

Notes from the President

Dear Members,

The Irvington Club Board of Trustees held its first full meeting in March. The Board and Barb spent time talking about our expectations of each other. Next month we will work on setting Board of Trustees goals for the next 1-3 years. One thing that clearly surfaced from our discussion was our desire and dedication to continuing to improve the member experience at The Irvington Club.

We will be looking at ways to learn more from you about both what you love about the club and areas of improvement. Right now the best ways to share your thoughts include:

- our membership feedback form (located in the breezeway)
- an email to Barb and/or a Board Member
- direct dialogue with Barb and/or a Board Member

And on a more sentimental note...each time I walk into the club I am thankful for the opportunity to have tennis and community in my life in such a meaningful way.

Thanks for being part of the club,

Automated Check-in Arrives at The Irvington Club

Attention Members:

We are pleased to announce we will be moving forward with an **automated check-in system**. Each member will receive a card (similar to the one you use at the grocery store) which will fit nicely on your key ring.

Reasons for enacting this system:

- "No longer will you have to experience congestion at the front desk signing in or out. Just wave your card at the electronic scanner and you are "checked-in."
- "This new system will allow us to enhance safety at the Club by knowing who is here in case one might need to be contacted."
- "The enhanced system will allow staff to get to know each of you sooner, again enhancing security at our club."
- Implementation of this new system is part of our larger IT improvement efforts to better manage our Club.

Key Points for you to know:

- There will be no additional fees for enacting this system. This is for your convenience and ease of entering and leaving the Club.
- ALL members from the age of (9 years old and up) will receive a card.
- Your number is individualized; it has no relation to your family member so everyone can pick up their card at their convenience.
- If you do not have your card with you, Front Desk Staff can still check you in.
- If you lose your card, a replacement card will cost \$2.00.
- This card ONLY says you are here; there is no personal information that might be at risk if you lose your card.
- If you have any questions about our new systems, please contact me or the Front Desk Staff.

We are also looking at adding pictures to your profile. This will be a simple snap shot of you, taken at the front desk, also starting April 11th. Again, it will help us identify everyone. The only time your picture will be used is when you check in.

Remember: We will start the automated check-in Monday, April 11th at 8:00am

Calendar of Events

April

- 2nd—**Summer** Jr. Tennis Sign-ups (Member)
- 10th—**Summer** Jr. Tennis Sign-ups (Non-Member)
- 13th—Tennis Committee Meeting
- 18th—May Jr. Tennis Sign-ups (Member)
- 20th—Board Meeting
- 25th—May Jr. Tennis Sign-ups (Non-Member)

Key Events in May

- 7th—Swim Lesson/Team Sign-ups (member)
- 14th—Swim Lesson/Team Sign-ups (non-member)
- 28th—POOL OPENS



Quote of the Month

"Never make excuses. Your friends don't want them and your foes won't believe them." —John Wooden

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USTA/City League News

April

- 2nd USTA 4.0 (Gariety) 2:30
- USTA 4.5 (Jana Corder & Donna Roisom) 5:00
- USTA 3.5 (Ben Hoerster & Alan Karpinski) 7:30
- 3rd USTA 3.5 (John Steinhoff & Paul Laurent) 2:30
- USTA 3.0 (Denise Townsend), 5:00
- USTA 4.5 (Adam Rothert), 7:30
- 5th City League H (M. Stevenson & A. Brown). 2:30
- 7th USTA 6.0 (McIntosh & Georges), 1:15
- 9th USTA 8.0 Mixed (Folen & Gariety), 2:30
- USTA 3.5 (Steinhoff & Laurent), 5:00
- 10th USTA 7.0 Mixed (Loomis-Malin & Lang) 2:30
- USTA 6.0 (Campbell & DeLong), 5:00
- 12th City League K (Gina Hill & Susan Hope), 12:00
- 16th USTA 6.0 Mixed (Campbell & DeLong), 2:30
- USTA 7.0 Mixed (Loomis-Malin & Lang), 5:00
- 17th USTA 7.0 Mixed (Loomis-Malin & Lang), 2:30
- USTA 8.0 Mixed (Folen & Gariety) . 5:00
- 19th USTA 7.0 (Bob Grenzer). 12:00
- 21st USTA 8.0 (Mark Griffin). 1:15
- 23rd USTA 8.0 Mixed (Folen & Gariety) 2:30
- USTA 6.0 Mixed (Campbell & DeLong) 5:00
- 24 USTA 6.0 Mixed (Campbell & DeLong) 2:30
- USTA 7.0 Mixed (Loomis-Malin & Lang) 5:00
- 26 City League K (Gina Hill & Susan Hope) 12:00
- 28 USTA 6.0 (McIntosh & Georges) 1:15

Spring Tennis Classes

Monday

- 2.5 Women's Doubles w/Walter (12:00-1:15pm)
- 4.0+ Women's Doubles Class w/Walter (5:00-6:15)
- Women's Open Play (6:15pm-close)

Wednesday

- 3.0-3.5 Women's Class w/Cris (8:30-9:30am)
- City League Drill (Hicks) w/Cris (9:30-10:30am)
- 3.5-4.0 Women's Class w/Cris (10:30-11:30am)
- Women's Open Play (9:30am-2:30pm)
- Men's Open Play (2:30pm-close)

Thursday

- 3.5 Women's Class w/Cris (8:30-9:30am)

Saturday

- 2.5-3.0 Women's Doubles w/Walter (7:00-8:15am)
- 2.5-3.0 Men's Doubles w/Walter (8:15-9:30am)
- 3.5-4.0 Men's Doubles w/Walter (9:30-10:45am)

Notes From the General Manager

Dear Irvington Members:

Happy Spring and just around the corner is summer! Bernadette, our new Pool Manager is busy getting her staff in place and I am looking forward to a fantastic summer at the pool!

We are continuing our maintenance at the Club which will include replacing and repairing some of the perimeter doors, power washing the outdoor courts and pool deck, AND painting the exterior of the Tennis Building. This will all happen in April and early May.

Please welcome Alex Emerson to our Front Desk Staff. Alex will be working week-ends, and also works at Portland Tennis Center. Alex was a scholarship recipient a few years ago, so he may seem familiar to you. Please introduce yourself and make him feel like a part of our great Irvington Club community.

As always, I hope to see you at our wonderful club!

Barbara

Pool News

Greetings Irvington Club Members,

I hope you and your families enjoyed your spring break. After spring break the rest of the school year goes by fast and summer will be here before you know it. The pool will be open May 28th.

I am happy to report that we have most of our lifeguards and swimming instructors returning from last summer. I am also thrilled to share that Will Tyrell will be returning this summer to be the Head Coach for our Irvington Manta Rays. Also great news, Lane Williams is returning as our Swim Lesson Coordinator. We are fortunate to have both Lane and Will spending their summers with us again.

I have been accepting applications for new lifeguards and swim instructors and will continue to accept applications for employment until April 15th. All lifeguards must be Red Cross certified. Applications can be picked up at the front desk, or email me and request one at bernadettediepenbrock@yahoo.com.

I know many of you are in the midst of finalizing your summer plans. Swimming lesson sign up day for members is May 7th at 8:30 am. Sign-ups can be done online or at the front desk. For those of you planning to have your swimmers participate on our Swim Team, mark your calendars for August 6th which will be the meet at Mt. Hood Community College. This is the big, end of the season meet which is mandatory for all swimmers. The other meets will be scheduled in April. I will let you know the dates as soon as those meets are scheduled.

Be aware that Grant pool is closed this summer for upgrades and improvements. This means that we may have many non-members signing up for swim team and swimming lessons on the nonmember sign up day which is May 14th.

Please contact me with me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Bernadette Diepenbrock

503-432-6017

GUMBO POTLUCK MIXER !

Join us on Friday, April 29, at 6:30 PM for an evening of tennis and savory southern cooking .

Hosted by: Yvonne Anselmi, Gordy Osaka, and John Popplewell.



Oregon State Senior Men's Championships

Here's a quick look at how Irvington members did. For a complete list of scores, visit USTA.com.

35 Singles

Champion: Walter Seidel

70 Doubles

Champion: John Popplewell & Chuck White

70 Singles

Finalist: Roger North



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Weight room orientations and individual personal training may be arranged by contacting Joey at fitness1st@gmail.com

In Memory of Jim Flynn (1933- 2016)

Written by Steve Hall



The tennis world and the Irvington Club lost a good friend in the passing of Jim Flynn on 3/12/2016. Jim joined the Irvington Club at an early age and tennis was an important part of his life for over 70 years.

Jim first received tennis recognition by winning the state high school doubles tournament representing Central Catholic High School in 1949 playing with Mike Walsh. The following year he won the state high school singles championship. He then had more success in tennis at the University of Portland where he compiled a singles record of 67 -3 and a doubles record of 68 - 2. He is a member of the U of P Athletic Hall of Fame and the Central Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1970, Jim became the Portland Tennis Center Association Executive Secretary and several years later with fellow Irvington club colleagues, Sam Lee and Emery Neale was influential in bringing the first public indoor tennis facility on the west coast to the Portland Tennis Center. In 1981, he left a 25-year insurance job to devote full time to the sport he loved and became the first tennis director for the Portland Bureau of Parks. He had a strong and long dedication to bringing tennis to people who couldn't afford to join a private club. He also was an advocate of junior tennis serving as the tournament director for the Oregon Boys High School Tennis Championships from 1971 to 1997. In 1984, he brought the USTA schools Program to Portland, working with USTA clinicians and Physical Education leaders. Some of the other awards Jim has received as a result of 60 years of Portland public tennis service are:

- Portland Parks Olmsted Award - 1983
- National Community Services Award by the USTA - 1984
- Oregon Sports Awards, Merit Award - 1990
- Greater Portland Tennis Council Community Service Award, 1991
- USTA/PNW Hall of Fame - 2012

Over the years, Jim has been active in many club activities including recently the Oregon Tennis Historical Committee. He has also coached junior players. One of his students was Carolyn Lumber who won the state high school girls singles championship while playing for Grant High School in 1969 and 1970. Carolyn later became the tennis professional at the Irvington Club.

Jim's presence and warm smile will be greatly missed.

Good Luck, Linda!

For over three years Linda was a part of the Irvington Club family. Members and staff loved her boisterous laugh and the unique running dialog she held with each member.

The combination of professionalism and friendliness she brought to the club everyday will certainly be missed and we wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

*Thanks for everything
Linda!*



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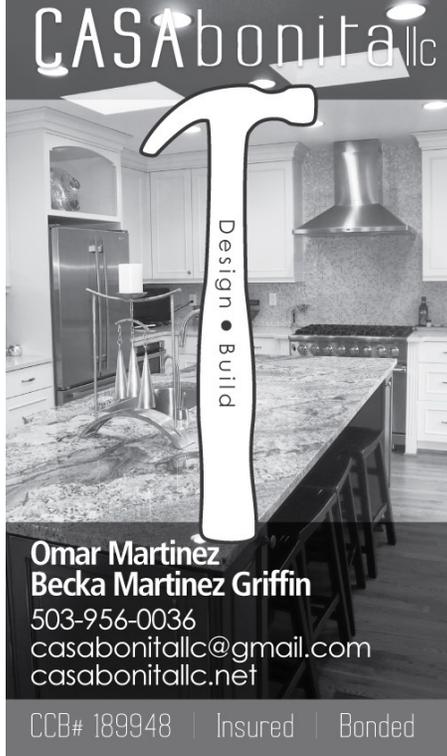
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