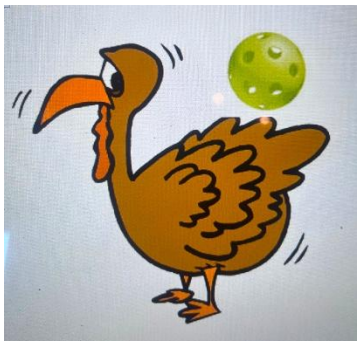
NOVEMBER, 2026 NEWSLETTER







LET'S REVIEW PLAYING INDOORS

FALCON is our primary gym. It's tucked behind the Toyota dealership at Rand and Hicks. It has open pickleball on six courts from 8:30 to 12:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Before playing there, get your name on the very top of your paddle. You'll be sticking it handle down in one of the paddle racks which are marked IN and OUT. You'll play with a different foursome each game. Afterward put your paddle in the IN side of either the W rack oe L rack, depending on whether you won or lost. Start your game near the paddle racks and move to the next court, as another foursome leaves the paddle racks ready to play.

THE GLARE COURT … The court by the lobby doors has a special rule. You are to spend half your time on each side of the net. If you start on it, change sides when one team reaches 6. If you have "migrated" to the glare court note your score. Subtract the leader's score from 11, cut that in half, add your result to the leader's score, and change sides, when one team reaches that score.

BIRCHWOOD is on Illinois, between Quentin on the west and Plum Grove on the east. It's set way back on the south side, but it's well marked. Only three courts here, but far fewer lines than you'll find at Falcon. Same paddle rack protocol as at Falcon. Monday through Thursday 11:30 to 3:30.

COMMUNITY CENTER is at 250 E Wood Street. Monday evenings from 4:30 and Thursday mornings 6:30 to 11:30.

HARPER COLLEGE at Algonquin and Roselle in their SW building. Sessions may often be cancelled due to college activities, but in general Monday and Wednesday 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.,

Friday 6:00 to 7:45 p.m., and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jay Cozza will keep you updatred on closings on Team Reach. Our original code is 9966pal, and our more recent one is PPball2023. Password is PalatinePicklers.





HOW YOUNG ARE OUR YOUNGEST TOURNAMENT PICKLERS

Let's find out. On Thursday morning, November 19th, we'll be having two, round robin tournaments in Lake Barrington's Canlan Sportsplex from 9:00 to Noon. One will have the "youngest" Lady Picklers to apply. The other will be the "youngest" Palatine Picklers men to apply. Be aware that "youngest" is a very relative term. Yes, we have a lot of 20 and 30 year olds in our club, but guess what. They'll likely be working or in school. These tournaments will surely feature a number of retired Picklers.

To apply email Fun Tournament Manager Bob at BobMcGowan1946@gmail.com with your MMDDYY date of birth. So don't wait. Email Bob. The worst that can happen is you'll be put on his Alternates list.

As with all Canlan events, an optional lunch a mile away in Kelsey Road House follows.

WE NEED BOTH MENTORS & MENTOREES

In recent years we've enjoyed the very best of our mentoring programs, from November through April every other Tuesday morning in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Over the course of three hours (9:00-Noon), Mentorees will spend half an hour with each of six Mentors. Obviously, they will learn and experience more than is possible in our outdoor sessions.

Our first Tuesday will be November 17th. Then 12/1, 12/15, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, and 4/20. Then we'll be outdoors every Wednesday morning at Sycamore Park.

Sign up online now, rather than emailing Scheduler Rune, with all the Tuesday mornings from the list just above you **E**xpect **T**o **B**e **A**vailable. He'll no longer send invitations. You'll book yourself, STARTING Tuesday, November 3rd.

MENTORS and POTENTIAL MENTORS, please email ME at aokbarry@yahoo.com with the dates YOU **E**xpect **T**o **B**e **A**vailable. Potential Mentors, don't be shy. There is no game plan you can develop that would be appropriate foe each of your six foursomes of students. I will assign them the best I can so they will share their court with three other Picklers of similar ability and/or experience. This summer we've had Mentorees whose on-court skills surpass our own, That's not a problem. We can still have them do drills and games we supervise. So PLEASE email me your desire to help other Picklers develop and hone their skills and knowledge… and don't forget on which ETBA lists I should add you. I'll email you over the weekend before each Tuesday session for which your service is desired.

BTW we Mentors have enjoyed reviewing our mornings over lunch afterward.



TIME TO REMIND YOU OF OUR DI$COUNT$

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 EngagePickleball - Use discount code 20Jon
Selkirk discount code is Adv-JBradford
25% OFF anything from Gammasports.com, with the code ba_soderborg25
$10 OFF Vatic Pro paddles … https://vaticpro.com?sca_ref=3606076.ir5retg8qU Use code CHICAGO **5%**
5% OFF anything in Badminton Warehouse in Schaumburg, by mentioning Palatine Picklers

10% OFF anything purchased at Strings Attached IN Arlington Heights, when you mention Palatine Picklers. You can demo their paddles too.

AND OUR NEWEST ONE – 10% off all paddles: JuanitoLoco -Juan Ortiz is an Ambassador for Bread & Butter Pickleball Co. They make a great paddle called Loco, a combination of foam, carbon, and fiberglass. The company was just bought by Selkirk so that speaks of the quality. Their website is. https://www.bnbpickleball.com. As I write this they have a 25%OFF all paddles. Yes, you will still get an additional 10% off with Juan's code.

WE *REALLY* NEED INTERMEDIATE PICKLERS

Our 4.5 year old, year-round intramural program is in need of more Picklers to rotate onto rosters. We particularly need older Picklers. The Whippersnappers are kicking the Wise Ones' tails the last couple months. Matches are every other Tuesday at Canlan. (Yes, we alternate Tuesdays with mentoring in the Canlan Sportsplex.) You will partner with each of your seven teammates for one game, starting with three gender games and followed by four mixed games. These games are for fun. You'll probably never notice rolling eyes. You'll enjoy the experience of playing with a variety of playing styles and strengths and weaknesses. To join the fun, email your MMDDYY Date of Birth to our Intramural Manager Chrissie at TonyandChrissie@earthlink.net.

WEDNESDAY MENTORING IS DONE, BUT NOT THURSDAY & SATURDAY

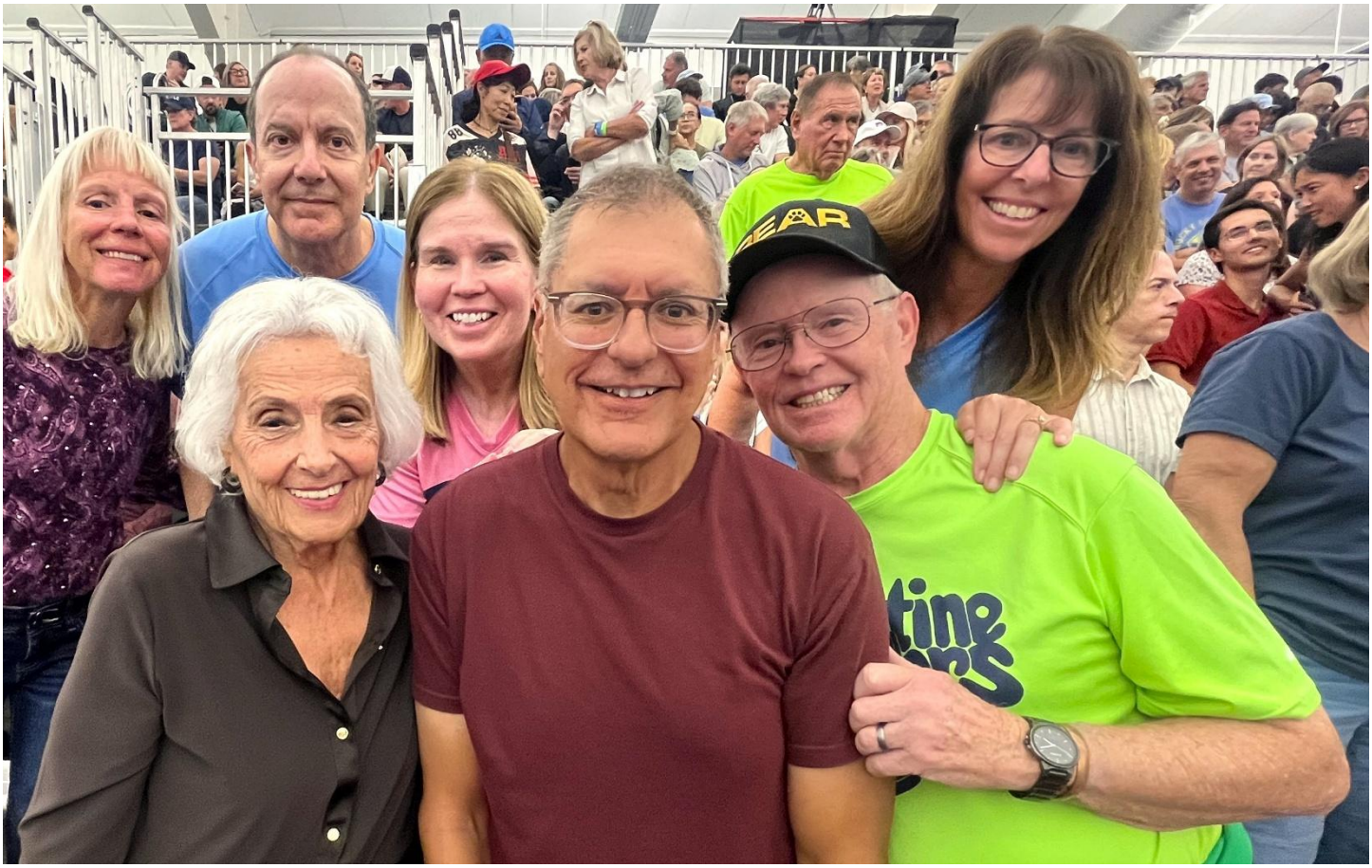
If you want an invitation to mentoring, you'll have to email Rune for Tuesday sessions. If you're available on Thursday and/or Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00, just bring your paddle and water to Hamilton about 2:50. As I do with the "by invitation" sessions year-round, I'll try to get you on a court with compatible Picklers. Sometimes, we have at least one Mentor per court. Sometimes, one or all Mentors work with multiple courts, but it all works out for everyone to have fun and hone their skills.





WE ENJOYED PICKLEBALL AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

From the 5th through the 11th of October, most of the best players in the country were in Northbrook, for the Veolia Chicago Cup, a stop on the PPA tour. A number of us chose to attend the quarter finals on Friday the 9th. We particularly enjoyed watching Anna Leigh Waters do her thing in singles, mixed doubles with Ben Johns,m and womens doubls with Anna Bright. We were in the 2nd and 3rd row behind them when they were serving 10' in front of us. Jim also got Roscoe Bellamy to sign his full name on the brim of Jim's cap. That became even more valuable, when Roscoe defeated Chris Haworth for the men's championship. Our group consisted of Stephanie, Larry, Chrissie, Karen, Mary, Jim, and me. I had a lady in front of us take this photo. We had to squish, as she couldn't back up. While there we waved to Colleen, Cynthia, and a couple other Palatine Picklers in the crowd. We all got emails from other Palatine Picklers saying they saw us on tv. During Sunday's finals, ALW won her 200th, 201st, and 202nd PPA championship, as she completed her 45th "triple crown" tournament.



In front are Mary, Jim, and Bear. Behind us are Stephanie, Larry, Chrissie, and Karen.

We all enjoy watching the pros on tv, but it doesn't begin to compare to being courtside. The reactions seem faster, the hits harder, and the spins more pronounced. Tickets were not cheap, but worth it … even mine which was more than twice as expensive for not having bought in advance.

WE HAVE A NEW MENTORING SIGN-UP PROGRAM

Starting with the 2026-27 indoor mentoring season at Canlan, we are introducing a new sign-up program in which you book your own session/s. On our website palatinepicklers.com under the MENTORING tab, you can select the session/s you want to book. If the session is full, we strongly encourage you to join the waitlist, as open slots often become available. No need to send available dates to Rune any longer. If you have any questions email him at Rune.Karsbaek@gmail.com.

"FAMILY FUN" TOURNAMENT

The Picklers first fun event in October was the FAMILY FUN Tournament. Bob and Natalie had to fill-in as the sixth team and Tom and Leila were playing in their first Fun Tournament. Everyone reported they had a good time and Joe and Kevin beat Steve and Cheri by one point in an epic battle for first place.



Steve, Cheri, Chris, Kevin, Bob, Joe, Karen, Kailyn, Clay, Natalie, Leila and Tom



Steve and Cheri 2nd Kevin and Joe 1st Kailyn and Karen 3rd



Karen & Kailyn
Mother & Daughter



Joe & Kevin
Father & Son



Clay & Chris
Husband & Wife



Cheri & Steve
Sister & Brother



Leila & Tom
Wife & Husband



Bob & Natalie
Fill-In Friends





NEW LEAGUE COMING IN MAY –FOR SEASONED PICKLERS

Jim Simmons came up with an idea I wish was mine. Starting in May at Hamilton from 1:00 to 3:00 on Tuesdays and Fridays there will be walk-on (no reservation needed) open play, exclusively for those of of who are 70+. Jim will oversee the action. These will be great chances to avoid those slamming 30-60 year old youngsters. This just gives you time to look forward to it. I expect to have this in the March, April, & May newsletters too.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR OUR 12/10 HOLIDAY PARTY



Our Social Director, Ann Buras, has reserved the updated American Legion Hall at 122 W Palatine Road, from 2:00 to 5:00 on Thursday, December 10th. She'll take the first 80 to let her know you'd like to attend and pay the $25 fee. That includes Portillo's Party Package with their famous Italian beef with bread and au jus, pasta, salad, and their famous chocolate cake. It also includes the crooning of our own Clay Farnsworth and some sing-alongs. You can reach Ann at ajarrett44@hotmail.com or 847-347-1168. Send your check to her at 919 W Dorsett, Palatine 60067 or look for her at Hamilton or Falcon, or send a Venmo payment to Ann-Buras. Just do it NOW, while you can.

ARC 9/26 TOURNAMENT

This one was limited to only two divisions, max of 3.0 and 3.1 to 3.9. Proudly, we can share that four of the six medalists represented our Palatine Pickleball Club. As always, names of non- Palatine Picklers appear in italics.

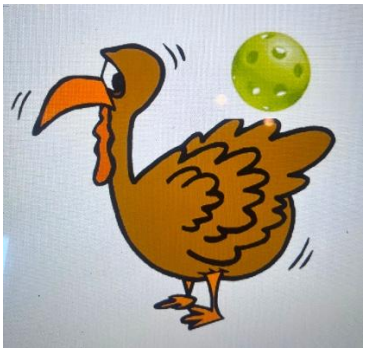


3.0 Division – Mary Brinkman 2nd, Kent Kleiva 1st, & Kevin Kwiatt 3rd



3.1-3.9 *Mathew Hong* 2nd, Tim *Thompson* 1st, & Jeff Greenberg 3rd







INDOOR MENTORING COMING

Wednesdays are done, but a lot of us are ready to mentor you every other Tuesday morning in Canlan, starting November 17th. No longer will you email Rune to get on an ETBA (Expect To Be Available) list.

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A COUPLE PADDLE RECORDS WHICH MAY LAST AND LAST



Many years ago I offered what I called the "Kyle Yates Challenge." That was bouncing the ball on the EDGE of one's paddle as many times as possible. I'd enjoyed watching Kyle do this seemingly forever at the U.S. Open. I offered a free Palatine Picklers shirt to whomever sent a video showing the most bounces. 17 was winning, until I watched Jonny Storm's video. 192. I figured, and still do, that this Palatine Picklers record would last forever.

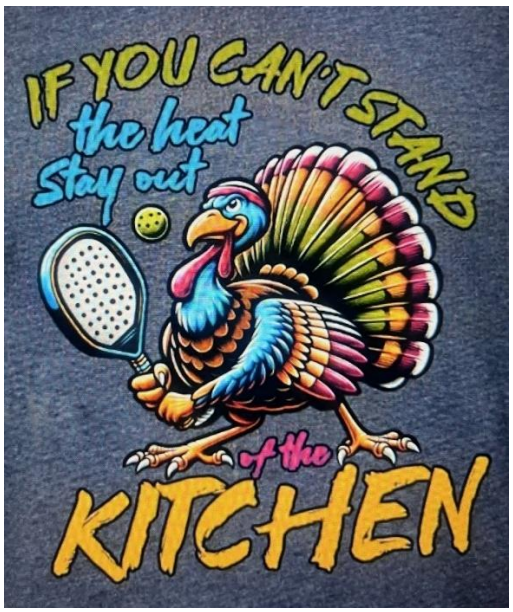


This summer we've had fun setting a Mentoree record for consecutive reflex volleys. That's hitting the ball back and forth from the kitchen lines, hopefully, to your partner's ready position. We'd gone from 32 to 37 to 47 to 49. Then came today (Wednesday, October 21st) at Sycamore's mentoring. I was having two pairs try this and count out loud. When Mary Brinkman and Chrissie Looper got to about 30, the other couple quit to watch, not wanting their missed ball to screw uo this record attempt. We just watched and watched and watched, until we had a new record of 125. Incredible! Congratulation, Lady Picklers.

SORRY FOR FEWER ACTION PICS THAN USUAL

I haven't been playing (except for two, disastrous days), since January. So I haven't been on courts to take pics other than of Mentorees. Hoping that will change this month. Stay tuned.





IF YOU HAVEN'T, YOU SHOULD

Visit our updated website, that is. If you don't know, it's PalatinePicklers.com. Nilesh Dhiman has worked his magic, to make it fresh, interesting, and informative. Under "Our Team" you can "meet" all the Picklers who help to make this club great. In "Blogs" you can read the article about us that appeared in Pickleball Club magazine. Even without a newsletter in front of you, you can learn about all our mentoring opportunities. can learn about all our free mentoring opportunities. You can shop for our club shirts. And a lot more. Check it out.

GET YOUR HOLIDAY ATTIRE READY



Here's a look at last year's festive, Ugly Holiday Sweater participants. It will be 9-12 in Canlan,

on Thursday 12/17 this year. Just email Bob at BobMcGowan1946@gmail.com to sign up for this fun morning. We'll hope to have lunch in Kelsey's super-decorated basement.

GET YOURSELF A GOOD-LOOKING HOLIDAY GIFT

I'm talking of a new, Palatine Picklers shirt or three. If you break John Stepal's single order record of six shirts or my overall record of 14, you'll earn a big recognition in January's newsletter. If you have yet to order your first, why the heck not? We've sold about 1,000 of these so far. Just go to our website (if still clueless, find it above), click on SHIRTS (on a computer, not a phone), choose your style color, and size, scroll down and order it. Our Shirt Manager Linda will contact you, regarding payment.

CONGRATS TO THIS MONTH'S BEST WALKERS

SUPER STEPPERS (20k+steps In a day)



26,640

. Joanie Wilmith

WORTHY WALKER 15K+ steps in a day



18,632

. Dawn Cooper



15,817

Scott Shatwell

PICKLERS IN ACTION



Adam



Ann



Bea



Ben



Bill



Bob



Carol



Carole



Chris



Chris



Chris



Cindy



Clay



Dan



Dawn



Deb



Diane



Don



Elaine



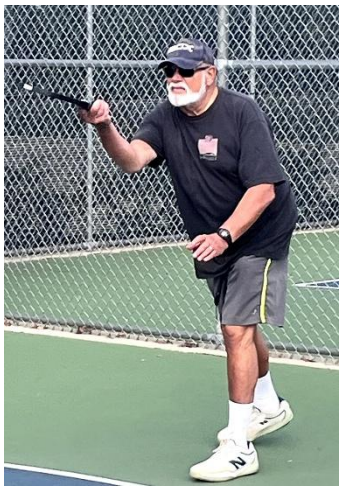
Eric



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George



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Jamie



Janice



Jeff



Jenny



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Jim



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Joanne



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. Joe



John



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Juan



Judy



Julia



Kathy



Kelley



Kent



Laurie



Linda



Lori



Marianne



Mark



Mary



Matt



Meg



Michele



Mike



Mike



Moreen



Nancy



Nancy



Pat



Paul



Richard



Rose



Sally



Scott



Scott



Shawn



Steve



Steve



Tom



Tony

CAN'T STRESS THIS ENOUGH … SIGN UP ON PALATINEPICKLERS.COM for our 11, indoor sessions. TBUT WAIT UNTIL November 3rd to do so. That's when we expect the new, "do it yourself" registration technology top be up and running. Our first, every other Tuesday morning (9:00 to Noon) session will be Tuesday, November 11th. Then 12/1, 12.15, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, and 4/20.

As we have the last few years, we can serve 24 Mentorees each week. Assuming we have 24, each of you will spend all 3 hours sharing a court with three Palatine Picklers of simila experience/ability. During that time, you will be coached by six, different Mentorsd, spending a half hour with each one. It dowsn't get any better than that. Yes, there will be breaks before starting with each new Mentor. If you need to sit down more than that, no problem.

Assuming your schedule allows, you can also join or lunch a mile away. Keep the fun going.

HERE'S THE NEWEST NEWBIES I'VE MET



Alec



Ben



Bobby



Brian



Cindy



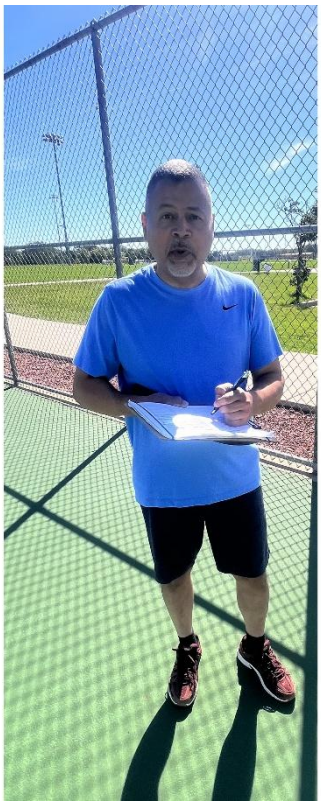
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Jeff



Juan



Kelly



Meg



Mike



Neal



Christy



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Richard



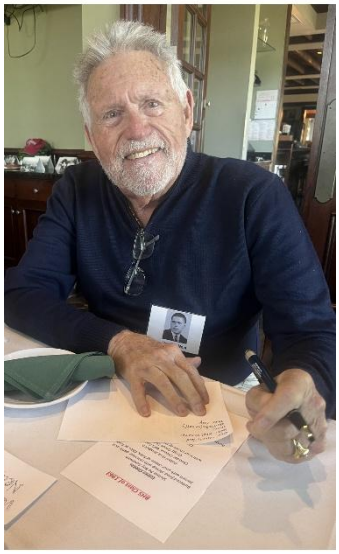
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Steven



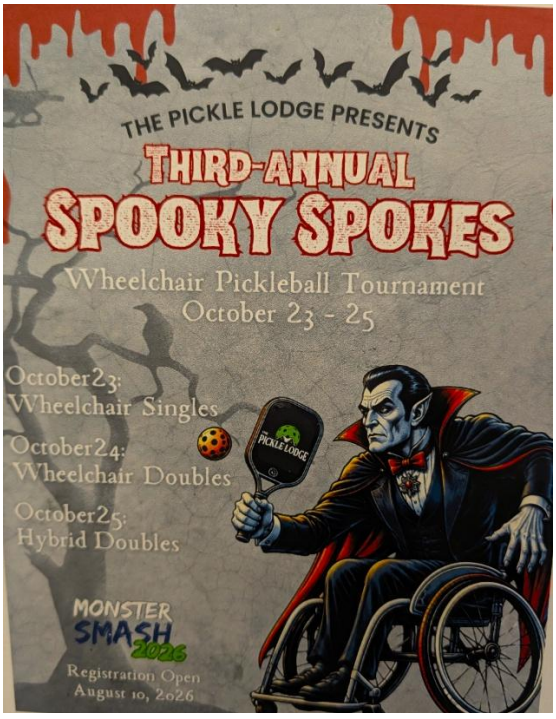
Sydney



Vernon

THIS MONTH'S MEDALIST





The "Spooky Spokes" Monster Smash Wheelchair Pickleball Tournament

. Juan Ortiz - Singles Intermediate – Gold

PICKLERS HALLOWEEN COSTUME TOURNAMENT

The Picklers Halloween Tournament players arrived with some very creative costumes. The consensus best costume was a Merry-Go-Round with music and lights worn by Chrissie. Second place was a three-way tie of Three Blind Mice worn by Pam, Diane and Mary. Each player partnered with the other seven players for games and Chrissie came in first by scoring the most points. Everyone had a good time, and seven Picklers enjoyed lunch afterward at the KRH restaurant. .



Chrissie, Diane, Mary, Pam, Kent, Natalie, Judy and Carole



Chrissie 1st



Three Blind Mice, Diane, Mary ties for 2nd

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Kent 2nd, Chrissie 1st, Diane 3rd



chrissie



Carole



Kent



Natalie



Pam



Diane



Mary



Judy

ANOTHER NEWSLETTER IN THE BOOKS & ON OUR WEBSITE

It's hard to believe that this the 142nd Palatine Picklers newsletter I've written. I will say they have gotten a little easier in the last half year. Now Karen Bryk edits all the action shots I've taken and does the layout. Nilesh Dhiman does the same for the Newbies I've snapped. Stephanie Douglas has taken over the Medalists and the Walkers. Bob McGowan is now handling setting up our Fun. Thursday tournaments and doing their write-ups. For all these tasks, now I just copy, tweak, and paste their work. Thanks, Everyone.

Also, there are a lot of Palatine Picklers who have volunteered as Mentors at some of our four, weekly, summer mentoring sessions. Most already have their photos on the Our Team page on the website (Under About Us).

I don't have an explanation for it, but 2026 has been the most challenging in our almost 12-year history, for getting Picklers to participate in anything – mentoring and Fun Tournaments particularly. This is the first year we haven't always had 24 Mentorees invited to Wednesday morning coaching sessions. And, due to insufficient participation, Bob has had to cancel a couple, Thursday Fun Tournaments. Think I cancelled only one tournament, in the past 12 years. I hope this helps you look at the newsletters (on our website by the 2nd of each month) in time to sign up for our events. Right now, for instance, if you haven't sent Ann your Holiday lunch fee for our December 10th luncheon, now would be an ideal time. Only the first 80 to pay will be able to attend.



VERY IMPORTANT … INDOOR MENTORING, which is every other Tuesday morning m starting 11/17 must be registered online at PalatinePicklers.com, STARTING ON 11/3. **_Previous request to be put on ETBA lists are n o longer valid.**

As always, my bride Kathy deserves the biggest "THANKS," for allowing me to live on my laptop answering Picklers' emails, organizing events, selecting & editing photos I've taken, entering Newbies n 3 places and welcoming them, and creating these newsletters.

Happy Thanksgiving, Picklers.

Bear Shatwell
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