



# Irvington Club News



December 2021



## Notes From the General Manager

By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have come and gone. I am hoping you were able to spend time with family and friends. My daughter, Danielle, and her husband, Erik, and fur babies Lola and Roxie, moved from Seattle to Portland a few months ago. Needless to say, I am ecstatic having them so close to me (Beaumont/Wilshire neighborhood). For many years after my husband passed, we had a Thanksgiving tradition that Thanksgiving Day would be celebrated with family and the Saturday after that would be celebrated with friends. We are up to 11 people for Saturday and some I have not seen since Danielle and Erik got married in 2019. I am so excited to get to see everyone again!

We are starting to work on the budget, renew insurance policies, continue maintenance projects, and do all those things that keep our Club operating.

I really appreciate everyone's cooperation with our mask rules. If you are not clear, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We have 3 pickleball players heading to Nationals (Leslie Ballard, Tom Lux, and Jamie Fenner). Good luck to all of them! Also, Club member, Jane Paulson, has, and is playing lots of pickleball tournaments and doing very well. Congrats to Jane; however, it sure would be nice to see her on the tennis courts, at least occasionally.

Our Social Justice Committee continues their efforts to develop a plan to help our Club become more diverse. I can't thank them enough for all of the time and effort they are spending. They are a very dedicated and committed group of people and I so appreciate them. Along those same lines, our Community Involvement Committee continues to support several community efforts and doing some amazing work. If that is of interest to you, do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Vickers or Mary Stephenson.

I will end my message by expressing my gratitude for being able to work at a job I love and blessed to have all of you as part of our community.

Best,

Barbara

## New IC Members and Associates

Sylvia Comlish – Junior Member • Gabriella Fiore & Duy Vuong family • Lisa Lyon

Heidi Presthofer – Junior Member • Ingrid Peterson & John Tapogna • Jared & Genevieve Rollier

Nina Sanna • Nicole Whitesell

**WELCOME!**

## Calendar of Events

### December

2nd ~ CIC-SJC Book Group meeting, 7pm in the upstairs lounge

16th ~ Women's Tennis "holiday bump", time TBD

25th ~ Christmas

31st ~ New Year's Eve

### January

1st ~ New Year's Day

**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2022!**

6th-9th ~ The Irvington Club Junior Tennis Championships

## President's Message

I am writing this message on Thanksgiving and want to focus on "Giving." This Fall the Board voted to partner with MLK Elementary School on NE 6<sup>th</sup>. This supports the missions of both the Community Involvement and Social Justice Committees. MLK school is in a historically Black neighborhood very close to the Club. This partnership will offer opportunities for Club members to volunteer for various activities through the Community Involvement Committee. They need help with lunch time composting, walking with the Safety Patrol before and after school to supervise a busy corner, helping with passing out Friday Backpack bags to about 70 kids, and helping to teach tennis in the Spring. To volunteer at a PPS school, one must pass a background check and be fully vaccinated.

The school's first specific request was for assistance with the daily snack program that had been suspended by Portland Public Schools because of COVID concerns with the nutritional staff. The Board chipped in personally and purchased snacks for three weeks until the District resumed the Federal snack program in November. Our most immediate request is to support **10 Families' Wish List**. More information about needed items and food gift cards will be shared in an email blast and the information will be posted in the lounge. I hope many of you will be able to help out. Enjoy the coming Holidays with your families and friends. See you on the courts!

Cathy Zarosinski

## Walter's Wisdom

With so many new and current members coming back and filling the courts, we are really excited about 2022. We have set our six tournament dates for next year and will begin with the USTA 18+ and 40+ Mixed League seasons in January. City League is going strong, our junior program is thriving and club events are coming back. If you are a new member, now is the time to sign up for any events and tournaments the club organizes. Come to Ladies or Men's Night and Open Play, take part in our tennis drills and begin to come to the club. We are a small neighborhood club where we can connect and share with our community. Our families often call it their second home. I hope you have a wonderful winter break and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Walter Seidel, Tennis Director

# News from the Community Involvement Committee (CIC)

Make this a GIVING December and get involved helping others this season!

Irvington Club's Partner School – Martin Luther King Elementary

## 10 Families' Wish List

The Club has been asked to help fulfill a Christmas wish list for ten of MLK school's families. We are asking members in December to purchase specific items that the families are requesting for their children. A complete list will be shared in an upcoming e-blast and a hard copy will be available in the lounge. Please consider getting involved with a purchase of some very needed items such as grocery store gift cards, rain or winter coats or shoes. If you prefer to make a cash donation, we can shop and help fill in the gaps from the lists. Leave your **cash donation** at front desk by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The club's donations will be delivered to the school the afternoon of Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. **Please help us make this a special time for these 10 families.**

The CIC wants to highlight other organizations that members are actively supporting. If one of these organizations appeals to you, please reach out to the member or check out the organization's website to donate and/or get involved.

\*Member **Kiki Pallier** ([Pallier.c@comcast.net](mailto:Pallier.c@comcast.net)) supports **Jenn Louis** who works to collect basic items for the houseless. Kiki is collecting the items listed below that can be left on her porch @ 3126 NE Brazee.

**Jenn Louis (Basic Needs, Basic Rights)** <https://www.jennlouis.com/about>

- Clean gallon milk jugs filled with water
- Non-perishable food: fruit, snacks, canned vegetables, jerky, granola, bars, soup
- Ready to eat meals, nonperishable
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)
- Baby wipes

\*Member, **Dana Austin**, has been integrally involved in the formation of **The Shopp**, a philanthropic thrift shop. The Shopp donates all its profits to aid people, especially woman locally and globally who are in abusive situations or fighting against human trafficking. To learn more about The Shopp, go to the website @ <http://nwcollaborative.org/theshopp/>

**The Shopp**, 2808 NE MLK Blvd., Suite 5. 503 208-2623. 10A-5P Tuesday-Saturday

\*Member **Shelley Stoffer** is volunteering at **The Gateway Center for Domestic Violence** ([www.gatewaycenterdv.org](http://www.gatewaycenterdv.org)). The Gateway Center provides services for victims of domestic violence throughout the tri counties and Clark County. The Center accepts women's clothing in all sizes and at this time with the pandemic clothing donations can be dropped off at Shelley's home. The Center also has a wish list to purchase items needed: <https://www.domesticshelters.org/help/or/portland/97216/the-gateway-center-for-domestic-violence-services>.

Contact Shelley at [stoffershelley@gmail.com](mailto:stoffershelley@gmail.com) to arrange to drop off of clothing donations.

CIC encourages members continued support of the organizations that the Club has supported over the years:

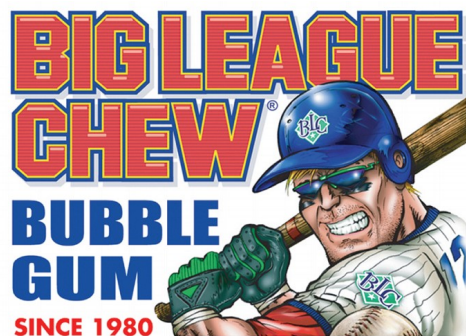
**Portland Backpack Project** <https://www.portlandbackpack.com/donate>

**Rose Haven** <https://rosehaven.org>

For further opportunities to give and donate, the *Willamette Week* published a list of opportunities to give at this time of the year: <https://giveguide.org/nonprofits>

**Thank you to those who wish to support and make life better for those in need.**

## Junior Club Championships—January 6-9th



We are fast approaching the holiday break and then our annual Junior Club Championships presented by Big League Chew Bubble Gum is January 6-9th, 2022. A big thank you to Rob Nelson for sponsoring this annual event at the club. It makes a big difference and most of our kids even refer to this tournament as the Big League Chew Bubble Gum tournament, thanks to Rob. As the covid-19 climate continues to improve with our younger members getting vaccinated, so do our tournaments bring back fans and food with entertainment. We don't know yet what our weekend tournament rules will be, but we are planning to have fans and possible food and drink at the club.

We will keep you posted. The most important step is for you to register your child on the tournament homepage by (below) before the signup deadline of December 31st, 2021. Please register your child in the appropriate age division and further tournament details are on the tournament homepage. If you are unsure whether or not your child can participate in our tournament, please contact Walter at the club. Remember, a child on the waitlist can participate in this event in singles and with a member for doubles.

Tournament homepage link: <https://playtennis.usta.com/Competitions/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/32cb8fad-1c2f-4934-967c-e7073e405147>

## Mixed Doubles Club Championships—February 5-13th

We were able to manage the Carolyn Lumber Tennis Championships successfully again this year with fans now being able to come and watch matches. We added the tent outside on the front porch with fire pits so members could eat and drink safely during the event. Our Mixed Doubles Club Championships is fast approaching, scheduled for February 5th-13th, 2022. As the Covid-19 climate continues to improve so will our tournaments entertainment with food and drink. We don't know yet how things will be in February, and we will adjust accordingly. The tournament is set up so you may begin to register through the tournament homepage (below). All the tournament information is on this website. The entry deadline is January 15th, 2022. If you have questions about your entry, please contact Cristobal at the club.

Tournament homepage: <https://playtennis.usta.com/Competitions/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/e68267b3-ca7f-4b1d-9dbb-e33d19f00d70>

## 2022 Tournament Schedule

The Junior Club Championships presented by Big League Chew Bubble Gum, January 6-9th, 2022.

The Mixed Doubles Club Championships, February 5-13th, 2022.

The Oregon State Senior Men's Indoor Championships, March 3-6th, 2022.

The Irvington Club Open Championships presented by adidas, June 20-26th, 2022.

USTA Level 6 The Irvington Club Junior Championships, August 12-14th, 2022.

The 39th Annual Carolyn Lumber Tennis Championships, October 2-15th, 2022.



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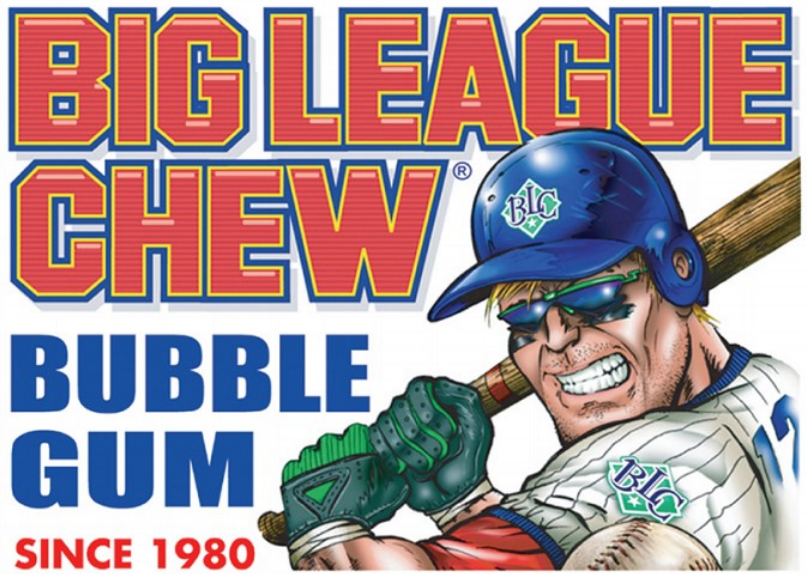
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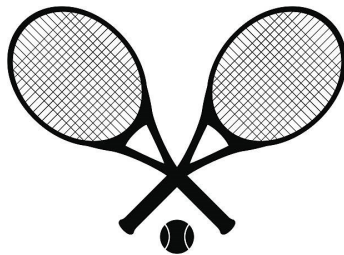
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