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## **JULY, 2022 NEWSLETTER**

### **LET'S REVIEW HAMILTON POLICIES**

First ... Every day we have to keep calling things such as “blue paddle.” Let’s all get on the same page. You want your name to appear upside down on BOTH sides of your paddle where the handle meets the blade. You can actually do this right at Hamilton. You’ll find white labels and a black Sharpie in a bucket in the yellow container that serves as our lost and found.

Next ... Once all courts are in use, I, or someone else willing to play Pickleball Police, will call out that it’s time to segregate ... competitive should rack up and stay in the north cage, while rec players remain on the south side. Often there are far more rec players. So the west court in the north cage will remain for rec players, until such time as the number of competitive and rec players are similar. Then competitive side gets their west court, and rec players have only their three, south courts.

Want two, three, or four of you to play together? No problem. Just make sure there are zero, four, or eight paddles in a PVC trough ahead of you. Keep inviting others who arrive or come off a court to move ahead of your paddles, until you are assured of staying together.

When someone takes four paddles from the trough to give to those who are heading to an open court, he/she should move the “next up” clip to the other trough. If players get their own paddles, the last of the four should check to be sure the clip has been moved.

Singles play is allowed, until there are at least 24 players on site and wanting to play. Then you must paddle up in the paddle troughs or head to Sycamore or Locust, hoping for an open court.



### **\$5 BARGAINS**

5" x 5.5" Car Window Decals  
Luggage/Key Chain Patches

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Pat



Sally



Satish



Don



Danny



Gretchen



Jane



Keith



Kim



Lynne



Mike



Sue



Scott



Silver



Suren

## QUICK REVIEW OF MENTORING OPTIONS

Our **Wednesday morning** mentoring is in its sixth season. Attendance for these sessions is by invitation only. There are two, 75-minute sessions. The first starts at 9:00. The second at 10:15. These run every Wednesday through October 12<sup>th</sup>. You must email me, Bear at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) to let me know on which of the remaining Expect To Be Available lists you want to appear. I send the master scheduling spreadsheet to Robin, our Mentoree Scheduler, over the weekend. She selects 12 for each session and sends an email invitation by Monday afternoon. You must accept your invitation by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday or earn a “strike.” Not answering an invitation on time, replying you can’t make it, or being a no-show are what earns strikes. We forgive one. A second strike removes you from all subsequent ETBA lists. During your session you’ll spend 25 minutes with each of three Mentors. Usually, these will be Dennis, Marv, (1st and Neal. Bring your paddle and water.

**Thursday afternoon** mentoring by Dennis, CC, and Bear takes place at Hamilton at 3:00 and is purely walk-on. Lately this has been extremely popular so you may find yourself subbing into a drill or game and will likely stay with the same Mentor for your time there. You can leave whenever you need to, but Mentors usually stay until about 5:00.

**Saturday afternoon** mentoring by Dennis, CC, and Bear starts at 3:00 is also walk-on, but it is restricted to those who are unable to attend either Wednesday or Thursday or both. These have been almost a populated as Thursday sessions. Yes, I could keep the Mentorees to a more efficient number, but that would involve having to apply, get put on lists, and being invited. Seems too time-consuming for me and too limiting for you.

## WE HAVE A MENTOREE OPEN-PLAY COORDINATOR

Kim Bell (1<sup>st</sup> photo on last line of previous page) has volunteered to coordinate play times for all existing Mentorees from any of the three sessions. Many Mentorees are hesitant to mix it up with veteran Picklers but would love the chance to play more with “their own kind.” Email Kim at [Kim.Bell@comcast.net](mailto:Kim.Bell@comcast.net) with ALL the days and times you would be able to meet others on some court (may be Hamilton or Sycamore, depending on day and time) to play. Kim will see where at least four overlap and will get them going. Thanks, Kim.

## MEET PICKLER RYAN DREIER

This athletic, ground-covering seemingly 25 year old is actually 39. He grew up in New London, WI whose claim to fame is its St. Patrick's Day celebration. It's rural Wisconsin so don't expect a Chicago spectacular, but they do get in the news each year for changing their name from New London to New Dublin each year. Ryan enjoyed the parade each year. Given his consumption of corned beef and cabbage, if he never had another bite of

Ryan's sibling status is complicated. In his words, "I have 1 brother, 3 step-brothers, 1 step-sister (a step-brother remarriage and 2 step-brothers from my mother's remarriage." Ryan says he was the baby. His parents "knew to stop at

Ryan earned a Bachelor of Science from University of Wisconsin-Madison. Nine years later he earned a Master of Library and Information Science.

Ryan remains unmarried because his Significant Other of 14 years Jeremy "won't put a ring on it."



his words, "I have 1 brother, 3 step-and step-sister from my father's mother's remarriage." Ryan says he was perfection."

(Sociology) from University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Master of Library and Information

Significant Other of 14 years Jeremy

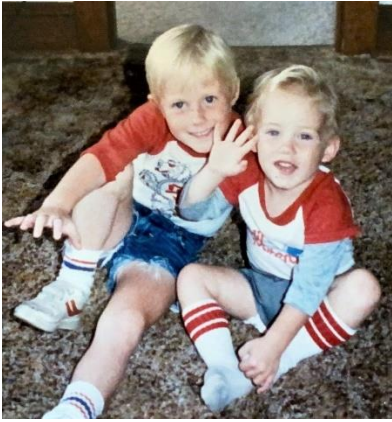
Though they have no pets, Ryan would happily dog-sit. He's not home enough to be a responsible dog owner, and Jeremy is allergic to cats. Not into rodents, fish, or reptiles. He always wants to pet dogs he encounters, but he's too shy to ask.

Ryan's first job was at his Grandfather's Mom & Pop grocery store, when he was 15. He was a Bag Boy until he was 18. Then he worked at Alcoa Consumer Products/Presto Products, for a summer job in 2001 and 2002. (We won't mention "nepotism, though his Dad worked for Pesto since he was 18.) He made fold-over sandwich bags, whatever they were. They also made resealable bags and cotton swabs, but weren't allowed to say the "Z" word or 'Q' word (Zip-lock or Q-tip).

In college Ryan worked in the cafeteria for three years. (Gordon Commons, for any fellow Badgers). He spent his senior year as a Housefellow (Resident Assistant). He had students dump their alcohol, told them they shouldn't be drinking, and enforced quiet hours. Thinks this was early training for his career as a librarian.

After college there was (tongue in cheek) such a demand for sociologists, that he took a job at the Gap. He still works there part-time. In 2006 Ryan served as a home healthcare worker for adults with developmental disabilities. After a couple years, he left to work for Kinko's, now FedEx Office where he worked both full and part-time for five years. Taking advantage of their tuition reimbursement, Ryan went back to get his library degree in 2014. He says he was also getting friendly with law-breakers, as the Salvation Army of Brown County (Green Bay) Volunteer Coordinator. So then he was full-time at Salvation Army, part-time at Fed Ex Office, and part-time student working for his Masters. Working for Salvation Army for almost five years, he coordinated all volunteer efforts in the Green Bay area. He wouldn't mind not hearing another bell ring outside a grocery store.

He "reluctantly" left Wisconsin, in 2014 when he was offered a job at the Highland Park Library. Before his second anniversary there, he was offered a position at the Glenenside Public Library District where he still slings books and helps people recover their Yahoo mail password.



young Jason & Ryan



Ryan & Jason made onesies



(middle) Jason, Ryan, & Dad on local transportation



Stepdad Arden & cousin Drew at 6 Flags  
A big deal for rural Wisconsinites



Co-worker as Sonny and Ryan as Cher



Friend Shannon & Ryan at Andy Warhol exhibit 2019



Ryan with Mom



with nieces



Ryan & Geremy at Disney World

Pickleball? His brother took him to a court sometime somewhere, but he got the bug in 2020 with us.

Hobbies? Reading (Duh! Librarian) ... Board games ... just started water color ... Love cribbage and joined a club in 2014 ... Not a “cyclist,” but likes a good bike ride now and then. Has listened to more than 100 podcasts, since the start of the pandemic. Looking forward to fermenting foods and making soap.

Though he never met Aaron Rodgers, he has met Packers Greg Jennings, Al Harris, Ryan Grant, Nock Collins, James Jones, and Tim Masthay. Also met American Idol’s 10<sup>th</sup> season 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher Casey Abrams. That’s it.

Bucket List items checked off: Lambeau Field, Disney World, and seeing Cher in concert.

Still on List: Use his passport, ride in hot air balloon, and go to live taping of “Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me.”

What does Ryan like most about the Palatine Pickleball Club? When people way underestimate his age. Gives him butterflies. Actually prompts thoughts of getting botox to keep the wrinkles at bay. All the Palatine Picklers are so nice and kind.

Ryan is proud to be a Kiwanian for the Glendle Heights club.

Ryan enjoyed wrestling in high school at the lightweight class, while his brother wrestled heavy weight.

Thanks, Ryan, for sharing your life with us.



Ann



Dave



Graciela



Debbie

## REMEMBERING 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**



Greg



Hayden



Jeff



Janet\



Jay



Jodi



Fred



Linda



Jim



Marcia



Kia



Miko

## OUR INTRAMURAL PLAY IS FUN FOR ALL

After four competitions our two teams are tied. The Whippersnappers' roster is made up of the younger half of any week's intramuralists, while the Wise Ones' team has our older Picklers. Anyone with a skill level from 3.0 through 3.5 (lower intermediate range) can join. When rostered for a competition, you'll partner with each of your 7 teammates (teams have 4 men and 4 women) for one game.

Each Sunday before a match, I'll send an email to the 16 Picklers I've chosen to play that week. I'll try to even out the number of matches each Pickler plays as much as possible. If interested in joining the fun, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with which of these dates/times you THINK you'd be available to play:

8/2 at 4 pm\* 8/9 at 9 am\*\* 8/30 at 9 am 9/13 at 9 am 9/27 at 9 am 10/11 at 9 am 10/25 at 9 am

\* No morning or early afternoon times are available on August 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*\* The floors are being done on August 16<sup>th</sup> so I moved that match up one week so we wouldn't miss it.

Following morning matches all are invited to share lunch at the Kelsey Road House barely a half mile away.

FYI This will work the same way our mentoring scheduling does. If you ask me to put you on an Expect To Be Available list for any match and then find you have a conflict, I expect you to notify me of that no later than the Friday before that match. There are three ways to "earn" a "strike." 1) Do not reply to your Sunday afternoon invitation by 10 a.m. Monday. 2) Reply that you can't make it – last minute emergencies excluded. 3) Do not show up for your match. I'll overlook your first strike. However, a second strike will get you erased from all future ETBA lists. **Those Picklers already on the roster will play the two, July matches.**



Jaime



Chris



Frank

## NEW SKINNY SINGLES LEAGUE

In one form or another, we've had skinny singles competition for all seven years. Now Alberto Bernabe will schedule summer-long competitions, likely at 3:00 p.m. Sundays, though he's open to suggestions for other/additional times. Email Alberto at [ProfessorBernabe@yahoo.com](mailto:ProfessorBernabe@yahoo.com) for information.





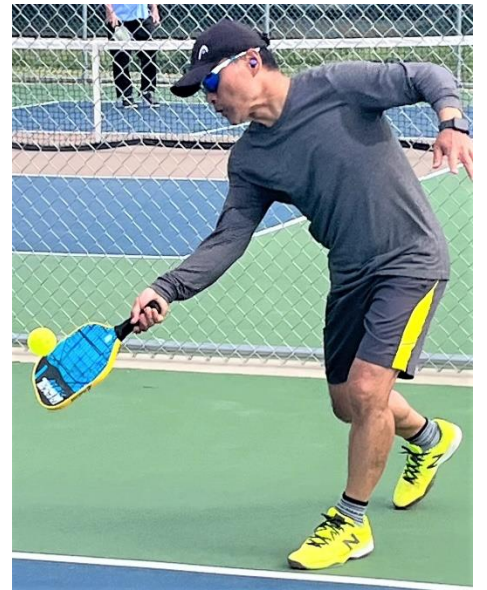
Karin



Marlene



Rick



Max



Maureen



Nancy



Nancy



Mark



For his 70<sup>th</sup> Karin gave Scott (them) a 3-day clinic in Colorado



Denise & Russ come from KY to play with us

# THIS MONTH'S MEDALISTS



Seiko & Janeen Noto – Chicago PB Classic – Dink for Alzheimer’s - 5.0 – Bronze



April Volpe & Liz White – Dink for Alzheimer’s – 4.5 – Bronze  
April’s tournament raised \$13,000+ for Alzheimer’s Assn



Craig Jacobson & Ben Asper - Chicago PB Classic – 4.5 19+ - Bronze



Sue Cole & Dick Johnson – USSP Sr Championships - 3.5 75+ Mixed - Gold



Christine Towers & Harry Nicholson – San Gabriel Pickleball Open – 3.0 50+ - Silver



Sue Cole & Jim Huntington – Kansas City Mixed - assume 75 or 80+ - Silver



Sue Cole – USSP National Indoor Championships - Oklahoma City – Singles 3.0 65+ - Silver



Brian



Celeste



Chris



George



Marcia



Ben



Carolyn



Dave



Neal



Lee Ann



Linda



Kathy

## COUPLES TOURNAMENT PAIRED FUN AND COMPETITION

This was the first, but it won't be our last Couples Tournament. Eight married Pickler couples played a round robin on June 28<sup>th</sup>. After a fun, and a bit fatiguing, morning, nine of us kept the good times rolling over lunch.



Marcia & Jesse Cohn, Lynne & Howard Weisbart, Cathy & Nate Neff, Denise & Charles Hopkins, Cathy & David Hostetler, Jenny & Bill Buesing, Cindy & John Anich, and Ann & Mike Kennedy.



Bill



Cathy



Denise



Jesse



John



Marcia



Howard



Mike



Nate



Lynne



David



Jenny



Charles



Cindy



Ann



Cathy



Cathy & David Hostetler, 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Bill & Jenny Buesing, 1<sup>st</sup> ... Marcia & Jesse Cohen, 3<sup>rd</sup>



Pat



Ray



Allyson



Anne



Bob



Craig



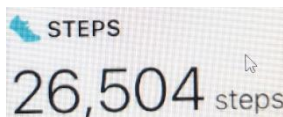
Dyan



Dave

## MILEAGE MAKERS

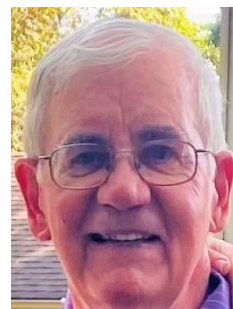
### SUPER STEPPERS (20,000 steps in a day)



Clay Farnsworth



22,694  
Steps



Bob McGowan

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



Kathy Ford



Scot Shatwell



Bear Shatwell



Mardy Manis

## ANYONE HAVE A BALL ?

I have heard a number of complaints/concerns lately that far too few Picklers bring a ball to the court. Frequently, someone has to go back to a car to get one. Please wear pockets and put a ball in one. Thanks.

Take a Sharpie and write you name in it. There is a Sharpie and paddle lables in the yellow container.



Paul



Pam



Laura



Marcy



Debbie



Marla



Kathy



Tina

## IF YOU'RE 70+ YOU WANT TO PLAY IN THIS ONE

Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, we'll have a round robin tournament for 8 men and 8 ladies who are at least septagenarians. I'll make 2 teams, Young Oldies and Senior Oldies. You'll play 7 games, one with each of your teammates. We'll recognize the top 3 men and top 3 ladies in the August newsletter. Then we go to lunch. If you're sufficiently senior and enjoy having fun, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). And no one cares if you're a 2.5 or a 4.0. We'll all have fun. That's what this sport, and particularly this club, is all about. Email me. .... Now.



## WE'VE LOVED HAMILTON FOR 3 YEARS ALREADY

Yes, it was three years ago, that I staged a two-day Grand Opening of our new, awesome Hamilton pickleball courts. I believe they remain the most beautiful in the northwest suburbs. Weather was iffy ... actually fortunately, as there were a ton of Palatine Picklers who wanted to attend. Here are pics of our Monday and Tuesday crowds. I was proud to designate myself as the one to make the first serve on these new courts. During the two days, I'd brought seven dozen donuts which disappeared quickly. Participants also chose to take 77 of the 1.75 Liter Crown Royal bags I'd brought for all who could imagine the myriad purposes they could serve. The top pic is of the Monday crowd. The lower is of the Tuesday Picklers. The first was taken by the Palatine Park District. I took the second. Apparently, knowing I'd be the photographer, a lot more showed up. LOL. These courts were a long time coming, and the PPD was open to my suggestion of having the kitchen be tan. We really thank them for these super courts. It's just about time to ask for an expansion. Wish me luck.



If anyone else can name every Pickler in either photo, I'll give you a free shirt, decal, and patch. Add last names, and I'll let you succeed me as President of the PPC ... or let you choose a paddle of your choice.

In an unhumble admission, I love that former Palatine Park District President and active Palatine Pickler ... and organizer of the Monday night Hamilton play, Jay Cozza, tried to get the PPD Board to name the Hamilton courts the **Bear Shatwell Courts**. Though disappointed I wasn't viewed worthy of such an honor, I truly appreciate his effort and his recognition of all I've invested to grow the sport and our local club. Thanks, Jay.



Rick



Sarah



Gary



Chris



Z



Ann



Doug



Juli



Anne



Carl

## CAR WINDOW DECALS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

We should have our first order of the cool, white on black window decals delivered this week. Linda O'Connor and I will each have a supply of these \$5 decals. Just ask us for one or two ... or three or four. To help you recognize us, here's a photo of Linda. My photo is always at the end of each newsletter and usually in the walkers' section.



## 11<sup>th</sup> HOUR MEDALISTS



Jonny Storm ... Warrenville  
 . Tony Malia PB Classic ...  
 . Open Singles ... Silver



Maria Churak & Josh Camden ... Dink  
 Bang Sideout Spring Fling ...  
 3.5 mixed ... Gold



Jenny Buesing & Connie Kus ... Dink Bang  
 Sideout Spring Fling ...  
 3.0 – 3.5 ladies ... Silver

Also from Spring Fling ... No photos sent to me, but I found the following results:

Adam Oliva & *Evan Pratt* ... 5.0 19-49 ... Bronze  
 Nez Agrawal & Josh Ware ... mixed 4.5 19-49 ... Gold  
 Elke Jacobsen & *Jonathan Merchan* ... mixed 4.5 19-49 ... Silver  
 Nez Agrawal & *Liz Manofshy* ... MEN'S 4.5 19-49 ... Bronze  
 Connie Kus & *Keith Wiener* ... mixed 3.5 50+ ... Silver  
 C C & Tim Chia ... mixed 3.5 50+ ... Bronze  
 Josh Camden & *Randy Voogd* ... 3.0-3.5 19+ ... Bronze

Non Palatine Picklers are shown in *italics*



## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ... ALL MONTH

Since our last newsletter, I've welcomed 78 new Palatine Picklers to our club. A great many of those joined online, and I've yet to meet them. Here are some of those newbies I have met.



Ann



Anthony



Ashley



Barb



Christine



Connor



Courtenay



Dave



Dave



Debbi



Denise



Diane



Diane



Gil



Jack



Jamie



Jane



JoAnne



Jodi



John



John



John



Joy



Kathy



Kristin



Leah



Marisa



Mark



Mike



Nancy



Natasha



Pat



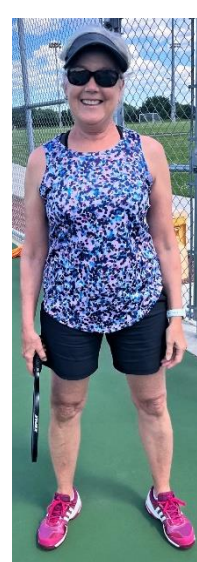
Rich



R J



Stephanie



Sue



Susan



Todd



Tom



Virginia



## DON'T KNOW IF THEY DINK, BUT THEY CERTAINLY DRIVE

One, recent morning at Hamilton, I was drawn to the west side of the parking lot. These Pickler rides were parked far enough from everyone else that they didn't even risk getting eye tracks on them. Being in the right place at the right time with the right interest got me the chance to sit behind the wheel of the Aston Martin.



It has certainly been another busy month. As most of you see, I didn't get the mailing list shaved to primarily Picklers in Palatine this month. Hopefully, Whether it's for

August or September, that will happen. Hope you 70+ers sign up for the round robin – Date is not yet confirmed with Canlan, but I'm optimistic. Be sure to buy your car decals and patches from Linda or me. I didn't have time today to order shirts so you may still have time to get into this order. Just go to our website and order there. Then send me your check. 'Til next month, hope you have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup>.

Happy pickling.

Bear Shatwell  
PicklersPrez