



# Irvington Club News



October 2021



## Notes From the General Manager

Dear Irvington Club Members,

As COVID cases are on the rise, it is obvious, we are not done with this pandemic. Everyone feels very differently about vaccinations, gatherings, what their comfort levels are, etc. I try to respect everyone's feelings, but am always trying to do what is best for the overall Club and its members.

We have been allowing drinking coffee in the main lobby, with the intention that you keep your mask on, take a sip, then put the mask on again. Most people are doing a great job adhering to this and it is usually no more than 4-5 people at one time.

When it comes to alcohol and food, we ask that you drink and eat outside. Open play nights attract many people, which we love, but that puts several people in the lobby area at the same time drinking, which presents a problem. We are elated that we will be hosting the Carolyn Lumber tournament and really happy to allow spectators this year. This being said, we must follow the guidelines in place and only allow beverages and food outside. We cannot anticipate numbers and it is no fun trying to enforce rules so we ask that you help us by following this rule.

I am sorry for the inconvenience, but please think of your fellow club members or staff that have family members that have compromised immune systems or their children that cannot be vaccinated yet. We wear our masks to protect others!

Our building repairs continue and now we will work within the parameters of the weather. We are finding a lot of dry rot and that part is taking longer than anticipated. Gutters come next, then we will have to see where we are before painting.

As always, I look forward to seeing you here at the Club!

Best,

Barbara

## New IC Members and Associates

Cynthia Arenas – Tennis Scholarship  
FJ Carter – Tennis Scholarship  
Logan Garvens – Junior Member  
Mark & Virginia King family  
Jonathan Nguyen – Tennis Scholarship  
Mark & Angela Reploeg family  
Curt Salada & Debbie Cohen family  
**WELCOME!**

# Calendar of Events

## October

9th – 16th ~ Carolyn Lumber Tennis Championships

31st ~ Halloween

## November

11th ~ Veterans Day

25th ~ Thanksgiving

## 2021 USA Pickleball PNW Regional Championships results

Several Irvington Club Members participated in the 2021 USA Pickleball PNW Regional Championships in Meridian, ID. Here are their results:

Tom Lux won the men's 4.0 55+ and qualified for Nationals. Jamie Fenner came in 3rd place.

Jamie Fenner and Leslie Ballard came in 3rd place for the 4.0 mixed 50+. They went into a lottery to play in Nationals and found out they got in.

Nationals is December 6th-14th in Indian Wells.



## Andrew Finkelman at the US Open

At the US Open this year, Andrew Finkelman was featured on a USTA poster at one of the stadiums. Andrew did not know it was there until a friend texted him. Alysa, Andrew, and Jacob Finkelman happened to be attending the first week of the US Open, so they struck this pose in front of it:



## Walter's Wisdom

### Best Targets in Doubles

When playing doubles, the best targets to hit at is over the net strap and at the T. This is the most consistent place to hit the ball. Largest real estate to hit toward and the lowest part of the net. It's a no brainer. Not to mention creating confusion for your opponents by hitting the ball through the middle of the court. I like to really focus my return of serves low over the net strap so I have a target to hit at. If I do this successfully, I know that the server's partner can't poach my ball. This will then allow me to come in and join my partner at the net.

Too often players change direction of the ball. The only two times you should change the direction of the ball is if you are close to the net and you get a high ball or if your opponent at the net is crowding the middle of the court trying to poach your ball, then a strong hit up the line will work.

Try this and win more doubles matches! - Walter Seidel, Tennis Director

## News from the Community Involvement Committee (CIC)

### 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.

Although the Carolyn Lumber Tournament will be in action on the courts below, we invite those who wish to meet with us, to join us upstairs to discuss the book.

The next book discussion will be in early December. Feel free to submit titles to consider. Check out the books under the TV in the lounge that are available to borrow or bring books to share for others to read.

### Help Plant Bulbs

21<sup>st</sup> and Thompson Roundabout

Wednesday, Oct. 6 @ 1:00PM

We welcome any members who want to come and help weed, amend the soil a bit and plant bulbs in the roundabout. Bring your gloves, and spades and help us spruce up the roundabout. If you can help out, please email Stephanie @ [stephanievickers@me.com](mailto:stephanievickers@me.com) or just show up @ 1:00 on 10-6-21.

### Portland Backpack Project Food Drive

During the Tournament and throughout October

Please help support the backpack project by bringing food throughout October. We are asking members during the Carolyn Lumber Tournament to bring food that is requested by the Portland Backpack Project. If you prefer, members can leave a cash donation or a food store credit card at the front desk. Juniors are asked to help and make care cards that are placed in each backpack every week.

Requested Food: **proteins, individual instant oatmeal, fruit and snacks**. A full list is available by the tubs in the lounge (south windows). Please be aware of the labels and select only high proteins, that are low in salt, fruit with light syrup or no sugar added and snacks that are lower in sugar and higher in protein.

It is still undecided if we can gather together to pack the "backpack bags."



## 2021 ITF World Seniors 60 Doubles winner Mike Tammen

### Final World Championship Report by Mike Tammen

I hit my first ball on the red clay when I was 23 and have spent the next 40 years trying to catch up to the ones that were born on this red stuff. I gotta say I am not a bad clay court player but it would appear I still have a lot of work to do....

Now I know some of you will want to debate this with me but in my opinion, after playing in this great event and after a long career of playing on all different surfaces and watching and loving most sports, there is nothing that is as artistic, graceful and athletic as watching a great clay court player do their thing...

I'm not sure my words do it justice but it's simply magnificent to see a 60 year old (or any age) sprint from side to side, sliding, recovering, making an adjustment on that terrible bounce, hit a recovery shot, knife backhand to backhand then sprint 25 feet forward because their opponent just hit a drop shot, slide another 8 feet, reach the ball just before it bounces for the second time and hit a drop shot back that barely clears the net for a winner. Spectacular!!, and that was just one point :) We get to see this point after point after point!

My path in this years individual World Championships was not so graceful but at least I did not fall. I played pretty well through the 4th round beating players from Portugal, Italy, and Mexico before running into Norbert Henn the #1 player from Germany. He took me out 6-2, 7-5. Yah he's one of those who was born on this stuff. That being said I played a good match and was serving for the second set at 5-4 but Norbert then found another clay court gear. So back to the drawing board for me.

Bill Moss made it to the quarterfinals before losing to former #10 singles and #1 doubles player Anders Jarred. Bill had match points in the 3rd before losing 6-0, 4-6, 7-5. It will take him a while to get over this one.

My doubles partner Mike Fedderly lost in the quarterfinals to the eventual finalist. Mike had to retire after pulling a quad at 4-3 in the first. Stu made it the furthest getting to the semis and losing in three sets to the same Spaniard 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. Great effort by Stu!!!

The doubles was a different story. Seeded #1, we received a first round bye and played a good team from the Netherlands in the second round. It was a solid match for us and we won 6-2, 6-3. In the quarterfinals we played a team from Hungary. I did not know they were so good in Hungary. Another lesson relearned. Never underestimate your opponents. We won the first set 6-2. Then the Hungarians completely changed their tactics... They stayed back, started lobbing and being very patient...until they got their shot, usually a forehand, and then hit it as hard as they could which worked. They pulled ahead a break. A little bit of a wake up call for us. Then at 3-5 we broke back and pulled even at 5-5. Then to the tie break which we got behind 3-5 but were able to win the next 4 points and pull it out 7-6. Scary stuff because in the doubles tourney if you split sets, you play a 10-point match tiebreak and as you all know anything can happen in one of those. So, we were very happy to escape with a 2-set win. In our semifinal match we played a team from Great Brittan. Another match where it took a few games to settle in but we won the first set 6-3. Then in the second something changed again. Good adjustments by them got the Brits a 2-break lead so they are serving for the set at 5-2. A bit of nerves by them opened up the door and we somehow figured out a way back and won 5 consecutive games and the set 7-5. We just kept telling ourselves to keep working hard on every point and see what happens.

On to the finals. We played the #1 team from France and we had our best day of the tournament. Playing on the center court which was a thrill for me we won 6-0, 6-2. Enough said. My 4th World Doubles Championship, 3rd with Mike....

Current World Rankings

#1 Men's 60 Doubles

#20 Men's 60 Singles

## 2021 USTA National Men's 60 Grass Court Championship

Mike Tammen was the singles champion of the 2021 USTA National Men's 60 Grass Court Championship in Rumford, Rhode Island. Mike was also the runner up in doubles.

**Congrats Mike!**

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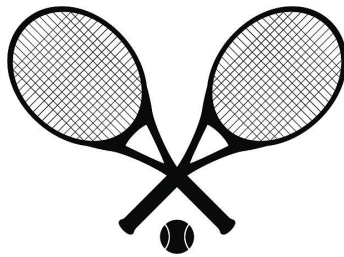
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