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### AUGUST, 2021 NEWSLETTER

#### CATTLE CALLS

Let's start with the response-prompting things. It seems we're REALLY slow to embrace our close-to-normal routine. The first two tournaments (Ladies' and Men's Closest to 60 yrs old) barely got the eight I needed. Last time I ran this, I had two dozen ladies and 18 men wanting to compete. Know that all events I stage, from tournaments to travel teams are **open to only Picklers who are fully vaccinated**. Here are things that could benefit from greater participation ...

**Lower Intermediate (3.0-3.5) travel team** ... For five years we've enjoyed bi-weekly competitions with other club/s. My rosters change each week, to get any qualified Pickler into some matches. Until I have a healthy stable of men and women, I won't even look for a team against which we'll compete. The original cattle call for Picklers was embarrassing. Matches will be Tuesday mornings at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. One of the best parts of these events are the lunches after the match. If you'd like to play for your club in a semi-serious competition or three, email me at [AOKBARRY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:AOKBARRY@YAHOO.COM). (Please don't be one of those that just hits "reply.") If you aren't sure if your ability is appropriate, ask me. I'll be brutally honest, whether you're too strong or too weak to have good games.

**Picklers' 2<sup>nd</sup> Ping Pong Tournament** ... No, I do not have a date. The location will likely be Wheeling, but I won't book that venue, until I have a better idea of how many would LIKE to play, if their schedule allows. It WILL be a week day. I'll likely limit this to the first eight that respond to the final invitation. It will be real rules. That means displaying the ball in your palm and tossing it straight up to serve, and serving within the sidelines.

**Skinny Singles** ... We have a nice group who have signed up for this event, but I'll be glad to add more. You have through August 31<sup>st</sup> to play two games to 15 against as many Picklers as you can. You play on HALF the court (10' x 44' court). Win by 1 and change sides at 7 each game. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for this event.

**Oldest Men Tournament** ... Sign up ... Maybe 58 will be old enough this year. I'll take the oldest 8 who apply by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The tournament will be a round robin ... play with each of the other 7 as your partner once. It will be at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with a fun lunch after the top three have been photographed. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your MMDDYY date of birth.

**Youngest Lady Tournament** ... This will be on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Canlan. If you're 70, you may still win one of the 8 spots on this roster. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your MMDDYY date of birth.



Marc



Mike



Craig



Doris



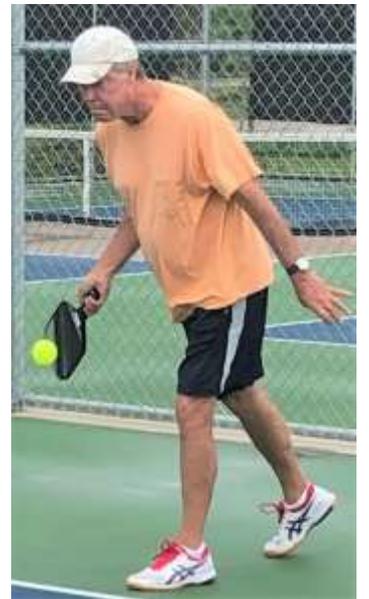
Deb



Satish



Ryan



Tom



Tom



Suren



Terry



Sue



Ted



Sue



Noreen



Kathy

## MICHAEL HAS PICKLED ON

Mike O'Connor served as an original capacity. In fact he was Mentor to at Falcon, Sycamore, Locust, and without making his student feel truly fun partner or opponent. As loved table tennis even more. I'm him. Though I have a respectable politely schooled in that sport as I was

Mike had Linda drive him to his weeks ago, to donate paddles and say him over the years. He knew his days been incredible, in her devotion and us in the loop, regarding Mike's not want a visitation or memorial or a he did want to give his friends, him. We can send thoughts and pics you had the pleasure of playing with/aganst him or were touched by Mike's love of helping Picklers develop and appreciate their sport more, please leave a message on this site. Mike will be fondly remembered.



Mentor and served for several years in that one of our current Mentors. He played with us Hamilton. Mike had the ability to teach unworthy or self-conscious. He was always a much as he loved pickleball, he may have sorry I never had the chance to play against table tennis resume, I suspect I'd have been as in pickleball.

belvoed Sycamore mentoring session a couple good bye to those of us who mentored with were few, due to cancer. His wife Linda had caregiving over the last couple years. She kept treatments and worsening condition. He did newsletter notice during his decline. However, mentorees, and peers a chance to remember at <https://michaeloconnormemorial.com>. If

## OUR MENTORING PROGRAM KEEPS GROWING

Our Mentors, Bob, Dennis, Marv, and Neal, have spent Wednesday mornings all spring and summer helping newer Picklers learn the basics, the strategies, techniques, and positioning priorities of pickleball. It's been so appreciated that we now have 93 students hoping for an invitation to participate in one of Wednesday morning's 24 roster spots. If you would like to have your developing game tweaked, just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with which of the remaining sessions you THINK you could attend. There are two per Wednesday, 9:00 to 10:00 and 10:15 to 11:15 through Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We'll get you in at least one.

## THURSDAY MENTORING ALSO GETTING POPULAR

Bear runs a more informal session for mentorees or other beginning Picklers at 3:00 p.m. on the Hamilton courts. As I write this on the 24<sup>th</sup>, there is one more week before this goes to press, but this week we had 16 mentorees attend. We do some hand-eye coordination, some dinking, some serving, some games (I watch each of the four courts for a while offering suggestions and, making fault calls), some skinny singles, and some discussion of rules and strategy. It's just less formal than Wednesday, as I'm the only Mentor. However, it's great for all our mentorees to get in games, particularly with and against peers of somewhat similar experience. No nervousness or pressure. Just laughing and learning. This is a drop-in session. No reservations or invitations are needed. If someone is not yet in our club, I'll sign him/her up before we begin. No worries.



Andrea



Chris



Chris



Ron



Paul



Ron



Sally

## REMEMBER YOUR DISCOUNTS

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](mailto:grtfuldad@aol.com).

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



Mike



Maria



Mike



Max



Mary



Mary



Rick



Rick



Steve



Patty



Paul



Steve



Adam



Ann



Dana



Don



Dennis



Edgar



Janet



Jeff



James



Karen



Katy



Patty

## MEET PICKLER BILL PARRY

64-year old Bill Parry was born in Elmhurst Hospital, the younger brother of his sister and only sibling. They grew up in Mechanical



For the past from 28 to longer any

Bill worked years, in

span he's position for North

Not wanting to get into soap operas, he took Mckray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington. when he was 21.

Des Plaines. Bill attended Maine West High School, U of I for his BS in Engineering, and Lindenwood University for his MBA.

38 years, he's been married to Janet. They have three kids, ranging 34 years of age. No grandkids, and no



for

lived was

the Dresser-Rand Company for 35 several engineering and sales management positions. During that in IL, NY, NJ, MO, and OH. His final Director of Business Development America. Then he retired in 2015. a job as starter/ranger at the Here you see Bill in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and

Bill learned pickleball and developed his game in our Mentoring Program last year. He and Janet can be found at Hamilton almost every day. His other interests include being a foodie, wine, traveling, fishing, golf, and supporting all Chicago teams that aren't the White Sox.



Skiing Big Brown, MT



Fishing Bitterroot River, Missoula, MT



Cold 2019 Cubs game with free wine

Bill has met several celebrities over the years, but two events stand out. He attended the 1997 NBA All Star game in Cleveland where they honored the 50 best players of all time. Bill said, "We were going up the escalator, and Alice Cooper and his kid were trying to run down their "up" escalator."

The other occasion was at a deli counter. A booming voice behind Bill asked, "What's good here?" Bill turned to tell Hulk Hogan about his favorite sandwich, and he ordered it too.

Bucket list items checked off include visiting all 50 states, Scuba diving in Belize, hot air ballooning in Sonoran Desert, scoring a hole-in-one (Indian Palms near Palm Springs), and zip lining in Whistler, BC. Still on that bucket list are visiting Galapagos (hopefully this fall) and going on Safari.



What Bill has about our club is funny people and pink balls.

He takes most pride in his wonderful wife and their children who are “no longer He also enjoys helping at Illinois Food Bank.

Bill’s favorite saying is, best medicine.” These demonstrate his love of



enjoyed most the friendly and their beloved

marriage to his three adult on the payroll.” the Northern

“Laughter is the photos laughter.

The photo at left shows Bill showing off his own Big Foot. Above we see Janet and Bill their “best medicine” in Breckenridge, CO.



Rudy



Robin



Sally



Sally

## CLOSEST TO 60 LADIES TOURNAMENT RESULTS



The eight Lady Picklers who signed up to try for one of the 8 spots for those closest to 60 years of age had a morning of great fun.

To the left you see Ann, Gillian, Connie, Terri, Doris, Donna, Cindy, and Debbie.

Most of my tournaments are round robin so however good or not so good one is really won't impact the outcome. You play with all.

## MEN'S CLOSEST TO 60 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Two days later the 8 men closest to 60 who signed up for this competed in their round robin. This was a disappointing turnout, considering the last time I ran this tournament, I had more than 2 dozen applicants and no one was 5 years away from the target age. This year it was more like a "closest to 70" tournament. We have several hundred more Picklers now, but fewer willing to want to have fun. Seems strange. No matter, these eight guys had a blast playing seven games all morning and heading to lunch (at which I forgot to have the waitress take a pic). All our fun tournaments are just that ... absolutely fun for everyone.



Gary, Mike, Jeff, Jeff, Steve, Jeff, Adam, & Barry



Gary 3<sup>rd</sup>, Adam 1<sup>st</sup>, Steve 3<sup>rd</sup>



Alex



Ann



Anny



Art

## HAMILTON POLICY CLARIFICATION

When the number of players warrants, competitive players should rack up in the north/competitive cage, while rec players stay in the south cage. Not sure everyone is getting this ... paddle up where you want, but, if you lose 3 consecutive games in the north cage, move to the south, and, if you win 3 in a row on the rec side, move to the north. Please honor this policy. NOW, a new consideration. If either side has twice the players of the other, the lesser populated side must give one of their three courts to the more populated group (the popular side then will have 4 courts, and the less populated group will have 2). Yes, the math works.



Ann



Frank



Ellie



Gary



Dennis



Fred



Heather



Greg



Hank



Geri



Jim

## SIX-COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

Always the tournament with the highest Pickler participation, Bill and Linda Graba once again delivered an incredibly well-run and fun experience for all of us. Thanks to all the volunteers for their fine work.



Norb Kunz & Sue Cole  
80-85 ... Gold



Peggy Whitlow & Sandy Bergeson ... 75-79 ... Gold



Bob McGowan & Bear Shatwell ... 76-79 ... Silver



Jeff Degner & Cathy Carlson...70-74...Gold



Masato Suzuki & Ed Raymond  
70-74 ... Gold



Bob Bregenzler & Trish Moore  
70-74 ... Silver



Norb Kunz & Ray Gobberg  
70-74 ... Bronze



Jean Schlinkmann & Rick Johnson ... 65-69 ... Gold



Jean Schlinkmann & Patty Eagleton  
65-69 ... Gold



Rick Johnson & Ed Falkenberg  
65-69 ... Gold



Ed Falkenberg & Patty  
65-69 ... Silver



Steve Lloyd & Pat Taylor  
65-69 ... Silver



Cindy Anich & Mary Ryback  
65-69 ... Bronze



Tony Fratini & Keith Wiener  
65-69 ... Bronze



Patti Hie & Gerald Nach  
60-64 ... Bronze



Al Zamin & Karl Ashacher  
60-64 ... Bronze



Jerry Fedyski & Nick Kouvelis  
55-59 ... Bronze



Eigo Okada & April Volpe  
50-54 ... Gold



Gary Patel & Robert Schiefer  
50-54 ... Gold

## BEAR'S NEW PLAN TO REDUCE NEWSLETTER PREP TIME

Starting next month, you'll see only my most fun action shots, PPC shirts, inventory picss, and newbies.

# MEDALISTS FROM OTHER TOURNAMENTS

## CHIPPEWA, DES PLAINES



Misidentified last month ... Here you see *Ghouse Khaja* and *Janeen Noto* who the Gold at the 3.5 19-49 division at the Chippewa tournament in June in Des Plaines.

I see there are a number of Palatine Picklers who competed in a later tournament here, but no one has sent me information about medalists so it must be that we had a lot of "also rans."



Dale Zwack & Jonny Storm

Middle States Regional ... 4.5 35+ ... Gold



Dale Zwack & Jonny Storm

Scheels Capital Tournament ... 4.5-5.0 ... Gold



Bob



Bill



Bob



Bob



Bill



Bill



Bob



Steve



Nancy



Neal



Mike



Lisa



Marv



Laura



Kip



Kim



Marti



Lois



Gary



Elke



Char



Chris



Carol



Connie



Dave



Dave



Chris



Dan



Clark



Cindy



Dennis



Hayden



Jaime



Dora



Carolyn



Cindy



Roast in the hot sun between games? Not this young lady.  
Debbie found a cool, shady respite for her camp out.



Denise



Gary



Gary



Jan



Jeff



Jeff



Jeff



Jeff



Jenny



John



John



Julie



Linda



Karen



Josh



Kim



Joe



Kaylee



Kim

## HOW 'BOUNT OUR SUPER STEPPERS (20K steps/DAY)



Mary Brinkman – 27.635

Jun 27 – Jul 3	
7/3	6,041 steps
7/2	17,018 steps
7/1	23,132 steps

Karen Neetz ... 23,132



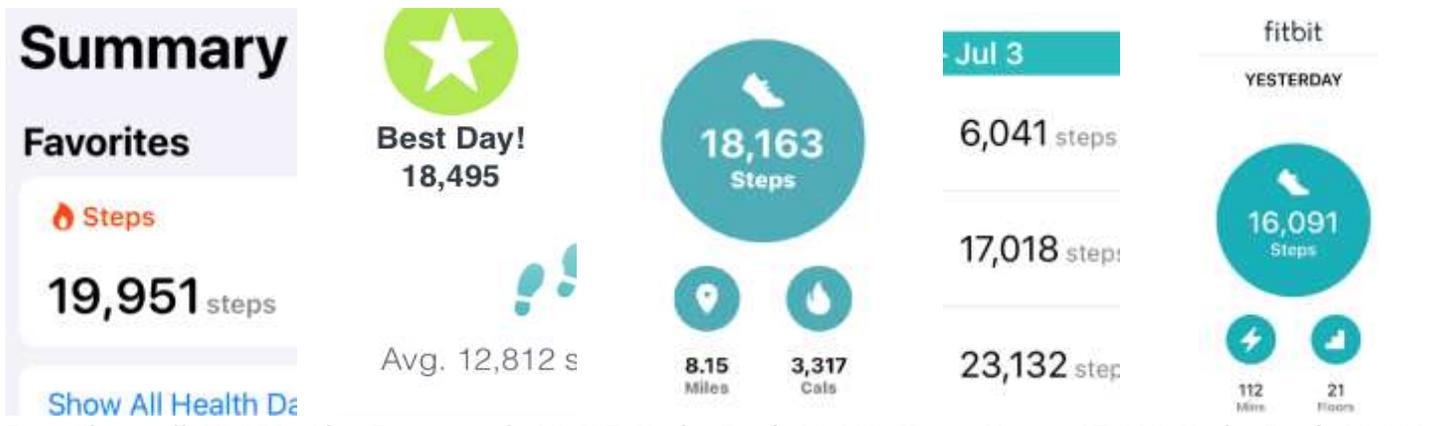
Bear Shatwell ... 22,673



Kathy Ford ... 22,094

**WRONG KATHY** In July newsletter I gave Kathy Schneider credit (& pic) for Kathy Ford's 16,997 steps. Sorry.

# AND OUR WORTHY WALKERS (15k steps/DAY)



Bear Shatwell-19,951 Clay Farnsworth-18,495 Kathy Ford-18,163 Karen Neetz-17,018 Kathy Ford-16,091



. Barry Fischman Bear Shatwell Clay Farnsworth Karen Neetz Kathy Ford Mary Brinkman

## HOW 'BOUT WALKING INTO THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER?

Almost all of your cell phones have that little red heart icon. That does track your steps each day, if you don't wear some other high-tech tracker. Just take a screen shot, if you walk at least 15,000 steps in a day and email it to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



. Joan Bill Pat Brian



Jeff



Jenny



Nez



Laura

### THIS MONTH'S SELECTED SHIRTS



Ann B's



Bill B's



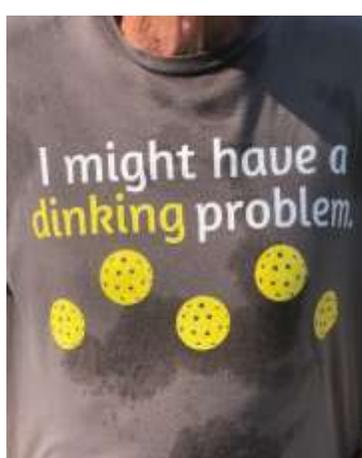
Bob' Gs (formerly Jeff K's)



Chris F's



Clay F's



Fred M's



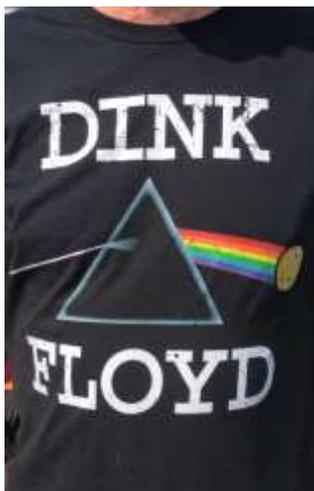
John A's



John A's



Karen I's



Mike W's



Susie L's



Sandy A's



Beth



Steve



Rick



Teri



Mike



Sarah



Russ



Diane



Pat



Ron



Bear



Susan



Patti



Paula



Bar



Tom



Sue



Paul



Al



Arnie



Marion



Ray



Tom

## MENTOREE TOURNAMENT CATTLE CALL

Every year the week after mentoring ends, we stage a mentoree, round robin tournament. Mentors won't coach, but they will serve as referees. This will be held indoors at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. It will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Given the other worldly number of mentorees this year, I may have to limit the number of contestants to those who apply earliest. Anyone who attended two or more mentoring sessions is eligible. If you want to join this fun ... and the lunch afterwards ... email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). Be sure to sign your email. You will pay an \$8 fee at the door.



Sue



Craig



Bob



Mary

## FEWER PHOTOS IN FUTURE ... REALLY

Starting in September, I'll print only (A) individual pics I have in inventory, (B) true action pics –Ray from this page, for instance, (C) Picklers wearing PPC shirts, (D) those not seen recently, and (E) those of new members.



Brian



Maureen



Janet



Howard

### Free Introduction to Square Dancing and Pickleball Raffle

Look what pickleball and square dancing have in common!

- Great exercise
- Singles or couples
- Friendly people
- Lots of fun!

Come try it out for free from 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
 Tuesday, September 7th and/or Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Location to be announced in your  
 September PPC newsletter.  
 Call, email, or check the website soon for further details

Each person will be entered into a raffle drawing to win a pickleball coaching session with Kevin Cummings who is a certified PPR pickleball professional.



ARLINGTON SQUARES Square Dance Club  
 847-306-9008      info@arlingtonsquares.com  
 arlingtonsquares.com



### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

I've been asked to request that those of you who would like to sit between games please bring your own chairs. Between COVID concerns and sweaty bodies, this seems a justified request. Thanks for your cooperation.

## CATTLE CALL FOR 3.5 – 4.0 PICKLERS

After a year off due to the pandemic, the upper intermediate “travel team” is back on our calendar. Our Palatine Picklers compete every other Thursday at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington against teams from LibertyRidge (combined teams from Libertyville and Park Ridge), Hoffman Estates, and DuPage County.

Captain John Kirschner will cede his players for men’s, ladies’, and mixed competition each match, They will play against similarly ceded players from the other 3 clubs. It’s all fun, but really just a build-up for the lunch everyone (whose schedule allows) enjoys afterwards nearby.

If you feel you’re in this skill level and would like to represent your club with virtually no pressure, email John at [J-Kirschner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:J-Kirschner@sbcglobal.net). You’re not signing up for a season, just to get one or more rosters. If you own a Palatine Picklers shirt, wear it for your match. If not, you can still play, but we hope you order one ... check the website ([palatinepicklers.com](http://palatinepicklers.com)) and email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) with the style number, color, and size you want ... oh, and add \$1 to the cost shown. I’ve not found time to update the website this year.



Stana



Bill



Rick



Kenny



Maggie



Susan



Shannon



Barb



Ann



Sharon



Steve



Anneliese



Steve



Terry



Noreen



Susie



Clay



Joan



Paul



Ben



Sam



Bob



Silver



Tom



Jeff



Jim



Vikki



Alberto



Bear



Sue



Sue



Vida



Sarah



Beth



Frank



Rob



Patty



Brian



Sandy

## WHEN WILL INDOOR PICKLEBALL START?

As yet a specific start date has not been set. Falcon will begin "late September or early October." It's possible Birchwood may open a bit earlier than Falcon. I hope to have specifics about dates, times, reservations, masks, etc. in the September newsletter.



Mark



Rose



Phil

## WANT HELP FROM ONE OF THE BEST?

**KYLE YATES**  
12x Major Champion / Team Paddletek

**YATES**  
PICKLEBALL ACADEMY

**MERCLIO CABESES**  
US Open Champion / Team Engage

# PICKLEBALL CLINIC

**Date: August 26th & 27th**

**Price: \$150/p - 1:8**

- Intermediate (Max 16 players)
  - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Advanced (Max 16 players)
  - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Contact Kimber Sparks
  - [kimberlysparks0@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlysparks0@gmail.com)
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## LET'S MEET MOST OF OUR NEWBIES

I forgot to take pics of a few, and my sticking shutter cost me a few others, but here are most of the Palatine Picklers who have joined our club since the last newsletter. If I gave a wrong name, please let me know. Sorry.



Alan



Andy



Aparna



Barb



Beatrice



Bill



Bob



Bob



Brenda



Cathy



Cher



David



Dyan



Ed



Erin



Fred



Gene



Hayden



Jennifer



Jim



Jim



Joan



Joe



John



Jorge



Ken



Kim



Kurt



Laura



Leann



Linda



Maggie



Mark



Mark



Mark



Mary



Peggy



Ray



Rich



Ryan



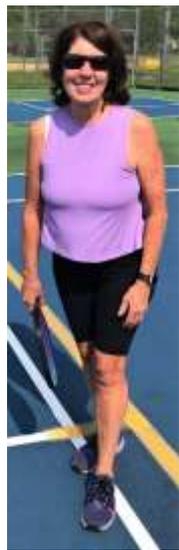
Sarah



Shannon



Sheila



Sheila



Silver



Theresa



Vicki

Well, Picklers, we all hope this is the last of the super-long newsletters. I suppose I could stop signing up new members, but that's not likely. Our club makes everything so much more enjoyable that I want everyone to have that. So my reduced pic policy will, hopefully, cut at least 1/3 of the length.

Let's embrace whatever new restrictions the pandemic may impose. They're all good for all of us. Encourage all the non-vaxers to get the real facts and help us get out of this mess. We really don't want to read any more obituaries of Picklers or their kids or grandkids. Wearing masks indoors is an ultra-easy start to ending this. Vax and mask. Easy and Duh.

Fun fact ... Just counted. With the 313 in this newsletter, I passed 10,000 photos published in our monthly newsletters.

Please email me or John with your interest in the events mentioned in this newsletter. Happy pickling.

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