he being founders of the first, public labyrinth in IL ... 25th wedding anniversary trip to Europe to visit ancient sites with labyrinths ... creating a holistic education center out of our home ... revising a storage shed into indoor practice area ... becoming a certified pickleball coach and having people come for lessons.

As for bucket list items still on his list, a trip to the Galapagos Islands and, maybe, Peru.

As to what he likes about our club, Neal started with the opportunity to mentor new players. Then meeting new players and getting to improve by watching better players. Thinks we're all really nice, and this is easier on his joints than tennis. LOL he also loves that we don't think it's too weird when he does a little energy work on a Pickler who's fallen or isn't feeling well.

Occupations: Massage therapist at various spas and colleges ... Teacher in applied metaphysics ... Counselor – sheltered workshop for developmentally disabled adults – Anixter Center ... Certified Diabetes Educator - Alexian Brothers Medical Center ... Medical Foster Care Director – Augustana Specialized Foster Care ... Oncology Information Specialist – Cancer Treatment Centers of America ... Owner/Administrator/Instructor/Counselor – Relas4Life holistic education center

Honors/Accomplishments ... Founding father of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity chapter at Northern Illinois University ... Founding member of the International Labyrinth Society and its first Chair., youngest student in the psychology doctorate program in 1982 School of Professional Psychology.

Part of the first non-medical team invited to Beijing, China in 1986 to study the medical massage ("Tuina") performed exclusively by MDs in Chinese hospitals.

Studies in 1991 with Papiji, a meditation Master and Sage.

Neal's been meditating for 50 years and teaching meditation for 35 years.

Practicing Reiki for over 30 years and teaching it for over 20 years.

Creator of the first, walking labyrinth in IL in 1996. Labyrinth creator, author, and presenter for 25 years.

Holds patent and trademark on a labyrinth tool for enhancing interpersonal communication, as well as balancing left-right brain activity.

Headed up a 4-year, national research study to determine if children with ADHD could benefit from using the patented labyrinth (above) to reduce/eliminate any of the 38 targeted behaviors.

Neal's volunteer resume ... Soup kitchens and homeless shelters in his 20s ... Labyrinth Society – various roles over 20 years

Favorite saying: "Could be worse. Could be raining."



Ann



Anne



Bill



Carole



Ann



Ari



Brian



Dave



Deb



Diane



Hank



Heidi

THANKS TO THESE PICKLERS

Thanks to Mike Siemplenski, Anne Stein, and Karin Beil for contributing a few pics for this newsletter. I hope to rely more heavily on them in the months ahead ... as I will on those of you playing indoors. We all love to check out the photos in these newsletters. That will become increasingly dependent on those of you still playing. Just take the pics and send them to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. I may or may not edit them and publish them, but I will absolutely appreciate your sending pics to me.



Don



Donna



Gail



Jaime



Jeff



Jenny



Jill



Jessie



Tony



Suren



Zig



Amy



Bill



Sandy

PICKLER SHIRTS MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE THEY CAN BE WORN



A few Picklers have been on the list for preordered shirts. I'd like to place our next order this month. Maybe it's a good time for you T-shirt owners to add a sweatshirt to your club wardrobe. We have scores of newbies who have yet to order their first shirt. Now would be a great time. Just go to PalatinePicklers.com and choose cotton or wicking, crew or v-neck, color, and size. Then email me of your choices at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Remember, though, add one dollar (\$1) to the prices shown. I've still not found the time to update the website. Once I place an order (minimum 12 shirts), I'm usually able to pick them up within 2-3 weeks.

WINTER PLAYERS WELCOME

Neal Harris volunteered to be our Winter Hamilton Scheduler. He'll watch the weather. I'll confirm the courts are playable. Then he'll email everyone. Email me aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you want to get these emails.



Bear



Chris



Janet



Larry



Janice



Jeff



Jeff



Tom

CHECK ON PICKLEBALL COURT AVAILABILITY

You may want to call to verify what you read, but you can check www.playpickleball.fun for information on a lot of more or less local courts. If it doesn't give you the info you need (reservations, only your ball, masks on court, random assignments vs skill level, etc.), call the venue to make sure you have a match for what you seek.

MEET PICKLER BEAR SHATWELL

Yeah, I'm the guy that's been sending the newsletters and running the tournaments for almost six years. I volunteered to be one of the first "Up Close & Personal" subjects. So here we go. I just turned 75. I live in Palatine with my 2nd wife (both widows) Kathy and our super smart, emotional, 25 pound Mini Golden Doodle Rusty. I have two, California sons aged 49 and 46 and two Bonus Daughters aged 37 and 34. Four grandkids, from 10 down to 2.



4th of July with Kathy



hiking in CA



poor feet after 60 mi walk



Enjoying Crown Royal XR

Barrington High School ... Monmouth College ... B.A. psychology

Career Path: Computer programmer, Allstate home office ... sold/wrote/directed/edited tv commercials ... Midwest Sales Manager, selling Automated Multiphasic Health Testing Systems ... Director Advertising Etc, Timeworks Software ... Owner A-OK Chem-Dry carpet cleaning franchises

Learned pickleball 6 years ago at Falcon ... started Palatine Pickle ball Club 6 months later

Hobbies: graphic arts (by hand) ... enjoying my stereo ... writing ... reading ... cruising ... good booze ... (before having townhouse built 5 yrs ago) Christmasholic with several hundred decorations ... (before shoulder & bicep surgery) volleyball, tennis, & golf ... (decades ago) drag racing, cognac snob

Bucket List Completed: sky diving ... hot air ballooning ... dog sledding ... powered parachute ... parasailing ... indoor skydiving ... snowmobiling ... driving an Indy car 150 mph ... zip lining ... dunking a volleyball ... riding bike down Mount Haleakala ... visit Germany and Egypt

Bucket List items still to check off: visit my 49th & 50th states ... drive at least 175 mph

Honors/Accomplishments/Sources of Pride: President Palatine Amateur Hockey Assn and co-founder Northwest Chargers Hockey Club ... raising \$30,000+ for breast cancer causes ... single-handedly producing 5 Palatine Boys Baseball yearbooks (photography/layout/writing/cover) ... having a poem selected for an Amazon collection ... 3 time college table tennis champ ... winner of first Chicago Area Mensa logic problem competition ... creator of traveling house league for younger hockey players ... voted most helpful of Chem-Dry's 3000 franchisees ... setting HS record for shuttle run and standing broad jump ... making 37 consecutive free throws ... as a kid earning my 3-speed bike & other stuff selling greeting cards door to door ... bowling 253

Volunteer Resume: breast cancer fundraising ... Coached 9 & 10 year old Cubs teams for 8 years ... Hockey Board 3 yrs, President 1 ... Baseball Board 5 yrs ... tutored kids in college ... oh, and 25-50 hrs/wk on this club

Motto: Pain is inevitable. Misery is optional.



Tom



Mary



Terry



Stana



Ninja Masato



Steve



Sherry



John



Joyce



Gillian



Dave



Craig



Jim



Janet



Anneliese



Neal



Cherrie



Kenny



Ashley

WE'D LIKE TO MEET YOU TOO

Here's what I need, to introduce the real you to the rest of our Picklers in upcoming newsletters.

Name...Age...Town...Marital Status...Name of Spouse/SO...How Long...Number of Kids...Age Range...Number of Grandkids...Age Range...Pets...Retired?...High School...College/s...Degree/s...Military Service...Where did you learn pickleball...When...Hobbies...Bucket List items experienced...Not experienced yet...What do you like most about this club...List honors/recognitions/sources of pride...All volunteer involvements ever...Favorite quote.



Mike



Carol



Ann (really)



Mary Ellen



Chris



Jeff



Don



Bob



Sandy



Rick



Paula



Ben

MEET PICKLER JEFF DEGNER

Jeff Degner is a 72-year-young, Palatine Pickler who's been playing for six years. Playing as a Pickler has not only opened the door for great physical exercise, it's also afforded some fun social interactions, both on and off the court, even though Jeff is extremely quiet and meek while playing. He and his wife, Marcie, are graduates of St. Norbert College. Marcie is originally from Door County and is a proud Packer Fan. Jeff's always lived in the Barrington area and is an avid Bears fan. Despite this seasonal challenge, these two happy retirees will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2021, hopefully along with their senior canine, Luna, who will be 15.

From the time he graduated from college to the time he retired, Jeff had just one job: a public-contact career with Delta Air Lines as a gate agent at O'Hare which spanned 45 years. Aided by his airline employment, Jeff and Marcie have both had the opportunity to travel extensively, domestically and internationally, and have crossed dozens of fabled destinations off their bucket list. Cruising the Mediterranean and traveling to New Zealand still remain.



Just Jeff being overly Jeff with the Olympic torch Ingrid without an esophagus 1993 & 2013

For 30 years, Jeff has been actively involved with the volunteer charity, Healing the Children, and is the director of the Illinois/Indiana chapter (www.htc-il.org) HTC exists to provide vital medical care to needy children who otherwise would never be able to receive it. As an HTC volunteer, Jeff has escorted almost 100 underprivileged kids to and from Central America and participated, as organizer, translator and photographer, in a dozen medical missions to Nicaragua and Ecuador. Because of his charitable work with HTC, Jeff was nominated by his Delta peers to carry the Olympic Torch through part of Chicago in the 1996 Olympics. The flame he carried was transferred to hundreds of folks and ultimately led to Atlanta and Mohammed Ali who officially lit the Olympic Cauldron. Jeff also received every major, customer-service recognition given to a Delta employee, including the prestigious "Chairman's Club" honor. Beyond his Delta awards, though, a continuing joy for Jeff, other than his marriage to Marcie, is being reunited with HTC children who once were terribly ill and now are healthy, happy, adults.

Besides playing pickleball, traveling and his involvement with HTC, Jeff is also an accomplished poet and freelance writer whose stories and poems have appeared in magazines and newspapers. Just recently, he wrote a book! It's called "What Track for the Atlanta Flight" (available through Amazon) and is composed of dozens of unique, sad, funny, surprising and uplifting incidents that he was personally involved with during his long Delta career. There is a bit of poetry in the book, too, as well as some etymology and his book just might be a

happy antidote to these stressful pandemic and pickleball-lacking times. Truth be known, Jeff had quite a reputation at Delta as a prankster and as “that gate agent with the funny announcements.” Even poor Bear was a victim of some of Jeff’s impishness.

Finally, three words aptly sum up Jeff’s life philosophy: Live, Love, Laugh Those who know Jeff realize quickly that he does all three with zest and passion.



Dan



Pat



Paul



Bob



Julie



Sally



Lori



Linda

WHY SOME PICKLERS HAVE 2 PICS IN NEWSLETTERS

Many of you may remember the answer, from previous newsletters. If I have taken current pics of Picklers with and without .a mask, I’ll include both. As you’ve seen some individuals are really difficult to identify in masks or bulky, winter attire. While I advocate wearing masks all the time when not at home, I do prefer sharing photos that allow the subjects to be recognized.

MEET PICKLER CLAYTON FARNSWORTH

Sixty-eight year old Clay Farnsworth has been married to Chris for 38 years. They reside in Arlington Heights where they raised their 35 year old daughter and 32 year old son. They have two grandsons, 6 and 2. Clay grew up on Chicago's north side and graduated from Lake View HS when he was 17 (double promoted twice). He learned pickleball here in town where he attended our mentoring sessions.

His first job was with Community Discount Stores. Then he worked as a stock boy, salesman, and department manager for Goldblatt's, before becoming Assistant Buyer and then the chain's youngest (21)s Buyer. Seven years later he opted to become a sales rep for housewares and hardware selling to Sears, Osco, Ace, Walgreen's, etc. After 5 years he left for his longest position ... bath scales, first as National Sales Mgr for Borg and then with Health O Meter where he was part of a team that took them public in 1992. They won the Sears Partners In Progress Award. After several promotions he was Executive VP. Then, with other former Health O Meter alums and the First Nat'l Bank of Chicago equity division acquired the Taylor thermometer business in 1996. Once non-competes expired, they got Taylor into the scale business and took them to #1. Clay was there for 7 years as VP of Sales and Marketing. Along the way they won several Vendor of Year and Month awards. They sold the company to Homedics in 2002. He then had some sales exec positions at Aero Bed and Lakewood (fans/heaters), but decided to start his own consulting business in 2007 which he did for 3 years. Helping clients get into the consumer products business or need help selling major retailers was fun and less stressful than he'd found the corporate world.



(1) Clay walking across THE Abbey Road of Beatles cover fame (2) Chris & Clay in Jurassic World masks in Walmart in 2018 (3) As CEO signing 50, gold, 50th anniversary Lava Lamps won by customers (4) by giant Lava aquarium at Spencer Gifts headquarters in NJ. Built for tv show Tanked (5) being interviewed by WGN at 50th celebration

In 2010 an associate from Taylor called saying his help was needed at Lava Lamp. Beginning as a consultant, he became VP of Sales and Marketing and then President and CEO of the company (see pic). Over 7 years sales went up, and ... surprise ... they added bath scales to their line, licensing the Detecto brand. Along the way they won the Spencer Gift Innovation Award (see pic). In 2018 they sold the company to Schylling. The owners talked Clay into postponing retirement long enough to help find a buyer for the company. Two weeks after doing so, he retired. Clay's wife Chris was Lava Lamp's Forecasting Manager and helped make Lava Lamp as successful as it became. That wraps up a (2 months shy of) 50-year career. Along the way, he visited China about 50 times and also spent time in Taiwan and Thailand and traveled Europe about 20 times.

Clay's favorite phrases are ... Only love can conquer hate (Marvin Gaye) ... Hindsight makes us all clairvoyant ... The love you take is equal to the love you make (Beatles) ... Never go to bed angry ... This, too, shall pass ... Don't sweat the small stuff.

He had open heart surgery in 2013 to fix a torn mitral valve. His doctor said he threw in a bypass too.

Clay's hobbies include enjoying and collecting movies (has roughly 4,000) and music, reading, walking, bicycling, international travel, concerts, attending Cubs games, and pickleball

He's checked these off his bucket list: travel to Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Ireland, and Italy ... Seeing Barbara Streisand, The Eagles, Paul McCartney, and Frank Sinatra live in concerts. Still on his bucket list: visit Alaska ... visit the 3 Great Wall of China ... visit Israel ... visit Africa ... go to a Super Bowl ... attend another Paul McCartney concert.

Clay considers himself a fairly good songwriter and enjoys playing guitar and singing. He collects movies and music, His movie collection numbers about 4,000. I can attest to Clay's movie trivia knowledge being incredible. He also seems to know every member of every band that recorded from the '70s through '90's.

What Clay enjoys most about pickleball is the exercise, hand-eye coordination, the people and camaraderie, the regularity of 9:00 daily play in the summer, and the "young" feeling it provides.

Clay says his philosophy of life is simple, and it's taken him 68 years to get to this point. After his successful heart surgery, he appreciated life more than ever and stopped worrying about things he could not control and focused on the more positive things and enjoying everything with which he's been blessed.



Kathryn



Adam



Carolyn



Martina



OUR NEWEST PALATINE PICKLERS



Carol



David



Dawn



Heidi



John



Karen



Karen



Kris



Lynn



Mario



Pat



Pete



Ralph



Sue



Thomas



Tracy

MEET PICKLER JENNY BUESING

Jenny is 60 ears old and, with husband Bill, lives in Hoffman Estates. They've been married 38 years. She grew up in Rolling Meadows and graduated from Rolling Meadows High School, before heading to Harper Junior College, Augustana, and finally Northwestern. She earned a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree.

She had lots of jobs as a kid, before coaching tennis at Augustana for a year. Then became a physical therapist at **Good Shepherd Hospital, mostly with outpatient orthopedic patients. She received an award for Best Team Player in her department. She worked part-time, after their son was born and then stayed home with the kids. She and Bill have four of them, aged 21 to 32. They have two grandkids, 1 and 3.**



Bill, Ben, Parker, and Jenny



In September of 2018, Jenny, Bill, son Matt and his wife Bridget attended all three days of the Laver Cup held in the United Center. It features top men to compete in singles and doubles in teams of Europe vs. The World. It was started by Roger Federer to honor Rod "Rocket" Laver. Great competition.

Jenny did a lot of volunteering for the PTA and Church activities. She took up tennis again in her 40s, when their youngest started preschool. She and Bill loved playing tennis together. Now they love playing pickleball which they learned at Prairie Stone and then Falcon. They also love being Gram and Pops to the grandkids.

Other than pickleball Jenny's hobbies are tennis, gardening, reading, and Bible study. Her completed bucket list items include U.S. Open (tennis) for their 30th anniversary ... Hawaii for their 25th ... Christmas trip to Sanibel with their entire family, including grandkids. Still on bucket list is attending a Wimbledon.

What does she like about the Palatine Pickleball Club? The people are so helpful, nice, friendly, and welcoming, always laughing. She loves meeting new people and always has a fun group with whom to play.

Jenny's motto is "Love covers a multitude of sins!"

PICKLERIFFIC THANKSGIVING

Several Picklers were thankful for the chance to play on this holiday. If it gives some Picklers double exposure so be it. I wanted to share. Thanks, Deb, for sending these pics. Pickleball can be cool. Picklers always are.



Arnie



Neal



Deb



John



Bob



Mike



Erin



Pat



Ari



Jaime

PLEASE BE SMART & SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

I have three sets of friends who couldn't resist hosting/attending Thanksgiving get togethers of 15-20 from 4-6 households. Please don't be like them. If they are not in your household, or at least your small bubble, use Zoom or Facetime. Wear your masks whenever not at home ... and even in your home, if anyone who doesn't

live with you visits. Avoid going inside anywhere you don't live. Stay at least 6' apart from everyone not living under your roof. Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds often. Use hand sanitizer after touching anything not in your home. Avoid unnecessary travel. Sanitize surfaces often, particularly after a visitor leaves. If indoor play is allowed, ask the other players on your court to wear a mask and touch only the ball bearing your name. These are obvious, simple things that will help assure we'll all be around to pickle another year. Thanks. I know of several individuals who have had mild cases, some without symptoms. The thing is that I also know three who were disabled, fatigued and in constant pain for three weeks, and two of them had been doing everything right. Many of us knew the Pickler we lost to COVID last spring. We have many Picklers who haven't played since February or early March. We have Picklers who have literally not left their homes since then. We have many who haven't gone into a building, other than a doctor/dentist office since early March. There are a whole lot of us who won't be playing indoors until at least next fall. Most who have been playing at Hamilton in the mornings have been masked from the time they left their cars to the time they got back into them. And, of course we rarely accidentally touch a ball we don't own. When that does happen, we should roll it to the side to sanitize later and use our backup ball. This is how to support each other's continued, good health.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, WE HAVE MEDALISTS

In late November there was the Summer Slam in Punta Gorda, Florida. Four Palatine Picklers managed to earn medals there. One of their partners has appeared in so many of our newsletters, we should make him at least an honorary member of the PPC



- 1) *Kyle Yates* & *Kristine Oliva* took Silver in the Open Pro Mixed division.
- 2) *Kyle Yates* & *Adam Oliva* took Bronze in the Open Pro Men's division.
- 3) *Rick Johnson* & *Maria Hutchinson* took Bronze in the 60+ 4.5 – 5.0 Mixed division. Because they finished at 10:15 at night, there was no photo. I cropped Rick from an archived photo.

See two more medalists from this tournament on the next page

**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY
HANUKKAH, & ANY OTHER HOLIDAY YOU CELEBRATE**



- 4) Kelly Olson took Gold in the 3.0 Ladies' Singles division
- 5) George Kas & *Clayton Campbell* took Gold in the 60+ 4.0 division. Having no photo of them, I again edited one of George from my archives.

Congratulations to all. It's great to have pics of medalists again in our newsletter. If anyone anywhere (FL, AZ, etc.) medals in any tournament, please send details and photos to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

As always names in italics belong to players who are not members of our club.

SUMMARY OF WHAT I'VE INVITED YOU TO SEND ME

- (1) Photos of Picklers playing indoors, when that's an option
- (2) Photos of you involved with activities you're enjoying, or enduring, instead of pickleball
- (3) Photo/s of your favorite face masks (that you own)
- (4) If you'd like to be on the list to be notified about times when the weather will allow play at Hamilton
- (5) Pickler "Up Close & Personal" profile information and photos
- (6) Photo/s of you with any tournament medal you have won

STOCKPILING PICS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

In November, and probably October, kept more spare photos I took of Picklers than normal. Many are already waiting in the January and February pic folders. So, if you're very observant and have a great memory, you may recognize the clothes being worn as "what they wore last month." I may show up at Hamilton to take more pics on occasion but wanted an emergency inventory. I may well go through my archives, and select photos of Picklers we haven't seen in a long time, just to keep them remembered. And, of course, I'm counting on you to send pics as you did for the May an June newsletters.



I have always signed off with a much smaller pic of me, but I had a whole page and not much more to say. I would have had Kathy take this final pic in front of our tree, but we're not putting it up until later today, and I didn't want to delay getting this to Greg to send to you.

We've been able to play outside almost every day, for the past month. Hope Mother Nature continues to provide such smiles, in the middle of the pandemic. We can certainly use both them and the exercise we wouldn't be getting at home. I hope that by the 3rd quarter of 2021, I'll feel comfortable staging more fun tournaments at Canlan and by October restarting travel teams, Meanwhile, please do share photos of your fun activities and take the time to write your Pickler Profile. We'd like to really get to know you.

Be happy and safe this holiday season.

Bear Shatwell

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