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President's Message

Daffodils are in bloom, grass is beginning to take on a distinctly green hue, outdoor temperatures are encouraging us towards thoughts of outdoor activities. And importantly, your club is departing its hibernation phase and is fast gearing up for an exciting 2015 season.

We've had 1 of 2 spring clean-ups (the second is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 with lunch and beverages to be provided as a reward for the participants). I watched the new courts being installed by Racket Sports on Tuesday, April 14. Courts Chair John Boris will shortly advise as to the playability of the courts via our website. The Board and Committees have been and remain attentive to the needs of you, our membership.

The General and A member meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, and is followed immediately by the Opening Day Party. Please plan to attend and discover what the committees have in store for you for 2015, and get reacquainted with old and new friends.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Jim Harvey

Upcoming Events

General Membership & A-Member Meeting 1:30-3pm Sunday May 3

The IVTC membership is invited to attend an all-club General Membership Meeting on Sunday, May 4, prior to the Opening Day Party. The meeting will be combined with the Spring A-Member Meeting, giving club members a chance to see club business being conducted, and to have a voice in discussions at the meeting.

Opening Day Party 3-6pm Sunday May 3 - Dressy

Please plan to stop by and help us celebrate the start of the 2015 Season, reacquaint ourselves with old friends, and meet some new ones! The Board, Officers and Committee Chairs will be present to greet potential new members. Coat and tie for the gents, please. A-Members, please bring an appetizer to share.

1st Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm May 13 - Dressy

Please be sure to sign up early for our first WND of the season. Contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your choice of juicy prime rib, tender chicken breast or fresh salmon filet at sue-webb2@aol.com, or cell phone 313.320.3014, or home 313.881.7626. Coat and tie for the gents, please. Please see "News and Notes" below for the WND cancelation policy.

Upcoming Events

Intermediate Membership Open House, 7-10pm Friday May 15

This will be our third annual Intermediate Open House, a gathering to invite potential new members to the Club, but in a less formal atmosphere than the Opening Day Party. Our goal is to introduce the Club to Detroit's growing set of young professionals moving into the area, but is certainly not exclusive to just under-30 "Intermediate" members. All potential members are welcome. Members and Guests are welcome to play tennis, weather permitting.

Memorial Day Bourbons & Blends 1pm Mon May 25

Tennis play begins at 1pm; mint Juleps and a low key barbecue follow at 4pm. Free to members, guest fee is \$10. Please be sure to sign up if you will be attending.

Member-Guest Tournament June 6-7

THIS Member-Guest Party 6ish Sat June 6

Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Wed June 10 - Dressy

Save the Date – Presidents' Party Saturday June 20



Sue Webb-Dickson cleaning windows

2015 Tennis Activities

Memorial Day Bourbon & Blends

This annual get together blending tennis, mint, and bourbon starts at 1 PM on Monday May 25. Tennis play begins at 1 PM; mint juleps and low key barbecue to follow at 4PM. This event (as always) is free to members but there is a \$10 fee for guests. Look for the sign-up sheet on the board and get your name on it if you plan to attend.

Monday Night Lessons & Lite Bite

Monday night lessons start June 1. Come down and hone your strokes with club tennis pro Ken Rychwalski from 6:30 to 8. Afterwards, stay for a bite to eat, hosted by a volunteer club member.

Member Guest Tournament

Tournament dates are June 6-7. Pencil in your calendar and find a partner for some fun tennis and showing off our wonderful club. Sign-up sheet will be going up mid-May.

Friday Tennis Mixer

The first Friday Mixer will be on June 12 with Diane Foster hosting and mixing up players with 3 rounds of tennis from 7 to 8:30, followed by a light supper.

Weekly Tennis Activities (June thru August)

Morning Doubles: Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am to noon

Monday Lessons: 6:30 to 8:00pm, June-Aug

Pick-up Doubles: Tues, Thurs, Sun - 4pm to dusk

Pre-arranged Foursomes: Wed 4 pm to dusk, Sat 9am to 2:00pm, 3:00pm to dusk

Women's Interclub A: Thur, 10am to noon, mid-June to mid-July

Women's Interclub B: Tues, 10am to noon, mid-June to mid-July

Friday Mixers: 7pm (except on Saturday party weekends)

Tennis at times other than above – Players' choice as to pick-up doubles or pre-arranged foursomes

-Ken Miller, Tennis Co-Chair



Joanne Petz, Norma Eschenburg, Diane Foster and Darlene Sulad



Marc Mathews (above) Marsden Burger and Barry Dickson (below)



Recent Events

Spring Cleaning Part One

A large group of 37 members descended on IVTC on April 11 for Spring Cleaning Part One. Plenty of work was accomplished, thanks to everyone's efforts. A big 'thank you' goes to Ruth Harvey for her delicious chicken soup and chili, and to Meria Larson for her lovely salad made for the assembled workers. Many thanks to the following individuals for helping to beautify our club: Darlene Sulad, Marc Mathews, Jim Dunne, Meria Larson, Marty Peters, Marsden Burger, Diane and Chris Foster, Barry Dickson and Sue Webb-Dickson, Nancy Mayer, Peter Scarpelli, Bill Giovan, Richard Klimisch, Jane McKeever, Pat Nault and Frank Bevilacqua, Joanne and Marty Petz, Linda Rankin, Judy Sarvis, Margot Parker, Sylvia Ghirardini, Norma Eschenberg, Drew and Ann Cook, Steve Clarren, Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, Tom Yates, Jackie and Richard Canny, Gary Hoslet, Tom Roberts, Sharlene Gage, Eric Kowalewski, Jim and Ruth Harvey.



Tom Yates in the garden

News and Notes

IVTC Leadership Changes

New officers were elected at the Board Meeting following the October A-Member Meeting. The new officers are: President—Jim Harvey, Vice President—Sue Webb-Dickson, Treasurer—Tom Roberts. Mary Beth Vander Schaaf was re-elected to the Secretary position. Newly elected Board members are Peggy O'Neill and Tom Roberts. Re-elected to a second three year term of office on the Board were Marsden Burger and Jim Harvey.

We have several changes in committee chairs and coordinators. Yolanda Lewczuk and Ken Miller will serve as co-chairs of the Tennis Committee, an important and time consuming responsibility. Rosemary Gugino is our Membership chair. THIS (Thank Heavens it's Saturday) Dinner Coordinators are Michelle Snyder and Marc Mathews. Alex Gow is chairing the Wednesday Night Dinner Committee.

A Finance Committee has been created by the Board, in response to a proposal from Long Term Planning Chair Bob Lucas' request that the Board consider an increase in dues or assessments to deal with anticipated capital renovations. Tom Roberts is the Chair and the committee members are: Barry Dickson-Webb, Peggy O'Neill, Marc Mathews, and Marsden Burger. Congratulations to the new leaders. Thank you for stepping up to assist the Club in these important areas!

We appreciate the exemplary service of Joanne Petz, our President for the last two years, Frank Annessa, our treasurer of such long-standing that we are unsure when he commenced his duties, Judy Sarvis (former Membership Chair), Eric Kowalewski (former Tennis Committee Chair), and Cherie Southwood (former THIS coordinator). This group will continue to serve as mentors to the newly chosen officers and chairs of the committees, and we thank them for this assistance in helping to assure a successful and smooth transition of responsibilities. -JPH



Eric Kowalewski



Judy Sarvis



Richard Canny, Steve Clarren, MaryBeth VanderSchaaf



Bill Giovan and Jim Dunne



Barry Dickson, Jim Harvey and Sharlene Gage

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Clubhouse and Tennis Court Maintenance Transition

Edmond Waldon has been selected by a three member committee consisting of John Boris, Tom Roberts and myself to begin an "apprenticeship" (for lack of a better word) under Bobby Petty's skilled hands. Bobby has announced that he is planning to retire from the position of Club caretaker and custodian of the courts towards the end of this season. Bobby will be working with Edmond to help him to understand the nuances of morning preparation of the courts, maintenance, and clean-up of the Clubhouse. It is anticipated that Edmond will shortly take over the afternoon grooming and watering of the courts. We are indebted to Bobby for his long and excellent service to our Club, and appreciate his willingness to assist in mentoring Edmond in the various roles that Bobby has so ably filled for the Club.

Edmond has been attending Wayne County Community College pursuing a general studies associate's degree program, and has recently been involved in a substance abuse counselor internship as part of his academic program. He has worked as a loan officer, served a short stint as a cab driver, and more recently has worked for Cheryl Huff in regard to painting, prepping, and maintaining rental properties in the Indian Village area. Edmond looks forward to the opportunity to be part of our tennis club family. -JPH

New A-Members

Please congratulate our six new A-Members: Drew Cook, Barry Dickson, Michelle Snyder, Meria Larson, John Mogk and Margot Parker, who were nominated at the Fall A-Member Meeting and elected at the first Board Meeting.

Drew is a member of Bar Committee; his service to the club also includes grilling, making appetizers and bringing equipment to the twice yearly cleanups. With his electrical and maintenance expertise, Barry has been invaluable from the day he joined the club. Michelle has

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been active in many social events. Meria also is active in social events and never declines to bring appetizers. As a member of Bylaws Committee, John helped rework the bylaws. Margot serves on the 1912 Fund Committee. We appreciate the work of our new A-Members on behalf of IVTC and look forward to their continued leadership. -MBVS

Kudos

Rosemary Gugino was not able to be present for the clean-up, but merits special mention for her efforts undertaken the previous day to apply bleach and an oxy cleaner product to remove the unsightly brown stains that were on the porch as a consequence of the very wet leaf bags collected at the end of the fall season. Great job and thank you Rosemary!

No Guest Fee in May

The \$5 tennis guest fee is excused for the month of May, so that you may bring your Member-Guest Tournament partner down to practice at the club.

Save Some Balls for Monday Lessons

Please save your tennis balls from the end of your indoor season, and put them in the ball hoppers for Monday Lessons – we always need balls for lessons at the beginning of June. Thanks!

Security at IVTC

Please observe the following measures to keep us all safe and secure.

- Be aware of your surroundings when entering or exiting the club.
- Always enter and exit the club in groups, particularly at night. An Individual leaving the club should be accompanied to the parking lot by an additional club member.

If you are the last to leave the club, day or night, make sure all the clubhouse doors are closed and locked, and activate the security system as you leave.



Jackie Canny and Drew Cook



Drew Cook and Marty Petz

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IVTC 2015 Event Schedule

To attend an event, you must sign up on the bulletin board or contact:
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 email suewebb2@aol.com, or the Clubhouse 313.331.9494

Spring Cleanup I	Sat April 11	10am
Spring Cleanup II	Sat April 25	10am
General & A Member Meeting	Sun May 3	1:30pm
Opening Day Party	Sun May 3	3pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed May 13	6:30pm
Intermediate Open House	Fri May 15	6:30pm
Memorial Day B&B	Mon May 25	1pm
Member-Guest Tournament	Sat-Sun June 6-7	
THIS Party	Sat June 6	6-ish
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed June 10	6:30pm
Presidents' Party	Sat June 20	7pm
Independence Day B&B	Sat July 4	1pm
Club Tournament	Sat-Sun July 11-12	
Steak Roast	Sat July 11	6pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed July 22	6:30pm
One-Day Mixed Tournament	Sat Aug 1	
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed Aug 12	6:30pm
THIS Party	Sat Aug 22	7pm
Golf Outing	Fri Aug 28	
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed Sept 2	6:30pm
Labor Day B&B	Mon Sept 7	1pm
MWF Closing Luncheon	Fri Sept 11	
Tournament Weekend	Sept 12-13	
Weekend Away Up North	Wed-Sun Sept 16-20	
Tournament Weekend	Sept 26-27	
Champagne Brunch	Sun Sept 27	11am
THIS Party	Sat Oct 3	7pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed Oct 14	6:30pm
A Member Meeting	Sun Oct 18	2pm
Closing Party	Sat Oct 31	7pm
Fall Cleanup	Sat Nov 14	10am

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IMPORTANT DATES

**General Membership and
A-member meeting**
May 3, 1:30pm

Opening Day Party
May 3, 3pm

Wednesday Night Dinner
May 13, 6:30pm

Intermediate Open House
May 17, 6:30pm

Memorial Day B&B
May 25, 1pm

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