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Club Activities

Membership Committee: Chairman **Bob Mosher**, Constant Contact **Ed Daly**, Roster Data **Steve Hochman**, Excel Spreadsheet Data **Steve Friedman**, Fees / Dues **Gary Engelhardt**, Roster Photos **Steve Basch**, Table Assistants **Steve Rubin**, **Paul Daniele**, (Additional positions available), Candidate follow-up - Position currently open. Please contact our chairman if you would like to participate on the Membership Committee.

NEW APPLICANTS WANTED:

The best method for a Hobbyist to propose a candidate for membership is to ask him to go to our website, www.hobbyists-unlimited.com, and complete and submit the online application form. Upon receipt of the application, we will email him the requisite informative orientation documents to get them started. It's that simple (neat handwritten applications will also be accepted).

If a candidate does not know a member but has taken an interest in Hobbyists, he still may apply. The application falls under the auspice of the Membership Committee which will review the application and proceed with due process. The candidate through interaction and participation will get to know members who may be willing to eventually sponsor him.

Note that every candidate cannot be a Hobbyist unless he has a sponsor who takes sponsorship seriously. A candidate must attend at least three business meetings and be inducted into Hobbyists for membership.

Any additional inquiries should be directed to the Membership Chairman.

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 at various members' homes for a friendly game. If interested in joining the group, please contact Ray.

Bocce - Steve Friedman, 201-916-6079, stefri4@yahoo.com.

- The Bocce Boys continue to play outdoors at Borough Park in Waldwick every Friday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am. and will continue to do so until the weather gets cold. There are two courts available if we have enough players. We figure out the teams based on how many players show up. We're always looking for new players to join us for some fun. No experience is necessary; one practice throw is all you need. We're also done in time for you to attend ROMEO on the third Friday of the month. Summer is over, so come on down and join us.

Book Club - Peter Philip 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net, **Jon Sterling**, jbsterling@optonline.net.

- Book Club meets on the third Friday of the month. On September 20, at 10 am at the church, we will discuss *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson, about the months between Lincoln's election and the start of the Civil War.

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 Hobbyist Bowling Club commenced the season on September 4 with 3 weeks of practice sessions before the League starts on September 25. The season will consist of 3 ten-week sessions ending on April 30, 2025, with 2 weeks of playoffs after that.
- We are still in need of a few bowlers who can start out as substitutes for the current season. If interested, please email anyone on the Bowling Committee, or just show up at Montvale Lanes on September 4 at 9 am.

Bridge - Mike Murphy, 201-334-7284, mgmclbchp@gmail.com. **Ray Chuebon**, 201-652-4586, rchuebon@yahoo.com, Thursdays, 11:45 am in the East Room of the church. Duplicate bridge play concludes no later than 4 pm.

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**.

Chess Club- Rick Pascal, 201-208-7191, rickpas@optonline.net, **Jeff Kresky**, 201-965-5078, kreskyj@wpunj.edu. Our chess enthusiasts meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 am to noon at the church.

- Following our indoor season at the church, which ended in June, a few die-hard chess players undaunted by heat, humidity and, in a few cases, light rain continued their chess matches outdoors under cover in the Saddle River Park in Ridgewood (often referred to as the Ridgewood Duck Pond Park). September marks the beginning of our new indoor season at FPC on Wednesday mornings beginning at 10 am. All are welcome to join in a friendly, albeit competitive, game. For those Hobbyists who haven't played "in years" we are eager to help revive your chess skills. Contact Rick in advance and we will arrange a refresher meeting beginning at 9:30 am, just prior to our regular schedule. We have three chess sets on hand, but you are also invited to bring your own.

Computer Club - There is interest in resurrecting the Computer Club. Please contact **Bob Stevenson**, 201-615-1202, robtstevenson@hotmail.com, to share information and if you would like to chair the activity.

Cribbage – Some Hobbyists have expressed interested in pursuing this activity. If anyone is interested in organizing it, contact **Bob Mosher** at rmosher895@aol.com. We have the cribbage boards available.

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.

Fishing - **Gene Boyle**, 973-703-9065, gbrealty@optonline.net, **Peter Weinstein**, 201-663-3536, rodnreel44@aol.com.

- **Paul Richert** and **Peter Weinstein** started off the year with a fishing trip in May in Ontario, Canada. The fishing was slow, but they caught some nice pike and a few lunker bass. They will have party boat trips for fluke, sea bass, and striped bass from June-December with a charter or two. A freshwater fishing trip to Lake George is planned for either September or October.



Gourmet Cooking - **Jim McKeown**, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net.

- Our gourmet chefs meet semi-annually at 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.

Golf Committee - Gary Engehardt, Gary Don, Paul Fazio, Mike Doherty, Giancarlo Bisone, Paul Richert, Charlie Tuch, Len Manis, Stu French, Sid Sobel, George Giaquinto, Don Peterfreund, Ed Dowd. This year we had 114 golfers registered - a new record!

- To date we have held three tournaments (for results please refer to the golf page of the Hobbyist website):
 - Spring Tournament, June 11
 - Summer Tournament, July 16
 - Late Summer Tournament, August 13
- Also, to date we have held four "Travel Tuesdays"
 - Beaverbrook Golf Course - May 14
 - High Point Golf Course - June 4
 - Great Gorge Golf Course - July 9
 - Farmstead Golf Course - August
- The following upcoming dates are planned (all details are on the Golf page of the Hobbyist website):
 - Fall Championship Tournament - October 1
 - Travel Tuesday - WallKill - September 24
 - Annual Atlantic City Trip - September 17-19
 - Annual end of season Golf Lunch - October 29
- **Mike Serpico** had a hole in one on the 4th hole at Orchard Hills on Friday, August 23.



- At Great Gorge, **Bill Burdick** had a hole in one on the third hole on the Rail Course! At our Summer Tournament Bill generously bought each participant a drink.

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. After meeting at Graydon Pool, the Hiking Club visits local sites each Tuesday and Friday morning.

- The hiking club, which hikes every Tuesday, had its annual hike and picnic with hikers and their spouses on June 11. Twenty hikers with their spouses participated in the event at Wawayanda State Park. In October the group will have a three-day hiking event at the Delaware Water Gap on October 8-10.

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

In Memoriam

- Lola Weber, wife of Hobbyist **Hank Weber**, passed away on August 30.
- Marion Keller, mother of Hobbyist **Gary Keller**, recently passed away.

Investments – Ron Reedy, ronaldreedy@gmail.com, **Mike Flannery**, mikevflannery59@gmail.com. Future meetings may include the **Connections** group who have expressed interest in this activity.

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

Jazz Bunch - Bob Stevenson, 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.

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

Military History - Tom Heed, 845-534-8695, theed@ramapo.edu. Fourth Monday of each month at the Church. Looking ahead to September, the discussion will be about the 350 missiles shot at Israel from Iran and that only 7 hit any target. How did that happen?

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 pm in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall.

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

- Music Lovers is now running full steam ahead since its program cancellations due to recent Church renovations.
- September--Comedy in the World of Music; October--Music of the Great Depression and of World War II; November--TBA by Rick Rosenthal; December---Great Choruses for Sacred, Patriotic, Opera, and Broadway Events; January--- The 'Guitar'; February--The music of Antonio Vivaldi.

Picnic – The Hobbyists picnic was held on Thursday, August 15 at noon at the Graydon Pool in Ridgewood. A good time was had by all with the unlimited ice cream contributing to that!



Tom Lewis won the putting contest and **Alan Lo** was the runner-up.



The Corn Hole tourney was won by **Dan** and **Coleen Wolf** with **Rich Edelman** and **Carol Goulian** taking second place.

Pickleball - **Allen Krauss**, akrauss2@gmail.com. **Alan Lo**, 908-447-833, funnycpa@aol.com.

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 am to 3 pm with a break for lunch. We are more than happy to teach anyone how to play.

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 eight players due to homeowner's table size. Due to the nature of the game Hi-Lo Poker is limited to seven players.

ROMEO - **Cliff Matthews**, 201-447-9040, cematthews0914@gmail.com.

- ROMEO meets at different moderately priced BYOB places on the third Friday of the month and is a pleasant way to meet and socialize with fellow Hobbyists.

Science and Technology – **Elliot Ratchik**, 914-420-4330, eratchik@gmail.com.

- The Science and Computer club will continue this fall every third Wednesday from 2:00 via ZOOM. The September agenda is in progress and will be issued soon. We are looking for someone to replace Elliot as chairman of this activity. He will work with any replacement who is willing to serve and save this activity.

Tennis - **Al Ianacone**, 973-650-1738, acianacone@gmail.com, or Bob Kozar, bkozar1@aol.com.

Trips & Tours, Day - **Bob Sayegh**, 201-670-6010, bobsay14@gmail.com. **Bob Paoli**, 201-445-1738, bobpaoli@verizon.net.

- A trip has been scheduled to the Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem PA on October 8. As always, spouses or companions are welcome. Contact Bob.
- A trip has been scheduled to the Teddy Roosevelt' Home and the Grant's Tomb in Manhattan, New York City for Thursday, November 14. A lunch at Carmine's in Manhattan is included. The cost of the trip is \$110 per person (lunch included) and the payment deadline is November 7th. As always, spouses or companions are welcome. Contact Bob Sayegh.

Trips & Tours, Extended – Chairman needed for this activity. Contact **Mark Singer**, 201-446-6809, msinger@ramapo.edu.

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

- The Volunteer Service Club has continued to travel to Eva's Village two Tuesdays a month to help set up for and serve two nutritious hot lunches to the homeless, working poor and food insecure from the environs of 393 Main Street, Paterson. **George Millington, Dave Smilon**, co-chairmen, Volunteer Service Club.



Eva's Village Crew: - left to right, **Charlie O'Malley, Steve Marcone, Joe Hammer, Dave Smilon, Ray Rubin, Ido Rossi, George Millington.**

Walking – **Alan Stein**, 201-447-4235, stampmaven1@verizon.net, **Mark Singer**, 201-446-6809, msinger@ramapo.edu.

- 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 four miles. The walk entails both good exercise and brilliant conversation. We encourage more walkers 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 every other month. The chairman and a committee composed of **Jim Cinquina** and **Jerry Schott** select an upscale Bergen County BYOB venue and negotiates a custom menu.

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

- First of all, it is my distinct honor to announce that last night our 2023 Opus One blend won a Double Gold Medal at this year's Wine Experience Dinner held at the Branches Events in West Long Branch, NJ. A Double Gold Medal is awarded when all the New Jersey certified wine tasters who are judging a specific wine award it a gold medal.
- This fall the Hobbyist Winemakers' Club will be making a new wine blend. I have asked a number of winemakers' Club veterans what they would like to make. There has been no distinct favorite put forward. Since the time for us to decide is very short, I feel that I must decide for the group.. I think that it is time to break out a little bit. Lou Sodano, whose daughter (Doreen) and son-in-law (Joe Chevalier) run the Wine Experience today, was at the dinner last night. Lou started the Wine Experience 25 years ago. He is getting very frail but still has a great wit about him. Anyway, Lou's "favorite every day red" is a Cabernet Sauvignon and Barbera combination. I am therefore proposing that our October 2024 choice will be 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Barbera.
- I would like to make a 60-gallon barrel which yields 24 cases (12 bottles each). The cost would be \$4550. This includes the cost of making the wine, purchasing the grapes, the bottles, and the labels. The cost per case will therefore be \$4550 divided by 24 which makes the final cost per person \$189.50. If any of you are interested, please contact me, Paul Richert, at phriche7314@gmail.com. We have a **very short window of opportunity in which to finalize this round of winemaking** so please let me know ASAP if you will be joining us this year. If you have never participated before and would like more information feel free to contact me as well. Finally, checks MADE OUT TO "HOBBYISTS UNLIMITED" FOR \$189.50 can be sent to me at 477 Wilson Ave., Paramus, NJ 07652.

World Affairs - Don Togneri, 908-347-2820, dj2dm2@hotmail.com. ZOOM meetings only. Second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm. Contact Don for ZOOM link.

Of Special Interest

Constant Contact – Ed Daly

- If you are creating an email using Constant Contact, you will need to have an access code for your first use (only). The codes are user specific and Ed Daly has a list of codes by individual so call him to get your code for your first use.

Bob Paoli of the Ridgewood American Legion is inviting everyone to attend the dedication of the Gold Star Families Monument on Sunday, September 29, at 5:00, in the park at Van Neste Square.

Valley Hospital is presenting a roundup of the latest events taking place throughout the month of September. To view additional events this month, please [View in browser](#).

Friends of Ramapo College – Al Gensch

- Ramapo College has a program for the Hobbyists. For \$150/year, you can audit three courses at the school (no course credit given). Course descriptions can be found online. The \$60 fee is waived, plus you get free parking at the school (students pay \$250).

Members Data

Town / State	# of Members
Ridgewood, NJ	107
Mahwah, NJ	24
Wyckoff, NJ	22
Paramus, NJ	20
Fair Lawn, NJ	18
Glen Rock, NJ	18
Ramsey, NJ	16
Midland Park, NJ	14
Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ	12
River Vale, NJ	10
Waldwick, NJ	10

Member Ages	Years	Months
Average	80	2
Median	79	10
Youngest	61	8
Oldest	100	4

Time Since Joined	Years	Months
Average	9	6
Median	8	5
Least	0	1
Most	34	1

less than 1
full month

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.

Members are urged to display their Hobbyists dashboard pass when parking on General meeting days. Recently, a member was incorrectly ticketed for parking in an area that followed a longtime agreement Hobbyists have with the Ridgewood Police Department. Peter Weinstein, our Second Vice President, favorably resolved the matter with Ridgewood Police Cpt. Ender.

From the Editor

Another summer is in the books. A hot and wet one that has played havoc with and hindered several of our outdoor activities. Nevertheless, I hope you've survived the heat and humidity and are ready to begin a new season at FPC - indoors for some of us, thankfully. Welcome back, and stay well.

Rick Pascal

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.

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

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