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**JUNE, 2022 NEWSLETTER**

## **INTRAMURALS A HUGE SUCCESS**

The early feedback suggests that starting our intermediate intramural program may be second only to starting mentoring years ago as my best idea yet for a fun and rewarding program for Palatine Picklers. Any Pickler in the 3.0 to 3.5 range (ask friends if you have no idea) can join. Just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your MMDDYY date of birth and your phone number. You will be assigned to a team, either the Whippersnappers or the Wise Ones. Each match will have four men and four ladies from each team compete with each other. Over the course of seven games, you will partner once with each of your rostered teammates. I will choose which 16 will compete each match. For the first match on 5/10 I chose to have the youngest men and youngest ladies from each team fill the rosters. Matches are every other Tuesday at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Some matches are at 9:00 a.m., and some are at 1:00 p.m. I'll ask you to tell me which dates/times you THINK you could participate. Then on Sunday afternoon before a match, I'll invite 8 chosen from each team to play on Tuesday. Here are those who played in our inaugural event.



**WHIPPERSNAPPERS** Front: Ray, Bo, Mark, Alex,  
Back: Sarah, Clay, Chris, & Denise



**WISE ONES** Front: Bob, Kathy, Imposter. Back: Frank, Chris,  
Karen, Cindy, & Don. Injured Wise Ones Doug & Bear  
subbed for a no-show

This competition came down to the very last game, with Whippersnappers winning the day 15-13.



Chris



Bob



Denise



Clay



Doug



Cindy



Frank



Karen



Mark



Ray



Sarah



Don



Chris



Bo



Kathy

Will I continue to share pics of each participant in the future? No, but these 16 were willing to be the pioneers and deserve the recognition.



Alex

# LET'S SEE SOME PALATINE PICKLERS ENJOYING OUR GAME



Ann



Bill



Gary



Jim



Linda



Lee Ann



Linda



Loren



Marcia



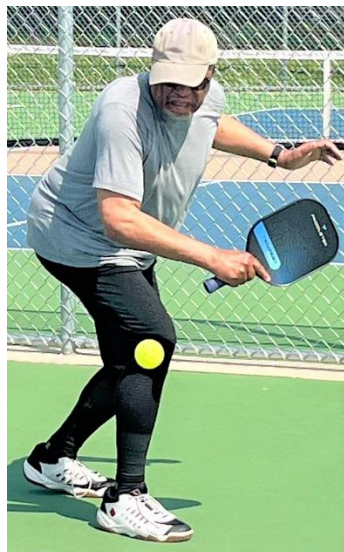
Mike



Mike



Z



Rick



Pat



Stacy



Terry



Silver



Steve

## LOVING 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](mailto:grtfuldad@aol.com).

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

**25% OFF** anything from Gammasports.com, with the code **ba\_soderborg25**

## FINAL UPPER MIDDLE TRAVEL TEAM SUMMARY

In their final match of the season, our Picklers went 14-22 for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. The Pickler stars were Deanna who went 5-1 and Shelly who went 4-2. A highlight was the fact that, in the final games of all three divisions (men's, women's, and mixed), we went 9-3

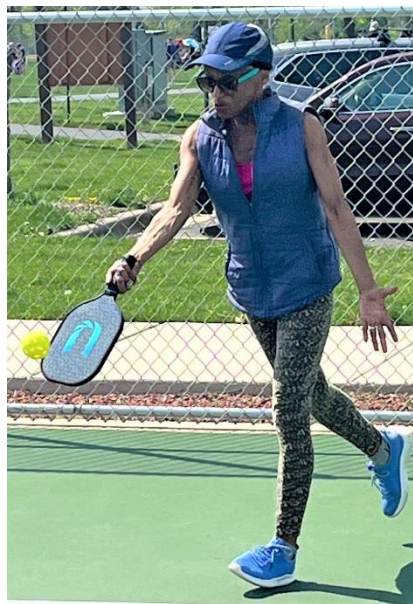
For the full, 9-week season, we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> behind DuPage and Hoffman, with an overall record of 144-180, but we had a lot of fun. We were the only team that didn't have to forfeit any games due to missing players.



Pat



Paul



Terri



Therese

## RESCHEDULED COUPLES TOURNAMENTS

Originally scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, we had to move both events. The lower group will play in Canlan at 9:00 on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The upper group will compete at 9:00 also in Canlan on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. These will be round robin tournaments. Each of you will play against the other seven couples competing. As are all my tournaments, these are for fun so don't take them too seriously. After each tournament whoever wants to continue the fun can drive less than a mile to have lunch on the porch of Kelsey Road House.

I am particularly in need of stronger couples. If we don't get eight couples who think they can compete at a 3.5+ level, I will have to move one/some of the lower level couples up to that tournament. They may not finish in the top three, but who cares. It's still fun to compete.

What's a "couple?" Two Picklers who are married, living together, engaged, or dating. Gender doesn't matter.

Email me of your interest in participating in one/both of these fun tournaments. [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).

## SR GAMES ACCEPTING FIRST 12 TO APPLY PER DIVISION

If you have played in the 6-County Senior Games in the past, you received your prospectus for the July games at Fabbrini Park in Hoffman Estates. If you'll be new to the events, apply on <https://ilipra.org/> There's singles, gender doubles, mixed doubles, all in 5 year age ranges when possible. Grab your partners, exchange birth dates and email addresses and apply. These are always really well-run and a lot of fun. Top three finishers in each division receive medals, and everyone gets a T-shirt.



Neal



Michael



Marilyn



Mark



Lois



Linda



Mario



Marv



Marty



Kurt



Kristi



Linda

## MEET PICKLER BILL BUESING

Bill thinks most Picklers know him not as “Bill” but as “Jenny’s husband.” Depending on his “level of error,” you may hear him call himself Billy, Billy Bob, William or, on worst day, William Robert.

Bill was born 60 years ago in Wauwatosa, WI, by far the youngest and smallest of four brothers who were born 7, 9, and 11 years earlier. All hit heights of 6’3” to 6’5” and 230 to 300 pounds. Sadly, his oldest brother, Tom, passed away in 2013 from a heart attack. Bill literally and figuratively looked up to his brothers and followed in their path of school sports ... football, basketball, and track.



The Brothers Four ... in front of Wisconsin fish. Back then Bill was Billy. 55 years later he is Bill

Growing up during the Packers’ five world championships in the ‘60s, Bill became, and remains, a Green Bay fan. However, when not playing the Packers, he’s a Bears fan.

Bill earned a BA in Mathematics/Computer Science from Augustana College in Rock Island. The summer before their senior year, Bill and Jenny were married. She coached the women’s tennis team, while Bill served as squeegee boy and gopher. In August they’ll have been married 40 years.



1981 engagement dinner



Coach Bill and his successful, Hoffman Estates Guardians

Bill and Jenny have four kids ... Dave (34) married to Sarah, Carolyn (30) married to Mike, Matt (28) married to Bridget, and Philip (23). They have four grandkids ... Parker (5), Ben (2), Andy (9 mo) and Callie (6 mo). They also enjoy two grandpups. Growing up his family had a Toy Poodle. His brothers wanted a big dog so their parents let them name the dog Hercules. When they learned it was a girl, she went by Herky. In 2007 Jenny and the kids visited a pet store, and a Yorkie puppy joined the Buesing family. The kids named him Herbie the Love Dog. That rhymed with Herky and recalled Herbie the Love Bug, one of Bill's favorite Disney movies. Bill and Jenny had to have their pal put to sleep last March. They still expect him to greet them at the door, when they come home from pickleball.

Bill's first job after college was at Continental Illinois National Bank downtown, now part of Bank of America. The main bank building at 231 LaSalle was used in Kevin Kostner's "The Untouchables." He had a four-month training program in finance and information technology. Then returned to his focus on computer science and took a job as an application developer in the commercial lending department. He remained with Continental 7 years, moving up to systems analyst. His final projects were designing AI and PC-based systems, leading edge stuff back then.



Family Christmas 2021



Packers game w Carolyn, SIL Mike, & Mike's dad

Then the family moved from the city to Hoffman Estates, and Bill went to work as Senior Developer for an AI software product at Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire where he enjoyed the unique culture, as well as the free lunches and snacks. He stayed with them through several name changes, until retiring in January after 31 years. He stayed in technology development, leading groups developing benefits and HR solutions with focus on call centers, data warehouses, and analytics. He finished his career as a Vice President.

He took up pickleball three years ago, with Jenny as his mentor. She'd been playing for six months and shared tips picked up from Marv, Bear, and others. They played some in their driveway, before moving up to a tennis court. Once he felt confident, he began playing with more experienced players. His early games were at Harper, until weather allowed moving to Hamilton. He found pickleball enthusiasts to be welcoming and friendly. He really loves being able to play with Jenny. He also enjoys the diverse and friendly members of the Palatine Picklers that make each outing fun and competitive. He also finds our "polar pickling" throughout the winters at Hamilton fun and invigorating. He doesn't know how they'd have survived the pandemic, without their Palatine Pickler friends who weren't bothered by 30 degree temperatures. Learning pickleball has allowed Bill and Jenny to enjoy it across the country at family gatherings and with other, welcoming groups in such states as Virginia, Ohio, and Florida.



Bill's other hobbies include most sports, fishing, card/board games, comic books, piano, and carrying Jenny's pickleball gear. Bucket list items realized include taking Jenny to the US Open tennis tournament for their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and taking a family trip to Hawaii for 25<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward he'd like to keep alive the tradition of taking the entire family to a resort in northern Wisconsin for a summer vacation, taking Jenny to the Wimbledon tennis tournament, writing a book, and volunteering more.

His favorite celebrity encounter was when he was a boy. One Saturday morning in the early 1970s, he went with his dad to the office in Milwaukee. As they drove home, a light rain started. His dad noticed a man and woman caught in the rain without an umbrella outside a hotel. He pulled over and offered them a ride. The next thing Bill knew, Packer Hall of Famer Ray Nitschke and his wife Jackie were sitting in the back seat. Bill was a bit star struck so his dad carried on the conversation. Though intimidating on the football field, Ray was extremely friendly and kind in person. Ray kept tossing a bag of coins back and forth between his hands. As they exited the car, they thanked Bill's dad and then reached over the seat, saying, "Here you go, Billy," as he handed Bill the sack of coins. "It was nice meeting you. Save these to watch them grow into more." Bill still has those coins wrapped in the original tissue and plastic box he put them in when he got home.

In 1981 his dad attended the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, as his college coach was being inducted. Ray was also inducted that evening. Bill's dad spoke to him and shared that Bill still had those coins. Ray autographed a program with, "To Bill. Keep Saving. Friend Always, Ray Nitschke."

When asked about accomplishments in which he takes pride, Bill responded with, "Enjoying God's blessing of our marriage for 40 years and counting, raising four, unique kids with three joyful spouses and now grandkids, and helping with our church and various charities.

As for volunteering most has involved youth sports. He's been coaching for more than 25 years. He's coached baseball, softball, and basketball for several organizations, age groups, and both genders. Until the pandemic most of the last decade found him coaching 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball. He hopes he'll be returning to the sidelines soon. "To me there's not much more fulfilling than seeing a kid's smile with a hint of new-found confidence, when he/she and the team score a baskets or turn a double play or strike out the first batter. Most of these kids won't play on their school teams so I love giving them their 'shining moment' that they can take into their future and apply to other pursuits in which they get involved."

As for a quote or motivational phrase he likes, Bill had two. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourself." (Paul, Philippians 2:3-4) ... and ... "So, if you think your life is complete confusion because you never win the game, just remember that it's a grand illusion, and deep inside we're all the same." (Dennis DeYoung from Styx, *The Grand Illusion*).



Hosting the Great Buesing Baking Show



Playing in north WI w son Philip & extended family



Ann



Alex



CC



Dan



Chris



Gene



Hayden



Bill



Brian



Carol



Bill

# THIS MONTH'S 2-LEGGED ACHIEVERS

## SUPER STEPPERS (20,000+ in a day)



### HUGE NEW PALATINE PICKLER RECORD

Brandon Johnson REALLY raised the bar. Most of his steps were at work escorting prisoners at Stateville to various appointments. Then walked a couple miles with dog in forest preserve. Then mowed lawn twice due to length. Then ran around with niece and nephew for a couple hours. Then power washed garage so had to move everything out. Then more yard work.



26,701 Steps



Ben Farb

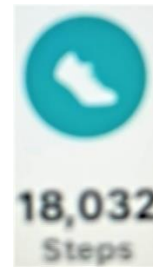
## WORTHY WALKERS (15,000+ in a day)



Bear Shatwell



Clay Farnsworth



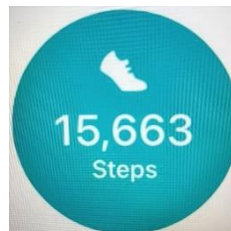
Bob McGowan



Denise Hopkins



Kathy Ford



Lois Farb

## PICKLER PROFILES ON ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

One of the time-saving changes for me is eliminating chasing Picklers to volunteer a profile. If you volunteer to be profiled, I'll give you a prompter for ideas, and I will write your profile. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



Ari



Anne



Brian



Ben



Brian (really)



Carl



Chris



Chris



Debbie



Dave



Greg



Mary



Mike



Laura



Mike

### U S OPEN PALATINE PICKLER MEDALISTS



*Toby Kaye & Rick Johnson ...*  
4.0 70-74 ... Silver



Brigitte Latal & Thea Froehling ...  
3.5 60+ ... Gold



Jen Schumacher & Kristine Oliva ...  
Women's Open 35+ ... Silver

Though no photos have been shared with me, I did enough research to find two more Pickler medals earned in Naples, Florida at the U.S. Open.

Chuck Feinstein & *Gene Smyth* ... Men's 5.0 50+ ... Silver

Chuck Feinstein & *Derek Huff* ... Men's Doubles ... 55+ ... Silver

- *Italics indicates the individual is not in the Palatine Pickleball Club*

PLEASE SEND ME ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) Tournament, Division, Partner, Medal & PIC, when you medal.

# MEDALISTS FROM OTHER TOURNAMENTS



Rick Johnson & Joanne Hessey  
Nat'l Sr Games, Ft Lauderdale ...  
Mixed 4.0 70-74 ... Bronze



Peggy Burch & Patty Eagleton  
Rockford Spring Swing ...  
Women's ... Gold



Craig & Jane Jacobson  
Delray Beach Open ...  
60+ Mixed ... Silver



Patrick O'Connell & Jim Murphy  
Chicago Pickleball Classic ...  
3.5 ... Bronze



Katie Burgess & Maria Churak  
Chicago Pickleball Classic ...  
3.5 ... Bronze



Connie Kus  
Chicago Pickleball Classic ...  
3.0 Women's Singles ... Gold



## WE HAVE CAR WINDOW DECALS

How cool to display this 5" x 5.5" decal on one of your car windows! They look terrific and let the world know you are a proud Palatine Pickler. Assuming we meet the minimum order, they are only \$5 each. Just let me know how many you'd like. [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



Ann



Betsy



Bo



Carol



Celeste



Cherie



Clay



Debbie



Dave



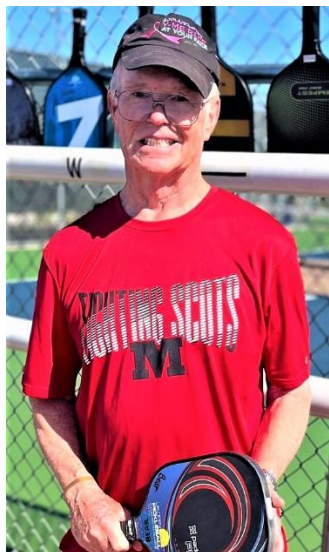
Sally



Rick

## AN ALMA MATER CONNECTION

Dee Dee Belovicz discovered she had graduated from my alma mater “a few” years after I. So she donned her letter jacket and wore it to Hamilton. I had her turn it around for a pic. Then I returned the favor the next day. Though I did well in intramurals, never tried for varsity, since no men’s volleyball or table tennis team existed.



## LET’S GET SOME VOLUNTEERS STARTED

COORDINATOR FOR 65+ PLAY TIME

COORDINATOR FOR THOSE WANTING AFTERNOON PLAY

COORDINATOR FOR THOSE TOO SHY TO SHOW UP FOR HAMILTON MORNINGS

Email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)), if you’d be willing to take the reins on more, fun play time for your peers. I will post your contact information in the July newsletter. From that point it’s all on you. I’m out of it. You may elect to choose Sycamore over Hamilton, if you’re worried about crowds at your chosen time/s. These are all things for which I’ve been asked multiple times to create. Let’s make it so.



Bob



Carolyn



Diane



Frank





Vida



Sandy



Sarah



Steve



Steve



Rick



Satish

## **IF NOT IN THE PPD, YOU'LL NEED TO ACCESS WEBSITE**

We have reached a critical point on our MailChimp account. We're about to exceed the number of Picklers we can mail for free. AND the cost to send to all members will become prohibitive. So I've elected to keep all Palatine Park District Picklers on our mailing list. That's about 700. Everyone else can still get the newsletters (not Tweener Memos), by going to [PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com) early in the month and finding the newsletter in the library. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after looking at all the options, this is the one that makes most sense for me.

I do not post our newsletters on the website. Our Webmaster John Pihl does. And, for whatever unknown reason, he also has a life so may not get newsletters up the day they come out. However, he has been good about making it available within a day or two. So you'll have one more step. No biggie. Hope you understand.

Oh, I should add that my records are PRETTY accurate but not perfect, particularly for long-time Picklers. If you are in the PPD and don't get the July newsletter, please send me your street address so I can get you on the MailChimp list for direct delivery of newsletters and Tweener Memos in the future.



Mary



Maureen



Mike



Sarah



Sue



Rick



Lisa

## SUMMER PICKLEBALL IN PALATINE

Every day we are at Hamilton by 9:00, usually by 8:00. All are welcome (don't be shy). Just get your name upside down on both sides of your paddle, where the handle meets the blade. Then stand it on its head in one of the paddle troughs on the south fence, (Hamilton is on Smith N of 14 & S of 68.) You will play with different partners every game. When enough Picklers are there, we segregate the competitive players to the north cage, while rec players stay in the south cage. We're happy to help you with your game, if you're a newbie.

## MENTORING SUMMARY

We have three days of mentoring. Our biggest is Wednesday morning at Sycamore Park (Carpenter & Clark). We serve 12 Mentorees at 9:00 and 12 more at 10:15. This is by invitation only. Just email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) with the Wednesdays you THINK you'd be available to participate. I'll put you on the appropriate ETBA (Expect To Be Available) lists. If you HAVE to be assigned to the early or late session, mention that. Then check your email on the Monday afternoon before a desired Wednesday. IF you get an invitation, accept it right away. You have until 10:00 a.m. to do so, before you are replaced and "earn a strike." Strikes are earned by (A) not responding to an invitation, (B) saying you can't attend – should have emailed me by Friday to take you off that ETBA list, or (C) being a no-show. We forgive one strike. A second will remove you from all summer ETBA lists.

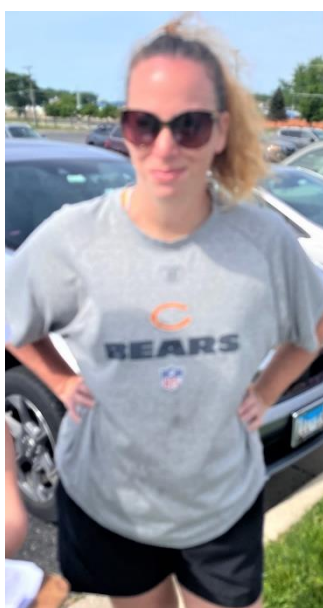
Then we have 3:00 p.m. Thursday mentoring at Hamilton (Smith Road N of 14, S of 68). These sessions are open – no reservations required.

Saturdays at 3:00 at Hamilton, we conduct mentoring exclusively for those who, due to work or whatever, are not able to attend Wednesday and/or Thursday sessions. These, also, are walk-on, no reservations needed.

All mentoring sessions are free. I have several loaner paddles. We supply the balls. Just bring water.



Kenny



Kristi



Kate



Kim

## THE ITENERARY FOR THE 2023 LADIES PICKLEBALL CRUISE

1/15 ... Depart Miami 4:30 p.m.

1/16 ... Perfect day at Coco Cay, Bahamas 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1/17 ... at sea

1/18 ... Cozumel, Mexico 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

1/19 ... Roatan Honduras 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1/20 ... Puerto Costa Maya, Mexico 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1/21 ... at sea

1/22 ... arrive in Miami 6:00 a.m.

For more info check the May newsletter and/or contact Betty Cloud at [betty@shamatravel.com](mailto:betty@shamatravel.com).



Debbie



Heidi



Don



Fred



Dennis (really)



Dee Dee



George



Jaime



Jeanne



Jeff



Janet



Vikki



Nancy



Christine



Jeff



Jim



Jesse



Suren



Ann



Dan

## WHO'S JOINING OUR PALATINE PICKLEBALL CLUB?

**Gender:** 69 Ladies 39 Men

**Birth decade:** 1940s 5 newbies 1950s 45 newbies 1960s 44 newbies 1970s 7 newbies 1980s 7 newbies

**By town:** Arlington Heights 23 Barrington 6 Buffalo Grove 1 Cary 2 Chicago 1 Deer Park 6 Elk Grove Village 1 Florida 1 Glenview 2 Gurnee 2 Inverness 4 Lake Barrington 1 Lake Zurich 4 Long Grove 1 Mount Prospect 9 Mundelein 1 Northbrook 1 Palatine 30 Prospect Heights 3 Rolling Meadows 4 Roselle 1 Schaumburg 1 Wauconda 1 Wood Dale 1 Seems we're kind of a United Nations of pickleball.



Chris



John



John



Max



Gary



Karen



Nancy



Gillian



Johnny



Sharon



Juli



John



Gary



Geri



Karin



Greg



Leroy



Joan



Phil



Jenny



Jim



Ann



Karin



Sabine



Kistin



Kathy



Denise



Peggy



Kate



Scott



Ann



Z



Alex



Arnie



Brandon



## PICKLER OF THE MONTH – JANICE ORLOWSKI



It's been a while, since we recognized a Palagtine Pickler of the Month. Janice is the lady who owns the backed in, grey Lexus in the first parking space south of Hamilton with a mug balanced on the rear bumper. It's there virtually every morning year round that the courts are open. Janice is always smiling and laughing. For years she was a regular at Birchwood too. Her game is good and gets better each year. She's always one of the first to arrive at courts and stays longer than most. She's always quick with a fun, pet story or recalling granddaughter escapades. She's just a fun person and enjoyable pickleball partner.

### **NEXT DINK BANG SIDEOUT TOURNAMENT JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>**

You've probably seen Kristine & Adam Oliva's flyer on our Facebook page or other pickleball sites. Their tournaments are always well organized, have full divisions, and are just really fun. This one will be in Hanover Park. You can find all the details, at the address below. Registration deadline is June 17<sup>th</sup>. Check it out.

[https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/tournamentinfo.pl?tid=6550&fbclid=IwAR1pkugh7EaO2Od5vWb8T1wOhBRtB0dWHmE5XfCVucnK\\_mqLFTJPLc85YiA](https://www.pickleballtournaments.com/tournamentinfo.pl?tid=6550&fbclid=IwAR1pkugh7EaO2Od5vWb8T1wOhBRtB0dWHmE5XfCVucnK_mqLFTJPLc85YiA)

**DON'T FORGOT TO ORDER YOUR CAR WINDOW DECAL**

**SEE PAGE 14, IF YOU MISSED OR FORGOT IT**

### **NEWBIE PALATINE PICKLERS APLENTY**

A ton of our new members joined directly through our website. Many of those I've yet to meet. Still, I managed to get pics of quite a few of them. There are at least half a dozen whose pic I took but couldn't identify by the time I downloaded that day's photos. Sorry for not including you in this collection.



Allen



Astrid



Bo



Brian



Bruce



Bruce



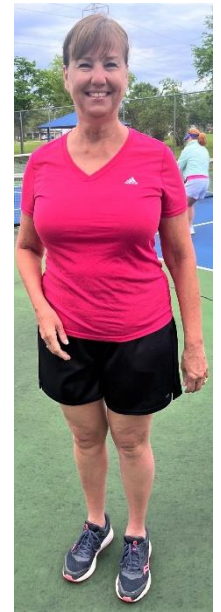
Bunny



Carri



Colleen



Dale

## SPACE FILLER REMINDERS

If you have a pickleball-playing spouse, significant other, or main squeeze, please sign up for the Couples Tournaments on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> (lower half of applicants) and Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> (upper half). Several who were going to play before it got cancelled cannot make the new dates. We really don't want to cancel either of these events. Many of you would be fine to play in both. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). Thanks.

If you'd enjoy playing with others who were born before 1958, email me your desire to coordinate this group. In a Tweener Memo or else the July newsletter, I'll invite everyone to contact you. I'm at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).



Deana



Debbie



Debbie



Diane



Doug



Gayke



Gordy



Hal



Jeff

## WANT MORE NON-PALATINE PICKLER TOURNAMENTS?

Palaine Pickler Jose Sosa can be contacted about either of these ... [coachsosa@yahoo.co](mailto:coachsosa@yahoo.co),  
June 11<sup>th</sup> in Hinsdale ... 4.0+ and Intermediate level round robins. Call 312-961-8861 to inquire and register.  
June 25<sup>th</sup> in Western Springs ... 4.0+ 3.0+ & 2.0+ round robin so 7 games guaranteed. Call 708-246-9070 or go  
to [wsprings.recdesk.com/Community/Program](http://wsprings.recdesk.com/Community/Program).

## WE'D ENJOY KNOWING MORE ABOUT YOU

Please email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) for an idea-prompter for your personal profile. We all love these.  
There are no required elements, just fun stuff in which your Pickler peers will be interested.



Jeff



Jiao



John



Johnny



Joyce



Juli



Karen



Karen



Kate



Kathleen



Keith



Ken



Lyndy



Marcy



Mardy



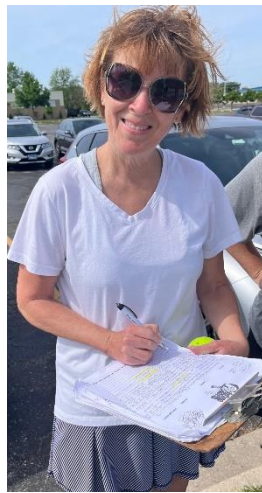
Marilee



Matt



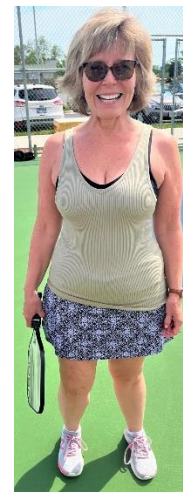
Nancy



Pam



Pat



Patty



Raina



Ryan



Ryan



Sabine



Stacy



Steve



Steve



Sunil



Susan



Terry



Oops – Help me



Tina



Tom



Tom

## REPEAT REQUEST FOR HELP WITH A FALL TOURNAMENT ....

A few months ago Paul Lobue from the Arlington Heights Senior Center Board of Directors reached out to me. They are hosting a pickleball tournament on Saturday, September 17th at Dryden Park. They are beginning their planning and could use the talent and expertise which resides within our club. They need individuals to

staff the event. More importantly, no one on their Board has any experience in coordinating a tournament. Given that hundreds of our Palatine Picklers live in Arlington Heights, it would be great if we could give back to the town that's given us so much. As if you couldn't tell by the abnormal late date you're receiving this newsletter, my pickleball plate is overloaded so I am unable to do more than sit in on the initial planning session. If you have any knowledge of running a tournament or even are simply willing to help out on the day of the tournament, please **call Paul at 630-965-1720**. Then email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). I'd like to keep track of who's volunteering for what.

Betty Cloud, organizer of the Ladies Pickleball Cruise (read details in the May newsletter) is partnering with Royal Caribbean to share a table at the Arlington tournament, to promote the Pickleball Cruise.

The last few weeks have presented myriad time-consuming, pickleball obstacles for me. I hope to return to having you get the shorter, July newsletter earlier in the month.

To summarize things to which you can respond this month, **(1)** Wednesday would-be Mentorees should email me with all the Wednesday mornings they expect to be available through 10/12. **(2)** Volunteer to organize your groups' play times. **(3)** Volunteer to have your profile in a newsletter. **(4)** Send me your MMDDYY DOB and phone, if you'd like to join our intramural fun and are intermediate level. **(5)** Order decals.

With summer crowds at Hamilton, the north cage (either 2 or 3 courts) will be for competitive play, while the south (& the nearest north if more rec than competitive) will be for rec.

Happy pickling.

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