



## *February 2025 Monthly News*

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### *The Mixed Doubles Club Championships—1/29-2/9*

The Mixed Doubles Club Championships 2025 is January 29th-February 9th. For all tournament information, visit the tournament homepage:

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

Join us at the Club for some exciting mixed doubles tennis matches, food, prizes, and fun!

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### *The Irvington Club Annual Meeting & Party—2/22*

Join us for our annual meeting and party on Saturday, February 22nd starting at 5:30pm. **RSVP online through your Club Automation account or at the front desk by February 15th** to ensure there will be enough food for attendees. During the meeting, you will hear from the Board and Committee Chairs about the past year at the Club. We will also announce the three new Board of Trustees members. After the meeting, we party! There will be food to snack on, casino games, and amazing raffle prizes. We hope you can make it.

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### *The Oregon State Senior Men's Championships—2/27-3/2*

The Oregon State Senior Men's Championships 2025 is coming up February 27th—March 2nd. Registration is currently open and will close on February 14th at 10pm. To register and for all tournament information, visit the tournament homepage:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/irvingtonclub/Tournaments/Overview/55C40904-7126-46B0-8FA5-412CD49CA4F3>

Come out to support our members and enjoy some great tennis.

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

- January 29th-February 9th, The Mixed Doubles Club Championships 2025
- February 11th, 7:00pm, Diversity and Equity Initiative Meeting
- February **15th\***, Junior Volunteer Opportunity at the NEFP  
*\*Please note, this is a week later than usual*
- February 19th, 6:15pm, Tennis Committee Meeting
- February 22nd, 5:30pm, The Irvington Club Annual Meeting and Party
- February 25th, 6:00pm, Board Meeting
- February 27th-March 2nd, The Oregon State Senior Men's Championships 2025

#### ***New Members:***

Leila Francesconi  
Gabriel Francesconi

***WELCOME!***

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

John Thomas  
Kate Duffy Jackson & TJ  
Bennison Family

***FAREWELL***

# *President's Message*

Dear Irvington Club Members,

This President's Message will be my last. So, I'd like to reflect on the two years I have served.

I started my first term in 2023. That spring we got to work on solidifying the Board's role in strategic planning and oversight. Outgoing Board member Bill Malloch took charge of the Strategic Planning Committee and led us through a process through which we analyzed the 2023 member survey results and produced a Strategic Plan which has anchored our work since its approval by the Board.

The tennis committee with the guidance of chair, Lisa Lynch, identified areas of adjustment in tennis programming and recommended changes to better serve our members. Those alternations were instituted, and our most recent survey will help the new tennis committee and Board of Directors to determine what worked well and where more work can be done.

The strategic plan also gave Omar Martinez and the leaders of the DEI subcommittees the mandate to work on continuing to increase the diversity of our membership while also bringing new innovative programming that helped our Club become more inclusive and welcoming. He and the DEI committee leaders have worked tirelessly to foster that atmosphere. We are deeply indebted to them for the work they have done.

We started a new pool committee and thanks to the Leadership of former Board member, Jenny MacNichol, and current Board member, Cathy Porter, we extended the pool season in 2024 and will maintain the longer season this year.

Our Building and Grounds Committee has been busy. The courts have been maintained and new banners hung; the pool basement has been upgraded; a dying tree was safely removed; and new equipment has been ordered and will be installed soon in the fitness center. There is more, but newsletter space is limited. Omar Martinez and Willis Boyer have been the leaders of this work.

The Community Involvement Committee continued to do great work in the community to spread the love and community spirit that characterizes the Irvington Club. Thank you to Lisa Lyon, committee chair, and Stephanie Vickers, past chair.

Our Governance Committee has quietly been doing the unglamorous work of keeping up with policy changes and making sure our administration guidelines are clear for incoming Board members this year and into the future. David Bledsoe and Nichole Anglin are the Board members leading these often-thankless efforts.

Chris Kayser, Cathy Porter, and I have led the search for a new general manager. We are confident that we will have identified and hired the right person this month.

I have not mentioned pickleball because a separate pickleball letter will be sent out in a week.

So, now we come to the end of my service. We now look forward to more news from the renovation committee as the new Board moves forward with plans for upgrading our facilities; and the roll-out of an updated strategic plan based on the data you all gave us in the most recent survey.

It has been my pleasure to serve you these past two years!

-Jonathan Steinhoff

# Women's Open Play

Step up to the Challenge!

Women's Open Play will designate the Barb Farmer Court as the Challenge Court beginning Thursday, February 13th @ 6:15pm. You and a partner may sign up on the **Challenge Court** whiteboard and take on all comers!

Open play will continue on courts 2, 3, & 4, and will debut a "Racquet Queue" to determine order of play. Simple and easy, come to Women's Open Play and learn all about it!

Challenge Court (court 1) Rules:

- Challenge Court rules begin as soon as all four courts become available for Open Play.
- Court 1 is for players of any skill level.
- Winners stay on the court for a maximum of two 8 game no-ad rotations.

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

Last month, we held another wonderful Junior tournament filled with cheer, tennis, and fun! Thank you to the staff, parents, and all our Junior participants. A special thank you to Rob Nelson for his support of the tournament and incredible generosity. See you next year!



## Roger North & John Popplewell are #1!

Roger North & John Popplewell are ranked #1 in the nation for doubles, and #3 ITF international for doubles. Roger is ranked #1 in the nation for singles, and #7 ITF international for singles. Congrats Roger & John!



At the Wilson World Tennis Classic, held at Shadow Mountain Tennis Club in Palm Desert, CA January 24th-January 31st, John Popplewell & Andrea Polisky were the 80 Mixed Doubles Champions for the 2nd straight year. John Popplewell & Roger North were the Men's 80 Doubles Finalists.

## Community Involvement Committee News

**Volunteer at PPS PTA Clothing Center:** The Portland Public Schools PTA Clothing Center is always looking for volunteers to help sort and distribute clothes to students and families. The PTA Clothes Closet is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-1pm September through April. It is located at Marshall High School at 3901 SE 91st Ave in room C-56.

If you are interested in helping one of the NE and North Portland Schools in the next few months, visit: <https://portlandcouncilpta.org/pta-clothing-center> to find dates for specific schools and how to volunteer. This site will also take monetary donations and explain more about volunteering.

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