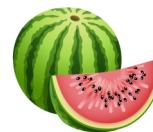




# Irvington Club News



August 2021



## Notes From the General Manager

Dear Irvington Club Members,

The BBQ was a huge success and I again want to express my gratitude for everyone that helped make it all happen. It was so wonderful to see people together, having fun again.

We ask that if you have been vaccinated, please show proof of this to the front desk so they can put it in your profile. If you have not been vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask inside the Club. The Delta variant is on the rise, so we will stay where we are for now with our rules. We will not be moving the gym equipment back into the weight room at this time. I had a long conversation with the Health Department yesterday, and it is clear we are not out of the woods yet.

We have several projects coming up which include repairing parts of the building (eaves, gutters), and also painting the exterior of the building. The newer part of the building that was done with the remodel in 2014 is in decent shape, but the rest of the building is in dire need. It was painted in 2003, so we got a lot of years out of it.

We just confirmed the pool schedule for August 8 thru August 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be sent to everyone in an email.

The Junior tournament is fast approaching (August 13, 14, 15, 2021). This tournament is open to non-members and spectators must wear a mask unless they have proof of vaccination.

Let's all continue our due diligence regarding COVID. Stay Safe!

Barbara

## Pickleball at the Annual BBQ



# Calendar of Events

## August

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

## September

6th ~ Labor Day

22nd ~ First day of Autumn



## Recent Member Tennis Results

Midwest Clay Court Championships (Level 3 National Championship)

Carmel Racquet Club, Carmel, Indiana – June 3-6, 2021

Men's 75 singles: Roger North Finalist

Men's 75 doubles: Roger North and John Popplewell Finalists

Ed Rhawn LBC Tournament (Level 3 National Championship)

Louisville Boat Club, Louisville, Kentucky – June 9-13, 2021

Men's 75 singles: Roger North Finalist

Men's 75 doubles: Roger North and John Popplewell Finalists

Senior Classic

Club Green Meadows, Vancouver, WA. – July 15-17, 2021

Men's 75 singles: John Popplewell Champion

**CONGRATS TO JOHN POPPLEWELL AND ROGER NORTH!**

## Bridge at the Club

Each Thursday starting at 9:30am in the upstairs lobby, there is a group that plays Bridge. If interested in joining, you can email Liz Lee at: [marvinandlizlee@comcast.net](mailto:marvinandlizlee@comcast.net)

## Walter's Wisdom

### Arm Up, Head Up

Using mantras is a great way to learn tennis technique in a fun fast way. When I am coaching my students how to hit a better overhead smash, I often say *arm up, head up!* When you prepare for your overhead smash, get your non-hitting arm up and then keep your head up while hitting through the shot. Have you ever dumped the ball into the net on an overhead smash? Most often it's because you were looking too early to see where you were hitting the ball and your head dropped, bringing your shoulders down and your racket down with it. An adult's head weighs on average ten to eleven pounds. That's a lot of weight that can throw you off balance if you aren't focusing on keeping still. The key to balance is keeping your head still on every shot. Whether it's your forehand, backhand, volleys, serve or overhead smash. Keep your eyes on the ball and don't look to see where you want to hit it or look too early after you hit the ball to make sure it's going in. Try this and next time you see me at the club let me know how it's going.

Walter Seidel

Tennis Director

# Community Involvement Opportunities

## Ideas needed for Fall Book Discussion

Please let the Social Justice Committee know if you have a book to recommend for our fall book discussion (date TBA). Send the titles and a brief description of the book(s) and why you are recommending it to [stephanievickers@me.com](mailto:stephanievickers@me.com) by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks!

## Help Resurfacing Campaign – The City is seeking input on Portland's tennis courts!

The Tennis Courts and Emerging Recreation Strategy will set a strategic direction for the programming, maintenance, and use of outdoor tennis courts and provide for other emerging court sports, like futsal (similar to soccer), bike polo, and pickleball, in Portland.

The draft strategy recommends:

- Providing outdoor tennis courts within 3 miles of Portland homes,
- Recognizing a tiered system for outdoor tennis courts,
- Maintaining the 16 courts that are in good condition,
- Developing a program to renovate 69 courts that are in fair to poor condition, with priority going to community tennis hubs and recreational courts in underserved areas, and
- Considering the reuse or removal of 18 courts at 11 parks (Alberta, Brentwood, Burlingame, Creston, Essex, Hillside, Lair Hill, Northgate, Pier, Rose City, and Westmoreland Parks.).

Potential reuses could include sports like futsal, pickleball, bike polo, and skateboarding. Learn more and give your feedback by September 9: <https://www.portland.gov/parks/construction/outdoor-tennis-courts-and-emerging-recreation-strategy>

## Adopt One Block

The Club signed up this summer to care for the block around the club and the roundabouts. We need some help to pick up litter weekly and to keep the new plants watered at the 21<sup>st</sup> & Thompson roundabout. Please email Mary Stevenson ([maryrstevenson@gmail.com](mailto:maryrstevenson@gmail.com)) if you can volunteer to help. In the fall we will be looking for perennials to plant so when you are cleaning up your garden and dividing plants, please consider donating some plants for the roundabout.

## Fall Community Involvement Committee Project

We are asking members again to support and donate food and/or cash to the Portland Backpack Project. This project supports several NE elementary school children. Our help has made a difference as told to the CIC by the director of PBP.

*“Portland Backpack was able to relieve hunger in Portland during the pandemic in unprecedented ways. In the last school year, we distributed 10,615 food sacks and \$486,615 in grocery gift cards to kids and families at ten PPS schools. I want to thank the Irvington Club for helping to make this happen.*

*Pre-pandemic we were serving 340 kids a weekend at 4 schools and this fall because of community response like from Irvington Club, we will be serving 1000 kids a weekend at the ten schools. That should be about 20,000 weekends when a kid has the food that they need to thrive. Thank you so much for helping us make these worry-free weekends possible.”*

The list of food items that members can purchase in bulk at Costco or your neighborhood grocery store is available at the front desk throughout September and October. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please leave it at the front desk (cash or grocery store credit card).

We will gather at the club at the end of the food drive to pack bags and make care cards that will be included with each child's weekly bag of food.

## From the Tennis Archives

### Where Are They Now - Bob Dietsche?

Years ago (1970's - 1990's), Bob Dietsche was a well-known tennis personality in the greater Portland area. Bob and his wife Sue were active members of the Irvington Club during this period. Bob was passionate about tennis and was a real student of the game. He was a prominent senior player and collected every book he could get his hand on concerning tennis instruction and could be seen on occasion practicing for hours on certain aspects of the game. He also devoted time in analyzing other players games. He along with one of his playing partners Jack Neer, published a profile of the local players who had the best strokes during that period. The profile can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://irvingtonclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Irvingtons-Best-The-Neale-Era.pdf>

He also published an entertaining tennis related profile in 1980 which can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://irvingtonclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/The-Day-I-Beat-Bobby-Riggs-Bob-Dietsche.pdf>

Bob cites the following as some of his most memorable tennis experiences:

In 1981, won the Rose Festival men's open doubles championships with Marc Louie

In 1986, was the coach of the Oregon Episcopal High school tennis team which won the state championship

In 1986, was an announcer for the Portland Panthers Tennis Team along with Gundars Tilmanis

In 1991, won the Oregon State singles championship in the age 50 category

In 1992, won the USTA Grand Pre Championship in his age category

Bob recently donated his extensive collection of tennis books to the Oregon Tennis Historical Committee archives at the Irvington club for the local tennis history buffs to enjoy.

In 1994 he moved to Manzanita into a house overlooking the Pacific Ocean where he could concentrate his efforts on writing and researching the history of jazz. He soon became an authority on Jazz history and published the following books which can be purchased at Amazon, Broadway Books and Powell's, etc. *Jumptown* is the history of the "golden age" of jazz in Portland -1942-1957. It is a guided tour of the famous jazz places of the time. *Tatum's Town* is about the greatest pianist of them all and the city where he grew up.

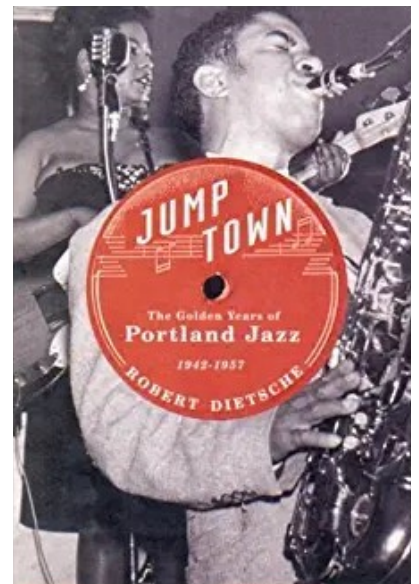
He is now writing a book on the late State Senator Ted Hallock, the man who saved Oregon beaches from developers.

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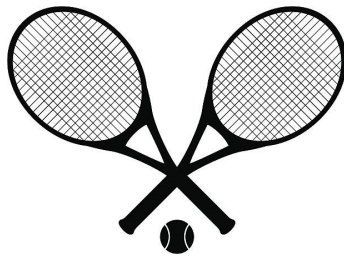
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