



Irvington Club News



September 2021



Notes From the General Manager

Dear Irvington Club Members,

Due to the latest Delta variant we had to cancel the Junior tournament. It was a very difficult decision, but the decision was based on being cautious about the safety of our members.

You will be receiving an email blast in the near future updating you on our continuing efforts for a Diversity Plan for our Club. In addition to that, we will be reaching out to members that have been with us for a while (right before or during the pandemic), to try and connect them with our Club. Former staff person Lisa Lyon will be reaching out to many in an effort to get to know you better. This is a long list as it represents right before the pandemic hit. Lisa is also on our current wait list, and her efforts are in conjunction with our Social Justice Committee to make sure we get to know our newer members. These will be posted on the bulletin board as you exit the hallway to the pool. Going forward, we will be listing our new members in our monthly newsletters. We realize that many already know people here at the Club, but there are many who do not and even if they do, it is nice to be able to connect to more of our members.

We just put out the pool schedule for August 30th thru September 12th, so please make note of the changes. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

League play will begin soon and the pros have messaged the rules to all of the captains. The really tough one is City League and all of the wonderful food. For now, we cannot allow it. We know people that have contracted COVID that were fully vaccinated. Please remain diligent and don't assume because you are vaccinated you are safe.

We have started the repair work on the exterior of the building. You will see Andy here on a regular basis doing the repairs. The gutters around the apartment and down Thompson Street have been removed. When the repairs are completed, new gutters will be installed and then right behind that we will have the building painted. As always, I hope to see you at the Club.

Stay Safe!

Barbara

President's Message

It sure feels like Fall in the mornings and late evenings. The summer Junior Camps were a great success thanks to our awesome pros and the swim team was awesome. The new coach is a joy to watch as he taught, coached and encouraged the swimmers. Everyone flocked to the pool and Brian did a wonderful job of keeping things running. We had to close early a few days as the lifeguards were at risk of heat related illness but they kept coming back every day and worked in the hot conditions. All of these events, with the exception of the excessive heat, kind of sound normal which is such a wonderful change. UTSA and City Leagues are starting this month and we will ask our guests to be as careful as we have been for the last 2 years. Everyone please take care and I hope to see you on the courts! - Cathy Zarosinski

Calendar of Events

September

6th ~ Labor Day

22nd ~ First day of Autumn



October

3rd – 16th ~ Carolyn Lumber Tennis Championships

31st ~ Halloween

New IC Members and Associate Members

Frederic & Tracey Abell

Sonia Acharya & Robert Litt Family

Aaron & Yasmine Allison Family

Misti & Joel Anderson Family

Marah & David Bean Family

Debora & Craig Beard Family

Mark & Ashley Bevan Family

Timothy Campbell & Tiare Farris Family

Kira & Jeff Capen Family

Jason & Erin Chen Family

Kevin & Leslie Chigbrow Family

Luca Dimezza – Junior Member

Brendan & Rachel Dummigan

Gabriellla Fiore & Duy Vuong Family

Scarlett Fox – Junior Member

Joel & Maura Greenblum Family

Thomas & Annie Griffin

Julianne & Tim Hershey Family

Matthew Hilber & Christin Spagnoli Family

Jake Johnson & Sarah Hayes Family

Susan & George Kapllani Family

Alexis & Nathan Kennedy Family

Kyle & Nathan Roach Family

Holly & Ken Kondziela Family

Josh Lewis & Shannon McMenammin Family

Riley Lewis – Junior Member

Elise & Jon Makler Family

Ned & Lora McCall Family

Kelsey McGinnis

Greg Naulty & Amy Tam-Naulty Family

Julie Nielsen

Tye North

Marilla & Luke Perkins

Jenny & John Reilly Family

Mary Remuzzi & Dan Uthman Family

Eric Rickson

Traci Rieckmann

Sarah & Dean Sasek Family

Wendy Schmidt & Michael Rounds Family

Christian & Sacha Scott Family

Jay Slesman & Christy Wiatt Family

Alan & Katie Staggers Family

Jill & Sean Stone Family

Christy Strange & Bryan Potter Family

Chris A. & Haley Thomas Family

Morgan & Jeff Towle Family

Anya Watts & James Prichard Family

WELCOME!

Adopt a Block volunteers needed

Do you love to garden? Or are you a Junior member who needs community service hours? Look no further, we can offer you the opportunity to join our Adopt a Block project between NE 21st and 22nd. Parents, you can help your kids get those hours by signing them up! We need volunteers to water the roundabout and if needed pick up litter around the block. Please contact Mary at maryrstevenson@gmail.com or Stephanie at stephanievickers@comcast.net. Thank you!

Community Involvement Committee News

October Book Club Selection and Discussion:

Rising out of Hatred, October 12 @7:00PM

Please join us to discuss Rising out of Hatred by Eli Saslow, a Pulitzer prize writer and Portland resident. His book illuminates the powerful story of how a prominent white supremacist changed his heart and mind. This is a book to help understand the American moment and to help better understand one another. We will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, October 12 @7:00PM at the club.

The Club Book shelf has a new home under the TV in the lounge. Check out the books and bring others to share.

Please complete the city's resurfacing campaign's brief survey by 9-7-21

<https://www.portland.gov/parks/construction/outdoor-tennis-courts-and-emerging-recreation-strategy>

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.).

Learn more and give your feedback by September 7, 2021 at:

<https://www.portland.gov/parks/construction/outdoor-tennis-courts-and-emerging-recreation-strategy>

From the Tennis Archives

WHERE ARE THEY NOW: Hugh Findlay by Tim Findlay

Hugh Graham Findlay was born in 1928. He grew up in NE Portland near the corner of 16th and Thompson. He had a fun childhood as is evident by his participation in the Irvington Club sponsored Children's Parade in 1934 with his brother Alex. This is documented with a picture in the book *The Club that Roared*. In the book it's written that Dad was 13 when he took his first lesson from Kurt Berndt at the Irvington Club. He loved tennis from that moment on. I think one of his first big wins was the 1945 Portland City Championships. He won the Jr. Singles event at the age of 17. He was attending Grant High School at the time. They had a very good team. Dad actually taught science at Grant in the 50's along with his good friend Clyde Knox who also taught there. Clyde rented a room from my grandmother for many years on 17th off Knott. Later on he attended Oregon State University and played at the top of the men's team for until he graduated in 1949. I think that may have been the year Don Megale arrived and Dad helped coach the young team. In 1950, dad married my mom Tootie and in 1952 they moved into the upstairs apartment at the Irvington Club with their first son Stephen when Dad became manager of the club. That lasted a couple of years but then he came back to teach as the pro of the club in 58 and 59. Throughout the 50's and into the 1960's, Dad taught tennis at the Mac Club, the Racquet Club and Waverly Country Club too. Mom was a good player too. Dad and mom won the Portland Parks mixed doubles tournament 3 times in 5 years starting in 1951. I think she was pregnant the other times! They got to keep the trophy in 1955. In 1955, he lost in the finals of the Oregon State Tournament to Sam Lee and Emory Neale. In 1951, he beat Clyde Knox in the Portland City Singles Championship. Between 1948 and 1955, he won the Portland City Doubles Championships 3 times playing with Fred Fisher, and Jim Flynn. In 1967, dad packed up the family and moved us all to 160 acres about 8 miles northeast of Bend and he built his dream. The Around the Bend Tennis Ranch. 4 tennis courts were built, a swimming hole and 8 horses became an amazing place for kids to come for 2 weeks at time to learn tennis and experience a county ranch adventure. This was the first tennis camp of its kind in the NW. We even hosted some junior tournaments there. It was a family business where we all had jobs to do. The camp ran until the mid 70's. Dad had a side hustle that I helped him with when I was a teenager. He built tennis courts around Central Oregon. Once he arranged to have the asphalt put down, we would mix and spread several layers of Laykold to smooth the surface. Then we would jackhammer in the net posts, paint the courts and measure out and paint the lines and voila! A tennis court. We built the first courts at Black Butte Ranch, Donna Gills Guest Ranch and Bend's first indoor courts in an old crane warehouse on the old Brooks Scanlan Mill property on the edge of downtown Bend. Now it's all shopping and restaurants. In the 80's Dad and Mom retired to Hawaii and enjoyed the sun, fun, golf and lots of tennis! They joined the Kailua Tennis Club and also played around the various parks in Kailua. Dad continued to compete as a member of various USTA teams (usually as the more "senior" member of the team. He was one of the top players around his age group and younger in many local tournaments and events there for many years. I believe one year his team did go to nationals in USTA but I'm not sure of the year. It could have been 1999. In 1999 he was the men's doubles champion of the USTA/HPS JR/SR Vets Sectional. In the year 2000, Dad and his doubles partner were the points leader in the Hawaii City Services Invitational 70's. He continues playing tennis until his early 80's. He is currently 93 and living at: The Springs at Carmen Oaks, 3800 Carmen Dr. Apt. 230 C, Lake Oswego, OR 97035. I'm sure he would love mail and to see visitors although his memory is fading a bit. Folks could always call me and I can let Dad know they may drop by or possible call him. That might work too.



Hugh & Tootie Findlay

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For additional Oregon Tennis Historical information visit the Oregon Tennis Historical website: <https://oregontennishistory.com/> and the Oregon Tennis Historical Facebook account: <https://www.facebook.com/oregontennishistoricalcommittee/> - If you would like to receive notifications of additions to the Facebook account, please indicate that you "like" the account.

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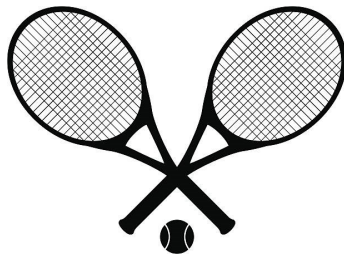
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