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## OUR UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER OF 2020

*The Stories and Sightings at Hunters Run*





## EDITOR'S NOTE

It started with an email from Dena Pedrick, our Director of Membership, who was providing us with the breakdown of members' addresses so we would see how many were being mailed to 33436 or to northern zip codes. While we have always assumed that about 40% of members stayed through the summer, this breakdown was closer to 60%—and was significantly higher than the previous year. But, as Dena quickly pointed out, these were actually billing addresses—some members don't change them when they go north. Still, it did seem higher than usual. We were on to something. Then we started to hear about those members who were staying for the first time because of the pandemic—and several were actually selling their homes up north. For most, they are staying all year because they felt safer here. They share their stories with us in this issue.

This unforgettable summer of 2020 at Hunters Run has been captured in other ways, as well. A variety of beautiful and interesting Sightings are featured in these pages—from little gems to intricate lawn objects...from nature in full color...to a corona coloring book. And, speaking of sightings, who are those masked members?

— Stan Walker

## NEXT ISSUE: Have You Ever Met Someone Famous?

Or, perhaps, spoken to them, had your photo taken with them? We have been hearing stories about members who have had these experiences. So, if you have had the opportunity to interact with someone famous....in any field.... please tell us about it, along with a photo, if possible, to [magazine@huntersrun.net](mailto:magazine@huntersrun.net) before October 1st, 2020.



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## Planning for an Exciting Future

Dear Members,

This is the halfway point in my first year as President of the Hunters Run Property Owners Association and I wish to thank all members who have taken the time to recognize the extraordinary hard work of the 2020 - 2021 Board. The words and messages of thanks and gratitude from those who are friends and neighbors have been a constant source of encouragement. The charitable efforts of those who lead the WTD- 18, the MTD, the tennis program, the Peacock project, and collections for first responders in these difficult times, have also been inspirational for my colleagues and me; they make the hours we spend so rewarding. You all know by now that the Board's efforts, as imperfect as they may have been, are squarely focused on protecting members and staff alike from the Covid-19 virus. That task will continue every day until life can return to normal at Hunters Run.

In the second half of this year the Board faces additional challenges and opportunities. The North Course restroom is nearing completion, and despite the obstacles of virtual meetings, plans are moving ahead to remediate the Main Clubhouse Pool and to develop the Tennis Center as well as the Front Entrance and South Gatehouse area. Future expansion of the Fitness Center is also being developed.

The Food & Beverage and Entertainment Committees are reimagining programs for next season, hopefully to be implemented as health conditions allow. One of the abandoned and foreclosed apartments that the POA has acquired is being rebuilt and will act as a model so visitors and prospective buyers can see for themselves the terrific buying opportunity provided by a rebuilt residence at Hunters Run. And, there's so much more in the works.

While maintaining vigilance, the Board of Directors is still planning for Hunters Run to be all it can be. We are all optimistic that our Dedication to Excellence will bring all of us an exciting future.

Best regards,

Michael H. Soroka  
President

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By SUE LAYTON, Chair, Entertainment & Arts Committee

As you have heard many times before, these are unusual times we are navigating and unfortunately nobody has a clear idea of how to plan for the future. This being said, the Entertainment Committee is working diligently to find ways of offering entertainment in a safe and fun way.

We are looking at alternative ways of offering the membership lectures and game nights, possibly via "Zoom" or "YouTube." Look out for more information soon. We are also working out the details for a Great Show—"For the Love of Cash"—The music of Johnny Cash and other country stars. Not to be missed!

Until we can start using the club facilities again below are virtual screenings you can enjoy from the comfort of your home now available from Movies of Delray/Lake Worth.

(Go to [www.moviesofdelray.com](http://www.moviesofdelray.com))



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## Opting In For Electronic Voting

The Hunters Run Property Owners Association utilized electronic voting with the last election for the Board of Directors. The process was well received by the membership and worked smoothly. The process is efficient and more cost effective. Accordingly, we are making electronic voting a permanent process and we encourage all members to participate. Only the primary member may consent to electronic voting. Please note that participation is voluntary. If you choose not to sign up you will continue to receive a "mail-in" paper ballot via the US mail.

By "Opting In" you agree that you will vote electronically on any future votes and, therefore, you will not receive a mail-in ballot. Your "Opt-In" will serve as your written consent to online voting. This consent is valid until you opt out of electronic voting the same way you opted in.

A CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC VOTING FORM has been emailed to all primary members. Thank you if you have already clicked on the link in the email and followed the directions to consent to electronic voting. If you have not already done so, want to CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC VOTING and need assistance, please contact the Hunters Run IT Director, Todd Stanchfield, at [technology@huntersrun.net](mailto:technology@huntersrun.net).

Stay Safe.

Harvey Newman,  
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# Pick-Up Food Service Didn't Miss A Beat!

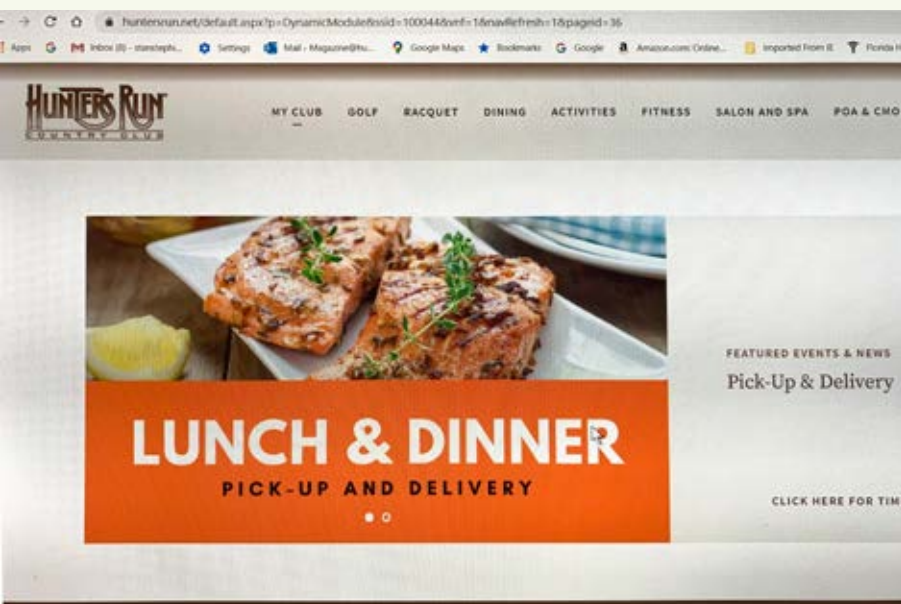
BY SUSAN BRAITMAN

On March 16th, 2020, in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, federal, state and local guidelines effectively shut down all dine-in restaurants. Two days later, on March 18th, Hunters Run's Pick-Up service for lunch and dinner was up and operational. Our Board and Management saw what was coming, and quickly came up with a plan even before the shutdown.

Among the most important benefits for members staying for the summer has been this Pick-Up service. The food service has been a huge success. Their biggest single day was Mother's Day – 700 dinners were enjoyed by residents. Before the snowbirds left at the end of June, over 400 dinners and 100 lunches a day were being ordered.

**At the recent board meeting, Chief Operating Officer Mary Watkins highlighted the success of both the Pick-Up and Delivery Food Service.**

**From March 17 - August 16, there were 29,248 covers ordered by members. Of this total, there were 5,265 pick-up lunches and 21,583 dinners. The home delivery service included 2,400 covers — 311 for lunch and 2,089 for dinner.**



The Hunters Run kitchen follows CDC guidelines for food handling; all employees have their temperature taken daily; all wear masks and gloves. As of this writing, all employees are Covid -tested weekly. When three food service employees tested positive (runners who deliver food packed from kitchen to the loading area,) the staff quickly moved all food preparation to another kitchen. According to Steve Perlmutter, chair of the Food & Beverage Committee, food service was never interrupted! The original kitchen was completely sterilized and again made CDC compliant. Within three days, the first kitchen was back in business. Once again, our food service never skipped a beat!

Food planning, buying, and preparation is done pretty much as it was before the pandemic, says Steve. After the food is prepared and checked by staff, it is carefully packed and brought to the staging area. Residents then arrive at their appointed time and the food is carefully put in their car trunk.

Chef Armando is the key player on the culinary team, directing staff while constantly respecting CDC guidelines. He also creates a new weekly menu which includes three appetizers, three salads with protein, and nine to ten entrees, as well as three or four desserts. Most of the items represent last season's most popular Specials. Additionally, residents can place daily orders for staples, such as milk, bread, eggs, and cookies. This service has been available since mid-April.

We all hope that Covid -19 will soon be behind us. We all look forward to again eating in one of our seven dining venues with friends and family. In the meantime, we are certainly being well fed!

## Where's the Soup?

Each week we receive an email with a complete lunch or dinner menu with many, even new, choices ready for pick-up service. It is also posted on the club website. Descriptions are detailed and complete. But one long loved item remains a mystery - the soup du jour.

Many of us practically lived on these ever changing, delicious soups... back in the day, formerly cup or bowl, now pint or quart... a complete and filling meal. But because it is decided each morning, no description can appear in the weekly e-mailed menu. How to find out what it is?

Well, we have tracked it down. It is posted each day on our Hotwire HR TV station 9002.







## A Safe Haven

BY ANN FORMAN

Welcome to the unforgettable summer of 2020 at Hunters Run. Almost everything in our beautiful community is the same as it has always been during the summer. Except...there are cars in many of the driveways, hardy souls dot the fairways or brandish their tennis rackets, and groups of masked walkers enjoy spirited conversations while observing the requisite six feet of social distancing. Yes, there are more people around than previous summers—many for the first time—and it is easy to understand why.

## SUE AND RICH ALIN

A case in point is the Alins. Every year Sue and Rich would gravitate from their home in Westchester County, NY, to spend summers in their Berkshires, MA, condo, in Stockbridge. A few years ago, they put their New York house on the market...it sold in three days...and made Hunters Run their base, buying a home in Southport. They loved everything about living in Hunters Run and would periodically discuss selling their Stockbridge condo, moving to Southport full time, and spending the summers traveling round the country.

And then came Covid-19!

When the pandemic first reared its ugly face, Sue and Rich were so impressed with the way Hunters Run management handled everything and how diligent they were in creating a safe place for everyone during this particularly stressful time. They also gained an added appreciation for how easy and convenient it was to continue to do all the things they loved such as golf and tennis. Athletics are part of Rich's DNA, particularly tennis...he had been tennis director in a camp in Lenox, MA, for many years as well as coaching basketball and athletics. Rich also plays golf when he's not on the tennis courts; and early most mornings Sue can be seen walking with a friend...six feet apart, of course. She also enjoys swimming and many online activities...playing cards, participating in the Zoom Women's program and Zoom book club. As Sue had been a long-time volunteer at Tanglewood in the Berkshires,



she is now able to plug into their lectures and, in lieu of getting his own Tanglewood "fix," Rich compensates with Alexa!

So, their decision to sell their Berkshires home seemed a no-brainer. "This is our first summer here," says Sue. "Even with the Covid-19 restrictions, we're never bored or unhappy. Hunters Run is the right choice for us." (And if you know anyone who is looking for a getaway in the Berkshires, there's now a lovely duplex for sale in Stockbridge!)

A familiar refrain among Hunters Run residents is how friendly everyone is. "Apart from Covid-19, this was just one more factor that helped us take action," says Rich. "We've met so many wonderful people and of course, so many more are staying here this summer where we all feel so safe." And, as they approach their wedding anniversary, the Alins sum it all up. "Our first fifty years of marriage we spent in New York; the next fifty will be at Hunters Run!"

## ELENA AND JEFFREY BABICH

Jeff and Elena had a plan. They were snowbirds, living on Long Island where Jeff commuted to his apparel business and Elena taught elementary school in Hewlett. Ten years ago they had bought a home in Hunters Run in Southport and, two years ago, sold their home in Merrick and leased an apartment in North Shore Towers while Jeff continued working. By then Elena had retired and was spending most of her time at Hunters Run; Jeff was flying down to spend weekends with her; and their plan was to ultimately move to Florida permanently.

Once again, Covid-19 stepped in. "I came down in March for one of my regularly scheduled weekends" says Jeff. "And we never went back!" The pandemic didn't as much change their plans as expedite them.

After all, they had a fully functioning home which they loved already set up in Southport. A little bit of serendipity also played a part--the end of their lease at North Shore Towers was in sight. The stage was set to implement their plan... just a little earlier than they had anticipated.

This wasn't a decision we agonized over," said Elena. "Under the worst possible conditions, with the limitations we are all living with during this difficult time, we realized how happy we were here." There were, however, other reasons for staying at Hunters Run. Appreciation for Hunters Run management was high on the list. "We were so impressed with the Board and their constant and reassuring communications as well as the precautions they took. All that made us feel really safe here."

This will be the first summer Jeff and Elena have spent together at Hunters Run. They have a full and active life here with friends old and new. Jeff is an avid golfer, loves biking and tennis; Elena enjoys canasta and mah jong as well as all that Hunters Run has to offer. "We never looked back," said Jeff. "The time that we've already spent at Hunters Run has only made us even more excited to expand this to a full-time living experience!"

### JAY AND RUTH SKLOWER

Last April, Jay and Ruth Sklower bought a home at Hunters Run. They had no regrets leaving Watchung, New Jersey, and immediately set about renovating their beautiful new home in The Estates. "Our plan was to move permanently into our home in December and not have to live through the renovation," said Ruth.

At the time, the Sklowers didn't actually realize how good a decision their move would turn out to be. It was mere weeks before Covid-19 hit and

they were exactly where they wanted to be.

They were already familiar with all Hunters Run's amenities... both play a lot of golf and both are excellent cooks and are enjoying their well-equipped new kitchen. Of course, they are looking forward to having their grandchildren visit... when the time is right.



In a way, the pandemic served to confirm their decision... Hunters Run was the place to be. "We moved and Covid happened," said Ruth. "We're lucky. It's better here than anywhere else!"

### MANOUCH AND KAROLYN DARVISH

Under normal conditions Manouch and Karolyn Darvish would be spending their summer in Boston enjoying everything that the Cradle of Liberty has to offer... restaurants, theaters, fabulous shopping. While there's not much that is normal about this summer, it has not prevented the Darvishes from

enjoying being here at Hunters Run and taking advantage of all the amenities.

"We've never spent the summer here before," says Karolyn. "Covid-19 changed our way of thinking. We're staying here this summer because there is so much more to do. What's more, we feel really safe and protected and we're so lucky that many of our friends are here too."



On any given day, you might see the Darvishes walking, riding their bikes or having an evening siesta with friends or neighbors in their driveways or on their patios... everyone adhering to the new normal of social distancing. Golf plays an important role in their lives and, weather permitting, they are on the fairways almost every day!

"We love our life at Hunters Run," says Manouch. "Under the circumstances, and when we weighed all the reasons for staying here, it made sense to extend our normal eight months. We're really glad we made the decision!"



# First Timers

By DIANNE HONIG

## MIA AND LEN SILBERSTEIN



Mia and Len are far from the bustling and stimulating life in Manhattan, where they have been living during the summer months not spent at Hunters Run.

Because of living in

an apartment house and dealing with elevators and large numbers of residents, they have decided for the first time to summer down in Hunters Run - and it has been just fine!

Although native Manhattanites, their city is quite different now, as we all know. Boarded up windows, curtailed activities - and so they decided to stay. Len plays golf regularly and works out at the Fitness Center, along with painting furniture, which he finds relaxing and creative. Mia walks and enjoys the flowers and early morning stimulation of exercising. She has also taken up needlepoint - which she hasn't done for 40 years, making unusual things such as a tallis bag. Her grandson's bar mitzvah was canceled but will be on for next year.

Together they enjoy "Driveway Happy Hour" with friends - spaced of course - and Mia gets most of her food supplies from supermarket delivery services. Another plus is that their son and his family are Florida residents and living close by. He and his family all had the virus but are fully recovered. It is true that Mia and Len worry about the possible storms and power outages, but they are well supplied with everything they might need. Would they live here full time?

The answer is probably not - they are hard-wired Manhattanites. Right now, Hunters Run is a good place for them to be.

## ARNOLD AND BARBARA SADOWNICK

Normally leaving Hunters Run every year just before Mother's Day, Arnie and Barbara decided for the first time to spend their summer at Hunters Run. How has it been? They are so happy and comfortable and it is a terrific



experience. The decision to stay was prompted by the virus and the stress of going through the airport... the whole idea of traveling made them decide to stay put.

Barbara plays lots of mah jongg online and Arnie loves to read and just enjoy the flowers and beautiful scenery of Hunters Run. They laugh a lot together and are happy to spend lots of time with each other. Arnie says life is so easy here - they utilize the Hunters Run meal services and are just enjoying the ease of life. They are well prepared for any storms or power problems - and feel safe and well cared for by the Hunters Run staff. As far as staying full time - well time will tell - right now they are living in the moment and are very happy with their decision not to go back up north.

## HARRIET AND BERNIE HARRIS

It was an easy decision for Harriet and Bernie Harris to stay in Hunters Run for the first time over the summer. Living in a high-rise building was not to their liking during this time period, and also the exciting life of Manhattan was shut down because of the virus. The lifestyle of Hunters Run was so appealing - so easy and such beautiful surroundings - that their decision to stay was not difficult to make.



Harriet is not bored at all - the days go by so quickly - she and Bernie enjoy the many Zoom discussion groups and see their families on a regular basis using our wonderful technology. She and Bernie regularly meet with friends outside where they can talk about life and politics and enjoy an interesting time every day. Of course, they distance properly and wear masks for safety.

Harriet orders her food to be delivered and does not miss restaurant dining at all. She says, "I don't need the restaurants - I need the people!"

A wonderful thing happened to Harriet recently - she actually got a hole-in-one. Playing on the North course - hole 16 - Harriet couldn't find her ball. One of her team members told her that the ball may be in the hole! And it was! Harriet was so excited and exclaimed, "How thrilling!" So, life for Harriet and Bernie has been easy and happy in Hunters Run for the summer.







## BARBARA AND ALLEN BRESLOW

Barbara has been a snowbird for six years here in Hunters Run, while her husband Allen has been a snowflake. He would come down every two to three weeks and spend time in Florida before heading back north where he was still working as a labor-employment lawyer. On March 21st, Barbara had planned a surprise birthday party for Allen, who had been in Hunters Run since March 3rd and was planning to return north on March 23rd. The party had to be canceled because of the virus, which was a big disappointment, and Allen never returned up north. So, this has been the longest stretch of time he ever has had at Hunters Run.

How does he feel about this new life? Allen is thrilled and just loves his new and easy life here. Along with golf, he and Barbara work at jigsaw puzzles together, and are thinking of perhaps adding a puzzle exchange to the Hunters Run library. They both enjoy Zoom meetings and are enthusiastic participants in their regular five o'clock meetings with friends and neighbors outside on the lawn. Barbara is a member of the Yiddish Club, which is one of the weekly meetings on Zoom; she is in a leadership position on the Planning Committee of that club. Barbara spent three weeks putting a huge album together for her daughter's 50th birthday and spent quite a bit of time with the craft store Michael's, copying and pasting materials for that album. They have seen graduations on Zoom and feel connected with all the family happenings. Allen is very happy to be in this new world and says "I could stay down here full time!"

# So Many Reasons to Stay BY JUDIE SPINNER

## 100% of the Time - Here

### BOBBI BIERMAN

Bobbi Bierman thinks Hunters Run is trying hard and doing its best to make her feel safe. And she does feel safe in this difficult and unusual time. She also feels comfortable knowing the staff is constantly tested and with the food availability and pick-up.

Since the pandemic outbreak, Bobbi's two granddaughters and their families have been living in her Livingston, New Jersey, condo. A 15-year resident there, Bobbi has now decided to spend 100% of her time at Hunters Run and will be putting her condo on the market.

Seventeen years at HR, and even in this limited social environment, Bobbi still is meeting people she has never come across before. Zoom is making that possible. Current events to the role of journalists, the press and other topics, make for Zoom happenings. A Zoom participant from HR, whom she had never met, stayed online with her for 47 minutes, helping her solve a computer issue.

"I'm more content here, this summer, than I would have been in New Jersey because I have so many friends here. I read newspapers, magazines, books, play canasta online and even have cocktails at 5 PM, at an outdoor space --of course. I didn't know what to expect when I decided to stay, like the heat and rain. We have learned to protect ourselves with those things that are in our control. And this is a good place to be now."



## Feeling Safe...And Sharing the Chicken

### NICKY PRELL

This is the first time in all of her 41 years at Hunters Run that Nicky Prell has stayed for the summer. She is not sure when she will actually return to her home in Wyckoff, New Jersey.

"I'm busier here than I would be at home. And I like to be busy. Playing bridge three times a week, golfing four or five times, walking in the early morning or late afternoon--- all keep my spirits up. I admit to having been a gym rat."

Nicky is an avid reader. Her latest book is *The Black Swan of Paris*, a novel by Karen Robards. Nicky is also resourceful; she has found the perfect solution to buying food at Costco, for example, a barbecued chicken. She only likes the dark meat, her neighbor, Bernice Levinson, only the white, so they split and share.

"You know I'm lucky. I have a great support system. I traveled a great deal when I was young, but travel now is on the back burner. The thought of traveling now makes me nervous. I have friends, am comfortable and most importantly, feel safe here. My thanks to management. I think they're handling this difficult situation very well."



## Staying in a Bubble

### MARJORIE AND JOE RAAB



"We feel safe, very safe living here at Hunters Run this summer. Living here is like living life in a bubble." Marjorie and Joe Raab explained about their decision not to go back to their home in Plainview, New York, as they usually do. Going back to NY was not even considered an option this year. They have been at Hunters Run since 2012.

Married for 52 years, the Raabs, together with their children and grandchildren, had to break with tradition - going away together on a holiday every August. Marjorie's twin sister Laura Chason and husband, Jan, have already gone back north and are sorely missed.

Since her prolonged stay here, Marjorie has made nine quilts. These wonderful quilts range in size from baby and coverlet to Queen size. She loves making them and the popular totes and colorful masks that many of our members are wearing. By last count, Marjorie has made over 120 masks. Marjorie generously contributes her handiwork to HR charities and events.

Marjorie is enthusiastic about home cooking and Joe is just as enthusiastic about her delicious cooking and baking. Although mah jongg and card playing are on hold, she manages to fit in golf. Joe enjoys his golf and watching the History Channel. He is into NCIS and, as Marjorie laughingly adds, "Joe has seen every episode NCIS has ever made."



## Choosing To Stay— "It's Far Easier To Live"

### MARLENE SCHELL

"I'm happy to say I chose to stay here at Hunters Run this summer," says Marlene Schell. "I'm comfortable here. Most importantly, I can be incredibly strict and avoid risk. And Hunters Run's careful management makes it easy and safe. "I feel fortunate to have a place where I can walk in the morning, with a friend, six feet apart, of course. What a comfort it is to have good club food and food options available and deliverable."

Marlene loves the daily Tai Chi practice group she spearheaded, which has continued through the summer months. The challenge is keeping this group small, in the shade and in shape. The Southport pool is another haven, sparsely used and a wonderful daily revitalization.

At 5:30 every night, it's cocktail hour. Marlene and a friend do not meet. They call each other on the phone, chat, and sip cocktails as evening approaches. Dinner at 7, a good book or TCM (Turner Classic Movies) and sweet dreams.

"You know, if I was up north at this point, I would not be able to see my sons, one in California, the other son and his family in the Hamptons, or even my brother in New York City. Here at Hunters Run, it's far easier to live." Marlene has no idea when she will go back to her condo in Hewlett, New York, where she has lived for 20 years. She's taking it one day at a time.



Southport Summer Thai Chi Group that meets daily.

From left to right: Phyllis Miller, Marlene Schell, Bea Alderman, Eleanor Rosen and Marilyn Diamond.

## We Feel Safe

### CAROLYN STOLLER AND TED STEINGUT



"We were concerned. Everything in New York City in May was on lockdown. We did not feel it was safe going back to our home on the Upper East Side."

Carolyn Stoller and husband, Ted Steingut, made the decision to stay at Hunters Run, hoping to be safe. And staying here, they did feel safe. They each play golf several times a week, frequent the beach when it is possible and the Eastgate pool. They ride their bicycles.

"Every day is like Ground Hog Day, a repeat of each other. We have no interest in going out to restaurants. We get a lot of food delivered from the club. Everything is so convenient. And Ted lost ten pounds. We go to bed early. After all, I do tee off at 8 AM each day."

At Hunters Run for four years, Carolyn and Ted call it "a Paradise."



## A Healthy Choice

BY KAREN FEINBLATT

One of us always wanted to live in Florida, and the other said, “no way.” Well, here we are, into our third season, but the first time we will be here all summer. It was not so much a happy choice, as it was a healthy one. The Covid-19 virus left us with a decision: travel home, or stay safe in Hunters Run. So here we stay. We’ve traded the summer in West Orange, NJ, for Eastgate Drive.

During what we term as our lockdown, Murray and I have managed to keep somewhat busy with different activities. You can find us walking early every morning, enjoying the views. The beautiful flowers, birds, lakes and golf courses are very easy on the eye.

The rest of our day is spent with a variety of activities. I facilitate the Women’s Discussion Group each week. I have met some terrific, intelligent women who enjoy discussing a variety of subjects ranging from the relevance of journalism today to positive aspects of the pandemic to systemic racism and everything in-between.

At other times Murray and I play two-handed canasta, read, do puzzles, listen to various online lectures, take online exercise classes, and Zoom with family and friends. We manage to keep our bodies and minds active. By seven o’clock each day, we say, “where did the day go?”

Will we stay next summer? probably not. We miss our family and friends in NY and NJ. Being here at Hunters Run for most of the year, and visiting back north when the Florida weather gets too hot, is the best of both worlds!



## Healthy and Thankful

BY DORIS HISCHHORN



Bob and I have been snowbirds since 2008, first for six months and gradually working up to nine months. Because of Covid-19, going home to Manhattan in May was not a choice. In addition, we knew spending our first summer in Hunters Run would help us decide whether to become “rounders” or not. No decision yet, but we are enjoying ourselves despite the hot and humid weather and the almost daily afternoon thunderstorms.

Bob is playing either tennis or golf every day. I am busy “zooming” every day with Hunters Run Special Interest Clubs, friends, and family. Together, we spent a lot of time “streaming” and doing 1000-piece jigsaw puzzles, the latter an activity we had never done together before. In fact, we are exchanging puzzles with other Hunters Run members whose plans to return home were aborted.

What we miss the most is dinner with friends or lunch after golf. Socially distanced “cocktail hours” are nice but not as nice as face-to-face contact. We miss the “freedom” of daily living before the pandemic. Life now has a constant “sameness” about it. We miss going to the Clubhouse and saying hello to the staff or sitting at the Atrium. We miss what was New York City—walking everywhere, going to the theatre, trying new restaurants.

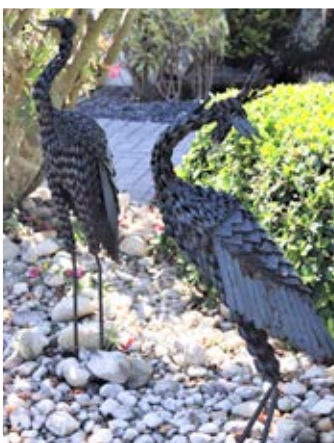
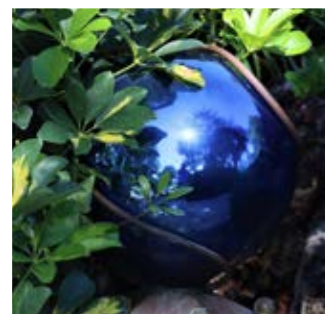
However, we like that our connections with family and friends have grown stronger because of virtual get-togethers. Because of distance, we saw them less before the pandemic than we do now. We like that we are seeing some Hunters Run friends all year instead of just during the season. We like that we can, and do, order dinner almost every day from the Club. We like that we can take car rides to “nowhere” and explore different parts of Palm Beach County. All-in-all, we are healthy and thankful for what we have and can do, while hoping for a return to a new normal in the near future.



# Garden Statues & Décor at Hunters Run

By DIANE SOROKA

As I walked in some of the many different communities here, I began to observe the beauty and thoughtfulness that my neighbors and friends put into their garden. While, "nature always takes center stage in the garden," adding some art or garden decor leaves your own personal touch. Putting a frog in your garden symbolizes luck while a statue of a bird represents love and commitment. Butterflies give us hope and that colorful piece of glass or that wind sculpture just make us smile. I'm sure you've all noticed that statue of a little old man with a golf club. I believe his name is Mr. Hole-in-One!

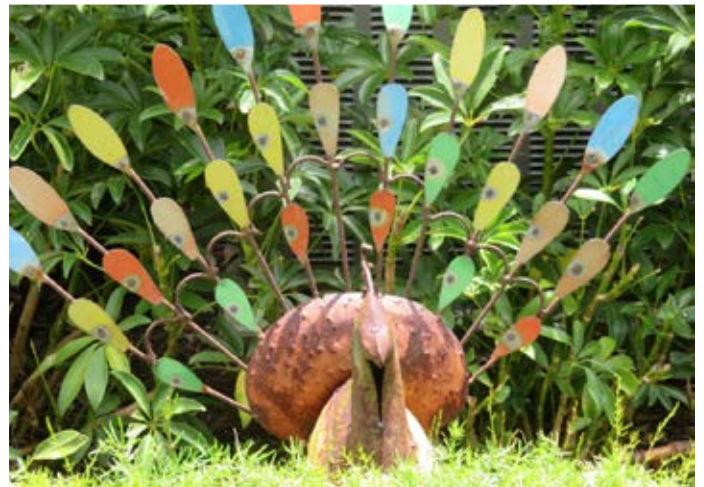




# Hidden Gems

By SUSAN BRAITMAN

I usually walk around Southport on the road. One day I decided to walk through the parking lots and weave my way in front of the buildings on the sidewalks. As I got close to the buildings, I was delighted to find "hidden gems." Many residents have enhanced their entrances with their own creations. I was so enchanted with these "gems" that I decided to take photos of them. I plan on walking the other pods and reporting on my findings in subsequent issues. Enjoy!

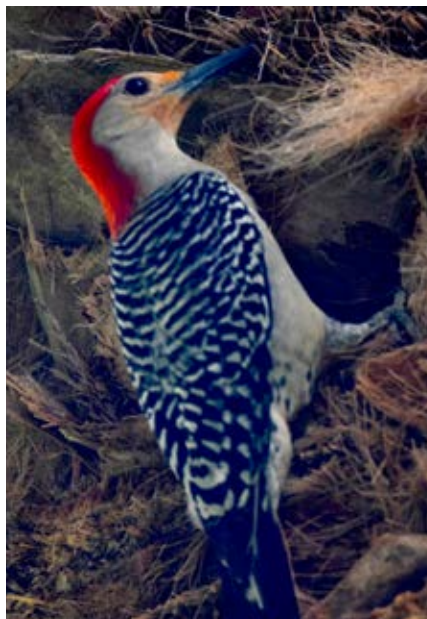




## Nature Photos

By LESTER EPSTEIN

The reasoning behind my pictures is always that Mother Nature knows best. I try to see my subjects in their natural way of life. My eye always removes the outside surroundings and focuses on the subject alone.





## COLORING IN THE TIME OF CORONA

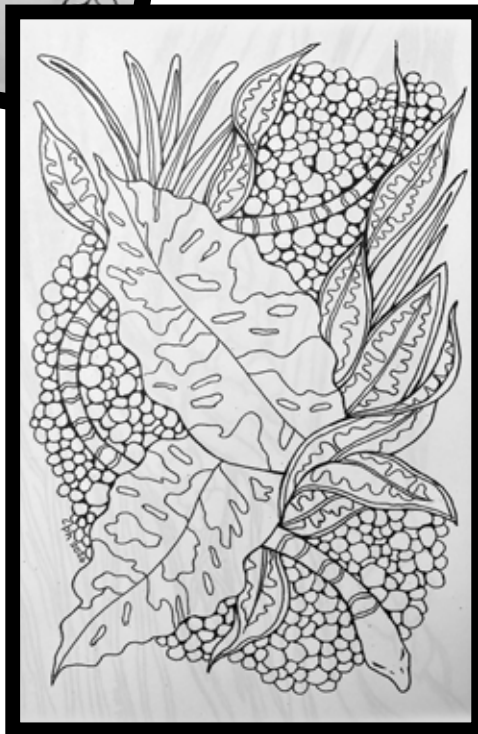
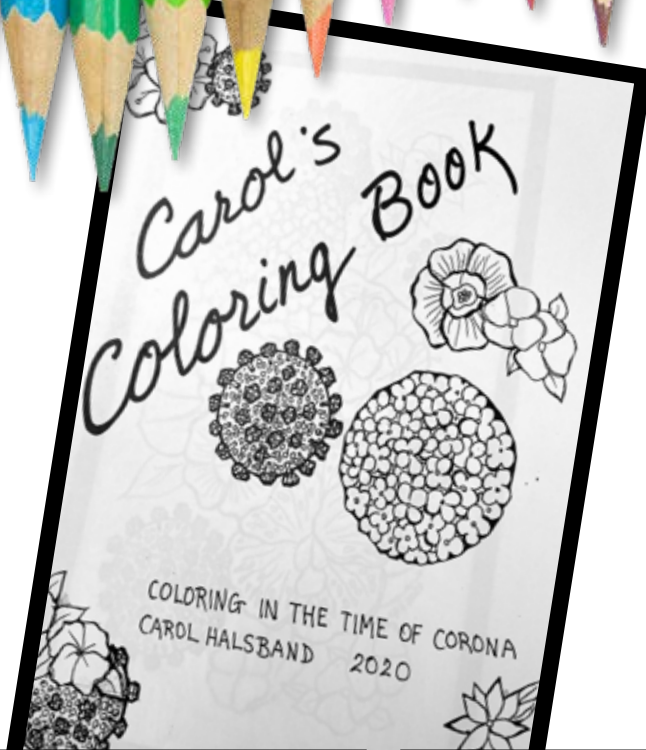
I am a graduate of Syracuse University School of Art where I studied painting and art history. I have always loved color and enjoy creating pictures showing the patterns in nature.

Many years ago, I took a course in enameling and found the perfect outlet for me. Enameling is the art of fusing finely ground glass in a kiln onto copper, silver or gold. It is very detailed work but the reward is a permanent surface of rich, glowing color. I do my enameling at the Boca Art Museum Art School, but when it was closed because of the virus, taking daily walks became an important activity. I enjoyed walking on the golf courses and was inspired by the physical beauty we are so lucky to have here at Hunters Run.

My other inspiration came from my granddaughter Skylar. She loves to draw and like so many kids today created a blog. I could see her intricate drawings and paintings and I decided I could do that too! I also decided that I would not color my drawings but rather would create a coloring book that would let people color in themselves and perhaps relieve some of the stress that we are experiencing now.

If anyone has seen my enamels in the Hunters Run art shows they may recognize the abstract designs of plants and flowers that I have depicted with my line drawings. I have printed out copies of my coloring book to send to family and friends and I hope they enjoy immersing themselves in this relaxing activity and adding beautiful color to brighten this time.

—Carol Halsband







## Hunters Run Fun Facebook Page— A Sense Of Community

BY BETHANIE GORNY

There's a lot to smile about and enjoy on the Hunters Run Fun Facebook page. And that's the idea. The page has evolved into a more comprehensive site where members share photos, local resources, pertinent information and engage in discussions on topics of interest to Hunters Run members ... everything from beautiful photos of flowers and wildlife to a rainbow dotting the sky ... sharing plans for dinner and recipes or even producing a cookbook ... to opening a conversation about new hobbies, travel plans, restaurants and interesting personal experiences. People are involved and many visit every day to see what their neighbors are up to. During this time of the pandemic, it has become a place where people go to see how their neighbors are handling the situation and to share thoughts and feelings. Different members have provided helpful advice on how to stay safe and how to cope with the new restrictions. One post is followed by a string of many responses. Often, it feels like a great big group hug for these Hunters Run members.

It was Rebecca Barth's idea. Back in Plainview, New York, she had started Rebecca's Book Club Facebook page in 2011. It now has more than 5,400 members worldwide. The members recommend books and give opinions.



After she moved to Hunters Run, seven years ago with husband Larry, Rebecca saw a need for a place where residents would feel comfortable asking for help or advice about living here. She decided to create a group page that would answer that need and in 2018 Rebecca started the Hunters Run Fun Facebook page. It is closed to everyone except residents of Hunters Run. To date, it has attracted 647 members. She says, "I like to get people involved and make them feel included."

As the administrator for the page, Rebecca spends time each day looking things over and adjusting as needed. She finds the most rewarding aspect of having started the page to be the thanks she gets from people for creating a place to belong. The most challenging aspect is maintaining civility at all times. To that end, she decided politics would not be allowed as it proved to be too incendiary for the purposes of the page. She does not hesitate to remove posts that are inappropriate or offensive. Rebecca would like the page to evolve into being even more helpful and more interesting.

Rebecca's Hunters Run Fun Facebook group has helped to develop a sense of community and to foster connections among neighbors. What will she do next? She says, "It's important to me to be involved wherever and whenever I can; I like to make a difference."

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## Charity at Work

Through Facebook, word of mouth and a group of Hunters Run tennis players, Jan and Laura Chason collected \$1,100 to send 300 meals to the essential workers at Bethesda Hospital and \$1,700 for The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach (shown with The Soup Kitchen director on right).





## FROM THE COURT

By DAVE CORDREY, *Director of Tennis*

**I hope everyone who went north is having a safe summer and staying well.** At Hunters Run, we have been enjoying the tennis and pickleball, even with all our Covid-19 guidelines.

Some good news: The Hunters Run tennis community donated \$2,500 each to two very worthwhile charities during this tough time, The Soup Kitchen and Jacobson Family Food Pantry. Secondly, I want to say a special thank you to Stan Walker, Mary Watkins, Joel Needleman, Ivan Scharer, Sandy Guritsky, Charlie Ross and Steve Altman, for all those very kind words in the last issue of the magazine. I was--and still am--- very touched. 25 years --WOW! I also want to thank everyone who called and dropped by congratulating me. We sent the article to my mom in England and it brought her to tears. So again, thank you all so much.

Season is just around the corner and we are in different times now. Covid-19 has put a real wrench in the works. We will have to continue our tennis and pickleball programming a bit longer until things get back to normal.

Both tennis and pickleball courts must continue to be reserved through the Tennis Shop. There will be no walk-ons. All reservations can be e-mailed to [tennistimes@huntersrun.net](mailto:tennistimes@huntersrun.net) or called in to 561-734-6657; or you can use the card system in the lobby of the Tennis Shop. Any reservation changes with players, please notify the Tennis Shop.

## Tennis Pool And League Play

I am planning on starting the pool in November barring any unforeseen circumstances. Pool applications will be available on the Hunters Run website in October. Courts will still be separated, and social distancing must continue. We have 11 courts for each playing session so there will be early and late playing times. There will be no fivesomes, so players will be notified if they have a game or not.

Outside league play this season is not a definite; we may need to change to an Intra-club league. That means we will form teams within our membership and compete among ourselves. The pandemic is a true threat to our membership and letting outside teams in may not be a wise move.

We are still planning on completing the 2019-20 Club Championships before the end of the year.

I will give you updates on the Opening Dinner Dance, but as of right now it is in the holding pattern.

*Everyone... please stay safe and use your best judgment all the time. And, finally, please follow our guidelines around the racquet facility.*

## Tennis Committee Donations Help Local Food Pantries

Instead of trying to serve aces during this pandemic, members of The Tennis Committee decided to help local food pantries serve meals to less fortunate local area families. The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach and the Jewish Family Services' Jacobson Family Food Pantry each received a donation of \$2,500, during presentations held recently at the Tennis Center. According to Joel Needleman, committee chair, "Since many of our activities were canceled, The Tennis Committee voted unanimously to share our good fortune with those in need, following the recommendations of our search committee. We hope these donations will in some way make our neighbors' lives a little bit easier during these stressful days."



Shari Cohen, Vice President of Financial Services and Food Programs for Jewish Family Services, with responsibility for JFS' Jacobson Family Food Pantry, was on the receiving end of The Tennis Committee's donation of \$2,500 to help provide food for 650 local households currently enrolled in their program. Joining in the presentation are (front) Director of Tennis Dave Cordrey and Tennis Committee Chair, Joel Needleman, (back) search committee members Dave Bernstein, Sharon Sackin and Stan Walker.



On behalf of the entire racquet community at Hunters Run, Director of Tennis Dave Cordrey presents a check for \$2,500 to Dmitri Ziare, operations manager for The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach.



## NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF GOLF

By GARY TSCHAEPE, JR., *Golf Operations Manager*

## Understating the obvious: It's been an "interesting" summer!

**THROUGH THE DILIGENCE OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND HUNTERS RUN LEADERSHIP, the coronavirus pandemic sweeping our nation has had minimal impact inside our Club walls.** In fact, there have been some "pandemic positives" in the Golf Department this summer:

We have seen a significant increase in our rounds of golf. Since our "soft opening" in May – and in spite of a number of rain day "washouts" -- our monthly rounds of golf have nearly **DOUBLED** our rounds from previous years.

Members have embraced and heeded the social distancing guidelines established by the Club. We thank you for wearing a mask on golf property and maintaining that six-foot distance between you, the staff, and other golfers. The Golf Department will continue its non-stop efforts to keep members and staff healthy and safe. We sanitize fleet carts after each use and wear our masks diligently. Every precaution is being taken on the golf courses and practice facilities to ensure your safety and well-being. We are proud to say that – with few exceptions – our courses have been open seven days a week for you to enjoy.

Thank you for taking advantage of our Golf Shop call-in services. With a simple telephone call to the Shop you can purchase golf balls, gloves, and other merchandise; place special orders; arrange to have your golf clubs regripped or make an appointment to have your private golf cart serviced. The Golf Shop phone number is 561-737-0410. If no one answers, please leave a voicemail message. A Golf Shop staff member will call you back as soon as possible.

Summertime is a crucial time for our Golf Course Maintenance teams. It's a time where each golf course undergoes a preventative maintenance and improvement program. Hopefully, you've seen some of the improvements already in place on the North Course. St. Augustine and Latitude grass is replacing the pine straw on many areas of the course. This great new look is expected to be completed by the start of next season. Please look for it the next time you play the North.

I'm sure you've noticed the small holes on the fairways and greens during summertime play. The holes are from aerification – an integral part of a successful preventative maintenance program. Among other things, aerification improves the soil content and relieves soil compaction caused by golf carts and foot traffic on the grass. Aerification rejuvenates the soil, making for a healthier grass. For those who say playing golf on an aerified course will ruin your round, please consider this: PGA legend Tom Watson shot a course record 58 on his old home course in Kansas City – just days after the course was aerified!

When you golf in the summertime -- and see those little holes on the green – remember Tom Watson!

## MTD

The Men's Golf Tournament Division's Summer League is in full swing, pitch, chip and putt! Nine-hole tees times are assigned to those members of the 18-Hole and 12-Hole Divisions who sign up online for the 44 playing positions available every Wednesday Morning. Cash prizes are paid out each week in each division. In July, the MTD made a \$750 donation to The Soup Kitchen in Boynton Beach – MTD President Larry Diamond and MTD Committee Member Bruce Lynn delivered the check. Planning is underway for the upcoming Hunters Run 2020-2021 MTD Season, including a special gift for all members and the Annual MTD Luncheon. We anticipate being able to return to a regular weekly tournament -playing season. Online and paper registration options will be made available as we approach the start of the new season.

—your MTD Committee



# Monday Morning League

By KRISTEN MENDELSON

The Monday Morning League has been playing with tee times this summer. The gals are enjoying their time together and are looking forward to the 2020-2021 Season. As of August, we are still seeing increased Covid-19 and our future League play is still in limbo. We may resort to tee times in the near future--- more on that when we hear from our wonderful Golf Committee and John Oyler, our Director of Golf.

Please remember to apply all the rules and regulations put forth by Hunters Run when you come to the golf course. Masks are required until you reach the tee box.

As always, please call any of our Board members to participate on our committees.

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# What's NEW from the Golf Committee?

By MICHAEL RAPPAPORT, *Chair*

It has been great to be back on the links for the last four months, and see so many of our members golfing. We are now planning to restart our golf social programs, kicking it off with a Labor Day tournament. Our WTD and MTD programs have been working out very well, and we have been averaging over 50 players per event. Our team, headed up by Jodi Kaplan, with help from our golf professional Penny Hammel, are working on a RED/BLACK combo tees score card for the South Course to accommodate our lady golfers. Eric Estes and Mariann Greenberg are reviewing our current golf rules, with updates to be presented before the new season begins.

We recently added our touchless EZ/LIFT system for all our pins so players can actually putt into the hole, and remove their golf ball without having to use their hands. Just as a reminder, we also welcome members' suggestions on what we can do to improve the golf experience at HR.

Lastly, we continue to emphasize the use of masks around the Starters Booth and when traveling to and from the practice areas.

STAY SAFE

# WTD-18

By BETHANIE GORNY

The WTD continues to hold its weekly tournaments every Tuesday. We are playing only nine holes presently due to demands on carts. We can accommodate 60 players. Members receive a weekly email asking if they want to play. We use a standard scramble format to afford each player the most opportunities to participate in the game given our abbreviated format. We have 15 tee times and rarely have a waiting list. Our population is in flux as some people decide to stay longer and others leave sooner and for longer periods due to the virus. Right now, this format works best. In the future, we hope to increase the number of holes we can play. Like everything else, in these uncertain times, plans for the future are tentative. Despite that, the dates for the large tournaments have been set. They are as follows:

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| Welcome Back Breakfast | 12/1/20   |
| Presidents Cup         | 2/23/21   |
| Member/Member          | 1/5/21 & 1/12/21.<br>Rain date: 1/19/21                         |
| Membership Luncheon    | 3/23/21   |
| Play for Pink          | 3/7/21 (not a WTD tournament, but strongly supported by WTD-18) |

## Presentation of \$2000 checks from Hunters Run WTD-18 to The Soup Kitchen of Boynton Beach and The Jacobson Family Food Pantry



(L to R) Diane Soroka Co-Chairperson of WTD-18, Enrique J. Zuanetto, Executive Director of The Soup Kitchen, Emily Singer Co-Chairperson Charity Events and Lynn Borislow Co-Chairperson of WTD-18.



(L to R) Julie Weisberg Director of Jacobson Family Food Pantry, Diane Soroka and Lynn Borislow Co-Chairpersons of WTD-18.

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

# The Iguana Problem

BY RICH SEDLIK, *Committee Chair*



The Landscape Committee has many important responsibilities in Hunters Run, which include maintaining roads, cart paths, lighting, trimming of trees, shrubs, and flowers. The lakes not on the golf courses and erosion of shorelines are also part of our obligations. The committee consists of ten active members whose input and surveillance help to keep our community safe and beautiful.

A new problem that our Club encountered this year is the overpopulation of iguanas. A large male iguana can impregnate two to three females during mating season, with each female laying up to 70 eggs, and with no known predators, the population has gotten out of hand. At night, the iguanas burrow into the banks of lakes and canals where they live. This can cause the shoreline to collapse and cave in, often requiring major repairs and maintenance. They are an invasive species which are not native to our environment and are not protected by Florida law.

To help protect our grounds, we have hired Redline Iguana Removal Company to capture and remove them not only from the golf courses but also from around homes, lakes, and canals. They have been on the grounds Monday through Friday for a two-month period. Sometime in September, they will go into a bi-weekly maintenance program. Using various methods, over 200 iguanas have already been removed. Since iguana meat has historically been important in the culinary traditions of Mexico and Central America, the large iguanas are donated to a food bank in Miami to feed immigrants from Central and South America.

Homeowners can contact the CMO office if they have an iguana problem on their property. Redline will set traps to help capture them. Homeowners with any other Club-related landscaping concerns can contact Richie Sedlik, Chair, or Harold Diamond, Vice-Chair.

## WHAT WORKS FOR YOU?

By JOHN FREELAND, *Director of Fitness*

CATS. DOGS. HORSES. Many of us have or had four-legged family members in our life. Whether small or large, whether with fur or feathers, two-thirds of Americans have bonded with a special animal that they enjoy spending time with. My wife is a "cat lady;" I love dogs (and in case my wife reads this, I love OUR cats.) I love animals that have unconditional love and can't wait for me to come home. My wife loves...well...cats.

What works for one person doesn't necessarily work for another. Same goes with exercise. I'm not one who prefers to go on a treadmill like some hamster spinning my wheel. But I LOVE hiking outside. Similar exercise, same results. There's a reason why we have four different kinds of bikes, from recumbent bikes to Peloton. Same goes with such an array of aerobic classes that we offer, including the ones we have online.

The key thing to exercising consistently is finding that particular one that you enjoy most. If you have a 30 minute TV show that you like to watch, all our treadmills, bikes and ellipticals have TVs to keep you going.

If you like reading your emails or surfing the net, our treadmills have access to the web (now I would get on the treadmill.) Those are things that many people don't associate with exercise. Now you know. I don't care whether you work out in the Fitness Center, at home or outside, I care about your health and well-being. You need to get up and move.

Do you know what the most popular pet in America is? Freshwater fish, almost twice the number as dogs. I never associated fish as pets...go figure. Now I know.

Results start when you do.





## BRIDGE COMMITTEE

By MARILYN ROSS

We are fortunate to have Bridge Base Online (BBO). The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and BBO are offering more games, making it easier for our bridge members to play online. The ACBL canceled all face-to-face tournaments through the end of 2020 but will continue to offer games to play and win, black, silver, red, and gold masterpoints on BBO. We hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

## Hunters Run Continues Duplicate Bridge Online

HR continues to offer BBO bridge online events using the name Best Clubs of Palm Beach. Four duplicate games per week are offered on BBO. They are Tuesday evening at 7 PM and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 12:30 PM. The Virtual Number assigned is 202671. There is a fee of \$5.00 per player in each game. If you need help, e-mail Hank Fuld at [hrbridgecomm@aol.com](mailto:hrbridgecomm@aol.com).

## Saturday Bridge Quiz Fun

HR bridge committee also holds a weekly bridge contest using the Saturday Sun Sentinel bridge column written by Bob Jones. The prize is a free game at HR Duplicate game once we are able to have games. The answers to the questions must be emailed to Hank Fuld at [hrbridgecomm@aol.com](mailto:hrbridgecomm@aol.com) by Sunday Night. There are six difficult bridge bidding questions and to date the most correct replies have been five. There is also a rigorous critique of some of the hands by Bob Lurie and Bob Friedman that is sent to all participants. This has been most helpful, and we thank them for their expertise.

## *Renee Blank – a Bridge Champion!*



Renee Blank became a Sapphire Life Master (3,500 master points) in April. She began playing bridge as a senior in high school. She was looking for a new activity and decided to take a bridge Adult Education course in the evening. And, as most bridge players, she played a lot of bridge in college. In 1966, she became an ACBL member because of their informative magazine. When her children were young, she took a breather from bridge, but started again in 1977.

Renee's goal was to become a Life Master at age 40. Her first tournament was in Albany and was not exactly "great." A more exciting time was when she earned enough Gold Points at a tournament in Portchester, New York, to become a Life Master. There, she was asked by Pamela Granovetter, bridge author, to fill in for Lisa Berkowitz (a World Champion). Renee was 38 years old.

Her best bridge advice – When she asked a pro, Judy Rodin, a professional American bridge player, what to lead when you are not sure, the advice was – always lead a diamond. Renee has been doing that ever since.

Renee was a director of the Rockland Bridge Club in New York and was also a bridge teacher. In 1996, she purchased a home in Hunters Run. She has been a member of Ruth Chester's bridge team here for many years. Besides bridge, Renee is a golfer and a former tennis player.

## **New Master Rankings – Congratulations to:**

**Ruby Life Master (1500)****Silver Life Master (1000)****Club Master (20)****Bea Kudler****Ina Spector****Martin Greenberg**

## **70 Percent Game or Better**

We like to list our members when they attain a new master level or when they earn a 70% game or better.

Please notify me at 375-8949 when that occurs.

Miss you all. Hope to See Ya soon at the Bridge Table.

Stay safe.



# Special Interest Clubs

## CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUP

### *A Conversation with Boynton Beach Chief of Police, Michael Gregory*

By MALCOLM GROPPER

**This past May, with the help of Doris Hirschhorn, we started a Zoom Current Events Discussion Group dealing with the headlines of the prior week.** Three simple rules govern our discussions: (1) no political commentary; (2) no political bashing; and (3) be respectful to other participants. We started in mid-May. We have met, and will continue to meet, every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. We have had informative, respectful discussions every week with anywhere from 15 to 25 members participating.

During the past few weeks the headlines have been filled with issues related to the police. Thinking it would be of interest to our members, I invited Boynton Beach Chief of Police, Michael Gregory, to speak at our Zoom meeting on July 7. He graciously accepted. We had a large response, with 38 members participating.

We asked Chief Gregory to speak to us on (i) defunding the police department; (ii) systemic racism in the police department; (iii) recruiting policemen; (iv) maintaining the morale of his policemen in the current environment; and (v) policing Boynton Beach. He also agreed to answer questions from our participants, which were collected via the chat function on Zoom.

Chief Gregory has been in law enforcement for 33 years, starting his career in Ft Lauderdale, and then two years ago relocating to Boynton Beach. He began the discussion by reviewing the police-involved shootings and

related protests and/or riots in Miami, Baltimore, New York City and Los Angeles. "No big surprise that this would happen again," he said. "I think as this continues to happen, we will continue to see riots and protests until we see some level of reform or changes made."

Chief Gregory stated that the necessary reforms are not occurring because they are being done piecemeal, one at a time. He explained that there are 18,000 police departments in the United States with over 800,000 police officers. Each department has its own set of policies, procedures, and hiring standards. Some departments require new policemen to have a college degree; others, just a high school diploma. Absent national and state standardized policies and procedures, Chief Gregory felt that we will continue to see police-involved incidents, related protests and rioting. The conversations currently occurring in the US



Congress and Florida legislature are related to standardizing policies, procedures, hiring practices, and training. Chief Gregory also indicated that overall crime in Boynton Beach is down 19% for the first six months of this year versus 2019, with a 3% reduction in violent crime. He expressed that it is his objective to increase that reduction in crime two-fold year over year.

The conversation then moved to a discussion about recruiting qualified police officers. He commented: "recruiting is challenging due to the very low level of unemployment in Palm Beach County." To attract qualified candidates, he felt his department would need to draw people from other occupations, and be competitive with higher salaries, benefits, pensions, and amenities to compete. The wave of numerous videos showing police





officer involvement in shootings, officers involved in misconduct, protests and riots and defunding have added another level of difficulty in police recruiting.

There has not been any discussion in Boynton Beach about defunding. The management of crime is not a "one-size fits all." Chief Gregory believes that should the City decide to employ social workers and psychologists to deal with drug addiction, household violence and homelessness, the funds for those services should not be taken from the police budget.

In response to a question, "Is there racism and what are you doing about it?" the Chief replied, "Racism still exists in America, notwithstanding the improvements made over the past 200 years. So, with a multicultural 300+ million population living in America, all with different backgrounds, the 800,000 police officers are drawn from that pool. So yes, there will be a level of racism in the fire department, police department, City Hall, Congress and everywhere because it exists in America."

In response to the current environment on policing, Chief Gregory stated that his department is changing and upgrading its hiring standards, improving training and upgrading the selection process. The state of Florida requires that all police officer applicants undergo a psychological evaluation to determine if they have the personality, communication and interpersonal skills that would be appropriate to make the person a successful police officer. "But it is very difficult to give a test as to whether someone is a racist, if we could someone would have invented it by now," he added. The Boynton Beach Police Department administers an additional test to all candidates to determine if the applicant has the personality, social and communication skills, and the interest in being a police officer. At the present time, the department is budgeted for 156 police officers; there are 13 vacancies.

Chief Gregory discussed the interaction of his department with the youth in Boynton Beach. The objective is to generate among the youth a respect for law enforcement and to facilitate remaining law-abiding members of the community. He, and his staff, try to be creative. He personally visits the high school and other schools in the city to meet and talk with the students. The department has outreach programs in low income areas of the city, such as the Neighborhood Officer Program, where officers voluntarily assist in tutoring and projecting a positive light on police. Teen Police Academy and Teen Summit Programs which took place last summer, could not happen this year due to the Covid pandemic; these programs are for teenagers who cannot afford to go to camp. The teenagers spent two weeks with police volunteers who serve as instructors, presenters and chaperones and who create a variety of exercises for the kids to burn off energy, as well as other programs.

After a one-hour conversation, we concluded by thanking Chief Gregory for his expansive views on policing and our appreciation of the work that he is doing for our community. We are fortunate to have Michael Gregory as our Chief of Police.

## LOVE IS NOT CANCELED

By RENÉE PRAVDA

In June of 2019, a wedding was planned to be held August 1, 2020. Our oldest granddaughter, Marielle Berger (Daughter of HR members, Jodi & Eddie Berger), was to be married to Zach Lewis.

The pandemic arrived... what to do? Marielle and Zach wanted to keep the same date. So, the wedding was held in the gardens of the original venue. Eleven immediate family members attended. Masks were given out. It was beautiful and special. Lenny and I were very proud grandparents.

Good things are still happening during our "new" strange lives.



Eddie and Jodi Berger, with Marielle and Zach Lewis



Reneé and Lenny Pravda

# New Members, New Friends

By DEIRDRE KLINE

## GARY AND JANE LEVINGER

Gary and Jane found their home in Hunters Run via roots in Long Island and by way of Wellington, Florida.

Jane Sherman grew up in Merrick, Long Island, where she attended JFK High School and Hofstra University. She earned an undergraduate degree in psychology and a master's degree in elementary education, which ultimately led to a career as a teacher. Gary hails from Bellmore, Long Island, and he, too, attended JFK High School and then on to New York Institute of Technology. Though the couple knew each other growing up, it wasn't until years later that friends reintroduced them and the romance began.

Jane put to good use her years of experience as a teacher when she got a job, fittingly enough, tutoring at a school in Wellington that specialized in working with equestrians. The move to Boynton Beach offers the opportunity to tutor at another branch of the school located in Boca Raton that specializes in working with tennis players. Yes, we truly live in a world of specialization. Tennis, golf, the gym and card room are all on the agenda for this couple.

The Covid-19 virus has had an impact on the Levinger family, thankfully not a serious one, rather more novel. Their son, who recently graduated from pharmacy school, was scheduled to take his official licensing exam, which would qualify him to seek employment as a pharmacist. However, due to the newly instituted social distancing procedures requiring fewer people in a room, he will not be able to sit for the exam for several months. So until Justin can begin his new career, he and his parents are adjusting to their new home in the world of the "New Normal." You will find them all living in Stratford.



## BURT AND CELESTE ROSE

As yearly guests of Lew and Joan Gedansky, this couple was well acquainted with the expansive amenities Hunters Run has to offer. But they had little interest in committing to a place of their own and since the Gedanskys were such wonderful hosts, there was little need for that. Minds changed and Burt and Celeste thought they would test the waters by renting for a season. They were here just a couple of weeks when they saw a property for sale that Burt found very interesting. He was ready to commit, Celeste, not so much. She told Burt "I don't want to buy, if you want it you're buying it yourself." Not sure what Burt did to convince Celeste, but it obviously worked and she couldn't be happier.

Even though their first season has been spent in lockdown without all the lovely amenities, the couple just love living here, noting the warmth of fellow members in welcoming them.

Both are originally from Philly, he from Center City, she from South Philly. Celeste Contino graduated from St Maria Goretti High School and Court Reporting School of Philadelphia. Burt graduated from Olney High School in Philadelphia, then onto Temple University and Temple University School of Law.

Currently, Burt practices law in Pennsylvania, where he specializes in complex criminal and appellate matters. He has been a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association for more than thirty years, and served as a member of its board of governors for several terms. In addition, he chaired the criminal law committee of the Federal Bar Association's Eastern district of Pennsylvania.

Celeste has a great affection for the arts. She is a dancer and choreographer and involved in community theater and theater camps. Burt enjoys tennis and pool. JAFCO and Golden Slipper are among the charities the two actively support. Look for them at their new home in Southport.

# CMO

By MATTHEW IACCARINO,  
CMO General Manager

Dear Hunters Run Residents,

It may be helpful to familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a hurricane hazard:

- **Tropical Cyclone:** A warm-core, non-frontal, synoptic-scale cyclone, originating over tropical or subtropical waters, with organized deep convection and a closed surface wind circulation about a well-defined center. Once formed, a tropical cyclone is maintained by the extraction of heat energy from the ocean at high temperature and heat export at the low temperatures of the upper troposphere.
- **Tropical Depression:** A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind speed (using the U.S. 1-minute average) is 38 mph (33 knots) or less.
- **Tropical Storm:** A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind speed (using the U.S. 1-minute average) ranges from 39 mph (34 knots) to 73 mph (63 knots).
- **Hurricane:** A tropical cyclone in which the maximum sustained surface wind (using the U.S. 1-minute average) is 74 mph (64 knots) or more.
- **Hurricane Warning:** An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected somewhere within the specified area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of storm-force winds.





- **Hurricane Watch:** An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of storm-force winds.
- **Tropical Storm Warning:** An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected somewhere within the specified area within 36 hours.
- **Tropical Storm Watch:** An announcement that tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.
- **Storm Surge:** An abnormal rise in sea level accompanying a hurricane or other intense storm, and whose height is the difference between the observed level of the sea surface and the level that would have occurred in the absence of the cyclone. Storm surge is usually estimated by subtracting the normal or astronomic high tide from the observed storm tide. Storm surge can reach heights well over 20 feet and can span hundreds of miles of coastline.
- **Storm Tide:** The actual level of seawater resulting from the astronomic tide combined with the storm surge.

#### Here are some tips in your preparation for a Tropical Storm or a Hurricane:

- If you have not done so already consider what to do about your window protection.
- Bring in and/or secure all outside personal property; potted plants, patio furniture, grills, bicycles and other items. All items could become a projectile during a storm and cause damage to your home and/or your neighbor's home. IF THE ASSOCIATION REQUIRES CMO TO REMOVE A UNIT OWNER'S PERSONAL PROPERTY DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS, THE UNIT OWNER WILL BE BILLED ACCORDINGLY.

- Please make sure that your landings and entryways are free of all loose items.
- Make sure Security has a working key for your home.
- If you are a Lift Owner, please be sure the elevator is located halfway between floors for added protection to the Lift.
- Please make sure someone (friend, neighbor, relative) know where you will be before and after the storm. Check in with your neighbors and see where they will be.
- Make sure you have your emergency contacts listed (family, friends, doctors, pet shelter, etc.). Make a few copies and leave in a plastic bag in plain sight.
- Read your insurance documents one more time. This will remind you what is covered and what is not. Please put important papers in water-proof containers and/or a safe.

#### Make a plan for every outcome you may encounter and review with your family.

- > Plan 1: Relocate outside the area.
- > Plan 2: Stay with local friends or family.
- > Plan 3: Stay in your home.
- > Plan 4: Go to a shelter.

Finally, when a hurricane approaches Hunters Run, the CMO office is besieged with calls. Our maintenance and administrative staff work along with the Association's vendors to prepare and protect the Associations common property. The responsibilities listed above are the owners' responsibilities. **Please think ahead, plan and prepare.**

Stay safe.

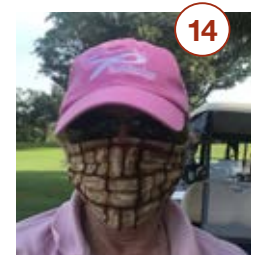
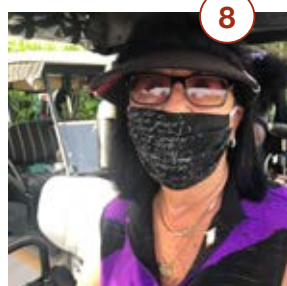
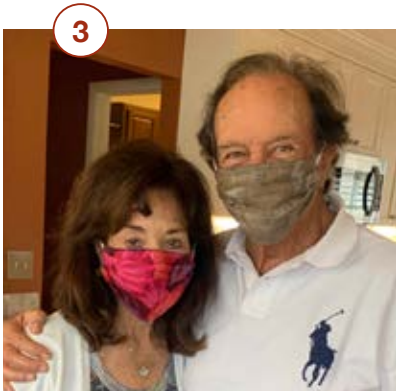
# Who Is that *Masked* Member?

## Hunters Run Members Making A Safe Fashion Statement By DIANE SOROKA

The Coronavirus has impacted our daily lives in so many ways. A simple task such as visiting with family and friends, going to a doctor's appointment or a trip to the supermarket has now become a well thought-out plan. We are all aware of the CDC's recommendations for wearing face coverings and the impact masks have on helping to prevent and reduce the spread of the virus. **SO WHY NOT MAKE THE BEST OF IT!**

Face masks have become an everyday fashion accessory and perhaps a way of self-expression. Small businesses, well known designers, and yes, even our friends here at Hunters Run, have started making cloth face coverings. I love taking pictures of people wearing their stylish masks. I always ask the person to "Smile." They usually laugh as I capture the moment. When you smile, "A smile pushes up into your eyes, and happiness shines through."

Face masks may be here for some time, so put a chic one on, smile and remember, one size fits all.







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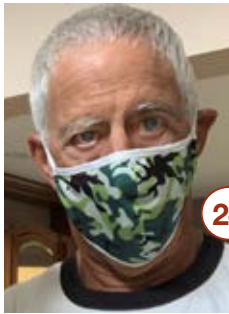
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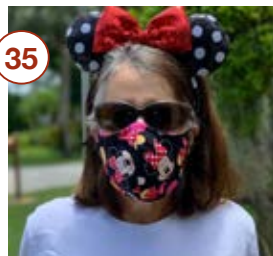
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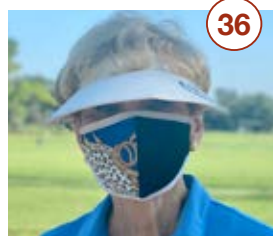
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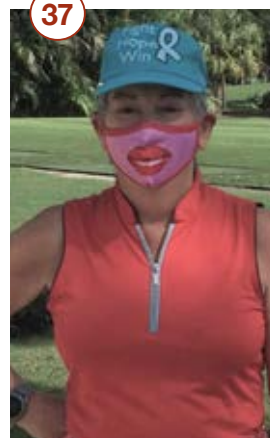
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