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## **SEPTEMBER, 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **CATTLE CALLS**

Picklers, I have to "blurt." I've staged 39 tournaments for Palatine Picklers and a dozen or so travel team seasons. I've never had a problem filling rosters and stables of travel players ... until now. I'm having to review all our members to find appropriate participants and email them just to HAVE tournaments. I really need a little more support. Please answer the cattle calls for everything that's appropriate for you.

I'm gaining on it, but still need a few more of each gender in the stable of lower intermediate Picklers. That's the 3.0 to 3.5 level. If in doubt, ask me if you're appropriate. There is NO commitment on your part. I'll get the dates you **think** you'd be available to compete in Barrington for your club. I'll change rosters for each match and will try to guarantee everyone who wants to play for us at least one match. After the matches, we go out for lunch and beverages. Fun times!

Even if I get enough men and ladies in my stable, we may not have a season. I'll have to contact other towns/clubs to find an opponent. We've enjoyed Tuesday leagues for five years. I truly hope it can continue for five more. I'll be there each match, even though I'll be in post-surgery prohibition from playing until spring.

**TOURNAMENT PICKLERS** ... I NEED you to send me pics and details of any medal you win ... tournament name, location, division, partner, medal color. For years I've tried to track you down. Now it's up to you to get the information to me. The club is too large with too many daily emails, and upcoming events, for me to dig for this information. Hope you understand and help me out. We all really like seeing such successes of our Palatine Pickler peers so please share. Just send pics and info to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



Carol



Bill



Ray



Steve



Ryan





Ron



Ron



Sally



Pat



Carolyn



Barb



Bill



Char



Heather



James



Jeff



### OMITTED LAST MONTH

While we got to see all the ladies who competed in our "Closest to 60" tournament, somehow I moved on to the men's tournament, before showing you our top finishers or our fun, post-play lunch. Below you'll find the photo of 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Doris, our winner Gillian, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher Connie.



### PB JAMMERS TOURNAMENT, HOFFMAN ESTATES



. Ben Penzick & Adam Oliva ... 4.5 ... Gold    Chris & Katy Barnett ... 3.0 ... Gold    Chris Hughes & Maria Churak 3.0 Bronze

### DINK BANG SIDEOUT SUMMER SLAM, Des Plaines ... 3.0



. Kerri Kelly & Gary Patel, 1st    Connie Kus Jenny Buesing, 2nd    CC Chia & John Fisher, 2nd    Sue Dougherty & Kim Corrado, 3<sup>rd</sup>

## DEMO 2 PADDLES FOR 7 DAYS FOR \$25

Get the details at ... <https://www.pickleballgalaxy.com/pickleball-paddle-demo-program.html>

### BEAR'S STUPIDITY MERGED WITH HIS SENILITY

Never step off a moving treadmill, assuming you'll remember one minute later that it's running, as you step on and across it. On September 8<sup>th</sup> I'll have three torn rotator cuff tendons and one bicep tendon repaired. Until then I'm playing with a belt securing my left arm so I cannot switch hands for my 2<sup>nd</sup> forehand as usual. I thought I could remember not to do that, as even warming up dinking lefty hurt. I was wrong. Everyone at Hamilton one day heard me rival the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday siren for loudest noise ever heard on the courts. The 3<sup>rd</sup> worst discomfort I've ever known prompted the loudest scream I've ever made.

So I'll be hanging around some, to try to take one-handed pics at Hamilton, but, supposedly (we'll see about this), I'm benched for six months. I do expect to return with two forehands again.



### TIME FOR MONTHLY REMINDER OF 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 engagepickleball.com, with the code **20jon**.





Don



David



Chris



Cindy



Jim



Jeff



Lori



Sharon



Steve



Rosie



Patty





Jeff



Jan



Jaime



Keith

## 2 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CROWN ROYAL BAGS



We'll be converting our website from its "made from scratch" concept to templated design with Google-required SSL certificate. This will cost a couple hundred annually. I will write "Bear's Chair" on my blue chair and hang a Crown Royal bag on it for your donations.

These bags are useful for myriad purposes. I am happy to give you as many as you can use. Just ask me. I'll keep a supply in my car. Great for packing shoes in suitcases, pickleballs, change, Sharpies, golf balls, etc.



Frank



Gary



Gene



Gary

# HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT IN WESTERN SPRINGS

Palatine Pickler Jose Sosa is running another tournament. Everyone enjoyed this one two years ago.

**KIND OF A BIG DILL**  
**PICKLEBALL**

**TOURNAMENT**  
**Sunday, Oct 31, 2021**  
Mixed Doubles, Round Robin Format  
Guaranteed 7 games, max 8 people per bracket  
Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> place bracket winners  
Registration deadline Oct 15, 2021

Register as an individual - \$25 per player

Costumes preferred but optional

<b>Advanced tournament 4.0 thru 5.0</b> Check in 8:00 am Warm up 8:30am Games start 9am Playoff 12:30pm	<b>Intermediate 3.0 thru 4.0 &amp; Beginner tournament 2.0 thru 3.0</b> Check in 12:00pm Warm up 12:30 pm Games start 1:00 pm Playoff 4:30pm pm
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*We reserve the right to change tournament format. Jose Sosa - Tournament Director*

**Western Springs Recreation**  
Tournament held indoors at  
Western Springs Recreation Gym, 1500 Walker St., Western Springs, 60558

Register online at [https://wsprings.recdesk.com/Community/Program\\_or](https://wsprings.recdesk.com/Community/Program_or)  
Need help registering? Call 708-246-9070



Jeff



Janet



Josh



Karen





Lee Ann



Linda



Max



Mary

## IF WE BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

Just to keep you informed, year-to-date our website has had 2021 (coincidence?) visits with 5618 page views. I'd guess at least 25% of this year's newbies have come directly from PalatinePicklers.com, and in case you haven't noticed, we've added about 300 newbies in 2021.



Marti



Mary



Steve

## ALMOST THERE

I'm almost ready to start searching for an every other Tuesday opponent for our lower intermediate travel team. Almost. Maybe one twentieth of those who are available and qualified have signed up for this "travel" team which plays at only Canlan in Lake Barrington. Virtually everyone who has been playing at Hamilton in mornings is appropriate for this team. You are NOT committing for anything. I'll have you give me the dates you THINK you'd be available. Then I'll invite different Picklers every other week to play for our Picklers. You'll play with a gender partner and a mixed partner a couple times. Then we go to lunch. It's all good, fun, and no one really cares about the results, though I will try to field teams that win more than lose for the day. Email



me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com), if you're flirting with trying this fun event. I will be honest, in telling you that you're too strong or too weak for this level of competition. Again, the lunches are the highlight of the day.



Susan



Teri



Tom



Stana



Tom



Tom



Steve

## TIME FOR MENTOREES TO STEP TO THE SERVICE LINE

We've had more than 100 mentorees this summer. If you've participated in 3+ sessions, you're eligible to play in our annual Mentoree Tournament. It's fun and 9:00 on Tuesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Email me [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)





Ann



Cathy



Clark



Connie



Anne



Betty



George



Mark



Mary Pat



Patti



Paul



Paul



Phil





Rick



Ray



Rick

## MEET PICKLER PAT TAYLOR

If you've been to Hamilton almost any day by 7:30, you've seen Pat working out on the northwest court with his pickleball machine. He's certainly one of our Picklers who is most dedicated to his craft. Pat claims to be 80 years old, but I suspect he may be adding a few just to get into easier tournament divisions.

Pat was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and grew up in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, about 100 miles NE of Minneapolis. This area is commonly referred to as the Indian Head. He earned a Masters at UW LaCrosse and then attended Wausau Institute. Pat has been married to Mary for 52 years. They have five children ranging from 41 to 60.

Pat started Dartmore Homes and has developed, built, and completed about 30 developments totaling more than 2,000 homes, primarily in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Along the way, he was awarded Builder of the Year in the Chicagoland.

Racketball for four decades. A player he advanced the skill levels to receive an "open" ranking. There he was extremely successful, having won singles open division age groups 60, 65, 70, and 75, voted Illinois Player of the Year in 2007, and National Player of the Year in 2008.

Above you see Pat and Mary awards banquet to which they received an award, along with the Sue and Leo Kimatis (IRT). It made its debut at International Racketball



passion skilled through was titles in being Year in the Year

after the Houston US National Championships they flew in Sue and Leo Kimatis's plane. At the award for the glass court which, in 2009 Pat built Leo contributed to the International Racketball Tour Schaumburg Tennis Plus, hosting the initial Tournament.





Today the court is used to promote the sport of racketball at major venues throughout the United States.

After Pat's knee replacement and rehab in 2018, his physical therapist recommended pickleball, in lieu of racketball. He started Palatine and enjoyed it so much that he's never returned to racketball. He remains show up each day and contributed much of the

Here you see Pat good, open level friends instructor and Racketball Tour. All three



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## LET'S PROFILE YOU, TOO

People are interesting, all people and particularly all Palatine Picklers. I'd enjoy writing your profile for a future newsletter. All you have to do is send me some info on your life, jobs, hobbies, sources of pride, etc. As a guide, here are some talking points ... age ... birthplace ... number of siblings & where in order were you ... places lived ... schools attended ... degrees, if any ... any military ... family ... pets then and now ... companies/titles/duties/recognitions ... hobbies ... when/where did you learn pickleball ... met any celebrities ... collections ... bucket list items done and those still on the list ... what have you enjoyed about being a Palatine Pickler ... any volunteer efforts ... any saying/quote/phrase that has meaning for you or motivates you. Don't worry about writing your profile. I'll do that. I just need the material.

You are not limited to these and are not required to address even most of them. In fact, you could opt for a "Snippet" instead of a full profile, if there is one facet of your life that's important to you. Please ATTACH photos of yourself doing non-pickleball things, and email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).





Scott



Sheila



Satish



John



Mike



Jim



Jenny



Suren



Katy



Joe



Linda



John



Paul



Marc



## GET OVER TO THE CHICAGO PICKLEBALL OPEN ... NOW

This year's Chicago Pickleball Open is bigger and better than ever. It runs from Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. This time it's being held at Danny Cuniff Park in Highland Park. The pro players will be competing for a share of the \$35,000 of prize money. This is an OPEN tournament so you'll find players ranging from 3.0 to pro. Most divisions will be in age ranges (19+, 35+, 50+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+) and skill levels in half point increments (3.0, 3.5, 4.0, etc.). If a division is not completely full, they'll be combinewd first by age and then by skill. Llearn more at <https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/tournamentinfo.pl?tid=4994>. Check the date and time, to follow your favorite Palatine Picklers and/or the elite players. The fee is only \$10/ day.

Competing at the Open are Palatine Picklers Terri Bobek, Bob Bregenzer, Mike Breslaw, Josh Camden, Cathy Carlson, Deanna Carstens, Liz Champlinski, CC Chia, Linda Chung, Maria Churak, Sue Cole, Greg Didech, Kim Evans, John Fisher, Tony Fratini, Thea Froehling, Chris Grooms, Carol Hawes, Ken Herrmann, Denise Hopkins, Craig Jacobson, Jane Jacobson, Connie Kus, Brigitte Latal, Jim Latal, Steve Lawler, Charlie May, Gary Patel, Vik Rocans, Mike Saam, Scott Stubig, Masato Suzuki, Howard Weisbart, Lani Weisbart, and Trevor Weisbart.

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PALATINE VOUNTEERS

Our Picklers were not hesitant to raise their hands to volunteer to make this year's Chicago Open the awesome event it will be. We thank these Picklers for volunteering:

Dee Dee Belovicz, Lori Brennan, Vicki Casmere, Liz Chaplinski, Ari Cohen, Jorge Colon, Kim Evans, Ben Farb, Lois Farb, Thea Froehling, Chris Grooms, Bill Kirscht, Brigitte Latal, Linda Mihel, Linda Nono, Vik Rocans, Joan Sovic, Sol Shatz, Sue Shatz, Jose Sosa, Anne Stein, April Volpe, Howard Weisbart, Lynne Weisbart, Tracy Weslager, and Leann Whalen.



Nancy



Steve



Terri

## ORDER YOUR SHIRTS

It will be a while before I get the website updated on shirts. A lot has changed, due to COVID, but email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) what style number, color, and size you want. We'll go from there. Remember to add \$1.



## MENTORING POPULARITY IS WOW

I'm not going to spend the time to research it, but my gut feeling is we have twice the mentorees we've ever had. I'm expecting a few more before the October 13<sup>th</sup> final, Wednesday session, but we're now trying to schedule 103 students, for the 24 weekly spots available. This is a huge tribute to Dennis, Marv, Neal, and Bob, for their tireless work at getting newbies engaged, knowledgeable, and skilled at the basics of the game. There's still time for newbies to get into this program. Our last Wednesday session will be Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. My last Thursday session at Hamilton at 3:00 for walk-ons will be October 14<sup>th</sup>.

I'm keeping applications open for the October 19<sup>th</sup>, annual, Mentoree Tournament. It's inside at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington starting at 9:00 a.m. It will be a round robin so you'll play with all other competitors once. You CANNOT impact the outcome. The top three will still be the top three so don't stress about how bad you think you are. Just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) that you'd like to play and go to our fun lunch that follows. You must have participated in at least three mentoring sessions to be eligible and be fully vaccinated.



Ted



Sue



Patty



Joan



Dan



Daniel



Dave



Howard





Meet Kaleigh, Gary Thompson's sophomore granddaughter at Fremd. She insisted on having a Palatine Picklers shirt to show off to her Vikings peers. Love it! If your kid or grandkid wants a shirt, I will be glad to share their photo too. We LOVE everyone loving the Palatine Picklers.



Lisa



Giuseppe



Geri



Hayden



Mariana



Maryann





Mike



susan



Sharon



Pat

## FREE INTRO TO SQUARE DANCING & PICKLEBALL RAFFLE

Look what pickleball and square dancing have in common ... Great exercise ... Singles or couples ... Friendly people ... and **LOTS** of fun!

Come try it out for free from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on either, or both, nights ... Tuesday, September 7th and/or Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. These classes will be held in the Gary Morava Rereation Center of the Prospect Heights Park District, 110 W Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights.

Call or email Arlington Squares Square Dance Club, **847-306-9008** ... [info@arlingtonssquares.com](mailto:info@arlingtonssquares.com), to reserve your spot/s. Not only will this be a fun and lively experience for you, and possibly the start of a 2<sup>nd</sup> addiction (after pickleball) for you, but you may win a pickleball coaching session with Kevin Cummings, certified PPR pickleball professional. Each person will be entered into a raffle drawing to win, IF you identify yourself as a Palatine Pickler, when you check in for your evening of fun.

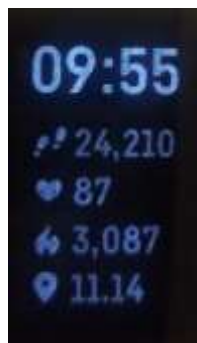


**ARLINGTON SQUARES Square Dance Club**

[arlingtonssquares.com](http://arlingtonssquares.com)



## THIS MONTH'S SUPER STEPPERS (20,000+ steps in one day)



24,210 – Mary Brinkman



22,070 – Clay Farnsworth



20,070 – Kathy Ford

YOU CAN BE HERE NEXT MONTH. JUST EMAIL ME ([AOKBARRY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:AOKBARRY@YAHOO.COM)) A PIC OF RECORDED STEPS



# AND OUR WORTHY WALKERS (15,000+ steps in one day)



Best Day!  
18,277



Clay Farnsworth - 18,277



Sue Cole – 16,890



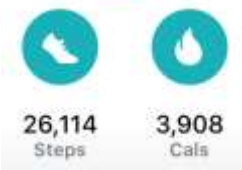
Kathy Ford – 15,725



Bear Shatwell – 15,292



# OOPS ... FORGOT OUT SUPERIOR SUPER STEPPER



Ben Farb – 26,114 steps



Barbara



Bear



Bob



C C



Chris

## \* \* \* HAMILTON WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK \* \* \*

The Hamilton courts will be locked from this Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> through Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This closing is due to the annual (2020 doesn't count) Celtic Soccer Tournament. All parking areas will be dedicated to this four-day event. Again, **HAMILTON WILL BE CLOSED**. And once more **HAMILTON WILL BE CLOSED**.





Jeff



Jim



Laura



Leann



Kaylee



Kathy



Jenny



Greg



Hayden



Fred



Gary



Gary





Debbie



Cindy



Cammy

## INDOOR PLAY STARTS SOON

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 13<sup>th</sup> and running through Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.



John



Dennis



Elie



Elke

**REMINDER FOR SCANNERS ... NO HAMILTON 9/3 THRU 9/6**



## PALATINE PICKLERS PODCAST

I was privileged to be interviewed for a Palatine Park District podcast on pickleball. It's a bit over 38 minutes, and I failed to say several things I'd wanted to get in it, but I'm fairly confident it won't cause current members to leave the club. If interested cut and paste this address <https://www.palatineparks.org/rccms/parkcast/>. I have not had the time to hear it so I'm including this in the newsletter with fingers crossed.

## SKINNY SINGLES SUMMER TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Unfortunately, only one contestant managed to coordinate playing with each of the other contestants. For that reason I'm going to call it two tournaments. Originally, the top three were to be the three who scored the most points, having plermanayed everyone two games to 15. Sorry, I REALLY need to get this newsletter out, due to two, time-sensitive topics, so I won't include all the pics I'd like to. I'll also show the top three average scores of the games they were able to play. Matches were two games to 15.

Ryan Dreier scored 250 points, outdistancing Bob Wetterman with 174 and Sue Cole with 173.



Bob Wetterman had the highest average game score at 14.5. This bettered Alberto Bernabe's 14.4 and Ryan Dreier's 13.9.



Bob



Ben



Bill



Janice



### 11<sup>th</sup> HOUR MEDALIST

Masato Suzuki and partner *Ron Alden* captured Gold in the 70+ division of the Wisconsin Senior Olympics.



## TV TODAY

Today, Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a segment on WGN 9:00 news on pickleball injury prevention. It features Midwest Orthopedics at Rush and will include interviews with two “victims.” Just guessing it will include our mentoring mantra, “Never run backwards.” That can make a bloody mess on our court. Sorry. We have had a few cracked heads and concussions from that very “never nver” action. Should be interesting to see what they suggest doing ... and avoiding.



Brian



Chandra



Geri



Chris



Cher



Nez



Scott





Jim



Bob



Ann



Al



Bob



Judy



Bob

## TIME TO ORDR YOUR PALATINE PICKLERS SHIRTS

Due to COVID not all shirts are available, but go to [PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com) and check out the shirt selections shown. Then email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the style number, offered color for THAT shirt and the size you'd like. If it's not available, I'll email you with alternatives. Be sure to add \$1 to the prices shown. I've yet to update the website to reflect our increased prices, due to the drastic raise in ink prices in 2021. It may well be a month or more, before your shirt arrives. We have a minimum order, to keep our great prices. We're heading into fall so you may want to consider a long sleeved shirt or a sweatshirt, in addition to the summer shirt you want.



## FINALLY TIME TO WELCOME THIS MONTH'S NEWBIES

I'll apologize again to any new member who isn't pictured. Mostly it's because my sticking shutter gave me a pic of the ground rather than you, but some are due to my being so excited at having you join our club that I forgot to take a photo of you. Here are our new members, in alpha order.



Ann



Chhaya



Chris



Craig



Dan



Debbie



Debbie



Eugene



Graciela

**Space Filler** ... Remember your discounts ... to order shirts ... to visit the Chicago Pickleball Open ... to write your name on both sides of your paddle upside down where the handle meets the blade ... and to respond to anything in this newsletter to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com), rather than hitting "reply."





Jeannine



Jitesch



Josh



Mariana



Marla



Mediha



Michael



Mike





Mike



Nesimi



Nick



Paula



Roger



Sara



Sharon





Steve



Tracy



Well, we've gotten through another month. Our mentoring program has grown to have 104 students this summer. We are getting back into fun tournaments. We have a ton of Picklers competing in the Chicago PB Open. We're thinking of playing indoors again. It's feeling a little more normal, but we're far from home in this pandemic. Please stay safe. 'Til next month ...

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