



# Irvington Club News



July 2021



## Notes From the General Manager

I am typing this with a smile on my face, as today is the first day not having to wear a mask. My team could not wait to take the signs down, arrange the lobby furniture, get the coffee service back, and make our Club the way it used to be! As wonderful as this all feels, we must be diligent and continue to get vaccinated. I'm sure you have read about the new variant and the Club will be continuing to pay close attention to what is happening with the virus. We want everyone to be safe and also respectful of your fellow members. We will continue to ask that if you have been vaccinated, please show your proof to the front desk so we can put it in your profile. A very high % of our members have been vaccinated and our hope is that this will continue.

We want to celebrate by inviting you to our Annual BBQ on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be live music, food trucks from Koi Fusion, tennis exhibition, pool games and lots of fun! Here is the schedule:

Start arriving at 5:00pm

Food Trucks from 6-8pm (Club will host)

Discounted Beer & Wine served from the ballroom starting at 5:00pm

Juice and non-alcoholic drinks are free

Tennis Exhibition starts at 7:00pm

Music starts at 7:00pm

We are expecting a big turnout, so we will not be allowing guests. You may sign up through Club Automation, just like you did to reserve your open swim time. We must turn in numbers for the food trucks, so please sign up by Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your support and being part of our community. Thanks to my Team for working so hard while facing many difficulties. Our tennis and pool programs are packed and it is so great to see the kids here having fun!

I will close with a statement from one of my favorite college professors regarding the key to leading people; "No one cares how much you know, until they first know how much you care." My Team and I care and are so happy to welcome everyone back.

Best, Barbara

## President's Message

YAHOO! The Club is fully open and the weather is fabulous! It will be so nice to be able to visit with one another in the lobby and around the pool. We have made it through the fires of last summer, the ice storm, the heat dome and the pandemic! All the while our excellent Manager, Barb Farmer, led us through each of them with the safety of club members and staff as her guiding focus. Our staff have hung in there and done everything we asked of them. The members have also been so cooperative and so supportive with all of the restrictions we have had to deal with. My heartfelt thanks to Barb, the Pros and the staff who worked so hard to continue to provide as much of the Irvington Club experience as was possible. KUDOS to you all! - Cathy Zarosinski

# Calendar of Events

## July

4th ~ Independence Day

15th ~ Annual BBQ



## August

13th-15th ~ The Irvington Club Junior 2021,  
USTA Level 6

## Community Involvement Committee Update

### Keeping our neighborhood looking great!

A few volunteers gathered and started our commitment to help keep our block and neighborhood picked up through the Adopt One Block Program. They cleaned up the roundabouts on NE 21<sup>st</sup>, planted some plants and picked up trash around the block. Looking for volunteers to help with watering the roundabout and picking up litter once a week. If interested, please sign up on bulletin board.

If you are weeding out your perennial's plants or native plants, please consider donating them to the Thompson Street roundabout. Leave them in a pot at the club, and they will get planted in the roundabout.

### Juneteenth and Kids N' Tennis

Thanks to those who supported Kids N' Tennis and the Juneteenth Tennis Tournament. A few club members played in the tournament and others donated money and equipment to KNT. Coming this summer will be an activity called Tennis Pals where some of our Club juniors will meet and play some matches with KNT juniors at Irving Park. Look for more information soon.

### Help us, help Portland Backpack Project in September

Coming up in September we will ask members again to donate specific food items for the Portland Backpack Project. Food lists will be available at the desk and tubs will be placed in the lobby starting in late August for donations. Thanks in advance for again helping provide food for kids in NE schools to take home bags of food every weekend.

### Next Book Discussion and Book Shelf

Please share titles for our next book discussion that we will hold at the club in the fall. Send titles to [stephanievickers@me.com](mailto:stephanievickers@me.com). Also feel free to borrow and bring books for the Club Book Shelf that is in the lobby.

## Walter's Wisdom

When your partner is serving, be sure to stay active at the net by following the ball as it moves toward the service box. If the serve goes up the T, move toward the middle to try and intercept the ball. If the ball goes into the middle of the service box into the returner's body go straight ahead of you and lastly, if the ball goes out wide follow the ball toward your alley. By moving like this toward the net you are putting yourself in the way of the returner's reply ball and giving yourself a chance to intercept the ball. In doubles we call this poaching the ball.

This movement tactic takes a lot of pressure off the server, because the server doesn't have to always make the second ball from the middle of the court or feel the pressure of always hitting the returner's next ball. This active movement at the net also makes things a whole lot more difficult for the returner to hit the ball past you at the net as it's distracting for the returner when you are moving back and forth.

Next time you are playing doubles, be more active at the net and try to intercept the return. Your serving partner will thank you for it.

Walter Seidel, Tennis Director

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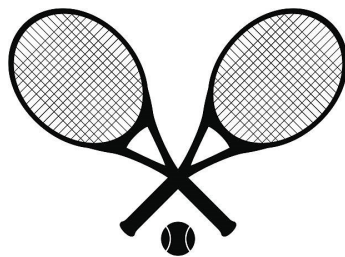
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