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JANUARY, 2023 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY, HEALTHY, HOPEFULLY MORE NORMAL NEW YEAR

This was my headline a year ago, and it's valid again. COVID is surging. The holidays will certainly kick the cases and hospitalizations and deaths even higher. Hope all of you are wearing a mask whenever indoors and not at home, whether playing pickleball or buying groceries. Obviously, I hope all of you have had all five of your vaccines, so you're doing your part to keep the negative numbers as low as possible.

We're still playing each morning at Hamilton, when the courts are dry. Some of us have adopted this year a more wimpy than in the past two years. We're choosing other options, if it's not at least 30 degrees, but there are still plenty of Picklers in padding and parkas there, regardless of the temp.

In this newsletter you'll be invited to join the ranks of those of us who are enjoying intramurals. You couples will be invited to join other couples dressed in red and/or pink, for our second, couples tournament. You newer or beginning Picklers will be invited to sign up for mentoring. You'll also be introduced to most of the Picklers who participated in one or more of our mentoring programs in 2022. Having been in COVID quarantine for the last half of November, then self-quarantine (to avoid catching anything before Jamaica), then spending a week in Paradise, I haven't been around to take a lot of pics of Picklers playing or sign up new members. You should see more Picklers in future newsletters.

LAST CHANCE FOR UNTALL LADIES TO, MAYBE, GET INTO THE TOURNAMENT

We've enjoyed two Untall Ladies tournaments. Not having been around to recruit more vertically challenged Lady Picklers, we're actually two short (sorry) as I write this, for the Thursday, January 5th tournament. It will start at 9:00 a.m. at Canlan. This is for ladies who have not achieved an altitude of more than 5'2". It will be a round robin so you will play one game with each of your diminutive peers. Of course, you'll enjoy lunch when

you're done playing, if your schedule allows. If you'd like to get in on this fun, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Right now we have six of the eight needed to have this tournament. I'll make sure we get at least the last two. However, if more of you want to join this fun, I'll be happy to format it for either 12 or 16. And remember that there's always a fun lunch that follows each tournament, for those whose schedules allow.

LET'S SEE SOME PICKLERS AT PLAY



Ciri



Marcia



Kim



Mike



Clay



Chris



David

• HARPER PICKLEBALL CLOSED UNTIL JANUARY 23RD

Due to mechanical work being done in the gym, there is currently no pickleball there. The 6:00 p.m. pickleball sessions will return on Monday the 23rd. As before it is \$5 and limited to the first 50 players to sign in. This

takes place in the M Building which is in the southwest corner of the campus. Enter off Algonquin Road and park just before the first building on your left. Walk up the ramp and, once inside, turn right to get to the sports desk where you'll register.

PRETTY TIME IN UGLY SWEATERS

For our second, annual Ugly Holiday Sweater tournament, we each had a ballot and judged on "ugly, creative, and/or entertaining." Most entries had a little of each.



Kneeling/Hunched: Juli, Linda, Ann, Kathy, Karen, Connie Standing: Carole, Mary, Laura, Ron, Diane, JoAnne, Bob, Betty, Debbie, Bear, and Cheryl



Bear 1st place



Betty



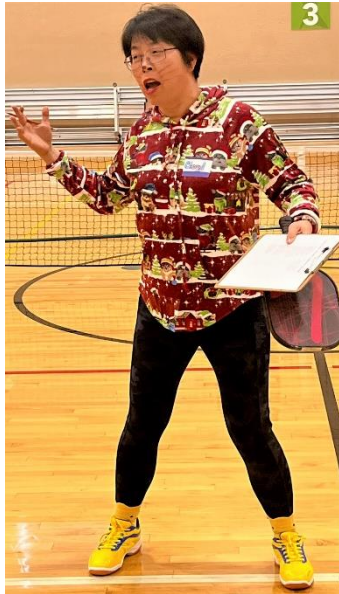
Carole



Bob



Carole



Cheryl



Clay



Connie



Debbie



Diane



JoAnne



Juli front & back 2nd place



More sweaters on next page, but using this smaller space to show you our fun lunch at Kelsey Road House.





Karen 2nd place



Kathy



Laura



Linda



Mary



Ron



The PB Tournament Top Three
Mary 2nd Ron 1st Debbie 3rd

PINK & RED TOURNAMENT – MUST RE-REGISTER OR REGISTER FOR 1ST TIME

Somehow I lost the spreadsheet of those of you who have already registered. This is a first. Sorry, but you must again email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with your desire to play at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2nd at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. This is a pre-Valentine tournament for couples. Participants can

wear red or pink, and partners do not have to match. Each couple will play one game against each of the other couples in this tournament. Then, of course, we all go to lunch, to continue the love.



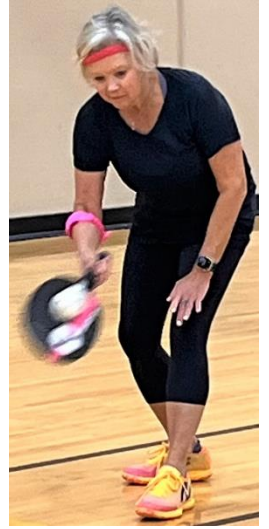
Brian



Melanie



Juli



Heidi



Dee Dee



Gloria



Debbie



Jane



Debbie



Jaime



Linda



Mardy



Jim

HERE'S AN UPDATED POEM BY JEFF DEGNER

Sung to the tune of "Let it snow, let it snow, let it sno

With the weather outside so frightening.

The indoor courts are inviting,

With Picklers waiting for the call:

Pickleball, pickleball, pickleball!

At Falcon, Canlan or Jamaica,

An overheard smash will break 'ya.

A third-shop-drop can enthrall,

In pickleball, pickleball, pickleball.

You no longer have to be masked,

Or do socially-distancing tasks,

So, replace that trip to the mall,

With pickleball, pickleball, pickleball!

The newbie number keeps arising,

With their mentors analyzing,

From dawn to noon to nightfall,

Pickleball, pickleball, pickleball!

Whether a tournament set up by Bear

Or a national contest somewhere,

Make smiles that are happy for all:

Play pickleball, pickleball, pickleball!

(deltajeff8@gmail.com)



Bill



Bear



Carol



Cheryl



Bob



Ann



Anta



Dave


UPPER INTERMEDIATE TRAVEL LEAGUE UPDATE

With few exceptions this four-team plays every other Thursday morning at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. December 15th was their final match of the six-match season. Palatine prevailed finishing first with a won-lost point total of 25-11. Libertyville was 2nd with 20-16. Hoffman came in third with 14-22, while DuPage finished 13-23.


Season-ending results saw Libertyville at the top with 140-76. Palatine finished second at 113-103. Hoffman took third with 99-117. DuPage ended at 82-134. Some of these results were skewed by forfeits. Captain Bob Bregenzer of Palatine said he spoke to many members of all four teams, and despite some challenges, everyone had a really good time throughout the season.

The future of this league has yet to be determined. A couple teams have struggled to get enough players and had to recruit some outside of the desired 3.5 to 4.0 skill range and still had occasions when they couldn't field a full team. This is the seventh year these four teams have enjoyed these bi-weekly matches. We're all hoping the fun will continue for all teams.

STILL ROOM FOR YOU IN THIS **CHARITY** TOURNAMENT



Empowering women to find out their breast density,
learn their options,
and take charge of their breast cancer screening.



1st Annual My Density Matters



Pickleball Tournament

Sunday February 5th, 2023

9:00am to 2:00pm

WHERE Foglia YMCA 1025 N Old McHenry Road Lake Zurich, IL

COST \$50.00 per person

DETAILS 32 player spots available consisting of 3 skill levels,
8 beginner, 16 intermediate, and 8 advanced.
Guaranteed 7 games vs 7 different players

Can't attend but want to support our mission? Consider making a donation at
mydensitymatters.org

As I write this, Beginners (under 3.0) has room for 3 more picklers ... Intermediate (3.0-3.4) can accept 6 more players ... and Advanced (lowered to 3.5+) will welcome 7 more competitors.

To register email Laura at Laura.Matuszewski@mydensitymatters.org.

FALCON PICKLEBALL DAYS & HOURS

Falcon will be closed for pickleball until Monday, January 9th. After that it will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 8:30 until Noon.

BIRCHWOOD PICKLEBALL DAYS & HOURS

Let's examine these opportunities day by day. If a day is not mentioned, there is no pickleball that day.

Mon 1/2 10:00-4:00 Tue 1/3 10:00-4:00 Wed 1/4 10:00-4:00 Thu 1/5 10:00-4:00 Fri 1/6 10:00-4:00
 Mon 1/9 11:30-4:00 Tue 1/10 11:30-3:30 Wed 1/11 11:30-3:30 Thu 1/12 11:30-3:30 Mon 1/16 11:30-4:00
 Tue 1/17 11:30-3:30 Wed 1/18 11:30-4:45 Thu 1/19 11:30-3:30 Mon 1/23 11:30-4:00 Tue 1/24 11:30-3:30
 Wed 1/25 11:30-3:30 Thu 1/26 11:30-3:30

All Birchwood play is restricted to players at least 18 years old.



Carole



Alexa



Anta



Carolyn

INTRAMURALS IS IDEAL FOR ABOUT HALF OF US

It seems there is some confusion as to who qualifies to play in our intramural program. I think I can easily clarify that. If you believe your current skills place you in the bottom quarter of our members, you're probably not quite ready for this program. If you feel your experience and abilities place you in the top quarter of our members, you're likely too strong and intimidating for us. That leave half of us who are ideally suited for this 3.0-3.5 intramural program. I give almost everyone who would like to try this fun program at least one match. Then, in an effort to keep it fun and competitive for everyone, I have let several Picklers know that they were either a little above or a little below our intended ability range so wouldn't be invited back. Such decisions are purely objective, not personal or subjective.

Here's how it works. You email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with all the dates in the current season you THINK you would be available to participate. Those dates are the following Tuesday mornings: 1/3 1/17 1/31 2/14 2/28 3/14 and 3/28. On Sunday afternoons before matches, I email invitations to 15 Picklers. I'd say 16, but a few weeks into this program I decided to give myself a job perk and play each match, since I'd be there anyway to oversee the action. Those invitations must be accepted by noon on Monday. If you fail to accept or answer your invitation or if you say you can't make it, you earn a "strike." Everyone has until Noon Saturday (when I begin preparing rosters) to show the common courtesy of asking to be taken off that week's Expect To Be Available (ETBA) list. One strike is tolerated, but a second removes that individual from the rest of the season's lists.

Perhaps, the easiest way to avoid a strike is this ... When you ask to be put on an ETBA list, put “maybe Canlan” in your phone from 9-noon on that Tuesday. Then, when you schedule a conflict, it will remind you to let me know you’re no longer available. If you don’t have my email address handy, you can go to PalatinePicklers.com and click on CONTACT US. Those messages come directly to me.

Just FYI this is exactly the policy employed for those wanting to be on mentoring ETBA lists too.

Additional dates will be added next month. Intramural matches take place at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. They charge \$8 per day. Play begins at 9:00 and usually ends between 11:45 and Noon. Then, those whose schedules allow, enjoy getting to know each other over lunch a mile away.

What’s the intramural format? I select 16 Picklers, 8 men and 8 ladies. The biggest factors in choosing them are how often has one been rostered and how recently. Then I arrange the men and women in order of their dates of birth. The youngest four men and ladies make up the Whippersnappers team for the upcoming match. The older half comprise the Wise Ones. Everyone will play one game to 13 points with each of his/her seven teammates. Everyone’s score for each game is recorded on the scoreboard. The winning pair is also noted in either the Whippersnappers or the Wise Ones column. The team with the most wins at the end of the morning is that day’s winner. In the event of a tie, the winning team is the one that scored the most points.

To date the Wise Ones have a 9-7 record over the Whippersnappers. Two of those wins were decided by points. This intramurals program is second in popularity to only our mentoring programs. Interestingly, a great many of our intramuralists are former Palatine Picklers Mentorees. So don’t wait. Email me your desired dates.



Ann



Steve



Debbie



Jenny



Tommy



Pauline



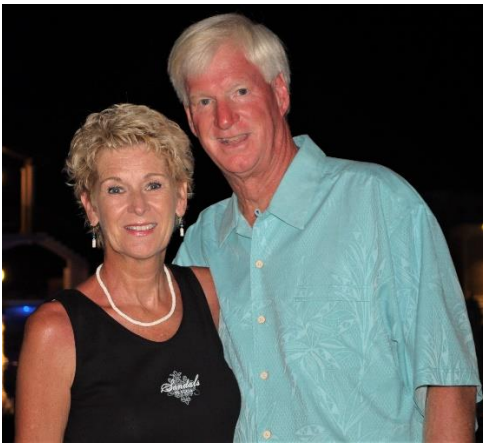
Sabine



Satish

JAMMIN' IN JAMAICA

In the spring of 2021, I introduced an amazing pickleball adventure in Paradise in two newsletters, for 18 months later. Twenty Picklers jumped on this right away. Though two had to drop out, 18 of us had a totally fantastic week, playing, learning, dining, playing in pools, and taking photographs. Mike and Cindy Watty who reside in AZ have been putting together this December, pickleball extravaganza for several years. Mike handles the pickleball, from lining courts to scheduling all the tournaments, while Cindy handles everything related to travel and Sandals reservations. I know something about emails out the wazoo, but I'm sure they made me look like an also ran. Mike would send monthly updates on pickleball, and Cindy would add valuable information about everything else. They were fantastic. Check out their photo and the plaques the entire group of all (we were far from the only club there) of us gave them. This was their last Jamaican event. Below on the right is Gigi LeMaster, Hall of Famer National Champion who spent three mornings coaching us. Her passion is coaching, and it certainly showed. I'm sure we all benefited in a few, or a lot, of ways. Thanks, Gigi.



I'm going to share a fair amount of the, undoubtedly hundreds, of photos, as I want to prime the pump. Hopefully, we'll schedule another pickleball getaway, hopefully within the U.S. so we can get even more Picklers involved.

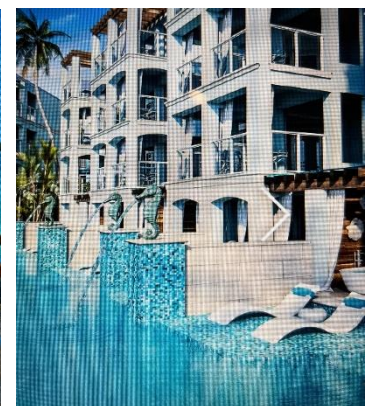
If you EVER consider a river cruise, a Sandals Resort, or a luxury ocean cruise, you should ABSOLUTELY contact Cindy at www.alfrescotravel.com 775-750-7851. She doesn't play pickleball so that doesn't interrupt her focus on getting you the best vacation possible. She's been on all and stayed at all. She knows the ins and outs. Kathy and I were honored to be their guests for dinner early in our Paradise week. She's the real deal. Mike's not bad either, but he's retired now.



The Dutch pool



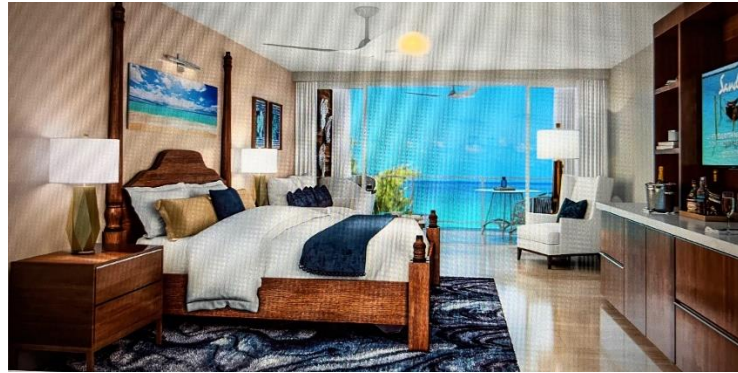
Lattitudes where we partied & enjoyed their firepits



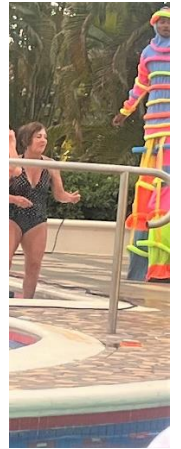
The Dutch Village



Howard too Kathy & me sailing



Pretty normal (of about 20 options) room



Ann dances w tall dude



Clay



Chris



Kathy & Bear in soaker tub



Lynne



The whole pickleball community





Bear, Howard, Marsha, Lynne. Kathy, Stana, Don, Ann, Chris, Clay, Tom, Diana, Bill, Jenny, Anneliese, Stu, Melanie, Joe ... Super fun & trick shot & coaching Norman in front



Joe



Fire pits with Gigi



Stu



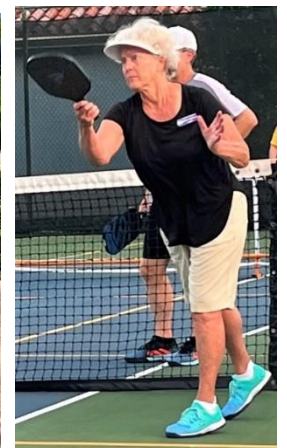
Dutch Village



Jenny



Ann's coconut drink



Marcia



Lynne, Howard, Kathy, & Bear



Stana



Oldest of the week Tom



Howard



Some Picklers planned to be at this restaurant, and some joined us once there



Medalists Don, Bear, Clay, Stu, & Bill



Ann and Marsha



Chris, Jenny, Stana, & Anneliese & Kathy



Bubble bath on steroids



Heading to a pool

AND, FINALLY, DO OUR 18 PICKLERS IN PARADISE APPEAR TO BE ENJOYING THEIR WEEK?



Anneliese & Stu



Chris & Clay



Diana & Tom



Jenny & Bill



Kathy & Bear



Lynne & Howard



Marsha & Ann



Melanie & Joe



Stana & Don

WAHOO! ANOTHER RUSH WORKSHOP IS ON THE CALENDAR

RUSH has been generous with us and is now offering a third clinic/workshop exclusively for Palatine Picklers. If you aren't among the myriad Picklers who have been visiting RUSH regularly, they are at 220 N Smith Street at the far west end. This is just a few feet north of Dirty Nellie's SW of Smith & Colfax.

On **Thursday, February 2nd** RUSH will conduct a **shoulder session**. It will deal with shoulder injuries – how to prevent them and how to deal with them. They will demonstrate exercises to help us avoid down time. They'll also deal with the importance of posture. To register for this 7:00 to 8:00 clinic/workshop, call **847-934-7330**.

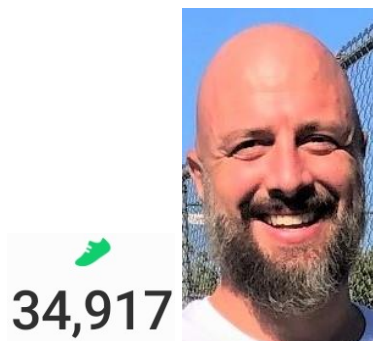
SMALL SPACE HERE SO MY RANT WILL BE SHORT

I hoped to spend Monday after Jamaica opening emails. Nope. I'd invited 15 who'd asked to be invited for intramurals the next day. Exactly 5 accepted their invitation. The other 10 waited until invited to let me know they couldn't attend after all. All Monday and from 6:45 to 8:00 a.m. Tuesday I spent seeking subs. Not cool.

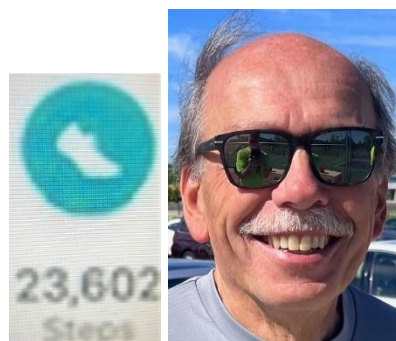
STEPPIN' OUT

Almost all of you have a smart phone. Whether you know it or not, that tracks your daily steps. Just click on the big, red heart over "Health." That will show you your steps each day. Whenever you get more than 15,000 in a day ... or over 20,000, take a screen shot and send it to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. We'd love to add you to our walking wonders. Here are this month's honored walkers.

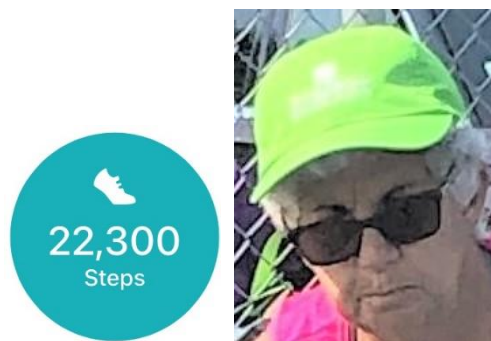
SUPER STEPPERS (20k+ steps)



Brandon Johnson



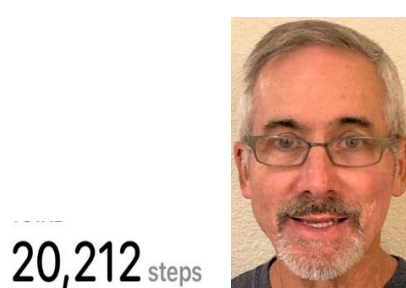
Ben Farb



Lois Farb



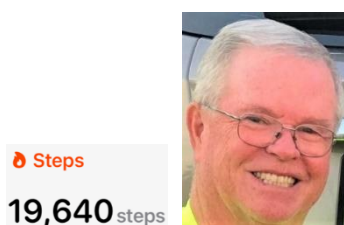
Marcia Cohen



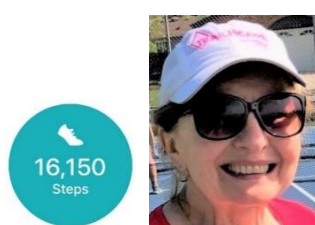
Jesse Cohen



WORTHY WALKERS (15k+ steps)



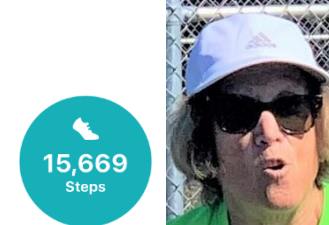
Bear Shatwell



Kathy Ford



Bob McGowan



Anne Stein

REMEMBER OUR DISCOUNTS

Neal Harris at **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

\$99 Paddles for \$75 Only one style – See or contact neal@picklecoach.com.



Ray



Mary



Mike



Pat



Howard



JoAnne



Bob



Steve



John



Howard



Bill

METALLIC MOMENTS



Sue Cole & Margo Drago
Indian Wells Nationals – 80+
Gold



Val Spacher & Sue Cole
Pictona, FL – 80+ 3.5/4.0
Gold



Dick Johnson & Sue Cole
Pictona, FL – 80+ 3.5/4.0
Gold



Ray Jenkins
Pictona, FL – 60-70
Singles – Gold



Ray Jenkins & Claudia Shirley
Pictona, FL – 62-69 3.5
Silver



Tony Petrplia & Ray
Pictona, FL - 70+ 3.5
Gold



Daniel Koste & Hunter Williams
Under 50 3.5
Bronze



Daniel & Courtney Casaccio
Under 50 3.0
Gold

CONGRATS ALSO TO Jenny & Bill Buesing and to Melanie & Joe Nagy for winning their respective 3.5 mixed tournaments in Jamaica.



Brian



John



Janice



Laura

WISHING PICKLERS A HEALTHY, HAPPY, SAFE NEW YEAR

NEW RULES FOR 2023

- 1) No more one-handed, spin serves (spun by non-paddle hand before making contact)
- 2) Service violations will now be replayed, instead of called faults.
- 3) If a wrong score is thought to have been called, any player can stop play, BEFORE the return of serve is struck. However, if either the return has already been struck or the correct score had been called, it's a fault.
- 4) Clothing of a color similar to that of the ball remains a sportsmanship issue, but now the Tournament Director can require the offender to change, before play is started or continued.
- 5) The ref can now call an "equipment time out." Until now, if any equipment had a problem, a time out would have to be burned or the team had to wait until the end of the game to replace or repair it.
- 6) Several incident-specific revisions have been added, to reduce player-ref conflicts.



Ron



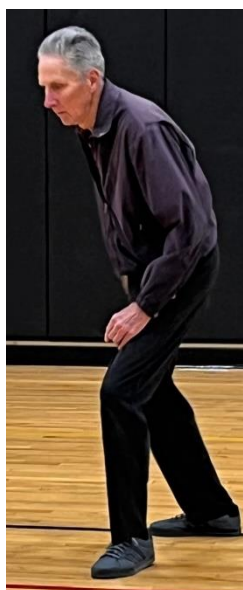
Jesse



Tina



John



Paul



Bo



Dan

MENTORING MOVES TO LONGER SESSIONS

Indoor sessions have been cut from four sessions a week to one every other week. From now on, sessions will run at Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington from 9:00 to 11:30. Even then you will have the option to keep playing or heading to Kelsey Road House for lunch with your peers and, maybe, Mentors.

Mentoring is open to anyone who is just wanting to learn the game to those who want to brush up their basic skills. Your assigned group of four will work with several Mentors each day. We will work with 16, 20, or 24 students each day, depending on the availability of Mentors. When you send me the mornings you THINK you'd be available, I put you on those Expect To Be Available lists. Then on Sunday afternoons invitations will be sent to a number of those on that week's ETBA list. Just be sure to accept any invitation you get right away. Really, you don't need to email me asking if you really weren't invited, if you didn't get an invitation. You weren't. A lot of Picklers would like to attend sessions. You won't be invited every time.

If interested in mentoring, our most popular program ever, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com the mornings you expect to be available to participate. Here are the Tuesday mornings currently on our schedule:

1/10 1/24 2/7 2/21 3/7 3/21 If weather isn't conducive for moving outside, the Canlan Tuesdays will be extended. Keep reading your newsletters. Again, email me your ETBA dates at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

HANDFUL OF NEWBIES FOR YOU TO MEET & GREET



Cheryl



David



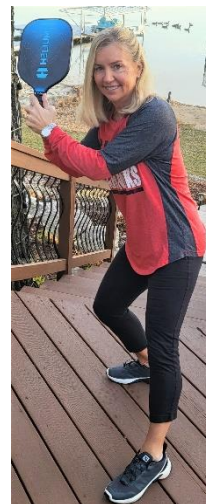
Debbie



Eve



John



Laura



Ron



Mary



Steve



Tina

TIME TO HONOR OUR 2022 MENTOREES

Though 2022 wasn't our largest Mentoree class, it was an awesome one. We had several Mentorees in their 2nd or even 3rd year with us. That was great. We had a lot of new Mentorees who pretty much needed to be told the yellow thing with holes is a pickleball. That was truly awesome too. We love introducing new Picklers to their new addiction and helping them learn some basics of the game. Unfortunately, several Mentorees escaped my camera, or my camera failed to capture them when I thought I had their pic. Here is (most of) the Class of 2022.



Allyson



Andrea



Ann



Ann



Anna



Annette



Anthony



Anu



Barb



Barb



Barb



Barb



Beth



Beth



Betsy



Bill



Bo



Bob



Brenda



Brian



Brian



Bruck



Carol



Carol



Cam



Cat



Cathy



Celeste



Ceri



Chris



SPACE FILLER ... More happy Picklers in Jamaica



Christa



Christine



Cindy



Claudia



Corinna



Courtney



Dale



Dave



David



David



David



Deana



Deb



Debbi



Debbie



Debbie

MORE FILLER ... REMINDER ... For you couples who signed up for the February 2nd Red & Pink Couples Valentines tournament, that spreadsheet evaporated. Please sign up again. All other couples are invited to sign up also. Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. As you saw pages above, this will be at 9:00 at Canlan. After the tournament you can enjoy an early Valentines lunch with your honey and your peers a mile away at the Kelsey Road House.



Debbie



Denise



Diane



Diane



Diane



Diane



Don



Donna



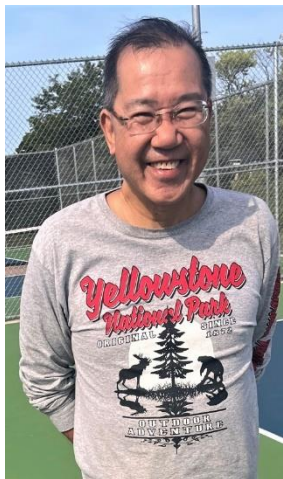
Dyan



Elizabeth



Elizabeth



Fang



Frannie



Gayle



Gayle

MORE FILLER ... Diminutive damsels and dames email me and mark your calendar. Thursday, January 5th is the third, annual Untall Ladies Tournament. It starts at 9:00 in the Canlan Sportsplex. You'll partner with each of the players in the tournament for one game. Then I get to accompany you to lunch. You can register by emailing me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. Don't wait. The competition is this week.



Geoff



Gil



Gloria



Gordon



Gordy



Grace



Helen



Jane



Janet



Jeanine



Jeff



Jeff



Jeff

CONTINUING FILLER WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE TOURNAMENTS ... Let's test the waters, before setting dates. Please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you'd be interested in any of these ... (1) our 2n bionic tournament for those with replaced hips, shoulder, knees, etc. (2) a 2nd widow (unisex) tournament and dinner (3) a 2nd tree-toppers tournament for guys at least 6' tall (4) A 2ND lefties tournament (5) a 2nd wrong hand tournament hitting the ball 100% of the time with your wrong hand. Can't say I look forward to all the emails I'll get, but I want to provide what you want the most. Thanks.



Jing



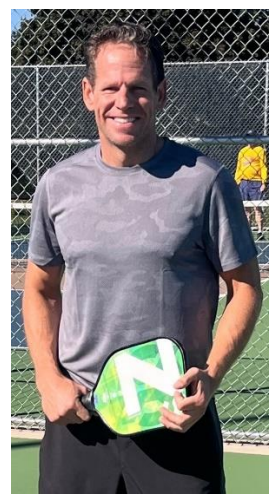
Joan



Joanne



JoAnne



Joe



John



John



John



John



John



Joyce



Juli



Julie



Julie



Karen

MORE FILLER ... Reminder of Glare Court Policy. When playing on Falcon's court by the lobby, teams should switch sides half way through their game, to balance the handicap of the glare from the lobby. That means, if you migrate to that court with a score of 5-3, you should change sides when one team reaches 8. That's half way between 5 and 11. If the score is 6-3, you'd change at 9, as we round up. The leading score needs 5 to win so we round the 2.5 (half of that) up to 3 and change sides when someone reaches 9.



Karen



Karen



Karen



Karen



Karyl



Kathy



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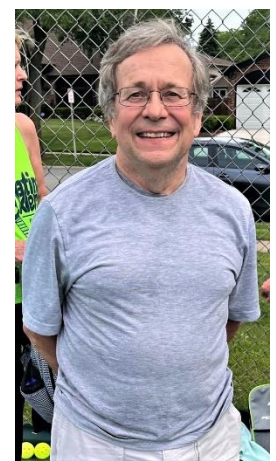
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REITERATING AN IDEA THAT WILL SAVE ROBIN AND ME A LOT OF UNNECESSARY WORK AND WILL SAVE YOU A "STRIKE" ... Whenever you ask me to put you on an ETBA (Expect To Be Available) list for intramurals, mentoring, a tournament, or any other event, PLEASE put it on your calendar you MAY be invited to whatever it is.

Remember ... two strikes and your name will be removed from future ETBA lists.



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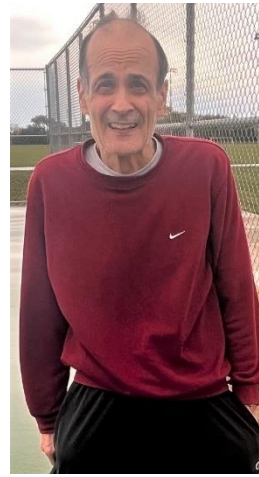
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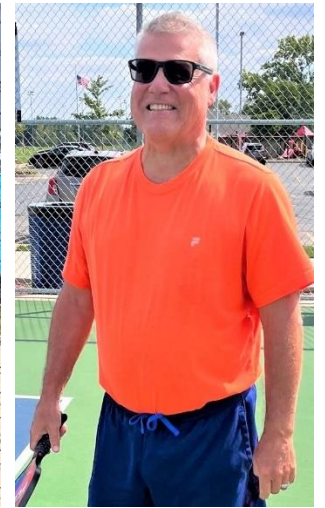
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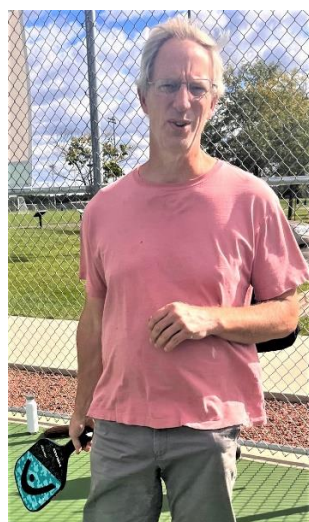
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Tina



Tom



Valerie



Vera



Veronica



Vikki



Virginia



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I apologize to Mentorees for photos I never took or didn't turn out and to these three whose names got lost.

MENTORS WILL BE HONNORES ON THE NEXT PAGE

**YOU CAN ALWAYS GO TO PALATINEPICKLERS.COM
TO READ YOUR NEWSLETTER**

Thank you to all who unsubscribed from your monthly emails bearing the link to the newsletter. I ask more of you to follow suit. Why? Because we can mail only 2,000 before being hit with a monthly fee so large there's no way we could handle it. So ... you newer members who haven't gotten accustomed to finding the newsletter one click away shouldn't even notice any inconvenience. Those of you who are not participating in our mentoring, intramurals, and tournaments.

THANKS TO OUR 2022 MENTORS

Honoring those who volunteered all year ...



And our comers and part timers



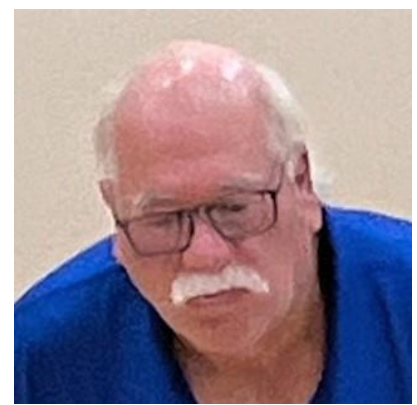
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Frank



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Melody



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YOU NO LONGER NEED TO CHECK NEWSLETTER OR ASK ME

You can now check when pickleball is available at our local, indoor venues. Just go to the App Store and download the Palatine Park District Mobile Ap. It shows each event in each gym each day.



Kathy & I were honored to be invited to dinner with Mike & Cindy Watty

Well Picklers, thanks to my wanting to give a lot of coverage to our Jammin' in Jamaica and to recognize our 2022 Mentorees, this newsletter set records for most pages 36 (was 35 in February of 2020) and most photos 356 (was 325 in March of 2020). I think it's safe to say these records won't be approached in the next forever.

It was my goal to show how much fun so many of us had during a pickleball-oriented week away from Palatine could be. I hope some of you will research where we might go within continental USA, perhaps during the first half of 2024. If a venue can give us the needed courts each day but not run tournaments, I'm hoping one (or more) of you would step up to that plate and run the pickleball portion of our vacation week. Mike Watty is willing to share his knowledge and notes on running a successful, pickleball week.

While we'll continue to love the work and dedication and development of all our future Mentorees, we'll refrain from showing future years' graduating classes. When I had the idea early last year to get pics of each Mentoree and share them at year's end, I wasn't expecting our mentoring programs to be this popular.

UNTALL LADIES ... Please email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your desire to join your peers this Thursday.

COUPLES ... Show your Valentine how much you care by donning your red and pink attire and sharing courts with other happy couples on Thursday morning, February 2nd. Remember, even if you already emailed me your desire, please do so again. I'm still at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

INTRAMURALS ... These matches have been fun for all, no stress or pressure. It's a lower intermediate group. Many of you regulars have not updated your availability. I hope a lot more of you want to give this fun morning a try ... and continue the fun over lunch. Again, write me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

NEW & BEGINNING PICKLERS ... Email me the Tuesday mornings you think you'd be available to participate in mentoring. Hopefully this newsletter shows you that you'll be glad you did.

HAPPY 2023, PICKLERS

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