



Fran and Barney Myer Win Phil Flash Award

The Phil Flash Award is given to the Northwest Senior Games (NWSG) athletes that are role models who positively influence others through their friendly support, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to lead healthier lives.

Fran and Barney Myer have been involved with pickleball since 1989. They have been Pickleball Commissioners of the Washington State Senior Games for 9 years (2001-2009), the Greater Seattle Senior Games for 5 years (2002-2006), and the Northwest Senior Games for the last 3 years. The Commissioners work long hours and of course, it is all volunteer work. But you never hear one complaint out of them! In fact, all you see out of them is always a smile! They never say, "NO." They have always helped out as referees, at tournaments throughout the Tacoma-Seattle-Everett-Bellevue areas, entering scores and assisting in the overall running of the tournaments, in other words, working tirelessly to make the event successful. They exemplify the spirit of sportsmanship and an optimistic attitude!

In addition to all the tournaments, they play several days a week and you will always see them help new players on the court, teach them the rules and most of all smile. They truly have a passion for the game of pickleball. Fran and Barney are also USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) Board members. Fran has been the USAPA's Public Information Officer, the Secretary and now, the Vice President and Barney was the Director of Tournaments for the past 5 years.

In addition, Fran and Barney were the commissioners for the 2009 National Pickleball Tournament in Buckeye, AZ. November 2 – November 8, 2009, 400 players from all around the country participated. This included 26 states and 2 Canadian provinces. This tournament, the largest ever, was open to all ages and skill levels. There was a TREMENDOUS amount of planning and they got it done! It is obvious that Fran and Barney Myer are models to live life by. They have influenced people within the US and Canada to play pickleball and to become more active and have fun. You can even say that they have saved senior lives! Fran and Barney also have a company, Pickleball Stuff that sells pickleball paddles, balls, nets and books. They continually donate products to schools, tournaments throughout the country to promote and develop the game of pickleball.

They have been involved in one of the most unique pickleball events which occurred in February 2002. Fran and Barney were married on the Surprise, Arizona pickleball courts. Play was stopped during the Arizona Senior Olympics to have a pickleball wedding, where all the players formed an arch by with crossing pickleball paddles. It just implies that Fran and Barney Myer have many friends and are well known not only in Washington but throughout the US and Canada. Fran and Barney Myer are role models who positively influence others through their

friendly support, encouragement, enthusiasm and motivation to lead healthier lives and are truly inspirational athletes in their sport!



Fran and Barney and Phil Flash in Front, NWSG Board Members in Back



Friends of Fran and Barney in Attendance