



PalatinePicklers.com

OCTOBER, 2026 NEWSLETTER

WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP ... CHOOSE ONE OR ALL

FAMILY FUN TOURNAMENT ... Pick any partner to whom you're related but not married. This will be in the Canlan Sportsplex in Lake Barrington from 9 to Noon on Thursday, October 8. Email Bob at BobMcGowan1946@gmail.com, to see if there is still room for you. After the tournament, we hope can join for lunch a mile away.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME TOURNAMENT ... Thursday, October 29th. This has been fun for a lot of years. You'll judge the costumes, before playing the round robin tournament. Yes, you may remove whatever will make it easier for you to move around the court. Afterward, in costume, we drive a mile to Kelsey Road House for lunch in costume. Register at BobMcGowan1946@gmail.com.

MENTOREE TOURNAMENT ... Tuesday, November 3rd in Canlan, from 9 to Noon. If you participated in summer mentoring, whether at Sycamore or Hamilton, you are eligible. I'll take the first 24 to apply. To register email me at aokbarry@yahoo.com.



WE NEED MORE SHIRTS ORDERED

We cannot place our order, until it has at least 12 shirts. Our last order was in May, but we're still a couple short. Please go to PalatinePicklers.com (not on your phone) and order one or several club shirts. Then Linda O'Connor, our Shirt Manager should contact you in 2-3 weeks that she has your shirt/s. Approximately 1,000 of these have been purchased. Hope you add to that number **Thought I'd share a bunch of our colors and styles to pique your interest.**



Pretty good-looking shirts, aren't they? Wait, there's more.

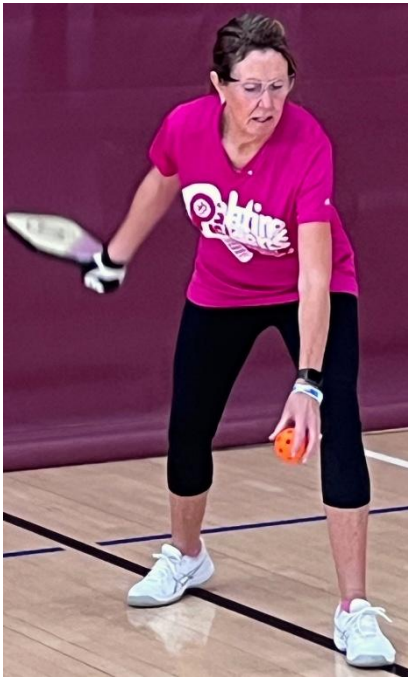


Our fashion show isn't over yet.

JUST FOR FUN ... The first Pickler to give me the first name of each Pickler in order wins a free shirt of their choice.



Are you ready to buy yet? Well, lets try a few more to convince you to buy now.





Just a few more options for you.



Hope you found a few
you want in
your wardrobe.
Now, just get on your



computer (NOT PHONE), go to PalatinePicklers.com, click on SHIRTS, make your selections, scroll down, and place your order. Easy peasy.



COME ON, INTERMEDIATE PICKLERS, GET INTO INTRAMURALS

This program has been enjoyed by 16 Picklers every other week for four years. Each match pits the younger participants against their more senior peers. These are round robins so you will play with each of your same gender teammates for one game and then four games partnered with teammates of the opposite gender. To give it a try, just send the dates you expect to be available AND your MMDDYY date of birth to Chrissie, our Intramural Manager, at TonyandChrissie@earthlink.net. Please don't make her chase you for your date of birth, as so many do. The next intramural date is October 13th. Then every two weeks until the break for the holidays. Give her all your dates. She'll invite 16 Picklers over the weekend before each match.



CHECK THESE 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-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 A NEW 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.

TWO OP-ED ENTRIES

My closing editorial in the September prompted a lot of response. I appreciated all that feedback. Two Lady Picklers went a step farther and sent me the following letters to include in this newsletter. Thank you, Ladies.

FROM ANNE STEIN:

Letter to the editor:

I have been a member of Palatine Picklers almost since the beginning, back when the only place with real pickleball courts was at Sycamore in Palatine. In the beginning Bear did everything himself. At one point I asked him if I could take over being in charge of t-shirts. He reluctantly agreed as he liked knowing exactly how all aspects of the club were run.

11 years later and thousands of pickleball players on the roster, Bear still takes pride in everything Pickleball. Even though he has relegated many responsibilities to others at this point, he's still very hands on.

I read with despair Bear's letter in last month's newsletter. This man has given his life to our Club. I feel Bear's pain as I'm not the player I was 12 years ago either, but I still enjoy the game (and I'm older than Bear). Our club has always been very friendly and open to playing with people of all levels. That's why it's called "open play." Anyone who doesn't like that format should go elsewhere. That is not who Palatine Picklers are. I have made several very good

friends playing with these people! I don't know who made those rude comments, but neither Bear, nor any of us for that matter, should be subject to that kind of talk, especially at a Palatine Pickler event.

Thanks Bear for all you've done. Thousands of us appreciate what you've built in this community.

Anne Stein

FROM STEPHANIE DOUGLAS:

Let's Not Forget to Be Kind

Hi to all fellow picklers! I asked Bear if I could share a couple of thoughts as I was flabbergasted by what I read in last month's newsletter on how he was treated at Open Play by a club member. It reminded me of this from the amazing Maya Angelou.



I'VE LEARNED THAT
PEOPLE WILL FORGET
WHAT YOU SAID,
PEOPLE WILL FORGET
WHAT YOU DID,
BUT PEOPLE WILL
NEVER FORGET HOW
YOU MADE THEM FEEL
MAYA ANGELOU

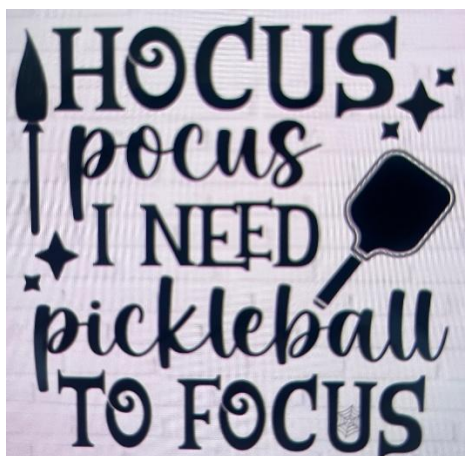
Before stepping on the court with a new partner - think about who you want to be:

Will you help someone get back up to speed as they are rehabbing from an injury --- or will you tell them they aren't fit yet for Open Play?

Will you teach / support a beginner (if they ask) --- or will you make them feel bad about coming out at all?

Will you make your partner laugh and play as a team--- or will you glare at them for each error they make?

I would hope that we would each want to be the guy (or girl) that understands that the outcome of any one game is nothing in your pickleball journey AND that kindness could mean everything to your partner.



CALLING ALL SUB-60 (MAYBE SUB 70) PICKLERS

We're seeking the 8 youngest Pickler men and women who respond. On Thursday, November, from 9 to Noon in Canlan, we'll side by side tournaments – one for men and one for ladies, To try for one of the 8 spots, just email Bob at BobMcGowan1946@gmail.com. Of course, include your MMDDYY date of birth. Do NOT assume all our comparative “youngsters” will vie for a spot on the roster. History has proven that's not the case. There will surely be hundreds of Palatine Picklers who won't email Bob. If you're 72, try for a spot. You just may make the roster.

These will be round robins, meaning you will play 7 games, partnering with each of your young peers for one game.

Of course, afterward all whose schedule allows will drive a mile for lunch at Kelsey Road House. OK, quit reading my words and email Bob with your date of birth.

IT'S DEFINITELY TIME TO SIGN UP FOR INDOOR MENTORING

Every other Tuesday from 9:00 to Noon in Canlan, we can serve 24 Picklers. In past years participants have spent 30 minutes with each of six Mentors. This is absolutely the most valuable mentoring sessions of our year. The 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. In 2026 fewer Picklers have been interested in improving their skills and understanding of the game. If fewer than 24 sign up for

any Tuesday, you'll still have three hours on the courts. I'll just adjust the number of Mentors and the time you spend with each.

Email our Mentoree Scheduler Rune at Rune.Karsbaek@gmail.com to sign up for one, or all 11 sessions. Over the weekend he'll invite 24 of you to Tuesday's session. Then he'll send me the week's roster so I can assign everyone to what I think will be an appropriate foursome with whom you spend the morning on a given court. Every half a new Mentor will come to you.

For the first time in 11 years, our summer, Wednesday morning sessions have often fallen short of the 24 we can serve. (Yes you can email Rune to get on these Expect To Be Available lists – they run through 10/28).

Many who thought they couldn't last found sessions so fun and valuable that they didn't even think about being tired. However, if you need a break, it's fine to sit out as long as you need.

We need you as much as you need us. So check your calendar and email Rune a bunch of dates you expect to be available.



WHEN WILL THURSDAY & SATURDAY MENTORING END?

These 3:00 to 5:00 walk-on sessions will not have a specific ending date. As long as the courts are dry and temperature is at least 50, let's do it.

NEXT ARC TOURNAMENT

The next ARC tournament takes place Saturday November 7th from 9 am to 1 pm. This is a round robin so enter as an individual. The cost is \$40 for AHPD residents, \$50 for non-residents. There will be 16 openings for 3.0 and under and 16 openings for 3.1 and above, 2 courts for each. The ARC will supply water and snacks. If you have taken any class at the ARC

or have a membership, you can use that number to register online. Otherwise call 847-577-3025 or come in person at 660 N Ridge to register.



WHERE TO PLAY

Hamilton ... Every morning. Some are playing by 6:15. Less sleep-deprived Picklers show up after 7:30. It thins out by 11:00. Have your name upside on the blade on both sides of your paddle where the handle meets the blade. You'll play with a different foursome each game.

Falcon ... Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 to 12:30. Have your name on the very top of your paddle. Again, you'll play with a different group each game.

Birchwood ... Nonday through Thursday 11:30-3:30. Also needing your name on top of your paddle.

Community Center ... Thursday 6:30-11:30 a.m. Name on top of paddle. Most Mondaaays 4:30-8:00. You can check at PalatineParks.org.

Harper College ... See writeup a few pages down the newsletter.

HARPER INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

It begins October 28th. It's in the Fieldhouse on Court D, for six weeks (10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, and 12/9). Cost is \$60 for members of the Health and Recreation Center or \$90 for non-members. Sign up individually. Registration ends at the end of Friday, October 23rd. Limited to the first 16 to register. It's best to register at the Welcome Desk. Info is available on <https://www.HarperCollege.edu/campusrec/pickleballleagues/php>.

MOTHER NATURE DAMPENED TOURNAMENT SPIRITS

Sorry that the Arlington Heights Sr Center tournament got rained out. Hopefully next year.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE FOR HOLIDAY FUN

Ann Buras, our new Social Director, has arranged for our Holiday Luncheon to be Thursday, December 10th from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Palatine American Legion Hall, 122 W Palatine Rd across from Heng Wing. She's ordering the Portillo's Party Package which includes their famous Italian beef with bread and au jus, pasta, salad, and their famous chocolate cake. The package includes plates, napkins, and silverware. Ann will be happy to receive your interest in decorating about 1:00. Ann has lots of holiday decorations, but will welcome a lot more. As for entertainment, she has contracted with our own Clay Farnsworth to sing songs of the season. She's capping attendance at 80 Palatine Picklers. The cost is \$25 per person. Ann is at ajarrett44@hotmail.com, 847-347-1168, and 919 W Dorset, Palatine 60067. Once she gets your payment, she'll let you know that your reservation is secure. Though not required, festive holiday apparel is strongly recommended and would add to our fun.

"MOST GRANDCHILDREN" TOURNAMENT

The September Picklers Fun Tournament was the MOST GRANDCHILDREN Tournament. Marianne led the pack with eleven grandchildren followed closely by Joanne who has ten. Each player partnered with the other seven players for games to 13 and Dianne came in first by scoring the most points. Everyone had a good time, and several players joined Bear for lunch at the Kelsey Road House Restaurant.



.John, Carole, Joe, Joanne, Kent, Diane, Marianne and Bob



. Kent 3rd, Bob 2nd, Diane 1st
Photo was taken before scoreboard error was discovered



Bob



Carole



Diane



Joanne



Joe



John



Kent



Marianne



Greg Kuhs asked for the following document to be included in this newsletter:

Palatine Pickler Membership Special at Picklr Kildeer

The Picklr in Kildeer is offering special membership rates for Palatine Picklers who have signed up for the Palatine Picklers TeamReach page (to join the Palatine Picklers TeamReach page the code is PPball2023).

Here's a summary of the rates:

- **Social Membership: \$75 per month plus tax (must pay for 3 months at time of sign up)**
 - The regular rate is \$89 per month.
- **Unlimited Membership: \$121 per month plus tax per month.**
 - The regular rate is \$139 per month.

Here's a comparison of what you get for each membership:

Feature	Palatine Pickler Social Membership	Palatine Pickler Unlimited Membership
Open Play/Socials	Included at No Additional Charge	Included at No Additional Charge
Court Reservations	50% Discount	Included at No Additional Charge
Clinics (P-Series)	1 per month	4 per month

Leagues/Tournaments	50% Discount	Included at No Additional Charge
Guest Passes	None	4 per month (some restrictions)
Access	Local Club Only	Nationwide

Drop-in Open Rack-up play is typically scheduled on 4 or more courts, 7 days a week.

- Open Play Session times:
 - 6am - 9am
 - 9am - 11am
 - 12pm - 3pm
 - 6pm - 8pm

If you are interested in joining.....

- Download the Picklr App from your phone's app store
- Create an account for yourself
- Search for Kildeer Location and "save" it (there is a heart in the upper right corner of the app)
- Then you will show up in the system at the Kildeer Picklr
- **All Palatine Picklr memberships must be paid & activated by coming to the in club - can't be done thru the Picklr app.**

Picklr Kildeer is located at 20393 N Rand Road, Kildeer, IL. Phone or Text: 224-507-1570



WHAT ABOUT HARPER?

Jay Cozza is our Harper watcher. Here's what he had to say about pickleball there:

Harper Rec has periodic cancellations of courts due to event conflicts.

In general, they say they will continue to offer:

Monday: 6pm-8:45pm

Wednesday: 6pm-8:45pm

Friday: 6pm-7:45pm

Sunday: 8:30am- 12:30pm

*The Wednesday night league will displace the open pickleball when they are in session.

I will continue to publish the Palatine indoor pickleball schedule each week on Sunday evening.

Unless you got info to me about your charitable pickleball event in the next few days, it will be in the November newsletter which won't be much warning.

PICKLERS IN ACTION



Alex



Ann



Barb



Barbara



Bill



Bill



Bill



Carole



Chris



Cindy



Dawn



Dawn



Diane



Eric



Fred



Gavin



Howard



Jim



Joanne



Joe



Joe



John



John



Jonathan



Juan



Judy



Julia



Kathy



Kent



Kim



Lisa



Lori



Madeline



Mark



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Pat



Paul



Sally



Silver



Steve



Terry



Tom



Tommy



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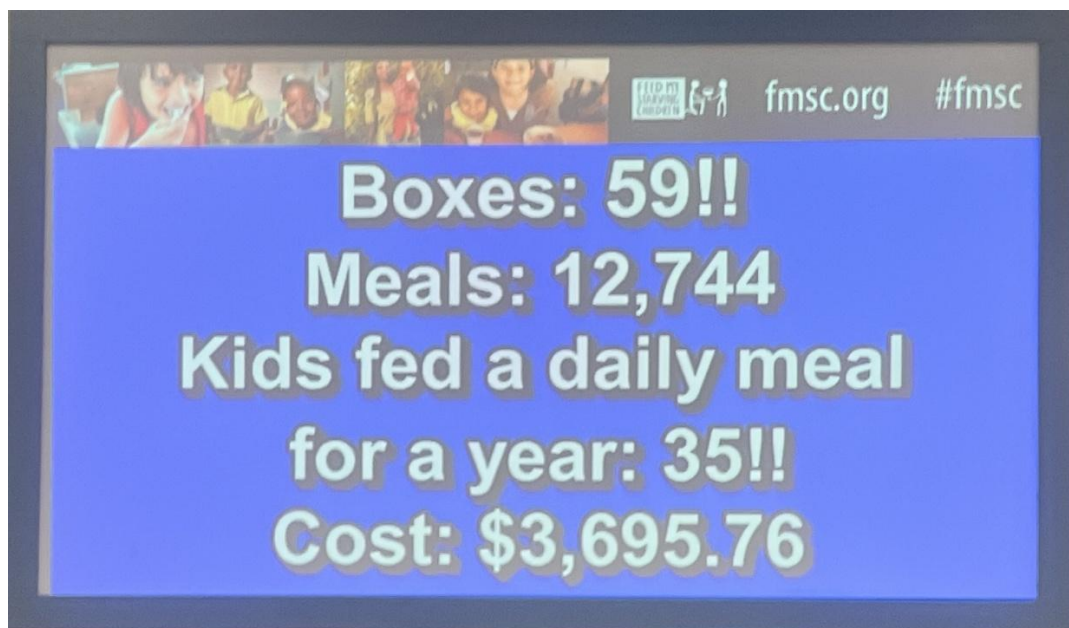
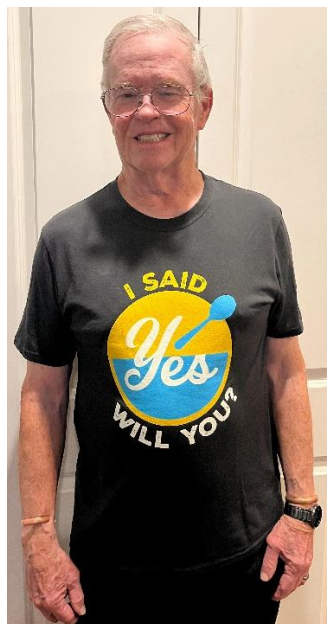
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN DAY

Wednesday, September 23rd, 22 of our Palatine Picklers enjoyed our 6th visit to FMSC in Schaumburg. As the last photo shows, we made a difference, and had fun doing it.



Mary, Deb, Bear, Sheila, Jim, Mary, Maureen, Diane, Madeline. Mary, Jacquis, Karen, Chrissie, Chris, Phil, Clay, Anna, and Dan. Missing photo op were Janice, John, Mike, and Gary.





I'm modeling my \$106 T-shirt. I bought it to (a) donate to FMSC and (b) help promote our next, afternoon visit to FMSC. Above you'll find just how many meals we prepared and their impact.

THIS MONTH'S MEDALISTS



Bill Shehadeh-IL Sr Games-
Table Tennis -Singles – Bronze,
Mixed 55-59 - *Eva Harrison* –
Gold, Mens 50-54 - *Tim Stoyanov* -
Gold



Eva Harrison, Bill Shehadeh & Tim Stoyanov



Sue Cole and ?? WI Masters
Mixed Doubles - ???



Sue Cole and ?? WI Masters
Women's Doubles - Gold?

DON'T FORGET TO CHECKOUT THE ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR WEBSITE ... PALATINEPICKLERS.COM

Thanks to Niles Dhiman, our website has gotten more inviting, more interesting, and more user-friendly. See for yourself. Additions and improvements are still being made weekly so drop in periodically.

THIS PICKLER KNOWS HOW TO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY

Juan Ortiz who you met in the August newsletter threw himself a birthday bash that started late morning at Hamilton, moved to his and Mo's home, and returned to Hamilton. Including a couple I signed earlier in the day and one I got later, I signed 11 Newbies that day, more than half of whom play in wheelchairs. It was a very good day.

Love Juan's shirt. His wife Mo also played that day.



CONGRATS TO THIS MONTH'S BEST WALKERS

SUPER STEPPERS (20k+steps In a day)



25,877

John Havlir



20,803

Bob McGowan



20,342

Joanie Willmeth

WORTHY WALKER 15K+ steps in a day



19,056

Phil Cooper



17,563

Bob McGowan



16,611

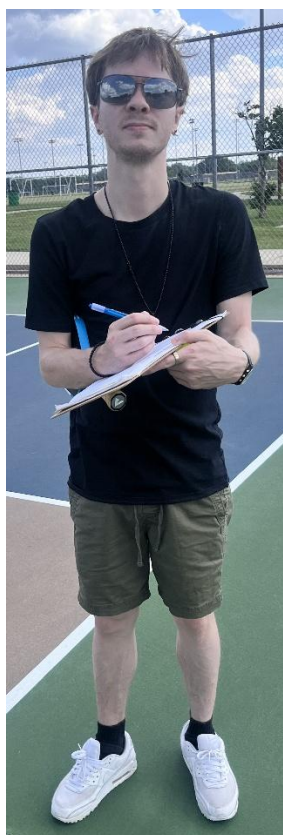
Dawn Cooper



MEET SOME OF OUR NEWBIES



Adam



Alex



Amber



Barbara



Brian



Chris



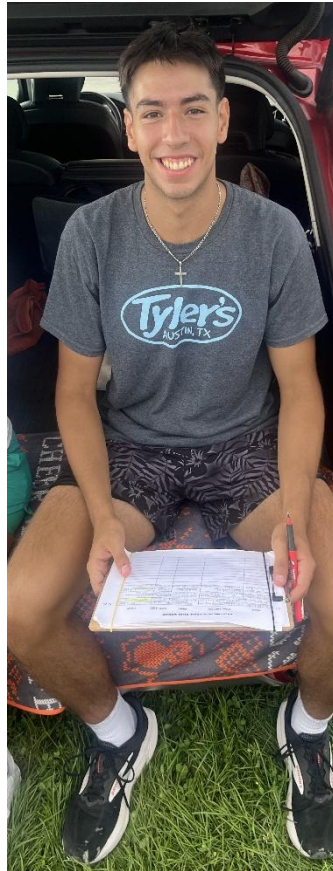
Cindy



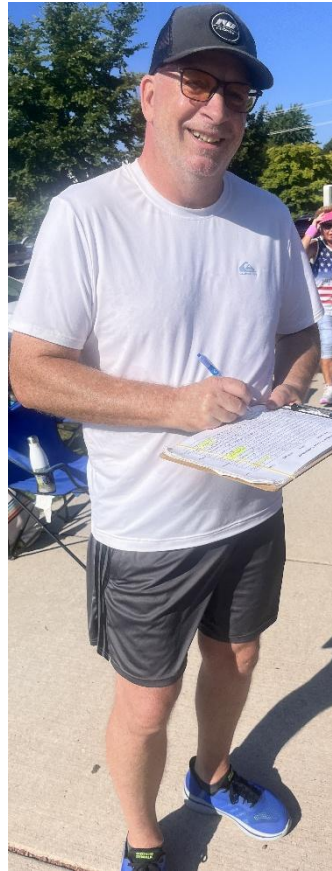
Deb



Dennis



Eli



Greg



Jen



Jill



John B.



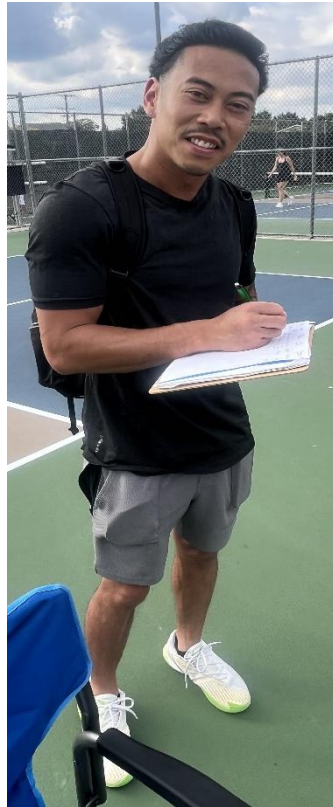
John D.



Katie



Madalene



Marvin



Nancy



Oliver



Richard

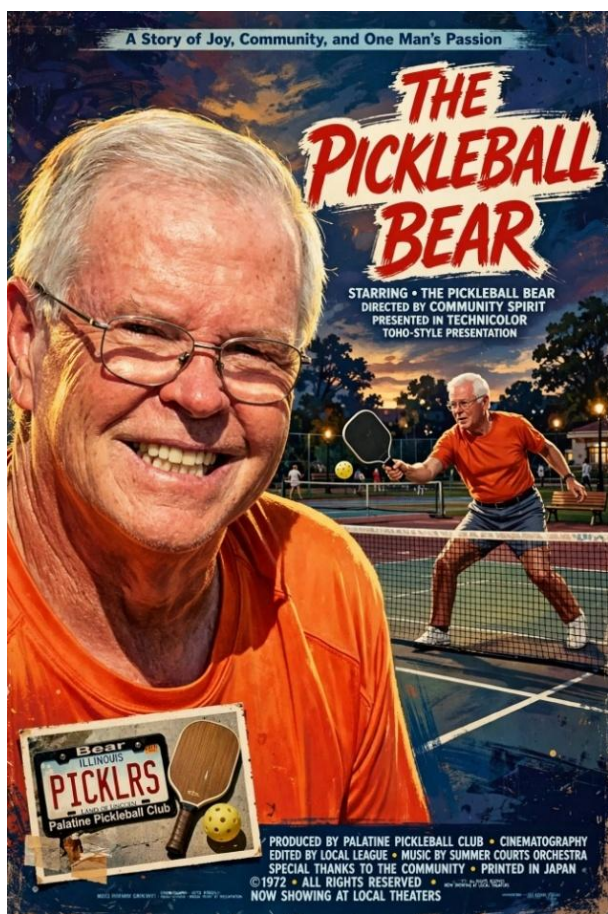


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HOPE YOUR PUMPKIN MONTH IS PICKLERIFFIC

This month's newsletter has a lot of valuable information. Right at the top is our desire to get every Palatine Pickler into a good-looking club shirt. I showed you so many of them just to pique your interest.. Whether you have one, six, or have yet to acquire your first, we hope you'll go to PalatinePicklers.com and stock your pickleball wardrobe.

For the first time response to our Family Fun tournament is shockingly low. *Bob and I* have opened it up to partnering with ANY relative, including spouses and SOs. You have only a week to apply for this formerly popular tournament Email Bob at BobMcGowan1946@gmail.com, with your partner's name and relationship, before we have to scrub this fun event.



Halloween draws a lot of Picklers. Aside from the fun costumes, judging, and playing, we go to lunch in the Kelsey Road House. Hopefully we'll get a reservation for their extremely decorated basement. Email Bob that you'd like to attend.

As for our tournament on November 3rd, I have the 24 I need, but would like a few Alternates AND a second Scorekeeper. Email me if interested.

This month's newsletter to feature a couple op-ed pieces by Picklers. If you have something to say to everyone, there's a good chance I'll include it in a future newsletter. Just email me.

I keep hearing about Picklers having walked great distances, but they didn't think to email me proof of their accomplishment. Don't be like that. Send me a screenshot or whatever you have to show our world how many steps you've taken in one day, as long as it's at least 15k, 20k, 25k, or 30+k.

I thought you may enjoy seeing the poster of the movie I just made.

Whether outdoors or inside, I wish you plenty of pickling and a Happy Halloween.

Bear Shatwell

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AOKBarry@yahoo.com