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Board of Directors

Murray Hestley - President
Rick Thompson – Vice-President
Lynne Gochenaur- Secretary
Gary Wallace- Treasurer
Brian Willemsen
Jill Bailey
Phil Olin
George Dieffenbach
Jim Hoag

Communication Committee

Phil Olin, Chairperson
Lynne Gochenaur
Murray Hestley
Jill Bailey



Penn Yan Racquet Club Fall 2021

Message from Murray

I am taken with the enthusiasm shown by all our members whether they are encouraging new members to join, helping with needed building and grounds activities, or offering their own expertise for planning the future of the club. The volunteer energy continues and is much appreciated.

The revised dues structure was developed to better balance dues values between single, and family categories, as well as keeping current with operating cost increases we experienced over the past several years.

Your Board will be tackling an update to our Bylaws to reflect the need for rotating and overlapping Board member terms - so as not only to enable interested people to participate, but also to ensure continuity and an ear to the membership.

Looking forward to a great 2021-2022,
Murray Hestley
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Meet the 2021-2022 Board of Directors



Top row: Brian Willemsen, Jill Bailey, Phil Olin, Jim Hoag, George Dieffenbach
Sitting: Rick Thompson, Murray Hestley, Gary Wallace, Lynne Gochenaur

We are so pleased that our membership is growing which has resulted in many new faces playing tennis, pickleball and racquetball. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our membership to this year's Board of Directors.



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President: Murray Hestley - Murray has spent over 40 years in the electrical/mechanical field, with 25 years as a manager of projects for a large construction firm. He finished his career having created a division for utilizing virtual design and construction to improve efficiency and quality of construction projects. Murray has been a board member of not-for-profit organizations, as well as, commercial ventures.

Vice-President: Rick Thompson – Rick and his wife Jean live in Penn Yan and have been a member of the club for 15 years. They mainly play tennis, but he and Jean also play pickleball with other couples from time to time. Rick also enjoys golfing at the Lake Side Country Club.

After 8 years in the navy, Rick joined Corning and retired after 25 years. He did consulting for the next 10 years with local companies, but has been fully retired since 2010. Rick and his wife Jean were part of the founding group that started the Keuka Lake Comfort Care Home. For the past several years his volunteer focus, in addition to the PYRC and Keuka Comfort Care Home as an activist lobbying for effective action to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Rick has been a PYRC board member for about six years, secretary for four and vice president for the last two. Rick has provided major input on the LED lighting system installed four years ago, and the new GUV (Germicidal UV) lights that were installed in response to the covid pandemic.

Treasurer: Gary Wallace - Gary has been a member of the PYRC for 2 years after permanently moving to Penn Yan in October 2019. He primarily plays pickleball, but also enjoys tennis and racquetball. Gary spent more than 30 years in public accounting and finance for several international corporations. Gary is also a golfer, enjoys hiking and spending the winters in Florida.

Secretary: Lynne Gochenaur: I am from Williamson, New York originally and moved to Rochester after completing college. It is there I met my husband Marty, while we both worked at Hillside Children's Center.



“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do.”

-Derek Jeter

Lynne retired from the Marcus Whitman School District as a counselor in 2015 after 29 years. She currently does consulting for Clemson University, University of Virginia and National Health Promotion Associates in NYC.

In her spare time, Lynne enjoys playing pickle ball, gardening, and getting settled in their new home in Keuka Park.

Brian Willemson: I grew up in Newark, New York and lived in the Rochester area while working as a manufacturer representative for HVAC equipment. I retired five years ago and moved to Keuka Lake where I manage vacation rental property. I started playing pickle ball a year and a half ago when I joined the PYRC.

This is my second year as a board member, and I have enjoyed all the new people I have met and the progress the club has made.

Jill Bailey: Hello, my name is Jill Bailey and I have been a Pickleball Family member of this club (with my husband, Kevin) since the fall of 2014. This year Kevin and I became full time members and are happy to have more use of the club. Kevin and I live just outside Canandaigua and have two grown children (daughter and son). They and their spouses live in California and Calgary, AB Canada, respectfully.

I am a retired Speech and Language Pathologist from Marcus Whitman Central School. I am happy to serve on the club Board of Directors as I feel it is my turn to donate my time to help improve the club and meet the needs of ALL members. I look forward to a productive year!

George Dieffenbach – George lives in both Pittsburgh, PA and on Keuka Lake. George has his bachelor's degree, master's and doctoral degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is married with three children. George has enjoyed a 38-year career as the head varsity coach for men and women at the University of Pittsburgh. George has a very distinguished personal tennis career. He is a USPTA Certified Tennis Professional. He is currently ranked #26 in the nation in Men's 65-69 singles and nationally ranked in Men's 10-64 and Men's 65-69 doubles. He has a 50-year career competing in USTA



“Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence-is the key to unlicking our potential.”

-Liane Cardes

championships and 46-year career teaching and coaching tennis players at all levels from beginners to advanced, and children to adults. George has also worked as the director of tennis at six different clubs and truly enjoys teaching and coaching tennis at the PYRC.

George has a passion for running and has completed 119 races including 6 Boston Marathons.

Phil Olin - I am new to the PYRC Board this year and plan to work on IT and Communications projects. I grew up in Rochester, NY and spent 35 years in IT Project Management/Programming where I worked with teams developing and installing Banking Systems application software.

In the short time I've been volunteering at the PYRC, I've looked at the Court Reserve System with Jim Hoag and the Alarm Door Lock System located on the front door, with Murray Hestley. I am currently involved with working on maintenance and update tasks for our PYRC Website. I am glad to be a part of this team.

Jim Hoag - Hi PYRC members! Jim Hoag here...Along with Chris Hand and Cathy Walton we're the team that has been working on the transition to the CourtReserve scheduling system. So, I'm nearly a foreigner to the club in that Kristi and I have been on Seneca Lake (the big one) for decades. Kristi and I built a home above our cottage and retired there in 2017. As a matter of background, I was an air force brat, a kick-ass lead guitar player, raced Hobie 18s competitively, ran HR for the US division of a Canadian packaging company and was GM for two manufacturing plants for International Paper (Elmira/Rochester).



Important COVID 19 Reminder!



As much as we would like to think that the Covid-19 pandemic is behind us, we are reminded by our local health departments that sadly that is not the case. We are seeing cases of Covid-19 surge nationally, as well as, locally. PLEASE if you have chosen not to be vaccinated then respect those around you by wearing a mask while playing inside the club. This is a club rule.



2022 Club Improving Coming Our Way!

There are several club improvements that will begin in 2022. The first will be a makeover for the club lobby. You will be seeing a fresh paint job, new flooring, molding, and lighting. Thank you, Deb Milliman, for your decorating expertise!

With winter weather upon us, and the updates to the new lobby coming, it was suggested that we enclose the concrete pad/roof overhang entry way to create a space to remove boots and street shoes. This will hopefully keep our renovated lobby cleaner year around.

The third project on the horizon is building a storage roof off the back of the building to store cleaning, the future floor scrubber, vacuum, ladder, and ball machine. The new

“Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.”

-Mike Singletary

Let
THERE BE
PEACE
ON
Earth

One man
practicing
sportsmanship
is far better
than 50
preaching it.

-Knut Rockne

storage area will free up space in the lobby, boiler room and the second bathroom.

A big thanks to Brian Willemsen and Deb Milliman for all their work in coordinating the renovation of the lobby, and for getting necessary quotes and approval for the new construction.



New This Year:

The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee currently consists of the following members: Cathy Walton, Allison Laws, Chris Hand, Rosemary Cahill, Maggie Turner-Reed, and Jill Bailey (Chair).

We will be meeting and communicating throughout this calendar year gathering names of club members who would like to run and serve on the PYRC board of Directors. In addition, we will be working on establishing staggering term limits (possibly 2-3 years) as suggested at the annual meeting in October. This change will have to be approved in the club by-laws.

If you know of any member who would be a good candidate and would like to serve on the Board, please contact any member of this committee. We welcome suggestions!



PYRC Tennis Tournament

This year the PYRC held their first ever tennis tournament. We would have liked to have had more entrants, but this is the first club championship conducted in the history of the club dating to its origin, 1978. It's a start, and it will grow.

The championship began August 23. There were two players in the women's singles, three players in the men's singles, four players in the men's doubles, and six players in the mixed



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doubles. Competitors set up their matches, played them, and reported their scores. We are still waiting for the mixed doubles to be completed. The results of the tournament are as follows:

Women's Singles

Champion: Maggie Turner-Read

Runner up: Lisa Saether

Men's Singles

Champion: George Dieffenbach

Runner up: Kevin McNamara

Third place: Ted Mayer

Men's Doubles

Champions: George Dieffenbach and Jerry Cadwell

Runner up: Murray Hestley and John Inscho

Mixed Doubles – Teams were unable to complete matches

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who participated. We look forward to next year's tournament with increased participation.



Purchase of Pickle Balls

We are requesting that all pickle ball players contribute to the purchase of new pickle balls. To do so, please place cash in the box in the lobby with a note attached that indicates the money is for the purchase of balls. A typical contribution is \$5.00 per person.



Reminder to all members

Please be respectful to other members and do not enter the court area until your designated time begins. Everyone wants to enjoy their full court time.