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Club Activities

Membership Committee: Chairman **Bob Mosher**, 201-689-9651, rmosher895@aol.com, Constant Contact **Ed Daly**, Roster Data **Steve Hochman**, Excel Spreadsheet Data **Steve Friedman**, Fees / Dues **Gary Engelhardt**, Table Assistants **Steve Rubin**, **Paul Daniele**. The following positions are open and require volunteers: Roster Photos, Candidate follow-up. Please contact Chairman Bob Mosher if you would like to participate on the Membership Committee. PLEASE NOTE: We need member photos for the Membership Roster to put a face to a name. If you have not had your photo taken, please submit a passport-type picture of yourself to hobbyists1966@gmail.com.

The **Fellowship Luncheon** is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th at 12 noon in the church. It will feature an Italian buffet, refreshments and dessert for an all-inclusive price of only \$15. Meet new friends and enjoy a wonderful lunch with plenty to eat. Checks payable to Hobbyists Unlimited must be sent in advance to our Treasurer, Gary Engelhardt, 569 Cliff Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450. We need to know a headcount for this event, so please send your checks immediately.

Welcome New Members:

Steven Alper, sponsor Paul Fazio ♦ **Steven Bloom**, sponsor Ed Daly
Howard Leving, sponsor Steve Friedman ♦ **Don Dexter**, sponsor Bob Becher

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.

Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal, rickcroenthal@icloud.com, 201-675-1870.

The Beer Appreciation Group will meet at Seven Lakes Station in Sloatsburg, New York, March 13 at 6:30 pm.

Blackjack - Ray Litwitz, 973-714-9019, reljr@optonline.net. Blackjack players meet on the second and fourth Thursday at noon at various members' homes on a rotating basis 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 weekly through the winter at the Fair Lawn Superdome. It may not be the same as being outside, but there's no wind, nothing to rake, and the temperature indoors is delightful. We have eight players who show up regularly and are always looking for more Hobbyists to join us. If the weather cooperates, we expect to start playing outside at Waldwick Borough Park at the beginning of April - and it will be at no cost. Join us!

Book Club - **Peter Philip** 201-666-0105, pjphilip37@optonline.net, **Jon Sterling**, jbsterling@optonline.net. We meet on the third Friday of the month at 10 a.m. at the church.

Bowling - **Gary Don**, 201-574-3506, garydon3@verizon.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.

Bridge - **Mike Murphy**, 201-334-7284, mgmclbchp@gmail.com. **Ray Chuebon**, 201-652-4586, rchuebon@yahoo.com, Thursdays, 11:45 a.m. in the East Room of the church. Duplicate bridge play concludes no later than 4 p.m. We're still looking to add new players, so come on down and join us.

Camera Club –Need a volunteer leader. Contact President **Peterfriend**, 201- 739-8672.

Chess Club- **Rick Pascal**, 201-208-7191, rickpas@optonline.net, **Jeff Kresky**, 201-965-5078, kreskyj@wpunj.edu. Our growing group of chess enthusiasts meets on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon at the church. No matter your skill level or experience, you're welcome to join us. Individual lessons will be accommodated for those interested in learning the game at 9:30 a.m. prior to normal start time. Contact Rick Pascal for more information.



Left to right: Matt Silverman, Jeff Kresky, Jim Albes, Enzo Mangano, Dave Rubin, Paul Nicolardi, Rick Pascal.

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 interest in pursuing this activity. If anyone would like to organize it, contact **Bob Mosher** at rmosher895@aol.com. We have the cribbage boards.

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.

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.

Members of this Group met 3/26 at Jack Warner's home to enjoy a Herb-Crusted Rack of Lamb. Hors d'oeuvres of Stuffed Mushrooms, Smoked Salmon Crostini, and Caprese Salad Skewers all accompanied by a tasty Italian Sparkling Rose. A soup course--Mushroom Bisque followed. The main course of Lamb was accompanied with a Creamy Polenta, Roasted Root Vegetables and a Bordeaux by the Hobbyists' Wine Making group. Dessert followed with a Berry Tart, Flourless Chocolate Cake, and a Tawney Port. All were cooked by these very talented men. Don't let the wives know!!!



Clockwise from bottom: Rick Rosenthal, Joe Savitscus, Bob Stevenson, Jim Mckeown, Jim Atieh, Empty Chair (Rick Pascal taking picture), Jim Cinquina, Joe Augustine, Jack Warner.

Golf Committee - Gary Engelhardt, Gary Don, Paul Fazio, Mike Doherty, Giancarlo Bisone, Paul Richert, Charlie Tuch, Len Manis, Stu French, Sid Sobel, George Giaquinto, Don Peterfriend, Ed Dowd.

The Hobbyist Outdoor Golf Season kicks off on Tuesday April 8th and Friday April 11th. As of March 4th 105 Hobbyists have registered to participate in this activity, roughly 25 percent of our club's membership.

All golfers can now purchase their 2025 Bergen County Golf Card, which is required for all golfers to play in any of the Bergen County Park Department Golf Courses. For further information about registration, contact any of the Bergen County Courses.

It is strongly recommended that all registered golfers get familiar with our golf page on the Hobbyist website. All-important info for this season is highlighted with key dates for outings and tournaments. Good luck to all for another outstanding golf 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.

Hobbyist volunteers for Paterson Habitat for Humanity supported the recent completion of eight new single-family homes on Harrison Street in Paterson (see photo). Working side by side with a great group of retired men, and professional staff, our volunteers come away from this project knowing they have made the dream of home ownership come true for deserving families. The next project is expected to commence in April. If you are interested in giving Habitat for Humanity a try, contact Rich Edelman at edelmanr@optonline.net, or 973-389-3536.



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.

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

In Memoriam:

- **Dom Casulli**, a Hobbyist since 2006, passed away on January 11. He was 94. There will be a memorial service for Dom and his wife on April 5, at 10:30, at the Becker Funeral Home, 219 Kinderkamack Rd., Westwood.
- **Herb Becher**, a Hobbyist since 2001, passed away on February 10. He was 87.
- **Jim Wylie**, a Hobbyist since 2005, passed away on February 12. He was 90.

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 p.m. 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.

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. During the past few months, we watched a trilogy of classic courtroom dramas: *12 Angry Men*, *The Verdict*, and *Witness for the Prosecution*. The last was very well-attended, and gasps could be heard from the audience at each of several surprise twists at the conclusion. We took a lighter turn in February with *Roman Holiday*. The March selection will be the Italian comedy, *Bread and Chocolate* to be presented by **Frank Tercovich**.

Music Lovers - Jim McKeown, 201-327-3411, jimmckeown@optonline.net. Second Friday, 10 a.m. at the church. Music Lovers enjoyed **Jazzy Ladies**, the music of Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughn. Also to come this Spring is **Classical Potpourri II** exploring the Classical Composers who passed away before age 40. These Composers include Mozart, Gershwin, Chopin, Bizet, and others. Following will be a program on **Outstanding Broadway Performances & Showstoppers** and then a reprise of **Comedy in Music**.

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

So, what exactly is pickleball? It is a combination of tennis, ping pong and racquetball played on a court ¼ the size of a regulation tennis court.

To join, go to the App store and download the **Team Reach App** for your phone. Then use the code **Hobby-Pickle**. Use the calendar to acknowledge that you will attend a particular event.

We play on Wednesday mornings between 8 -11 a.m. at Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park. We plan to start playing in April and continuing into the summer and fall.

I would like to set-up a beginner clinic in April if there is interest. We need to hear from those of you who have joined but have been unable to attend so that we can get a firm count before the season starts. If you have any questions, please e-mail **Allen Krauss** at akrauss2@gmail.com.

Looking forward to making pickleball a great sport at the Hobbyists.



Pinochle - **Jim Atieh**, 201-315-5346, atiehjl1@verizon.net. We meet 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.

Poker - **Dan Wolf**, 201-825-7769, danwolf@optonline.net. We meet 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. 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 beginning at 2 p.m. via ZOOM. 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, Bob Kozar, bkozar1@aol.com.

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

- **Paterson Great Falls & Paterson Museum – Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

Join us for a guided tour of the iconic Paterson sites followed by a luncheon at Limoncello Ristorante in Waldwick, NJ. The cost of the trip is \$54 per person and the final payment is due by May 1, 2025. As always, spouses and companions are welcome.

Trips & Tours, Extended – Chairman needed for this activity. Contact **Don Peterfriend**, 201) 825-7515, dpeterfriend@yahoo.com

- **Midweek Getaway, Woodloch Pines PA - Wednesday - Friday Sept 10-12, 2025**

Join us for our traditional late summer getaway to Woodloch Pines Resort that offers an ideal "togetherness event." Immaculate rooms, delicious and abundant meals, endless activities, nightly dancing, and entertainment. Great hospitality! The cost of the trip is \$500 per person and a \$100 deposit is required by April 3, 2025. Final payment is due by June 5, 2025. As always, spouses and companions are welcome. Please contact Bob Sayegh (201-220-3867 or bobsay14@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up for this trip.

The Volunteer Service Club - George Millington, 201-444-6245, gzmillington@gmail.com. **Dave Smilon**, co-chairmen. The club has been traveling to Eva's Village in Paterson on two Tuesdays per month to aid in the set-up, service and clean-up of two seatings of a hot, nutritious lunch for the homeless and working people in need in the surrounding area. Fourteen Hobbyists participate as active members of the Club with 6 to 7 going to Eva's on a given Tuesday.

Walking – Alan Stein, 201-447-4235, stampmaven1@verizon.net, **Mark Singer**, 201-446-6809, msinger@ramapo.edu. The Thursday Walking Group continues to thrive, walking 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 to 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 negotiate a custom menu.

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

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

Constant Contact – Ed Daly, 201-447-4603, eddaly386@yahoo.com. 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.

Valley Hospital presents a roundup of the latest events taking place throughout the year which may be of interest to you. If interested, go to ValleyHealth.com/Events.

Kudos

Jack Warner's latest book, *Decisions— A Memoir with a Purpose*, is an excellent review of his life. His three previous books were: *Decorating Time Savers*, *Tom Never's Ghost*, and *The Amateur Assassin*.

Rick Pascal's book, *Next Stop-Unknown*, has a YouTube promotion that can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/PSv9lLcqh5Y>. His earlier book, *Detour*, is available online at AMAZON, BARNES & NOBLE and elsewhere.

From the Editor

Now that Springtime is right around the corner, many of us will be getting ready for outdoor activities such as golf, bocce, tennis or whatever other plans for enjoying the warmer (hopefully) weather. It's important to realize that before we impose those activities on our [somewhat] older bodies, we prepare ourselves properly. Warm up and stretch our muscles to avoid strains and injuries that can so easily occur if we're not ready. If you begin an exercise program, you might want to consult your physician to ensure that you can handle whatever activity you want to pursue. Watch your steps, and don't allow yourself to trip and fall; an occurrence that many of us could be subjected to.

Here's a word for you: *Anosognosia*, derived from the Greek words *nosos*, meaning disease, and *gnosis*, meaning knowledge. Literally translated it means "without knowledge of disease." This condition is characterized not by denial of a health problem, but by a lack of awareness that one is ill. Take care of yourselves fellow Hobbyists, and stay with us in good health.

Rick Pascal



THE HERMITAGE LECTURE SERIES
Spring of 2025

**Castle on a Golf Course
The History of Ramsey Golf and Country Club**
By Timothy J. Driscoll



Hear about the inhabitants and guests who have graced the grounds of the once "most beautiful estate in America", The Ramsey Golf and Country Club. Relive the stories and tales of Babe Ruth, Flo Ziegfeld and other celebs who frequented the club..

Tim is a graduate of University of Maryland and received an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson. Tim is a championship golfer, a lifetime member of the RG&CC and a historical author. Before writing "RG&CC Memories", Tim partnered and managed as a manufacturer's representative in the commercial construction industry. Mr. Driscoll is a longtime resident of Ramsey.

March 23, 2025 2:00 PM Jaqua Hall at The Hermitage

Tickets are \$10.00 and please register at www.thehermitage.org/events

More information: www.thehermitage.org or 201-445-8311

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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.

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

Note: Please make sure you discard any coffee cups, plastic bottles, and paper wrappers in the appropriate receptacles in the church auditorium after the General Meeting.

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