



April 2024 Monthly News

New—Irrington Club Foundation



The Irvington Club Foundation (ICF) is a new organization that has been created to support youth and family programs and may also have the funds to support Club projects. The Irvington Club Foundation is a separate entity from The Irvington Club

The Foundation was formed as a response to members who have expressed a desire to honor the richness that the Club has added to their lives. The ICF mission is to provide a channel for current and past members of the Club to contribute to a fund that supports organizations and projects that are consistent with The Irvington Club's mission.

By making a financial contribution, either through a legacy or annual gifts, members can help ensure the ongoing success and mission of the Irvington Club Foundation. Contributions to the Foundation are strictly optional and are not in any way an obligation of membership in the Club. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations to the foundation qualify as deductions on both state and federal taxes.

If you want to know more about the foundation, have questions, want to learn about how to make a donation, or are considering serving on the ICF Board of Directors, please email the ICF at: irvingtonclubfoundation@irvingtonclub.com.

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

- April 5th, 6:00pm-9:00pm, Art Reception featuring Belong Art Community and Artsify
 - April 9th, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Diversity and Equity Initiative Meeting
 - April 12th, 7:00pm-10:00pm, Texas Hold'em
 - April 17th, 6:15pm, Tennis Committee Meeting
 - April 18th, 6:30pm-9:00pm, Drag Queen Bingo
 - April 22nd, 9:00am, Member registration opens for May Junior Tennis Lessons
 - April 23rd, 6:00pm, Board Meeting
 - April 29th, 9:00am, Non-member registration opens for May Junior Tennis Lessons
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New Members:

Jeb & Angela Hubbs Family • Bonnie & Isaac Quintero • Shalina & Jimmy Stillman Family • Cecily & Charles Schmidt Family • Raihana Ansary & Brian Vanneman Family • Aluko Hope & Christopher Johnson • Morgan Hakki & Nalini Colaco Family • Enrique Sanchez-Rivera & Maria Valencia • Kento Oudomphong

WELCOME!

President's Message

As Board President Jonathan Steinhoff continues his travels in South America, he wishes everyone well and hopes you all are enjoying your time at the Club.

Message from the Acting President

Hello Members,

As Vice President, I am acting President while Board President Jonathan Steinhoff is vacationing in Chile. On Tuesday March 26th, we received a letter from a lawyer representing the Scotts, our neighbors whose home is north of the club's outdoor pickleball courts. The letter informed the club that the Scotts intend to file a lawsuit seeking \$1.2 million in damages they allege to have suffered from the pickleball noise unless the club ceases all pickleball play by April 8th, 2024. In an effort to avoid the burden and expense of litigation and in a good faith effort to reach a consensual resolution with our neighbors, we notified our membership that pickleball will for the time being cease on the outdoor court next to the Scotts' house. We disagree with many of the allegations in the complaint and it remains our hope that we can reach a resolution with the Scotts.

The Irvington Club has been a fixture in the neighborhood for over 125 years and is generally viewed as a unique asset to the community. The club is committed to maintaining a positive relationship with all of its neighbors. We started using the outdoor singles court for pickleball several years ago and we work to be a good neighbor in our outdoor pickleball play. We limit the hours of pickleball play to 9:30 AM to 7:30 PM. We have a strict policy against playing music on the outdoor courts. We have signage on the outdoor courts reminding members to be respectful and quiet when playing pickleball outside. We have offered to put up a sound barrier between the outdoor courts and the Scotts' property. The outdoor pickleball courts receive little use during the winter and weekday daytime hours. We remain hopeful that a reasonable resolution is feasible.

We were contacted by a reporter from the Willamette Week in regards to our response to the cease and desist letter. The Willamette Week published an online article titled "Irvington Club Pauses Pickleball After Receiving Cease-and-Desist Letter From Neighbor." We will keep you advised as this matter develops.

Our Board members are available to respond to your questions.

Cathy Porter, The Irvington Club Vice President and acting President

Fitness Classes with Joey Smith

Our in-house trainer Joey Smith has openings for his 45-minute fitness classes on Tuesdays/Thursdays at 11:30am, Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 12:45pm, and Saturdays at 10:30am.

Joey will also be starting a Teen Conditioning class in April on Tuesdays/Thursdays at 4:30pm.

To sign up for any of these classes, contact Joey directly at:

503-290-8191 / fitness1st@gmail.com

Community Involvement Committee (CIC)

Volunteer Opportunities

The Community Involvement Committee (CIC) is looking for members who might help and consider volunteering with Portland Public Schools' **PTA Clothing Center** at Marshall High School on SE 92nd on Mondays or Thursdays from 9:30am-1:00pm until the end of April. While at the Clothing Center you will help families acquire much needed clothing.

The Development Manager of the local **Alzheimer's Association** reached out to the Club to ask if the Club might want to help explore ways to support the Alzheimer's Association with an activity that is called "The Longest Day". The Longest Day is the day with the most light, the summer solstice, but the activity can actually occur on any day of our choice. For example, the Club might want to plan a fundraiser by selling donated snacks and drinks on Men's and Women's Nights, organize a mini tennis or pickleball tournament with part of the entry fee going to the Alzheimer's Association, hold an auction of donated tennis, pickleball or sports equipment, or even partner with an existing sports event such as a club tournament to see if money can be raised to support the Alzheimer's Association.

If you are interested in discussing ways members can organize a fun and engaging fundraiser, please let the CIC know by emailing: stephanievickers@comcast.net.

Women's Open Play and Teen Open Play on Thursdays

As decided by the Tennis Committee, Women's and Teen Open Play will move from Monday to Thursday starting in April for a three-month trial. Women's Open Play on Wednesday mornings will remain the same. The new schedule for Women's and Teen Open Play on Thursdays is as follows:

- 5:00pm - Women's Open Play on courts 1 & 2
- 6:15pm - Women's Open Play on all four indoor courts
- 8:15pm - Teen Open Play on all four indoor courts

By starting at 5:00pm, the court times 2:30pm and 3:45pm will remain available for member reservations. Teen Open Play is moving to ensure member reservations will be available on Monday evening. The Tennis Committee will monitor the court utilization for the duration of the three months.

This change is driven by the results of the Open Play survey. The strongest opinions clearly pointed to Monday nights as difficult being the first day back to work/school. Additionally, more evening times are needed to accommodate women with careers and there is a perception that men have more playing time since there are no drills taking place during their Open Play. The committee held much discussion and evaluation of several possible scenarios, focusing on responding to the survey while also appreciating the need to not take away court time from the general membership.

Art Reception—4/5

Art at Irvington will host an art show on Friday, April 5th from 6pm-9pm, featuring art from [Belong Art Community](#) and [Artsify](#). Come check out the beautiful artwork.

Texas Hold'em—4/12

Texas Hold'em is back! Join us on April 12th from 7pm-10pm as we learn and/or hone our card playing skills. Member sign up is now open at the front desk. Ages 21+.

Drag Queen Bingo—4/18

Member sign up is now open for the Social Committee's event of the year (so far!). Join us in the ballroom on April 18th from 6:30pm-9pm for "Drag Queen Bingo" hosted by the fabulously entertaining Poison Waters. Tickets are \$20/member. Ages 18+.

Roundabout Improvement Project—Volunteers Needed

Please join us on Saturday, May 4th at 10am to enhance the roundabout on 21st and Thompson. We will be amending the soil and adding plants that are more drought tolerant, native, or add beauty. Bring gloves, shovels, and rakes. If you have extra sword ferns to donate or questions contact Chris Haug-Chin: haugchin@gmail.com.

Fish for Fish Fundraiser

The Irvington Club is partnering with Kenai-Red Fish Company to support the Irvington Club Swim Team. Between now and April 21st, Kenai-Red Fish Company will donate a portion of their sales to the Irvington Club Swim Team. Place your order online through this form: rb.gy/mw1oky





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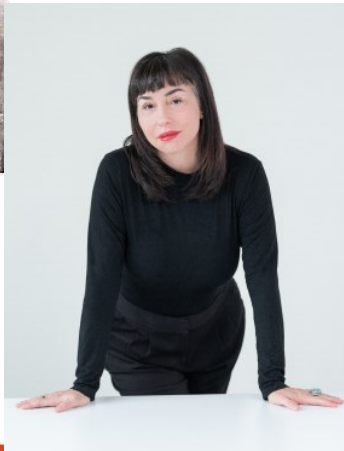
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9:30 AM-10:30 AM

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