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JULY, 2023 NEWSLETTER

LET'S CORRECT A JUNE ERROR

In the June newsletter, I misunderstood what Jonny Storm had shared. I identified him as Joe Sullivan's partner, when he was really just the on-site reporter for us. Finishing with the silver medal in the 3.5 division of the new Hybrid Wheelchair category at the 2023 U.S. Open in Naples, FL. The wheelchair partner does not have to be disabled. His/her (unisex event) wheels can enter the kitchen and can play a ball on its second bounce. Feedback from several Picklers who were there said this was a fantastic spectator event. Sorry, George, for my June misreporting and congratulations on the success you and Joe achieved.

We wish you luck at the 2024 U.S. Open as the two of you target a gold medal performance next time.



NEED MORE UNSMALL AND UNLARGE PICKLERS FOR JULY TOURNAMENTS

On Tuesday, July 18th, we'll have two tournaments at the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Due to insufficient response, I'm expanding the parameters. This is on the honor system. The PETITE PICKLERS tournament is for all Picklers who say they'd weigh in at no more than 165 pounds. The HEAVY HITTERS is for those Picklers who say they weigh at least 210. These will be 9:00 to 11:45 or so. Then we go to lunch a mile away and get to know one another off the courts. These are round robins which means you'll play one game with each of your competitors so you're individual ability cannot impact the outcome. All my tournaments are for fun. They're NOT serious. Mostly they are just fun foreplay for lunch that follows. So whether it's the first eight or first twelve that apply, it's definitely first come first rostered. If you qualify and enjoy good times, email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com to get on one of these rosters. I will let everyone know if they are "in," or if they are alternates for one of these weighty tournaments, about a week before the events. Better sign up, as Canlan's goals may exclude future tournaments. Hundreds of Palatine Picklers have thoroughly enjoyed dozens and dozens of our tournaments at over the years. Many dozen have also really enjoyed the lunches that follow the action on the courts.



ANOTHER SAD ANNOUNCEMENT

Scott Greenman joined the Palatine Pickleball Club October 22 last fall. His brother Doug emailed me that, sadly, Scott passed away May 30th. He was 64. Doug shared that Scott truly loved his Palatine Picklers.

Those of us who played at Falcon this past season will surely remember Scott.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS FIRST, DOWNSIZED NEWSLETTER

I'm grateful for the two who have stepped up to help produce this, and future newsletters. Mary Werling has assumed the jobs of Newbies Layout Editor and Walkers Editor. Jonny Storm has volunteered to be Playing Picklers Layout Editor. Now that they've done such a great job, I may push my luck and see if they'd be willing to crop and edit the raw photos. If not my time is still cut almost in half by their work. Also, I'm taking far fewer pics these days. Online applications are still coming in daily, to add to the reduced number I'm signing up in person. Our courts are being stretched now so slowing club growth seems, sadly, a good thing. Our Newbies section of the newsletter reflects fewer than a third of those who have joined within the last month. Doing everything for/on the newsletter has taken too much of my time so I appreciate the help I'm receiving.

ANY OTHER PICKLERS WILLING TO HELP ?

If any other Palatine Picklers would like to be added to our newsletter staff, I'd welcome a Medalists Editor. Also, if you'd like to volunteer 2.5 hours once or twice a week (Thursday 2:45-5:15 and Saturday 2:45-5:15), I'd be happy to add you to our staff of Mentors at Hamilton. Just email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

FEW BUT AWESOME MEDALISTS THIS MONTH



Bob Eukovich & Joyce Pihl – Newport Beach Golden Ticket Qualifier – 3.5 70-74 - Gold



Jonny Storm & Nathan Gonzalez – World Pickleball Tour, Hanover Park – 5.0 – Br



Ron Uy & Daniel Koste – World Pickleball You Got Pickled, Wheaton– 3.5-4.0–Gold



Connie Kus & Keith Weiner – World PB Tour, Hanover Pk– 3.5 60+ -Bronze



Daniel Koste – World Pickleball Tour Singles -3.0 40 - Gold

Names in *italics* refer to non-members of the PPC

REMEMBER YOUR PALATINE PICKLERS' DISCOUNTS

5% OFF anything sold on PickleballCentral.com, when you use the code CRPALATINEPB.

10-20% OFF Paddletek paddles from Chuck at 847-877-7770 or grtfuldad@aol.com.

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

25% OFF anything from Gammasports.com, with the code ba_soderborg25

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

\$10 OFF Vatic Pro paddles ... https://vaticpro.com?sca_ref=3606076.ir5retg8qU Big on West coast. Use code CHICAGO.





Tami



Tina



Todd



Karin



Karin



Kathy



Kevin



Lee



LeRoy

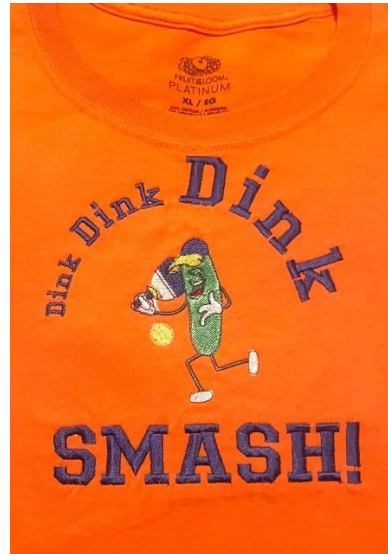


Linda



Lisa

LONG TIME SINCE OUR LAST ORIGINAL PICKLERS SHIRT



BJ Gabel created her how Palatine Picklers shirt. The last original was Sandy Amatore's embroidered one.

IT'S WALKER RECOGNITION TIME

SUPER STEPPERS (20K+ in a day)

30,221
Steps



Kathy Ford

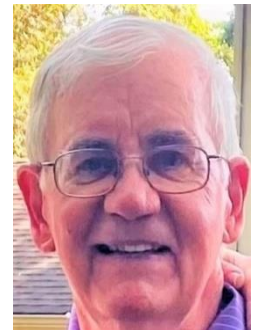
Only 4th to surpass 30k. Yea!

29,582 steps



Dan Salbego

22,732
Steps



Bob McGowan

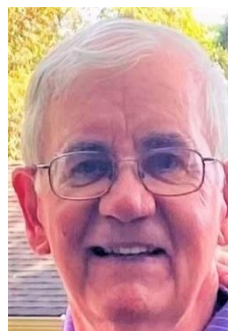
WORTHY WALKERS (15k+ in a day)

19,891
Steps



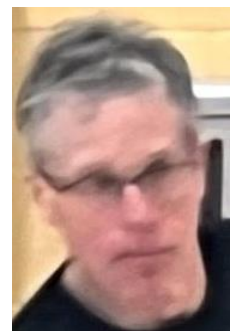
Kathy Ford

17,935
Steps



Bob McGowan

17,918 steps



Dan Salbego

16,110 steps!



Bear Shatwell

Best Day!
15,983



Clay Farnsworth

CHECK YOUR PHONE (LITTLE RED HEART) & JOIN US HERE

Many of you don't realize it, but your phone may be tracking your daily steps. If you have a little, red heart icon, that's where you'll find your daily steps. If you get 15K or more, just take a screen shot and email it to me at aokbarry@yahoo.com. You'll be featured in this walker section.

ANOTHER TOURNAMENT BY OUR JOSE SOSA

I publish info on tournaments that are run by only our own members. Here's another. Enjoy it. Jose's tournaments are always fun for all.

2023 JOIN US IN OUR
INAUGURAL
DUPAGE
GRAND CHAMPION
PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT!

GRAND CHAMPION

SURE SHOT PICKLEBALL
Will be offering clinics
and Open Play

DuPage County Fair
2015 Manchester Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
630-668-6636
info@dupagecountyfair.org
www.DuPageCountyFair.org

Register for our Inaugural
Pickleball Tournament!

We will feature: STARTING TIME: 1:30PM DAILY

- Friday, July 28th - Women's Doubles
- Saturday, July 29th - Men's Doubles
- Sunday, July 30th - Mixed Doubles

Minimum 7 Games
Registration fee: \$35 per person
\$70 per team

Registrations are now open at:
www.DuPageCountyFair.org

JOSE SOSA - TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

PICKLER OF THE MONTH ... JOHN STEPAL

John has been a Pickler “FORCE,” since becoming a Mentoree 14 months ago as a Mentoree. He always volunteered for double, Wednesday sessions, if there was an opening. He talked Mentor Marv into working with him after sessions were finished. He played all the time and soaked up pickleball knowledge wherever possible. His progress was so incredible that by the end of the summer, I asked him to be a Mentor himself. He’s been an awesome instructor ever since. He’s a regular every Thursday and Saturday. He also has his own group that plays at different times on different courts. He also has the largest single order of PPC shirts ever with six. Yes, Lynne Weisebart and I have more Palatine Pickler shirts, but we never ordered that many at once. With the possible (well, probable) exception of myself, John is the most pickleball-oriented Pickler in our club. For the first time in seven years mentoring session this week. I was burned break. Kathy and I scheduled a time to see pulling into the parking lot. I’d totally



forgotten about Saturday mentoring. Coincidentally, Mentor Dennis was taking his granddaughter to O’Hare. John handled four courts single-handedly, and everyone still got a lot out of their afternoon. He CLEARLY deserves to be our first Pickler of the Month in a year. Thanks, John.



except when out of town, I missed a out with 40-50 emails a day and needed a Indiana Jones. John called as we were



MENTORING POICIES REVIEW

Our primary mentoring occurs Wednesday morning at Sycamore Park. We have two sessions (9:00-10:30 & 10:30-Noon). These are invitation-only. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com with the dates you think you could participate. I send the availability spreadsheet to Scheduler Kathy each Sunday. On Monday afternoon she invites 15 students for each session. They have until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday to accept. If they don’t they earn a dreaded “strike” for wasting our time. A second strike ends their chance to participate the rest of the outdoor season. If a conflict does come up, email **me** right away to take you off the given Expect To Be Available (ETBA) list. DO NOT email Kathy, xcept to accept her invitation. You will spend half an hour with each of three Mentors, if selected to participate. So far this summer, we’ve worked with 88 Wednesday students.

Invitations are NOT needed for Hamilton mentoring. Thursdays from 3:00 to 5:00 are open to all Palatine Picklers. Saturday sessions from 3:00 to 5:00 are reserved for Picklers who are unable to attend either Wednesday or Thursday sessions, due to work, babysitting, golf, whatever. Happy mentoring. Current Mentors are Dennis Bourgojn, Marv Zwass, Neal Harris, John Stepal, Dee Dee Beloviz, Ron Haaker, Frank Wasilewski, and me. We hear all the time that our sessions are SO much better than those for which Mentorees have paid.



Mary



Mary



Marie



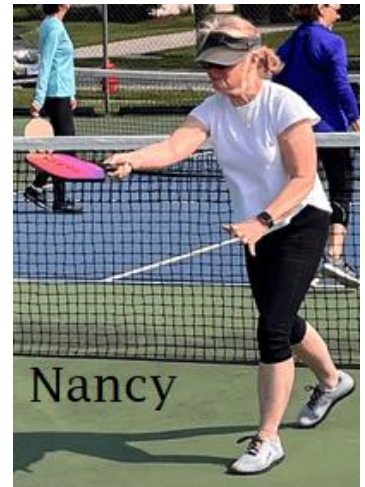
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Pat



Sandy



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Shelley

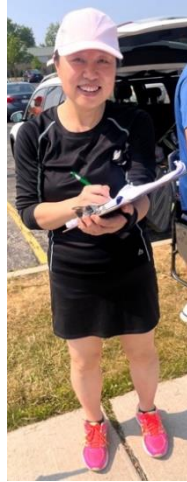
JUNE NEWBIES



ALAN



ALEX



AMY



ANIRUDDH



BARB



BOB



BRIAN



BRUCE



CAROLINE



CATHY



CHARLOTTE



CHRIS



CHRISTINA



DAWN



DENISE



DIANA



ERINN



INETA



JENN



JIM



JOAN



JOE



JON



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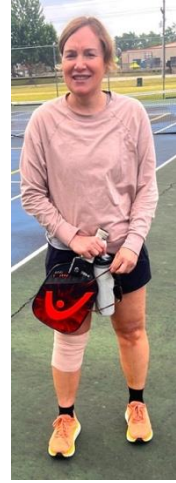
TIM



TINA



TRACY



WENDI

2 NEW MILESTONES FOR THE PALATINE PICKLERS

Since the last newsletter, we have now surpassed 3,300 members. We've also passed the 1,000 members residing within the Palatine Park District.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE KEEPING THE PALATINE PICKLERS GREAT & GROWING

In addition to our Mentors mentioned earlier in this newsletter, I want to express my appreciation to Linda O'Connor for helping with the shirt orders. Her job is about to get much larger, as I'll be forwarding all online orders to her. Also we have Carol Hawes and John Guilfoil to thank for handling all cap orders. Then there's Greg Kuhs who is our MailMaster and gets our newsletters out in timely fashion. He also forwards me all the email that goes to PalatinePicklers@gmail.com, rather than aokbarry@yahoo.com. And, of course, there's our Webmaster John Pihl who keeps our website as current as possible. Now, with the help of Mary Werling and Jonny Storm, I should have the time to finally address the long overdue updates our website needs.

MEET OUR NEW EDITORS



Mary Werling

Walkers Layout Editor & Newbies Layout Editor



Jonny Storm

Picklers in Action Layout Editor

I apologize to Jonny for butchering his creative layout. It would let me copy only one photo at a time.

THAT'S IT FOR OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER ON A DIET

Please email me to sign up for the **Petite Picklers and Heavy Hitters** tournaments. We need you. I'd never even heard of Chat GPT, but my son Scot fed it information about me, and it wrote this poem. Thought I'd share it. His family also had the art at right created for me. I think it's pretty cool so will sign off with it instead of a pic of me.



*In Palatine town there was a man.
Bear was his name. His passion pickleball in
hand.
He started a club, the Picklers it was called.
A place to play, have fun and make friends, no one
was appalled.*

*With time and love, Bear grew his club
from just a few to thousands in the hub.
His dedication a true sight to see,
as he poured his heart his soul, his energy.*

*From early mornings to late at night,
Bear worked hard with all his might,
managing the club, with skill and care,
writing long newsletters for all to share.*

*And though it was tough, with many a task,
Bear never faltered, he never asked
for recognition, for fame or pay.
His love for the game was enough to sway.*

*For Bear the Picklers was his pride.
A club he built with his love deep inside.
And, as the years went by, his club did grow -
a place to call home, a place to show.*

*So here's to Bear, his love for pickleball,
his club, his passion, his devotion above all.
May the Picklers continue to thrive.
With Bear's love and dedication, it will survive.*

Bear Shatwell
PicklersPrez

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