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OCTOBER, 2022 NEWSLETTER

OPENING BEAR BITS

Happy October, Picklers. As a few of you have noticed, I try to make the “NEWSLETTER” line above appropriate for the month. This month we have orange and black for Halloween/pumpkins/witches and pink for Breast Cancer month. I will ask for a number of things in this newsletter. Perhaps, the most important is asking everyone who is not participating in our events (mentoring, leagues, tournaments, special events, or playing at Hamilton) to **unsubscribe** to these newsletters. You can still see them easily, by going to our website (see above under the logo) and checking the library of newsletters. The reason is that we are dangerously close to having to pay an unacceptably high, monthly fee to keep sending to all of you. MailChimp has been great, but we do not have the resources to keep sending to all of you so please unsubscribe.

Next issue is my having to cut my time on club stuff. I won't sacrifice much of my playing time. That's a health thing. However, what had been 30 hours a week on the laptop for club stuff has gotten WAY out of hand. Membership is growing at a nonsensical rate. Each newbie gets entered on membership roster, contacts, and hand-written backup with all their info. That takes a while. Then there's the 30-100 emails a day from members. Many of those are answering questions that were answered in the last newsletter. It all takes time. So next month I'll minimize photos of those not wearing the logo I drew almost eight years ago. I love creating and running fun tournaments and our intramurals and our mentoring. Those have priority. I get asked a lot to publish various, worthwhile causes, products/services that, supposedly, would benefit all of us, and tournaments run by non-Palatine Picklers. Can't do it. Same with “I lost my ----.” Sorry. You're on your own. As you may have heard, “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one.”



LET'S GET IN COSTUME

Our Halloween costume judging & tournament still needs a few entrants. We'll judge the costumes at 9:00 a.m. at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington on Tuesday, October 18th. Then we'll play a round robin tournament. You can shed a mask, but that's it. Of course, as with all my tournaments, we'll go to lunch afterward. Please don't hit "reply." Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com that you'd like to participate in this fun event. You will pay an \$8 fee a Canlan's lobby desk, and you must be fully vaccinated and boosted.



Ann



Chris



Debbie



Janet

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO REVIEW OUR 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.

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

25% OFF anything from Gammasports.com, with the code **ba_soderborg25**

\$99 Paddles for \$75 Only one style – See or contact Neal Harris at neal@picklecoach.com.



Ann



Daniel



Liz



Marv



Nate



Bear



Bo

INTRAMURAL COMPETITIONS CONTINUE – JOIN US

These bi-weekly competitions will go year-round, because they're great fun. The more competitive the are the better they are. We have a league for the 3.5 to 4.0 players. THIS is for the majority of our club that falls into the 3.0 – 3.5 range. For those of you who are still lost, that's 80% of those who play in the south cage at Hamilton. We're lower to middle-intermediate Picklers. These matches take place at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. They charge \$8 for the morning. For the rest of the year our matches will be on these dates at 9:00 ... 9/27 ... 11/8 ... 11/22 ... 12/6 ... 12/20. Let me know which of these dates you THINK you'd be available to play AND include your MMDDYY date of birth (please), as these matches are between the youngest rostered Picklers (Whippershappers) against the older Picklers rostered that week (Wise Ones). Plan to go to lunch after the fun on the courts. It's all round robin play so you play with all your teammates one game.



Debbie



Carol



Adam

HOW 'BOUT A EUROPEAN PICKLEBALL TOUR & CRUISE?

This one, organized in part by Pickler George Kas will take place in May of 2023. You'll play in Andocs, Budapest, Bratislava, Viena, and probably more fantastic locations to be added. Then you board your river cruise. Check it out at <https://www.myglobalvoyages.com/pickleball-tour> Geo Kas European Pickleball Tour & River Cruise May, 2023. This seems a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit and play in several countries and enjoy a cruise too. Almost too good to be true. George doesn't do anything halfway. Check it out.



Don



Donna



Fred



Lori

MEET PICKLER JIM SIMMONS

You may not know his name, but, if you play at Hamilton, Jim is the one who twirls his paddle and then contemplates the score before serving. He's been a regular for the life of the PPC.

Jim was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, along with a younger sister. He received a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Ohio State and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He and Ohio-bred Janet have lived in the Palatine area for 45 years. Their daughter Andrea and her husband Joe live in Naperville with their two children. Joe is in Information Technology, as was Jim, primarily managing software development. Janet taught music for 20 years. She is in three non-fiction book clubs now, while Jim is in two. Their son Jim is a physician in Wisconsin.

Throughout his life Jim has been drawn to physical exercise and American history. In 1968 he read "New Aerobics" by Dr. Kenneth Cooper. It inspired him to take up jogging. Over the next 34 years, he logged 200 to 300 miles a year running along roadsides, through neighborhoods, forest preserves, indoor tracks, etc. He's run many 10ks but never tried a marathon. He's loved 10ks because jogging is a solitary activity and gliding along Lakeshore Drive with 3,000 others was quite a treat. Apart from running was active in tennis, fishing, skiing, and coaching kids soccer.



Jim & Janet fishing on Canada's Trent River. Guide & Jim holding Jim's Muskie from Green Bay. Jim's Muskie.

Twenty years ago his feet suggested he try a lower impact exercise. Cross country skiing became his huffing and puffing exercise for about a decade. He logged 50-100 miles each year in Deer Grove Forest Preserve.

Then, in 2014, he was introduced to pickleball. That ended all other athletic pursuits. Three things addicted him to the sport ... (1) It's fun, (2) It provides regular exercise, and (3) He's found Picklers to be happy, enjoyable people with whom he enjoys interacting.

When kids were young, they took many fishing trips to Canada and enjoyed visiting Disney World and Vegas. Now he and Janet enjoy staying home with family and friends, reading and discussing books, along with playing pickleball.

Among his favorite quotes are "Chance favors the prepared mind" and "We live life going forward; we understand life looking backward" by Soren Kierkegaard



The photo above shows Andrea's family "tricked out" for the season.



Kathryn



Linda



Mario



Mark



Mike



Rick



Steve



Z

BIRCHWOOD'S OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Mondays ... 12:00 to 5:00

Tuesdays ... 11:30 to 3:30

Wednesdays ... 11:30 to 4:45

Thursdays ... 1130 to 3:30

\$5/day or 10-play pass for \$40/resident, \$50/non resident

No open play Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays

FALCON RECREATION CENTER

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday ... 8:30 to 12:00
\$5/day or 10-play pass for \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident

HARPER COLLEGE

Monday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Enter off Algonquin Road and park near first building on your left \$5/evening Maximum 50 players

STEPPIN' OUT

We recognize Picklers who get some serious steps in a single day. Those who walk at least 15,000 steps are called Worthy Walkers. Those who walk 20,000 or more steps are Super Steppers. If you have proof of a day of such walking, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. I'll recognize your accomplishment in the next newsletter.

SUPER STEPPERS



Bob McGowan



Ben Farb

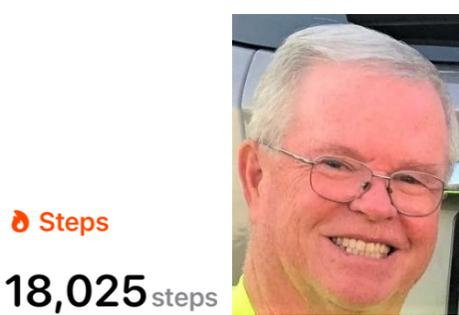


Marcia Cohen

WORTHY WALKERS



Ben Farb



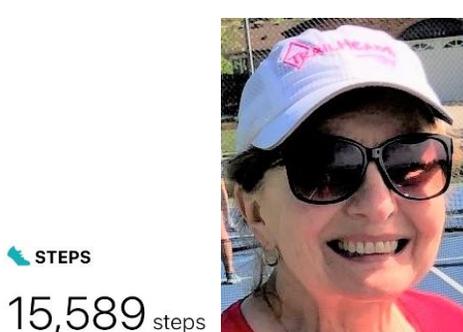
Bear Shatwell



Scot Shatwell



Steve Manis



Kathy Ford

SCARECROW COMMITTEE CAME THROUGH

Thanks to the nine Picklers who volunteered to create a Scarecrow for the 15th annual, Palatine Scarecrow contest. In alpha order they are Alexa Kraft, Annette Grabowski, Bear Shatwell, Carol Hawes, Jeff Hitz, Jim Simmons, Kathy Shatwell, Laura Hoover, and Val Domain. Lots of brainstorming, shopping, cutting, gluing, hammering, screwing, stuffing, dressing, fitting, drawing, sawing, and cooperating went into the creation of our unisex Pickler. We didn't finish in the top three, but we had a clue that would happen. One judge in a walker stared at our Pickler for a long time and then asked, "Does it have a theme?" Oh, well. You can visit our Pickler and the other dozen Scarecrows in downtown Palatine until the 16th of October. They are lined up just south of the tracks at Brockway and Slade.



CHICAGO OPEN MEDALISTS



Gary Patel & Duane Schwartzkopf
50+ 4.0 – Bronze



Florin Beca & Russ Robin
50+ 60 3.5 – Gold



Tim & CC Chia
35+ 3.0 & 3.5 – Silver



Connie Kus & Kathy McWhorter – 60+ 3.5 – Silver



Donna Beechick & Ray Gobberg
60+ 3.5 – Bronze



Art Busby & Greg Kuhs – 65+ 3.0 3.5 – Bronze



Syed Karim – Singles 3.5 – Bronze

NO PHOTOS BUT CONGRATULATIONS TO

Chuck Feinstein ... with Craig Schaper earned Silver in the 50+ 5.0 division

Scott Stubig ... with Don Froehling earned Bronze in the 50+ 4.0 division



Ann



Irwin



Chris



Chris



JoAnne



John



Lupe

DATE CHANGE FOR RUSH STRETCHING WORKSHOP

The pre-play and post-pickleball play stretching class that had been announced as being October 6th has been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 26th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. RUSH is at 220 N Smith, a few feet north of Dirty Nellie's. To make your reservation for this second RUSH clinic for Picklers, call **847-934-7330**. All Palatine Picklers who attended the foam roller class really enjoyed it. This one may have even more universal appeal.



Nez



Satish



Rose



Teri



Steve



Tom



Valery



Soo

WE PREACH IT IN MENTORING ... NEVER RUN BACKWARDS

This is even more important than "Move up" or "Stay back." This backwards runner got four staples in his head.



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS TOURNAMENT

The Arlington Heights Senior Center asked us to help them stage a fund-raising pickleball tournament. Dennis Bourgojn and I created chronological To Do lists for them and put them in touch with Jose Sosa to actually format their event. For a first, likely annual, tournament, it came off well. A number of Palatine Picklers registered to compete at their skill levels. Our most successful was John Stepal who finished 2nd overall for “Beginners.” He finished first on Beginners Court 6. Mario DeBeneditto finished 2nd on Beginner Court 7. Bill Parry finished 3rd on Intermediate Court 4.



John



Mario



Bill



Carol and Bear were joined by Linda and Dennis, to promote the awesomeness of the Palatine Pickleball Club.

We added four new members, as a result of our presence here.



Pat



Valerie



Terry



Trevor



Marcia



Linda



Diane

FRIDAY EVENING LEAGUES BEING FORMED BY PPD

Mark Dolphin of the Palatine Park District will be hosting two leagues on Friday evenings. The league at Birchwood will be for competitive players. The league at Falcon will be for recreational players. Both will play from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Both leagues require partners. The dates are 10/7, 10/14, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, and 12/9. The per player, season cost is \$45 for residents and \$57 for non-residents. If you and your partner are interested in one of these leagues, email Mark at mdolphin@palatineparks.org or call Mark at 847-496-6337. The leagues have been filling up and are to start soon so don't hesitate.

LEAGUE SUPERVISORS WANTED Mark will create the format, update scores, assign courts, and set the future schedule. The Supervisor would make sure games run smoothly, all teams show up, see scores are recorded and turned in. In return, he/she will not pay the league fee. If interested call or email Mark.



Sandy



Lynnda



Maggie



Michael



Laura



Kathy



John

INDOOR MENTORS NEEDED

Our three, weekly mentoring programs will be ending soon (10/12 for Wednesday, 11/10 for Thursday, and 11/12 for Saturday). We'll move to every other Tuesday morning at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, in mid-November. You needn't be a great player to mentor (Duh). What you do need is a good understanding of the rules and a desire to help others learn and develop. Part-time is fine. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com



Danny



Noward



Julie



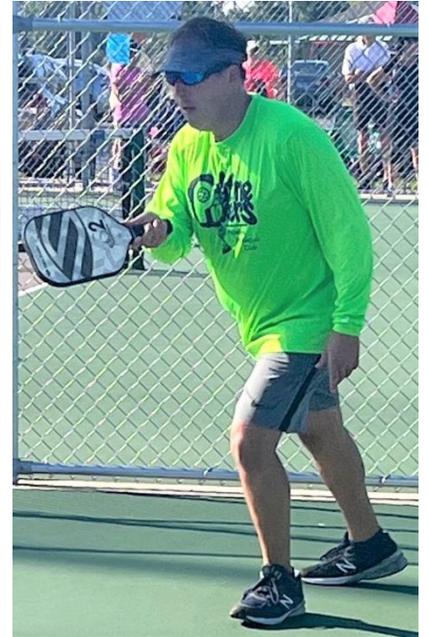
Ben



Giuseppe



Heidi



Jim

GOTTA GIVE IT A PLUG

The new Lifetime Fitness Center in Crystal Lake, for now, is free to seniors ... and they have THREE pickleball courts. I don't normally promote establishments, but this could be good for a lot of Palatine Picklers . Enjoy.

PALATINE PICKLERS CAPS – NEEDS COORDINATOR

I wanted to introduce these this month. Turns out it's more involved than I'd anticipated. I do not have the time to pursue it. If you'd like to, I'll fill you in. Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Please don't hit reply.



Clay



Dave



Chris



Neal



Jeff



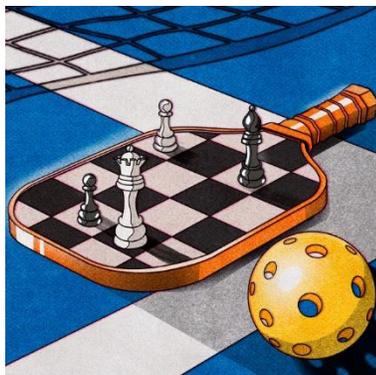
Carol



Lynne



Phil



Sometimes thinking about the best shot can help our game.

WIDOW TOURNAMENT WAS FUN, DINNER THERAPEUTIC



Tommy Linda Dennis Art Doris Bob Bear Jeff



Jeff 2nd ... Bob 1st ... Doris 3rd

ANY OTHER PICKLER WIDOWS INTERESTED?

Six of our eight contestants had a schedule that allowed them to come to dinner after the event. We had a lengthy, small talk session as always. Then I introduced what we have in common. Most had never met anyone but me, but it was almost instantly that we realized we could feel comfortable with each other. We stayed well past closing, sharing our stories, our choices for grief groups, our dealing with non-widows, etc. It was so therapeutic that all of us, and the two who couldn't attend wanted to do it again. If you're a widow (yes, it's a unisex word for us) and would like to be part of our next widow dinner, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. You'll be glad you did.



Bill



Dee Dee



Karen



Karen



Kathy



Ann



Bill



Chris



Deanna



Jill

WANT TO PRACTICE YOUR SERVE?

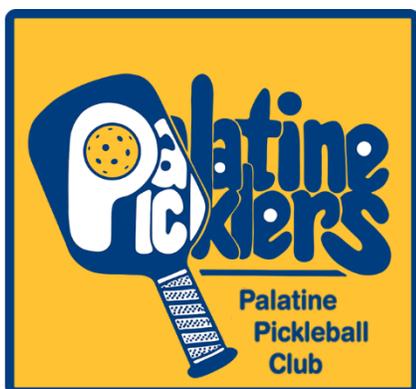
You may recall seeing this photo in the mentoring sessions. I'd be happy to fill it your serves. I keep it in my PICKLRS car so you could arrange to pick it up at my home

What Dave is holding onto turns over to make sure all the balls bear my name so have.



September newsletter. It serves us well at all with balls, if you'd like to borrow it for practicing you can get it most any morning at Hamilton. Or near Rand and Lake Cook Road.

serve as legs so the ball basket is hip level. I'll they won't be confused with others you may



\$5 EACH

We still have patches and car window decals. See Bear or Linda O'Connor for decals and Bear for patches.



MEET YOUR NEWEST PALATINE PICKLERS

As usual I have pics of a few newbies I hadn't adequately identified, and there were a few of whom I thought I'd taken a photo but the shutter clicked after the fact giving me photos of the court surface. Here are the rest of Picklers who joined and showed up at Hamilton. A great many joined online but I've yet to meet them.



Abby



Al



Andrea



Barb



Bob



Bruno



Cat



Christa



Dan



Debbi



Diana



Don



Elizabeth



Fang



Gordon



Grace



Helen



Jackie



Jing



Joe



John



Julie



Julie



Karen



Karyl



Kathy



Katie



Katja



Keith



Kelly



Kristy



Laura



Liana



Lily



Maria



Marien



Mary



Mary



Paul



Rich



Robyn



Scott



Scott



Shelley



Stephanie



Sue



Susie



Tom



Tom



Veronica

HAPPY HALLOWEEN, PICKLERS



Well, Picklers, you've got some things to email me. There's the 10/18 Halloween Costume Tournament. There's your availability for the newly added intramural dates of 2022. There's becoming an indoor season Mentor. Then there's emailing Mike Dolphin to register for a Friday evening league. Hopefully, you'll choose to help him out and Supervise play for one of the leagues.

Along with the indoor times covered in this newsletter, you should know that we played at Hamilton last winter every morning when the courts were dry. Temperatures didn't matter.

Though I'm mentioning it just now, I could use a couple more refs for the Mentorees Tournament on Tuesday morning, November 1st at Canlan.

Pickle on.

Bear
PicklersPrez
aokbarry@yahoo.com

