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## **SEPTEMBER, 2022 NEWSLETTER**

### **SCARECROW BUILDERS NEEDED**

We have a nonsensically gigantic club, but it's yielded only five of us who are up for building a pickleball scarecrow. Really? We need to turn our club's scarecrow in on September 17<sup>th</sup>. That gives us two weeks to create an impressive, creative, funny, motivating, educational, colorful, award-winning scarecrow. So much about the Palatine Pickleball Club is awesome. Shouldn't we also have an awesome entry in this contest? No one volunteered a place to build it so it's in half my garage, while my PICKLRS car will sit in the drive for 3 weeks. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) to join our Scarecrow Committee. NOW. Thanks.

### **INDOOR PICKLEBALL STARTS NEXT MONTH**

**Falcon Recreation Center** (behind the Toyota dealer at 12 & Hicks on Recreation Drive) ... Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:30 to Noon. \$5/day or get a 10-play pass for \$40/PPD residents or \$50/non-residents. Balls provided.

**Birchwood Park** (on South side of Illinois between Plum Grove and Quentin) ... Monday through Thursday Noon to 3:00 this week, but times will vary quite a bit each day so call 847-991-1960 to get that day's info.

**Harper College** (SW corner of campus at Algonquin & Roselle) ... Monday evenings 6:00-9:00, starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 6 courts, limit 50 players, competitive on west 3 courts, with rec on 3 east courts. \$5/evening.

### **WIDOWS (includes Widowers) HAVE A CHOICE**

The pandemic postponed this tournament 3 years. We'll have a round robin tournament (you'll partner with everyone) for the first 16 widowed Picklers to respond to the more popular date. Whether or not you've remarried, you will always be a widow. One of the best parts of this tournament is we'll go to Kelsey Road House for dinner after the event. We have a unique bond that even empathetic Picklers just cannot understand. Let's play the afternoon away and have a sharathon over dinner.

I try to avoid having multiple events on the same day, but that's not possible this month. Please email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your availability on both dates. We can do this from 4:00 to 7:00 on either

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Each of those days has a morning intramural match. If you respond to the widowriffic tournament, I won't schedule you for intramurals that day. The 27<sup>th</sup> also has a 7:00 p.m. RUSH class on pre- and post-play stretching class. You'd likely be 15 minutes late to that, if you want to attend. I'll book whichever date attracts the most widowed Picklers. This is more about our common experience and support than about pickleball skill. I'll take applicants in the order you apply. The first 16 in the most popular date will comprise our roster. Of course, a couple alternates will be welcomed. So to be clear, I'm not looking for the date you would prefer. I'm looking for each date you think you COULD attend. Please don't hit REPLY. Again, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). Thanks. Also, please tell me if you'd be available to go to dinner after the tournament.

## LET'S PUT NEWBIES FIRST FOR A CHANGE



Anu



Barb



Brandon



Brenda



Brian



Carol



Chris



Christine



Cindy



Claudia



Corinna



Courtney



Dani



David



Don

## THANKS AGAIN, KAREN

I put your donated shirts on the yellow container at Hamilton and told each of the potential takers about them. They went away within a half hour. Per your instructions they each went to a worthy home.

**STILL NEED A TABLE WORKER** *(2 ladies have since volunteered)*

Need a Lady Pickler for our PPC table at the AH tournament 9/17. I have to deliver scarecrow at 10:30.



Donna



Elizabeth



Fran



Holly



Jean



Jeff



JoAnn



Joanne



Joe



Karen



Karen



Karen



Laura



Lisa



Lisa



Lisa



Loren



Lupe



Maia



Mary

### NEW PLAN FOR REDUCING OUR MAILING LIST

With the rapid growth of the Palatine Pickleball Club, we're about to outgrow what MailChimp has been giving us for free. The monthly cost would be far more than we could handle. I had thought of keeping only Palatine residents and one or two hundred active members on our list and having everyone else go to our website to read the monthly newsletters. Now I've come up with a better idea. If you're a casual or curious member, please unsubscribe. You can always go to PalatinePicklers.com to read newsletters when in the mood. Thanks.



Michael



Mike



Mike



Nancy



Pete



Rich



Rick



Rishi



Ryan

### **3.0 – 3.5 INTRAMURALS BEING ENJOYED BY MANY**

This spring and summer so far more than 50 Palatine Picklers have enjoyed two and a half to three hours of fun and competitive pickleball and then, when their schedule has allowed, enjoyed socializing over lunch near the Canlan Sportsplex where we play. In the October newsletter, I'll introduce the rest of 2022's intramural dates and times. Meanwhile, if you'd like to join the fun email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with all of the following Tuesdays you THINK you'd be available to participate... 9/13 at 9:00 ... 9/27 at 9:00 ... 10/11 at 9:00 ... and 10/25 at 9:00. If you're selected to play, I'll email your invitation on the preceding Sunday.



Sharon



Shiv



Stacy



Stephane



Steve



Sue



Sue



Terry



Tina



Valerie

### LOCK YOUR CAR AT COURTS

While playing at Hamilton, a Pickler had his wallet, credit cards, and cell phone stolen from his car. I think we all trust fellow Palatine Picklers. However, a great many non-Picklers frequent the parking lots there too. Coincidentally, that same week in August the same thing happened at the Fabbrini Park courts in Hoffman Estates. I have only pickleball stuff and an owner’s manual in my cars, but, from now on, I’ll protect that stuff by locking my car while playing.

## MEET PICKLER CHRIS BURBIDGE

Chris was born in LaGrange. She has an older brother. She moved a lot as a kid, 12,000 population, in 1968. The signs change as our town grew. She graduated from Palatine High in 1976. Four years later she graduated from Millikin University with a Bachelor in Fine

Arts. Her first job was on sales with Colgate Palmolive. Over the next ten years, she wore a number of hats in Madison, Minneapolis, Palatine

and San Francisco, and Los Angeles. In 1990 she married Tony who she chose to leave the U.S. and her hometown. There they had their first child. With a six year old daughter and 3 year old son, they moved back to the U.S. in 2001 and chose Palatine as their destination.



Arts degree. she met on a cruise in 1984. Then they moved to Naples, Italy, Tony's own fast food business, until they had their old daughter and 3 year old son, they

and chose Palatine as their destination.

Chris decided to go into financial services so she became a licensed, financial advisor. She currently works for Edward Jones where she truly loves getting to know and serve her clients.

She learned about pickleball and looked forward to playing once retired. She took time off during COVID and reengaged about a year ago when she became a Palatine Pickler. She plays as much as her schedule allows. What she loves most is meeting new people and getting to know them. She'll ask a lot of questions to that end.

When not pickling or working Chris spends time preserving some of the vegetables they grow. She and Tony grow tomatoes (200 plants), beans, eggplant, peppers, leeks, cucumbers, among a long list. A couple years ago, with a banner crop of tomatoes, they jarred 97 quarts of them. In 2022 they've cut back to just 60 plants.







Chris



Debbie



Clay



Frank



Danny



Don



Fred

## **A LITTLE MORE RESEPECT PLEASE**

Though I don't consider myself a whiner, it's gotten to the point of having to vent. I create a lot of opportunities for Picklers to participate in fun events, be from tournaments to mentoring to intramurals, etc. I ask those interested to give me the dates they THINK they'll be available to participate if invited. Great. I have a lot of spreadsheets. Each Saturday I send the Mentorees Expect To Be Available list to Robin, our Mentoree Scheduler. She selects 24 and invites them on Monday to participate Wednesday. For the other events, I invite participants two days before the event also. The lack of respect we get, for the hours we invest to make your pickleball life better, is beyond our understanding.

How hard can it be to email me ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)), when your schedule changes and you cannot make a date on which you expected to be available? In the last two weeks, Robin had 11 invited Mentorees either not respond at all to her invitation or say they aren't available. Last week I invited 16 Picklers who asked to be on the ETBA list for intramural competition two days later. Six of them couldn't play. Really? And no one thought to have me take them off the availability list. We certainly hope you have no idea how much more work this makes for Robin and me.

Last month I had a no-show for an intramural competition, just 40 hours after accepting the invitation. Have yet to get even an apology or explanation. That no-show obviously caused seven forfeits and caused 15 Picklers to have to sit out 1-3 games, when they'd wanted to be playing. In Mentoring we give everyone a second chance. A second non-reply or "can't make it" or no-show gets them removed from mentoring for the rest of the outdoor season. In the case of intramurals or tournaments, there is no second chance.

PLEASE mark your calendar for dates you want to be considered, and let me know if you find you cannot participate afterall.

**ON ANOTHER THEME** ... In each newsletter or Tweener Memo, my email address appears several times, and I ask you to use it, to reply to anything. Yet, many of you find typing that entire email address ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) too difficult so you just hit "REPLY." That causes more work for us. Our MailMaster Greg then has to forward your response to me. Please email me directly, when you want to register for something you find in a newsletter or Tweener Memo. Thanks.



Frank



Janet



Jim

## **REMEMBER ... WE HAVE A NEW SHIRT COORDINATOR**

See Linda O'Connor at Hamilton any day to order your Palatine Picklers shirt. You could also order directly on our website ([PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com)) and then send me a check. Wearing your colorful, new shirt virtually assures that your photo will appear in the next newsletter.

## MIDDLE-AGED (65+) LADIES LOVED THEIR MORNING

Sixteen of our lovely Lady Picklers who have been enjoying life for at least six and a half decades converged at Canlan to compete in a totally fun round robin.



Valerie, Deanna, Holly, Mary Ann, Anta, Carol, Marge, Donna, Karen, Cindy, Deb, Carol, Lynne, Linda, Karen, and Carole comprised our roster of energized athletes for this event.



Anta



Carol



Carol



Carole



Cindy



Deanna



Deb



Donna



Holly



Karen



Karen



Linda



Lynne



Marge



Mary Ann



Valerie



Cindy 4<sup>th</sup>

Carol 2<sup>nd</sup>

Donna 1<sup>st</sup>

Deb 3<sup>rd</sup>

Carol 5<sup>th</sup>

Donna scored 84 out of a possible 90. These other contenders were all within 10 points of her.



Faith always takes good care of us at Kelsey Road House. 15 of the 17 of us continued the fun over lunch there

## **BIRCHWOOD HAS PICKLEBALL NOW**

However, the generous Mon-Fri schedule has many changes the next few weeks. Call or see the PPD website.



Art



Daniel



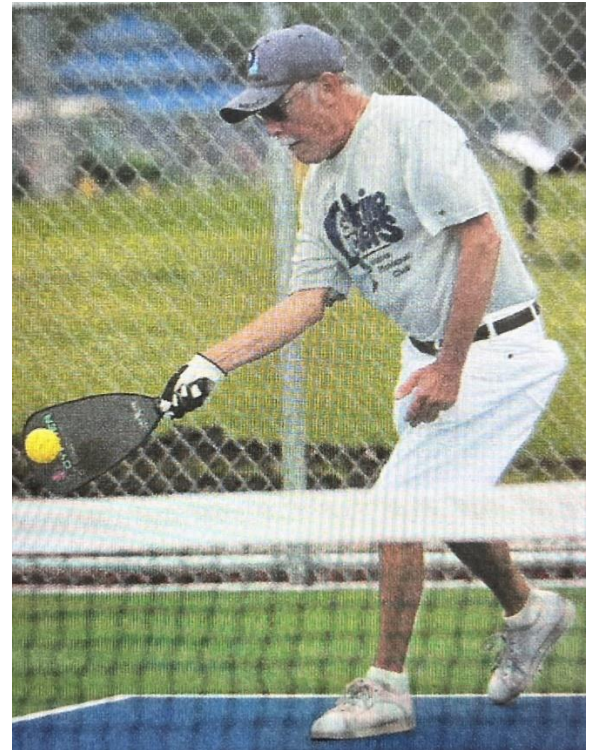
Lupe



Sandy



Neal



Mike

## RUSH CLINIC ON STRETCHING

The first clinic for the Palatine Picklers was held August 30<sup>th</sup>. See photos later in this newsletter. The second, monthly class will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be about pre- and post-play stretching. Make your reservation by calling RUSH at **847-934-7330**. RUSH PT is just north of Dirty Nellies at 220 N Smith.

# IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE OUR ENERGETIC WALKERS

## SUPER STEPPERS ... 20,000 steps in a day



26,290



Ben Farb

Steps

23,242 steps



Bear Shatwell



22,741 Steps



Bob McGowan



20,583 Steps



20,416



## WORTHY WALKERS ... 15,000 steps in a day

Steps

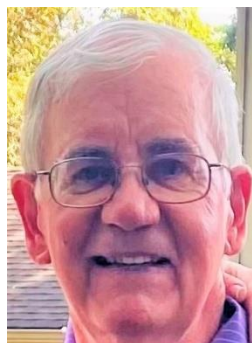
19,456 steps



Bear Shatwell



18,720 Steps



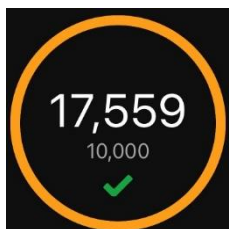
Bob McGowan



18,287 Steps



Mario DiBenedetto



Denise Hopkins



17,360 Steps



Kathy Ford

TOTAL STEPS 16,088



Mardy Manis

## HOW 'BOUT JOINING THESE WALKING WONDERS?

When you manage to walk 15,000 steps or more in a day send that to [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). We want to recognize your healthy achievement.

## LOOKING FOR A LOT MORE PICKLER CUP PAIRS

I sought a lot more information about this October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> event, and Mike Dolphin of the Palatine Park District promptly updated me. Below you'll find my questions and his answers. Then I'll share where we are.

- Can you tell me which events will be on which days?
  - **The plan is to have Men's and Women's on Saturday with Mixed on Sunday.**
- How will the cash prizes be distributed?
  - **I plan to give out cash to the winners the day off, or worse case, I will get a check cut for the winners.**
  - **Amounts are not get finalized and will depend on how many teams we get.**
- Will this be a round robin, with each pair playing a game against each other pair in that division?
  - **Yes, the plan is to do a round robin. If we max out the division (12 -18 teams), we will do two pools of 6-9 teams. Each pool will be a round robin and then the winners of each pool playing in a championship match.**
- Is there a guarantee of a minimum number of games each pair will play?
  - **We will guarantee at least 3 games, but if we max out the divisions everyone would get a minimum of 5.**
- By what date do you want the names and divisions of the pairs we'll enter ... and a check for their total?
  - **The sooner the better.**
- Do you have an idea yet as to how many organizations, groups, park districts will be sending pairs?
  - **I have been in contact with 12-13 other park districts/pickleball groups and I hope that most of them will be sending teams.**

Here's the status. There are 18 divisions ... 9 for the 50-59 year olds and 9 for more senior Picklers. I have pairs in the following divisions: Men 50-59 4.0+ ... Men 60+ 3.0-3.4 ... Women 50-59 3.0-3.4 ... Women 50-59 3.5-3.9 ... Women 60+ 3.5-3.9 ... Mixed 50-59 3.5-3.9 ... Mixed 60+ 3.0-3.4

I have Players looking for partners ... Man 50-59 3.5-3.9 looking for both mens and mixed partners ... Man 50-59 3.5-3.9 looking for both mens and mixed partners ... Man 60+ 3.0-3.5 looking for both mens and mixed partners ... Woman 60+ 3.0-3.4 wanting woman partner (actually 2 who haven't met) ...

So right now I need a pair for each of these divisions: Men 50-59 3.0-3.4 ... Men 50-59 3.5-3.9 ... Men 60+ 3.5-3.9 ... Men 60+ 4.0+ ... Women 50-59 4.0+ ... Women 60+ 3.0-3.4 (have 3 singles) ... Women 60+ 4.0+ ... Mixed 50-59 3.0-3.5 ... Mixed 50-59 4.0+ ... Mixed 60+ 3.5-3.9 ... Mixed 60+ 4.0+

I encourage you to find a partner and let me know ([aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)) that you'd like to represent the Palatine Picklers in October. If a pair of you want to play in a division that already had a pair, no problem. We'll have a playoff.

This tournament will take place at Hamilton so those courts will again not be available for open play (maybe the 7:00 a.m. group can get in a few games) on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. So how 'bout grabbing a partner and playing there anyway.

If you have a Palatine Picklers, of course, wear it for the tournament. If you don't have one, there's time to get one. Go to [PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com) and order one.





Howard



Debbie



Dennis



Bear

**HAWK WATCHED FOR 90 MINUTES**

**DAVE ABBOTT'S BALL BASKET GIFT**



This apparently wounded hawk hung around Wednesday mentoring at Sycamore half the morning. He attracted a lot of photographers on the bike path. He flew in short flights away, before the Palatine wild life police assistant arrived. Dave Abbott who works for Wilson, donated this ball basket which I have. If anyone wants to practice serving, I'll fill it with balls and loan it to you. Just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday 9:00 to noon at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Round Robin. Also costume judging. Lunch afterward. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). Only masks may be removed for play. Pay \$8 fee in lobby.



**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER**

Not everyone wants to be corrected. Some are happy just hitting the ball around. Please ask if they'd like constructive criticism or mentoring, before giving it. I've witnessed more than one Pickler roll eyes while being "corrected."



Bob



Jeff



Chris



Bob



Ann



Bill



Steve

## ANOTHER DINK BANG SIDEOUT TOURNAMENT

Many of us have enjoyed playing in one or more of Adam & Kristine Oliva's tournaments. They are well run, move right along, and are always fun. Each been a Palatine Pickler of the Month in the past. We like them.

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# FALL BRAWL<sub>2022</sub>

## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

### OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup>

Levels: 2.5 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0  
13 INDOOR COURTS!!!!

**\$75 REGISTRATION FEE - \$10 EVENT FEE PER PLAYER**  
Registration Begins: July 26th, 2022  
Registration Ends: October 10th, 2022

**Schedule of Events:**  
Saturday, 10/15 - Men's & Women's Doubles  
Sunday, 10/16 - Mixed Doubles

For more information and to register, please visit  
[www.pickleballtournaments.com](http://www.pickleballtournaments.com)

Tournament Directors:  
Adam - 847.513.2283  
Kristine - 831.265.2706  
Info@DinkBangSideout.com

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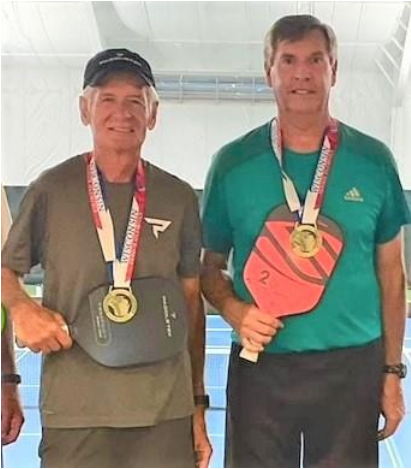
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**25% OFF** anything from Gammasports.com, with the code **ba\_soderborg25**

**\$99 Paddles for \$75** Only one style – See or contact Neal Harris at [neal@picklecoach.com](mailto:neal@picklecoach.com).

# LET'S CELEBRATE OUR AUGUST MEDALIST



Ted Meyer & Rick Johnson  
WI Sr Olympics – 70-74 -  
Gold



Sue Cole & Ted Anderson  
2022 State Games, Ames, IA -  
4.0 75-79 – Bronze



Sue Cole & Jane Hoge  
2022 State Games, Ames, IA  
3.5 70-74 – Gold



Kathy McWhorter & Connie Kus  
PB Jammers Tournament, Hoffman -  
3.0 – Gold



Harry Nickelson & Christine Towers  
CAPA summer Open – 3.0 40+ -  
Silver



Christine Towers & Julissa McCarthy  
CAPA Summer Open – 3.0 50+ -  
Bronze



Marv



JoAnne



Jesse



Tom



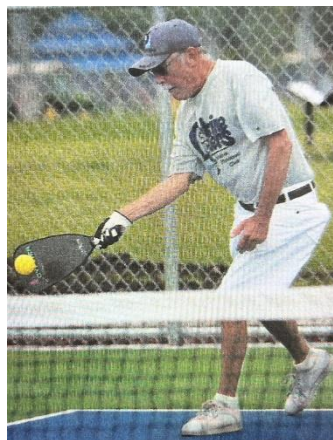
Lori



Steve



Marcia



Mike



Ann

## IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR PICKLE CRUISE RESERVATION

Palatine Pickler Betty Cloud has been preparing this January cruise primarily for ladies for months.

She'll be releasing unsold cabins at the end of this month. Below is information she's drawn up to help you decide you'd like to get in on this fun pickle cruise on Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas. We'll be visiting four 4 islands from January 15-22, 2023.

Balcony cabins are on hold, \$980 per person double occupancy for the entire week. If you are interested in a single, email Betty at [betty@shamatravel.com](mailto:betty@shamatravel.com) or call her at 847-846-6675 to get the price.

Have you seen the RCCL commercial for Perfect Day at Coco Cay? The private island is divided into two areas; Thrills and Chills. You can go down the body slide, Daredevil's Peak or Splash Summit or possibly the Zip Line. Or you could 'chill' at Oasis Lagoon, Captain Jack's or Coco Beach Club. The beach is outstanding, and all the food is already included in your cruise fee and is cooked right on the island. Plenty of bars, and if you purchase the beverage package, it's good on the island as well.

Next it's on to Cozumel Mexico, Roatan Honduras, Puerto Costa Maya and then back to Miami. You may say that it's the Football Playoffs or a super important College game. No worries. Onboard the ship is the Playmakers Sports Bar and Arcade. There's also a full casino.

Go to [www.rccl.com](http://www.rccl.com) and look up Oasis of the Seas. You will be amazed at this beautiful ship with seven distinct neighborhoods including Central Park and Boardwalk.

We have guaranteed private court time on the ship 4 times that week. The Sports Court converts the basketball court into 2 pickleball courts with a glass enclosure. On Saturday, January 21, we'll have our Ladies Tournament for beginners and intermediate players. Families will find plenty to enjoy on the cruise.

Passports with at least 6 months of validity are required, but as of this writing, vaccinations are not. Reservations must be received by 9/30/22. A \$250 deposit will hold your cabin. Final payment will be due October 1<sup>st</sup>. Cancellation insurance is available and encouraged. Ask Betty to email you a registration form.

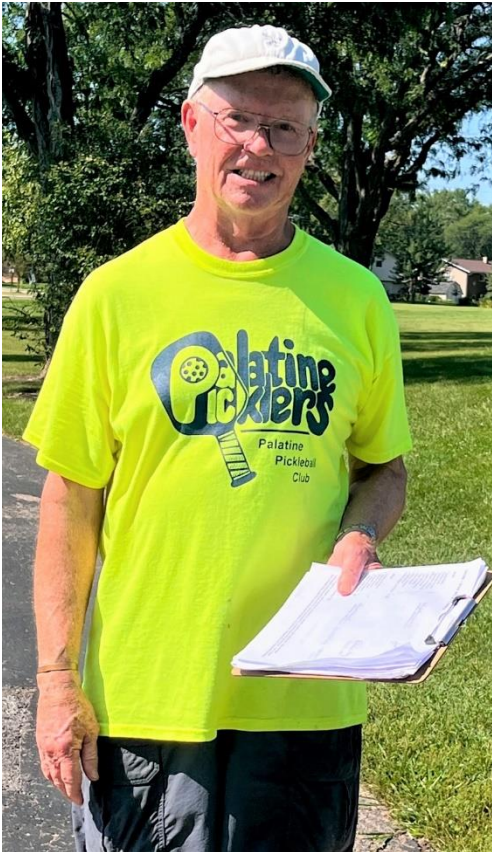
**Betty Cloud, Shama Travel ... [betty@shamatravel.com](mailto:betty@shamatravel.com) ... 847-846-6675**

## MENTOREES' TOURNAMENT NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> (maybe)

Every Palatine Pickler who has experienced at least three, outdoor mentoring sessions in 2022, whether at Sycamore or Hamilton is eligible for this annual event. If their schedule allows (should know Monday or Tuesday), it will take place on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to about Noon. Their fee is \$8.

This will be a round robin event meaning you will partner with each of your peers for one, short game. If you don't bring your 'A' game, no problem. You cannot affect the outcome of tournament. Your mentors will serve as referees. They will call ALL faults, even those of which you may not be aware. They will offer NO advice on this morning. This is the seventh Mentoree Tournament, and 100% of the participants had a great time.

The first 16 of you to email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) will make the roster. Others will go on the sub list, in the order your email is received. You must be fully vaccinated and boosted to participate. Following the tournament, all whose schedule allows will continue the fun at lunch at the nearby Kelsey Road House.



This month I'm looing to fill four tournament rosters ... The Crosstown Pickler Cup ... widows/widowers ... Halloween play in costumes ... and Mentorees.

I'll be happy to add more to our intramurals rosters too for 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, and 10/25. These matches start at 9:00 at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. In the October newsletter I'll post the dates for the rest of the year.

Also in the October edition will have medalists from the Chicago PB Open, coverage of the Arlington Heights tournament benefitting the AH Senior Center, our first ever Scarecrow entry, and, maybe, pics of some Picklers not wearing our "colors."

**Bear Shatwell**

**PicklersPrez**

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OUCH! While creating this newsletter, I didn't notice that a couple page breaks appeared way too early. After saving it as a pdf, the voids jumped out at me. Won't take time to remedy that, but I do apologize for the partial pages. -Bear