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INDOOR & OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL

Hamilton, Sycamore, and Locust will remain open with nets up all winter long, but when snow-covered, the courts will be locked. Last winter there were only about a dozen days we did not play at Hamilton. That's a "cool" option for all who would rather play in fresh air. We're still starting by 7:00 or 8:00, but as it gets cold, we'll start at 9:00.

Falcon has open pickleball on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 to Noon. Birchwood has open play Monday through Thursday. I had the results of my initial inquiry printed here, but the real schedule is too lengthy to plug in here. Please check page 17 for Birchwood's open play.

Harper College takes the first 50 to arrive on Monday, for open play 6:00 to 9:00. There are 3 competitive and 3 rec courts. Enter from Algonquin Road and aim for the first building on the left.

All indoor pickleball in Palatine is \$5. Residents can buy a 10-play pass for additional savings at Falcon and Birchwood.



Karen



Liz



Michael



Bear



Chris



Dave



Diane

MENTORING MOVES INSIDE

Yes, Thursday's and Saturday's 3:00 p.m. walk-on sessions will continue until the 10th and 12th of this month, but then we're moving inside to the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. As has been our Wednesday morning program at Sycamore, these every other Tuesday mornings will be by invitation only. Let me know which of the following mornings you THINK you'd be available to participate: 11/15 11/29 12/13 1/10 1/24 2/7 2/21 3/7 and 3/21. As with all events I plan, invitations or requests for confirmation go out two days before the date. So check your email Sunday afternoons. If you've asked to be on an Expect To Be Available list and your schedule changes, PLEASE email me and ask to be taken off that list. If you do not respond by 10:00 a.m. Monday, or if you say you cannot come, you earn your first "strike." If you get a second strike, you'll be removed from ETBA lists for the rest of the season. That is true also, if you accept an invitation and are a no-show.



Mike



John



Chris



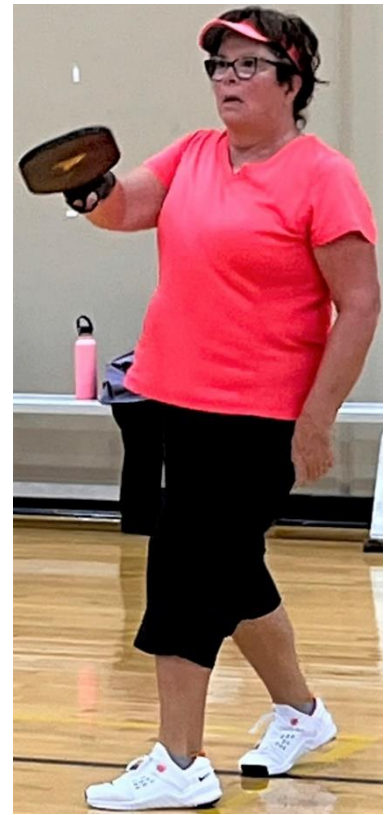
Debbie



Fred



Brian



Janet

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JOIN 2ND, ANNUAL, UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER TOURNAMENT

Ok, boys and girls, it's time to get in on our 2nd ugly sweater tournament. The first one last year was SO much fun. This year we hope to unseat Brandon Johnson as the reigning, ugly wearer. We'll judge the sweaters first and then play a round robin. Of course, afterwards we'll enjoy lunch at the Kelsey Road House a mile away. It's Thursday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. You'll pay their \$8 fee at the lobby desk and then walk through one gym and hang a left to get to our Palatine Picklers gym. If you want in on this fun, you'll have to email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



INTRAMURAL ROSTERS AWAIT YOU

Every other Tuesday 16 of us gather in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington for about 2.5 hours of fun play. This intramural program is for Picklers in the 3.0 to 3.5 skill range. If you don't know if that's you, ask others. If unsure, I'll roster you at least once. If you're above or below our competitive range, you'll still have experienced this fun event, though you won't be invited back. Matches will begin at 9:00 a.m. on 11/8 11/22 12/6 12/20 1/3 1/17 2/14 2/28 3/14 & 3/28. Let me know which of those you believe you can attend. If your schedule changes, let me know I should remove you from that Expect To Be Available list. The mentoring article above explains what happens if you don't extend us that courtesy. Sunday afternoons I email invitations which must be accepted by 10:00 Monday morning, to avoid risking being replaced.

After each intramural match, those whose schedule permits, go to lunch a mile away. This fall we've had as few as 8 at lunch and as many as 14. Good times.



Katja



Lupe



Frank



Steve



Satish



Therese



Howard



Nez

TIME TO THANK OVER-THE-TOP VOLUNTEERS

All summer long these four have been donating hours of their time each week, for the benefit of our newer Picklers and those wanting to tweak their developing talents. They deserve our recognition and thanks. The gentlemen were summer-long Mentors and Robin, our summer-long Mentoree Scheduler were awesome.



Dennis Bourgojn



Marv Zwass



Neal Harris



Robin Dubin



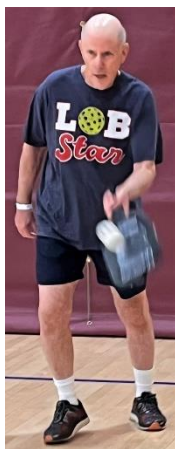
Part-time Mentors C C Chia & Bob Goldstein



Marcia



Jeff



Marv



Gene



Jeff

FUN WITH HALLOWEEN ... COSTUMES & TOURNAMENT

Twelve of our Picklers decided to get in on the fun ... first we had each Pickler describe his/her costume. Everyone had a clipboard with a ballot to rate costumes from 1 to 5 (low to high). Then, shedding only head and hand wardrobe, we competed in an 11-game round robin. Then we sent to Kelsey Road House for lunch.



Dee Dee, Robert Juli Pat Brian Laura Kathy . Diane . Karen .. Pam .. Holly ..,.... Bear



Costumes Robert & Dee tie 2nd, Bear 1st, Juli tie 2nd

Play Kathy 2nd, Pam 1st, Bear 3rd Tournament

As with all our fun tournaments, we headed to the Kelsey Road House for lunch. It's such a fun conclusion to the great morning. Here you see

Holly, Kathy, Juli, Laura, Diane, Bear. Pat, & Brian

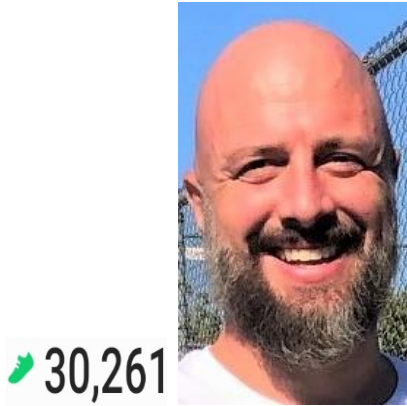
The post-play lunch times are about as enjoyable as the play itself. It's all part of what makes the Palatine Pickleball Club so different from all the others. We REALLY like our fellow members.



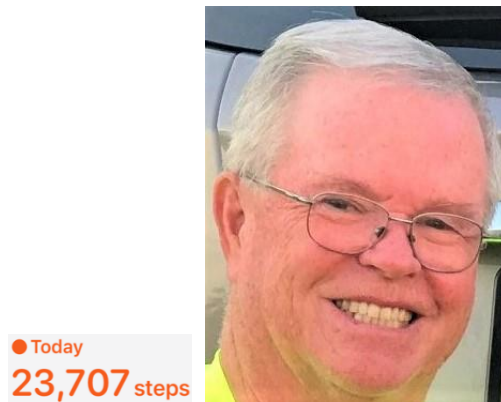
STEPPIN' WITH STYLE

Each month we recognize Palatine Picklers who have logged at least 15,000 steps in a day in the last month. If you are able to join this elite group, email me your proof at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

SUPER STEPPERS ... 20,000 steps



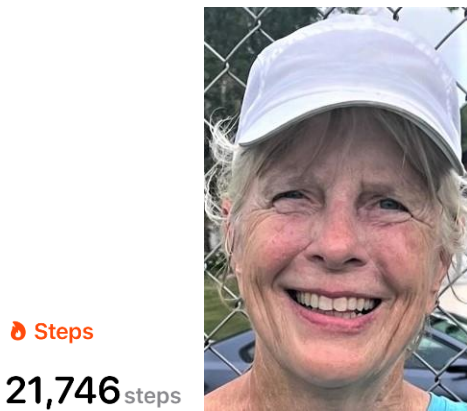
Brandon Johnson



Bear Shatwell



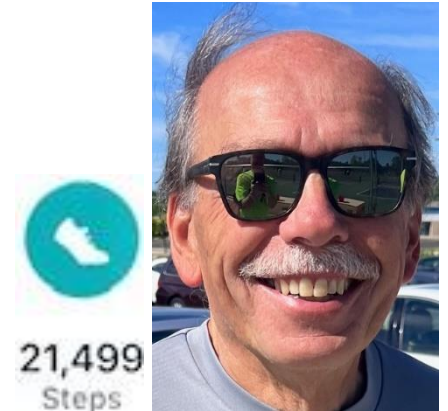
Steve Manis



Mardy Manis



Bob McGowan



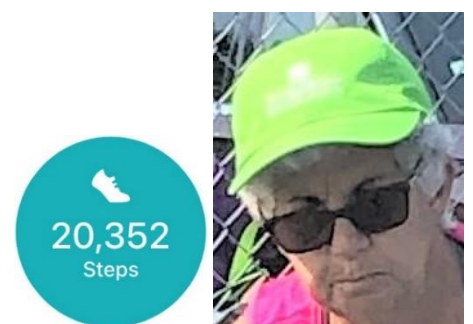
Ben Farb



Kathy Ford



Marcia Cohen



Lois Farb

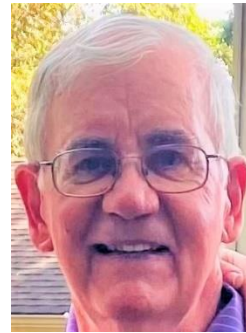
WORTHY WAKERS ... 15,000 steps



Lois Farb



17,880 Steps



Bob McGowan



Kathy Ford

Steps

17,287 steps



Bear Shatwell

QUALITY NOT QUANTITY FOR MEDALIST THIS MONTH

With two exceptions I've not been made aware of any tournament success in the last month. I spent time scrolling through the Huntsman Games results looking for Palatine Pickler medalists. Not this year. Thanks and congratulations to Gold Medalists **Ray Jenkins and Sue Cole & partner Dick Johnson & Kathy Morrissey.**



Pictaon Humana Open, Delray Beach, Fl -

70+ Singles ... Gold



USSP National Championship, El Mirage, AZ - Sue Cole 3.5 80+

Gold with Dick ... and 3.5 70-75 Gold with Kathy

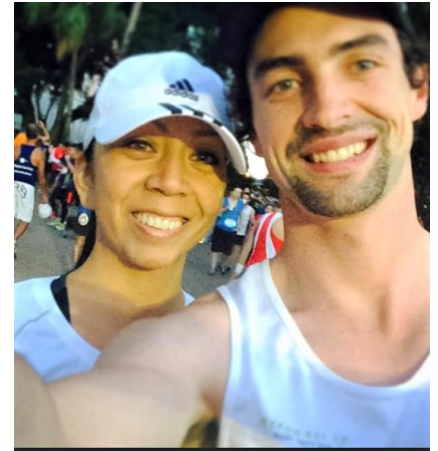


MEET PICKLER HAYDEN HARRIS

If you see a tall, often airborne, slender gentleman with an awesome accent with a music playing by his Hamilton court, odds are 100% it's Hayden Harris. He was born in Auckland, New Zealand 35 years ago. Though he has three siblings (Daniel, Krystal, and Isaac), he grew up with only Danielle, 30. Hayden grew up all over West Auckland, as they loved a lot. Grades are a bit different there. He attended Fruitvale for Primary (5-11), Middle School (11-13), and high school was Waitakere College (13-18).



Hayden has been married to Vanessa for 6 “beautiful” years. Hayden worked as a Gym Instructor. They were cutting hours, and his sister in Australia had just had a baby. He wanted to be near family so moved to Brisbane, back again with his parents. He took a job at Fitness First where he met Vanessa. While buying a protein shake, he left his wallet on the counter. She found it and turned it in. Hayden, nervously, told her, “I did that so I could talk to you.” They “innocently” followed each other around the gym for a while. One day Vanessa



asked him to attend a long distance run. Unable to turn down anything involving a physical challenge, he accepted, thinking it was also a date. (Photo at right) That started it. Several months later, though, she had to return home to Chicago. It was



mutually sad. Only monthly communications followed. Then she returned to Australia to Sydney. He's never asked if she came back for him, but he says it doesn't matter. About half a year later, he realized he had to spend the rest of his life with her.

They've never had pets, but do have two, lovely children ... 4 year old daughter Kyia and 1 year old son Kels. Hayden has spent his career in coaching. Training, floor instruction, and sports science. Two years ago at Midtown Club, one of the sales team suggested, almost jokingly, that he try pickleball. He was addicted. He plays a lot at Midtown and Hamilton and loves it. What he loves most is how individuals of different ages, genders, abilities,



and goals can have such a great time playing together. He thinks he has the MOST fun.

Hobbies? He plays Touch Rugby and, for the past six years has been playing for Chicago. He recently switched to mixed (male/female) and has done really well. Recently advanced to the finals and fell just short of Austin, TX. Hayden spends a lot of time in the gym lifting. He believes that's the best “medicine for our bodies.”

Hayden's "All Blacks" the 2016/2017 season. Bulls practice and celebrity thrill of a life.

He's checked several sky diving, bungee hoping to drive a for the USA in Rugby Asia, and Sweden.



rugby team played here in Chicago, during While in town he spent time watching the visiting their facility. Those days provided his

things off his bucket list ... marriage, travel, jumping, and running a gym. He's still Formula 1 race car, if his height allows, play World Cup, and travel to Italy, Southeast

As for pickleball, "community" is the word he chooses to describe his experience in the sport. A few weeks ago he attended two pickleball parties. He thought, "How cool is this?" He wants the Palatine Picklers to grow and improve each week.



Visiting New Zealand Hobbit town

The Hayden Harris family



Their engagement photo

As for favorite quotes, he likes, "Nothing gets easier. You get stronger" and "Be someone you would look up to." He refers to that one often.

WALKERS (BIKERS TOO) CAN BENEFIT CHARITY, AS WELL AS GET RECOGNIZED IN OUR NEWSLETTERS

Pickler Tom Ridarelli brought this to my attention. Get the app Charity Miles. It will pay a charity of your choice (40 from which to choose) \$.25 for each mile walked and \$.10 for each mile biked. Being skeptical, I checked it out, and it's for real. This seems a no-brainer. With well over 2800 members, imagine the impact the Palatine Picklers could have on charities. Please get this app and start helping a favorite charity. Of course, keep sending me your best day over 15,000 and over 20,000 steps each month. I'm at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



WE RUSHED TO RUSH FOR THIS STRETCHING CLINIC

Love that Jake Livingston (PT, DPT, COMT, CDNT & Marketing Manager at RUSH) is running clinics exclusively for our Palatine Picklers. This time it was on pre- and post-pickleball stretching. We all got a lot out of the hour he spent with at the RUSH facility at the southwest corner of Smith and Colfax. The first one was on foam rollers. This second one on October 26th on stretching gave us tips and a few surprises. Thanks, Jake.



Stay tuned to our newsletters, to get news of the next RUSH clinic for which you can register.

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Registration Begins: October 26th, 2022

Registration Ends: November 24th, 2022



Schedule of Events:

Saturday, 12/03 - Men's & Women's Doubles

Sunday, 12/04 - Mixed Doubles



For more information and to register, please visit
www.pickleballtournaments.com

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PICKLEBALL

TOURNAMENT

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START TIME: 9:00 AM
WARM UPS: GYM OPEN AT 8:30 AM

ANY QUESTIONS? EMAIL: brian.omalley@glenviewparks.org

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HOW 'BOUT A HOLIDAY PICKLEBALL PARTY?

Our always festive Sandy Amatore is hosting this party for the first 30 to accept her invitation. It will be at the Westwood Tavern, 1385 N Meacham in Schaumburg, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20th. Even non-playing spouses are welcome. There can be a total of 70 individuals, but Sandy already has 40 signed up.

There will be a beautiful buffet of appetizers, unlimited soft drinks, coffee, and a cash bar. You can bring your own desserts into the restaurant for the sweets table.

Attendees will play interactive pickleball games and pull raffles for cash prizes. Pickleball gift donations are appreciated for the raffle table. Donate balls, paddle covers, Tshirts, cups, towels, sunvisors, gift cards, etc.

Sandy has to provide the final food selections by November 9th. Please provide payment (\$25 per person) now, to confirm your attendance. Your payment options are as follows:

- 1) Send payment by Venmo ... Sandy Amatore
- 2) PayPal.met/SandyAmatore/25
- 3) Pay by Zelle myluigi@gmail.com
- 4) Mail a check to Sandy Amatore at 4620 McKone Court, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

If you have questions, you can call Sandy at **847-772-1699**

REMINDER ... OUTDOOR MENTORING NOT QUITE A MEMORY

Being an optimist I scheduled Thursday and Saturday 3:00 p.m. mentoring at Hamilton to continue through November 10th and November 12th. We've really lucked out with the weather. Unlike summer Wednesdays or the upcoming indoor sessions at Canlan, these are walk-on ... no invitation or reservation needed.

IT'S MEET THE NEWBIES TIME

My incompetence is getting annoying. I'm sure Mark and Elizabeth aren't the only new members who I've actually met that aren't in these pics, because I forgot to take their photo or they came out blank or of the court floor. And, of course, know there are dozens of newbies who joined onkne I've not met. Here are those I have met and managed to remember to snap a pic that, more or less, came out.



Alan



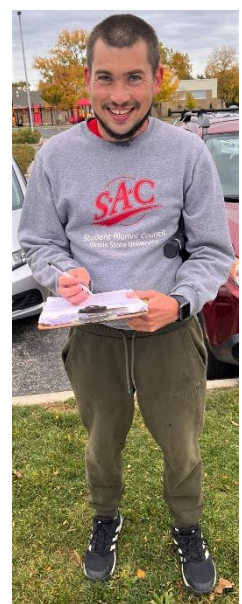
Bao



Beth



Bob



Brian



Chuck



Dan



David



Geri



Grace



James



Jannie



Jill





Jing



Jing



Joe



John



Judy



Mark



Marshall



Mary



Paul



Pauline

IN & OUT OF HAMILTON'S YELLOW STORAGE BIN

Please do not throw cracked pickleballs in the trash can. Instead toss them into the yellow bin. Pickler Barb May will be using them for some creative, secret project.

The storage bin is getting pretty full. There are a number of jackets there longing to go home. We hope you'll take a look, to see if any of the contents are yours, before winter has its way with them.



Ricky



Roger



Sandy



Scott



Shelly



Song



Stacy

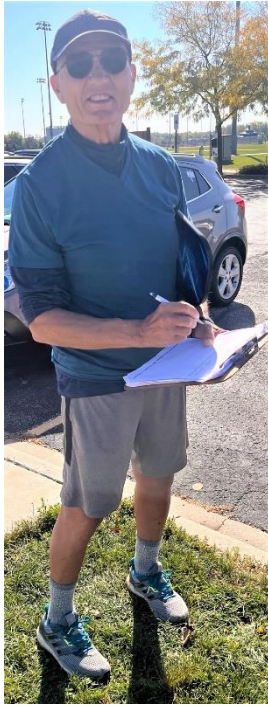


Steve

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE 5 STAGES OF PICKLEBALL

Just copy and paste this address, sit back, and enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYX5l6js01U>



Tim



Tim



Ying

To those newbies I met last week, I forgot to get pics of Mark and Elizabeth. Please remind me when we cross paths next. Connie and Jeff, I was already farther through the Newbies alphabet, when I took your pics. You'll be in the December newsletter. If there are more Newbies who didn't appear above, have me take your photo. Some pics turned out to be just some random, solid color, instead of an image. Have me try again.

BIRCHWOOD'S OPEN PICKLEBALL PLAY

The Palatine Park District is going all out to give us whatever gym times are not dedicated to numerous other programs. Consequently, check newsletters each month. For November here are the times open play is available:

Monday ... 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Exceptions: 11/8 12:30-3:30 and 11/21 no play at all

Tuesday ... 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Exception: 11/22 no play at all

Wednesday ... 11:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Exception: 11/23 no play at all

Thursday ... 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Excepton: 11/24 no play at all

For those of you who have yet to try Birchwood, it has three courts which have far fewer lines than Falcon or Canlan. Only basketball and pickleball are lined. The best color balls here have proven to be blue and orange. Unlike Falcon or Harper, you never know how many picklers will be there when you show up. It could be 3-5 or it could be two dozen. The gym is my favorite, but your chance of a fun afternoon are better, if you arrange for friends to meet there at a given time. Gotta love that Wednesday with it's longer play time this month.

RUSH'S BRANDON TO ADDRESS PB INJURIES ON PODCAST

As many Palatine Picklers can attest, all of Palatine RUSH's Physical Therapists are terrific, I spent much of the last year under the care of PT Brandon Abonce so I'm looking forward to his 11/14 podcase with Dr Brian Cole. Check it out. <https://www.briancolemd.com/podcast/podcasts-smo/>. Hope you check it out.

SHIRT INCREASE

Just today I learned, starting with our next order, all shirts are up \$1 (so \$18 for most).

MENTOREES ENJOY BIGGEST TOURNAMENT YET

We've had tournaments, ever since we began our mentoring program seven years ago. This is the first time we had men and women play in separate events. In all we had 24 Mentorees compete on six courts, each with it's own referee. Afterward the first 15 to have signed up enjoyed lunch at Kelsey Road House a mile away.



Standing: Katie, Mardy, Pam, Kathy, Laura, Maureen, Sandy, Valerie, Holly, Cindy, & Andrea. Kneeling: Dizane, Lupe, Karen, Julie, and Cathy.



David, Jeff, John G, Scott, John S, Steve, Mario, & Terry. Kneeling: sub Brian.

SUPER THANK YOU TO SYCAMORE MENTOREES

Mentoree Scheduler made a surprise visit to Canlan, toward the end of our Mentoree Tournament. She called Sycamore's Mentors up and gave us each a thank you card from Mentorees we'd served over the spring, summer, and early autumn. I don't believe any of us opened the cards on the spot. However, when I opened mine at home, my eyes practically popped out of my head. It contained an Amazon gift card bearing an amount that was beyond over the top. I think I can speak for all of us that this gesture was shocking, rewarding, unbelievable, humbling, and so very appreciated. **THANK YOU SO MUCH.**



HAPPY THANKSGIVING, PALATINE PICKLERS

I'm hoping to have my email box even more overflowing than usual this month. You newer Picklers who are available on Tuesday mornings should email me the dates (all listed in article above) you EXPECT to be available. I'm at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

Regardless of gender, ability, height, or age, if you have, or can get, an ugly holiday sweater, you need to email me, yes at aokbarry@yahoo.com, that you want to have your attire judged and your game exercised on Thursday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m. in Canlan, before we go to lunch.

We have a bunch of new intramural Tuesday mornings for which you lower intermediate to intermediate level Picklers would want to sign up. That gets you on Expect To Be Available lists. Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with your dates and your MMDDYY date of birth.

Of course, if you are active enough to garner at least 15k or 20k steps in a day, be sure to email me the proof of your accomplishment. By the way I'm at aokbarry@yahoo.com, not "Reply."

Whether you're playing indoors or at Hamilton, I wish you a pickleriffic November.

Bear
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