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## Editor's Message

May is upon us with Memorial Day ushering in the summer heat. This is also the day that we honor our fallen servicemen for their ultimate sacrifice. On May 27, the 9th Annual Wreath-Laying ceremony will take place at the Vistas.

Make sure to see the ad on page 14 and plan to attend. The Veterans Club works hard to support our WV veterans, so check out the upcoming calendar of activities on page 7.

This month's featured veteran is Ken Buntin. Read about his service to our country on page 8. I have fond memories of Ken and his wife Linda, and their long history as early home buyers here at WV.

This is also the time of year when Helping Hands could use some neighbors to volunteer their time to assist those in the community who could benefit from all that is offered. could use some neighbors to volunteer their time to assist those in the community who need a little help.

Westbrook Village Living Magazine has been published for this extraordinary community since 2017, and without fail, month after month, the features are filled with the creative genius that resides here--In this issue alone the list of talented folks



Lori Reiland

is overwhelming! Check out Lapidary and Beading Club handiworks (page 13), published WV author Nicholas Marselos (page 15), Jim Sweet and his wonderworks of wood (page 17), Fine Arts featured member, Michelle Gailiun (page 21), and the Needleworks Club talent and opportunities (page 24),

As always, many of the clubs and activities continue through the summer months, so make sure to explore the Clubs and Activities listing on pages 22 and 23 so you can participate in the fun.

Enjoy the cool May evenings, and wave to your neighbor as you go by. You'd be amazed at how a smile can make someone's day! Wishing you a meaningful and memorable Memorial Day and Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!

Lori



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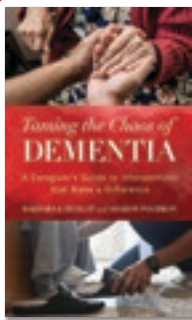
BESTSELLERS



# WV BESTSELLER BOOKSHELF

by Sandra W. Evans

## BESTSELLER NON-FICTION



**In their New York Times Bestseller**, Barbara Huelat and Sharon Pochron provide tools for caregivers and those with dementia to make the experience more comfortable and calmer for both. They stress that dementia sufferers do not lose their ability to enjoy life, love and laughter but may lack filters. They offer a number of interventions that can be used that engage memories to make connections. **Most importantly, Barbara says when a dementia sufferer feels heard and valued, they will feel less stress and so will you!**

## CAREGIVER JOURNEY



## BESTSELLER FICTION



**In his New York Times bestseller**, John Sandford's new Lucas Davenport and Virgil Flowers series is about the killing of a federal judge, Alex Sand, and his two young sons. Lucas and Virgil begin by interviewing the grieving widow who provides a list of three million-dollar endowments included in the will. In addition, they check out a very questionable charity where her husband was planning on making a large donation. Then, a comment from a suspect leads Lucas and Virgil in a totally new direction. **They wonder if some of these misdirection's could lead them to the truth!**



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# INSPIRATIONAL CORNER: In the Garden

The old gospel song favorite, "In the Garden" was written in 1912 by American songwriter C. Austin Miles, a pharmacist-turned-music publisher. Miles' great-granddaughter, tells that the song was written "in a cold, dreary and leaky basement in Pitman, New Jersey that didn't even have a window in it, let alone a view of a garden."

Miles' hobby was photography, and he had built a darkroom to develop his film. He often read his Bible in the red lighting of the darkroom while he waited for the film to process. One day in March 1912, he picked up his Bible, and it had fallen open to John, chapter 20, the account of Christ's resurrection and Mary Magdalene arriving at the empty tomb. Miles described what happened next:

*"As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life, when she knelt before her Lord, and cried, 'Rabboni!'*

*My hands were resting in the Bible while I stared at wall. As the light faded I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. [He then describes the arrival of Mary, Peter, and John as they gathered at the tomb, followed by the appearance of Jesus.]*

*I awakened in full light, gripping the Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the poem exactly as it has appeared."*

Miles later reflected, "This is not an experience limited to a happening almost 2,000 years ago. It is the daily companionship with the Lord that makes up the Christian's life."

The song was first published in 1912 and then popularized during the Billy Sunday evangelistic campaigns of the early twentieth century. Its' popularity only grew as time passed. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans recorded the song in 1950 and Tennessee Ernie Ford performed the song on his 1956 platinum album *Hymns*. Others followed, such as Perry Como,



Rosemary Clooney, Doris Day, Elvis Presley, The Statler Brothers, Glen Campbell and so many others.

To this day, thousands continue to cherish the sweet fellowship expressed in these heaven-inspired words and the unforgettable tune that accompanies them:

*I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.*

**Refrain:**

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.*

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# WV VETERAN TREASURE



## KEN BUNTIN

Ken Buntin grew up in Kirklin, Indiana, and he attended the University of Indianapolis, where he lettered in three sports. He was drafted into the Army in 1961 and went through training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. It was a blessing that when he went home for a brief leave following training, he met his future wife, Linda.

Ken's first assignment took him to Ft. Hood, Texas, where he was immersed into all things having to do with battle tanks. He worked on repairing, maintaining, and testing the tanks. He particularly enjoyed taking them out into the Texas hill country for some of those tests.



PFC Kenneth Buntin

Ken Buntin and his wife love life at Westbrook Village

there. He remembers the challenge of sleeping in a tent for 41 days during the Cuban crisis. His most memorable moment and extraordinary opportunity while serving was when he stood honor guard for President John F. Kennedy, who visited Ft. Benning just a few weeks before our country lost him to tragedy.

He was transferred to Ft. Benning, Georgia, and carried out similar duties while



After retiring from 30 years with the Chrysler Corporation, Ken and Linda have lived at WV for 30 years, and enjoyed witnessing the community grow up around them. This year, the couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They have three daughters, three grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. They are grateful for life in this wonderful community, where Ken **loves** being a part of the Veterans Club, and has served as a (past) Tennis Club president and helped organize many WV social events.

**We honor you, Ken Buntin, and are grateful for your service to our country!**

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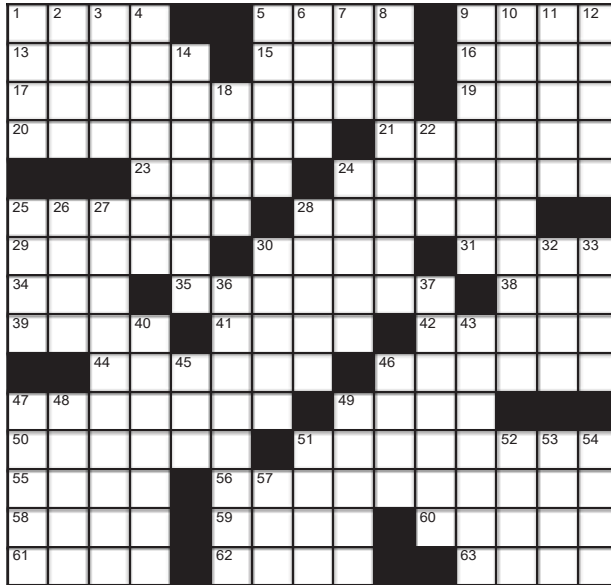


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# Crossword Puzzle #80

## ACROSS

- 1 Get fast cash for
- 5 Squandered
- 9 Up to the task
- 13 Stay clear of
- 15 Make simpler
- 16 Farsi-speaking land
- 17 Symbolizes
- 19 Hit the runway
- 20 Word after under or water
- 21 From there on
- 23 Like some sums
- 24 Passed out
- 25 Not these or those
- 28 Coloring stick
- 29 Detroit's county
- 30 Oracle
- 31 Church area
- 34 Place for gloss
- 35 Doesn't just ask
- 38 Like some scientists
- 39 Snow coaster
- 41 Italian tower town
- 42 Fashion magazine
- 44 Enumerate
- 46 Fancy, as clothes
- 47 Dishwasher soap brand
- 49 Complaint
- 50 Fret
- 51 Self-government
- 55 Kuwaiti, e.g.
- 56 West African nation
- 58 Blind trio of song
- 59 Not engaged



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- 60 Teams
- 61 Rid of rind
- 62 Winter woe
- 63 Prying
- 11 Medieval weapon
- 12 Terminated
- 14 In demand
- 18 Beer, slangily
- 22 Stable diet?
- 24 Boxing venue
- 25 Mice catchers
- 26 Shadow
- 27 Four dimension-al realm
- 28 Stop
- 30 Clobber, old-style
- 32 Sneakers brand
- 33 "Electric Avenue" singer Grant
- 36 Widespread outbreak
- 37 Lines on a city map
- 40 Sound unit
- 43 Part of a song
- 45 Deep-six
- 46 Lovato or Moore
- 47 Swimming hazard
- 48 Raptor's roost
- 49 Yawning, maybe
- 51 Ship bottom
- 52 Nullify
- 53 Prevaricates
- 54 "No sweat"
- 57 Trouble

## DOWN

- 1 Angelic strings
- 2 Rove anagram
- 3 Manage
- 4 Hollywood's Dunst
- 5 Actor Noah or Wallace
- 6 Road division
- 7 Repair shop fig.
- 8 Into the sunset
- 9 Plane wing part
- 10 Nike and Nintendo

# MAY 2024 WVA Meetings

**ALL MEETINGS NOW BEGIN AT 9:00AM**

Wednesday, May 1 **The FALC Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, May 8 **The FALC Landscape and Facilities Meeting**

Friday, May 10 **The FALC Cornerstone Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 14 **The FALC Recreation Committee Meeting**

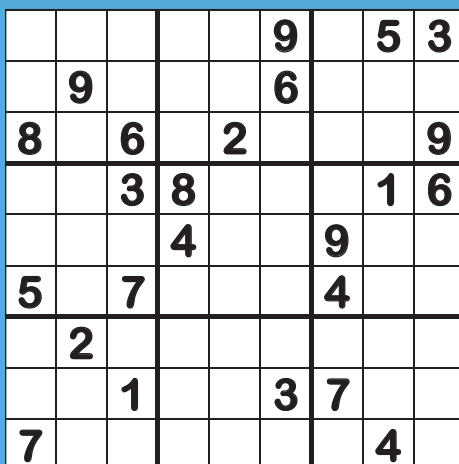
Wednesday, May 15 **The FALC Long Range Planning Meeting**

Tuesday, May 21 **The FALC Architectural Control Meeting**

Wednesday, May 22 **The Admin. Bldg. Ways and Means Meeting**

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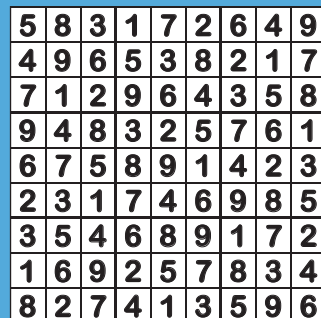
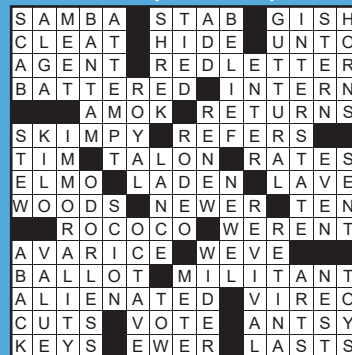


## HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution to last month's puzzle to the right →

## Solution to previous puzzle:







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In the month of March, we helped 41 neighbors--8 of these are ongoing multiple requests monthly, and the others are occasional as needed. For example, for the past 8 months, one of our residents has needed rides going to physical therapy twice a week. As of April 2, we already have 25 requests scheduled.

So this is the time I ask for **MORE volunteers** to help out. Many of our most active volunteers leave for the summer, so we would love to have you join us to help our neighbors with rides and other services.

There have been so many volunteers who have gone over and above this past couple of months: Doug Peterson, Gayle Cannon, Melinda Vanmeter, Lorraine Brugh, and Richard Bass, along with Rita Clark, Pam Solace, Teddy Bengston, Marla Breiling and Marla Putnam. Volunteers Ron and Sandy Leacock have moved to Surprise.

Please keep our Helping Hands group of volunteers in mind if you are here during the summer--We can help keep you occupied with transportation, grocery shopping, visiting and respite sitting, to name a few. Call Judy or Roz to volunteer.

**If someone falls, ALWAYS call 911!**

Even though this statement is repeated every month, we hear that some people are still trying to help someone who has fallen. This is very dangerous for both parties involved! Call 911. We don't provide, bathing or personal care, but have a list for those services, including home health care, meals and assisted living. The ads in the back of the Living Magazine are also a good place to start, or Call Roz Farnsworth for more information.

*"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices. Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.." - William James*

**Other helpful numbers:** 24/7 Senior Help Line - 602.264.4357  
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## Mayor Jason Beck

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*Mayor Jason Beck*



**Above:** The City of Peoria welcomes Municipal Court Presiding Judge, John Tatz

Residents of Peoria,

I am thrilled to share with you some significant updates from across Peoria.

This month, we welcome John Tatz as our new Municipal Court Presiding Judge. Judge Tatz has served as the City of Mesa Presiding Judge since 2020, managing over 100,000 filings annually. His instrumental role in implementing a Domestic Violence Court in Mesa and overseeing the city's award-winning Community and Veteran Courts speaks volumes about his commitment to the community. Judge Tatz is no stranger to Peoria, having served as our Assistant City Prosecutor from November 1999 – August 2001. His return to Peoria is a testament to his dedication to public service. We are confident that his experience and jurisprudential excellence will greatly benefit our city. Judge Tatz will begin his service on April 15, 2024, succeeding Judge George Anagnost, who retires after a 29-year career with the city.

Recently, members of our council celebrated the groundbreaking of The Trailhead, a mixed-use development at 83rd Avenue and Happy Valley Road. This project, seven years in the making, will feature 140,000 square feet of retail space, designated area for a local church, and provide gathering

space for community members and events. The Trailhead is set to become a vibrant hub for our residents, and we eagerly anticipate its opening.

Lastly, I wanted to update you on the final development agreement with Amkor Technologies, which was passed unanimously by our council. This agreement paves the way for the construction of the largest US-based outsourced semiconductor packaging and test facility right here in Peoria. This \$2 billion investment will create up to 2,000 jobs and attract more businesses to our city. Throughout discussions, both Amkor and Peoria were able to ensure that responsible water usage, local job creation, and economic investments were guaranteed for our residents and communities. As a city, we will remain committed to high-quality economic development, that drives future revenues and opportunities across our city.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Mayor@PeoriaAZ.gov](mailto:Mayor@PeoriaAZ.gov) with any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions. I am deeply grateful for your support and look forward to sharing more exciting updates in the future.

Mayor Jason Beck

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# Lapidary & Beading Club News

with Mary Doucette

We have been playing more with Shrinky Dinks and have added Polymer clay to our creative activities. Each of these materials offers all kinds of possibilities for pendants and earrings (see photos of two examples here). These are not just for children anymore. You would be surprised at how much fun we have. The ideas people have and share are delightful.

Some of the "snowbirds" are heading home, but the activity will continue on with lots of plans for the summer, so if you are here, join in the fun!

Another new endeavor was presented to Nita Lywandowski. She is our wire-wrapping teacher (and much more), and she provides orientation for anyone new so that they can understand the protocol for the lapidary rock cutting, grinding, and polishing machines. These tools can turn "just a rock" into a beautiful piece that can become a one-of-a-kind ring, or the focal point of a lovely necklace. For example, Nita has just taken two raw opals and cut them into beautiful pieces for two pendants and earrings.



Who knows what will be created next! Come take a look in the window, then poke your head in to see what is in progress. Bring your ideas to us as well. All are welcome.

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**Top:** Who knew Shrinky Dinks could be so versatile with gorgeous results? **Right:** Perfect beauty from child's play **Left:** Beautiful opal, cut down and fashioned into earrings by Nita Lywandowski



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# Cooking at WV with Chuy and Jan!

## Shakshuka & Labneh (Shock-shoe-kah)

This delicious dish originated in North Africa and soon was imported to Israel, then New York and now you can find it all over the world.

It looks spicy but it is not hot (depending on the amount of cayenne used). Don't skip the labneh as it offers a cool compliment to the layers of rich flavors in the red sauce.

The poached egg is the perfect topping for a complete meal.

### Labneh Ingredients:

- 1 cup yogurt, whipped
- 1/2 Tbsp fresh dill

### Labneh Prep Method:

Mix yogurt with dill, stir well, and set aside for topping shakshuka

### Shakshuka Ingredients:

- 3 garlic, cloves, diced
- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 4 Red Bell peppers, julienned (or a combination of yellow, red or orange is nice)

- 1 Onion, julienned
- 1 Tbsp Salt and Pepper
- Turmeric 1 tsp
- Paprika 1 tsp
- Cumin Seed, toasted (to taste)
- 1 tsp Cayenne
- 1 8-12 oz canned tomatoes, smashed
- 1 cup Chicken Stock

### Shakshuka Prep Method:

1. Sauté veggies & spices with butter until soft
2. Add canned tomatoes and broth

3. Bring to a boil and simmer low for 20 - 30 minutes

### To Serve:

1. Place a portion of the Shakshuka on a dish and top with a fried or poached egg.
2. Serve Labneh on the side.

- Serves 4

**Note:** Have eggs ready to fry in a dedicated pan to top off Shakshuka or you can cook all the eggs on top of the Shakshuka (like the photo) and serve that way.

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# WV Published Authors Special Feature - By Nicholas Marselos

Left: WV published author,  
Nicholas Marselos



I was in third grade when my teachers realized it wasn't due to laziness or inattentiveness that I was a poor reader. Printed words appeared to me as a scramble of letters. I spent time with a specialist, and then a reading tutor who helped me deal with my dyslexia. Before that, I would avoid reading, after, I loved to read.

My first reading pleasure came in the form of science fiction. The vastness of space, the potential that we may not be alone in the universe, and the incredible adventures of traveling to distant and exotic places in the galaxy were intoxicating. I decided I wanted to grow up and be an astrophysicist. Though I graduated college with a degree in physics, life got in the way of my goals, and I ended up in a career designing and building telecommunications software in a western suburb of Chicago.

I retired and my wife and I moved to Westbrook Village in 1999, when I entertained the idea of writing science fiction. I wanted to contribute to the genre I experienced with such wonder as a child. It took some time for the idea to gestate and the isolation forced on us by Covid-19 before it became a reality.

The two years of COVID-19 isolation gave me the time to write a collection of short stories and five novels, four of them science fiction and one a contemporary mystery. The collection of short stories, *Stories of the Strange*, was released in November 2022 on Amazon. My first sci-fi novel, *Far Star Crystal*, was released in January 2024 on Amazon. The second novel in the trilogy will be available later in 2024. My other novels are in the various stages of editing.

Have I found the joy in writing that I had when I first discovered how much fun reading was? You bet I have! Developing stories and seeing your characters come alive on the page is thrilling. Seeing my books published is even a greater thrill.

**Are you a WV resident and a published author? Would you like the community to know about your story?  
Email us at [admin@westbrookvillageliving.com](mailto:admin@westbrookvillageliving.com) today!**



## Heritage Cup 2024

This year's 19th Heritage Cup Golf Match Play Tournament was a great success! The Red Team was led by Captain Ed Ross, and they defeated the Blue Team, led by Captain Tim O'Brien with an overall score of 11 to 9.

The delicious victory lunch was catered by Charley's at the Lakes, and although the rain cost the teams one of the three days for this Match Play Tournament, it was a great event enjoyed by all who participated.

**Norm Richter, 623-566-0971**

Left: Heritage Cup Team 2024

# 18 Hole Couples



Clockwise from left:

- Congratulations to Chris Ward on her Hole-in-One during the tournament, shown here with husband Doug Ward –
- Mille Lucarelli, Gwen Arnold, Mary Thaxton, Barb Bellitt –
- Barb Bellitt with Hawaiian dancer –
- Gary and Gwen Arnold and Liz and Garry Horton –
- The Hawaiian performers put on a beautiful show –

This year's "Coconut Classic" luau and golf tournament was filled with fun and complete with a Hawaiian show. Hula dancers and audience participation.

Gary & Gwen Arnold (President) - 303-766-6801 & Harry & Liz Horton (Vice President)

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Congratulations to **Marlene Burnham**, who correctly identified that Westbrook Will was hidden in the April 2024 issue on Page 9 in the **Albrecht & Son** ad. Marlene's entry was drawn from many who sent theirs in, and she will be receiving \$20 as the winner! Thank you to all who participated!

The challenge in this issue is to find our mascot, **Westbrook Will practicing his balance with his rooster, Bock**. Once you find this image inside one of the ADS in this issue (May), please jot down the location and your name and address on a 3" x 5" card, and postmark your entry by May 10, 2024, so you can be included in the draw for the cash prize! One entry per household, please!



# Jim Sweet, Gifted Craftsman



My wife and I moved into Westbrook Village in 1998 from Minnesota.

I joined the wood shop in 2000, and each year we spend 4 to 5 months of our time in Arizona. While here, I can be found most of that time at the woodshop, helping others and teaching them how to make bowls and other wood-related projects. This includes everything from urns to vases to salt and pepper shakers to furniture!

In 2013 I was diagnosed with age-regulated macular degeneration, and my vision was heavily affected. I am considered legally blind; however, with the help of other members in the wood shop, I have been able to continue woodworking.

I have served as Vice President for 4-5 years along with Bill Boyd (President). I have also helped many residents with furniture repairs and other wood related projects.

I am most proud of the rocking chair I made and all the many beautiful bowls I have created. I have donated many of them to the Minnesota Showmen's Association to go toward college scholarships. I have also given many to friends and family.

I am a Veteran of the Naval Air Force and served my country from 1954-1956. My wife, Juanita and I have been married for 65 years, and she has supported me all the way.



**Top:** Loved ones celebrated Jim and his 88th birthday

**Above:** Heavenly design wrought in wood and resin by Jim

**Right:** Jim enjoyed crafting this one-of-a-kind rocking chair

**Far Right:** Jim makes beautiful pieces as gifts for family and to donate to his favorite charities



## WV Woodshop News

The WV Woodshop remains a beloved go-to for so many creative and resourceful community residents! Because of this, the WVA upgraded the ventilation and breathing safety, so that it can remain a functional and healthy workshop. This entailed replacing the 35-year old wood dust removal system and also adding an air filtration system, making it a greatly improved environment in which to work. Thank you, WVA!!!

For maintaining the everyday needs of the shop, **aluminum can donations** are heavily relied upon. So please round up your soda cans of every kind and drop them off in the special dumpster located **south of the woodshop** in the Lakes complex at 19251 N. Westbrook Parkway, right next to the brand new horseshoe pits and corn hole game!



Ray Jansen, 402-393-1802



## WVA Treasurer's Report

*For the month ending January 31, 2024*

"The following figures are subject to audit. However, they fairly represent the approximate financial condition of the Association at month end."

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

*(Funds designated for day-to-day operations.)*

Cash and CDs on hand at the end of January was \$3.8 million. For the full year 2024 we are forecasting total revenue of \$3.3 million, of which \$3.0 million will come from homeowner annual assessments. Budgeted expenses forecast for 2024 is \$3.0 million with \$125,000 expected to transfer to our Reserve Fund. Through January, our revenue and expenses are in line with our forecast. However, we continue to monitor expenditures, and experience higher pricing in products, labor, and availability. In addition, there remains a large "unknown" as to what may lie ahead with regards to home resales, interest rates and the overall economy in 2024.

### REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND

*(Funds for major repairs / replacements / improvements)*

Cash and CDs on hand at the end of January was \$4.1 million. In 2024 we are forecasting revenue of \$782,000. Revenue comes primarily from new homeowner preservation fees \$125,000 transferred from the Operating Fund and interest of approximately \$24,000. Reserve fund expenditures budgeted for 2024 is \$952,000. Ongoing expenditures remain planned for perimeter wall repair and painting, Lakes Complex Asphalt replacement, and the Fitness Center Architect. Other normal infrastructure repairs and replacement and expenditures will be addressed as needed.

Our General Manager, Karen Jones, continues to report to the Board of Directors, that we have received a partial dollar amount for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) sometimes also known as the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC), a refundable tax credit for businesses that had employees and were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We await for any remaining credits of which the association has applied. Any and all refundable amounts are being reviewed by our accountants.

These financials will be on file at the WVA Administration Office after noon on Thursday, April 4, 2024, and may be reviewed by Association members. **Should you have any questions, please call 623 561-0099 for an appointment.**

**Submitted by Jerry Johnson, Treasurer**

## General Manager's Report

Karen Jones

- The WVA Annual Meeting was held on March 20, 2024, with 275 +/- residents in attendance.
- Congratulations to the four (4) Board Members who were elected – Max Allen, Tim Davis, Bruce Garrison, and Marcy Reneau. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be on the Board of Directors.
- Wow, the busy month of March! The village was busy and buzzing. Such a fun and exciting time of the year here at WVA.
- Second Sundays Marketplace was held on March 11th, with much success. Many residents' comments on how much they enjoy this event!
- Horseshoe and cornhole area, many residents are enjoying the new and improved common area. The very heavy concrete tables and benches were relocated from the tennis complex to this area and the tennis courts received tables and chairs from the Vistas patio that were replaced. An umbrella was ordered, rules and signs were installed and awaiting the input from the Cornerstone Committee. Bring your PID to the Lakes Rec Center front desk and check out the horseshoes or bean bags and give the new area a try!
- Interviewing for the Recreation Centers Manager position continued. The position was offered and accepted by Denise Murphy. We are so excited to have Denise on our team, please stop by and welcome Denise to the village! She has so much to learn but comes with great ideas and input.
- Another successful Food Truck event was enjoyed by many residents. April will be the final Food Truck event for the season. Hope to see you there!
- Wall repairs throughout the community continue. Working on prioritizing the walls paint and repair project for 2024.
- Continued thank you go out to the Westbrook Posse as they patrol and help keep our community safe. Remember to close your garage doors at the end of the day. Remember, if you are leaving for the season, please be sure to sign up at the Posse Office in the FALC building for vacant home watch for the time you are away.
- Remember, you MUST still maintain your property within the Architectural and Environments Standards while you are away. Schedule landscapers etc. Please help keep our village beautiful!
- March 2024 GM Coffee Talk was a great success!
- Thank you to Peoria City Councilman, Bill Patena for sponsoring our annual Shred-A-Thon in the village. Vehicles were lined up down Westbrook Parkway. Thank you to everyone who helped with this great event.



- The Landscape & Facilities Committee worked for months with SDL Landscape to come up with a permanent plan for the drainage areas along Country Club entrance. Watch for these improvements!
- Remember you must have your WVA photo identification card with you when going to the recreation centers.
- Reminder, you must be with your guests when they use the Common Area facilities and staff will put on a guest wristband at the front desk. Thank you.
- Please join us at the Health Seminar Series at the Lakes Recreation Center. Sponsors will be providing priceless information at no cost to our residents.
- **PLEASE SLOW DOWN** and use caution when driving in the community. The busy season is upon us, walkers, bikers, golf carts, workers etc. are in an plenty and we want to keep everyone safe!
- Call the non-emergency number if something looks suspicious call 623-773-8311 - **in any emergency always call 911.**
- Please continue to work with us on architectural applications, exterior improvements, maintenance questions etc. on your properties. We are always here to help! Administration office. 623-561-0099.

- If you come across maintenance needed at our facilities, please stop at any front desk, and ask staff to submit a maintenance request. They will immediately submit to maintenance through the computer system and our maintenance team will be happy to assist!
- Visit us at [www.WestbrookVillage.org](http://www.WestbrookVillage.org) for all events, meetings, minutes, updates, agendas, and general information.

### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

- **Current Architectural Control Committee Discussion Items:**
  - Drafting standard for Permanent Generator Systems
- **ACC Submittals (3/1 – 3/27/24)**
  - Total received – 232
  - Approved within Standards –229
  - Denied – 3

### RESALE DEPARTMENT

- **Number of Resales (3/1 – 3/27/24)**
  - Opened – 23
  - Closed – 29
  - Cancelled – 2
  - Foreclosed – 0



## Westbrook Village Association 2024-2025 Board of Directors

			
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# Fine Arts Featured Member Artist – Michelle Gailiun

My earliest memory of wanting to draw and paint popped up in fifth grade. Miss Hetu asked the class to come up with something she could hang on the classroom walls. I was so happy, because I had fallen in love with the picture of a little girl with long dark hair holding a rabbit on the wrapping of a Northern toilet paper 4-pack my mom had brought home from the store. Just the ticket!

Decades went by; however, before jumping into the art world, life happened. With a long career in broadcasting and university relations, grad school, marriage and two young daughters, there was really no time to do any drawing or painting whatsoever.

**Left:** Michelle Gailiun loves her creative life at WV



**Above:** *Resting Sails* by M. Gailiun

Things changed when we moved out here to Phoenix and discovered that Westbrook Village has an outstanding Fine Arts Club, loaded with talented artists. I joined the club right away and was able to enjoy instruction from visiting artists from all over the Valley. I also took a few classes at the Scottsdale Art School, and learned a lot about color, design and textures. I love the desert vistas, the stunning skiescapes and little critters scampering about. Arizona is full of surprises; it's almost other-worldly.

I work mostly in oils and have done a few pieces in watercolor, and for the most part, I focus on landscapes, florals and most recently, portraits. I have sold quite a few pieces from people who come to our annual show in March. And sometimes folks stop in to see what I am doing or request paintings of their pets or desert scenery. I feel happy and blessed to be here - part of such a warm and welcoming community.

**Bottom– Left:** *The Canyon 2* by M. Gailiun **Center:** *Blossoms* by M. Gailiun **Right:** *The Canyon 1* by M. Gailiun







# Westbrook Village Clubs




	Clubs and Groups	Day(s) of Week	Time	Place	Contact Person
<b>Arts and Crafts</b>	Ceramics	Please call for details			Bernice Lever 602-373-6008
	Fine Arts	Please call for details			Kim Mrasz 623-377-6520
	Glass Art Studio	Please call for details			Sally Bailey 360-250-9877
	Lapidary/Jewelry Art Studio	M-T-W-Th-F		Lakes	Cheryl Glennon 928-814-8269 Barb Bosworth 314-712-6225
	Needle Arts and Crafts	T-Th	T-Th: 1-3pm	Vistas	Linda Gierescher 623-271-5541
	Photography	1st Tue; Oct-Mar	7:00pm	FALC	Tom LaFleur 623-328-5612
	Pottery/Claymates	M-T-W-Th-F			Jane Beckman 563-340-3264
	Woodshop Club	M-T-W-Th-F	8:30-12:00 p.m. 1:00-4:00 p.m.		Ray Jansen 402-393-1802
<b>Card and Table top Games</b>	Bunco Vistas 2	Please call for details			Barb Marsteen 602-819-2439
	Chess Club	W	1:00p.m.-3:00pm	Lakes Multi	Ralph Doner 480-410-7786
	Euchre Card	1st & 3rd Wed	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Lakes Multi	Rich Mizner 253-370-7086
	Cribbage	T	7:00 p.m.	Lakes	Gloria Pawluk 623-202-7767
	Duplicate Bridge	M	12:30 p.m.	Vistas	Eileen Medansky 623-566-3634
	Hearts	T	6:30 p.m.	Vistas	Ron Bachara 623-640-8978
	Ladies' Bridge	T	12:15pm	Vistas	Dovie Templin 623-680-3369
	Ladies' Bridge	Th	9:15am	Vistas	Gerry Simpson 623-694-4918
	Mah Jongg	W	1:00 p.m.	Vistas	Cindy Michlin 480-619-0188
	Mah Jongg, Wright-Patterson	M	12:00-4:00p.m.	FALC	Mary Maccracken 623-566-3312
	Mexican Train Dominoes Club	2nd & 4th Th	1:00-3:00p.m.	Vistas	Deb Christian 608-345-7805
	Monday Social Bridge	M - partner not req'd	12:15 p.m.	Lakes	Ralph Doner 480-410-7786
	National Mah Jongg	F	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Vistas	Judy Pellish 623-362-1046 Janet Leach 623-566-6682
	Pan	W	12:00 p.m.	FALC	Mary Ann Bolyog 623-203-4469
	Pinochle	M	6:00pm	Vistas	Bruce Garrison 253-905-6650
	Progressive Hand & Foot	T-Th	12:00 p.m.	Lakes Multi	Loree Crabb 623-203-8649
	Progressive Hand & Foot	Th	5:30 p.m.	Lakes	Sharon Witthuhn 623-640-7631
	Really Fun Bridge	W	9:30 a.m.	Vistas	Ted Cooper 425-233-1960
	Samba	M	5:30 p.m.	Lakes	Sandra Sullivan 623-271-7149
	Shanghai	W	6:00 p.m.	Vistas	Judith Devenney 623-937-6535
Sheepshead	F	1:00 p.m.	FALC	Al Boeck 602-999-3743	
Tuesday Night Mah Jongg	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.	Vistas	Carol Holtorf 602-999-8101	
Winner's Poker	M	6:30-8:30p.m.	FALC	Ron Goodman 623-444-0092	
<b>Dance &amp; Entertainment</b>	Desert Dancers	Please call for details			Sharon Corcoran 623-670-6114
	Line Dancing	T-Th	10:00-11:00am	Vistas	Audrey Fulcher 602-620-3294 text/voicemail
	Performing Arts Council	Please call for details	Please call for details		Bill Wolfe President 623-256-5776
	Village Players	Please call for details			Bill Wolfe 623-256-5776
	Village Voices	W	1:30-3:30 p.m.	VistasBallrm	Nancy Connolly 602-380-9315
	Westbrook Musicians	Please call for details			Steve Thorne 602-427-7616
<b>Fitness</b>	Low Impact Aerobics	M-W	6:00 p.m.	Lakes	Pat Brown 623-293-8037
	General Conditioning Class	T-Th	8:00 a.m.	Vistas	Steve Rommel 602-471-9232
	Lakes Water Aerobics	Tues thru Sat: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am		Lakes	Sally Cline 319-331-0270
	Personalized Fitness Training	Please call for details		Vistas	Steve Rommel 602-471-9232
	Tai Chi	T, Th	10a.m.-11:00am	Lakes Ballrm	Michael Leoni
	Vistas Water Aerobics	M-W-Th-F 7:15am,8:15am,9:15am		Vistas	Kay Neighbors 602-568-1925
	Water Zumba	T-Th-Sa	10:15-11:00a.m.	Lakes	Kathy Margolis 612-201-0167
	Zumba Gold/Toning for Seniors	M - 9:00 a.m., W - 9:00 a.m., F - 9:00 a.m.		Vistas	Veronica Lowe 623-800-9373
<b>Misc</b>	Blood Pressure Screenings	1st & 3rd Thursdays	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Vistas	
	Library	Open every day except major holidays		FALC	Martha Swanson 623-566-4753

Please submit all club and activity changes to [admin@westbrookvillageliving.com](mailto:admin@westbrookvillageliving.com).



# and Activities Information



Clubs and Groups		Day(s) of Week		Place	Contact Person
Specialty Clubs	Baby Boomers	Please call for details			Maria Thorne 602-463-2903
	Caregiver Support Group	2nd & 4th Tues Only	1:30 p.m.	Vistas	Toni Stuart 602-799-0412; Lois Kumerow 602-350-0458
	Christian Fellowship	TBD			TBD
	Computer (Technology) Club	Website: wbvtc.org	Email: wvcc@live.com		wvcc@live.com; 623-226-8120
	Heatherbrook Club	Subdivision coordinator			Marcy Reneau 425-319-8113
	Helping Hands	Please call for details			Roz Farnsworth 623-533-8177 Judy Reisener 623-572-3017
	Hiking Club	F	6:30 a.m.	Lakes	Allen Miller 623-703-6447
	Italian-American	S, May 19 Poolside BBQ	1:00pm	Lakes	Maria Thorne 602-463-2903
	Nebraska Club	Monthly Dec-April		Vistas	Dan Geiger 303-885-8169
	Photography	1st Tues; Oct thru Mar	7:00 p.m.	FALC	Tom LaFleur 623-328-5612
	Roadrunners RV Club	4th Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Vistas	Ann Reynolds 402-650-2661
	Shalom Club	Please call for details			Rita Paper 701-371-1548; Illa Kallish 602-796-3138
	Veterans Club	 W, May 8	6:00 p.m.	Lakes Multi	Carl Ulbrich 602-312-5900 <a href="http://westbrookvets.org">westbrookvets.org</a>
	WV Book Club	 Th, May 16, vote for next year book choices	1:00 p.m.	Ballrm C Vistas	<i>Horse</i> by Geraldine Brooks Jill Ferguson 509-939-8956
	WV Bookies	W, May 8 Last mtg until Oct.	4:30 p.m.	Vistas	<i>Storied Life of A J Fikry</i> by Gabrielle Zevin - Claudia Carr 206-954-4534
Wine Club	Please call for details			Cindy Clark 602-363-8633 Fran DeWalt 623-512-3075	
Westbrook Cares!	Please call for details			Cindy Clark 602-363-8633; Marti Harper 989-640-1399	
Sports	Bowling - Senior Rollers	T	2pm-Lakeview Lanes Sun City		Ellen Howells 623-825-4907
	Can-Am Golf	Please call for details		Lakes	Darrell Schuetzle-schuetzle@shaw.ca Elaine Schewaga 403-462-6296
	D.C. Billiards	T-Th	6:30 p.m.	Lakes	Dave Bettner 623-866-8150
	Golf Heritage Cup	Please call for details			Norm Richter 623-566-0971
	Golf 9-Hole Couples	F mornings Nov-May			Lyle TenHaken 507-360-8124
	Golf 18-Hole Couples	Please call for details			Gary & Gwen Arnold 303-766-6801
	Golf 18-Hole Ladies	Please call for details			Pam Sprosty, 216-536-4710
	Golf 9-hole Ladies	T mornings Oct-May			Kristine Huss 262-949-0072
	Golf Mens Association (MGA)	W	Please call for details		Garry Horton 928-219-1557
	Golf Weekend Men's Club	Sat	9:00a.m.	Lakes/Vistas	Herb Wohlf 602 690 7890
	Pickleball	Please call for details			Vince Lodato 253-293-2765
	Table Tennis	W & F	1:00-2:00p.m.	Vistas	Norm Miller 602-321-1244
	Tennis	Please call for details			Leslie Friedman 623-594-6636 Bill Naturkach 480-729-0431
	West Valley Ladies Tennis 50+	F, Oct-Mar	11:00am-Paseo Racquet Ctr		Rona Clark 719-588-4809 Pam Cavalier 480-276-8213
	WV Niner's Golf Group	Please call or email for details			Herb Greksa 224-406-5255 Dean Carlson 763-301-2138



## Important Numbers

<p><b>Lakes Recreation Center</b> 19251 N. Westbrook Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-566-6181 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Vistas Recreation Center</b> 18825 N. Country Club Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-566-6178 ~ 5:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>WV Administration Office</b> 19281 N. Westbrook Parkway, Peoria, AZ 85382 623-561-0099</p> <p>Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Charley's at The Lakes: 623-399-8557 Links Grill: 623-561-1681</p>	<p>Peoria Emergency: 911</p> <p>Peoria Police, non-emergency: 623-773-8311</p> <p>Peoria Fire, non-emergency: 623-773-7279</p> <p>Westbrook Posse: 623-566-3133</p> <p>Poison Control: 602-253-3334</p>
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# NEEDLE ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB



**The Needle Arts and Crafts club provides its members a creative outlet, a time of comradery, and raises money for local charities. Come and join, bringing whatever craft you choose to do.**

**Donations Made to AZ Choices** The members of the Needle Arts and Crafts Club have been prolific in their production of donation items lately and we are so pleased to support several non-profits. We enjoyed learning from the Director of Ministry Partnerships for AZ Choices, a ministry that offers many free medical services to expectant mothers and fathers. After he spoke to us, we gave him 29 blankets, 6 huggable bears, and 6 beanies. After her first ultrasound, each mother is allowed to choose a new quilt, beanie, and booties from their boutique. Come join us and help support this and other worthwhile charities.



**Completed Project Class** In March, the Project Class was Fabric Table Runners. Four table runners were made in Christmas and fall colors to sell at the WV Fall Craft Fair.

**Last Project Class Until Fall** The third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM is generally for Project Classes. Come learn a new skill or find an innovative way to use one you already have. All classes (unless otherwise noted) are free for members, \$5 for other WBV residents.

**May 15 – Fabric Wreath, May 15, instructor Ardelle Kanode -** These wreaths are sure to make you proud to be American and shine with American pride! Super easy to make, you'll likely make more than one

with other fabrics. Make this red, white, and blue one, or make one in any color or holiday fabric you like. Sign up for this class in the Needle Arts and Crafts studio.

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# 18 Hole Ladies – With Karen Crisp

If you happened to be looking out of your window on March 20th, you may have noticed quite a few hippies roaming the golf courses. You would have been observing our annual Ladies Member Guest, aka “Woodstock at Westbrook,” where 212 ladies participated on both courses and a **groovy** time was had by all! The committee chair, Colleen Smiley, couldn’t have pulled this outstanding event off without the help of 18 committee members and 40 more volunteers, along with the best golf shop staff in the country!

From the pre-event social with short game skills on Monday afternoon, to the breakfast provided at both courses on Tuesday, to the awards luncheon with over 30 raffle prizes—it was a **far out** show of teamwork! Next year...Margaritaville!!

If you want to join this great fun-loving club, please contact our President, Pam Sprosty at [psprosty1973@gmail.com](mailto:psprosty1973@gmail.com).



**Top Right:** L to R- Back Row- Mary Porter and Barb Thurman, Front Row- Karen Hayden and Peggy Whittaker **Middle Left:** Karen Witvoet, Marva Wondra, Jane Beckman and Pam Sprosty **Middle Center:** 18 Hole Ladies Member Guest Committee Chair, Colleen Smiley-far right-with her 3 guests, Holly, Julie and Kelly from Washington **Middle Right:** Pug Rhen, Jeanette Graham, Lynne Prout and Kathy Deits **Right:** Best Costume awarded to Cathy Richardson, Lyn Erickson, Tami Gaffney and June Goldman **Bottom:** Award Luncheon at the Lakes ballroom with the wall of over 30 raffle prizes





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For most of us Westbrook Village is our permanent home, but for some, it's a winter retreat, and it's now time to migrate home. While our snow-bird population is preparing to return home to witness the thaw, the Posse is gearing up to process vacation checks on their Westbrook properties. Our work load grows exponentially in the summer where, in addition to our regular patrols, we check hundreds of homes each day. This free service helps us maintain WV as one of the safest neighborhoods in Peoria.

According to the Neighborhood Scout website, vacant apartments or homes are a fact of life in most popular, well managed communities. While WV winter occupancy rate reaches its maximums, the summer real estate vacancy rate goes down. The Posse urges everyone who will be leaving for an extended period of time to complete a "Vacation Check" form to authorize the Posse to check your property once a week for damage, water issues, and general security. This free service is one of the reasons the Neighborhood Scout site has

this to say, "This neighborhood ranks better for retirement living than 88.7% of all the neighborhoods in Arizona. It's peaceful, quiet and has above average safety ratings compared to other neighborhoods in Arizona.

Consider joining us. The Posse is a 501c3 organization, fully funded through community contributions. We do not charge for any services, and we exist to provide security and safety services to the residents of Westbrook Village. The Posse has 50 volunteers working to provide the Village with visible security. We are seeking volunteers to help us maintain and increase our security presence. If you are able to drive and carry out basic house checks (walking around homes to check exteriors) we will train you, swear you into our Peoria Police affiliated troop, and equip you with uniforms and tools. We ask only 4 hours of your time each week for patrol. Part-time and permanent residents are welcomed.

Statistical reference <https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/az/peoria/westbrook-village#overview>

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USAF Lockheed-Martin F-16C and F-35A formation pass  
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# Holiday Hours

In observance of Memorial Day  
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**The WV subdivision, Tamarron Place, was abuzz with folks gathering for a block party.**

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### ***WBVTC will be on HIATUS from May through October.***

*The last of the events and workshops finished in April. We are working on an exciting new Fall schedule, to be announced in October of this year. During the summer months, continue to check the bulletin boards at the Rec Centers and the Computer Club door for updated flyers. We will continue to keep you updated via email of any new progress on items of interest during the summer.*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our faithful members who have attended our events and workshops. It takes all of you -- especially the volunteers -- to keep this club viable. Special thanks go to Jan Brady, who stepped in as President pro tem yet managed to stay the entire season, and with the tireless efforts and countless hours of skilled and knowledgeable members such as Dianne Doerschel, Peter Lawton, Matt Barthelme, John Ellsworth, Pat Williamson, Tanju Bayramoglu, and many others, another meaningful tech season was shared with current members. Also a special Shout-Out to our Committee Chairs who managed to provide another successful AARP Tax Aide Services Season.

As part of maintaining our active membership list, we will be providing new badges this fall, complete with picture ID (thanks to Pat Williamson and Larry Wood, our Membership Coordinator). Pat will contact you after you complete your application, to find a convenient time for you to stop by for your photo. The goal is for all members to have a photo ID. You can pick up an application from the Rec Centers or print one out from the website: <https://wbvtc.org>.

This is a gentle REMINDER THAT VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS: (President, Secretary, etc.). We need your input and help to continue to provide the valuable services that have been offered in years past. Please feel welcome to call or leave a voice mail or text to (623) 226-8120. Emails are always welcome to [wvcc@live.com](mailto:wvcc@live.com).



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## Pickleball Club News



### CELEBRATING PICKLEBALL AT THE 2024 APPL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

—by Phillip Ash

The APPL State Championships were held April 5-7, with three Westbrook teams participating. The competition was intense, but what really resonated with me was the celebratory nature of the event. Yes, some teams won more than others, but it was as much an event devoted to the sport itself as it was a competition. I cannot remember the last time I was hugged so many times. The hugs were with my teammates, opposing team members – I even got a hug from an APPL representative who was helping to run the event. I've attended dozens of pickleball tournaments, and none were like this event. This truly was as much a celebration of pickleball as it was a competition.

APPL teams typically begin practicing in late fall, so this season has taken nearly six months to complete. We had seven teams, comprised primarily of Westbrook residents. Those teams varied in size, from around eight to twelve, so we had almost eighty Westbrook players on APPL teams this year. In addition, several ad hoc teams of Westbrook residents were formed to practice with and play against our APPL teams. So, it would be fair to say we had almost a hundred Westbrook residents directly or indirectly involved with APPL.

Why the growing popularity? There are two primary reasons. Most of the teams secured cost-effective, team-based training, which when combined with dozens and

dozens of team practice sessions, paved the way to dramatic improvements in our pickleball skills. That's important because pickleball is definitely more fun when it's played well. Plus, a full season of APPL (including a training expense) can cost less than you would expect to pay for a single, traditional pickleball tournament in which you might only play for a couple of hours.

The second reason for APPL's popularity is the supportive friendships that APPL forms. I knew my APPL teammates before I joined this team-based league, but now I have a much different bond with them. We have depended on one another, helped one another, and learned from one another in ways I could not have imagined six months ago.

APPL involves competition, but it's a friendly competition that's focused on teams rather than individuals. If you want to enjoy pickleball more than ever, join an APPL team or talk with some of your friends who play at the same approximate skill level as you and form your own APPL team.

Westbrook APPL teams won two Silver Medals (Prickly Pairs, Mixed 3.0, 65\* Captain Sheri Peterson and Poachers Anonymous, Men's 3.0 65+ Captain Tom McKeever) and one Bronze medal (Team Head, Women's 3.5 50+ Captain Jenny Nielsen) at this year's State Championships. However, no physical medals were actually given because APPL is not about medals. It's about fun and friendship!





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