



Fun With CATS



Fun With CATS will be published occasionally until CATS is able to resume playing tennis. It's a way of keeping in touch with each other and remembering how much fun we have on and off the court. We'll look at photos of past events, share news about members or information about tennis instruction—anything we can think of that's fun and relevant to CATS! If you have suggestions, please contact Jim Vahey at jimvahey@sbcglobal.net.

This issue, FWC talks with Peggy Harrison. If you know Peggy at all, then you know she's passionate about travel and photography, but you may not know that those two interests have spawned a third interest—bird photography.

Peggy said she “slid into bird photography after seeing a cute bird in Turkey” and discovering how difficult it was to get a good photo of it. “Birds are a challenge because they move and don't let you get close,” she explained. “You have to get the right balance of light and shutter speed.”



Herring gull

When Peggy bought a more sophisticated camera, she practiced using it by taking photos of birds. She's photographed exotic birds all over the world, in places such as Iceland, the Galapagos, and the Amazon.



Caspian terns


Peggy expected to be traveling right now, but, of course, the pandemic changed that. The urge to get out of her house, combined with the need to do it somewhere where there wouldn't be a lot of people, took Peggy to a bird sanctuary in Barrington and a small lake near her home, where she found the birds pictured here.




Red-breasted merganser

Peggy said the lock-down has given her the idea to join a birding club and start her own bird list. "With all the exotic birds I've seen, I've got a good head start!"

Short Tails

 Jim and Mary Vahey dance in their basement "Ballroom." Jim said, "It's fun for us; before the stay-at-home, we regularly traveled to dances. Our home area that we use formerly had a pool table and a carpeted floor. Now, it's not a bad option, not 'overly fancy.'" He said they have just "scratched the surface" of their CD collection.

 Budding mixologists Ellie Liederman and Arthur Noble have invented "Pandemic Perrier" — a shot of vodka with a Lemon & Guava Perrier and a half shot of lemon juice.

 Since real estate is considered an essential business, real estate agent Noreen Vonckx says she puts on her hazmat suit and goes about her business. She also reports arguing with her appliances, but that's a different story! Be safe, Noreen, and don't take any lip from Alexa.