



Irvington Club News



June 2019



President's Message

The Irvington Club's newly elected Community Committee is launching an interview series, in accordance with the outreach plan set forth by past board president Amy Alpern. For our first profile, we sat down with our newest (and youngest!) Board President, Jeff Harvey, to hear about his personal history as an ITC member and his vision for the future. It is exciting to know that the next generation of members is coming back "Home" to the Club and are stepping up to be involved.

Q: Where did you go to school growing up?

A: I went to Alameda, Beaumont, and Grant. I was on the tennis team at Grant. After high school, I went to Carleton College and majored in Economics.

Q: What do you remember about growing up at the Club?

A: I was a lifeguard and have a lot of summer memories of sitting by the pool. I wasn't an avid swimmer. I mean I struggled in the lifeguard test. A 500 is *hard*. I took swim lessons here and all that, but I didn't *love* swimming, I *loved* tennis. I mostly remember the tennis coaches - Carolyn Lumber, Adam Gagnon, and Mike Tammen. I remember taking lots of group lessons, which were great, and the junior tennis tournaments were always super fun! I'll always remember a kid named Chris Ellis who had a shot called the Grand Slam, where he basically hit the ball as hard as he could. It would either go really well or go straight into the ceiling, but it was a feared and celebrated shot nonetheless.

Q: After college?

A: I spent a year in Quito, Ecuador, living with a host family and teaching English and living off of \$400 a month. Then, I moved to London for a year. I worked for Deutsche Bank and arrived a month before Lehman Brothers went bankrupt and the whole financial crisis happened. I got to work through that whole saga and it was fascinating. I got a frontline view of what was going on. The G7 summits were happening blocks from where I was living. I came back to the US after a year and worked for a Diaper company startup. I also ran a pop-up restaurant called Open Kitchen. We did about 18 of those. We didn't make a lot of money, but it was a great experience.

Q: Where do you work now?

A: I sell fish to grocery stores at a start-up called Fishpeople. We're located off MLK and Knott and are available in most grocery stores.

Q: What do you do outside of work?

A: I play tennis, run, hike, and go backpacking. I enjoy gardening as well and a little bit of landscaping. I travel some for work which can be tough, but I love traveling for fun.

Q: What made you decide to join the Board?

A: It's something I'd been thinking about for a while. I wanted to be more integrated into the community at the club. I had been a member here for so many decades, so I thought I should get more involved to help influence the direction in which the club goes. We're in a great place right now with a thriving club and vibrant membership base. So the question is, how do we put things in place to help the club for the next 10, 20, or 30 years?

Q: What is your vision for the Board?

A: Realistically, what I think I bring to the Board is that I foster discussion and consensus. I'm not a revolutionary, but rather a consensus builder for iterative change. In terms of where we're going...not surprisingly, we're a tennis and swim club, so we're focusing on what we can do to enhance these experiences. We've upgraded the interior of the club, the outdoor courts including pickle ball, and recently the swimming pool, so now we are starting to talk about what can be done to improve the tennis, swimming, and community of the club. We've got a strong pair of Pros who have built a good tennis experience, and a vibrant Swim program Leader, so we think about how we can add onto and enhance what is already there. The other big focus is inclusivity. While our dues are on par with (or cheaper than) other tennis clubs in Portland, our dues are still substantial for many of our members. We want to know what can we do to help slow the escalating costs and keep this club accessible. On the flip side, we also want to position our Club so that we are able to deal with any major investments or cost increases that hit the Club over the next 10 years (like our property tax bill increase in a few years). So the question becomes, how can we foster our Club's financial stability now and into the future? These are the types of questions we're looking at.


Q: Any other goals?

A: We've also know that people want to be involved and volunteer with the greater Portland community. We've started putting programs in place to integrate us into that wider community. That's not the sort of thing that happens overnight, but will pay off over the next three - five years. It's something where you have to keep showing up in order to be a presence.

Q: Anything you'd like to add?

A: This is a member run club so ultimately whatever happens here is because members and our staff decide to make it happen. The club's future is what we choose it to be and whatever we invest our time and resources in to make it that way. We've got great management, great pros and great staff who all do incredible work every day to make this club great. It makes it easy for the board to know our club is in capable hands. I'm excited to contribute to this great team and help steer the club.

Thank you, Jeff!

Calendar of Events	Notes From the General Manager	
<p><u>June</u></p> <p>14th ~ Flag Day</p> <p>16th ~ Father's Day</p> <p>17th ~ adidas Open Pro Am</p> <p>18th-23rd ~ adidas Open Tournament</p> <p>21st ~ Summer begins</p> <p><u>July</u></p> <p>4th ~ Independence Day</p> <p>18th ~ Annual Irvington Club BBQ</p>	<p>Hello Members,</p> <p>Summer is here and the pool is ready for your enjoyment. You will notice new furniture, some colors, and lots of umbrellas for shade. We do ask that you do not move the furniture around. It is okay to adjust the lounge chairs, but leave them on the sun side of the pool. If you re-position anything, lift it, don't drag it please. Lost and Found will be located in the pool locker rooms. Please make an effort to take your things home, including floats. We have no place to store them.</p> <p>Our summer programs for tennis and swim will kick in soon! Hopefully you have signed your children up, as a lot of the programs are already to capacity.</p> <p>In an effort to keep the Club looking its best we will be power washing the front area and the retaining wall on 22nd.</p> <p>You will also notice coasters on the lobby tables. The idea is for them to remain on the tables and use them, please!</p> <p>Next up is my favorite tournament; The adidas Open. It is so fun to watch the high-level tennis, and we always attract some of the top players. We attribute some of this to our generous members who help sponsor the tournament. We could not do it without you!</p> <p>Here's to a fantastic summer and whether it's at the pool, on the courts, or just hanging out at our great Club; I hope to see you.</p> <p>Barbara</p>	
City League Champs!		2019 adidas Open June 18th-23rd
<p>Congrats to our J-team for winning their division in City League!</p> <p>The winning team includes: Michelle Zawadzki, Susan Crabtree, Hollie Andrews, Michelle Boucher, Kathy Cooke, Sarie Crothers, Martha DeLong, Allison Dominic, Tanya Doubleday, Hether Dunn, Sarah Geenen, Dana Austin, Gina Hill, Susan Hope, Laney Kibel, Kristen LaBarca, Julie LaMontagne, Karen Lettiere, Kelly Norling, Kate Quisling, Jenny Raze, Kathy Rogers, Amy Slavin, Denise Townsend, and Megan Ullmann.</p> <p>The champs are now graduating to I-team. Great work team!</p> 		<p>Our adidas Open Tournament is approaching fast and will take place June 18th-23rd, 2019. What happens when you mix top collegiate and junior players with some of the best teaching pros, coaches, and current ATP/WTA touring pros? You get one of the best tournaments of the year! This is the biggest Open prize money tournament in Oregon and the first tournament of the Pacific Northwest Summer Circuit!</p> <p>During the 6-day tournament, we schedule action-packed tennis matches. On the opening night, we will have a Pro Am where certain sponsors will have the opportunity to play with some of the top players in the tournament. Throughout the tournament, our sponsors receive complimentary beverages and snacks. We will also have a dinner on the Saturday evening of the tournament.</p>

Pool News



The "First Dip" this year had a nice crowd of about 15 enthusiastic kids (and one enthusiastic dad!) along the perimeter of the pool eagerly awaiting the whistle. These swimmers, of all ages, jumped and dove in the water right at noon on Saturday. It was a busy, beautiful weekend at the pool with lots of families and friends gathering and enjoying the kick-off to summer. Thank you to Barb for all of her efforts coordinating the freshening up and improvement of the pool area for all of us to enjoy. Thank you Brian for getting the pool ready for the season and to members Hether Dunn, Tanya and Stephen Doubleday for the beautiful new look and feel they have created out by the pool. With vibrant color on the wall and fabulous new tables and comfortable chairs, we are excited for the best summer ever! Thank you also to Board Member John Campbell who pitched in hours of time and support.

We are very fortunate to have another great lifeguarding staff keeping everyone safe and everything in order at the pool. Our Head Guard from last summer, Sam Stone is back for his 6th summer training staff, working as private lesson coordinator and helping until mid-July when he goes off to study in Chili for a semester.

Isabella Jacobs is also back for a 5th summer and, in addition to guarding, she will be our group swim lesson coordinator this summer. Emmett Glaser and Brooke Waxman are also returning for their 4th summers as lifeguards, swim instructors and swim team coaches.

Head swim team coach Eric Bugna (from summer of 2017) is back to be head coach of our Manta Rays. Eric swam 4 years at University of Redlands and has spent the last two years in LA working as a head coach for a club team as well as working as an assistant coach to the University of Redlands Swim Team. Rounding out our coaching staff is newcomer and stand out swimmer from Grant High School, Isella Wallace. The Swim Team will have its kick off parent meeting on Monday June 10th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the ballroom. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the coaches and learn about the swim team plans for the summer.



Also returning to work by the pool this summer are Ellie Williams, Ella Goldstein, Maddie Chaplain, Grace Hershey, Garrett Brown, and Theo Braibish. Newcomers to round out our staff are Zoe Coughlin-Glaser, Juliette Simonds, Isabella Wallace, Greta Bogdanski and MaryJane Trelstad.

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

- Friday, June 14th is the Summer Kick-Off Party at 5:30 pm
- Adult Swim Fitness will be taught by Eric and Emmett and will begin Sunday, June 9th
- Saturday, July 13th is our home swim meet
- Annual Club BBQ is planned for Thursday, July 18th – mark your calendars!
- Ladies Night will be Monday, August 5th

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns,

Sincerely,

Bernadette Diepenbrock

Pool Manager

Junior Tennis Lessons	USTA Matches
Sessions runs June 3rd - June 13th (2 weeks)	June 1st 2:30pm 55+ Mixed 7.0 Loomis-Malin/Lang 7:30pm 40+ Women 4.5 Nelson/Lynch
<u>Futures & Power</u> Monday & Wednesday ~ 3:45 - 5:00 pm	June 2nd 2:30pm 40+ Women 3.0 Denise Townsend 7:30pm 55+ Mixed 6.0 Nelson/Lynch
<u>Pee Wee</u> Tuesday & Thursday ~ 3:15 - 4:00 pm	June 7th 7:30pm 40+ Men 3.0 Bill Seidl
<u>Futures</u> Tuesday & Thursday ~ 4:00 - 5:00 pm	June 8th 2:30pm 55+ Mixed 7.0 Loomis-Malin/Lang 5:00pm 40+ Women 2.5 Austin/Crothers
<u>Power & High School</u> Tuesday & Thursday ~ 5:00 - 6:15 pm	June 9th 2:30pm 40+ Men 3.5 Windish/Kayser 5:00pm 40+ Men 4.5 Jamie Fenner 7:30pm 40+ Women 4.5 Nelson/Lynch
	June 14th 7:30pm 40+ Women 3.5 Burkhart/Knott
	June 15th 5:00pm 40+ Women 4.5 Nelson/Lynch 7:30pm 40+ Women 3.0 Denise Townsend
	June 28th 7:30pm 40+ Men 3.5 Windish/Kayser
	June 29th 5:00pm 40+ Men 4.0 Keith Johnson 7:30pm 40+ Women 4.0 Lisa Lyon
	June 30th 2:30pm 40+ Women 3.5 Burkhart/Knott 5:00pm 40+ Men 3.0 Bill Seidl 7:30pm 40+ Mean 3.5 Littlejohn/Beall

From The Archives

Promoting good fellowship in the neighborhood

From Steve Hall,

Chair of the Oregon Tennis Historical
Committee

Reading the President's Message in the May Irvington Club newsletter where it was stated that club members have voiced a desire that the Irvington Club integrate itself more with the surrounding community reminded me of the following letter submitted to club members over 100 years ago. The letter was from trustees of the club urging members to attend a meeting to brainstorm ways for the club to better serve the community. Some of our club values never change.

Within a distance of half a mile from the club house there are not less than 700 homes with a population of several thousand people. It will double in the next two years. All of these people should have an interest in the life of the community, and we know of no better way to promote good fellowship, neighborliness and good homes, than to strengthen and build up a perpetual organization that will forever stand a moment of which we may all be justly proud.

Your counsel, advice and active support is earnestly sought. Come to our meetings. No one or a dozen men or women can carry this plan to successful issue.

This enterprise and all that it means for good is not for today but for all time, for posterity as well as for the present generation.

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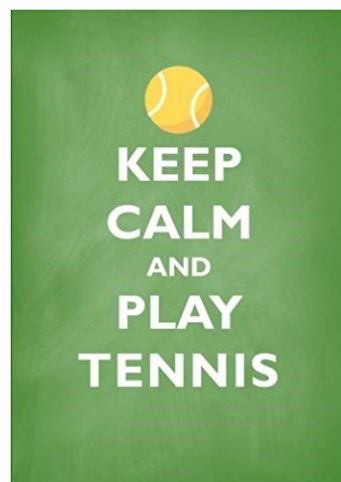
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