

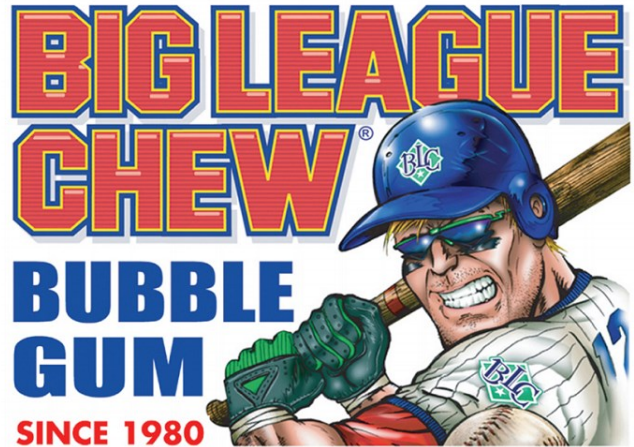


January 2025 Monthly News

The Irvington Club Junior Championships 2025 Presented by Big League Chew Bubble Gum—January 9th-12th

The Irvington Club Junior Championships 2025 presented by Big League Chew Bubble Gum is January 9th-12th. Come out to support our Juniors and watch some fun tennis matches. For all tournament information, you can visit the tournament homepage here:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/E1327BEC-C4F7-418B-8D90-ACA3A78E7B03>



The Mixed Doubles Club Championships 2025

Registration is open for the Mixed Doubles Club Championships 2025, taking place January 29th-February 9th. To register, visit the tournament homepage here:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/D8F18507-FCE4-468B-A6FD-BC92F3FA5316>

The deadline to register is January 17th by 10pm.

This tournament is only for club members and persons on the Club wait list.

We hope you can join us for this fun annual tournament. Whether you're playing or not, come to the Club for some exciting tennis and good times.

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

- January 1st, The Club opens late at 9:00am
- January 9th-12th, The Irvington Club Junior Championships 2025 presented by Big League Chew Bubble Gum
- January 11th, Junior Volunteer Opportunity at the NEFP
- January 14th, 7:00pm, Diversity and Equity Initiative Meeting
- January 15th, 9:00am, Community Involvement Committee Meeting
- January 15th, 6:15pm, Tennis Committee Meeting
- January 28th, 6:00pm, Board Meeting
- January 29th-February 9th, The Mixed Doubles Club Championships 2025

Outgoing Members:

William Burke

Josie Fahrenkopf

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President's Message

Dear Irvington Club Members,

In January we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and remember the unprecedented contribution he made to improving civil rights for all in our country. Because of this, I thought it would be a great time to remind members about the history of the Club's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiative. The DEI initiative was established in 2020 by the Irvington Club Board of Directors after a recommendation was submitted by members who were concerned about the Club's limited racial diversity.

Responding to concerns from these members, the BOT voted to change the Club's mission statement to include "diversity, equity, and inclusiveness," and create a plan to invite members of color to serve on the DEI Committee for a one-year term. To date, three cohorts of DEI members have accepted membership in our Club and have strengthened our Club community by bringing new perspectives, creativity, and innovation to the DEI committee.

We are proud of our efforts to diversify our membership, and we remain committed to this important work. If you would like to know more about the initiative or be involved in the work, please reach out to one of the two Board members on the committee, Omar Martinez and Lisa Lyon.

The elections for three new Board members to replace outgoing members (Bill Malloch, Omar Martinez Barrera, and myself - Jonathan Steinhoff) take place later this month. **You need to be aware of an important change in this year's election. The Board of Trustees voted in the December meeting to extend the vote to all adult members who are 26 years or older.** This means that instead of just one vote per membership, couple and family memberships will now get two - one vote for you and one for your significant other. Please exercise this right and help decide the future of our wonderful Club.

I also want to update you on our general manager recruitment efforts. We have contracted with a search firm. They are looking for candidates that meet the criteria that our Board established. An interview team has conducted initial interviews with three candidates so far. Once the holidays are over, this team will bring recommendations to the full Board for whom to invite for final interviews in January.

We are optimistic that someone will emerge from this process who is a great fit for our Club, and that we will be able to announce a new GM soon!

In Service,
Jonathan Steinhoff
boardpresident@irvingtonclub.com

White Elephant Tennis Drill, Potluck, and Gift Exchange

On December 12th, Members enjoyed a tennis drill led by Cris and Walter followed by a potluck and white elephant gift exchange. A great time was had by all.



Kids N' Tennis Mixer

On December 13th, we hosted a Junior Tennis Mixer with [Kids N' Tennis](http://kids-n-tennis.org) (kids-n-tennis.org). The mixer featured special guest [Gundars Tilmanis](http://tilmanistennis.com) (tilmanistennis.com). It was an evening full of tennis, pizza, and fun.



MLK Elementary School Wish Lists

Thank you very much to the many members that generously granted wishes for 33 children at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary. A group of "*elves*" (Lisa Lyon, Carol Davidson, Jim Lang, Shelley Stoffer, Mary Stevenson, Chris Haug-Chin, and Stephanie Vickers) happily delivered **86** gifts to the school. The school staff was very grateful for the part that the Irvington Club again played in making memories for their students.



Irvington Club Community Foundation (ICCF) News

Thank you very much to those who made an end of the year donation to the ICCF. With the support and interest from donors, the ICCF will continue to support the overall health and well-being of the community in North and Northeast Portland, as well as historic Club activities, by leveraging individual contributions to the Foundation into impactful grants to small local non-profits.

In November, the ICCF was very pleased to award \$1,000 grants to each of these neighborhood non-profits: Kids N' Tennis (KNT), Milk Crate Kitchen, Ethos Music, and The Community Transitional School. KNT already spent its funds to invite kids to a free tennis camp during the school's winter break.

The ICCF Board of Directors welcome those who would be interested in serving on one of its committees: Grants, Fundraising, Finance, and Communication. If you want to help and learn more about the ICCF, please consider working on a committee and email the ICCF at irvingtonclubcommunityfoundation@irvingtonclub.com.

Donations can be made at any time with a check that can be left at the Club's front desk. Be sure to label the envelope for the ICCF. If you prefer to make a credit card donation, email Fred Kowell at fjkowell@hotmail.com, who will contact you to donate with your credit card. Thank you!



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