



## July 2024 Monthly News

### *Black Swim Initiative (BSI) Fundraiser—7/13*

We are hosting a Pool Party and Fundraiser to support Black Swim Initiative (BSI) on Saturday, July 13th from 1:30pm-3:30pm at the pool. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn how to swim. That's what BSI does, providing lessons for children of all ages in Portland. Join us for some swimming, games, and icy treats at The Irvington Club Pool as we support BSI. A donation of five dollars is suggested. We hope to see you there!

For more information about BSI, visit: [blackswimpdx.us](http://blackswimpdx.us)



### *The Irvington Club Annual BBQ—7/18*

Join us for our annual BBQ on Thursday, July 18th starting at 5pm. There will be a bounce house, pool games, cornhole, a dunk tank to support the ICF, and pool games. We will also host a baking competition—The Great Irvington Bake Off! Bring your best dessert to be judged. There will be free hamburgers, veggie burgers, and chicken on the grill along with drinks for purchase. Join us for all the fun! RSVP through the front desk.

#### ***Keep Your Eye on the Ball***

- July 9th, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Diversity and Equity Initiative Meeting
- July 13th, 9:00am-12:30pm, Junior Volunteer Opportunity at the NEFP
- July 13th, 1:30pm-3:30pm, Black Swim Initiative (BSI) fundraiser
- July 17th, 6:15pm, Tennis Committee Meeting
- July 18th, 5pm, The Irvington Club Annual BBQ
- July 23rd, 6:00pm, Board Meeting
- July 26th, 6:30pm-9:30pm, Alzheimer's Fundraiser Tennis Mixer
- July 27th, Swim Team Home Meet

#### ***Outgoing Members:***

- John & Kathleen Windish Family
- Enrique Sanchez-Rivera & Maria Valencia
- Rodney & Michelle Cooke Family
- Angela & Mark Reploeg Family

**FAREWELL**

## *President's Message*

Dear Irvington Club Members,

I want to thank members Jamie Fenner and Janet Walker for circulating a pickleball petition and sharing its results with the Board. From that petition it is clear that pickleball on our outdoor singles court is an important part of the Irvington Club experience for many of you. And thank all of you who shared your opinion either on the petition or in conversation with me. I share your enthusiasm for what I agree is a great game.

Here is what I can tell you about the situation. Our neighbors to the north decided that the accommodations that the Club had made in the past were inadequate, so they hired a lawyer who sent us a letter with demands. Due to the complexities that arose as the pickleball issue also became a legal issue, the Board and General Manager met and decided it was necessary to shut down pickleball play until resolutions could be reached outside a courtroom. Attempts were made to meet and reach a good neighbor agreement, but those efforts were unsuccessful. Both sides are currently working through our lawyers to arrange for mediation, and our hope is that an amicable and fair agreement can be reached.

In the meantime, we remain unable to open the courts back up for outdoor pickleball. This does not mean that pickleball reservations are necessarily off the table for the entire outdoor season. It does mean that no one can say right now when or if that might happen. And I am truly sorry about that!

I do want all you pickleball playing members to know, though, that the Board has heard you and we are tasking our Renovation and Building & Grounds committees with helping us to come up with ways to ensure that pickleball is a part of the future of our club. Many ideas have been put forward from sound proofing to enclosure of the singles court and more. But rest assured, before we make any decisions on moving ahead with plans, we will be offering opportunities for all of you to weigh in.

In service,

Jonathan Steinhoff, Board president, [boardpresident@irvingtonclub.com](mailto:boardpresident@irvingtonclub.com)

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## *GM Notes*

Dear Irvington Club Members,

Summer programming is such a nice change of pace in the rhythms of the club. It's great to see the outdoors spaces being used more and the tennis camps and swim lessons filled to capacity. Hopefully you are able to take some time this month to enjoy some sun on the front patio, the pool deck, or the outdoor courts. Additionally, there are several special summer events coming up; the club is offering some new fitness programming throughout the summer; and the annual BBQ will take place July 18th. We hope to see you and your friends and family enjoying these opportunities to engage in the community of the club.

Fun fact: I learned last week from the arborist that the tulip trees that are blooming along 21<sup>st</sup> Ave in front of the club are some of the oldest flower specimens on earth. They are so lovely and delicate on those giant trees!

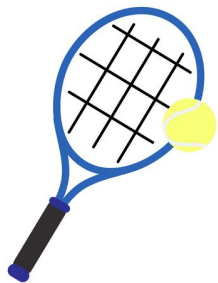
Happy Summer!

Best,

Beth

## Summer Junior Grand Slam 2024

We are launching the first ever Summer Junior Grand Slam 2024! This event will run July 12th-August 25th. This is a great way to get more match play for our juniors at the Club during the summer months. We will have fun prizes for all the Champions, Finalists, and Consolation Champions!



To register and for more details, visit the tournament homepage here:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/19D9BDFE-F4FC-4766-9A14-8750B8124766>



The registration deadline is July 5th by 10pm.

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## Irvington Club Foundation (ICF) News

### Dunk Tank @ the annual Club BBQ

The Irvington Club Foundation (ICF) Board invites you to stop by our table on NE Thompson Street at the annual Club BBQ on Thursday, July 18th, starting at 5pm. Learn a little bit about the new foundation and buy some tickets to try your luck at the dunk tank to support the ICF.

### Save the Date—9/21/24, ICF Gala

The Irvington Club Foundation is planning a very special fundraising Gala on Saturday evening, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please watch for more information and mark your calendar for this special event in the Ballroom.

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## Alzheimer's Fundraiser Tennis Mixer—7/26

The Irvington Club's Community Involvement Committee is inviting members to come out and play tennis at a Friday night mixer on July 26th from 6:30-9:30PM to help raise funds for Portland's Alzheimer's Association (AA). Research shows that tennis is good for people suffering from Alzheimer's because tennis allows those with Alzheimer's to continue to stay active, engaged on the court, and exercise while tennis restores their confidence. Research from the Alzheimer's Society has outlined that regular exercise can reduce the risk of developing dementia by 30%.

If you wish to participate, please register by July 24th at the Front Desk and pay \$15 to play BUMP. Members who wish may bring a guest for \$15 each (no additional guest fee). We are capping those who will play tennis at 50. If you want to come and watch, we encourage viewers to support AA with a donation too.

Light refreshments and free beer will be available for a donation. Other beverages can be purchased at the front desk. Those joining the fun will also have opportunities to purchase raffle tickets.

For members who cannot join us at the Mixer but wish to donate, we will post a QR code at the front desk during the month of July with donations going directly to Portland Alzheimer's Association.

## *Roger North and John Popplewell Win in Marin!*

At the Marin Championships held June 4th-9th, 2024 at the Mill Valley Tennis Club in Mill Valley, California, Roger North won the 80+ Singles Division and Roger with John Popplewell won the 80+ Doubles Division.

Roger and John are now ranked #1 in the Men's 80 National Standings!

Congrats Roger and John!

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## *The Irvington Club USTA Teams*

Congratulations to the Irvington Club USTA teams going to playoffs and sectionals.

The teams going to playoffs:  
40+ 3.0 Women, 40+ 3.0 Men, 40+ 3.5 Men



The team going to sectionals:  
65+ 7.0 Men

Go Team Irvington!



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## *Junior Volunteer Opportunity*

On Saturday, July 13th from 9am-12:30pm, Juniors 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us for a morning of volunteering at the Northeast Emergency Food Pantry with a post pizza lunch at the Club.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Katie Leathers at 503-351-0062 / [KQLeathers@gmail.com](mailto:KQLeathers@gmail.com).

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## *Swim Team Home Meet— Saturday, July 27th*

The Irvington Club Manta Rays Swim Team is hosting a home meet here at the Club on Saturday, July 27th, starting at 8am. Come out and support our Manta Rays!



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**Fitness Classes at Irvington Club!**

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**Strength Training and Tennis Conditioning for Active Older Adults**

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**Tuesday/Thursday**

**8:15 AM-9:15AM**

**9:30 AM-10:30 AM**

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**Individual/Couples Personal Training Now Offered!**

Becky Chasse, an ACE certified Group Fitness Instructor & Personal Trainer, is offering group fitness classes & personal training sessions at The Irvington Club specifically designed for active older adults. Contact info: [becky@chassepdx.com](mailto:becky@chassepdx.com), (503) 956-5831, or visit [www.VibrantAndFitTraining.com](http://www.VibrantAndFitTraining.com).



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