



# Irvington Club News



March 2021



## Notes From the General Manager

Dearest Irvington Club Members,

It is so wonderful to see our courts filled again, and our Pros out teaching. I know the kids are elated, as well as the adults. We love our game of tennis! Cases are continuing to go down and vaccinations are coming out, though slowed by the bad weather. I know the process is frustrating, as I have been trying for several days. If you are eligible and have not been able to schedule an appointment, email me. I will keep a list and when I hear of openings, I will contact people on the list. We have had a few in the last two days. I have also heard that **Calling** the Safeway Pharmacies is a good resource. They may not be listed on the webpage, but they have appointments available. Let's all work together to get everyone vaccinated!

As the mandates change, our hope is to gradually start bringing back more areas of the Club, jacuzzi, showers, sauna, etc. This will be a long, slow process, and we will do everything we can to continue to keep our members safe while adhering to the guidelines.

There is no question, 2020 was a challenging year, as we watched our world turn upside down. Despite all of these challenges, the responses both individually and collectively, of tolerance, kindness and unconditional support for each other, has and continues to inspire me. As we maneuver through the unthinkable together, we realize just how much our sorrows, pain, hopes and dreams are deeply shared. I am blessed to be surrounded by my family, friends and all of you. Your support means everything and as we navigate through these difficulties, we will continue lifting each other up to better times that we know are ahead.

Stay Safe,

Barbara

## President's Message

By the time you read this, we will have held our first Annual meeting via Zoom. I hope you all enjoyed looking at the Board's baby pics! It is just a thing of beauty that the Club is open again. The Pros are giving lessons and there are lots of happy people on the courts. Hopefully we have closed the Club for the last time due to COVID19. Many thanks to Barb and her staff for always being ready to open at a moment's notice.

One of the significant things that has happened recently is that the Social Justice Committee (SJC) is now a standing Board Committee. Their work is so important and incredibly necessary to making the Irvington Club a more diverse community. The SJC will be chaired by Mary Stevenson who will be a fantastic leader. The SJC is in the process of writing proposals to lead us forward. Once these proposals are fleshed out with bylaw changes and governing document revisions, the SJC will share them with members. The Board and I thank them for their dedication and very hard work.

Cathy Zarosinski

## Calendar of Events

### March

12th ~ St. Patrick's Day

20th ~ Spring Begins

27th ~ Passover Begins

28th ~ Palm Sunday



### April

1st ~ April Fool's Day

2nd ~ Good Friday

4th ~ Easter



## Community Involvement Committee (CIC) News

**Thank YOU for donating!**

Thank you members who in February reached out and answered the call for help to collect and donate items for the Houseless. Whether you donated old clothes, jackets, blankets, batteries, new underwear or boots, all donations were greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our larger community.

**JOIN US 3-23-21 @7:00PM**

After the virtual *Conversation* about "Why Does Racial Diversity Matter", we invited members to join us during Black History Month to read **Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?** the revised and updated version (2017) by Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D.

The committee's intention is to continue this important social and cultural conversation and provide more education and information about the topic during a virtual discussion about the book. We will meet via ZOOM on **Tuesday, March 23 @7:00PM**. An updated ZOOM link will be sent out prior to 3-23-21.

## Tennis with Friends

Michelle Zawadzki, Kristen LaBarca, Amy Slavin, and Karen Lettiere enjoying some indoor masked tennis.

So great to see friends playing doubles tennis on the indoor courts again. This group always has a blast :)



## From The Tennis Archives

### Where are they now: Randy King

About a month ago, out of the blue, we received a packet of information from Randy King. Randy's parents, Harvey and Kim, were members of the Irvington Club back in the 1960's and 70's. Randy was an exceptional junior player having won the Oregon High School State Singles Championships for Wilson High School in 1966 and 1968. Randy had offers to play tennis at Stanford but chose to go to USC. After college, he moved to the East coast, and then on to China. We would occasionally hear that he was still involved with tennis but had no idea of the extent until we received the material from him which included the brochure announcing that he had recently been inducted into the Hong Kong Tennis Association Hall of Fame. The following are some of his accomplishments:

- Prior to arriving in Hong Kong, he was an ATP ranking player in both open singles and doubles.
- Competed in the men's doubles main draw at the U.S. Open in 1977
- Won the Hong Kong Invitational Men's Singles title in addition to three singles and two doubles titles at the US Men's Chinese National Championships in the 1970's
- Represented Hong Kong in 5 Davis Cup ties, going 0-2 in singles and 3-2 in doubles

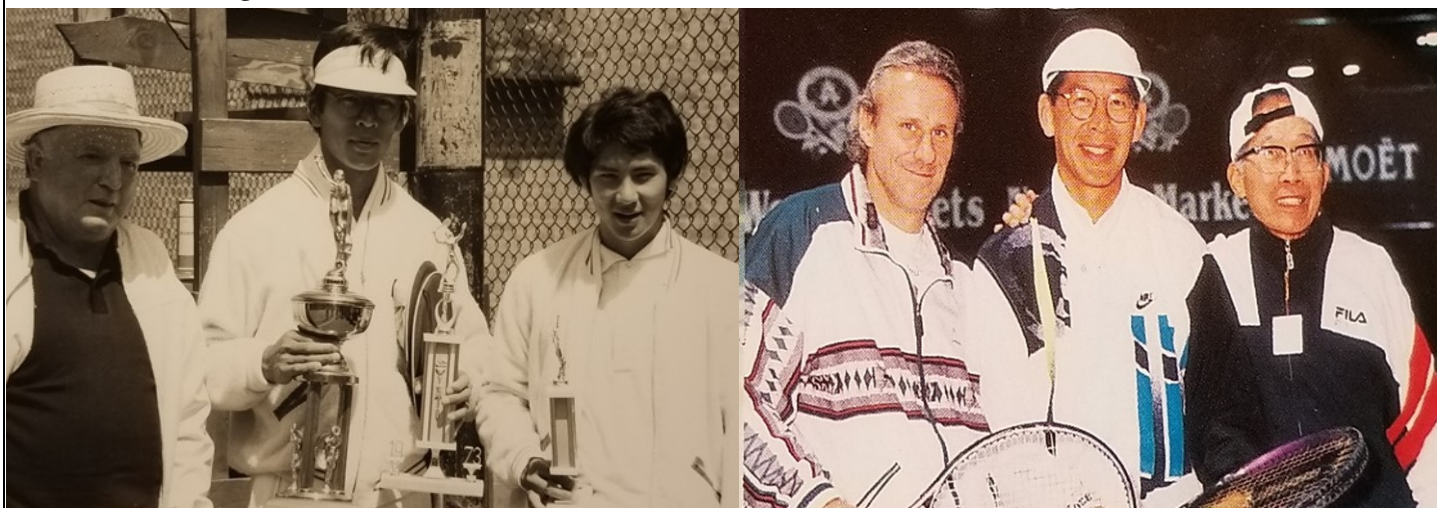
Since we don't have a great deal of documentation concerning tennis in Portland in the 1960's, I asked Randy if he would be willing to describe what it was like playing tennis in Portland in the 1960's. He provided me some information which I put in a report form that describes: playing at the Irvington Club, Junior Tennis, Tournaments, and tennis players and coaches. The report is available for viewing on the Irvington Club Bulletin Board. I can also provide a copy of the report by email upon request.

The first picture below shows Randy and his coach Ed Leonard after winning the US Chinese National Doubles Championships in 1973. Ed was Randy's coach while in Portland and was the club pro when I joined the club in 1970.

The second picture is taken after he and his doubles partner Bjorn Borg defeated Mark Cox and Paul MacNamee in the ATP Seniors tournament in Hong Kong in 1996. The other person in the picture is Harvey King, Randy's father.

Steve Hall

Chair of the Oregon Tennis Historical Committee





## Junior Ladders and Club Tournament

Our junior club championships are up next **April 22-25th, 2021**. We are hopeful that things will continue to improve and that we can have this event for our members. We will modify and use new creative software to make sure it's a safe environment for our kids to participate in.

It's been amazing having the kids back at the club this week and we are now reminding them to begin challenging each other on the Tennis Rungs app to get that much needed match practice in before our tournament begins. For our tennis ladders, please visit [Tennis Ladders - THE IRVINGTON CLUB](http://irvingtonclub.com/tennis-ladders) (irvingtonclub.com/tennis-ladders) for more information. We will be looking at how the kids are doing on the club tennis ladders to help assist us in seeding the different junior class draws.

At this time please mark your calendars for this event and register on the tournament homepage by [clicking here](http://playtennis.usta.com/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/DF02A291-C476-472B-B281-789613B1F30A) (playtennis.usta.com/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/DF02A291-C476-472B-B281-789613B1F30A). If your child is participating on the tennis ladders, having some match play and scoring experience is mandatory to participate in this tournament. You will notice events beginning with U12 and up through U18 for boys and girls with singles and doubles. If your child is, for example, nine but plays on the tennis ladder then please register for U12. We will adjust the age events to match the different junior class names like Futures, Power and High School, and create coed draws where necessary. All-important tournament information will be on the tournament homepage where you will visit to see all seeding, draws and schedules of when your child is scheduled to play.

It is mandatory to register for **free** on the Match Tennis App before April 20th in order to compete. ***Be sure to register for this directly on the tournament homepage as it's linked to the junior tournament.*** We recommend just doing it after you register for your events on the site so you are all organized and ready to go. To understand this app better you may [click here](http://matchtennisapp.com) (matchtennisapp.com) for all the information on it. This Match Tennis App is essentially our new virtual tournament desk and organizer for all our tournaments this year. You will also be able to report your match scores without reporting scores at the tournament desk. Get familiar with this app, because we will be using it with all our tournaments moving forward as it has many other free features like searching tournaments and calendars as well as excellent communication abilities for The Pros to use when communicating with you all during the tournaments. This app will help us safely manage the tournaments during the pandemic.

So, register now and begin challenging on the Tennis Rungs app! See you at the club.

The Pros

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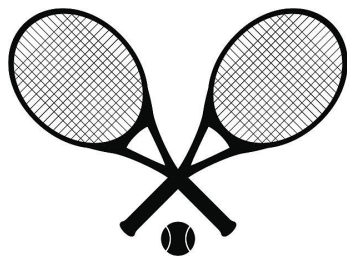
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