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Welcome Back Fellow Hobbyists

We hope you've had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Fall is in the air, the leaves will soon display their array of yellows, oranges and reds and we'll be able to see each other once again at general meetings and other group activities. Take care of yourselves and your families; get whatever shots you'll need for the winter (flu, pneumonia, etc.) and stay safe.

Club Activities

Membership - Cliff Mathews 201-447-9040, cematth48@optonline.net.

Welcome New Members:

Warren Gordon, Joe Hammer, George Johnson-Orban, Barry Murley

For additional information, please visit the Hobbyists website.

Archive - Joe Suplicki, 201-316-3262, jssuplicki@aol.com.

Audio/Visual - Bob Mosher, 201-689-9651, rmosher895@aol.com, Ed Daly 201-447-4603, eddaly386@yahoo.com.

Blackjack - Ray Litwitz, 973-714-9019, reljr@optonline.net Blackjack meets on the second and fourth Thursday at noon. The players gather to play at various members' homes. It is a friendly game. If interested in joining the group, please contact Ray for more information.

Bocce - Steve Friedman, 201-916-6079, stefri4@yahoo.com. Despite Mother Nature throwing us wildfire smoke in the sky and rain from the sky, we still manage to play bocce weekly on Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Borough Park in Waldwick. Borough Park is on Pine Street (off Pennington off Hopper). We look forward to new players joining us! We will continue to play outdoors until November when the weather usually turns colder.

Book Club - Peter Philip 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net, **Jon Sterling**, jbsterling@optonline.net. Third Friday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Church. The following are the books we will be reading through November (due to Church activities, we do not meet in December).

- September 15: "Reconstruction - America's Unfinished Revolution", by Eric Foner, presented by **Alan Stein**
- October 20: "A Fever in the Heartland", by Timothy Egan, presented by **Dave Smilon**
- November 17 "Sea Stories, My Life in Special Operations" by Adm. William McRaven, presented by **John Fabian**

Bowling - Gary Don, 201-574-3506, garydon3@verizon.net, **Charlie Tuch**, 973-636-9211, clt976@optonline.net, **Don Peterfriend**, 201-739-8672, dpeterfriend@yahoo.com, **Mark Singer**, 201-446-6809, msinger@ramapo.edu, **Bill Raftery**, 201-527- 8585, mrbill357@verizon.net, **Bob Mosher**, 201-615-5603, rmosher895@aol.com.

The Hobbyists bowling season got underway Wednesday, September 6 at 9 a.m. at Montvale Lanes. The first three weeks are open bowling, with the official season starting September 27 and concluding May 8, 2024. In all, 14 four-man teams compete in 3 ten-week sessions with playoffs occurring during the last two weeks of the season. New players are always welcome as regulars or substitutes. Teams are evenly matched using the handicap system, and newcomers should initially be unconcerned about their level of play. Many of the current bowlers were either new to the sport or haven't bowled in many years before joining the league. The weekly fee is \$10, that in part also supports an awards luncheon after the season ends. Contact Chair Gary Don or any member of the committee for further information.

Bridge - Ray Chuebon, 201-652-4586, rchuebon@yahoo.com, **Mike Murphy**, 201-334-7284, mgmclbchp@gmail.com, and **Jim Deaver**, 201-666-2066, jamesmdeaver@gmail.com.

Thursdays, 11:45 a.m. in the East Room of the church. Play concludes at approximately 4 p.m. The Hobbyists Duplicate Bridge Club met throughout the summer. Overall, play continues to improve, went very smoothly over the summer and the time to play approximately 20 hands averages about two and a half hours. We saw a minimum of 12 players each week. We're looking to increase the number of players by four in order to increase the level of competition. If you enjoy playing cards and meeting new people then, by all means, come play duplicate bridge with us on Thursdays starting at noon at the First Presbyterian Church on North Van Dien. If you're a beginner bridge player, definitely come and play. The atmosphere is friendly and not so disciplined as a sanctioned bridge club. So, come on down, I promise you'll have a very good time. By the way, we serve coffee and cookies!

Camera Club – **Dennis Portsmore**, 201-378-8047, dportsmo@gmail.com, will be heading up a committee that includes **Tom Heed**, **Bill Reade**, and **Scott Abbey** until a permanent committee chairman has been decided upon. Everyone in the Camera Club is grateful to **Giancarlo Bisone** who, for fourteen years, has led the club tirelessly, devoting an enormous amount of time an effort preparing and overseeing this club. Giancarlo felt it was time for a well-deserved break from these management duties and responsibilities. He cannot be thanked enough. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. in the church auditorium.

Chess Club- Rick Pascal, rickpas@optonline.net, 201-791-9526 or 201-208-7191, **Jeff Kresky**, kreskyj@wpunj.edu, 201-0965-5078. The Chess Club has resumed our weekly meetings on Wednesday, September 6 at the church at 10 a.m. We finish at noon. We're back at full swing again. During July and August, several chess club enthusiasts have been playing outdoors in Glen Rock or have been meeting in each other's homes in order to continue playing. Thanks go out to **Jeff Kresky** for having arranged these get-togethers. For those of you who haven't played chess in a while - years, perhaps - as well as those who would like to learn the game, you're welcome to join us. Don't worry about your skill level; we offer lessons for novices as well as beginners. A special THANKS to **Peter Philip** for his generous donation of a beautifully hand-crafted chess set fabricated from machine nuts and bolts, pictured below:



Cribbage – **Bob Mosher**. Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at the church. If interested contact Bob at rmosher895@aol.com

Dances - **Bill Healy**, 201-652-5868, whealy3741@aol.com, **Gary Engelhardt**, 201-670-9185, garye569@msn.com, **Bob Mosher**, 201-615-5603, rmosher895@aol.com.

Eva's Village - Dave Smilon, 201-962-5723, davesmilon@yahoo.com. The Community Kitchen at Eva's Village on Main Street in Paterson, NJ is a charitable organization that provides meals to those in need. We assist twice a month setting up and serving lunch to about 300 people. **George Millington** is coordinator. Between four and six Hobbyists travel to Paterson-Eva's Kitchen twice a month on Tuesdays to set up, serve and clean up for two lunch sittings: noon and 1 p.m. Our time commitment door to door is from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Fishing - Gene Boyle (gbrealty@optonline.net; cell: 973-703-9065), **Peter Weinstein** (rodreel44@aol.com; cell: 201-663-3536). We have had a mix of party boat and charter trips for striped bass, sea bass, and fluke in the spring and summer of 2023. We hope to continue these trips in the fall 2023. Education is important, but fishing is importanter!



Gary Engelhardt is pictured hoisting a couple of flukes that he caught on a recent Hobbyist fishing trip.

Gourmet Cooking - Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net. Meets semi-annually in the home of one of the members. Each participant is responsible for cooking his assigned menu item. The menu is paired with appropriate wine selections. The Gourmet Group went outdoors this time around and treated ourselves to a clambake. The event consisted of typical treats as one would find in a good American clambake----lobster tails, Mussels, little neck clams, steamers, corn on the cob, new potatoes, smoked sausage with a fabulous dipping sauce, an array of salads and desserts. Good old American beer on ice replaced our regular wine selections.

Golf - Paul Fazio, 201-445-3426, faz90@optonline.net. Golf committee: **Mike Doherty, Gary Don, Gary Engelhardt, George Giaquinto, Charlie Tuch, Tom Desmond, Paul Richert**. As we wind down the 2023 Golf Season, I'm happy to report another banner year. Once again, we topped over 105 registered golfers . Although most golfers play weekly on Tuesdays and participate in monthly tournaments and Travel Tuesdays, we had a record turnout for Friday golfers who played weekly at Orchard Hills in Paramus. As we approach the fall, we

will be traveling to Atlantic City for three days of golf and in early October we will hold our annual club championship . The season will end on October 31 with our annual golf luncheon with attendance expected to be over 60 golfers. On behalf of myself and the other members of the Golf Committee a special thanks to all golfers for another outstanding season.

Habitat for Humanity - Rich Edelman, 973-389-3536, edelmanr@optonline.net and **Ed Daly**, 201-447-4603 or cell, 201-960-7069, eddaly386@yahoo.com.

Hiking - Ed Lundell, 612-865-5381, edlundell4@gmail.com. The Hiking Club visits local sites each Tuesday morning. The Club has a regular group that takes on more challenging hikes, and a flex group for easier hikes.



The Hobbyists Hikers hit the trail each Tuesday and explore local venues like the iconic Times Square site in Harriman State Park.

Hobbyists Concerned - Peter Philip 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net.

Bob Cestola, a ten year member, has entered hospice care at a local nursing facility. Marie, his wife, has asked our membership for their prayers during this stressful period. No further details at this time.

If you are on the e-mail list, most communications, illnesses, hospital stays, and deaths will be reported to you through an e-mail message. Those without e-mail will receive a phone call. If you prefer to be on the calling list rather than notified by e-mail, contact **Joe Savitscus**, 201-661-8469.

In Memoriam

Hobbyist **Joseph Hovan** passed away on June 7. He was 96 and a Hobbyist since 1994.

Hobbyist **Tony Murray** passed away on July 4. He was 89 and a Hobbyist since 2005.

Hobbyists **Peter Siebel** passed away on July 20. He was 80 and a Hobbyist since 2005.

Anne Marie Marquez, wife of Hobbyist **Peter Marquez**, passed away on July 28.

Hobbyist **Ray Cheesman** passed away in August. He was 92 and a Hobbyist since 2003.

Hobbyist **Tom Purwin** passed away September 2. He was 69 and a Hobbyist since 2021.

Italian Club - Don Togneri, 201-445-0679, dj2dm2@hotmail.com. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m. at the church.

Investments – The Investment Club is looking for a leader. There will be no meetings until someone steps forward. Contact President **Bob Mosher** if interested.

Jazz Bunch - Bob Stevenson at 201-615-1202, robstevenson@hotmail.com. The Hobbyists Jazz Bunch consists of Hobbyists who enjoy all forms of jazz and swing music and periodically attend interesting concerts in the metro NY/NJ area. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Bob Stevenson**.

Lunch Bunch Sunday - Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com.

Join us for another of our traditional Sunday Lunch with good food and ^[SEP] great company. This time we will meet at "Due Fratelli Restaurant" in Hawthorne, NJ on October 15. Transportation will be on your own to this BYOB place. The cost is \$39 per person. As always, spouses and companions are welcome. Please contact **Bob Sayegh** if you would like to sign up.

Membership- Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, cematth48@optonline.net, **Steve Hochman**, 201-424-9701, shochman@gmail.com.

Military History - Tom Heed, 845-534-8695, theed@ramapo.edu. Fourth Monday of each month at the Church.

Movie Lovers - Dick Oswald, 201-447-4053, ddoswald@verizon.net. Movies are shown from September to June on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall.

Music Lovers - Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net. Second Friday, 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Pinochle - Jim Atieh, 201-315-5346, atiehlj1@verizon.net. The pinochle group meets every Monday & Thursday in the clubhouse at the Hovnanian condos in Mahwah just off Route 17 North. We play from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a break for lunch. We are more than happy to teach anyone how to play.

Picnic – Despite the rain showers, the picnic at Graydon Pool with the delicious ice cream went on. Fifty people attended and enjoyed the fellowship while having a great lunch!



Poker - Dan Wolf, 201-825-7769, danlwolf@optonline.net. Poker Meets every Friday at members' homes. On alternate Fridays we play Texas Hold'em then Hi-Lo Poker the following week. Hold'em is limited to 8 players due to homeowner's table size. Due to the nature of the game Hi-Lo Poker is limited to 7 players.

Public Affairs - Don Togneri, dj2dm2@hotmail.com, 908-347-2820.

ROMEO - Cliff Matthews, 201-447-9040, cematthews0914@gmail.com. ROMEO meets at different moderately priced BYOB places on the 3rd Friday of the month and is a pleasant way to meet and socialize with fellow Hobbyists.

Science and Technology – Chairman needed. Third Wednesday, 2 p.m, in the Church auditorium.

Tennis - Al Ianacone, 973-650-1738, acianacone@gmail.com, or Bob Kozar, bkozarl@aol.com).

Trips & Tours, Day - Bob Sayegh, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com.

Trips & Tours, Extended – Chairman needed for this activity. Contact Bob Mosher.

Volunteer Services - George Millington, 201-444-6245, gzmillington@gmail.com.

The Hobbyists Volunteers were active over the summer at Eva's Village in Paterson. We set tables and served lunches on June 13th and 27th as well as July 11th and 18th. No volunteer activities took place in August. We begin again in September, performing the same services on September 12th and the 26th. We are always looking for additional volunteers at Eva's Village. We usually volunteer twice a month on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. until about 1:40 p.m. (leaving Ridgewood at 10:00 and returning at 2:00). If members would like to join our Volunteers Group and help feed those who are truly in need, please email **George Millington** or **Dave Smilon** (davesmilon@yahoo.com). The commitment does not have to be twice per month. If you can only make it once, that is fine.

Walking – Alan Stein, stampmaven1@verizon.net, 201-447-4235. **Mark Singer** msinger@ramapo.edu; (201) 446-6809. The Thursday Walking Group continues to thrive. The group walks from the Ridgewood Duck Pond to the Dunkerhook area and back on the Saddle River Trail, a distance of 4 miles. The walk entails both good exercise and brilliant conversation. Hope more will join us.

Wine Appreciation – Bob Stevenson, 201-615-1202, robtstevenson@hotmail.com.

The Wine Appreciation Group (WAG), a long-standing Hobbyist activity, meets for lunch and wine tasting on a bi-monthly cycle, excluding July and August. Our luncheons are typically scheduled for the fourth Friday of that “every other” month. The chairman and a committee composed of **Jim Cinquina** and **Jerry Schott** selects an upscale Bergen County BYOB venue and negotiates a custom menu.

Winemaking – Paul Richert, 201-967-1347, phriche7314@gmail.com.

*We encourage Hobbyists to attend the programming
following the General Meetings.*

Editor's Note:

When I joined the Hobbyists eight years ago, I was excited to have such a vast array of organized activities in which I could participate. My focus at the time was golf, but I have since joined many more groups that allow me to exercise a variety of both mental and physical activity. I had my own circle of friends prior to becoming a Hobbyist, and wasn't necessarily looking for a lot more. Well, I was wrong. Hobbyists Unlimited is, in many respects, a fraternity. We're more than a group of men interested in sports and games; we are a brotherhood who also care about each other. That so many of us attend wakes and funerals is one aspect; that we call and email our fellow Hobbyists when they are sick or in recovery from an injury or illness furthers that observation. What made that so apparent to me, personally, was when I experienced a near vasovagal syncope (I almost fainted from a drastic drop in blood

pressure) following a round of golf at Apple Greens in early August. The wonderful support I received from my Hobbyist golfing companions was amazing. They followed me to the hospital in Poughkeepsie and stayed with me until my release, over an hour later. After I returned home, the number of phone calls and messages I received was overwhelming. Fortunately, I recovered quickly and completely. What I realized, more than just maintaining strong hydration while playing golf, is how many more friends I acquired after becoming a Hobbyist, and that you can't have too many of them.

Rick Pascal

Congratulations and Kudos

Hobbyist **Steve Friedman** and wife Eileen are the proud grandparents of Cassandra Rose, born August 7 in Cincinnati to their daughter Alissa and her husband John. "Cassie" joins big sister Hailey Jane who turned 3 years old in August. Steve and Eileen celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on August 18.

Hobbyists Alert

If you ignore robo-calls from a Caller ID that you don't recognize, you may be missing important calls from the Hobbyists. The service we use is **CALLING POST**, although at times the calling number with an area code of 405 is used instead. So, unless you have voicemail or an answering machine, we suggest you take the call.

One Last Thing – It would be greatly appreciated after each month's General Meeting that you please make sure you discard any coffee cups, plastic bottles and paper wrappers in the appropriate receptacles in the church auditorium. Thank you.

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