



# Irvington Club News



April 2020



## Notes From the General Manager

Dearest Members,

This is most definitely the strangest newsletter article I have written in nineteen years. I know these times are difficult for so many of us and the impact will hit all of us in some way, shape or form.

On a positive note, we are taking time to do projects that kept falling to the bottom of our "to do" list. The kitchen is sparkling clean, even the refrigerator. The coffee bar is spotless and we will continue to clean areas that don't always get a really deep cleaning.

Brian is working on the basements (both pool and regular) to get things out that we don't need and re-organize what we want to keep.

Every cabinet, closet, etc. will be cleaned and organized. My Team is helping out with all of this, including our Pros. Some people are doing work from home and others I stagger to come in when there is no one else here but myself or Brian so we are not in each other's space. A Clorox wipe down is now a step in everything I do. That, along with sanitizing and washing my hands is automatic. I pretend I have the virus and act accordingly.

I want to remind everyone to help our first defenders, our doctors, our nurses, all of our healthcare people. They are risking their lives every day for us. Our Club has many of these people so if you know someone who might need some help, please reach out. Don't assume they have it covered. Please read our email blasts, as our Community Outreach Committee continues to put out some great ideas how we can all help.

We are setting up our summer Tennis and Swim programs as normal as is possible. We are having to get very creative for some of the sign ups, but know that we will be ready to rumble when this horrible virus is under control and we know it is safe for everyone.

I know I can speak for my Team, that we truly miss all of you and can't wait to see you again!

Stay home, be safe,

Barbara

## President's Message

This is my first message and undoubtedly the most difficult message I will ever write to you all. Our hearts go out to the Irvington Community and all communities around the world who have loved ones who are ill or have left us because of this horrific pandemic. There are no words to express our sorrow. We will continue to support our employees and one another through this difficult time. If you are able, please practice random acts of kindness and stay in touch with those who need support emotionally or through financial contributions. Our Community Committee will continue to send opportunities for us all to consider. Please stay safe and healthy. Peace to you all.

Cathy Zarosinski

## Calendar of Events

### April

1st ~ April Fools Day

5th ~ Palm Sunday

8th ~ Passover begins

10th ~ Good Friday

11th ~ @9am, Member sign-up (online only) for 2020 Summer Junior Tennis Lessons

12th ~ Easter

22nd ~ Earth Day

### May

1st ~ May Day

5th ~ Cinco De Mayo

10th ~ Mother's Day

23rd ~ The Irvington Club Pool Opens!

25th ~ Memorial Day

## Message from The Board of Trustees

Dear Members,

The Board has determined that it is imperative that we take certain actions to maintain the viability of the club and support our employees. We expect all members to continue to pay their monthly dues. This income will allow us to maintain the club and support our staff and pros. During this closure:

- The club will continue to pay our staff and pros, at a reduced rate, at least through the end of May. At that time the Board will review our plans, the general economic and health outlook and make adjustments accordingly.
- Barb has met with each of the staff and pros, and they appreciate our proposal to keep them on our payroll and part of our family.
- The club will continue to meet our other financial obligations for our loan, utilities, taxes and insurance.
- Maintenance and small improvement projects previously scheduled will continue as possible.

Barb has worked out a schedule for staff members to work individually behind the scenes while the club is closed. Therefore, during business hours there will be a staff member at the front desk. Brian will work on maintenance projects that have been on the back burner, others will work from home, and Barb will be in every day. All communications from members must be via telephone or email to allow staff to be safe and socially distant while working.

As we navigate this situation, we remain committed to, and focused on our members, staff and community. This is a very dynamic time with many unknowns, but remember we'll be back on the courts, at the pool swimming laps and toasting the many friendships The Irvington Club has provided us.

Thank you for helping to continue our mission distinguished by friendliness, inclusiveness and tradition.

Sincerely~

The Irvington Club Board of Trustees

## In Support of Members

### A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT COMMITTEE (CIC)

Because we believe like many of you under orders to stay at home, we want to do something to step up and help other club members who may need some assistance. What comes to mind, thanks to Lisa Lyon who asked us, is: how can we support our club members who are on the front line as essential First Responders, or, *anyone* in our community who may need some help during this upheaval in our day to day lives?

We ask members who wish some assistance to please let us know. Likewise, those who would like to volunteer or have a skill, contact us to let us know what you can do. We will follow the recommendations of the CDC and our own state, to safely connect each other to fill the need for services - grocery shopping, purchasing or preparing meals, childcare, running an errand, or such. Even simpler might be someone willing to call and chat with a member who needs that support.

Please let us know what your needs may be or if you are able to be a volunteer. We will work to find connections to fulfill the requests.

If you are not able to physically help someone at this time, we encourage you to donate to agencies that are deemed essential and have workers who are on the front lines.

1. **Portland Backpack Project** <https://www.portlandbackpack.com>.
2. **Store to Door** <https://storetodooroforegon.org>
3. **Family Promise of Beaverton** <https://www.familypromiseofbeaverton.org> or call 971-8949.
4. **Oregon Food Bank**, <https://www.oregonfoodbank.org/about-us/contact-us/> or call 503-439-6510.
5. **Meals on Wheels:** Donate at <https://www.mowp.org> or call 503 736-6325.
6. A request from **Street Roots** for someone to do some research, if you are interested, please contact Volunteer Coordinator/Vendor Assistant, Mallory at [mallory@streetroots.org](mailto:mallory@streetroots.org).

Now is a time when we can pull together to do something meaningful in support of the well-being of all members of our Irvington Club community.

Please contact **both** Stephanie Vickers and Mary Stevenson, Co-chairs of the CIC, with either a **text or email**.

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Thank you!

## New Pool Manager

We are pleased to announce that our new Pool Manager is **Ben Lincoln**.

Ben currently attends Portland Community College and will be giving his full attention to our pool this summer. He has extensive experience in pools, including Lifeguarding, Lessons, Supervision, and Operational duties during his tenure at other pools. He has already set up a scheduling system for our guards.

On a personal note, Ben was born in Hartford, Connecticut and has been in the Portland area since 2017. His favorite activity is playing the drums (BBQ/band!!). His favorite food is any and all pastas and a fun fact: He has 3 cats-Chai, Sugar and Greg.

You will be seeing Ben around a lot this summer so please introduce yourself and help me welcome him to our Club!



## Junior Tennis Lessons

**PLEASE NOTE: APRIL 2020 JUNIOR LESSONS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED**

**THE NEXT SESSION RUNS MAY 4TH – 28TH**

Futures & Power

Monday & Wednesday ~ 3:45 - 5:00pm

Pee Wee - Level 1

Tuesday & Thursday ~ 3:15 - 4:00pm

Futures - Level 2

Tuesday & Thursday ~ 4:00 - 5:00pm

Power & High School\*

Tuesday & Thursday ~ 5:00 - 6:15 pm

### **May 2020 Junior Tennis Lessons**

Session runs May 4th – May 28th (4 weeks)

**Member sign-up:** Monday, April 20th @ 8:30am

**Non-Member sign-up:** Monday, April 27th @ 8:30am

## City League Matches

**The 2019-2020 City League season has been canceled as decided by the City League Board due to the coronavirus pandemic. For more info, visit:**  
[www.cityleaguetenis.org](http://www.cityleaguetenis.org)

## USTA Matches

**All USTA league matches are canceled through May 3rd per the USTA due to the coronavirus pandemic. For more info, visit:**  
[www.usta.com/pnwccovid19](http://www.usta.com/pnwccovid19)

## Walter's Wisdom

### Changing your racquet grip



I often change members racquet handle grips at the club and I love doing it, but what if you are in a jam and your match is about to start and I am not around to help you? Let me give you a quick tutorial on how to change your grip so you don't get stuck without a Pro nearby to help you.

First make sure that you wrap the grip the correct way depending on whether you are right handed or left handed. All racquets are made with the original grip wrapped for right handers so that makes things easy as you just follow the diagonal pattern of the current grip with your new overwrap from the bottom of your grip to the top. A lot of people make the mistake of starting on the top of the handle and not the bottom. If you are a lefty make sure you wrap the grip in the opposite direction starting on the bottom like before mentioned. You know you are doing it correctly if your bottom three fingers are running in the same direction of the grip after you wrap it.

Make sure you tug while you pull on the grip from the bottom up using your thumb to keep the grip snug on the handle.

Once you get to the top use the tape to keep the grip in place. That's it!

Walter Seidel, Tennis Director



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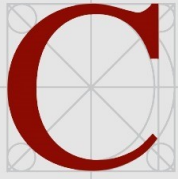


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