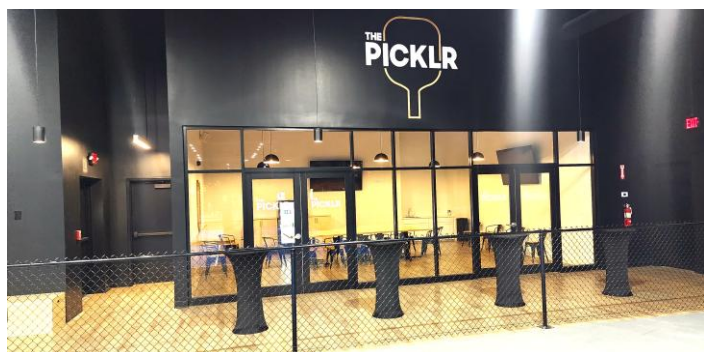
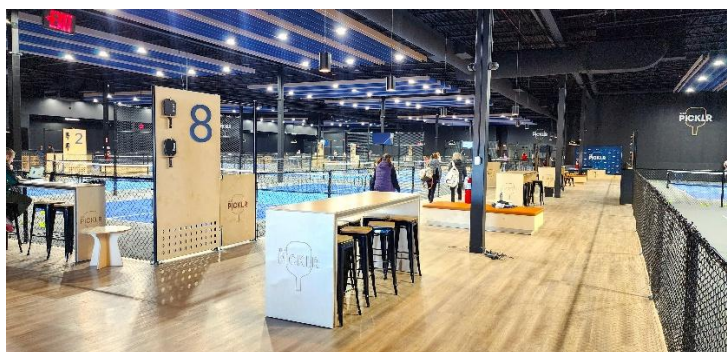




## SEPTEMBER, 2025 NEWSLETTER

### MT PROSPECT PICKLER **LOVES US**

Ron Weiland, Franchise Owner and our Adam Marton. Picklr Ambassador gave me an in-depth tour of this incredible facility at 211 W Rand Road, Mt Prospect. That's just NW of 83. Adam, of course, knows us and all we do. He spoke with Ron, and they decided to make Palatine Picklers a special offer. Their normal unlimited monthly fee is \$139 or \$1390/year. If you identify yourself as a Palatine Pickler, your monthly fee will be just \$119 or \$1190/year. If you're a senior Palatine Pickler it will be just \$109 or \$1090. Their website is at [Indoor Pickleball Courts in Mount Prospect, IL | The Picklr](https://www.thepicklr.com). You can join online. Their phone number is 847-716-2244. If you want to give membership a try, ask about their 30 days for \$30 trial.



## 1<sup>st</sup> PALATINE PICKLERS PICKLR TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>

We have enjoyed two “Changing Courts” tournaments at Pickle Haus in Algonquin and loved them... and lunch afterward. This year they wanted to increase our individual fee %59%, from \$22 to \$35 for 2 hours. No thank you. So I asked Picklr. Oh, yes! Did I mention they LOVE Palatine Picklers? We will have five courts (20 Picklers) from 10:00 to Noon on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for \$20 apiece. You don’t even have to be a member. I’ll have to research where we’d like to have lunch afterward, but that’s “small potatoes.” So, unless Picklr wants it another way, email me your desire to play. I’ll give the list of the first 20 to the Picklr.

Here's how it will work again. I’ll assign courts based on the alpha order of your first name. Every 20 minutes I’ll blow a whistle. At that point you record all your scores on a clipboard I’ll have at your court. Winners move up a court number, and losers move down. You change partners and start another game. At this point I don’t know if you will pay Picklr when you arrive or should pay me and I make one payment for all, as we did at Pickle Haus.

I expect to run three or four of these Picklr tournaments a year. Except for no restaurant and no unused cabana courts, Picklr is Pickle Haus on steroids. Another word is “awesome.”

So, email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) that you want to get in this first picklr tournament. I’ll take the first 20 to apply and keep, say, four Alternates. To the rest I’ll have to say, “Sorry, too slow. Maybe next time.”

## MEET PICKLER GREG WILLARD

I’m a bit prejudice, because Greg and I have SO much in common, but I hope you find this profile one of your favorites.

Greg was born in Houston in 1950. His high school career was three-pronged. It began in St. Thomas Aquinas in Florissant, MO. Then Monsignor Nolan in Ft Worth, TX. Finally, Heidelberg American HS in Heideberg, Germany. In high school he participated in gymnastics and soccer. In Germany he played foosball for fun.



Greg attended North Central College to earn a degree in Management Information Systems. Then at Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, he earned his Master of Management degree.

At left is his basic training class in Ft Lewis, WA.





He served three years of active duty in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of Specialist 5. He was assigned to the Operations and Intelligence Section of an Honest John Rocket Battalion at Camp Page in South Korea. The Honest John (at left) was the first nuclear-capable surface to surface rocket in the U.S. arsenal.

Then he was assigned to a howitzer 155 mm Self-Propelled unit at Fort Hood, Tx.

After a few entry-level jobs, he was happy to land a management training position at Quality Control Corp in 1979. Throughout his 34 years there, he worked his way up and up and up, ultimately becoming President and CEO in 1992. He held that role, until his 2013 retirement.



In 1974 Greg met Linda Marie in a Palatine bar playing foosball. They married the summer of 1976 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview. They're looking forward to celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> next summer.

They have five sons and eight grandkids, with a 9<sup>th</sup> on the way.

Paul (47) lives in Roswell, GA with wife Kendall & their three children, Owen, Ben, & Caroline. Mark (46) and wife Linda live in Bonita Springs, FL with Giant Schnauzer Luna. They are currently foster parents to Brandon.

Kevin (44) and wife Lauren are in St Charles with their kids Sophie and Max and their 2 dogs – Golden Retriever Harry and Bernese Mountain Dog Sam.

Kyle (41) lives with wife

Laurinda in Redding, CA. with their 3 children, Charlotte, Jackson, & Maverick, along with their Yellow Lab.

Zack (38) lives in Goose Creek, SC, with wife Libby. They are expecting their 1<sup>st</sup> child in January. Meanwhile, they'll keep spoiling their Golden Retrievers Bali and Happy.



The photo shows the whole family July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All returned to the Arlington Heights house in which they grew up.

Most of us have an easy time answering, “Where did you grow up?” Not so much with Greg. His Dad was in the Army. His Mom was in the Navy. They met and married in Tokyo. A couple years later in Houston, Greg made them a “family.” Since then, Greg has lived in San Diego, Fort Worth, Springfield IL, Florissant, MO, Heidelberg, Chuncheon, South Korea, and finally Naperville and then Arlington Heights.



At the ripe young age of 55, Greg took up flying. He took it seriously earning his private pilot certificate, instrument rating, multi-engine commercial license, and even a seaplane rating. He also has a tailwheel endorsement (look it up) and has flown in all 50 states. He’s a proud member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association, and the Old Farts Flying Club. Recently Greg and son Kyle

built a Sling High Wing airplane and flew it from Torrance to Redding, CA. It was a happily unforgettable experience. Photo above shows the completed build, June of this year.

Lin and Greg share a love of cycling and have enjoyed biking trips throughout the U.S. and Europe. They belong to the Bonita Bay Bicycle Club where they volunteer as group leaders for the “C” level riders.

Flying and biking aren’t their only transportation interests. They love taking leisurely drives in the 1961 Austin Healey 3000 they’ve owned for 30+ years. (Photo shows Greg & Kyle in it 2019.) They’ve been members of the Austin Healey Club of America for more than 20 years and have enjoyed memorable outings, including trips to Richmond to visit Anderson’s Chocolates and weekend events with FuelFed.



Greg had the privilege of serving as both the Director and Chair of the Tooling and Manufacturing Association, as well as Director and Chair of the National Fluid Power Association.

All five sons love to fish so Greg likes to fish too. Whether fly fishing in the Keys or mountain streams of Colorado or fishing for halibut in Alaska, it’s always a fun time.



Below you'll see Zack and Greg in Alaska catching lots of Halibut and a King Salmon. Then Greg and Paul scuba diving in the Cayman Islands.



In a different side of life, he and Linda led the Pre-Marriage Program at St Edna Parish for 15 years. It was a deeply rewarding opportunity to support couples as they prepared for married life.

Greg got into pickleball nearly eight years ago, thanks to Lin. His niece was visiting them in Florida, and they needed a 4<sup>th</sup> player. Greg resisted, claiming 2 ACL-deficient knees from playing racquetball. He didn't think he could handle it. Lin pointed out that plenty of players wore knee braces and reminded him that he was her uncle and needed to man up. Lin set him up with a few lessons so he could know what he was doing out there. He was hooked right away. For the past two years, Greg has served as the Co-Captain of the Bonita Bay Bandits., their inter-club team. They were proud to be crowned 2024 Winter Season Division Champs.

What Greg appreciates most about the Palatine Pickleball Club is the welcoming and inclusive nature. Whether one is a beginner or an experienced player, there's always a sense of camaraderie and support. The club is well-organized, offering a great mix of open play, social events, and opportunities to improve your game. A special shout-out goes to Bear Shatwell, the club's founder whose vision and dedication laid the foundation for the thriving community. It's clear that Bear's passion for pickleball and building connections is still at the heart of everything we do. For me, it's just about the sport – it's about the friendships and shared enthusiasm that make the club truly special.

This summer Greg has been serving as one of our Mentors. His calm, supporting style works.



## Bucket List items checked off:

- Cycling the Loire Valley in France, the Island of Crete, the French Riviera, California's wine country, the Green Mountains of Vermont, Northern Spain, and Italy.
- Taking Dan & Son trips with each of his five sons.
- Learning to fly.
- Building and flying an airplane.
- Flying a jet.
- Becoming a certified scuba diver.
- Dive in the Turks and Caicos.
- Fly a helicopter.

## Bucket List items yet to experience:

- See the Northern Light.
- Camp under the stars in a designated dark sky park.



• Iceland Glacier Caves  
• with Kevin in 2019



1<sup>st</sup> airplane ride with Sophie & Max,  
Naples, FL 2019



Anniversary bike trip,  
Zion National Park 2024



• Picked up in Portland &  
• flew to Chicago in 2014



Snorkeling in 35  
degree water in  
Iceland's Silfra Fissure with Kevin



Greg & Paul diving in the  
Cayman Islands in 2014



Working on the  
Sling High Wing kit  
Torrance, CA 2024



## YOUR FALL PALATINE PICKLER \$SAVINGS\$

**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-Bradford

**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

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.

## WE NEED BEGINNERS ... AND WE NEED INTERMEDIATES

**MENTORING** Our Wednesday morning mentoring can serve 24 students, 12 at 9:00, and 12 more at 10:30. Sessions have been full for our first ten years. However, since the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July we have fallen short of 24 Mentorees each week. We don't understand this. Virtually every week I welcome at least six Beginners to the Palatine Pickleball Club. Why are they not emailing me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) with the Wednesday mornings they expect to be available? Yes, many are still in the work force so come to Hamilton Saturday afternoon. However, many are retired or control their own time. In just 90 minutes of sharing courts with three Picklers of similar ability and/or experience, they receive a half hour of instruction and guidance from three different Mentors. It is fairly frequent that we hear a Mentoree has learned more in one free day with us than he/she did in 3 weeks of paid instruction elsewhere.

**INTRAMURALS** I started this program for intermediate Picklers (3.0-3.5) more than 3 years ago. It's every other Tuesday morning year round. Participants partner with their 3 gender teammates for 3 games, before playing four games with their mixed teammates. Then we go to lunch. Each match has a different roster. Each match has the younger half against the older half ... Whippersnappers vs Wise Ones. After all this time, the teams are only a couple matches apart. Are you appropriate for intramurals? Well, 50% of our membership is. Email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) and I'll give you a try. If you seem a bit too good or not quite ready, I'll let you know, but you'll still have a lot of fun. It's not that serious. I don't do serious; I do fun things for Picklers. For the first time ever, I had to cancel 8/19 intramurals, due to too few participants. This, as with mentoring, is absolutely nuts. A glitch wiped out participants from my intramural spreadsheet. I mentioned everyone has to email me a new list of available dates. Apparently, many didn't read that. EVERYONE who didn't play in August should email me your availability, because I do not have it, even if you sent it months ago. Recently welcomed members should give it a try so email me. I'll beat this drum more on another page.

## MEET PICKLER MASUMI NAKAMURA

This young Palatine Pickler was born in Tokyo, Japan in 1963. Her introduction to sports took place in high school where participated in Kendo. That's Japanese fencing.

Masumi has two Bachelor degrees. Her first was earned in Business at Chuo University in Japan. Her second came at California State University of Northridge in California. That was in Psychology.

Her career began with a couple years at an advertising company in Tokyo. Then she Somei Nakamura at university in Japan, got married in 1994 and began what seems a world tour. They lived in California 3 years, Japan 4 years, and China 10 years for Somei's business. During that time, Masumi was a full-time Mom for son Kaoru (now 30) and daughter Asuka (now 29). Both are now working as engineers at different game companies in Japan. They now have a 2-year old Pomsky dog named Ponta with them at right in a sunflower farm.



Toward the end of her stay in China, Masumi started her Japanese teaching career. For the next three years, she went first to Cameroon, Africa and then to Hong Kong by herself to teach Japanese. Now she and Somei have lived in Arlington Heights for three years. She's been teaching Japanese at a language school named Language Loop in downtown Chicago. She's also working as an online Japanese teacher at Preply.com. She modestly says she thinks she's a good Japanese teacher. If interested in learning that language, contact Language Loop or find her at Preply.com. two primary hobbies. While in Beijing, she volunteered a couple years for the



Japanese Association. Her women team visited local nursing homes for the elderly and a local elementary school attended by children with economic difficulties. The team was awarded by the Japanese government.

She tried pickleball at the ARC (Arlington Ridge Center) where our own Mentor John Stepal got her started well and addicted right away. What does she like about the Palatine Pickleball Club? The atmosphere. The people she's met here are so nice to her, and the clug gives her many fun opportunities to continue to play pickleball.





As for bucket list items checked off, coming to America was a top priority. She couldn't make that happen for quite a while, but now she's in this country again and working with American people. She says she's so happy.

How 'bout bucket list items still out there? She wants to cruise around the world.

Any other sports? Masumi used to play tennis 3-4 times a week, but not anymore. Pickleball is much more fun for her. Below left shows Masumi In Japanese Language School teaching



about Sadou, a Japanese tea ceremony in 2021. On the right she's teaching Japanese to students in Japanese Language School in Cameroon in 2017.

## **MASUMI IS THE 64<sup>th</sup> PICKLER PROFILED – YOU CAN BE NEXT**

Just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com), for my Profile Prompter. You'll answer a bunch of questions, dig up some fun photos, email it all to me, and wait to see yourself in a newsletter.

## **EVEN CLOSE TO 70 YEARS OLD MAY QUALIFY**

**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** will see the first 12 men and first 12 women Picklers over 70 to apply will compete in their round robin tournaments in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington. Should fewer than 12 apply, I'll take those are closest to 70 to fill the void. If you're not quite a septuagenarian, email me your MMDDYY date of birth. You may get into the action. Afterwards, over lunch we'll discuss such things as Howdy Doody, running boards, transistor radios, Uncle Johnny Coons, 45 rpms, and other things our younger Picklers wouldn't understand. So apply by emailing me a [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). On Sunday or Monday before the tournament, I'll email all who apply, with an update.

## IT'S WALKER RECOGNITION TIME

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



25,266

Karen Picchotti



25,085

John Havlir

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



19,014

Denise Hopkins



17,250

Bear Shatwell



17,081

Jesse Cohen



15,821

Anne Stein



## CHECK YOUR STEPS & 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 [mary.palatinepicklers@gmail.com](mailto:mary.palatinepicklers@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. You too can be featured in this walker-honoring section.

## WIDOWS ENJOYED THEIR TOURNAMENT & DINNER



. Bear, Janice, Sheila, Karen, Judy, Debbie, Fran, & Art

Bear 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sheila 1<sup>st</sup>, Judy 3<sup>rd</sup>

After a fun round robin pickleball tournament, and some small talk over cocktails, we shared our journey through widowhood. It's always cathartic to be with a group of only widows. I should explain that "widow" is the term for anyone in this club none of us wanted to join, regardless of gender. Actually, Sheila is not a widow. She was a last minute sub for a widow that got stuck on the south side of Chicago. Sheila, of course, did not attend dinner. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> widow tournament and lunch or dinner we've had. Each has been a rewarding time.

## TRUMP'S TARIFFS ARE IMPACTING US

Our shirt printer emailed me that shirt prices will be going up, thanks to the tariffs. They have yet to determine the exact prices of each shirt we offer, but none will be staying the same. So, if you're considering a shirt, try placing your order right away. You may beat the price hike. Just go to [PalatinePicklers.com](http://PalatinePicklers.com) (on your computer, not your phone), find the shirt/s you want. Then scroll down and fill in the style, size, and color. Our Shirt Lady Linda will have you send her a check made out to me but sent to her.



## AUGUST NEWBIES



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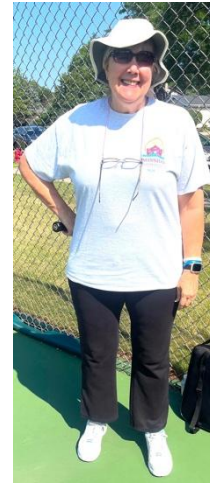
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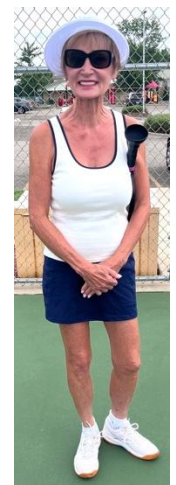
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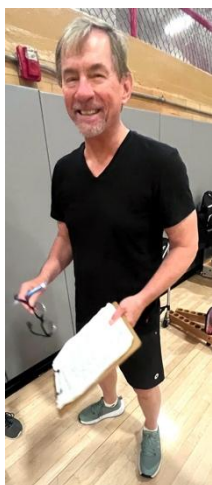
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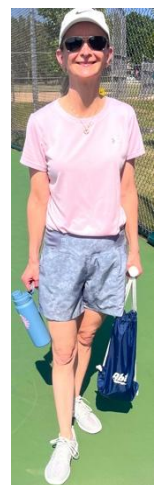
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Lauren



Linda





Marcie



Mario



Mary



Matt



Max



May



Nick



Nicole



Olivia



Patti



Picha



Rob



Steve



Tyler



## JUST HOW POPULAR IS PICKLEBALL IN PALATINE ?

In a word “very.” This number is obviously shy of the real number, because many members of the Palatine Picklers reside in the Palatine Park District, but not in Palatine. Still of our large membership, 1,426 are Palatine residents. Due to the crowds at Hamilton, many of these play at Voltz in Arlington, Green Slopes in Arlington, 3 places in Buffalo Grove, Canlan in Lake Barrington, Hofman Estates, Schaumburg, Lake Zurich, and even Elk Grove. Hopefully, if we’re granted a number of courts at the 8.5 acres at 14 & 68, we’ll hope to get back many of them.

## LADY PICKLER LOST PENDANT



On the morning of Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, a Lady Pickler lost this pendant on the southeast court at Hamilton. It measures only about ¼” per side. If it’s yours please email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). We’ll arrange a rendezvous so you can have it back.

## WEEKLY FRIDAY PICKLERS BRUNCH

Early in 2025 Clay Farnsworth invited Hamilton Picklers to go to Jelly Café (Dundee & Quentin) at 11:15 for brunch with an inexpensive, senior menu including coffee. Since then, our group has grown, and the time moved to 10:30. Here’s our 8/22 group. It’s a good time. Individual checks. No reservations needed. We have the bench facing the front door. Give it a try.



Clay & Anne



facing west



facing east



Ann’s birthday



Tom’s was yesterday



Kathy

Ann

Chris





R to L Jaime, Don, Chris, Debbie, Carole



Carole & Janice

This wasn't our largest group, but it's a bit larger than average. Join us next week.

## **NOW MONDAYS ARE ADDED TO OUR DINING PLEASURE**

Our frugal gourmet Clay has created a 2<sup>nd</sup> Pickler dining experience. On Mondays at 11:30 we can gather at Village Inn, NW Hwy and 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Drive (former Bakers Square), for \$5.00 hamburgers. I spend an extra dollar for a fried egg on mine. Again, no reservation needed.

## **KEEP THE EMAILS COMING**

If you haven't yet emailed Ben Rea, Executive Director of the Palatine Park District, please do. We are asking for a pickleball facility on the 8.5 acres at 14 and 68 that used to have a stable. The need is obvious. Palatine is the worst of the nearest 17 suburbs in terms of outdoor pickleball courts per capita. Some have asked for indoor swimming also, another need in the village. Most have suggested having washrooms, drinking fountain, seating, and shade. Some have asked for both indoor and outdoor pickleball facilities here. A sizable facility would allow us to run tournaments which could bring the PPD some revenue. This property is far from homes so our noise wouldn't be a problem to residents. Also, there's plenty of room for parking. When I met with Ben Rea a year and a half ago, these seemed the two biggest concerns, when considering more pickleball courts in town. This certainly seems a slam dunk, but the Park District has yet to commit. Maybe your email will be the one that makes a difference. When you do email Ben, please copy (cc or bcc) me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). So far, about 100 Picklers have sent emails.

## **DON'T SEND ME STEPS & MEDAL-WINNING PERFORMANCES**

Walkers should send proof of their steps directly to Mary Werling at [Mary.palatinepicklers@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.palatinepicklers@gmail.com).

Medalists should send their tournament, division, partner (if one), medal color, and photo to Stephanie Douglas at [Stephanie.Douglas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Stephanie.Douglas@sbcglobal.net).

## ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME TOURNAMENT WILL BE 10/23



Above you see our 2024 contestants. This tournament is always one of the most fun of the year. Again this year I will hope to get lunch reservations for the basement at Kelsey Road House. As these 12 will recall, they go all out with their holiday decorations down there. So I will again take the first 12 to register for this Thursday classic. Just email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com). You play in costume, but can remove head or footwear.

## WANT TO KNOW WHEN WE CAN PLAY INDOORS?

Well, here you are. Birchwood will be set up for pickleball Monday through Thursday, from 11:30 to 3:30, beginning Tuesday, **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Falcon mornings begin Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 12:30.

## WHERE ARE YOU INTRTAMURALISTS ?

This is nuts. Half our 4500+ members are eligible for “intermediate” play. I need only 8 men and 8 women every other Tuesday. Yet here are the few who have signed up for Tuesday 9/2:

Joe M, John G, John M, Bill P, Gerd L, Clay F, Dave S, Bill S, Kevin H, &, if necessary Bear S. Maureen G, Colleen N, Mary Jo L, Pat F, Leslie P, Tina M, Karen K, Jacquie M.

A year ago I had to choose 8 men from 28 and 8 women from 30. Do dozens of Picklers think they’ve gotten too good for these 3.0 to 3.5 matches? Did they get too old for 2.75 hours of play, with breaks? Do they think Barrington is too far to drive for this much fun? I don’t get it.

I’ve been running intramurals for more than three years, and my biggest challenge had been to balance participation so everyone gets somewhat equal rostering. I had to cancel our last match, due to insufficient participants.



Too many Palatine Picklers don't read the newsletters regularly so don't know what we're doing. PLEASE go to our website on, or after, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of each month and read the newsletter.

If you are not a Beginner or an Advanced player, PLEASE email me at [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com) that you'd be available to participate in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington on any/all of these dates: 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, & 12/9. That takes us through the end of 2025. I send invitations Sunday afternoons. Intramurals will end this year, if no one wants to step up to run this bi-weekly program. This is one of the programs from which I am retiring at the end of the year. No, I am not retiring, just no longer running intramurals or our once or twice a month fun tournaments.

These matches are for fun. Almost no one takes them seriously. I assign participants based on their MMDDYY date of birth (so include yours, if you give me dates you'd like to play). The younger half of each roster comprise the Whippersnappers, while their elders are the Wise Ones. Over three plus years, the teams are within a match or two of each other. It's a great program in which more than 60 Palatine Picklers have played. How 'bout you? **If you thought you'd signed up for future dates, do it again.** The Expect To Be Available spreadsheet got wiped out so I don't know that you wanted certain dates.

## **SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL AH SR CENTER PB TOURNEY**

As always this will be at Dryden Park/School in Arlington. The date is Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. There's room for 80 players, and there's still enough room for you and your friends. Here's the link for registration: <https://www.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/AHSC-INC-PICKLEBALL-TOURNAMENT-TICKETS-1397158451539>. There is a \$4.95 online registration fee. However, you can save that by calling the Senior Center directly at 847-253-5532 to register. A lot of Palatine Picklers have had fun in these, annual tournaments in the past. Should you win a medal, please remember to send all the info and pic to Stephanie Douglas (see above).

## **WHILE WAITING FOR MEDALISTS AND ACTION SHOTS**

I'll fill some of this space by saying once again how **"strikes"** work. Whether intramurals or Wednesday mentoring, any additions or deletions from the Expect To Be Available lists must be sent to ME by noon on Saturday, for the upcoming event. After that earns a strike. Not responding to an invitation by 10:00 a.m. Monday for intramurals or Tuesday for mentoring results in a strike. Responding that you cannot make it results in a strike. Of course, being a no-show earns a strike too. We overlook (I didn't say forgive) a first strike. A 2<sup>nd</sup> strike gets you banned from ALL organized Palatine Pickler events for six months. Please respect our efforts.

## PICKLERS AT PLAY



Adam



Angie



Barb



Barbie



Bill



Bill



Bob



Brian



Bruce



Cindy



Clay



Darren



Dave



Deb



Diane





Donna



Gerd



Jacquie



Janet



Jeff



Jim



Joanne



Jodi



Karen



Karen



Karen



Kent



Larry



Linda



Maggie



Mary



Mary



Mary



Maumi



Natalie





Nichole



Pam



Pat



Rick



Scott



Steve



Sue

## THIS MONTH'S MEDALISTS ... by our new Medalist Manager Stephanie Douglas



Patty Eagleton  
2025 National Senior Games  
Des Moines, IA  
Gold



Patty Eagleton and Geri Schert  
2025 National Senior Games  
Des Moines, IA  
Women's Doubles  
4<sup>th</sup> Place



Stephanie Douglas and  
Larry Perlman  
Star Spangled Paddle -  
MP Picklr – Mixed 3.0  
Bronze



## WRONG HANDERS HAD A RIGHT GOOD TIME

Last Thursday eight of us brave souls took to the courts to play 7 games with only our non-dominant hand. Was there a little embarrassment. Oh yes. Were there some swings and misses? Definitely. Were there a few laughs? Many, at ourselves, our partners, and our opponents. Did everyone have a really good time? Well, mostly. And most of us enjoyed good conversations, good food, and good drinks after the match. Here's who played and who performed a bit better than the rest of us.



Barb

Mike

Judy

Bear

Steve

Tommy

Masumi

Gerd



Gerd finished 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tommy won the tournament

Steve placed 3<sup>rd</sup>

## PICKLR 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY - & YOU'RE INVITED

We are having our 1-year anniversary party on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.p. However, we will have free open play for everyone all day Saturday and Sunday. It should be a great time, so please let your Palatine Picklers know as this is open to all of them.

**Everyone** is welcome to join the fun. Highlights include:

Free open play all day long (including Saturday)

Free food and a non-alcoholic drinks

Big annual membership discount sale pricing!

Raffle prizes from local vendors and merchants

Beat a pro and win a free month's membership; beat them by more than 5 points and . . . win a free year!

Pro shop discounts on paddles and apparel up to 75% off!

Chance to win a free one-year membership and any top-of-the-line paddle in our pro-shop

Live DJ

Bears watch party on six 75" TVs

Thanks!

Ron Weiland

Franchise Owner

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR. LET'S ALL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS**

## THE PALATINE PICKLERS MAY BE DOWNSIZING

It's up to you. I stated the Palatine Pickleball Club 10.5 years ago. I drew a logo that now appears on more than 600 shirts and 128 newsletters. I have welcomed well over 4500 members. I've started a website, leagues, intramurals, mentoring and more mentoring, dozens of fun tournaments, some social events, and given you an "up close and personal" Profile look at 64 Palatine Picklers.

Mary Werling has volunteered to accept responsibility for accepting Walkers' information and formatting the page/s for the newsletter. She also formats the Newbies photos I send her. Stephanie Douglas has agreed to take all medalists' information and format it for me for newsletters. Jonny Storm has been taking my edited action shots and adding creative names to them and sending me pages. Linda O'Connor has been gathering our shirt orders from the website, placing orders, collecting fees, picking up shirts, bagging & tagging them, and distributing them. Sheila Lullo has been accepting the online Newbies and forwarding them to me, since our website stopped liking me. Greg Kuhs has been our MailMaster getting my newsletters and Tweener Memos to those on the MailChimp list (about 40% of our Members –



the rest have to go to PalatinePicklers.com to get them). John Pihl has been our Webmaster keeping our website as current as I can give him. We have many Mentors to help me with the four, weekly mentoring sessions. From photos of intramural scoreboards, Bob McGowan prepares stats I send participants. Thank you, Everyone, including any I overlooked.

I used to be a 3.5 in this sport, but I was better at volleyball, table tennis, tennis, bags, badminton, squash, darts, golf, and maybe racquetball. All those went away, due to multiple surgeries. Now I'm a 2.0 on the pickleball courts, but I play each day. I appreciate your tolerance, but I don't stay long as I don't want anyone to have to share a court with me more than once.



Kathy and I met at a widow dinner and bonded quickly. We've been married 13 years. Sadly, she's NOW become a pickleball widow. I want to change that.

**I need someone** to take over intramurals, starting in January. I'll be glad to explain what's involved and give you the scoreboard, pens, and balls.

**I need someone** to take over creating and running our fun, round robin tournaments. I can give you a bunch of scoreboards, pens, and balls. I have one Pickler interested but not yet committed.

If you want to see 100 or so pics of Picklers playing again, **I need someone** to take, select, edit, and name photos and send them to me ready to copy and paste.

Otherwise, I'll take pics of those in PPC shirts and a few others each month.

If **someone** would like to take over the membership roster, including welcoming Newbies, let me know. I'll give you the gigantic membership spreadsheet.

If **any of you** would like to take over the newsletter, I'll be glad to tell you what's involved and give you all you need. Warning: It will take longer than you think.

Not an absolute, but by June I'd like to be just a lousy player and former PicklerPrez. I want to finish the book I half finished, before pickleball took over my life.

If you have been enjoying everything about the Palatine Pickleball Club, it's time to step up and "pay your dues." Email me what you'd like to do. Thanks in advance.

Meanwhile, sign up for mentoring, intramurals, Grandparents, 70ish, Picklr, Halloween, Mentoree, tournaments, etc.

Bear, PicklersPrez [aokbarry@yahoo.com](mailto:aokbarry@yahoo.com)