

## November 2023 Monthly News

## Irvington Club Foundation (ICF)

Over the last several months, a subcommittee of the Community Involvement Committee has met to identify and describe the steps needed to create an Irvington Club Foundation. Once in place, the foundation will offer Club Members an opportunity to contribute financially to support a shared mission, and leave a lasting legacy and endowment to our community.

Establishing this foundation is a heartfelt commitment to the mission statements of the Club, the CIC, and the Diversity Initiative. The ICF committee sees our Club's role in enhancing the well-being of our entire community, using tennis as a catalyst for positive change, fostering physical fitness, mental well-being, and a sense of belonging.

The foundation will grant aid to marginalized communities, fostering access to and enjoyment of tennis, while supporting education, health, and resilience.

At the meeting on Monday, October 30th, subcommittee members shared elements of the work to date, and further plans:

- A preliminary mission statement anchors foundation service and support targets: The mission of the ICF is to encourage and support strategic initiatives that preserve and strengthen the vital and historical nature of the ITC and that contribute to the overall health and well-being of its surrounding community.
- The subcommittee will work to establish a non-profit foundation according to the state of Oregon and the IRS Section 501(c)3 and will follow up with governance requirements, including officers and at large memberships and how money will be distributed.

If you were unable to attend the 10-30 meeting, the committee welcomes members' questions, comments, suggestions and how potential volunteers can assist the work. The ICF committee will continue to keep members informed. And if you have experience or interest in working with the ICF committee, please contact Stephanie Vickers at svickers97212@gmail.com.

## Portland Backpack

Thanks to all who supported the Irvington Club's participation in the successful Portland Backpack Event on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The program kindled a profound understanding of the challenges related to student hunger. Our collaboration and support is a testament to the ITC mission and reaffirmed our shared commitment to creating a positive impact in our community. We are still encouraging donations which can be made online at: <a href="https://www.portlandbackpack.com/">https://www.portlandbackpack.com/</a>. Or, please bring your food donations to the Club as the needs are still great and every bit of participation is appreciated.

### Keep Your Eye on the Ball

- November 3rd, 6:15pm-10:00pm, Pickleball Mixer
- November 8th, 9:00am, Community Involvement Committee Meeting
- November 9th, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Wine Tasting
- November 14th, 7:00pm, Diversity and Equity Initiative Meeting
- November 15th, 6:15pm, Tennis Committee Meeting
- November 24th, 6:15pm-10:00pm, Family Tennis Mixer
- November 28th, 6:00pm, Board Meeting

#### **New Members**

Katelyn Burns (Junior)

Owen Robertson (Junior)

**WELCOME!** 

#### **Outgoing Members**

Diane Miller

**FARFWFLL** 

#### **GM Notes**

Dear Irvington Club Members,

As a part of the process of overhauling the Membership Directory, the Governance Committee, the Board of Trustees, and I have been taking a deep dive into assessing myriad Club policies and their benefits for our community. Most have been retained, some have been adjusted, and a few have come up for more serious scrutiny.

One of the policies that has been scrutinized is the Irvington Club's Junior Member Policy. Junior members are youth who join the Club as individual members. Club policy has enabled a junior member to join after their 9th birthday. However, due to safety regulations throughout the Club, nine-year-olds must be accompanied by an adult in all parts of the Club. This means that they must either be in group lessons or pay guest fees for every visit they make to the Club. To correct the logic of this policy, the Board of Trustees took action at its September meeting to change the Junior Member Policy. Effective with the publication of this notice to membership, the BOT moved to change the minimum age of junior members from 9 to 11 years. Anyone currently on the waitlist for junior membership who does not meet the new guideline (not yet 11) will remain on the waitlist and their application will be honored. New additions for membership must meet the new requirement.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change in the policy, please contact me directly. I'm happy to talk with you.

Thanks, Beth

## President's Message

Dear Irvington Club Members,

As you all know the Irvington Club Board of Trustees and our General Manager have been working on strategic planning. With your help from surveys, listening sessions, and other modes of feedback, the Board has finalized a strategic planning guide and passed it on to the Strategic Planning Committee. That committee is now meeting regularly to discuss the objectives listed in the document and develop a list of recommendations for the Board and GM to consider. We are taking the process very seriously and are therefore taking the time to do it right! That means everyone involved in the process is having excellent conversations about creative ideas to shape the future of our beloved Club. Our goal is to have concrete decisions made about what is to take place and when it will happen in time for us to share that information with you at our annual meeting in February.

In the meantime, continue to share your thoughts with us. You can do that informally by leaving messages in the suggestion box or emailing Board members and/or the General Manager. You can also do that more formally by signing up to speak to the Board at the beginning of our monthly meetings – just send Beth and me an email telling us that you want to speak and the topic you what to address (<a href="mailto:boardpresident@irvingtonclub.com">boardpresident@irvingtonclub.com</a>; <a href="mailto:bmoore@irvingtonclub.com">bmoore@irvingtonclub.com</a>).

But, above all, keep enjoying our Club and the fun you have here with one another!

Yours in service, Jonathan Steinhoff

The 40th Annual Carolyn Lumber Tennis Championships 2023



To see all the pictures from the tournament, visit the digital photo album here:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/pFicfRvDR85p58EK6

## Popplewell and Rothrock deliver at the Denny Cardinall Cup

At the recently completed Denny Cardinall team competition held at the Vancouver Lawn and Tennis Club, in Vancouver, B.C. on October 21-22, 2023, John Popplewell and Phil Rothrock went 2-0 in matches they played in the 80 division. John also went 2-0 with Mike Stone in the 80 division. These four wins by John, Phil, and Mike helped Oregon win this year's Denny Cardinall Cup.

Final team score: Oregon 19, Washington 15, British Columbia 13

Congrats to John, Phil, Mike, and team Oregon!

This was the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Denny Cardinall Cup International team competition between Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, Canada. The top ranked players in the 45-85 age groups from each of these geographic areas play a combined 48 doubles matches over two days to determine the annual Cup winner.

Next year's competition will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon.

## MLK Jr Elementary School Holiday Wish Lists

Stay tuned for more information to help with a special request from Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School to fulfill several students' holiday wish lists. As in the past, members will have an opportunity to generously step up and chose a student's name hanging on the Club Christmas tree and purchase one or two items for children who would not have much under their tree if not for those who purchase and wrap gifts.

## 2024 ITC Tournament Schedule

The Irvington Club Junior Championships presented by Big League Chew Bubblegum January 4-7th, 2024

The Mixed Doubles Club Championships January 31st-February 11th, 2024

The Oregon State Senior Men's Indoor Championships February 29th-March 3rd, 2024

The Irvington Club Open Championships presented by adidas
June 11th-16th, 2024

The Irvington Club Junior Championships August 15-18th, 2024

The 41st Annual Carolyn Lumber Tennis Championships October 19th- November 2nd, 2024



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