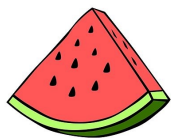




Irvington Club News



August 2019



Notes From the General Manager

Hello Irvington Club Members,

We had a record crowd at our BBQ this Summer. The tennis was spectacular, the Corn Hole competition is always fun, the kid's events, the band (Porter), and the welcome addition of Sugarlump, all made for a very fun evening. Thanks to everyone for making this all happen!

Next up is Ladies Night at the Pool with Pickleball. Club Member, Jane Paulson, is becoming famous in the Pickleball world so she is bringing in some high-level players to help us learn and improve at the game. We have two pickleball nets on the outdoor singles court that still are not being used very much. Currently, you book it just like you do a regular court, with the \$6 court fee.

You have probably noticed former member Nicolas Lee around the Club. Nicolas is helping us out with a variety of things including maintenance, errands, events, and more. It is great having him around for the summer!

Housekeeping:

To date, two pool deck umbrellas have broken. This happens when they are opened too close to the wall and they get bent. Once they are bent, chances are they will break. Please make sure they are away from the wall when you are opening.

Pool House Locker Rooms: It is very difficult to monitor these 24/7, so we rely on your eyes and ears.

We have replaced shower heads and ask that if you see people abusing the showers, let us know. We try to get people to limit their showers to 5 minutes.

Check your house and bags for Club green towels. We just ordered another box but many are walking out the door.

Sustainability, etc.:

If you have a wine or beer insulated mug, we are happy to fill it instead of using plastic. We can measure our pour, so the size does not matter.

You will also notice that there is a green bag in one of the recycling bins in the kitchen area. Young Theater Artists are raising money to travel to London. ANY plastic that has a deposit may be put in this bag. We OFTEN find containers for juice, vitamin water, etc in the regular trash. PLEASE, let's get these in the recycle bin to help out a cause and our environment.

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

Calendar of Events

August

5th ~ Ladies Night at the Pool

15th-18th ~ Junior Immediate Tournament

September

2nd ~ Labor Day

23rd ~ Autumn begins

President's Message

This summer, I've been reminded of what makes this club so great: community. The June "adidas Open", the club BBQ, the thriving pool, summer lessons on both the courts and in the pool. It is a good time to give thanks for everything our staff and pros do to keep our club operating at a high level and bringing us together for tennis and fun. This year, the Board voted to have the Irvington Club provide financial sponsorship of the adidas Open. We did this to keep the tournament growing and attracting top talent. And personally, I think it is important that we support the things that make our club unique, strengthen our community, and bring joy to the club. Seeing all the smiling faces and great turnout at the adidas Open convinced me that this tournament is one critical piece in helping this club continue to thrive and bring us together. In the next few months, we will be deciding whether we continue forward with our financial sponsorship of the tournament. Since this is something the Board will be deciding, we also welcome your views about what should be continued with the tournament and what could change, and that includes financial sponsorship. I will personally advocate for Irvington to continue or strengthen its support of the tournament because I want to see it continue to attract the great talent and tennis we witnessed this year. And more importantly, I love every opportunity we have to come together and celebrate. Happy summer! See you at the pool. - Jeff Harvey

Irvington Tennis Committee

The Irvington Club's Tennis Committee meets in the Board Room upstairs at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Whether it is USTA team-forming, court utilization, tournament plans by the Pros, Women's or Men's Open Play, or other issues related to how we experience tennis at the Club, we talk about it, learn about it, and when appropriate, refer recommendations to the Club's Board of Trustees for consideration. We welcome comments, questions, or ideas from Club members. Here's how to contact us:

*Attend any meeting. This year, near the beginning of each meeting, we have a short open time for comments from anyone attending. Whether your comment leads to further discussion at that meeting or at a later one will depend, in part, on time availability.

*Ask the Chair for time on the agenda. If you want to schedule a full discussion of an issue, contact the Chair to see about available time on the agenda.

*Contact any committee member. Committee members welcome comments or questions that can inform the perspective they bring to meetings. The 2019 committee members are listed below. Check your directory for email addresses or phone numbers.

The Tennis Committee is comprised of the pros (Walter and Cris), plus John Campbell (2019 Chair), John Lynch, Sarie Crothers, Willis Boyer, Denise Townsend, Ron Selis, Marc Gonzales, and Aaron Kohn.

Pool News

Dear Irvington members,

This summer has been another wonderful one at the pool! Our staff is one of the best! Our home meet and the Club BBQ were both a success! I turned 50 in June and decided to turn the page on this chapter of my life and move to sunny San Diego. I got a job teaching PE, swimming, and coaching basketball at a 6-12 grade charter school called Gompers Prep Academy. The school has a partnership with UCSD (my alma mater!) and its mission is to properly prepare inner city youth for college and beyond. I am excited! I am moving down this week to begin getting ready for the school year which begins on Aug 19th.

I want to thank Barb, Anita, Brian, and the whole beautiful team here for the wonderful opportunity to serve as pool manager these last 4 summers. Katie Guyot will be taking over my spot this season. The Club will always have a huge piece of my heart! It is the home to countless special memories of my time here in Portland! Sending love and best wishes! Come visit me!

Sincerely,
Bernadette

Portland Backpack: Communities Caring for Kids

Portland Back Pack Project needs us in August

www.PortlandBackpack.com

The Community Involvement Committee invites the Irvington Club to partner with the Portland Back Pack Project, a volunteer project that helps to eliminate food insecurity for Portland children in four in NE Portland Schools (Kind, Rigler, Scott and Woodlawn). For many children, free school meals are their only reliable food each day. On the week-ends these children often don't have the food that they need.

Last year 11,110 food-sacks were distributed to kids. That means that 11,110 times a child had enough food for the week-end! Volunteers made this possible!

A story worth sharing is from last year about four children from one family receiving the food sacks. The school found out that for many weeks the food the kids were taking home each weekend had been the ONLY food in the house all week long. The parent had been in a dysfunctional state so the school stepped in and helped them get some additional help. This is a clear example of why it's important to put the food directly into the kids' hands.

***These are the specific foods requested for the backpacks:**

Protein: Progresso soup- low salt, Amy's soup, canned chicken, ravioli, Mac & Cheese - No ramen noodles or condensed soup.

Fruit: Any canned fruit or fruit cups. Light syrup or no added sugar.

Oatmeal: Single serving- Instant oatmeal packages - Any flavor.

Snacks: Granola bars, small boxes of raisins, - Avoid peanuts, and snacks with high sugar.

Food lists will be available at front desk to take to the store.

FOOD COLLECTION will be all through August ~ There will be boxes in the lobby to collect donated food, or if you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will have an envelope at the desk to deposit your cash. At the end of the food drive, we will go to COSTCO to buy items needed for the packs.

PACKING PARTY on Wednesday, September 11 in the Ballroom from 6-8PM.

Please email stephanievickers@comcast.net, to let us know that you are planning to help pack the backpacks.

In addition to providing the food volunteers are encouraged to compose and write Care Cards: Adults and kids can write and decorate a note of encouragement and caring to be tucked into each food-sack.

Junior Immediate Tournament

Don't forget to sign up for our annual Junior Intermediate Tournament scheduled for August 15th - 18th. Entries close on August 8th. All important information and sign-up is at the tournament homepage:

<https://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=231329>

You can also visit the homepage by going to tennislink.usta.com and entering Tournament ID #600002418.

In order to participate in this tournament your child will need to be a USTA member. This event is for ranking points so it's open to anyone to enter that is at the intermediate level skill. If you are unsure if this is the appropriate tournament for your child please contact Walter or Cris at the club.

The Oregon State Tennis Championships

Congrats to the Irvington Club members below for their success at the recently completed Oregon State Tennis Championships (Category II), held on July 18th-21st, 2019 at Tualatin Hills. Here are the results by our Irvington Club members:

Men's 60 singles Champion: Mike Tammen

Men's 75 singles Champion: Roger North

Men's 60 doubles Champions: Mike Tammen/Josef Brabenec

Men's 75 doubles Champions: John Popplewell/Chuck White

Men's 70 doubles Finalists: John Popplewell/Chuck White

Community Committee Interview Series

The Community Committee is back at it again, interviewing people at the club that we love and appreciate but may not know so dearly. This month we're highlighting two employees and both these guys are dedicated!

Brian Rosenkranz, Maintenance Director

Brian grew up in Denver, moved to Spokane at 13, and then to Portland at age 22 with his girlfriend Megan, whom he met in high school and is now his wife. She manages a Real Estate Company in Clackamas County, where they live with their cat named Chaplin. Brian is 42 and started at the Irvington Club in 2010. Before that, he worked at Good Shephard Home for Handicapped Adults.

Brian's favorite part about his job are the members and the variety in his routine when no two days are alike. He never knows what he will encounter when he walks in the door; such as electrical, plumbing, whatever is needed for operations, grounds, and maintenance. He's always been pretty mechanical, is self-taught in many ways, and if he doesn't know how, his motto is "There's a You Tube video for everything."

In the Summer, Brian is very busy with "all focus on the Pool". He does the Pool maintenance M-F but instructs the head guards to maintain it on the weekends. He's on-call every day during the summer for pool emergencies and he's on call 24/7 for the club alarm.

Brian likes to take one really good vacation a year. His favorite book is "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy". His favorite movie is "Princess Bride". He listens to all genres of music. His favorite sport is Golf. He tries to get as much golf in as possible with his buddies on any public course in Portland, but The Eastmoreland Golf Course in the mornings is his go-to. If he won the Lottery, he'd pay off the mortgage and travel!

We thank you Brian for keeping the club running smoothly and your behind the scenes expertise!

Kevin Hanzlik, Administrative Assistant

Kevin is 38, was born in LA, moved to WA at 9, then later settled with his family in West Linn where he attended high school. As a U of O graduate in Biology, he soon realized it was not the future for him as he felt the itch to follow his passions rather than a science degree. After college, he moved back to LA to pursue a career in the film industry. He remained in LA for 6 years, working in all stages of production, with his whole life focused on film. In 2010, his mom became ill so he moved back to Portland to help care for her. It was then that he met his wife here and decided to stay. Back in Portland, he worked in commercial and video production, first at Funnelbox Studio in Oregon City, then as a freelance producer. But work was sparse, so he took a full-time job as a Concierge for 4 years. During that time, he started working weekends here at the Irvington Club last year until the Administrative Assistant position became available at the beginning of this year.

Kevin lives in NE, married in 2015 to Mandy who works in PR at WE Communications. They have a rescue dog named Tula who is 5.

Kevin's favorite part of his job is being a part of member's lives and his love of tennis. His job at the front desk includes assisting Barb, customer service, stocking supplies, the monthly newsletter, club communications, and managing swim memberships. What makes his job generally easier is the friendly people he meets at the front desk and his co-workers – many thanks to Anita, who helps him with questions and various tasks on a daily basis.

Kevin has loved tennis since high school and you'll frequently see him here playing on Men's night or with a friend or his brother.

His favorite book is "Siddhartha" by Herman Hesse. His favorite movie is "2001: A Space Odyssey". His favorite music is classic rock. His hobbies are tennis, hiking, camping, and swimming. If he won the Lottery, he'd make a road movie.

Next time you see Kevin or Brian, give them a warm thank you for their commitment to the Irvington Club.



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