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INDOOR PLAY HAS AN END IN SIGHT

It won't end this month, but you may want to mark your calendars. The last day of play at both Falcon and Birchwood will be Friday, May 27th. Until then you can play at Falcon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Harper's 6:00-9:00 p.m. Monday sessions will continue through May 16th (except not on April 4th and 11th). Then the Harper group will move to Hamilton on Mondays also from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.



Bill



Carolyn



Dori



James



MEET PICKLER PAT MORGAN

Sixty-nine year old Pat Morgan was born in Chicago, the third of four kids in the family. A couple years later the Morgans moved to Carpentersville. Pat graduated from Barrington High School.

This June Pat and Linda will have been married 48 years, and Linda had 18. They have a 36 year old is married yet so they have no suggest that they get married and to change diapers when they have

They have had three, rescue to have another in the future, but way to work so granddogs are

Pat has worked in car dealerships, retired in 2017. His last 33 years Ford in Barrington.

He saw pickleball being played in so signed up for lessons. Then, canceled. Then he saw a post by pickleball

Pat's and he says the good.

He says the same all people in Picklers are

and accepting, regardless of skill level. He really enjoys that.

As for accomplishments, 70 pounds kicked a 3 pack a hasn't burned the cooking (won't story). He's kids' teenage

His favorite saying is the best



been married 48 years. Pat was just 21 just graduated high school and turned daughter and a 30 year old son. Neither grandchildren yet. Pat and Linda have babies soon so they'll know how to change theirs.

Golden Retrievers in the past and hope both kids drop off their dogs on the filling that void now.

from graduating high school until he were as Parts Manager at Wickstrom

retirement developments in the south after only two COVID hit, and they were Palatine Pickler Jeff about Palatine and wanting a learning partner. The rest is history.

hobbies include golf, woodworking, smoking food, bicycling. He doesn't have an actual bucket list, but one thing it would have is to live forever. So far so



pickleball is over, but the the Palatine truly friendly

Pat has lost Twice. He's day habit. He's house down share that survived his years.

is, "Laughter medicine."



SAMPLE OF PAT'S WOODWORKING ART

Pat made this from 1x2 pine and 1/4x3 hardboard. He found a poster on the net that included this image. He eliminated the rest and blew the image up. He cut the wood to size and used 2 1/4x3 pieces as vertical backer boards screwed and glued to the horizontal 1x2 pine, before sanding. He traced the player onto the bare wood and used a Dremel and carving bits to create the desired texture,. He carved out the sky and grass areas. He colored the figure with black and white pencil after which he used an alcohol pen to blend the colors. The sky used mixtures of white and navy stains. The grass used mixtures of white and green food coloring. He stained the frame black. A propane torch provided highlights outside the image. 2 coats of gloss polyurethane finished the 15.5x16.5 piece. Took 6-7



Arnie



Anne



Carolyn



George



Don



Karen (pic by Anne S)



Howard



Janet



Paul



Ryan



Lucky



Maggie



Mary



Mike



Neal



Kenny



Jenny



Janice



Jeff



Kathryn



Kathy



PALM TREE PICKLERS



Cathy Carlson & Jeff Degner played in Bonita Springs, FL. Art Carlson played on Court 21 of 22 in Sunrise, AZ. Lones Lundgren played elsewhere in FL.

ADDISON SPRING FLING PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

It's Saturday, April 23rd at the Addison Park District Club Fitness, 1776 W Centennial Pl. The morning session will run from 8 a.m. to noon. The afternoon session will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is a round robin tournament so you just register as an individual. Do so at <http://www.addisonparks.org> or call 630-233-7275. Talk to Juan Montes at extension 6202. Cost is \$25. You are guaranteed 7 games. Winners determined by total wins, with total points being the tie-breaker. Use the codes below.

202601-01 Beginner (2.0-2.9) 202601-02 Intermediate (3.0-3.4) 202601-03 Advanced Intermediate (3.5-3.9)
202601-07 Advanced Intermediate (3.5-3.9) 202601-08 Advanced (4.0+)

Morning Session ... Check in 7:00 ... Warm-up 7:30 ... Games begin 8:00

Afternoon Session ... Check in Noon ... Warm-up 12:30 ... Games begin 1:00

As with most tournaments, brackets may be combined at the discretion of the Tournament Director.



Chris



Clay



Bob



Carole



Daniel



Fred



Hayden

GOTTA LOVE 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 Gammaspports.com, with the code **ba_soderborg25**.

TOURNAMENT TRIUMPHS



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Dale Zwack & Jonny Storm – PPA Indoor National Championships, Lakeville, MN – 5.0 35+ - Gold

Christine Oliva & Jen Schumacher - Plantation Open, Plantation, FL – 5.0 19+ - Silver



Becky Doege & Jonny Storm – PPA Indoor National Championships – 4.5 35+ - Gold

Dale Zwack & Jonny Storm – won the Don't Be a D**k Moneyball Payout Tournament, Griffith, IN – 4.5 – won and claimed the \$\$\$





Ray Jenkins & Ron Olesiak -
Delray Beach Open -
3.5 70+ - Gold

Jim Murphy & Patrick O'Connell -
Pickleball Spring Classic, Racket Club
of Algonquin – 3.5 – Gold

Christine Towers & Alma Garcia -
St Patrick's Invitational, - Arcadia
Tennis Club – 3.0 40+ - Silver

• *The names in italics indicate partners who are not members of the Palatine Pickleball Club*



Clay (pic by Anne S)

Gary

Jenny (pic by Anne S)

INTRAMURAL COMPETITIONS CLOSE TO REALITY

Looking to start this 3.0 – 3.5 competition the end of April or early May. If you're in this skill range and willing to wear a mask, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with your MMDDYYYY date of birth. I will split the group by age. We'll have the Younger Picklers vs the Older Picklers. There will be four men and four ladies on each roster. I'll have you tell me which play dates (every other Tuesday morning at 9:00 at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington) you THINK you'd be available to participate. I'll invite Picklers on the Sunday afternoons before each competition. I'll try to give equal playing time to everyone. You will play one game partnering with each of your seven teammates. Though this is our first intramural "league," this skill range has provided great, fun competitions in past years against other clubs. Email me if you'd like to get in on this fun.



Mary



Rudy



Sarah



Silver



Sarah



Terry



Steve



Pat



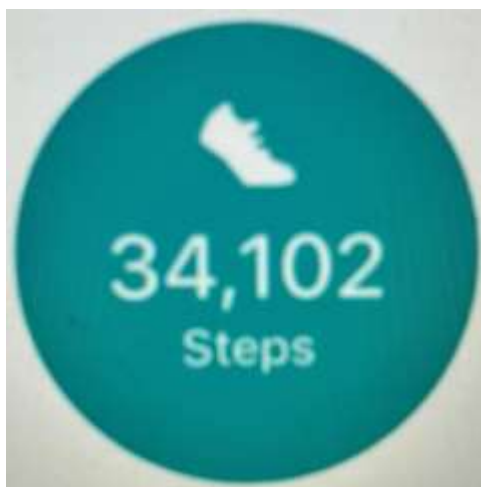
St Patrick's Parade

It was a cold and windy morning, but that didn't keep a good-sized crowd from showing up.

Riding in this Mustang are the Parade Queen Pickler Trish Fluhrer and King Erik Johanson.

THIS MONTH'S WALKING HONOR ROLL

SUPER STEPPERS



Jonny Storm – NEW PPC RECORD



Brandon Johnson



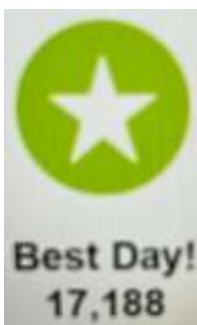
Ben Farb



WORTHY WALKERS

18,599 steps

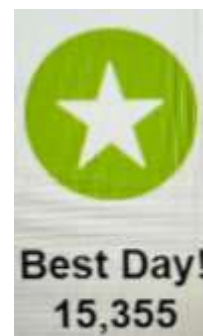
Bear Shatwell



Clay Farnsworth



Lois Farb



Scot Shatwell



WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT SUMMER MENTORING

This year you will have three options for mentoring. Each is a bit different from the others.

WEDNESDAY ... This will remain unchanged from last year. It will again be at Sycamore Park and will have two sessions. The first will be from 9:00 to 10:00, and the second from 10:15 to 11:15. You will spend 20 minutes on each Mentor's court. 24 Mentorees will be invited on Monday, 12 for each session. You'll have until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday to accept your invitation. Masks will be optional. We will have the "2 strike" policy, as we did this year at Canlan. A strike is an action that disrespects the time and effort of Mentors, Scheduler, or me. A strike is earned in three ways...not answering your invitation...turning down your invitation (alast minjute emergencies excluded)...or being a no-show. You're allowed one strike for the summer. If you get a second, your name will be removed from the lists of all subsequent weeks.

Here are the dates of our Wednesday mentoring sessions: 5/4 5/11 5/18 5/25 6/1 6/8 6/15 6/22 6/29 7/6 7/13 7/20 7/27 8/3 8/10 8/17 8/24 8/31 9/7 9/14 9/21 9/28 10/5 10/12 You must email me as aokbarry@hahoo.com with each of the dates you think you'd be able to participate. You can send all the dates or just the first few for now and more later. If you absolutely have to have either the first or second session let me know. Otherwise, you'll be assigned as our Scheduler Robin chooses. I will maintain 24, "Expect to be available" lists. If you sign up for a week and later find you have a conflict, PLEASE email me to remove your name from that week's ETBA list. You can do this any time through the Sunday before the session. I will send Robin the 24 names Monday so then it's too late to avoid earning a strike.

If you do not get an invitation for two or three weeks, don't think we forgot you. Last year we served 137 Mentorees over the summer. And remember we can serve only 24 each Wednesday.

THURSDAY ... At least to start on May 5th. We'll meet at Hamilton on Smith at 3:00. No reservations or invitations. Just walk-on with your paddle. (I have loaners.) Last year we had from 8 to 34 participants a week.

SATURDAY ... This is a first-time opportunity. It is for exclusively those who would like mentoring but are unable to attend either the Wednesday or Thursday sessions. This will take place each Thursday at 3:00. No reservations required for these sessions, at least until the group grown too large. I'm expecting to limit this to the three, south courts, as there may be other players or families on the north courts.



Steve



Bill



Connie



Dawn



Kathy



Brandon



Peggy



Jim

MENTOREE TOURNAMENT NEEDS MORE MENTOREES

The post-season Mentoree tournaments have always been the most fun part of the season. They've been a reward for all the hard work students put into their mornings with us. All 91 students who participated in Canlan sessions are eligible. The goal is to have 16 Mentorees and a couple subs ready for an 11th hour withdrawal. The tournament will start at 9:00 a.m. at Canlan on Tuesday, April 19th.

This will be a round robin event. You will partner with each Mentoree in the tournament for one game to 6 points. Historically, Mentorees rarely stop smiling for roughly two and a half hours. I've heard a lot of "I should have played" from Mentorees who just couldn't pull the trigger and sign up. I've never heard anyone who has played in these events say, "I shouldn't have played." Almost everyone says, "That was really fun."

As with your mentoring sessions, you'll wear your mask and play Canlan's \$8 fee at the lobby desk. To join the fun, you must email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with your desire.



Scott



Betty (2nd from right) on Symphony of the Seas



Kathy



Chris



Janice (pic by Anne S)



Bill



Mary



Dee Dee



Denny



11th hour addition. Worthy Walker Kathy Ford. 2nd best.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL TEAM UPDATE

Week 5 in mid-March was much better for Bob Bregenzer's 3.5 – 4.0 Palatine Picklers team. Such a topsy turvy season. Palatine went 21-15 but finished 3rd. Hoffman excelled at 27-9, and DuPage tied Palatine. Libertyville fell off the cliff this time at 3-33. For the season DuPage is in first, winning 67% of their games. Hoffman is in 2nd with a 54% winning percentage. Palatine is third at 47%, and Libertyville is trailing with a 32% winning percentage. In this match Guy Unterberg shined winning all six of his games. He has a 73% winning percentage for the season. Captain Bob was hot on his heels, winning 5 of his 6, and earning a 65% of his points for the season. It seems to change drastically each match. That has to be fun.

THIS BRINGS US TO THIS MONTH'S NEWBIES

Below you'll see, maybe one quarter of the Palatine Picklers who have joined in the last month. The new website is attracting new members at a furious rate. If they don't come to Hamilton, I'm not getting their photo. Admittedly, sometimes I forget to take their pic even if they do show up there. In that regard it sucks to be over 40. Memory is the 2nd thing to go. I just can't remember what the first is. The best thing about newbie pics is I do them in alpha order. That saves so much time in selecting them to face the middle of the page as much as possible. In case you haven't noticed, I'm anal about the English language, the layout, and favoring the underdog.



Ann



Ann Marie



Carol



Cheryl





Denny



Don



John



Kate



Kristin



Lynn



MaryAnn



Dawn



Rudy



Rhoda



Sabine



Zheina (Z)

11th HOUR MEDALIST



Natalie Todorovic-Shaw & Liz Chaplinski captured Silver medals at the PPA Austin Open in the Senior Pro Women's Doubles division. Again the italics shows that Natalie is not a member of the Palatine Picklers. Congratulations, ladies.

STRANGE DAY AT LAST 3.5 - 4.0 LEAGUE

I'll let Captain Bob Bregenzer's words describe what the March 24th match was like...

It was a strange day as we had to deal with the injury of one of our key players, an unusable wet court, Hoffman missing a player from the get-go and a Libertyville player having to withdraw mid-match late in the day. Gregg's injury resulted in us having to forfeit four matches and Hoffman's missing man meant they had six forfeits. As you'll see, a forfeit is recorded as 15-0 which skews the overall points total. That said, it was another competitive day with 14 of our matches decided by four points or fewer.

There are three more sessions scheduled, the final one will be May 5th. There was an optional one set for May 19th, but the consensus among captains and players was to cancel it, since even Chicago weather should allow outdoor play by then.

The most successful Palatine Picklers were John Allen who went 5-1 and Donna Beechick, Linda Mihel, Bob Bregenzer, and Rich Evola who won 4 while losing only 2.

To date DuPage is in 1st at 145-71 points (67%). Hoffman is 2nd at 115-101 (53%). Palatine is in 3rd with 101-115 (47%). Libertyville is 4th with 71-145 (33%).



OK, Picklers ... It's getting nuts. Thanks to our revamped website, we're growing at a rate in both membership and mentoring that is stressing my desire to keep it to a 30-40 hour week. If someone would like to succeed me as President, I'm open to that. I'd like to get back to finishing my book ... Guide for the Newly Widowed. PLEASE Email me.

Let's get a lot more of our 94 indoor Mentorees applying for the 4/19 tournament. Let's get more of you asking for the prompter for Pickler Profile sections. Let's get more Picklers sharing their good walks (15k+ in a day)

Let's have medalists email me, so I don't have to search for them. (Thank you, Ray.)

Aspiring Mentorees, email me the dates you think you'd be available. Email me again when that changes.

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