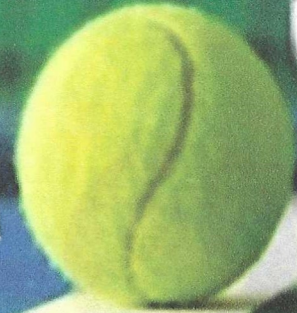




NEWSLETTER



Summer (July) 2022

Dear Golden Racquets (GR) Members:

The signup process for next season has begun! Please visit the GR website (www.goldenracquets.org) to view and get the signup form. All signup forms must be received by email no later than Friday, August 12, 2022.



Two important members of GR Board of Directors (Gary Henson, our Vice President and Steve Mateo, our Chairman of the Rating Committee), have informed me that they must resign. Later in this newsletter Gary shares his reason for leaving. He has captained venues with a wide variety of levels of tennis players, and has been instrumental in running and helping our pickleball program grow to four venues with 32 regular players. He was an ideal instructor for members just learning to play pickleball. Gary's easy-going nature helped him make many friends within GR. The GR Board of Directors will appoint an Acting Vice President, and in October the membership will vote on filling the position for a term of two years.

Steve Mateo needed to resign from his position as chairman of the Rating's Committee due to health reasons. He began his service to GR as our Social Director and then moved to the Rating Committee. As a member of that committee and for more than four years, he did the bulk of the rating reviews of new and current members. During that time, he was voted "Player of the Year." He subsequently moved into the position of Chairman, which he has held for more than three years. He developed a rating system to better evaluate the many skills needed to play tennis at different levels. Steve's goal now is to start playing tennis again in October or November. I will be the Acting Chairman of the Rating's Committee until a person can be appointed to fill the position.

Pete Koenig, a former GR President, will assume the responsibilities of overseeing the pickleball program for GR. This fall, there will be three outdoor pickleball venues, and they will be located at Wakefield Park, Roundtree Park, and Rolling Valley Park. When those venues end in November, GR hopes to find an indoor facility where those players can continue to play for the rest of the season. Burke Racquet and Swim Club will again provide two indoor courts for pickleball that will go from September through May.

Sincerely,
Tom Burroughs
President, Golden Racquets



July 21, 2022

To the President and Executive Board of Golden Racquets:

I regret to inform you that I am resigning my position as Vice President of Golden Racquets, effective August 4* of this year. My wife and I will be moving to Richmond this fall to be closer to our daughter and two grandsons.

It has been a pleasure to work with all of you to ensure our members have had many opportunities to play tennis and pickleball, both indoors and outdoors, over these last many seasons. I was honored to assist the President and the Board in the operation of the club, and fulfill my Vice President's role in the venue assignment process before each season. I have truly enjoyed serving as a captain for tennis venues (at the 3.5, 3.7 and 3.9 levels) at Mason, Burke, Wakefield, and Fairfax, where I have had the chance to meet and get to know most of our club's active members. I am proud to have also served as the club's pickleball program manager and a site captain at Rolling Valley West, Roundtree and Burke over the past two years, and helped the pickleball program grow to four venues.

I wish you and the club continued success in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

-Gary Hinson-

****Note: Since the submission of his resignation, the effective date of Gary's resignation has been changed to August 30, 2022.***



Best wishes, Gary!

You will be missed!

Fairfax County Golden Racquets Membership Demographics: July 2022

Golden Racquets Tennis Club	
Number of members living in each city	
CITY	Count of Members
Fairfax	59
Falls Church	46
Alexandria	41
Arlington	39
Annandale	28
Springfield	26
Vienna	24
Burke	14
Oakton	14
Reston	13
Fairfax Station	11
Herndon	7
Washington	5
Lorton	5
McLean	4
Bethesda	4
Oak Hill	3
Great Falls	3
Chantilly	3
Clifton	3
Rockville	2
Gainesville	2
Leesburg	2
Ashburn	2
Dunn Loring	2
Centreville	2
Woodbridge	1
Stanardsville	1
Triangle	1
Potomac	1
Mason Neck	1
Oakhill	1
North Potomac	1
South Riding	1

Golden Racquets Tennis Club is currently 373 members strong. Demographic information of GR membership was collected from the GR central database and analyzed by Dr. Catherine Ngo-Wilde. The following table and charts present a summary of members' residential locations, ages, and GR ratings.

Figure 1 shows the number of members living in various cities throughout Fairfax County and surrounding regions. Most residences are concentrated in Fairfax, Falls Church, Alexandria, Arlington, Annandale, Springfield, and Vienna (in descending order).

Figure 1. Age Distribution of Members

Figure 1 shows the age distribution of members, grouped into age brackets. Collectively, a large majority of members are between the ages of 65 – 79 years, with an average age of 73.9 years.

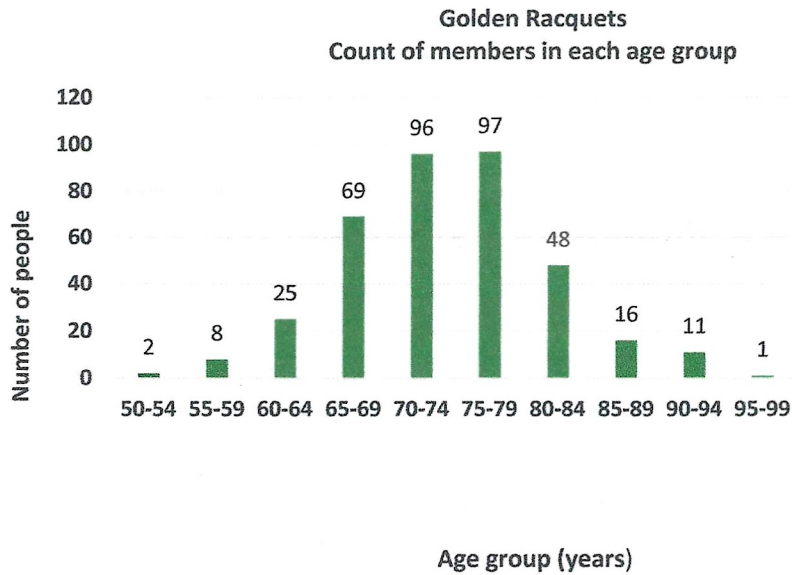


Figure 2. Distribution of GR ratings

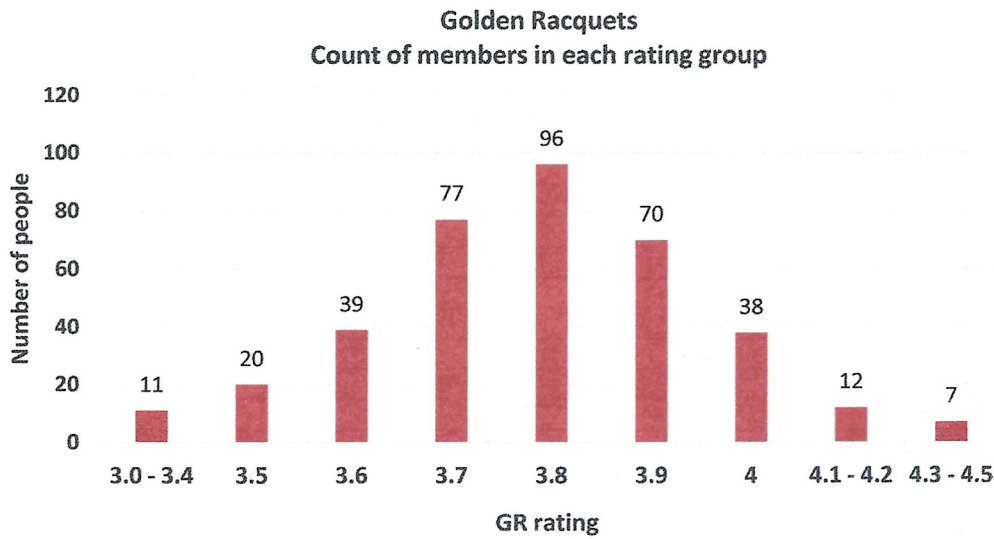


Figure 3. Count of Members in Each Rating Group

Collectively, a majority of members are rated between 3.7 – 3.9, with the largest rating group a 3.8.

BRAIN BENDERS

How well do you know your candy bars? Can you figure out what candy bar each clue is describing? Some are easier than others, but the answers will be shared in the next edition of the newsletter!



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| + swashbuckling trio | + Indian burial ground |
| + just can't hold onto anything | + laughing, but not out loud |
| + a happy nut | + a working person's favorite day |
| + famous baseball player | + an exercise |
| + New York street | + galaxy |

And as promised in the previous newsletter, here are the answers (with the questions repeated) to the three brain benders that were shared in the last newsletter. Check to see if you got them correct?

- Mr. & Mrs. Mustard have six daughters and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the Mustard Family? (Answer: *There are nine people in the Mustard Family – seven children and two parents. There are six girls and one boy, who is the brother to each of the girls.*)
- A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a man said to the boy, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me \$50.00. But if I do not write your exact weight on the paper, I will give you \$50.00. The boy looked around and saw no scale so he agrees, thinking no matter what the man wrote he would just say he weights more or less. In the end, the boy had to give the man \$50.00. How did the man win the bet? (Answer: *The man won the bet because he wrote the words "your exact weight" on the paper – not how much the boy actually weighed.*)
- There are only three words in standard English that begin with the letters "dw". Without looking in a dictionary, can you name them? (Answers: *The three words are dwarf, dwell, dwindle*)

HOW DID YOU DO?

Please Remember

- If you or someone you know in GR is feeling under the weather, had an injury or surgery, or lost a loved one, please contact Marion MacRae. Marion will make sure an appropriate card is sent to that person. Please inform Marion by contacting her at 703-751-4994 or at mmMacrae@comcast.net when you become aware of someone who could use a "we're thinking of you" card!



- Each member is encouraged to be mindful of their own health and the health of others as you continue to play tennis and/or pickleball indoors, especially with the increased number of COVID cases occurring in Northern Virginia. Remember to follow the guidelines and requirements of each of the clubs at which GR plays regarding their COVID protocols, realizing these protocols may vary from club-to-club. Most importantly, please follow the CDC guidelines for isolation and/or quarantining if you experience symptoms of the virus or test positive for the virus.

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## Have You Visited the GR Website?



If the answer to this question is "no," you are encouraged to take a few minutes to visit and browse the GR Website by going to <http://www.GoldenRacquets.org>. You can find lots of information there about membership, coming events, play schedules, GR history, or venues, just to name a few areas of interest. Web master Joanne Hensley updates the website frequently so the

information is current, helpful, and user friendly. So take a look and see all the information that is available -- and perhaps even add the website to your "favorites" for easy access!

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Reminder to All

The GR BOD would like to remind all members that the GR directory is published for the use of members only for contacting other GR members about tennis/pickleball matters. Please note and abide by the disclaimer at the top of the directory, which states the following:

"Golden Racquets publishes this seasonal roster as a service to members who wish to contact other members to pay for substitutions, other reasons related to tennis/pickleball activities, or for personal contact between members. It should **NOT** be used as a mailing or contact source for commercial, religious, political solicitation, or any other purpose."

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