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2nd TRY ... THIS SHOULD WORK

For many years the Palatine Picklers fielded a 3.0 to 3.5 team of four men and four women to play against another team. Originally, it was against Midtown one week and against Barrington the next. Great fun for a while. Then both opponents exceeded the skill range, and it became less fun. I set it up for the two of them to play each other on another day, while each would give two men and two women of appropriate level to play as MidBar against our team. That worked really well for a while. I had at least 20 men and 20 women wanting to be on those teams. Then neither Midtown nor Barrington could come up with two men and two women so I had to fill in their teams with Palatine Picklers. Not as much fun. Then came COVID. Nothing. Last fall I tried to start this up again but with just a single opponent. Barrington couldn't come up with four men and four women. Neither could Midtown. Libertyville couldn't either. I tried Hoffman. They thought they'd have the numbers but didn't like Canlan's lack of a mask mandate, as there would be unmasked players in the gym. That seemed the end of competitions at this level.

Last month I had inspiration. Let's have intramural competitions. Let's have four men and four women aged 65 and under play against four men and four women 65+ (OK, I proposed 60+, but it became obvious that older Picklers were more interested so...) every other Tuesday morning. We'll have two, competitive teams. But, like most everything else I've tried since February, 2020, only a fraction of the pre-COVID response was received. So this is the 2nd and final try to get a really fun, bi-weekly competition going. Maybe the idea of needing Captains was too intimidating. To get this going, I'll bite the bullet and make both rosters for each match, if no one wants to Captain their team. Just sign up, if you're in that 3.0 - 3.5 level. This is really fun. And, when the pandemic subsides, we'll all go out to lunch after the matches. That's really fun too.

Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you like fun, are fully vaccinated and boosted, are willing to wear your mask properly, and are of the appropriate skill level.

I made this the first article of this newsletter, because we have hundreds of Palatine Picklers who would be appropriate for this competition, but many read the first article and then start scanning pics. It couldn't wait.

PICKLERS AT PLAY



Mary



Clay



Janine



James



Jaime



Janice



Jenny



Ryan (pic by Anne S)



Syed



Tom



Susan



Mike

SINGLES TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Our singles tournament was both really fun and really tiring for the competing Picklers. Seven, consecutive games is quite a challenge. But all finished all games and had a good time.



Syed, Connie, Tony, Janine, Mike, Joe, Daniel, Mike





Syed Karim 2nd ... Tony Minutillo 1st ... Joe Pietro 3rd



Anne (pic by Kenny T)



Karen (pic by Anne S)



Gary



Steve

LADY PICKLERS AGED 50-65 TOURNAMENT

We again had a really fun morning at Canlan on February 15th. Lots of close games and amazing shots.



Janine ... Marianne ... Cindy ... Denise ... Connie ... Pam ... Karen ... Jane



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



Jane Klauser finished in 2nd place
Cindy Anich emerged as champion
Marianne Zorich finished in 3rd place



TRAVEL TEAM UPDATE

Through 3 matches, Palatine’s 3.5-4.0 team dropped to 2nd. DuPage has really excelled the last two matches, winning 83 games, while Dropping only 25. Palatine is 49-59, Hoffman 45-63, and Libertyville is 39-69. Several of our strongest players are snos so not here to help. Admirably, Captain Bob Bregenzer prefers to stick with the core group that has paid their dues and deserves to play, rather than bringing in strong subs. I’m not sharing them, but the team receives a lot of individual stats. I seriously doubt the other three teams give their players such insights, but we’ve always been a cut above. Thanks, Captains John and Bob.



Chris



Eileen



Jim



Janet



Daniel



Gary (pic by Anne S)



Mary



Gary (pic by Anne S)



Heather



Denise (pic by Anne S)



Paul (pic by Anne S)





Neal (pic by Anne S)



Marv (pic by Anne S)



Joe



Ann (pic by Anne S)



Bill



Cathy



Cristy



Carolyn



Howard (pic by Anne S)



Kenny (pic by Anne S)



Brian (pic by Anne S)



Robin (pic by Anne S)



Carole (pic by Anne S)



Mike (pic by Anne S)



Mary (pic by Anne S)



Bob (pic by Anne S)



Connie (pic by Anne S)



Kathy (pic by Anne S)



Sarah (pic by Anne S)



ORDER YOUR 1ST OR 10th SHIRT

It's time to place another order. Go to our website, and let me know the style number, size, and color you want.

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LET'S MEET OUR NEWBIES



A J



Ann



Christy



Geoff



John



Kim



Lisa



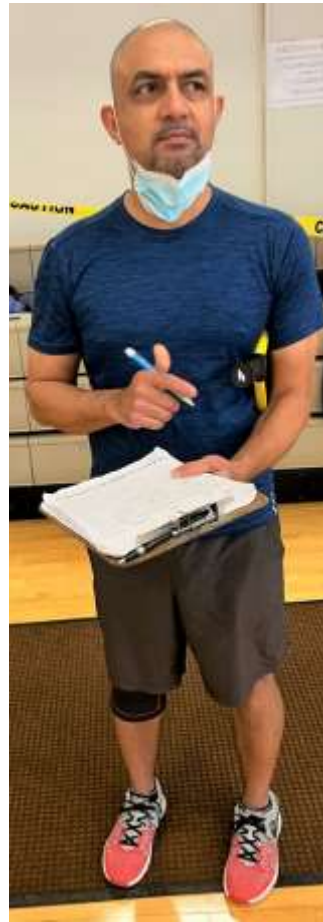
Pam



Paula



Rosemarie



Syed



Vera



DO YOUR GLASSES FOG WHEN WEARING YOUR MASK ?

Neal Harris was the first to give me this tip. There does seem to be a mask that will prevent fogging of your glasses. That claim has been backed up by others. I ordered these masks for Kathy and me. I was expecting a hefty price, but was pleasantly surprised. If you wear glasses and would like to wear them while playing pickleball, check it out. Just click the link. <https://www.gatapack.com/> Thanks for the tip, Neal.

BEAR'S FAVORITE PICS FROM ALL 7 YEARS

Since most newsletters have been shorter lately, I thought I'd have fun reviewing the more than 11,000 photos I've taken and shared and trying to find my 100 favorites. Half were obvious to me. The other half would surely change dramatically, if I did this again. Some were selected for quality of the photo. Some I leaned toward action. Others were the facial expressions. Some were the composition. Anyway, in no particular order, here are the ones I selected this time. My wife Kathy and Anne Stein contributed a couple.









FYI THERE IS A LOT MORE NEWS AFTER THESE 100 PICS













THIS ENDS ALLTIME FAVORITE 100

MEET PICKLER KAREN KOZIOL

Karen joined the Palatine Picklers last June, at the suggestion of Pickler Patty Milano. She immediately got into our mentoring program. Her addiction was assured.

Karen grew up in Oak Park and Mt Prospect. These days she and hubby Kurt call Prospect Heights home. They've been married for 41 years. The first time Karen ever went to a bar she chose Butch Maguire's in Mt Prospect. Good choice. She met Kurt there that night.

Her alma mater is the University of Wisconsin Whitewater. She spent many years in the printing industry, though is now retired ... sort of. Kurt has owned car washes for 47 years. Currently he and Karen are the proud owners of Busy Bee of Golf and Higgins. Karen not so secretly wishes he would retire so they could join the hundreds of couples in the Palatine Pickleball Club who play together often.

They have three children who "have their backs." Son Joe works as a Senior Director for Cresco Labs in the cannabis industry. Karen suggests visiting Sunnyside Dispensary in Schaumburg, for a little pick-me-up to fight all the aches and pains of playing pickleball all the time. "It keeps Mom happy."

Their older daughter is a partner in a law firm so she keeps Karen on the right side of the law. Any Pickler who feels that a friend or relative has been harmed in a nursing home should definitely reach out to Jaime at Levin and Perconti. They're specialists with a great track record.

Karen and Kurt's younger daughter is Jaclyn who is a Physician's Assistant at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She keeps Karen healthy.

Here are their four, lovely grandchildren who they totally adore. Karen can't wait for them to start playing pickleball. She looks forward to being their Mentor. From left to right they are Reese, Lydia, Burke, and Isla.

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Taryn, Lydia, Stone (future SIL maybe), Jaclyn, Karen, Kurt, Joe with Isla, Jaime with Reese. Tom (SIL) with Burke.





Joe, Taryn, Jaclyn, Isla, Burke, Reese, Lydia, Karen, Jaime , & Kurt



Busy Bee Car Wash



Before and after wash



the monument



Halloween car wash entrance

NEXT TOURNAMENT ... YOUNGEST MEN

On Tuesday, March 15th at 9:00 a.m. at Canlan, let's have our youngest Picklemen compete for youngest man title. Because so many of our young men still work ... and won't want to call in sick ... don't count yourself out. It's possible some senior men may actually qualify. Just send me you interest and birthdate ...

aokbarry@yahoo.com. You must be fully vaccinated and boosted and wear your mask properly. This will be at the Canlan Sportsplex. You'll have to complete their form ...

<https://member.dashplatform.com/#/online/canlan/login> If younger than 75 (?) and interested, email me. I wouldn't be surprised if a 65 year old gentleman gets to play.

MASKS

With one, obvious exception, Falcon and Harper Picklers have been great. Birchwood has been, unfortunately, largely non-compliant. Until the Palatine Park District drops the mask mandate, please don't confuse "mask" with "necklace." Some of us are high risk and need your help, if we are going to chance playing indoors. If we move to mask optional, I suggest (Falcon) playing far side of curtain for masks and lobby side for maskless.

ST PATRICK'S PARADE

Durty Nellie's annual (from 2011 minus last 2 years) St Patrick's Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday March 12th. Everything you need to know, whether participating or watching, can be found at Durtystpats.com. Before the parade you can enjoy a traditional Irish breakfast at Durty Nellie's from 8:30. Owner of Durty Nellie's Jimmy will be King of the Parade. Our own Patricia Fluhler will serve as Queen. The parade will start at Oak & Wood Streets. Pets are welcome. Wear green, white, and gold. Some in the parade will be throwing beads and fun stuff to those in attendance. Because this is a celebration of Durty Nellie's 50th year in business. At noon there will be an epic after party at Durty Nellie's. Whether you walk it or watch it, it should be fun. Both before and after the parade, the food and drink should be, "as they say" epic.



MENTORING FOR WORKING PICKLERS

In the next month or two, the newsletter will announce a third, summer, mentoring opportunity. I haven't previously offered mentoring exclusively to those Picklers who cannot attend the Wednesday or Thursday, summer sessions. I This year I'm targeting 3:30 Saturday afternoon to start this, but that is not cast in stone.

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY OF MEDALISTS

The last month hasn't had a very full schedule of local, or even regional, tournaments. However, we do have one shining star. *Louis Kaplan* partnered with our *Suzie Schreier* in the Snowflake Classic in Sterling, IL. They competed in the mixed 4.0 division and earned bronze medals.

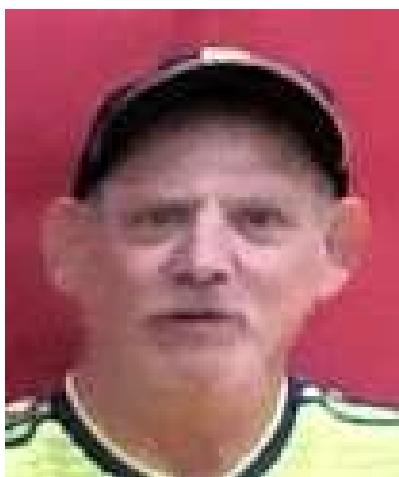


WE'VE GOT THE WALKERS

SUPER STEPPERS (20,000 steps in a day)



Bear Shatwell

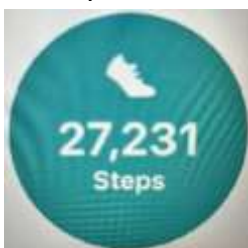


Barry Fischman



Ben Farb

TOTAL
29,607 steps



26,202
Steps

New Palatine Picklers Record



Kathy Ford



Karen Neetz



20,419 steps

WORTHY WALKERS (15,000 steps in a day)



Kathy Ford



Bear Shatwell



Karen Neetz



New Palatihne Picklers Record



Ben Farb



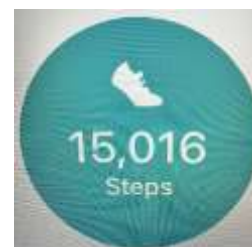
Scot Shatwell



Chris Farnsworth



Clay Farnsworth



Can we honor your walking achievement/s next month? Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com and attach proof of your best day in each category. I'll do the editing.

WHERE CAN WE PLAY EVENINGS OR WEEKENDS?

Go to playpickleball.fun and click on a venue. The days and times of open play will come up.

MASK REQUIREMENT UPDATE

Late-breaking news (learned after the earlier mask article was written) ... Masks are no longer required in Falcon or Birchwood. On March 7th neither masks nor vaccinations will be required at Harper. However, they are still strongly recommended.

No such changes will apply to Palatine Pickleball Club events ... tournaments, mentoring, etc. Participants will still have to be fully vaccinated and properly masked.

OK, Picklers, let's order shirts. I need 9 more, before I can place our next order, Go to PalatinePicklers.com and make your selections.

Don't assume you guys are too old for the Youngest Picklemen tournament. Email me with your DOB.

Please honor the Park District's mask protocols.

Please volunteer to be a profiled Pickler. I'll send you the type info we'd like to see, and I'll write your profile.

Find Palatine Picklers on Facebook and join the group, if you haven't.

Take pride in being part of one of the most active pickleball clubs in the country.

Enjoy the parade and Durty Nellie's 50th anniversary breakfast and celebration.

Happy, safe pickling.

Bear Shatwell

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HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY, PALATINE PICKLERS