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NEW NEWSLETTER “MONTH”

For 8 years I have accepted news and photos right up to the end of the month. That created a few obstacles such as adding walkers in on the 29th or 30th, after that section had been finished and required a lot of editing. Starting now our news month runs from the 21st to the 20th. That’s when I’ll finish any remaining editing of steps, walkers, action shots, and newbies and send them to our Layout Editors – Mary Werling for Walkers and Newbies and Jonny Storm for Picklers in action. They’ll have 7-10 days to create their layouts and send them back to me to put into the newsletter. So, if you have something you’d like in the next newsletter, please email it to me by the 20th of the month at the latest.

MYRIAD MEDALISTS AT 6-COUNTY SENIOR GAMES – ONLY THEY ARE LAST YEAR’S

Our August newsletters have always included more medalists than any other month. That’s because we are always represented by so many competitive Palatine Picklers. I **think** this year is no exception. As always I searched “2023 6-County Games pickleball medalists.” When a ton came up, I spent an evening searching Palatine Picklers, cropping, editing their photos, arranging them by medal color and age, and centering all the information under the pics in the newsletter. I had a question about one division so emailed Patty Eagleton for clarification. That’s when I found I was looking at a different partner for her. Oh oh. It didn’t take long to realize I’d just spent an entire evening making what was probably a duplicate of what I created for last August’s newsletter. Aaarrghh! So I started emailing first Bill and Linda Graba who have run the pickleball events since, I think, I was in high school. They passed the torch. I checked with my friend Teresa Grodski at Illinois Parks And Recreation who runs the whole thing. No luck. She joined Grabas and me in wanting pics and info. So I contacted the individuals who were responsible for this year’s Games. I learned that they are “working on pics and info on medalists. So here’s the thing. I hope to be able to put our 2023 medalists in the September newsletter. So far I have pic and info on Christine Towers and Patty Eagleton. Weeks after asking medalists’ info, I’m feeling they won’t be coming so, if you medaled, please email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com the division, partner, medal color and pic. I’m guessing I’ll have to go with whatever you send me. Meanwhile, I spent all that time creating what you see below so let’s celebrate last year’s successful Palatine Picklers.



Sue Cole & Norb Kunz
80-84 Mixed – Gold



Sandy Bergeson & Peggy Whitlow
75-79 Ladies – Gold



Jorge Colon & Chris Grooms
60-64 Mixed – Gold



Bob Poggensee & Lance Schreier
60-64 Mens – Gold



Pam Berzin & Elke Jacobsen
55-59 Ladies – Gold



Helder DosSantos & Gary Patel
50-54 Mens – Gold



Dave Blue & Norb Kunz
75-79 Mens - Silver



Masato Suzuki & Ed Raymond
70-74 Mes - Silver



Gene Schlinkman & Patty Eagleton
65-69 Mixed - Silver



Connie Kus & Jenny Buesing
60-64 Ladies – Silver



Masato Suzuki & Connie Kus
60-64 Mixed – Silver



Steve Lawler & Marc Brauer
55-59 Mens - Silver



June Prusak & Gary Patel
50-54 Mixed – Silver



Ed Falkenberg & Patty Eagleton
65-69 Mixed – Bronze



Christine Towers & Scott Sunday
60-64 Mixed – Bronze



Rick Jackson & Nick Kouvelis
55-59 Mens – Bronze



Deb Russell & Suzie Schreier
55-59 Ladies – Bronze

PALATINE PICKLERS' DISCOUNTS SAVE \$

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 Gammports.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 Use code CHICAGO.

JOB OPENING – PHOTO EDITOR

We have Mary and Jonny now doing layouts for three sections of our newsletters. I'm still selecting, cropping, and editing all their photos. I'd love to just select the pics and have YOU do the cropping and editing. Anyone think you have these skills? I'll send you the full-frame photos and the names for each. You work your creative magic and email them back to me so I can send them on to our Layout Editors. I'll be available for mentoring as needed. What do you say? Ready to "pay your dues?" Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.

SHIRTS ARE NOW 99% LINDA O'CONNOR'S DOMAIN

The last few months have been kind of confusing, with both Linda and I dealing with shirt orders. I just wrapped up the June order. I've bagged and tagged all the shirts, and I have them with me wherever I am. If you still owe me for yours, please bring the exact amount or a check. From now on all online orders will go to Linda, not me. She'll compile and sort our orders and even pick them up in Prospect Heights. All I'll be doing now is writing the check for them. I'm really loving the idea of just dealing with dozens of emails a day, welcoming a LOT of newbies, taking a reduced number of action pics, writing the newsy sections of the newsletter, gathering Mentoree desires, assigning their Wednesday courts, mentoring, creating/runing tournaments and intramurals, and assembling the work of our Editors. It's looking as though it really could be a semi-retirement, with only 20-25 hours a week on the laptop. Thank you, Linda.



NEED TO REVIEW MENTORING POLICIES

Because we're growing at light speed, let's review how mentoring works. Our primary, and most beneficial, mentoring program is our Wednesday morning at Sycamore Park. We have two sessions ... 9:00 to 10:30 and 10:30 to Noon. We schedule 15 picklers (5 per court) who will spend half an hour with each of the three Mentors. This is by invitation only. Email me aokbarry@yahoo.com the Wednesdays you expect to be available. Be sure to tell me if only one of those sessions would work for you. I'll put you on the ETBA (Expect To Be Available) list for each date you give me. Every Sunday afternoon I send the current ETBA list to Kathy Ford, our Mentoree Scheduler. She'll check who's been participating how often and how recently and invite 30 students to that Wednesday's sessions on Monday afternoon.

Warning: Do NOT not respond to an invitation, give an excuse which you knew in advance (should have emailed me), or be a no-show. Those result in a "strike." For us two strikes eliminates you for the summer.

NO INVITATION NEEDED

We have 3-5, walk-on mentoring every Thursday at Hamilton (across from Sundling Jr High). This is for members of the Palatine Pickleball Club who cannot make either Wednesday or Thursday sessions. Some days we have only 15 students. Some days we have more than 40. Let me know if I have yet to take your photo and get you into the Newbies section of a newsletter. I supply the balls and have loaner paddles available. If you're new to the sport and want to buy your own paddle, DO NOT spend less than \$75.

SATURDAY SESSIONS

We also offer Saturday, walk-on sessions, but these are reserved for those Palatine Picklers who are unable to attend either the Wednesday or Thursday sessions, due to work, babysitting, golf, favorite TV shows, etc. These sessions are also 3-5. All you need is water and a willingness to listen and learn.

LET'S RECOGNIZE OUR MENTORS

We have four, free mentoring sessions each week. Let's recognize our Mentors, for the incredible amount of time they devote to helping newer Palatine Picklers get going well on their new addiction. Here they are:



Dennis



Neal



Marv



John



Bear



Ron



Dee Dee



Bill



Jeny



Frank

All of these Palatine Picklers give freely of their time to share their knowledge of the game. We've enjoyed hearing from several that our sessions are far superior to the group lessons for which these students paid.

PETITE PICKLERS PLAYED PICKLERIFFICLY

Our Petite Picklers came down to the final couple points of the final game to emerge with a Petite Princess who won by one point over two runner ups.



Stephanie, Mary Knight, Patti, Teresa, Jeanette, Jan, Laura, Debbie, Mary Karson, Lois, Cindy, Karen



Mary (middle) 1st. Cindy & Stephanie 2nd Ten of twelve Petite Picklers enjoyed lunch after the competition.

Just to be clear, ALL my fun tournaments are round robins. That means you will play one game partnering with each of your competitors so you cannot impact the outcome. The best three will likely finish 1-2-3. So do not let your fear of hurting someone’s chances keep you from joining in on the fun. They’re ALWAYS fun.

HEAVY HITTERS HAMMERED IT OUT

Eight of our biggest, strongest, and most aggressive macho men took to the courts to see who was Da Man this day. As with the Petite Picklers, it was a close competition. When the dust settled, Brian Knight matched his bride's superiority on this day.



Terry Bill K Ron Doug Bill P Brad Brian Kurt



Brad, 2nd ... Brian 1st ... Kurt 3rd



Issues sidelined John, but he served as scorekeeper for both ornaments



Brian & Mary Knighted

MORE MENTORING DATES

OK, Mentorees, let me know which Wednesdays you think you'll be available to participate in the Sycamore mentoring sessions. There are two each week – 9:00 to 10:30 and 10:30 to Noon. Email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com, if you'd like to be put on any of the Expect To Be Available lists. Here's the remainder of the outdoor season ... 8/2 8/9 8/16 8/23 8/30 9/6 9/13 9/20 9/27 10/4 10/11 10/18 10/25.

We hope to have a season-end Mentoree tournament, as we have for seven years. Our indoor activities are in jeopardy right now. Next month, I'll introduce the Mentoree tournament, if we can secure a facility in which to hold it. We've always used Canlan, but that's uncertain. I hope to work something out with them for intramurals, indoor mentoring, the tournament, and other fun tournaments.





Chris



Chris



Cindy



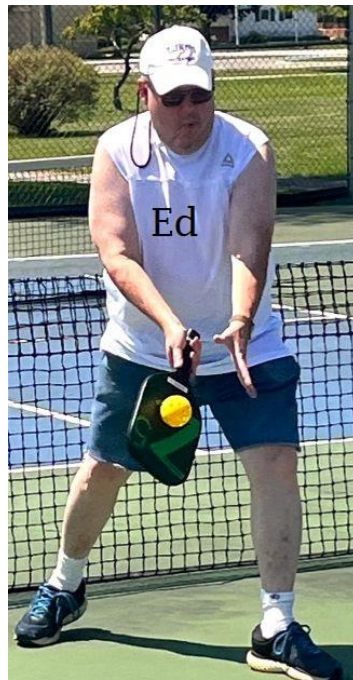
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Clay



Doug



Ed

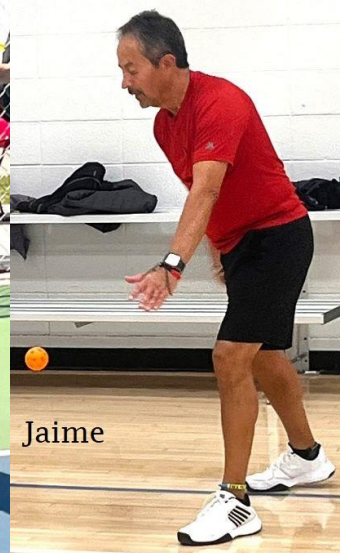


Eileen



ORDER PALATINE PICKLER CAPS

We now have two styles of embroidered caps and dozens of colors. Go to <https://www.sportswearcollection.com/p/valucap/vc300a?site=VEYHZXBZHU> to choose your cap color. Then email Carol Hawes at Picklercaps@gmail.com with your color/s. Include your full name, email address, and phone number. She'll let you know where to send your check. When she has 12 paid caps, she'll place order our next order.



ANYONE UP FOR WELCOMING NEWBIES?

Here's how that would work. A majority of our new members come to us via our website, having filled out a form there and hitting SEND. That comes to me. I would forward it to you. Whether one at a time or in groups of six or so, you'll send a "Welcome to the Palatine Pickleball Club" email. I'll give you the copy which is appropriate 95% of the time. You'll attach our two most recent newsletters. Your email will be addressed to either yourself or me, while the Newbies will be put on the BCC line, to protect their privacy. For those Newbies who joined in person, I'll send you their name, email address, and phone number (in case I misread their email). You can sign the emails with either your name and "Pickler Welcomer" or whatever you choose or you can sign "Bear" and next line "PicklersPrez."

This isn't a big time commitment, but every little bit would help me out.

You can secure this job, by being the first to email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



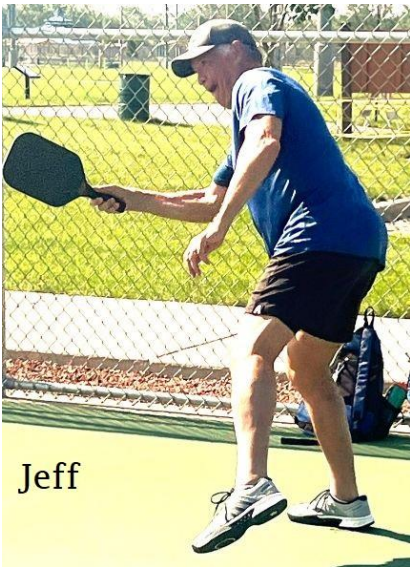
Jan



Jeanette



Jeff



Jeff



Jenny



Jim



JoAnne



MASATO GETS ASSIST FOR A GUINNESS BOOK RECORD

Masato Suzuki was invited to play a game of pickleball at the Foglia YMCA in Lake Zurich, but not just any game. Check it out ... <https://citylifestyle.com/chicago-il/articles/fitness/record-breaking-pickleball-trek>. The goal is to play in the 48 contiguous states in 48 days. That would make the Guinness Book of World Records. Masato and Lake Zurich Mayor Tom Poynton represented Illinois, when Dean Matt flew his plane here to check off Illinois. Sponsors of the local event donated roughly \$10,000 to the YMCA. Many days Dean flew to two states to check off two in one day.



Ninja Pickler Masato



Rod Anderson, Masato, Mayor Tom Poynton, & Dean Matt

REVIEW OF HAMILTON POLICIES, FOR NEWBIES

First policy: Get your name upside down on both sides of your paddle where the hand meets the blade. Then, when you stand it on it's head in one of the PVC paddle troughs on the south fence, we can call you by name, rather than "blue paddle." When you leave a court, the upper trough marked "W" is for the two who won your game. The lower trough marked "L" is for the two who lost. When justified, we'll have competitive paddle up in the north cage, leaving the south cage for rec players. Newbies, identify yourselves and ask for help. Wthematical.hen numbers justify, we'll call for competitive to paddle up in the north cage. Then logic prevails.

IT'S WALKER RECOGNITION TIME

SUPER STEPPERS (20K+ in a day)

Steps
31108



Dave Cappello

26,058 steps



Dan Salbego

25,586
Steps



Ben Farb

20,703
Steps



Anne Stein

WORTHY WALKERS (15k+ in a day)

18,668
Steps



Ben Farb

26,058 steps



Dan Salbego

Best Day!
18,694



Clay Farnsworth

17,856 steps



Bear Shatwell

16,998
Steps



Lois Farb

Steps
16,280



Mary Werling

15,759
Steps



Anne Stein

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 too can be an honored walker next month.



Lois



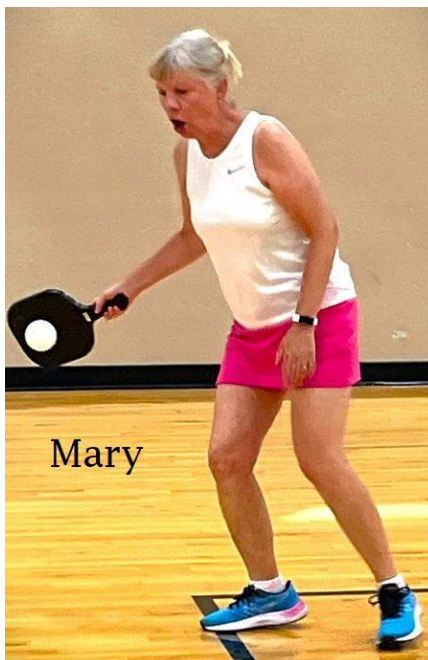
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Mary



Mary



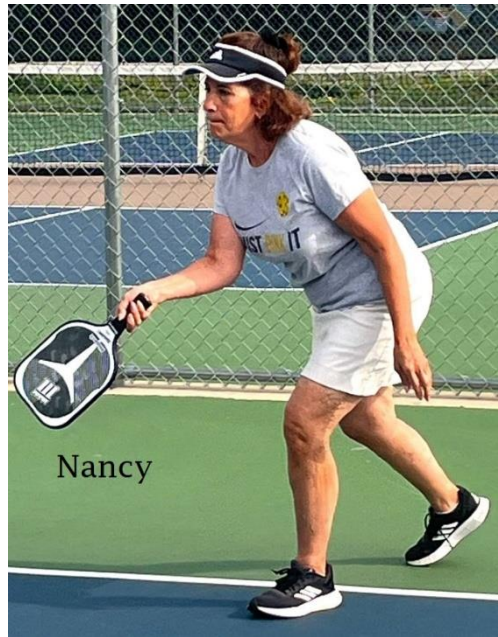
Mary



Nancy



Nancy



Nancy



Pat

WHEN YOU BREAK A PICKLEBALL, DON'T "TRASH" IT

Broken balls are a daily thing. However, we have a Palatine Pickler who wants those broken balls. I don't know why and, probably, don't want to know why, but just put them in the yellow container by the south door at Hamilton. She'll periodically collect them.



Patti



Paul



Ron



Sandy



Sandy



Shelly



Stephanie



Sue



Susan



Susan



Tenia



Teresa



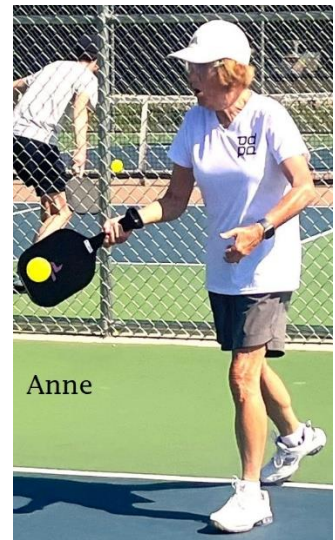
Terry



Alex



Ann



Anne



April



Bear



Bill



Bill

PROMISING FUTURE FOR INTRAMURALS & MENTORING

A month ago Canlan's former General Manager told me she'd honor the August dates I'd reserved for intramurals and tournaments, but wouldn't let me reserve future dates. They wanted to have open play Monday through Friday. Before I could meet with her to plead our case and guaranteed vs hit-or-miss income, she was no longer with Canlan. I learned that Angel Garcia, Facilities Manager at the Libertyville Canlan was now the person with whom I should be dealing. After a week of missing each other, we spoke today (7/31). Though the final decision will be determined via a 4-person phone call Friday (8/4), he was quite optimistic that we can continue to alternate Tuesday mornings between intramurals on 4 courts and mentoring on 6 courts and get the occasional Thursday morning for our fun tournaments.

Should this change I'll let everyone who signs up for intramurals know. **Meanwhile, you intermediate Picklers (3.0-3.5) let me know on which of these Tuesday mornings (8:45-Noon) you think you'd be available: 8/8 8/22 9/5 9/19 10/3 10/17 10/31 11/14 11/28 and 12/12.** I'm at aokbarry@yahoo.com. I will invite 16 Picklers every other Sunday afternoon to participate on Tuesday morning – and go to lunch afterward.

If my poor play seemed even worse recently, I think I was distracted by the fact that, without mentoring, intramurals, and tournaments, the PPC as I've known it for 8 years was about to be given last rites. Sorry.

Our summer-end Mentoree Tournament will be at Canlan Tuesday morning, November 7th. The first 24 Mentorees to apply will compete. Mentoring by invitation will begin the next week 11/14 and continue every other week through 12/5.

2024 dates will be published for both intramurals and mentoring in a future newsletter.

REVIEW OF SUMMER MENTORING

Our primary mentoring program is comprised of two sessions each Wednesday morning at Sycamore (Carpenter & Clark). The early session is from 9:00 to 10:30. The second session runs 10:30 to Noon. These are by invitation only. Email me (aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the dates you think you'd be available. Then put "Maybe mentoring" in your phone for that date. I'll put you on the Expect To Be Available lists you indicate. Each Sunday I send Mentoree Scheduler Kathy Ford the ETBA spreadsheet. She'll make her selections and invite 30 students to that Wednesday's sessions.

If a conflict arises, email me (same email) to take you off whichever ETBA list is affected. If you don't and you turn down an invitation or don't respond to it or are a no-show, you earn a dreaded "strike." Two strikes and you're out of mentoring for the summer season. Lame excuses such as doctor appointment, out of town, or house guests (not likely set in last 24 hours) definitely earn a strike. In case I mumbled in my writing, we are volunteers and REALLY don't like being disrespected and wasting our time due to your negligence. A last minute emergency, air quality concern, etc. are marked Emergency and do not earn strikes.

JULY NEWBIES

Just so you know, our Newbie section will also feature any existing members who have never appeared in the new member section of a newsletter. Every Pickler should be so honored, no matter how long they've been a Palatine Pickler.

If you have not appeared in a NEWBIE section of a newsletter, even if I thought I took your pic, let me know.



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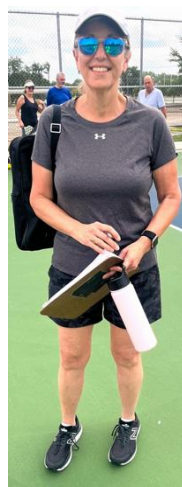
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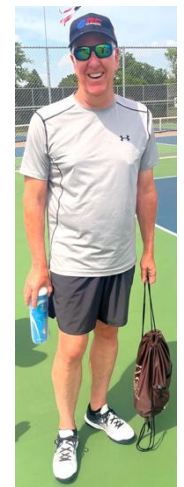
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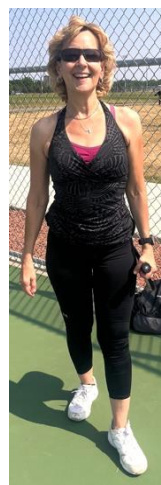
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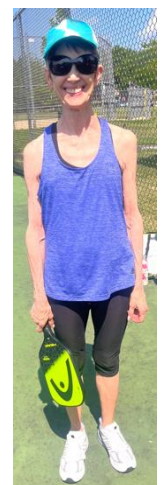
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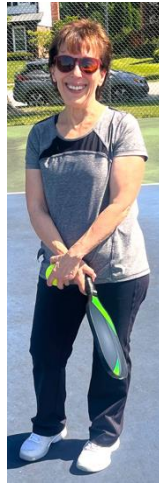
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MICHELLE



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NANCY



PAM



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ROBIN



ROD



RUTH



SHARON B.



SHARON N.



SHELLEY



TENIA



TINA R.



TINA S.



TOM

HERE'S OUR ONLY PALATINE PICKLER MEDALIST

I am pretty sure that more than one Palatine Pickler earned a medal, other than in the mysterious 6-County Sr Games, but only Daniel emailed me. Again, I'm in a downsizing my hours so am no longer searching through pickleballtournaments.com and searching a ton of tournaments which might have one of ours on a medal stand. If you do not email me (hello ... aokbarry@yahoo.com) with your partner, division, tournament, and medal, you're not likely to appear here. Does it seem odd to anyone else that, with 3400 members, we have only only one individual who had tournament success? (Yes, Christine and Patty shared, but will appear in Spetember.) Anyway, congratulations, Daniel, and thanks for sharing your smiley moments.



Daniel Koste & Ron Uy – Naperville Open
4.0 Men's Doubles – Silver



Daniel Koste – Illinois Open -
39+ Singles – Bronze



Daniel Koste – Windy City Open
3.0 Singles – Bronze

EXPECT TO HAVE COOL DEMO PADDLES FOR YOU TO TRY

As with the Canlan future events, this is likely but still in limbo. When you buy things on pickleballcentral.com, the club gets some credit too. I'm trying to use this to acquire three, seemingly really cool paddles...two Ben Johns' and a Selkirk. Each bears a pretty high price. I'm acquiring used ones, to save money. They'll still show you if they are what you want your next paddle to be. Just ask me. I was hoping for a return call from pickleballcentral today, but that didn't happen. I'll call again tomorrow. I'm also getting another bunch of balls for mentoring sessions.



It's been a stressful and then joyous month for me. It SEEMS our three biggest programs (mentoring, intramurals, & fun tournaments) will continue to bring joy to a ton of Picklers.

I could really use someone who wants to spend a little (lie) time editing (I'll select, you crop and edit) photos. I'll then send them on to Mary Werling and Jonny storm to create pages.

Please sign up for more intramural dates and summer mentoring dates through October.

I haven't created our next tournament, based on the doubtful ability to stage them. I will next month.

Pickle on.

Bear
Pickler Prez
aokbarry@yahoo.com