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## **JULY, 2024 NEWSLETTER**

### **WE NEED MORE INTERMEDIATE PICKLERS**

In early June I had an intramural stable of 26 men and 38 ladies. All had given me their "Expect To Be Available" dates. There had always been more than enough to fill the 16 spots (8 men, 8 ladies) on the every other Tuesday intramural roster. However, when I went to put those available on a list, I found only four men and six ladies had said they'd be able to participate two days later. That sent me on a recruiting mission Sunday and Monday. I did fill the roster, even though I had to include one Pickler who was in the middle of a six month ban for having earned two strikes. (I'll write again about strikes a little later.)

So I'm starting this newsletter with what I think is most important ... getting more intermediate level (3.0-3.5) Picklers to get on our intramural bandwagon. Our next match in July 9<sup>th</sup>. Then every two weeks forever. We play in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington, starting at 9:00. Then those whose schedule allows enjoy lunch a mile away. You will be on either the Whippersnappers or the Wise Ones. The youngest four men and ladies that week make up the Whippersnappers, The oldest four comprise the Wise Ones. You will partner with each of your seven teammates for one game. The team with the most wins wins that week's intramural match. Over the two years we've been competing, the teams have virtually split the victories.

We have a LOT of Palatine Picklers, half of whom are ideally suited for these matches. If I don't know that you're either too good or not quite proficient enough to fit into our group, I'll play you one match and find out. It's all for fun.

So please email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.c](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.c) [aokom](mailto:aokom) with the dates during the next 2-3 months you think you'd be available to participate. You'll be glad you did. It's like open play but without the potential big talent differences or the long wait between games,

### **TEACHERS ... HAVE SOME FUN THIS SUMMER**

Pickler teachers will enjoy competing with each other on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. You'll partner with each of your competitors for one game. When it's all done, we'll go to lunch a mile away. Just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) to register. You should get there by 8:45 to pay their \$10 fee at the lobby desk and warm up. Extra credit for wearing your Palatine0020Picklers shirt.

## MEET PICKLER DAVE SHOEMAKER

You're not likely to see Dave at Hamilton or in Falcon, but he's a regular in intramurals and in some of our tournaments at Canlan and always lunch.

Dave was born and raised in Champaign/Urbana, IL. He was the second of four Shoemaker boys. His Dad was an "ultra-religious" contractor, as was his father. His Mom worked as a cataloguer at the U of I Library. Her father was a Law Professor and author of a very popular Business Law textbook which endured about 15 editions over the decades. Dave graduated from Urbana High School.

The U of I was "the dominant factor in my life and provided a welcome counterpoint to my religious upbringing." He started his work career as a 14 year old dish washer in a dorm cafeteria.

That led to washing test tubes in a chemistry lab, as a HS senior. Dave then spent 5 years getting an accounting degree, while always working part-time. He earned his CPA certification. This merged with his last part-time job to get him a career as a university accountant. The last half of his career found him in the Dean's office of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, with the "pretentious" title of Director of Business and Resource Planning. Dave has spent most of his life around professors.



While at the U of I, Dave met and married Monica. Dave's older brother Steve, a 6'8" PhD Presbyterian Minister married them in their home. They bought a house in the country ten miles from Urbana. Soon son Todd joined their lives, followed closely by twin brothers Brian and Christopher. Dave's Dad and he build a large addition to the house. After 8 years there, they bought 40 acres five miles away. Though they tried to sell their house, it was during the down time so, get this, they moved the house to the farm.

They grew corn and soybeans for a few, apparently, boring years, before getting enamored with Christmas trees. They started planting 2-3,000 pines and firs each year. That ultimately resulted in 18,000 trees on half their farm. They invited a "cut your own" operation every December.

The boys grew up and all got Masters degrees from the U of I, moved to the Chicago area, got married, and had a total, so far, of 7 grandkids. Todd works for AAA in their equal

opportunities section, responsible for trying to hire more veterans. Brian is an attorney with State Farm in Bloomington. Currently he's working with governors and legislators trying to prevent legislation detrimental to the insurance industry. Christopher works for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He's in charge of fundraising for the College of Medicine.

On the family photo below, bottom row finds Evelyn. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> step are John, Owen, William, Monica, Carolyn, and Annabella. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> step, you'll find Brian, Katy, Lindsay, Amanda, and Todd. On the top step is Christopher holding Madeline and Dave.



Monica and Dave retired at 55, sold the farm, and bought a huge house on the Chain of Lakes that could handle the whole family and have his beloved water sports and, of course, proximity to the boys. Boating and waterskiing have always been Dave's priorities.

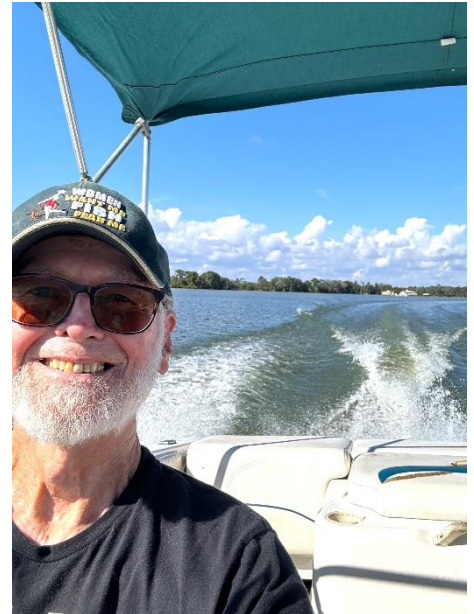
Dave and Monica have never loved winter. They escaped the cold, by buying a motorhome and wintering in warmer climes. They eventually bought a lakeside place in a FL campground.

When that campground chose to sell, Dave and Monica bought the best place in the park and sold the RV.

Dave enjoyed playing tennis in FL. Of course, pickleball began to take over, and Dave tried and loved it. Back up north, Bear saw him play in June of 2016 and “cajoled” him into joining the PPC. He’s been enjoying intramurals and tournaments ever since. He particularly loves intramurals, as he’s in it to have fun and get exercise, not to be the best player or win tournament.



Annabella on training water ski bar. It wasn't long before she skied 1 mile on a rope.



For hobbies Dave enjoys reading, mostly fiction and mysteries, baking pies, cakes, cinnamon rolls, & cookies, boating, water skiing, tennis, and, of course, pickleball.

## **NEWER PICKLERS, GET YOUR ADDICTION KICK-STARTED**

Over the past eight years, we've helped roughly 300 Picklers learn the basics, develop techniques, work on position and strategy, and have fun drilling and playing. And it's free. To be considered for a Wednesday morning session (1/2 hr with each of 3 Mentors), just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). You'll get an email Monday afternoon, if select that week.





## **MENTORING TIMES AND LOCATIONS HAVE CHANGED**

Let's start with our "by invitation only" Wednesday sessions. Sessions remain 9:00-10:30 and 10:30-Noon. However, they won't always be on the same courts. You'll be on Sycamore 7/3 and 7/10. On 7/17 you'll be on Locust. Then, from 7/24 through the end of October it's Sycamore again. To participate, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the dates you're available. Then check your email on Monday afternoons to see if you're invited that week.

THURSDAY Walk-on mentoring at Hamilton is now from 2:00 to 4:00. Saturday's sessions remain from 3:00 to 5:00. No invitation needed.

Yes, we will have mentoring on July 4<sup>th</sup>. That's just how dedicated we are.

## **A PICKLEMAN MAY BE IN A PICKLE WITHOUT THIS**

This was found at Hamilton and given to me for safe keeping the second week of June. If it's yours email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). I'll arrange its safe return.



## **TOURNAMENT FOR PICKLERS WITH MOST GRANDKIDS**

Whether we have 8, 12, 16, or 24, I'll reserve the Canlan courts, and we'll have a great tournament. Then, after getting a pic of the top three finishers for the August newsletter, we'll head to Kelsey Road House a mile away for lunch. So here's the deal – email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the number of grandkids you have. Please sign your email. I've done it too often, but I'm not a fan of searching who belongs to [FarmersDaughter@gmail.com](mailto:FarmersDaughter@gmail.com) for instance. I'll roster those of you with the most grandsons and granddaughters. In case of a tie, the first to sign up gets in the tournament. This one should be especially fun.

## REMEMBER “TINY PERSON” NATALIE ? HERE’S AN UPDATE

Natalie Silverman hosted a fun 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday pickleball afternoon at Hamilton. Four courts of Picklers had a good time celebrating her half century of, well, being adorable. Her very good friend for decades gave her a special gift. Natalie is a true Cub fan, and one of her all time favorite Cubs is Andre Dawson. Click on the link below, to see what Angelo Dizon gave her.

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A few days later, at a murder mystery party, she met Walter Downing, the first ever Mr Basketball in 1981. He played for the Lakers in 1986. Natalie said he was very nice and humble – and, as you can see, kind of tall.

BTW if YOU have a photo or video of a celebrity encounter, I’m sure your Palatine Pickler peers would love to see it. Just email it to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com).

## WE CAN’T FORGET OUR PICKLER DISCOUNTS

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

**10-20% OFF** Paddletek paddles from Chuck at 847-877-7770 or [grtfuldad@aol.com](mailto:grtfuldad@aol.com).

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

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

**\$10 OFF** Vatic Pro paddles ... [https://vaticpro.com?sca\\_ref=3606076.ir5retg8qU](https://vaticpro.com?sca_ref=3606076.ir5retg8qU) Use code CHICAGO

## BEAR STILL HAS EXPENSIVE PADDLES FOR YOU TO DEMO

If you’re considering paying more than \$200 for a paddle, you may want to test drive one, two, or three of the paddles Bear has. I just ask that, when you tap paddles after a game, you tap with the handle.

I also have \$50 Friday paddle you could demo. It certainly measures up well against \$100+ paddles.

## **SINGLE PICKLERS HAD A FUN, STRESS-FREE MORNING**

Not a single Pickler talked good, bad, or indifferent about a spouse. The conversations were about themselves and their pickleball experiences. Then almost all enjoyed lunch together.



Nancy, JoAnne, Susan, Judy, Brian, EJ, John, Charlotte, Jerry, Sheila, Barbara, and Carol



John finished in first place, with Sheila and JoAnne tying for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.

**THIS MONTH'S FINEST WALKERS**

**ULTRA-SUPER STEPPER (30K+ in a day)**



35,997

Sue Freiburger

**SUPER STEPPERS (20K+ in a day)**



25,329

Jeff Colish



25,262

Janice Becker



22,322

Bob McGowan



21,460

Dan Salbego

**WORTHY WALKERS (15K+ in a day)**

19,965



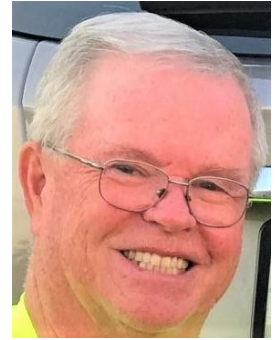
Dan Salbego

19,370



Jeff Colish

18,757



Bear Shatwell

18,233



Marsha Cohen

18,051



Anne Stein

17,445



Janice Becker

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

Many of you don't realize it, but you 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](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). You'll be featured in this walker-honoring section!

## WHO DOES WHAT IN THE PALATINE PICKLERS ?

Sometimes Picklers seem to think I'm a one-man show. That's SO far from the truth that I wanted to acknowledge and thank all those Picklers who, so far in 2024, have helped to make the Palatine Pickleball Club the source of pride for all of us that it is. I've tried to think of all the tasks it takes to run the club. I've arranged them in alpha order, and the Volunteers in alpha order too. I apologize for any I've inadvertently overlooked. Let me know and I'll acknowledge your contributions next month...

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## THANKS FOR EMAILING ME TO TAKE YOU OFF ETBA LISTS

The last couple months, I have loved NOT having to give Picklers strikes for wasting our time. In the last two months, I've assigned, maybe, four strikes. Meanwhile, probably, 20 of you have emailed me to take you off an Expect To Be Available list for mentoring or intramurals. Again, if you ask to be put on an ETBA list, you must ask me to take you off that, if a conflict arises, or you get a strike. In the case of mentoring, you'll also get a strike, if you make that request to Kathy – or have any other contact with her, other than acceptance of her invitation. Thanks so much. We appreciate you valuing our time.

## JUNE NEWBIES



ANDREW



ANNA



BARB



BARBARA



BOB



BRADEN



CAROL



CHERYL



DAVE



DIANE M.



DIANE S.



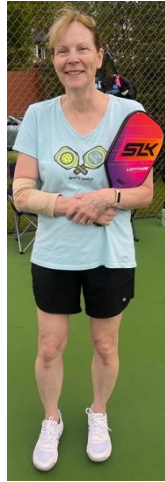
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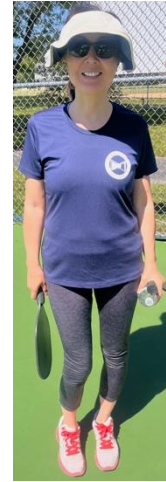


ELLEN



GAIL

A Bear oops



JENNY Z.



JOANNE



JOHN



LAURIE



LUCY



LUZ



LYNN D.



LYNN N.



MADELINE



MARVIN



MARY ELLEN



MATT



MEGAN



MICHAEL



MICHELLE



NANCY



OLIVER



PARLESS



PAUL



PEGGY



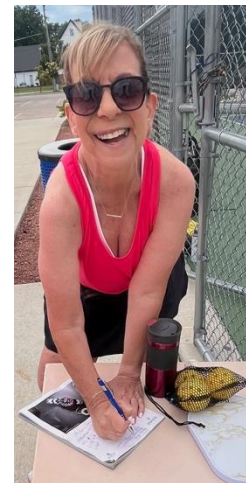
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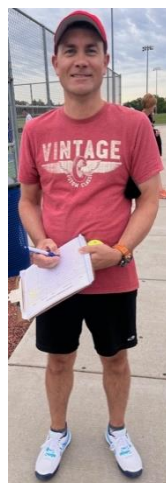
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SUE M.



SUSAN



TIM



TOM K.



TOM M.



WILLIAM

Another oops

## APP's CHICAGO OPEN NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER

We are returning to Danny Cuniff Park again this year, Aug 28 - Sept 1. We would LOVE to have you as part of our team at this event!

As a volunteer, you will enjoy:

- FREE APP dri-fit shirt
- FREE refreshments during your shift
- FREE lunch, if you work 5+ hours in a single day
- **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS** to the event all week
- A chance to witness world-class pickleball action!

All volunteers will have direct access to me via cell phone if they have a question or a need during their shift. Upon arrival, you will get a quick tour of the facility, an overview of tournament operations, and some on-the-job training for your volunteer role. You will get a break during your shift as well. You can sign up via Pickleball Desk, or simply open the Volunteer Schedule below and send your shift preferences directly to me at Dawn Horan / [glrhoran@gmail.com](mailto:glrhoran@gmail.com) / 260-273-0855. Please include your name, phone, and email on any correspondence.

### Pickleball Desk Sign Up

### Volunteer Schedule - APP Chicago

We've had a LOT of volunteer Palatine Pickler presence at these Chicago Opens. Hope you volunteer AND wear your PPC colors while there. Thanks.

## BRING A BALL ... IT'S EASY

Come on, Picklers. WHY is it always asked, "Does anyone have a ball?" If you come to Hamilton (or really anywhere else to play) have a ball. Wear shorts with pockets. EVERYONE should have a ball. If you really don't have one, I'll sell you one for \$2. Whether it's an outdoor ball, a hybrid (indoor or outball) ball, a purple ball, a yellow ball, a blue ball, a pink ball, we don't care – just bring a ball. So many times a foursome is heading to a court, and someone has to run to their car to get a ball. That is SO wrong, particularly when there's 20 paddles waiting to play.

## WE NEED A SOCIAL COORDINATOR AND/OR COMMITTEE

In the past we've enjoyed luncheons both inside and out. Our Social Coordinators have resigned, due to the astronomic growth of our club. Events can be limited to the first X number of Picklers to apply. We've had a few fun luncheons at Lamp Lighter for 75 Picklers. Anyone want to step up and coordinate social and/or other athletic events for us. Just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). Obviously, I'll publish advance notice and details in newsletters.

## LEFTIES LOVED IT & LEFT LAUGHING

Thirteen left-handed Picklers gathered at Canlan last Thursday, to see who would be the last Lefty Pickler Left standing. Everyone had a great time, and most headed to lunch afterward. Here's our legion of Lefties.



Front row: Natalie, Susan, (skip Chris), Mary, Jodi, and Jay. Back row: Janice, Greg, Jerry, Chris, Katja, Anna, and John



At morning's end Greg won 80 of a possible 88 points. John won 74, and Jay 73. Congrats to them and all the other participants in this fun round robin.

John, 2<sup>nd</sup> is on the left.  
Greg, 1<sup>st</sup> is in the middle.  
Jay, 3<sup>rd</sup> is on the right.

They have good reason to smile. The thing is everyone was smiling after play had ended.

## THIS MONTH'S TOURNAMENT TRIUMPHS



Jonny Storm – Sure Shot Cash  
Scramble – Singles – First



Larry Miller & Sue Cole -  
Iowa State Games -  
Mixed 4.0 - Gold



Daniel Koste – UPA State  
Championships – Singles  
3.5-3.9 – Gold – Qualifies  
for World Championships in Dallas



Barb Shinbori & Sue Cole – Iowa  
State Games – Womens 3.5 – Gold



Brian Szady & Daniel Koste -  
Fast Hands & Furious Charity  
Tourney, Mundelein – 4.0+ Bronze



Daniel Koste – Vernon  
Hills Lifetime – Singles  
3.5-4.0 – Bronze

- Names in *italics* are not members of the Palatine Pickleball Club



Vera Chan & Daniel Koste – Fast  
Hands Charity Tourney, Mundelein –  
3.5 - 3.9 – Bronze



Renee Braeunig & Christine Towers -  
Pasadena Sr Games – 3.5 60+ - Bronze

## REMINDER OF TIME CHANGE FOR THURSDAY MENTORING

Through the first week of August, walk-on mentoring sessions at Hamilton will run from 2:00 to 4:00. After that we'll return to our traditional 3:00 to 5:00. Just bring water.

## ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT TELLING ME STUFF

I know most of you know this and have heard it ad infinitum. However, a couple times last week I learned this needs to be repeated ... IF IT'S NOT IN AN EMAIL TO ME, IT NEVER HAPPENED. Telling me face to face, texting, phoning doesn't work. Those are all temporary, and I'm virtually guaranteed to forget either what you told me, who told me something, or both. I'm good at reacting to each email in chronological order. I also respond to virtually all emails. And in the case of your applying to participate in some event, I tell you that you'll receive a request for confirmation of your availability TWO days before the event.

Almost every week I get an email or two saying some Pickler had asked to be put on an ETBA (Expect To Be Available) list for mentoring or intramurals but didn't get an invitation so should he/she just show up? The answer is always, "No."

## REMEMBER OUR PICKLER PROFILES? LET ME DO YOURS

It starts with you asking me for a profile prompter. Just answer a few questions, embellish as you wish, find a few pics of you not playing pickleball and sending it back to me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). You ARE interesting. Let your Pickler peers find out about you. Thanks.

## JUST FUN STUFF



Pickle Dude was drawn by soon-to-be Pickler Bill Potter, former Chicago Trib cartoonist whose work has appeared nationwide. He's also a HS classmate and fellow reunion committee member of mine.



While playing at Hamilton, I looked to my right and thought I was seeing Will Smith & Tommy Lee Jones. (Sorry) unknown gent is left of Brad, George, and Dan.

Jesse Cohen discovered there is actually a place where a scientific investigation into why I'm so obsessed about the Palatine Picklers is taking place.



## PALATINE PICKLERS AT PLAY





Bill



Bob



Bonnie



Brad



Brian



Brian



Bruck



Carol



Carole



Charlotte



Chris



Chris



Chris



Chris



Cindy



Cindy



Clay



Dave



Dave



Dave



Deb



Debbie



Debbie



Denise



Diane



Don



Doug



Eileen



EJ



Elke



Fred



Gail



Gary



Gayle



George



Gerd



Gillian



Gloria



Greg



Greg



Hayden



Jaime



Janice



Jay



Jeff



Jenna



Jerry



Jim



JoAnne



Joanne



John



John



John



Judy



Kaki



Karyn



Keith



Kelsey



Linda



Lisa



Maggie



Marcia



Mark



Marti



Mary



Mary Jo



Mary



Mary



Mary



Mediha



Michael



Natalie



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Paul



Peggy



Rune



Russ



Ruth



Scott



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Stephanie



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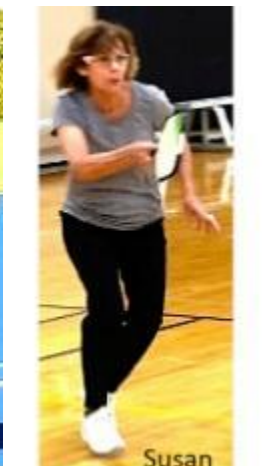
Steve



Steve



Sue



Susan



Susan



Susan



Tom



## WISHING YOU A FUN AND SAFE FOURTH

Time is short so, Teachers, apply for your 7/11 tournament. And, Grandparents, send me the number of grandkids you have. Those with the most will compete 7/25. Intermediate Picklers, get on some ETBA lists for intramurals. Newer Picklers give me the Wednesday mornings you think you'll be able to be mentored.

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