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OCTOBER, 2020 NEWSLETTER

OPENING BEAR BITS

Happy October, Picklers. By way of explanation, I try to make the "NEWSLETTER" line above appropriate for the month. This month we have orange and black for Halloween/pumpkins/witches and pink for Breast Cancer month. I had planned another movie quotes quiz for this month. It will have to wait for November. I've been typing with one hand a lot (sorry for errors). I was accustomed to 2-3 hours of dealing with Picklers' emails a day. Lately that's just a happy memory. So, as much as I like to respond to recognize each email from you, if only with an emoticon or one sentence, starting now I'll reply only when really necessary. I'm also publishing photos primarily of those in Picklers shirts, those we haven't seen in newsletters for a while, those exhibiting interesting action poses, and, of course, the moth's newbies of whom I remembered to take a pic. I want to thank all those who have emailed or otherwise gone out of their way to express well wishes for my rehab. They are truly appreciated. Also, thanks to all the Mentorees who so generously stuffed the Crown Royal donation bag that hangs on my "Bear's Chair,' when I'm at the courts. We now have enough to cover the website upgrade. Also, I want to thank those of you who clicked on the link in the September newsletter and listened to, and supposedly liked, my 38 minute, Park District podcast interview on pickleball. And now... drum roll ... the most exciting PPC news in a long time...

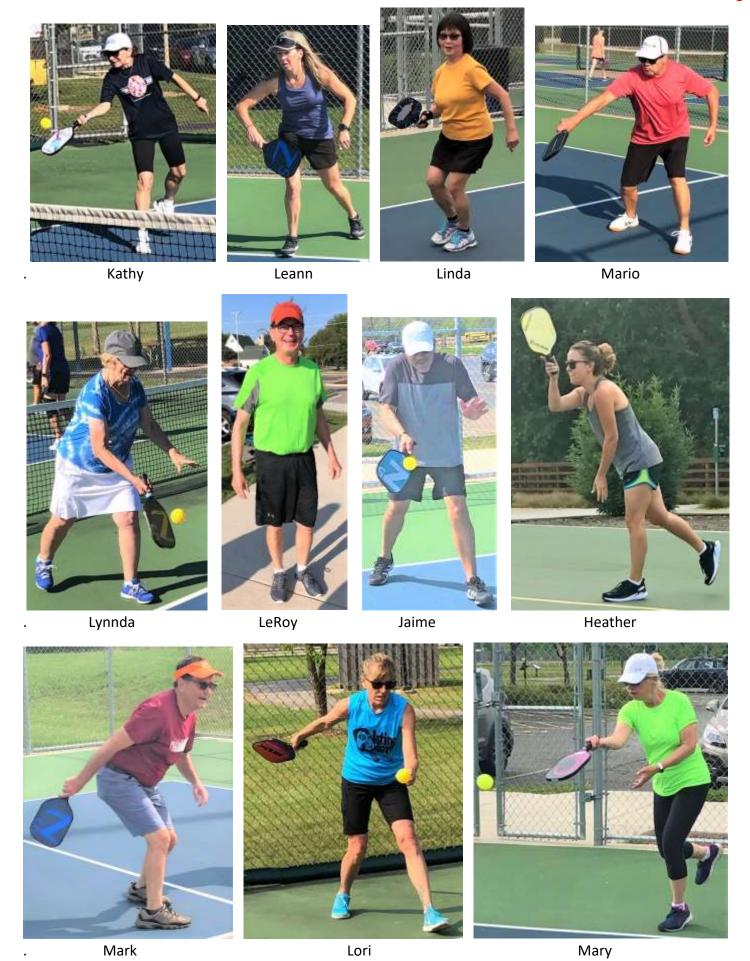
WE HAVE AN AWESOME FACEBOOK PAGE

A newer Palatine Pickler and Mentoree asked me if she could give our Facebook presence a facelift and some energy. Karin Beil has been the Administrator, but due to a long lost password going back two Administrators, she was limited. Tracy Weslager brought her considerable social media expertise to Karin's aid. In its first week, people were opening the Palatine Picklers' page ... and posting ... and joining the club ... and buying shirts ... and attending Thursday mentoring. It's as if the floodgates to popularity have opened. If you haven't been there in recent weeks, you really haven't seen what a vibrant club we are.



A SHIRT-PEDDLING PAIR

I had pre-orders for 11 shirts in mid-September, one shy of our minimum order. Between Anne's clipboard and Tracy's Facebook enthusiasm, a week later we had 30. Thanks, Lady Picklers. Your efforts are both awesome and appreciated.



OUR CHICAGO PICKLEBALL OPEN MEDALISTS



Liz Chaplinski & Craig Schaper...4.5 35+...Silver



Mike Breslaw & Masato Suzuki ... 4.0-4.5 ... Bronze



Patty Ward & Brigitte Latal 4.0 50+ ... Bronze



Mike Saam & Charlie May 4.0 50_ ... Bronze



Terri Bobek & CC Chia 3.0-3.5 50+ ... Bronze



June Lynch & Mike Saam ... 3.0 50+ ... Gold



Gary Patel & Kerri Kelly ... 3.0 19+ ... Bronze

Non-Palatine Picklers are shown in italics



With permission, I borrowed this from Bill Graba's newsketter to the Hoffman club. We're really good, but it can't hurt to review such basics.

USA PICKLEBALL SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDE

Pickleball was created to be a fun, competitive, and highly social sport. Since its inception, it has embodied an ethic of good sportsmanship that includes respect, fair play, and graciousness in winning and losing. The purpose of this guide is to encourage behaviors that reflect these foundational values. The Official Rules of Pickleball take precedence over this guide in any and all situations.

- 1. Treat all players, officials, volunteers, staff, and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- a. Introduce yourself to any players you do not know..
- b. Never use foul language or obscene gestures.
- c. Never denigrate another person..
- d. At the end of each game, meet the other players at the net to acknowledge them in a positive manner.
- e. In officiated matches, thank the referee.
- f. Accommodate players with adaptive needs when possible.
- 2. Know the Official Rules of Pickleball, apply them fairly and cooperate in any situation that is not expressly covered by the rules.
- 3. Practice good sportsmanship when making line calls.
- a. Respect your opponents' right to make all calls on their end of the court.
- b. Call your own shot "out" if you see that it is out.
- c. If you question an opponent's call, do so respectfully and do not argue.
- d. If you defer a line call to your opponents, accept their call graciously.
- e. Do not call a ball "out" unless you see it clearly and are certain it is out.
- f. Promptly correct any wrong call your partner may make.
- g. Resolve any uncertainty in favor of your opponents.
- 4. Call a fault on yourself or your partner as soon as the fault occurs, regardless of whether your opponents are aware of the fault.
- a. Watch your own and your partner's feet for service or NVZ foot faults
- b. Accept your opponent's and partner's fault calls graciously.
- c. Admit if the ball hits you or your paddle on the way out of bounds.
- 5. Claim a replay only if a hinder affects your team's ability to play the ball.
- 6. In social play, rotate on and off courts fairly, courteously, and in accordance with local practice.
- a. Don't call a lower score or start a second game to avoid leaving the court.
- b. Don't jump ahead of others who are waiting to play.
- c. Don't invite someone else forward in line or rearrange paddles so they can move up to play with you; move yourself back instead.
- d. Be prepared to play when it is your turn.
- e. If you must cross over or behind an active court, wait until play is stopped and cross quickly in a single group to minimize disruption of that game.

7. Make safety a priority, while using common sense.

- a. If a ball strays onto your court, make eye contact with the correct person and roll or toss it back to them without disrupting play on other courts.
- b. If your ball enters another court, immediately warn any players whose safety may be in jeopardy by loudly calling "ball" or some other warning.
- c. If the ball is rolling behind their court and does not present a danger to players, do not interrupt play but wait until play stops to retrieve it or ask for its return.
- d. Never throw your paddle or strike the ball in anger or frustration.

8. As a stronger player in social play, be kind to other players.

- a. Avoid hitting excessively to a weaker player.
- b. Do not slam the ball directly at other players.

9. Be considerate about playing up and playing down.

- a. Be willing to play sometimes with less-skilled players.
- b. Do not demand to play with more skilled players; ask them nicely if you wish to play with them.

10. Be a respectful and supportive partner.

- a. Avoid criticism and negative non-verbal communications.
- b. Provide coaching and advice only when requested.







LOVE THESE DISCOUNTS

Jenny

Pickleballcentral.com .. 5% OFF EVERYTHING, when you use the code CRPALATINEPB. Great vendor.

10-20% off when you mention Palatine Picklers to Chuck Feinstein for Paddletec paddles (he's in BG so you can demo them) ... 847-877-7770 or grtfuldad@aol.com.

20% OFF anything at engagepickleball.com, with the code 20jon.

PICKLER OF THE MONTH

We don't see Picklers of the Month every month. They're pretty special. This month's honoree is clearly deserving of this honor. Despite her newness in our club. Tracy Weslager is not one to ignore a situation on which she could have a positive impact. Yes, she's our most smiling Mentoree and a good "student" of the game, but she's also proving to be a superstar at growing our club and our members' involvement via social media. In less than one month, she has put Palatine Picklers on the Facebook map. (See story on Page 1.) Visit the Palatine Picklers' page on Facebook. If you post a comment, don't be surprised to get a reply directly from Tracy. Her efforts are not only growing our club and selling our shirts; they are prompting member interaction. As is her slogan, Tracy is clearly "living the happy."











OUR OLDEST MEN TOURNAMENT



Bob, Gary, Terry, Don, Ed, Hank, Jeff, & Mike



Mike finished 2nd, Gary 1st, amd Jeff 3rd

INDOOR PLAY HAS STARTED

Keeping in mind that all things (dates, times, restrictions, number of players, & reservations) are subject to change without advance notice, given the local state of the pandemic, here's what is currently planned. Masks have to be worn, of course, but there are no current plans to require a reservation. Just come, pay, and play.

BIRCHWOOD ... Starting Monday, September 13th and running through Sunday, October 31st, there will be open play six days a week. Note the times differ greatly... Mondays 12 to 5, Tuesdays 12 to 3, Wednesdays 12 to 7:30, Thursdays 12 to 3, Fridays 3 to 6, and Sundays 9 to 11:30. It's safe to say there will not be the throngs of Picklers you found in 2019 so it's probably best to plan to play as a group.

FALCON ... It will be again Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The expanded play time each day will run from 9 to 1, starting Monday, October 4th. Though I'd expect there to be Picklers coming at 9:00, it's still nice outside so, again, it may be best to coordinate with fellow Picklers before showing up to play.





PING PONG POSTPONED

I had to miss the Old Fart tournament last month, due to quarantining between COVID test and surgery. For this one I'm exercising Executive Privilege. We'll have our Picklers' Ping tournament in the spring. I'm sidelined for six months and really want to play in this, as well as run it. Thanks for understanding.





Gene











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ONLY 2 "SUPER STEPPERS" THIS MONTH



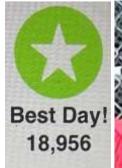






Karen Neetz and Kathy Ford exceeded the 20,000 steps in a day to earn their Super Stepper status.

AND 3 "WORTHY WALKERS













Clay Farnsworth, Kathy Ford, and Bear Shatwell each wearned Worthy Walker status with 15,000+ steps.







. Barbara Carol James (pic by Kathy S)







Cathy Gary Jeff (pic by Clay F)

HOW MANY PICKLEBALL SHIRTS DO YOU HAVE?

Let's see them. I'll publish all Picklers' submissions. Here's the deal. I want you to fold or lay them out so only the fun part shows in your photo. One shirt one photo. These are to be pickleball shirts, not Six County Sr Games shirts or anything else not specifically mentioning pickleball. I think I have a good chance to finish second in this "who's got the most" competition, but everyone's collection is cool, fun, and great for spreading the word about our great sport. We want to see them. I did this same event 3-4 years ago. It was a lot of fun. Then I allowed one photo to show a bunch of shirts. That made it hard to appreciate some of them. This time each shirt gets its own pic. Just send me emails with a bunch of photos ATTACHED, not embedded in your message. If it takes several emails, I don't have a problem with that. We WILL have a stuffed shirt newsletter next month. I'll be glad to publish your collection of five or six shirts, but don't expect to be a contender. I want to have all shirts in one section of the newsletter so let's put a deadline for submission as November20th. That will still give me time to play with each photo, size it, and get it into the newsletter. Remember you can save 5% on anything from pickleballcengtral.com or even more from Engage, in case you'd like to pad your wardrobe for this event.



Katy

Keith

Kaylee

Ken









Paul Ron Sandy Silver







Steve Tom (pic by Anne S) Tom

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ANY IDEAS? What can Greg Woodsum do with all the extra lanyards he's made for the APP Tour. They could be woven into a mat or wall hanging. They're 32" long (16" looped as shown) and 1 1/4" wide. Each has a ring and a gold, silver, or bronze clip. If interested let him know

(gtwoodsum@aol.com or 847-436-9835). Greg & Melody begin snowbirding October 10th so don't delay. He'll have more with time, but now there's a good selection of colors and tournaments. Let him know if you'd like some or all 2,000+ lanyards for free.

WEDNESDAY MENTORING SESSIONS END 10/13 ... THURSDAY SESSIONS CONTINUE

Despite the COVID alterations to our mentoring program the last two summers, both students and Mentors have had a great time. As I write this, we've served 115 Palatine Pickler "students" this summer. That's likely to move up a bit during the final weeks. Thanks to our Mentors Bob Goldstein, Dennis Bourgoin, Marv Zwass, and Neal Harris, in alpha order, for their exceptional dedication and expertise. They've all been doing this for us for years.



THURSDAY SESSIONS AT HAMILTON

I've enjoyed a two-year break from actually mentoring on Wednesdays. I just show up to take attendance, make announcements, and assign courts. Then I go play at Hamilton, until it's time to do it again. However, I saw a need this year for more. I've been conducting mentoring sessions which need no reservation or invitation. These are at Hamilton, starting at 3:00 each Thursday. I'll continue these well into November so come join us. I have plenty of loaner paddles, if you don't have one. Just get your name upside down on both sides, where the handle meets the blade, before coming. Good times, good practice, good socialization.







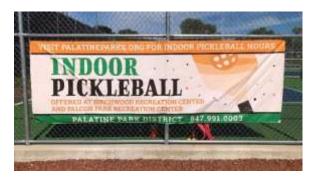
Mike Mike & Mike







Josh Geri Joe



MORE GRAPHIC REMINDER

You, hopefully, read earlier in this newsletter about the hours at both facilities. However, I love how the Park District gave it some pizzazz.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT A MONTH AGO ...

On September 2nd WGN TV aired a special on pickleball injuries and the growing popularity of the sport.

https://wgntv.com/news/medical-watch/popularity-of-pickleball-also-means-more-injuries-heres-some-tips-to-play-it-safe/



MORE MEDALISTS



Dale Zwack & Jonny Storm

Quad Cities Classic

4.5 ... Gold



Lance Schreier & Lou Kaplan
Quad Cities Classic
4.0 ... Bronze



Sue Cole & Ed Gordon Illinois Srenior Games 75-79 ... Gold









John Paul Gary

ELEVENTH HOUR WALKERS





Thu 18,539 steps
Wed 15,330 steps

Tue 18,996 steps



Super Stepper - Mary Brinkman - 23,769

Worthy Walker Scot Shatwell - 18,996



WEDNESDAY MENTORING ENDS ... THURSDAY CONTINUES

Chris

Cammy

Dyan

Bear (pic by ?)



Above are some of the 33 Palatine Picklers who participated in Thursday afternoon mentoring at Hamilton on September 23rd. That was twice our normal number. One week later we had 37. Thursdays will go to mid-November, and will continue to involve games to 7 and then paddling up in the paddle troughs for next game.

I YIELD TO THE MYRIAD REQUESTS ... INDOOR MENTORING

It's impossible to not take so many requests seriously. I"ve arranged for us to have every other Tuesday morning at 9:00 at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington reserve us six courts for ongoing mentoring. For my own protection, I'm limiting this to those who are fully vaccinated. You'll wear your mask the total time you're in the facility. You'll pay an \$8 fee at the door. Our first day will be Tuesday, November 16th. Please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com (do not hit "reply"), if you'd like to participate. Tell me each of the 2021 dates (11/16, 11/30, 12/14, & 12/28) you expect to be abe to participate. As has been the case on /Wednesdays, we'll invit3e 24 Picklers to partiipate each session. We'll practice 2+ hours and then go to lunch. Plan to get there about 20 minutes early to fill out their paperwork, and wear your mask.

If you don't know where this is, take 14 NW through Barrington. A couple miles past the car dealerships, you'll come to the next traffic light. Turn right on Pepper Road. Go to the stop sign. That gigantic building on your right is Canlan. If any other Mentors would like to participate, I'm all ears (well, eyes).

CONGRATS TO OUR YOUNGEST LADY PICKLERS

We enjoyed having our youngest Lady Picklers compete for the "Best of the Youngest" title in September. Thanks to Jeff Degner who was happy to take my scoreboard and instructions and run this tournament for me the day after my surgery.





Kneeling is Dee Dee. Left to right are Cindy, Martina, Terri, Maria, Janet, Mary, & Melody. Our top finishers were Melody 2nd, Mary 1st, and Maria 3rd.









As are most of my tournaments, this was a round robin so each Lady Pickler partnered with each of the others once and played against each twice. Then they drove around a block to enjoy lunch at the Kelsey Road House.

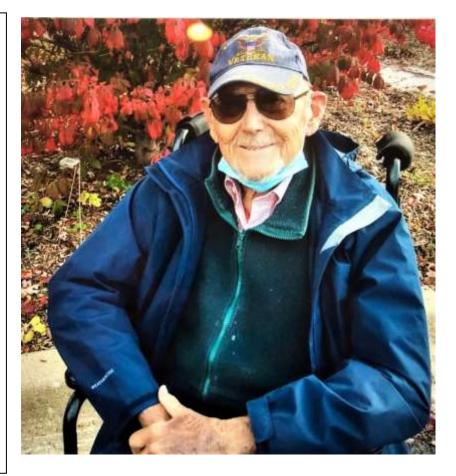
DRIVE-BY FOR GEORGE'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

For years George Cridland would sit in his wheelchair while Elvira played in Palatine and Hoffman. Many of you will remember the drive-by we did for George 94th last year. It meant a lot to them, and Many times George has enjoyed the video Elvira shot.

We're doing it again on Sunday, October 24th. Line up at 12:15 at the Ela Library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich at 12:15. Susie & Terry Layton will lead off the parade at 12:30 ti drive by their house 2 blocks away. You'll be back home long before the Bears game starts.

If you'd like to add decorations to your car, their house is on the right side.

George is a WWII Navy veteran who enjoyed an Honor Flight to Washington DC a couple years ago.



MEET PICKLER GENE GROCHOWSKI

Gene became a Palatine Pickler less than three months ago, but he's been a Hamilton ever since and a

formidable foe. He was born in Logan Square, Chicago 61 grew up in Rosemont and attended high school in graduated from Ball State University where he played rugby.

He moved bak to Chicago and started a career in technology,

NEC, Compaq, He's been 27 years. They is a teacher at attending law

After college in Chicago, also played more than 20 Channel sofball league national in the 16"

HE's coached Now Gene is moving," as



HP, Cisco, and married to Lisa have two Palatine High, school at

Gene played "until my body competitive 16" years, playing on covered he in Forest Park. championship in



years ago. He Northbrook. He football and

working for now Linksys. for more than children. Emma and Jack is DePaul.

club rugby here wore out." He's softball for tv when Sports Wednesday Gene won a 16" Phoenix and is

Softball Hall of Fame, as a member of the Jynx softball team.

youth baseball and football here in Palatine for th last 15 years. working toward retirement and living the motto "Just keep he's had two hip replacements, broken an ankle requiring a plate

and pins, and "enjoyed" 13 orthopedic surgeries over the years. He picked up pickleball as it is a sport in which he can compete. He also loves golf, kayaking, and paddle boarding.

TRAVEL TEAM UPDATES

Upper Intermediate (3.5-4.0)

Captain John Kirchner's team of Palatine Picklers is now two matches into their season against DuPage, Hoffman Estates, and Libertyville. In the first match, Hoffman came out on top with a record of 23-13. Libertyville finished 2nd at 19-17. Palatine took 3rd with 18-18, while DuPage finished 4th at 12-24.

The seond match was very different. Palatine took top honors

Lower Intermediate (3.0-3.5)

Thanks for signing up for our Palatine Picklers' team. We have an ideal stable of both men and ladies. I have the Canlan courts ready for us. The problem is finding a team with whom we can compete. Barrington couldn't find enough players to field four of each gender each match. Hoffman my have the numbers but didn't like Canlan's masks not required policy. Libertyvile is working on it. However, they're dealing with the impact of an unvaccinated player who played in the last upper intermediate match and then got COVID. I'm sure I've said it multiple times, but Palatine's teams in the potential, lower intermediate league will be both fully vlaccinated and masked.

HARPER PICKLEBALL IS BACK

A trial earlier this summer didn't find enough interest to keep it going. Now, however, they are back with Monday evening (6:00 to 9:00) pickleball on their new, six courts. They got a new floor during the pandemic. They provide balls, and they have at least a pair of Jim Blair's ideal paddle racks for the floor, to determing who plays next with whom. Toward the end of each evening the more skilled players will have their own area, whether it's one, two, or three courts.

Enter the campus off Algonquin Road (62) just east of Roselle. Park in the first lot on the left. It's that far SW building in which health activities, swimming, and the pickleball gym is located. At the sign-in desk, you'll pay \$5 per evening and sign in. From the sign-in sheet, you an see if there are already so many players there that you'd rather go get a Grand Slam at Denny's than sit on bleachers for half an hour between your games ... or head north to Hamilton and play under the lights.

If Mondays thrive, Wednesdays will surely be put back on the schedule so give it a try. It's the only evening, indoor play (at least after 7:00 at Birchwood) in Palatine.

WE LOST A LOVELY LADY

Leslie Hofeldt hasn't played with the Palatine Picklers for several years, but she was a vibrant, talented Pickler in our earlier days. She was also a tennis instructor who worked for Dana's First Serve Management. I was saddened to read that she passed away at the tender age of 57 last week. She will surely be missed.





TIME TO WELCOME OUR NEWBIES

Once again I must apologize to those whose photos do not appear below. Often I'm too busy or forgetful to remember to take your pic. Sometimes, my sticking shutter gives me great photos of the ground below your feet, but not you. There's a chance I may have misnamed two of you here. I think I did enough homework to get it right, but if not, sorry. Let me know. If you tell me you weren't shown in our newbies section of this or a previous newsletter, I'll get you in the next one.





YES, SOME NEWBIES ARE MISSING

In the chaos of 37 Mentorees in Hamilton's south cage ready for action, I failed to take some pics and failed to adequately make notes about others. I also forgot to take pics of two or three one morning at Hamilton. If you remind me when you see me next that you aren't in this collection, I will do my best to remedy that and get you into the November newsletter. I apologize for these ooops moments.



AW, WHAT THE HECK ...

I'm finishing the newsletter a little later than usual, but not by much, and I hope Novembers will have LOTS of photos of shirts and Mentorees that will take up a lot of space so here's your next movie quotes quiz. Do not consult with others or Google any of these. It's all about who really watches and remembers movies I liked. Email me AT <u>AOKBARRY@YAHOO.COM</u> with your guesses. Identify your guesses by number.

- 01 Get off my plane
- 02 Get some rest, Pam. You look tired.
- 03 The cocky black chaffeur
- 04 Plastics
- 05 Human sacrifice. Dogs and cats living together
- 06 I'll give you \$10,000 for driving me to Paris HAVE ANOTHER
- 07 In case I don't see ya, good afternoon, good evening, & good night
- 08 I can't go out there and tell those people I'm on the Furber Dog

Chow account

- 09 Ease his pain
- 10 Take me to bed or lose me forever
- 11 She's about to close up the library
- 12 Be nice. Be nice. Be nice until it's time to not be nice.
- 13 I have a crib in my office and a mobile over my desk, and I really like that.
- 14 How could I forget you. You're the only person I know
- 15 I don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' no babies
- 16 Aziz, light
- 17 You make me want to be a better man
- 18 I want him out of commission
- 19 I was a headliner
- 20 Ten second Tom
- 21 The big 'W'
- 22 Well, I hear it all the time, but it's more like "No, please no!"
- 23 He chose poorly HAVE ANOTHER
- 24 You want to trade the pig for the part?
- 25 Fly yes. Land no.
- 26 That's why I won't do 2 shows a night any more
- 27 Laces out
- 28 I want Portman (NO, it's not a Kevin Kostner movie)
- 29 I'll have what she's having
- 30 What we're dealing with here is a complete lack of respect for the law
- 31 Read it. Roll it. Hole it
- 32 That's not entirely accurate.
- 33 We're racing for pinks
- 34 And you're the best G** d*mn hitter I ever saw
- 35 You can dance the tango and drive a Ferrari better than anyone I've ever seen.
- 36 You won't get any dancing here. It's illigal.
- 37 Dad, after this can we throw dirt in MY window?
- 38 How 'bour me, cookie. You better than me?

- 39 He's better at this than I've ever been at anything in my life.
- 40 Colonel Briggs, what a wonderful moment this must be for you
- 41 Do you believwe in miracles? Yes!
- 42 I'm sorry. This is our family's first kidnapping.
- 43 Mr Cellophane shoulda been my name.
- 44 All my life people have said to me, "You're too small. You're not fast enough. (I'll give you triple credit for this one)
- 45 Billy, I have four words for you ... Listen to the woman.
- 46 Another cow. Actually, I think it's the same one.
- 47 Pain don't hurt.
- 48 Well, I guess the laws of physics cease to exist on top of your stove.
- 49 You're 5 foot nothin', 100 and nothin', and you have barely a speck of athletic ability.
- 50 Come on. Stop trying to hit me and hit me.

Well, Picklers ...

It's been quite a month. Our numbers have been skyrocketing. Our shirt sales set a record. We're now at 128 Mentorees this summer on Wednesdays. We're using all six courts for Thursday mentoring, with lots waiting to get on. We're not able to play at Harper. Birchwood has lots of pickleball six days a week. Falcon is ready for three mornings. We've had guest photographers contribute. Oh, thanks, Silver for the shot at the right.

Hope you all have a happy and safe Halloween.

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aokbarry@yahoo.com (Please use)

