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CLARIFYING POLICIES

We dropped the “touch only your own ball” policy and lessened the mask policy, but it needs another review.

If you are unvaccinated or not yet two weeks past your 2nd vaccination or two weeks past your J&J shot, you should wear your mask **WHENEVER** you are at Hamilton, Sycamore, or Locust, whether on the courts or just on the property. Also, you should announce your “unvax’d” condition to your courtmates so they can decide if they want to reinstate the “touch only your own ball” policy for that game. If even only one Pickler wants to play with four balls, that will be how that game should be played.

Before the first serve, it’s polite for the server to ask the other three on the court if the game can be played with one ball. Again, all it takes is one Pickler to want four balls for that to be the norm for that game.

LET’S TRY TO DROP ONE, ANNOYING HABIT

We need to remember that **ONLY THE SERVER** is to announce the score, and should do it before starting the service motion. He/she may ask the score, if not certain, but no one else should blurt it out. I’ve mentioned this to a couple offenders, but it was at the suggestion of several Picklers that I include it in the newsletter.



Tim



Steve



Nancy



Syed



Sandy



Sherry



Satish



Sandy



Scott



Sally



Shelly



Julie



Janet



Karin



John



Jim

CONTACT OUR PLAY COORDINATORS

AFTERNOON COORDINATOR ... Mike Bryskier ... kyddshop@comcast.net ... If you're up for playing in afternoons, email Mike with the days and times that would work for you (don't be fussy, we're trying to get this going), and your self-evaluated skill level. We have awesome, Hamilton courts going unused and Picklers wanting/needing increased play time. Let's get these merged.

SINGLES PLAY COORDINATOR ... Mark Schroeder ... Mark816@comcast.net ... Mark is scheduling singles play at Hamilton for 3:00 Sundays. Let him know of your interest and your self-evaluated skill level.

WORTHY WALKERS & SUPER STEPPERS

Do you think we have a whole lot of couch potatoes who play a couple hours and then veg? As announced in May, we'll recognize any Pickler who walks at least 15,000 steps in a day as a Worthy Walker and any Pickler who walks at least 20,000 steps in a day as a Super Stepper. Anyone up for this challenge gets a photo in the next newsletter. Just send me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) a photo of your phone or Fitbit's proof of your accomplishment. This month we have two Worthy Walkers and one Super Stepper.

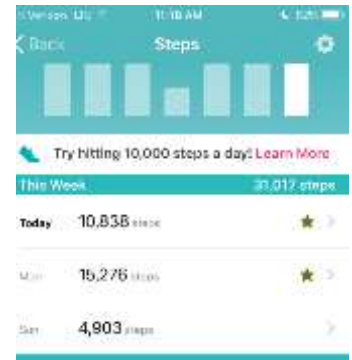
WORTHY WALKERS



Anne Stein



Karen Neetz 3 weeks after knee surgery



SUPER STEPPER



Bear Shatwell



A special recognition goes also to Karen Neetz who earned Super Stepper status in the May newsletter. Though her 15,660 steps on 4/25 also qualified her for Worthy Walker recognition last month, she didn't have time to send her screen shot, as that was the day before her knee surgery.



Barb



Connie



Cherrie



Chris

MEET PICKLER TOM McNULTY

This recent septuagenarian (70- yr old) is a familiar face on Hamilton courts. He claims he wants to dink, but so far the closest he’s come is a 95 mph deep court attempt. Hope you’ll encourage him in his attempts. Tom was born in Chicago and given a younger brother. His youth was spent in Boston, upstate NY, and Morton Grove. He attended Western IL and Loyola where he earned a BA in P:oli Sci/Biz and an MBA n marketing.

Tom has been married to Denise for 47 years and has three kids, aged 30-35. They have four grandkids, aged 2-7. They’re also raising Zach, a Samoyed love dog.



Denise’s 70th at Artistic Cuisene ... Megan’s BF Jason, Meghan (Berkley), Denise, Tom, Jill (Galesburg, Amanda (KC)



in Iceland



Looking for golf balls on Pebble Beach



Mountain trails in KS with grandsons



In Jackson Hole



Knocked 2 out



“Playine nice in Nice”pHe’s

Tom spent 49 years in business to business magazine and electronic media, large publishing companies (McGraw Hill), family-run companies, and associations. He’s been in sales management, content management, start-ups, and became Founder/Owner/President/Independent Contractor/Sales Manager/Editor, Coffee Maker/ etc. His company was Chicago Communications Company, Inc.

Tom got tired listing all the celebs he’s met, but before fatigue set in, he shared Hank Aaron, Arnold Palmer, Nick Faldo, Warren Buffet, Jim Thompson, Robert Kennedy, Milton Friedman, and Kenny Loggins. He quit before Kevin Bacon, but ... maybe.

OK, this next thing is pushing the envelope of believability. Tom has scored 4 holes in one, and he wasn’t including those on miniature golf courses. One more ace remains on is bucket list.

Tom learned pickleball here in Palatine. He likes the exercise, camaraderie, laughter, and fun with our Picklers.

Asked for accomplishments in which he takes pride, he responded work, family, 3 daughters with advanced degrees (Northwestern, Iowa, and Harvard). All havwe strong careers and families of their own. Very proud.

Among his volunteer expeiences are Travel VP of Palatine Celtics Socer Club, Indian Princess Nation Chief (“Swift Eagle”), and whatever catches his inerst after retiring June 30th.



Polar Bears, Churchill Canada Denise Loves bears. They flew to Winnipeg to view . Their “chick magnets” them from this tundra buggy and then a helicopter. She’s also bear-watched in Norway and Alaska For a favorite/motivating quote, Tom chose, “Happy Wife, Happy Life.”

BAIMBRIDGE BRICKS ARE DOWN

A couple years in the works, our purchased bricks are now down, at the birthplace of pickleball, Baimbridge Island, Washington. Our members and club are a part of this revamped, historical landmark. So proud/



Bricks far side of 1st kiosk

Our bricks

Entrance to brick walk



Arnie



Beth



Bill



Gary



Mary



Neal



Mike



Mike



Lori



Marilyn



Jay



Linda

I'll begin bringing back some fun, competitive events next month, for vaccinated Picklers.



Rob



Russell



Patty



Rick



Sandi



Paul



Max



Rob



Mary Pat



Linda



Marion



Mary

BEAR'S MOVIE QUOTES QUIZ WINNERS

May's movie quotes were, apparently, more difficult than those I put in the March newsletter. Of the 50 quotes, no one could correctly identify one-third of them. Here are our three with the best movie memories.



Clay Farnsworth 16



Kevin Shatwell 13



John Allen 12

We'll take this month off but be back in July with another quotes quiz.



Dave



Dave



Diane



Gary

BE SURE TO SAVE MONEY ON PICKLEBALL PURCHASES

5% OFF anything sold on PickleballCentral.com, when you use the code **CRPALATINEPB**.

10-20% OFF Paddletek paddles from Chuck at 847-877-7770 or grtfuldad@aol.com.

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

15% OFF balls at corepickleballusa.com, when you use the code **bkirscht15**.

MEET PICKLER KRISTINE CORRADO OLIVA

Kristine Corrado has been seen in numerous newsletters displaying her most recent tournament medals. She was also a Pickler of the Month in June, 2020. She got engaged to Adam Oliva in March, 2020, the same month he became our Pickler of the Month. This accomplished couple now make their home in Florida.



Kristine grew up in Palatine, her Mom's alma mater. She has three older brothers and three older sisters, but she was the only one who was "planned."

She didn't stop at Fremd. She is a holistic chef and a Bachelors graduate. She was a private chef for eight years and worked with marketing and Group LLC. She and Adam are the proud owners of Dink Bang, which hosts numerous pickleball tournaments.

 A promotional flyer for the "CHIPPEWA COURTS SPRING FLING" pickleball tournament. The flyer features a cartoon mascot holding a trophy and a pickleball. It lists the event dates as June 11-13, 2021, and provides contact information for registration. The event is presented by Dink Bang Sideout.

CHIPPEWA COURTS SPRING FLING
 CASH PAYOUTS FOR ALL LEVELS
 Presented by: **DINK BANG SIDEOUT**
 123 N. 8th Ave.
 Des Plaines, IL 60016
 (LEVELS OF PLAY 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0)
June 11-13, 2021
\$75 REGISTRATION FEE & \$20 PER EVENT
 100% of the event money will go towards player prize pool for every division offered.
 Schedule of Events:
 Friday, 6/11 - Women's Doubles
 Saturday, 6/12 - Mixed Doubles
 Sunday, 6/13 - Men's Doubles
 For more information or to register, please visit www.pickleballtournaments.com or contact us at info@dinkbangsideout.com

Logos at the bottom include: PAPERON, THE OLIVA GROUP, LLC (Licensed Agents & Certified Public Accountants), and ARC DINKBANG.

She's 34 and graduated from Fremd. She has three older sisters, but she was the only

She has a culinary degree as a graduate in Business and Marketing. She now helps Adam with customer acquisition for Oliva, and she is active in Dink Bang Sideout, which hosts tournaments.

They are the proud parents of four dogs ... Lucy, Stevie, Sadie, and Cooper.



About three years ago, her mom, Kim Corrado (also a Pickler of the Month), asked on Mother's Day to play this funny-named game with her. They played at Voltz Park in Arlington Heights. Then she played a lot at Ivy Hall Elementary School in Buffalo Grove. That's where she met Adam.

Though pickleball tops her list, other hobbies include cooking, wine tasting, hiking, shooting bow and arrow, shooting live sporting events (MLB, NHL, NFL, NBA). Covered in the newsletter, Adam proposed center-court

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Kristine and Adam PADS, helping to

Their primary, future pickleball Father-Son 2040 era.

I have to recall, Kristine's mom and head to head game



have been volunteering for a few years now at feed the homeless in the colder months.

remaining bucket list item is to start a family of stars. She's thinking future Mother-Daughter or pairings on Center Court sometime in the 2035-

just to keep these young stars humble, that some kid named Kyle Yates blew them away in a not that long ago.

SIX-COUNTY SENIOR GAMES UPDATE

Visit the link <http://bit.ly/3b3C3Dw> to register. Once on the IPRA page, go to **calendar of events**, sign in, and follow the prompts. You may get a mailWomening but must register online. Know your partner's age (at end of 2021). You both must register. There's a maximum of 50 picklers per event, so don't wait. Women's doubles is Tuesday 7/6, men's is Thursday 7/8, and mixed is Saturday 7/10. Everything you'll need to know is on their website.

Should you win a medal, send details and a photo of the two of you to aokbarry@yahoo.com.



Stana



Sally



Sally



Pat



Mike



Nancy



Lucky



Lynn



Marv

OK ... PLEASE ACTUALLY READ THIS

We all have the opportunity to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience that combines pickleball with Paradise, complete with tons of inclusions, gourmet food, a ton of awesome accommodations all with ocean views, and a bar that made this booze snob say, "Wow," all for one low, 7-night price ... **IN JAMAICA**, at a world-renowned resort. It's for December, 2022, but they're already one-third sold out. A bunch of us Palatine Picklers are going, and we'd love a big bunch more. You pay air fare, but **everything** else is included (Yes, I said everthing) ... TWO people for as little as under \$3,500. (That's now, but prices will surely go up, if you don't lock them in with a \$400, refundable deposit.) Rates are per room for two per night, and the price/amenities range is off the chart. But come on, you'll be in Paradise, playing pickleball with those of similar ability, doing absolutely everything you could ever do on a dream vacation, dining in eight, awesome restaurants, splashing in several pools, drinking really good booze, and bonding with a lot of Palatine Picklers, as well as with picklers from who cares. You

can re-read (surely for the first time) about this in the March newsletter. Or you can check it out at <http://www.alfrescotravel.com/2022-jammin-in-jamaica-pickleball.html>. This **HAS** to be a bucket list thing for, well, everyone in this little club of ours.



No, don't scroll down. Click on that link and see the best vacation ever that you'd miss.

Then, after you send in your refundable \$400 reservation, email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) to let me know the two of you are joining your fellow Palatine Picklers in Paradise in December, 2022.



Kathy



Lori



Lois



Larry



Marc



Linda



Maria



Kathy

HARPER EVENING PICKLEBALL IS BACK

It's true. The floors have been redone and now Picklers, and future Picklers, can play from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. The fee is still \$5 per night, or you can buy a 10-pass for \$45. I do not know if masks are required so be prepared, just in case.

ANOTHER WEDNESDAY EVENING OPTION

Starting immediately Palatine Picklers are invited to play Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. at Hamilton. Yes, there will be Picklers there this week. We're starting with this one evening, but will add another or two, if it proves sufficiently popular, as it did two years ago.

MAY MEDALISTS

It wasn't a big tournament Woodsum collected a bronze in St Louis. They excelled in the

Remember ... Please send me a tournament, the division, your you earn. Thanks.



month, but Greg and Melody medal at the Middle States Regional 4.0 60+ mixed doubles event.

photo and details of the partner, and the color of any medal



Annie



Alex



Bob



Bob



Bob



Bill



Deb



Don



Debbie



Kenny



Manon



June



Karen



Joan



Jim



Julie



Joyce

ANOTHER LOCAL TOURNAMENT

After you recover from the 6-County Senior Games, you'll be ready for this PB Jammers tournament, also at Fabbrini Park in Hoffman Estates. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 31st and September 1st. Men's and Women's doubles will be Saturday, and mixed doubles will be contested Sunday. Your \$35 entry fee includes a T-shirt. You can register now through July 26th on pickleballtournaments.com. If you have questions, call 847-840-7248 or email Fabbrinipb@gmail.com.



Ryan



Anne



Dave



Bob



Susan



Steve



Carol



Bill

MENTORING PROTOCOL RELAXED

Since the May newsletter, masks are no longer required for anyone who is two weeks past their 2nd vaccination (or two weeks past their J&J vaccination). Those who are not fully vaccinated will still be required to wear a mask over their noses and mouths both on and off the courts. Also, we will provide the balls to be used during each mentoring session.



Fred



Dora



Sharon



Tom



Gary



Jeff



Heidi



Sue



Gretchen



Robin



Jenna



Cam

NEWER PICKLERS LOVE MENTORING SESSIONS

We're past our third week of our Wednesday mentoring program. More than 50 Palatine Picklers have signed up for sessions. We have two, one-hour sessions during which one or two Mentors work with four students on one court. If anyone else wants to check out this program which, in one form or another, has been around for five years, email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with each of the remaining 38 sessions you expect to be available to participate ... That's a 9:00 and a 10:15 session on each Wednesday through October 13th. Each Monday 24 students will receive an email inviting them to one or the other of that Wednesday's sessions. As you can see, even slight wet courts won't keep us from having our sessions. We just don't do running drills those days.



MEET OUR TWO NEWEST HONORARY MINI PICKLERS



19-month old Charlie's grandma takes him to the playground at Hamilton, but he always runs over to watch the Palatine Picklers.

22-month old Scarlett always seems to have a paddle and ball in her hand.

25-month old Miles was our first Mini Pickler back in 2017.





Dave



Greg



Kathryn



Donna



Ron



Janet



Jenny



Debbi



Greg



Terri



Barb



Dan



Betsy



Jim



Clark



Jim



Debbie



Earl



Brian



Debbie



Chris



John



Jim



Artie



Bob



Pat



Fran



Phil



Clay



Steve



Chris



Sue



Gary



Howard



Carol



Joe



Bill



Janice



Frank



Albert



Sandy



Adam



Alexa



Jeff



Ann



Don



Thea



Jaime



Kathy



Terry



Jeff



Sue



Ben



Sue



Mike



Steve

POST SCRIPTS TO LAST MONTH'S MEET THE PICKLERS



Ari Cohen played Algean in *The Importance of Being Earnest* son's family included in his May profile. There's Sienna 13, Weslie 15, wife Debi, son Aaron, & dog Archie



Howard Rosenberg has hoped to have his

IT WAS A GOOD MONTH FOR WELCOMING NEWBIES

Yes, I forgot to take a photo of some, a few photos were of the court floor thanks to my sticking shutter, and several photos I couldn't attach to a name. I apologize to all those victims. Here, in alphabetical order, are all newest Palatine Picklers who managed to avoid those pitfalls.



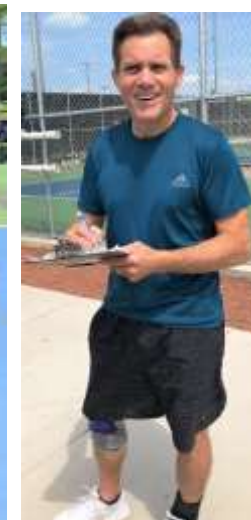
Anna



Barb



Bill



Bill



Bob



Bob



Bob



Carol



Caroline



Carolyn



Carrie



Cathy



Celeste



Chesi



Dave



Dave



Deak



Deb



Dennis (missed in May)



Denny



Elie



Gary



Gary



Ilene



Jeff



Jim



Jim



Joan



Joe



John



Joshua



Kathy



Katie

MENTOREES' INFORMAL, THURSDAY PLAY WITH COACHING

We've had three weeks of Thursday 3:00 p.m. play for Mentorees at Sycamore. NO MORE. In a reversal of the norm, Sycamore is more crowded than the great courts at Hamilton. **Starting next week, all who have been, or will be, mentored this year are invited to play with fellow Mentorees at Hamilton at 3:00.** Just show up.

BACK TO NEWBIES, AFTER THAT CALL FOR MENTOREES TO PLAY THURSDAYS



Kaylee



Kelly



Kim



Larry



Laura



Linda



Lisa



Lynn



Mario



Mary Lou



Mike



Monica



Natalie



Neil



Nicole



Patty



Patty



Paul



Paul



Rick



Rohit



Sam



Sarah



Sherry



Ted



Terri



Theresa



Trudy



Vikki

WILL TRY TO RESURRECT THE 3.0 – 3.5 TRAVEL LEAGUE

If I can find competition in Barrington and/or Midtown Club, I'll restart the lower intermediate travel competition this fall. If interested in playing Tuesdays in Barrington, let me know. They're iffy.

3.5 – 4.0 TRAVEL LEAGUE ABOUT TO RESUME

Palatine Captain John Kirchner has agreed to again run the 4-club, upper intermediate travel league. This is a competition between Palatine Picklers, Libertyville/Park Ridge, Barrington, and Hoffman. It competes Thursdays at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, starting September 16th. Historically, it has been a slam dunk for Palatine to win going away, with virtually “set” Palatine teams. Perhaps this year John will want to open it to a more, qualified Palatine Picklers, with matches featuring different rosters, as we do in our lower intermediate competitions. If you think you’re in the 3.5-4.0 range and would like to represent the Palatine Picklers in some Thursday morning matches this fall, email Captain John Kirchner at j-kirschner@sbcglobal.net.

LOWER INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE A WORK IN PROGRESS

In 2018 and 2019 the 3.0-3.5 Picklers competed against a team comprised of half Midtown Club players and half Barrington players. While fun, it was a lot of headaches and hassle for yours truly. Even though each of those organizations needed only two men and two ladies, it was rare that I didn’t have to full their team with one to four Palatine Picklers. I’m hoping to find a single club that is confident they can provide four of each gender every other week. If they thought they could field teams of six of each gender, I know I can so we’d have even more fun. Even though there is no competition yet arranged, if you’re in this skill level and you’d like to play a few Tuesday mornings this fall, email me. I’ll begin our roster now. All my teams are very fluid ... each week a different of Palatine Picklers will take to the Canlan courts. I get everyone’s anticipated availability schedule and go from there. Always fun.

LET’S GET BACK TO PALATINE PICKLERS TOURNAMENTS

For the 5th year we’ll do something with Skinny Singles. As we did last year, it will be a round robin tournament. From right away through the end of August, each Pickler will be given the email address of everyone who signs up. It is up to all participants to play all, or as many as possible, participants anywhere and any time they find convenient. You’ll play two games to 15 points, changing sides at 8. Then you email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) the scores. The highest total score at the end of August 30th will be our winner, regardless of the number of Picklers played. Skinny singles is normal pickleball singles but played on a court that is 10x44 instead of 20x44, and players serve until they lose a rally (no 2nd server). Email me if you’d like to get into this nearly three-month tournament. There’s no deadline for registering. I’ll add Picklers as they decide to compete and give everyone updated contacts.

CLOSEST TO 60 TOURNAMENT FOR LADY PICKLERS

If you’re in the 55-65 age range, or even close to that, you may be one of the eight who are closest to 60 years old and get to compete for the title of this year’s “Close to 60” Ladies Champion. Just email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your birthdate. This competition will be held at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20th. You’ll pay a fee (being determined as I write) at the lobby desk. This will be a round robin, with each Lady playing with each other Lady once and against each twice.

Afterward, it’s tradition to drive a couple hundred yards to lunch at Onion Pub ... outdoors, weather permitting.

CLOSEST TO 60 TOURNAMENT FOR MANLY PICKLERS

Same as the Ladies, but this one will be held two days later at 9:00 on Thursday, July 22nd. The eight who are closest (younger or older) to 60 years of age will be the contestants. Just email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your date of birth, if you'd like to play in this fun event.

Again, it's tradition to go out to lunch at Onion Pub just down the block, after the event. We'll dine on their patio, weather permitting.



Phew! I was sure this newsletter would set a record for number of pages (nope, tied with 3 for 7th) and number of pics (again nope, in 7th place). It seemed to take forever. Sorry it's later than usual. I've been dealing with more Pickler potholes than normal recently.

I'm so glad to reintroduce Fun Tournaments and at least one travel team/league ... and the lunches that follow competitions. It's great to add Wednesday evening at Hamilton to our weekly schedule of EVERY morning and Sunday at 1:00 at Hamilton. I'm sure our Mentorees will enjoy playing on the "big stage" of Hamilton Thursday afternoons at 3:00, to supplement their actual sessions.

I plan to cut down on the number of pics of veteran Picklers this summer. I'll look more for fun, action shots and Picklers wearing our shirts. If you don't see yourself as often, don't take it personally. I'd just like to spend a little time with Kathy. She's been more than tolerant, but ...

Hearing we've passed 600,000 deaths from COVID in the US makes me so glad and proud that almost all our Picklers are fully vaccinated and enjoying some socializing again. Happy pickling.

Bear Shatwell

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