

Corn Hole Tournament Highlights Annual Block Party

Thursday, July 21, 2016—miniature billows of dust mushroomed up as each Corn Hole bag landed on a board. As bellies filled and The Irvington club’s Annual Block Party progressed into the evening, it became apparent that the Corn Hole tournament was the pinnacle of the night. The *fill-it-in-as-you-sign-in* draw of 16 had to be adjusted to 32 as members quickly paired up and filled the sheet with creative team names like, *Sons of Brick*, *Free Range Rye*, and *Pig & Paulk*. In the end, the *Grant Generals*, a duo of lifeguards (Jo Jo Ellis & Chet Selis) defeated a team of veteran bag launchers, *Whole in One* (Terry Folen & Cathy Porter).



Erica Coughlin-Glaser and Carrie Sturrock high-five during the Corn Hole Tournament

Head Lifeguard, Corn Hole Tournament Director and longtime Irvington Club Member Chet Selis, was reluctant to give the media a quote but was convinced that they had “shocked the entire Irvington Club,”—a far stretch considering his partner Jo Jo brought his own regulation light-up Corn Hole set.

On the outdoor court, Irvington’s teaching pros, Walter Seidel and Cris Valverde, exchanged bean bags and beer cups for racquets and balls in a tennis exhibition versus Samir Iftikhar & Dyllan Fitzgerald.

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Notes From the President

Dear Members,
A Summer Haiku For You!

Some Play More, Some Less.
Indoor, Outdoor, Swim, Swim,
Swim.

Hitting Wall? New Lights!

I enjoyed catching up with folks at our Annual Block Party/BBQ. Some of you shared that you are taking a break from tennis and have found a lot more time to enjoy other summer-friendly activities.

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Cris and Walter knew the drill: balancing competitive play with on-court jokes and crowd interaction. Their opponents, although victorious in the end, had to awkwardly adjust their games to fit the more laid back nature of a Block Party exhibition match. While the superb shot making on both sides of the net brought plenty of *oohs* and *aahs* from the crowd as players hit tweeners with ease and crisp volleys, what amazed the crowd the most was how well Cris could toss, serve, and play out a point, while holding two balls in his off-hand.

Cloudy weather had no deterrent as Tennis and Pool members gathered to cheer each other on, eat and drink together and hope—this—would be the year they were crowned “Corn Hole Champion.”

Summer Tennis Classes & Open Play

Monday

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

Wednesday

3.0-3.5 Women's Class w/Cris (8:30-9:30am)
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)

August USTA Matches

6th

USTA 8.0 Mixed (Terry Gariety) 2:30

7th

USTA Mixed 40+ (Mathewson/Boucher) 2:30

USTA 7.0 Mixed (Jim Lang) 5:00

Notes From the General Manager

Dear Irvington Tennis and Pool Members:

The summer is quickly passing us by. The BBQ was a blast and a special Thank You to Rupert and Paula Prince for securing our street permit. Hats off to Walter and Cris for putting together some spectacular tennis for us to watch. You saw many Board members grilling, along with some of our Pool Committee members and Club members. Bernadette and her staff did a great job with helping set up, clean up and providing some fun activities for the kids. Corn Hole seemed to again be a hit. We estimate over 100 people attended and everyone looked like they were having a good time.

I, along with our committees am working hard to improve our Club. We now have in place the following committees: Tennis, Governance, Finance & Audit, Historical, Building & Grounds, Pool, and IT. The committees and rosters are posted on the front bulletin board. These committees consist of Board Members and Club members and they put in a lot of time, energy and effort. Please thank them, as I cannot thank them enough.

Bernadette is doing a spectacular job as our Pool Manager. We have a large staff and quite a few new faces and she and her returning staff are working well together to ensure your safety at the pool.

Every day I am thankful for my family, my health, my friends and being a part of this amazing Club.

– Barbara

August Club Event Calendar

6th

Swim Team Championship (Mt. Hood Community Center)

17th

Board Meeting

18th – 21st

Junior Intermediate Tennis Championships 2016 presented by adidas

BLOCK PARTY PHOTO ALBUM



Top Left: Rosa Mallorson was fully immersed in the Block Party

Top Middle: Brook Waxman paints one of many faces poolside

Top Right: Past Club President Terry Folen manages the grill

Bottom Left: Corn Hole Champions, Chet Selis and Jo Jo Ellis, act like they've been there before

Bottom Middle: Members socialize during dinner

Bottom Right: Brook Waxman and Isabella Zehetbauer paint faces poolside

Who do you consider as the greatest players from the modern era? Roger? Rafa? Novak? Serena? What do you think their career match winning percentage is? What about career sets won? Games? Points? Points are the smallest building blocks in the scoring system of tennis. Let's take a look at the career points winning percentage of these great players:

Roger Federer—55%

Novak Djokovic—55%

Rafael Nadal—55%

Serena Williams—55%

Just a Few More

By Cris Valverde

Wow! If you want to dominate your sport, the magic number is 55%. Just win 55% of your points! All the players listed above have a career winning percentage between 81%–85%. Win 55% of your points to win 80% of your matches? That sounds pretty darn good to me.

Tennis is a psychologically and emotionally challenging sport; but what a relief to know that even on a great day you are losing almost HALF of the points you play. Not all points are created equal, and in our next installment we'll talk about which points we can lose and which ones we want to win. Stay tuned!

Meet a Member: Soren Coughlin-Glaser



Retired rafting guide and proud member of *The Deuce Bags* (World Team Tennis), Soren Coughlin-Glaser's ideal evening is spent with a tennis racquet in one hand and a Bud Light in the other. Soren manages to juggle his tennis playing with building photo booths (portlandphotobooth.com) and, along with wife and fellow tennis player Erica, keeping pace with their three kids Margaux, Zoe and Emmett.

I managed to catch Soren outside of a photo booth and off the tennis court just long enough to answer a few questions for this month's *Meet a Member*.

Favorite Pre-match Snack: "Bud Light; mid-match and post-match too."

Favorite Shot: "Whiskey... is that what you meant? Tequila?"

Favorite Sports Movies: "Is *The Hunger Games* a sports movie? That's a good sport."

Favorite Tennis Moment: "Winning the 6.0 mixed dubs' club tournament with Erica when she was nine months pregnant. She was huge! She played the best tennis of her life—something to do with her weight being forward."

Favorite Tennis Player: "My wife. I watch all her matches. I don't like the pros much—except Johnny Mac."

Favorite Irvington Event: "Corn Hole Tournament! I train all year, but got knocked out in the first round [this year]...I should be exempt from the first round or something since I'm a past champion. It's the last event I've won here actually."

Favorite Snack Bar Item: See question one."

_____ Has Helped Your Game the Most in the Last Year: "Not being injured. Actually playing helps a lot."



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Walter Seidel

Cris Valverde



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For others, summer means a lot of tennis because of more "free" time and easier access to courts. It was good to see people enjoying the festivities together.

The pool is clearly the place to be this summer and I want to thank our Pool Director Bernadette Diepenbrock and her staff for bringing such great energy to the club.

The Board, (which works through the summer!) has been evaluating investments to improve the quality of our facility including new lighting for our indoor courts and optimizing the outdoor singles court with a hitting wall.

And I'd be remiss if I didn't mention how fun it was to attend the Davis Cup at Tualatin Hills. While the U.S. lost 2-3 to Croatia, it was still a blast and super fun to see so many folks from the Club supporting and enjoying tennis. Warmly,



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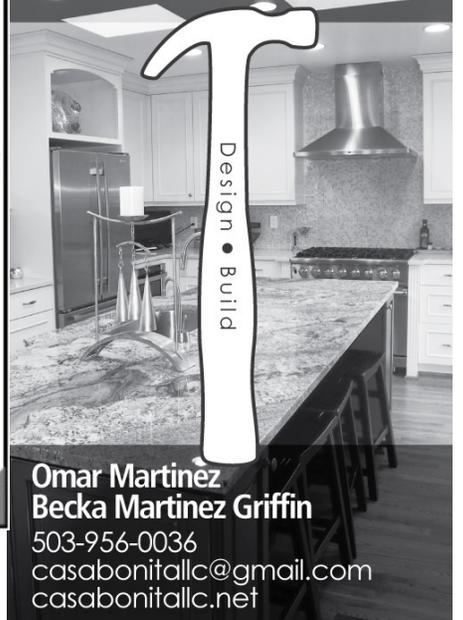


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