



IRVINGTON CLUB NEWS

Celebrating
120 years

JUNE 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

The Irvington Club, established in 1898, is celebrating its 120th birthday this year and I thought I'd start the festivities by sharing a bit about the club's colorful history. Most of the information in this message is from "The Club That Roared," a history book about the Irvington Club for which we remain grateful for the work of Sarah Thomas and several other members. Although there are no records of who founded the club, its first President was William K. Scott. By the early 1900s, Portland tennis players had only 20 outdoor courts to play on and two of those were at the Irvington Club.

In 1899, the Club had two outdoor courts and a set of bleachers at its first location in the middle of the block between NE Tillamook and Hancock and 19th & 21st avenues. The initiation fee was \$2.50 and monthly dues were just 25 cents. In preparing for the first tournament held at the Irvington Tennis Club in 1899, 15 of the 17 club members divided themselves into four classes according to ability. Walter Goss, who would go on to become Club President and who spearheaded efforts to grow the facilities, was the top-rated player in that tournament.

Amazingly, one year after its founding, the Irvington Club sponsored the very first Oregon State Tennis Championship, which was held on the courts at Multnomah Field (now Providence Park). From 1899 through the 1930s, Irvington Club players dominated the Oregon State Tournament.

In 1905, a group of Irvington Club members, led by Goss, formed the Irvington Improvement Association. In one year, the Association raised \$10,000 through the sale of donations and life memberships. This money was used to buy 12 lots of Block 20 in the Irvington Addition, the block bounded by Thompson, Brazee, and 21st & 22nd avenues. The price was \$9,600, or \$800 per lot. Goss later played a key role in incorporating the club, buying the land leased from the Irvington Improvement Association, and building additions to the clubhouse. By 1912, the Club consisted of six courts and a clubhouse.

In 1929, the Great Depression severely threatened the existence of the Club. With only 30 members, the club officers considered selling everything but the clubhouse, which would have eliminated tennis completely. A small group of members, including Goss, eventually convinced the more pessimistic members to keep the courts.

The Club continued to struggle financially through World War II and began focusing on social activities to attract younger members. In 1957, and still struggling financially, the club examined whether adding a swimming pool might help attract members. It did so and a year later memberships were up dramatically, and the Club established a waiting list!

In the early 1980s, the club began to think about its rich history and realized the need to preserve it. In 1990, the Oregon Tennis Historical Committee was formed. Steve Hall, long time Irvington Club member and a former club president, is the current Chair of the Historical Committee. The committee, as an agent of the Irvington Club, was initiated to collect, prepare and preserve the rich history of tennis in the State of Oregon and to ensure the appropriate contributors to tennis are appropriately recognized.

Among its many accomplishments, the committee, under Hall's direction, has developed a process for securing and indexing tennis history, and Irvington Club history memorabilia in a secure space in the Club. Much of the memorabilia on the walls and in the cases here at the club are indexed and included in the committee's list of collectable items.

In addition, the committee has developed lists including tournament winners, player accomplishments, and the evolution of tennis clubs in the state of Oregon.

The Club has a rich and colorful history, and we are quite lucky to have Steve Hall to help us, and future generations, be able to access this information.

Amy

POOL NEWS

By: Bernadette Diepenbrock, Pool Manager



We had another well attended "First Dip" on Saturday, May 26th to kick off another beautiful Memorial Day weekend by the pool. Thank you to Barb Farmer, Keith Johnson and to all the members who served on the pool committee and volunteered many hours to lead the way on improvement in and around the pool. The newly surfaced pool looks gorgeous! The pool has a wider stairway, new coping around the edge, new tiled lane lines on the bottom of the pool and new t's on the sides of the pool. The baby pool has been filled in, creating a larger deck area for our new lounge chairs.

Thank you too to Stephanie Vickers. Stephanie put together all of the beautiful planters and flower baskets around the pool. They look so pretty!

We have another great crew of lifeguards this season. Sam Stone is our Head Guard. Sam has just finished up his freshman year at Gonzaga and is in his 4th year working here. Soon to be Grant High School Graduates, Ellie Williams and Isabella Jacobs are both returning for their 3rd year as lifeguards and swim instructors. We are thrilled to have Emmett Glaser, Ella Kohn and Brooke Waxman all returning for their 2nd summer as lifeguards and swim instructors. Rounding out the pool staff are newcomers: Maddie Chaplain, Lucy Criswell, Jackson Marron, Molly Workmeister, Ella Goldstein, Theo Brisbain, Atticus Kayser, Garrett Brown, Anthony Ilosvay and Grace Hershey.



Sam Stone, Head Guard



Isabella Jacobs

Also returning this summer is Rory Kearns. Rory will be one of our Swim Team Co-Head Coaches. Rory graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 2014 and went on to swim on a full scholarship at La Salle University in Pennsylvania. Rory just graduated from La Salle in Philadelphia this spring with a biology degree. This fall she will be starting her masters in Global Medicine at USC. Rory has been swimming club since she was five years old and when she moved to the neighborhood when she was eight, she joined ITC swim team where she found an amazing community. She ended up swimming through the end of high school for the Tualatin Hills Thunderbolts then for four more years in college. Rory is very excited for this summer and to get to know all the kids and their families.

Our other Co-Head Coach is newcomer Emily Waddell. At the University of Redlands, Emily was a four-year student athlete who swam sprint freestyle events (50, 100 & 200 Freestyle). Emily graduated in April this year, with a Bachelors degree in Biology, minors in Chemistry and Communicative Disorders. Emily was an active member of an environmentally focused sorority called Kappa Pi Zeta, local to the Redlands, CA area from 2016-2018. Rory is currently in the process of applying to nursing school, aspiring to be a Nurse Practitioner in Women's Health.



Ellie Williams

In addition to managing the pool, Bernadette is also working as the swim lesson coordinator. Group lessons begin Monday, June 11th. Sessions are two weeks long running Monday - Thursday mornings. Private swim lessons are being offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings and can be scheduled through Bernadette.

We are looking forward to another beautiful busy season by the pool!

- Friday, June 8th is the Summer Kick-Off Party at 5:30 pm
- Adult Swim Fitness will be taught by Rory and Emily and will begin Sunday, June 10th
- Saturday, June 30th is our home swim meet
- Annual Club BBQ is planned for Thursday, July 19th – mark your calendars!
- Ladies Night will be Monday, August 6th

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. See you around the pool!

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Members,

The pool is open and the weather is cooperating, so come on down to the Club and take a dip in our newly resurfaced pool!

We still have a few more pieces of furniture coming which will provide some more shade. A special Thank You to Stephanie Vickers for doing all of the plantings at the pool. She also does all the pots around the Club and does a beautiful job!

We have lots of new faces at the pool, so please help me in welcoming them to the Irvington Club family.

The pros are working hard preparing for the adidas Open scheduled for June 20th - 24th. Thank you to all of our sponsors who have donated! But it's not too late! We have plenty of opportunities for sponsorships; the Circle of 100 is a great deal AND you have a chance to play in the Pro Am on June 19th!

For the summer, we will again be doing away with prime time courts. Starting Friday, June 15th and running through Monday, September 3rd there will be no prime time fees assessed.

There's plenty to do at our great Club, so as always, I hope to see you here!

Barbara

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

All matches 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Sunday, June 3rd ~ JTT 10s

Sunday, June 10th ~ JTT 12s

MEMBER SCOREBOARD

Mike Tammen Does It Again!

Mike recently won the National 55 Indoor Championships in singles and was a finalist in the doubles.

For 2017 he was in 7 of 8 possible national finals in singles and doubles and won 5 of them!



75 National Hard Court Championships
Laguna Woods Tennis Club
Laguna Woods, CA ~ May 14-19, 2018

75 Men's Doubles
3rd Place (Bronze Ball)
John Popplewell & Chuck White



Ready For Opening Day at the Pool!



Our 2018 Lifeguard Staff



Cris, Dana, Rafa & Leon poolside over Memorial Day Weekend

2018 adidas Open Championships

Presented by Paulson Coletti and Alameda Dental

The adidas Open presented by Paulson Coletti and Alameda Dental returns to the Irvington Club, June 20th - 24th, 2018



A Pro-Am event will be held Tuesday, June 19th, featuring many of the Pacific Northwest's top tennis players, some of whom will compete in the tournament.



As a participating sponsor, you will have the opportunity to reach not only players from the Pacific Northwest, but hundreds of audience members from throughout the Portland Metro area & beyond.



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Please contact Walter or Cris if you would like to take part and support this exciting tournament!



Congratulations to member Mia Friedman (!) and her partner Jennifer Lee. State High School 4A Doubles Champions from OES.



Stephanie Vickers was kind enough to coordinate the donation of extra adidas Open Championship t-shirts to the students & adults at the Obama International Foundation School outside of Monrovia, Liberia



Grant High School Girls Tennis Team trip to Bend



Community Corner

By: Terry Folen

Irvington Club Members Volunteer at Northwest Emergency Food Program



Friday, May 24th was the first of hopefully many, community outreach activities sponsored by the Irvington Club. The response was overwhelming, we had 10 volunteers participate in this event with quite a few more saying they would wait for another opportunity as we move forward.

Jan Rothert, Mary & Dave Logsdon, Jim Lang, Carol Davidson, Cindy Trelstad, Sherry Rogers, Doug Hagen, Donna Dorsey and I spent 3 1/2 hours at the Northeast Emergency Food Program on NE 72nd assisting folks with food selection, as well as, organizing donated clothing for a clothes closet.

It was a worthwhile activity and one that is available every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 1-4 pm.

Here is the link if you would like more information: http://www.emoregon.org/NE_volunteer_opps.php

Stay tuned for more volunteer activities!

Nice job, Irvington Members!



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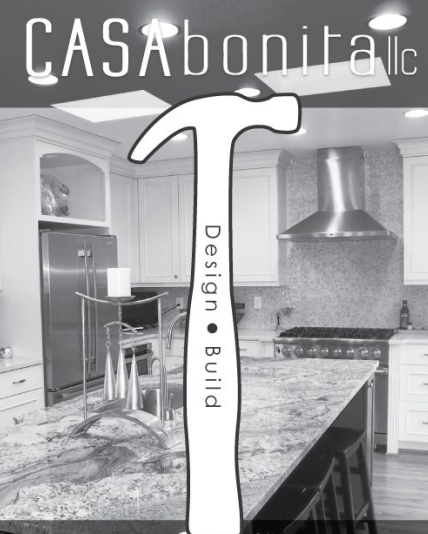
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