

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Nominated by Kathy Carr



**Wayne
Schaefer**

It's been nearly 2 years since we've been able to offer the use of club-owned ball machines to our members.

First, COVID put a damper on things when everything shut down. Then our membership soared and we couldn't afford to tie up a court with a ball machine when folks were backed up wanting to play.

We finally got the 16 new courts, pulled our machines out of storage and realized that they needed a lot of TLC to get them up and operational.



**Brian
Loynachan**

In rode our heroes, Wayne Schaefer and Brian Loynachan.

Over the last month, despite supply chain issues, they have replaced batteries, throwing wheels, and starter switches on our machines.

On Monday they conducted their first class for 18 students on ball machine use, care, and safekeeping for the Simon machine and the new Lobster Pickle.

So far, 13 more students are programmed to take the class on Saturday.

Wayne has been our Club's Ball Machine Trainer and Maintainer for more than 4 years. Additionally, he has helped with Beginner Training and coaching Novice Play on numerous occasions.

In the coming days, Wayne will step away from ball machine responsibilities, and Brian will continue on as the lead with the help of a new team member, Mike Murphy.