

Men's Club Update:



Pickle Ball, Anyone?

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The game of pickle ball was invented in the state of Washington 55 years ago and today ranks among the fastest growing sports in the country. It has taken pickle ball 45 years to arrive at North Shore Towers, but it is here now. Last year the area around the barbecue and garden was refurbished and a fenced-in pickle ball court was installed.

The court has the appearance of a tennis court, but half the size. I would describe the game as a combination of tennis, table tennis, badminton and paddle ball. The game can be played by two players or a team of two players.

At about 9:00 am on any given day a group of men and women begin to congregate at the court and begin their warmups in preparation for their upcoming



Rhonda & Jason on the court

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This month, the Men's Club introduces a new monthly feature that will highlight interesting and entertaining events that may be of interest to members. First up is a recap of some of Broadway's best offerings—all from the comfort of your own living room.

Over the weekend of July 17, we were treated to three outstanding productions of Broadway shows. On the Disney+, the streaming channel, "Hamilton" was presented with the original cast. It's a great production but we recommend getting a copy of the lyrics for a better understanding of the play and music (rap).

HBO also had an outstanding production of "Carousel" starring Kelly O'Hara, which I am sure they will repeat. Don't miss it.

Lastly, Lincoln Center at Home had a wonderful production of "Porgy and Bess" which was staged at the Met. You can send them your email address and they will place you on their list of shows to be presented. Go to lincolncenter.org to sign up.

Yes, you CAN see Broadway even though the Great White Way is closed. Enjoy!

- Jerry Siegel

matches. Last month I thought I would go down to the court and join in one of the games. After all, hadn't I once had an illustrious schoolyard athletic career? My thoughts were quickly dispelled. What I saw were four players volleying (perhaps with less ferocity than a Federer or a Nadal, but still too fast for me).

Pickle ball has gained popularity over the years with many who can readily show you their AARP cards. I think that many of us feel that it is a way of extending our athletic careers. Any way you look at it, the exercise is great. Steve Auerbach, whom I consider the unofficial NST pickle ball commissioner, told me that there are about 25 active players, with numbers on the rise. There would seem to be the need for more courts in the future.

On June 30, the movies came to North Shore Towers Pickle Ball when John Virga, our resident communications guru, came down to the court to do a

segment for channel 995 which will be appearing over the summer. The film will show a game in progress and will have some player interviews.

I am very much impressed by the comraderie among the players. They play hard but seem to be having great time interacting with each other between games. While I was watching one of the games I noticed a woman come up to Steve Auerbach and ask him how she might get involved. I saw this as another indication of how fast pickle ball is catching on here at the Towers.

I spoke to Rhonda Schorr, whose husband Jason is one of the more accomplished players. Jason can be seen on certain afternoons helping Rhonda and other newcomers to the game hone their skills. All lessons are gratis. If you are interested in the program, you can contact Steve Auerbach at 917-434-4822 or Howard Arkin at 718-640-5776.