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MAY, 2021 NEWSLETTER

MENTORING BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH

Our summer mentoring program has helped hundreds of newer Picklers get a handle on the rules and fundamentals of pickleball. They've also been introduced to court positioning and game strategy. We look forward to seeing veteran mentorees and welcoming dozens of new ones this year.

The format will be identical to last year's, to practice COVID-safe procedures. Each Wednesday morning there will be two sessions ... 9:00 to 10:00 and 10:15 to 11:15. Participants of the second session are invited to stay after class for informal play, often with Mentors. Each session will be limited to 12 student Picklers.

It all begins with emailing me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with each of the sessions in which you currently EXPECT to be available to participate. Each Monday our Mentoring Scheduler Robin will invite 24 of you to one of Wednesday's two sessions. You must confirm that you'll participate. If you do not respond by noon Tuesday, you will be replaced so don't show up. Absolutely, do not just show up. That was fine up through 2019 but not in today's COVID times.

You will need to bring your paddle and two balls bearing your name. The 2nd is a spare, in case of your first ball breaking. You must properly wear a mask, from the time you enter the Sycamore Park cage until you leave it. These three courts are located at the intersection of Carpenter and Clark. You must be careful not to park within five feet of driveways on Carpenter ... or beside or west of the cage. There is a sign on Carpenter at the east end of the cage saying this. Parking is allowed on Clark, west of the baseball field just west of the pickleball cage.

We're pleased to say that all four Mentors from last year (and previous years) will be returning. That's Bob, Dennis, Marv, and Neal, in alpha order. You will be spending your hour with one of them and three other students.

5/19 5/26 6/2 6/9 6/16 6/23 6/30 7/7 7/14 7/21 7/28 8/4 8/11 8/18 8/25 9/1 9/8 9/15 9/22 9/29 10/6 10/13

That's a total of 44 sessions. Let me know for which ones you would like to be considered. Thanks.









. Jim Karen Jeff Julie









. Kathy Satish Shelly Rick



THANKS, STAN

We love Hamilton, but ever since it opened most courts had at least one side of the net high. This was due to the posts not being sunk to the appropriate level. Stan Jones came to the rescue. He brought his sledge hammer and then with the help of Bear and then the braver Jaime, he banged the posts down to the appropriate height. Thanks, Stan.







Gary Janice (Neal)

MEET PICKLER JANET PARRY

This 62 year young, energetic Pickler is well-known to Hamiltonians. She and Bill are there almost every

morning. What you don't know is She grew up in Glenview. She Illinois University where she

Janet met Bill and knew he was been married 39 years and have aged 29, 31, and 34. No grandkids pets either.

After graduation Janet joined an specialty company downtown. owning a Money Mailer franchise Then, ever the entrepreneur, she

small business, Stepping Stone Solution that assisted

she was born in Chicago, the middle of three siblings. attended Marillac High in Northfield and Western earned a BA in Communications/Advertising.



the one. They've raised three kids, yet. No current

advertising
She ended up
for several years.
owned another

senior citizens in downsizing and locations. Janet's Outreach Coordinator for the Mundelein, a dispensary. She senior centers, and people on the cannabis. She also signing up with the

moving to

Clinic medical spoke at churches, benefits assisted

State of Illinois.



other was as an

cannabis libraries, educating of medical patients in



Above Janet enjoys a gigantic Christmas tree with Billy, Shannon, Melissa, and Bill.

Janet first experienced pickleball in January last year. She and Bill then participated in our mentoring program. Her bucket list accomplishments include traveling to Ireland and other countries and zip lining.

Her remaining bucket list check-offs really big fish. Apparently, her day-long gem didn't count. She just kissed it.

What does she love about the Palatine all the friendly, encouraging faces. loves playing together.

In what does Janet take pride? Raising successful children, living in two cities,

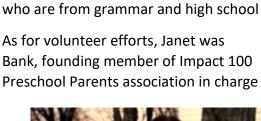
include driving a race car and catching a effort resulting in this almost edible

> Pickleball Club? The people. She loves Everyone is kind and patient and just

three, pretty well-adjusted and and having a group of 12 girlfriends that get together on a regular basis.

involved in the Northern Illinois Food Chicago, President of Avon Lake

Preschool Parents association in charge of various food drives at the dispensary.









Billy, Melissa, and Shannon with beloved Golden Leo. Janet and Bill love the outdoors and taking scenic hikes.

As for a saying, quote, or motivational saying that inspires, Janet likes, "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never ever the same." Janet certainly lives her life in a way that puts her in that second category.

FINAL CALL FOR PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRTS

OK, Picklers, I finally have enough to place our order. But I felt it prudent to give you all one more chance to

get in on this. Our shirts are \$17. Until we're all crowding going to get a lot of chances (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with size. Given that I'll place our



nonsensically inexpensive, most into Falcon again, you're not to place your order. Email me your choice of style, color, and order within a week, you'll likely

be able to pick up your shirt from me (at Hamilton) within 2-3 weeks.



MAY SEE PICKLERS PICTURED TWICE

Just so you're not think you're seeing double or are confused, yes, some Picklers appear twice in this, and past and future, newsletter. If I have a pics of someone both in and without a mask, I'll not hesitate to put both photos in a newsletter. Masks are respected, but faces are more recognizable so both pics get to be shown.











MEET PICKLER ARI COHEN

Let's see who this familiar, excellent player really is. Ari was born in Washington D.C. 49 years ago. He was a solo chile for 20 years, until his half brother arrived. He spent his formative years in Rockville, MD, Orlando, and Denver, before attending college is Wyoming. Then he went to work in Seattle, Sacramento, and Dallas, before moving to Chicago.

While at University of Wyoming, Ari been married to Leslie for going on 19 twins Lilah and Avi. Their family also have been more palatable), their cat name), and two rabbits Aerial and a mouse to their small zoo.

As for companies for which he's such a short newsletter. He started in wonders if anyone remembers the Rainforest Café, before turning to the small to mid-sizeAd companies. He even few years, before heading to PepsiCo – Project Management, Logistics, and



earned a Bachelor of Applied Science. He's years. They are proud parents of 13 year old includes their dog Lambeau, (Soldier" would Packer ("Bear" would have been a great Sunny (nice names). Lilah will soon be adding

worked, Ari feels there are too many to list in restaurants, before switching to retail. He County Seat stores. Then he transferred to corporate world, working for a handful of helped his wife run a catering company for a where he stayed for 10 years in multiple roles the Supply Chain.

Ari ended up taking over his father-in-law's small business in 2013. It sold static-elimination devices to businesses. Unfortunately, his FIL has Alzheimers so Ari kind of had to learn the business from ground zero. Ari embraces this challenge as tough and rewarding.

As for pickleball, Ari learned the game from all of us last June. What he enjoys most is "everything." He loves the welcoming people, the fun environment, and the mix of skills blending.

Ari's favorite hobby is acting. He and Leslie have an arrangement ... he can perform in one community theater performance per year, as it is very time-consuming. In 2019 he loved the role of the Major General in Pirates

of Penzance at the PM&L Theater in Antioch. See first photo below. Then as Lenny in Neil Simon's Rumors, and finally as Dr Einstein in Arsenic and Old Lace.







He doesn't consider it a hobby, but Ari did put on his author's cap and wrote a chidren's book. His mom passed away three years ago. It had been her dream to write such a book so Ari did it for her and about her.



When **Grandma Sugarpop visits** her grandchildren, she always **comes** with presents! There will be picnics, tea parties, and lots of stories on her **visit**. This is the story of how one very loved **Grandma** became **Grandma Sugarpop!**

The following worked for me to order. Or just google the title.

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Ari has checked off his bucket list honeymooning in Italy and being a member of a 200 person choir in a show at the Chicago Theater. Still on that list are traveling to Greece, Australia, and on an Alaskan cruise.

Volunteer involvements include Delivering weekly for Meals on Wheels. He loves helping and doing anything for which he can see the impact. He loves having the time to do this.

If Ari will let me know when and where his next stage appearance will be, I'll share it with all of you.









Mike Mary (Neal)

Max Sue (Neal)



CLOCK IS TICKING ON PARADISE PICKLEBALL

You surely remember the March article about the incredible pickleball vacation in which we can participate in December, 2022. Yes, that surely seems a long way off. The thing is that the limited reservations are already filling up. My non-playing wife Kathy and I are going, with or without you, but we'd rather have PPC company.







Hosts Cindy and Mike Watty have notified me that 1/3 of their Sandals rooms are already reserved. You can reserve your room NOW for a refundable \$400 deposit. It's refundable all the way up to October, 2022 so don't think about it, just do it. The list of available rooms (2 per) can be found on their website http://www.alfrescotravel.com/2022-jammin-in-jamaica-pickleball.html You can reserve a room by emailing Cindy at cindy@alfrescotravel.com, with your full name (as on passport) and birthdates, along with the type of room you prefer. (The menu for rooms is extensive, but all have beach view). You may want to review the March newsletter's opening story, for more information. Find it in the newsletter library on PalatinePicklers.com. This is an incredible and incredibly affordable vacation in Paradise complete with a lot of pickleball and parties.









Bob (Neal)

Bill

Linda

Pat

SIX COUNTY SENIOR GAMES ... (pandemic pending)

Yes, there is a decent chance that the Six county Senior Games may resume this year. Obviously, as did everything else, they were canceled for 2020 due to COVID. Now that most of us have had our vaccines, they MAY resume. If so, Women's doubles will take place Tuesday, July 6th, Men's doubles will be on Thursday, July 8th, and Mixed doubles will be contested on Saturday, July 10th. If you've competed in pickleball, or any other sport, in the past, you should receive a prospectus within the next month. If you don't, or if you haven't participated in the past, please Google for information. I'll likely have more information next month. Thanks.

MEET PICKLER HOWARD ROSENBERG

A week ago Howard turned 74. He's a regular at Hamilton. He's also a veteran of our mentoring program and voted by Mentors as Most Improved Mentoree a couple years ago. Here's his story.

He gew up in Albany Park, Chicago. He stuck around and until he earned a Bachelor Degree in Accounting from Roosevelt University. Since then he's invesed 45 years at Walgreens as an Accounts Receivable Collection

Specialist for providers.

He's been married to their vows in Hawaii course a minister.

Eleanor for half a century. For their 40th they renewed with their family, a photographer, a guitarist, and of

prescriptions bilings to Medicaid and third party

They have two kids,

Becky 47 and Aaron 45. Becky and Mike have 3 girls, Madison 20, Morgan 18, and Kenzie 14. Madison is the nursing program at Arizona State University. Morgan is in nursing at Winona State University in MN and is on the soccer team and is an avid runner. Kenzie is the gymnast of the family and has earned medals at numerous, state competitions.

Becky has worked for Abbott/AbbVie for 20 years. She's also a marathon runner, taking after her dad. Mike is a police Sergeant over Investigations in Skokie. He has been working in law enforcement for 30 years and has received many special commendation awards and merit awards from his Chief.

Aaron became a Walgreens Store Manager. He moved to Seatle after graduating from college. Walgreens was new to the area, and Aaron helped open several stores. He actually started as a stock boy when he was 16 and worked his way up. It was in Seattle that he met his wife Debi who has blessed him with two daughters, Weslie 15 and Sienna 13. They have subsequently moved to Virginia. Wesley is on the cross country and soccer teams and is very artistic. Senna is the comedian of the family. She also plays soccer and is a very good student.

Aaron and wife debbi have started to flip houses. She's the talented designer. When not flipping or kicking, the family enjoys hiking, biking, and camping.

Howard and Eleanor have a 9-year old, spoiled Lab named Sophie. In the past they have had as many as three Labs (Yellow, Black, and Chocolate).

Howard has received Toastmaster awards and was an Illinois Regional Finalist. His hobbies include running, biking, swimming, parasailing, swimming with Dolphins and Stingrays, scuba diving, and attending gymnastics





events for his five granddaughters. He'd thought long and hard about skydiving but eventually crossed that off his bucket list.

For ten years Howard was Captain of the running team at Walgreens. He's competed in

28 marathons and many 10Ks, half marathons, and triathlons. In 1978 he competed in the 2nd Chicago Marathon, along with 200 other runners. The event is now limited to 40,000. Eleanor brought the two babies downtown to watch him.

Eleanor's hobbies are sewing, quilting, reading, cheering the White Sox, and going to concerts. Loving musicals and plays, they are subscribers to the Marriott Theater's productions. They have seen Elvis twice, Beach Boys, Johnny Mathis, Elton John, Billy Joel, Neil Diamond, Paul Anka, Wayne Newton, Barry Manilow, and Harry Belafonte. Howard has had pictures with Toni and Max from Dancing weith the Stars, Mohammed Ali, Olympic

athletes Bill Rodgers, Joan Benoit Sox players over the years. His

Howard's most memorable Mark Buehrle's no hitter, watching his granddaughter

The Rosenbergs have a Marriott been to Hawaii 15 times and Hawaii their favorite places are California, Florida, the Cayman

He'd heard about pickleball so, Pickleball Club and attended our



Samuelson, and many with various White favorite remains Harold Baines.

recollections are the births of grandkids, competing a biathlon in Hawaii, and compete in State gymnastics meets.

timeshare based in Kauai, Hawaii. They've have visited all the islands. Other than Arizona for the White Sox spring training, Islands, Utah, and Seattle.

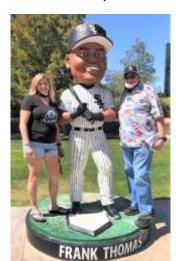
after retiring, he joined the Palatine mentoring sessions four blocks from their

home. What he likes most is the friendship of all the Picklers and Mentors. He's even served as an Assistant Mentor to give something back to the sport and club. Howard loves the events Bear sets up at Canlan Sportsplex (over 65 tournaments, PJ Party, and others).

His favorite quote is, "You can put it on the board...Yes!" by Hawk Harrelson, Whie Sox announcer.









(1) heading to his bike after triathlon swim (2) biking during 1992 Chicago Triathlon (3) with Becky at Camelback Ranch for spring training (4) Kenzie, Madison, Becky, Mike, and Morgan

UPDATED POLICIES FOR HAMILTON

BALL ... Effective immediately, the "touch only your own ball" policy will be in effect ONLY if one of the four Picklers on the court wants to keep it for that game. Otherwise, using one ball and picking it up to hit it back to the server is fine. **MASKS** ... Masks are optional, except when your partner requests you to wear one or you are playing with someone not yet two weeks past final vaccination. If you are not 2 weeks post-vaccinations, please always wear your mask. **SKILL SEGREGATION** ... We have enough players showing up now, especially in mornings, to go back to keeping the north cage "competitive" and the south cage "rec." Start wherever you like, but if whenever you lose three in a row in the competitive cage or win three in a row at rec, change cages.





Roshan



Sandy





Sharon





MINTO U.S. OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

After a year off, the U.S. Open returned in a big way to its home in Naples, FL. The largest contingent of Palatine Picklers competed. I found 34 of them ... Adam Oliva, April Volpe, Bill Kirscht, Brigitte Latal, Chuck Feinstein, Dana Joseph, George Kas, Greg Woodsum, Gregg Didech, Holly Goldsmith, Jim Latal, Jimmy Latal, Kathy McWhorter, Kim Corrado, Kim Evans, Kristine Oliva, Lani Weisbart, Larry Goldsmith, Larry Shoemake, Linda Mihel, Liz Chaplinski, Lynne Weisbart, Masato Suzuki, Melody Woodsum, Mike Breslaw, Nez Agrawal, Ray Jenkins, Rick Johnson, Scott Stubig, Susie Layton, Terry Layton, Thea Froehling, Tim Mottl, and Trevor Weisbart. Howard Weisbart was also in attendance to cheer on his wife, son, and daughter. We'll congratulate our medalists on the next page.

FINAL BIRCHWOOD SESSION 5/27, FINAL FALCON 5/28

U.S. OPEN MEDAL COLLECTORS





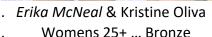


Chuck Feinstein & *Derek Huff* ... 55+ Gold

Liz Chaplinski & Chuck Feinstein Mixed 55+ ... Gold

Chuck Feinstein & *Gene Smyth* 5.0 55+ ... Bronze







Gwen Wolf & Liz Chaplinski 4.5 55+ ... Bronze



Terry and Susie Layton 3.0 75+ ... Silver

As always names in italics are for players not in the PPC

OUR DISCOUNTS KEEP GROWING

- 5% OFF anything from pickleballcentral.com, when you use the code CRPALATINEPB.
- 10-20% OFF Paddletek paddles from Chuck (grtfuldad@aol.com or 847-877-7770, by mentioning PPC.
- 20% OFF anything on engagepickleball.com, when you use the code 20jon.
- 15% OFF balls at corepickleballusa.com, when you use the code bkirscht15.
- \$10 OFF all orders at jigsawhealth.com, when you use the code BILL10.
- 20% OFF Olympus Pro or Olympus LITE insoles at zeluspickleball.com, with the code BILL20.

RESULTS OF CLAY FARNSWORTH'S SONG QUOTES QUIZ

In the April newsletter, we gave 50 quotes from pop songs from multiple eras. A full point was given for getting the song right, and a half point was given for naming the (popular version) artist.



. 1st place - Gary Thompson & kids 46 points



2nd - Anne Stein 36 points



3rd - Bear Shatwell 26.5

OTHER TOURNAMENT PICKLER MEDALISTS





Bill Bradshaw & Ken Reichardt Pat Key & Sue Cole - Bambridge Luis Vasquez & Sue Cole - Baimbridge Bonita Bay Club Championship Cup Intn'l PB Tourney, Orlando 3.5 all ages ... Gold 3.5 all ages ... Gold



Cup Intn'l PB Tourney, Orlando 3.5 all ages ... Silver

AFTERNOON PLAY COORDINATOR

Mike Bryskier has volunteered to organize afternoon play at Hamilton. If interested, email him at kyddshop@comcast.net. Let him know your estimated skill level and your phone (cell preferably) number.

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA CONTEST

For May Bear will pick up where he left off in March ... with more movie quotes. Now, just to be clear, you are on the honor system. This is intended to test YOUR knowledge and memory. As always we'll recognize the top three contestants.

- 01 I could be sending him dimensions of Playmate of the Month
- 02 If you were at your desk, we'd be having this conversation face to face
- 03 Pick me out a winner, Bobby
- 04 If lovin' the lord is wrong, I don't want to be right
- 05 We're more like treasure protectors
- 06 It's a hell of a day at sea, Sir
- 07 That's going to leave a mark
- 08 I hope you're not going to take your skin off, because I really like skin on a woman
- 09 Do they teach beauty queens how to apologize, because you suck at it
- 10 I don't rattle, kid. But just for that I'm gonna beat you flat.
- 11 Read it. Roll it. Hole it.
- 12 Parred the back side with a 7-iron
- 13 It happens
- 24
- 15 You're faster than this. Don't think you are. Know you are.
- 16 He looks like a deranged Easter Bunny
- 17 Well, how long is your program. It was a million tiny things.
- 18 I guess the laws of physics cease to exist on top of your stove. Were these magic grits?
- 19 I am a man, not a sponge. If God wished a sponge to think, a sponge would think
- 20 How'd you know I was bluffing. I didn't shuffle my cards or pull my hair or even click my teeth
- 21 I'm very rich. I bought Intel at six
- 22 He's not blind when he's with me, and he's going with me
- 23 I know what Morse Code is, Murph. I just don't think your bookshelf is trying to talk to you
- 24 Do you think taxpayers would like it, if they knew they were paying a federal agent to surf
- 25 I carried a watermelon
- 26 Would you still have broken it, if I hadn't said anything?
- 27 Same cow
- 28 We could pack this joint (said by a female)
- 29 These walls were not meant to shut out problems. You have to face them.
- 30 Rubbin' is racing
- 31 Shotgun and backup man...professionals (free 2nd quote) He let the killers in himself.
- 32 I don't accept that abandoning half the country is necessary
- 33 He's better at this than I've ever been at anything in my life
- 34 Why do you assume John Lennon's death would mean nothing to me. Do you think I'm stupid?
- 35 You're killing me, Smalls
- 36 This was not a crash, and it wasn't a ditching
- 37 I'm sorry. This is our family's first kidnapping
- 38 I planned our whole day. First we make snow angels for 2 hours. Then we go ice skating ...
- 39 What happened in the dungeons between you and Prof Quirrell is a secret.
- 40 Poor people are crazy, Jack. I'm eccentric
- 41 I know what this is. It's an espresso machine. No, wait, it's a snow cone maker.
- 42 I think you'll find it's the exact same measurements as our gym back in Hickory
- 43 It's called the "Bend and snap"

- 44 You jump I jump (not on a ledge of a building)
- 45 If you can paint, I can walk
- 46 All Hell done broke loose now
- 47 (can't recall exact wording, but easy, if you know this one) Next time try sculpting
- 48 What we're dealing with here is a complete lack of respect for the law
- 49 Do you concur?
- 50 the sausage king of Chicago

Submit your answers ... number and guess to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Thanks.



LET'S CELEBRATE US HEARTY & HARDY SOULS

If courts were open, most of these pickleholics haven't missed 10 days since June 6th when courts opened. Bear S, Bill B, Bill P, Chris F, Clay F, Jamie S, Janet P, Janice O, Jenny B, Mary K, Steve S. Yea, us.

HERE'S PICKLEBALL AT WHICH WE CAN ONLY MARVEL

Here's a video of what were determined to be the ten top rallies of 2020. Be prepared to say, "Wow!"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EWkV4TWmpc



OUR NORMAL PLAY TIMES

We play at Hamilton EVERY day, starting at 9:00. We also play there Sunday at 1:00. Mike Bryskier will be setting up afternoon times, at your request (see somewhere above).

Adding a beginner session at Sycamore (Carpenter & Clark) Thursdays at 4:00. I'll be there for 2 weeks.

MONDAYS WE'LL HAVE ONLY 4 COURTS

As was the case last year, the two, northeast courts on Monday mornings are now reserved for our 4.5+ players. If weather, including wind, is problematic, they'll play indoors so all six courts will be available for us normal players.



WORTHY WALKERS & SUPER STEPPERS

Without our "normal" fun tournaments and travel teams not taking place yet, here's way to honor some noteworthy athletic achievements. Each month I'll honor "Worthy Walkers" (15,000 steps in a day since the last newsletter) and "Super Steppers" (20,000 steps). To start us out, we'll recognize Karen Neetz who had a daily total of 22,532 steps shortly before going in for knee surgery.













Alex Mike Bear (Chris) Sue











Sharon Rick Phil Jenny Jim







PLETHORA OF PALATINE, PALATINE PICKLERS

As of this newsletter, we have 525 residents of the Palatine Park District in our club. That's an impressive 28% of our membership. Actually, it's surely a bit higher, as I didn't start tracking residency for the first 6-9 months.



Dora





Ann



Dennis

APOLOGY TO PICKLERS MISSING IN ACTION (PHOTOS)

I don't want those whose photos don't appear in this newsletter to think they were forgotten or snubbed. I'm usually rushing to take a lot of pics. The problem is my shutter sticks about 20% of the time so I get lots of pics of the conrete courts. Consequently, a number of newbies and veterans alike are "missing in action." Sorry.





. Connie Betty (Bob Mc) Don

NUMEROUS NEWBIES

April kept me busy sending welcome emails to all our newest Palatine Picklers. Except for those whose photos I blew, here they are in alpha order. Many are experienced, and many are barely past "What's pickleball?" As always I know we'll make them all feel welcome.



YES, YOU ARE WORTHY

Come on Picklers ... I get a lot of feedback about loving the Personal Pickler Profiles. What I don't get is a lot of Picklers sending me their info. Email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com), and I'll send you a form to suggest what info we'd like to see. You don't have to write your autobiography. I'm doing that for everyone. Just share yourself.





JUST FILLER, BUT URGENT FILLER

It's been a lot of pages so you may have forgotten. If you like your club affiliation, you really need to order a shirt or two. Check the styles and colors at PalatinePicklers.com. Determine your size, and email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with all that. I'm placing our next order this week. It may be months before or next.











Susan Tony Tracy Vince



Well, Picklers, it's been a transitional month. We're now enjoying playing outdoors in increasing numbers. Newbies are coming out in droves.

It's beginning to resemble 2019. Fortunately, almost all of us have been fully vaccinated. That has allowed the return to one ball per game, unless one Pickler wants to keep it at four balls.

I urge you to play the movie trivia quote game, register for mentoring, and send me your shirt orders. Also, please express interest in having your personal profile written and shared.

Happy pickling.
Bear
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