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## President's Message

The IVTC active season is well underway, and your Club's operations are humming along nicely. During the week we have Monday Lessons and Light Bite, Monday-Wednesday-Friday morning tennis at 9:00, Tuesday afternoon pick-up doubles, Wednesday afternoon pre-arranged doubles, and more pick-up doubles Thursday afternoon. Weekends begin with Friday evening mixers and dinner under Diane Foster's skilled direction, pre-arranged doubles Saturday morning, and more pick-up doubles Sunday afternoon. Cheryl Huff orchestrates a newly instituted Light Bite dinner program for Sunday around 7:00pm, with games or more tennis to follow.

The Presidents' Party was recently held, and the reviews indicate that party chair Sue Webb and her helpers created a highly successful event. The garden is transitioning from iris, nepeta and spirea blooms to hydrangea, rose and clematis blossoms, and the boxwood is looking sharp thanks to Elke Burger's excellent shearing. July 4 brings us Independence Day Bourbons & Blends - join us at 1:00 for a tennis mixer directed by Yolanda Lewczuk, with traditional mint juleps to appear about 3:00, and a picnic-style meal at 4:00. And don't forget the upcoming Club Tournament July 11-12. Identify your partner and get signed up for a fun tournament and remember that the annual Steak Roast is the associated social event on Saturday evening July 11. I've asked nicely of the higher powers that we get a little less rain in order that we can enjoy more tennis. I think the message was favorably received! See you soon at the Club!

*Jim Harvey*

## Welcome New Members

After a wonderful opening day party, dinners and the member/guest tournament showcasing the fun we have at IVTC, we are welcoming nineteen new members of all tennis abilities, and are very pleased to have six returning members.

**Charlotte Blank** is sponsored by Ward Detwiler and Bob Gross and is affiliated with the Detroit Athletic Club. **Robb DiMaria** is sponsored by Caitlin Murphy and Bob Gross and is affiliated with the Birmingham Athletic Club, and is skilled in Art and Design. **Cindy and Rich Forth** and are sponsored by Michelle Snyder and Rosemary Gugino; Cindy is a youth Tennis Activity Director, and cooks and bartends and is the winner of the IVTC Women's B Member/Guest tournament. **Bill Green** and **Peter McGreevy** are sponsored by Ward Detwiler and Bob Gross and are affiliated with the Detroit Yacht Club. **Gordon Hawkins** is sponsored by Russell Rhea and Rosemary Gugino and is affiliated with Eastside Tennis and Fitness. **Kyle Hoff and Brooke Kinast** are sponsored by Bob Gross and Rosemary Gugino and are skilled in design, architecture, ping pong and scuba diving. **Nick Leonard and Erin Mette** are sponsored by Bob Leonard and Meria Larson. **Tim and Andi Mahoney** are sponsored by Tom Kneeshaw and Muffy Kroha and are affiliated with the Historic Indian Village Association in numerous capacities. **Al Pavle** is sponsored by Ruth Harvey and Rosemary Gugino. **Joseph Plawecki** is sponsored by Joanne Petz and Emmanuel Obianwu and is affiliated with the Macomb County Bar Assoc., PALS, and the Michigan Coaches Assoc. **Jamie Shea** is sponsored by Ward Detwiler and Caitlin Murphy and is associated with the Detroit Athletic Club and Detroit Racquet Club. **Leon Trumbauer** is sponsored by Marty Pe-

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ters and Richard Klimisch and is affiliated with East-side Tennis and Fitness. **Peter Wagner** is sponsored by Geoff and Malinda Wagner and is affiliated with the Detroit YMCA, and is the winner of the IVTC Men's A Member/Guest tournament. **Monica Wilde** is sponsored by Caitlin Murphy and Ruth Harvey and is a wine connoisseur and sales rep. **Vincent Van Tiem and Doris Neal** are sponsored by Ruth Harvey and Rosemary Gugino. We welcome back **Kathy and Louis Bruno, Bob Koenig and Lana Vacha, David Lee and Dave Vasquez.**

A list of the new members is posted on the IVTC bulletin board for everyone to try to match up with the individuals - and to welcome them all. Of course we accept new member applications throughout the year, so please encourage friends to come in and see what we're about and consider joining our Club. Thanks,

-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair,  
[r\\_gugino@hotmail.com](mailto:r_gugino@hotmail.com)



## Upcoming Events

### Independence Day Bourbons & Blends 1pm Saturday July 4

Tennis play begins at 1pm; mint Juleps are served around 3, and a low key barbecue follows at 4. Free to members, guest fee is \$10. Please be sure to sign up in advance if you will be attending, so that our hosts know how much food to purchase and prepare.

### Club Tournament July 11-12

Tennis committee would like to invite all tennis players interested to sign up for the annual club tournament. There will be both a ladies and men's draw and both A and B Divisions. Entry fee will be \$20.00 per team. So pencil in your calendar and find a partner to see who will be this year's club champ! Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please sign up by July 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Tournament Directors Yolanda Lewczuk and Matt Leaver. See you on the courts! -Yolanda

### Steak Roast THIS Party 6pm Saturday July 11

Our annual Steak Roast caps the first day of the Club Tournament. This year's Steak Roast will be hosted by Marc Mathews. We are bringing back Drew Cook to man the grill for the second year in a row. Please be sure to sign up well in advance, so we know how many steaks to purchase. If you would be interested in helping with the party, please let Marc Mathews know ASAP.

### Wednesday Night Dinner July 22 – Dressy

Cocktail hour begins at 6pm, dinner seating is at 7; deadline for sign-up is Friday July 17 at 5pm. Email [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:suewebb2@aol.com) or phone 881-7626 to make your reservation and dinner selection. Our expanded dinner menu includes prime rib, salmon, chicken breast and a vegetarian entrée. Don't forget that John is now mixing some delicious after-dinner drinks – ask him about his offerings. Attire is coat and tie/dressy.

### Wednesday Night Dinner Aug 12 - Dressy

Please make your reservation by 5pm Friday August 7.

Sandy and Brad Brucker (above)  
New members Lee Trumbauer and Joe Pawlecki  
(below)





Men's A finalists Dan Galina, Matt Leaver, Pete and Geoff Wagner



Women's B finalists Cindy Forth, Michelle Snyder, Norma Eschenburg and Diana Biu



Men's B finalists Richard Canny, John Kelly, Gordon Hawkins and Aaron Massey

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### First Wednesday Night Dinner

The Wednesday Night Dinner on May 13 was a double header event to be sure. First, this was our inaugural formal dinner for the 2015 IVTC season and second, our new chef, Sherry Ward and her team showcased their menu. The menu reflects the catering committee's attempt to broaden the culinary experience at WND and provide a vegetarian option - which was achieved, thanks to tremendous help from Sherry. Thanks to our members who provided appetizers: Meria Larson, Ruth Harvey, Ann Hoag, Judy Sarvis, Jim Harvey and Bob Mobley.

—Alex Gow

### Member-Guest Tournament

The weather gods predicted nice weather for the June 6-7 weekend of the Member-Guest Tournament and didn't disappoint. We had great weather and great tennis all weekend. The conducive weather allowed us to stay pretty much on schedule both days even with the courts being totally packed from 9 to 6pm on Saturday and 9 to 2pm on Sunday. There were 10 Men's A teams, 11 Men's B teams, and 9 Women's B teams entered in the tournament.

The Women's B group played through their semifinals on Saturday and culminated in a final match of Norma Eschenburg with her partner Diana Biu vs. Michelle Snyder and Cindy Forth on Sunday. The final match was a well-played 6-4, 6-1 win by Michelle and Cindy.

Both men's groups played all their preliminary rounds on Saturday and then had semis and finals on Sunday. Several of the early rounds were marathon matches, but we managed to get back on schedule by lunchtime. The Men's B finalists were Richard Canny and John Kelly vs. Gordon Hawkins and Aaron Massey with Gordon and Aaron prevailing in a tough 6-3, 6-4 match. The Men's A group had the usual high level of competition, led by the top seeded Team Wagner (Geoff and his brother Pete). Matt Leaver brought his A game to the tournament again this year, resulting in a final matchup of Matt and his partner Dan Gallina vs. Geoff and Pete Wagner. The Wagners prevailed in a fun to watch 6-1, 7-5 victory.

Hopefully all had fun, and the club showed some potential members all that IVTC has to offer. Thanks to my Assistant Tournament Director, Bob Gross, and all those who helped out this rookie Tournament

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Director throughout the weekend. Time to started sizing up partners for the Club Tournament on July 11-12, stay tuned for further details and look for the signup sheets in early July.

-Ken Miller, Tournament Director and Tennis Co-Chair

### THIS Member-Guest Party

The Member-Guest THIS party on June 6 was, in addition to a great party, a fantastic team effort. IVTC members and their guests enjoyed a lovely lasagna dinner and almond ball dessert prepared by Ruth Harvey and Michelle Snyder. The porch crew, including, Alex Gow was a tremendous help, tackling heaps of green beans. Malinda Wagner, Meria Larsen, Pat O'Dowd and Michelle Snyder prepared delicious appetizers. On the sweeter side, scrumptious cheesecake was provided by Kathy Bruno; Elke Burger brought a delicious chocolate cake; and the wonderful cookies were baked by Judy Sarvis, who was an indispensable help in the kitchen. Marc Matthews' peanut butter squares were forgotten, but not lost; they were found and devoured by a ravenous group enjoying the final matches on Sunday. Special thanks to Nancy Maher, Caitlin Murphy, Cheryl Huff, Norma Eschenburg and Rosemary Gugino for all of their help with prep work, cleaning and generally making sure things ran smoothly. To our hosts, Ruth, Michelle, and Judy – many thanks on a job well done! -Malinda Wagner

### June Wednesday Night Dinner

Our second Wednesday Night Dinner on June 10 was eagerly anticipated after the strong member approval for our new chef Sherry Ward and her team. A few tweaks in the menu were made in response to our member suggestions. Inevitably, and as suggested at the A Member meeting at the beginning of May, prices for the prime rib and fish dinners were increased by 10% for this event to reflect rising costs, while chicken and the vegetarian dishes remained at last year's prices. Appetizers were provided by Meria Larson, Pat O'Dowd, Carol Fitzgerald, Julie Norris and Ruth Harvey. -Alex Gow

### Presidents' Party

On June 20, 2015, an elegantly dressed assemblage of fifty three members of Indian Village Tennis Club gathered for the year's signature event, the Presidents' Party. This year, the responsibility fell to



Marilyn Monahan, Vonnie Willis, Ted Monahan (1988-89)



Rodger (1997-98) and Darlene Sulad



Peggy Ventura (2011-12) and Dick Ventura (1999-2000)





Chris Foster (2001-02) and Diane Foster (2007-08)



Kay Agney, Bob Lucas (2009-10) and Josie Snyder



Leo and Cora Nichols with Joanne Petz (2013-14)

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Vice President Sue Webb to organize the dinner. And organize, she did in consummate manner! What a great result!

The party is designed to honor the service of all our past presidents, and in the year when we have an outgoing president, to particularly honor that person. Since Joanne Petz finished her term of office as President in 2014 after two very successful years, it was a pleasure for the undersigned to present Joanne with two gifts from the Club: one a plaque associated with a desk clock that honored her for her exemplary service as both vice president and president from the years 2010-2014. Joanne was also provided a lovely Waterford crystal wine coaster as thanks for her excellent help in leading our club from 2012-14. Joanne has left us with a legacy worth recognizing: that none of us by ourselves can handle all the tasks that are associated with making the Club successful. She has helped us to realize that we need to concentrate on succession planning so that we have individuals on the many committees who are training to becoming tomorrow's leaders of the Club. We thank Joanne for her efforts in this area, as well as helping the Board to recognize the need for a shed that was built on the porch to accommodate the additional items the Club has acquired. Joanne's service is also a model for others: she actively continued to work on the smaller (and messier) details of weed pulling, vacuuming carpets, as well as directing the Monday night lesson program, in addition to the considerable time and effort spent in being our Club's leader.

Former presidents sighted at the party included: Ted Monahan (and wife Marilyn), Chris Foster, Diane Foster, Dick Ventura, Peggy Ventura, Rodger Sulad (and wife Darlene), Bob Lucas (and wife Kay Agney), Judy Sarvis, and our immediate past president, Joanne Petz. We thank them all for their past and present contributions that have contributed to the success story that is Indian Village Tennis Club.

Sue's skilled preparation of the event involved hiring the excellent caterer Thibault and Moore, and then working carefully with them and her team to create the right ambiance. One very nice touch was the professional wait staff strolling with appetizers during the cocktail hour. The appetizers included: bacon wrapped figs with Reggiano cheese, shrimp Dijon

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curry puffs, caramelized pear and Brie pinwheels, and oriental sesame chicken satay. We moved seamlessly into the first course with a deconstructed Caesar salad and miniature French rolls. Entrees included a choice of marinated sliced beef tenderloin or Norwegian salmon with honey-mustard glaze, served with miniature twice baked redskin potatoes. A sweet finale consisted of frosted Chantilly lace, white chocolate mousse and chocolate-glazed lace cookie, topped with fresh whipped cream and berries. Yum!

Music was arranged with the help of Tom Roberts who retained the services of well-known (to some) local disc jockey Dr. D who helped us enjoy the appetizers with soft jazz, and after dinner transitioned (sometimes by joining us and encouraging participation) to some slow and fast dancing with music from various eras. Muffy Kroha again provided her excellent skills in arranging centerpieces: deep red roses against a lovely contrasting hosta leaf - a gorgeous counterpoint to the elegant black and white table linens. Norma is recognized for her assistance in preparing invitations, tablecloths, as well as setting tables, and then cleaning up on Sunday. Sue's spouse Barry Dickson had worked long hours for several days prior to the Presidents' Party to assure that the new vanity in the women's room would be installed and available for use. The ladies are approving and thankful! Joanne was noted to be helping out in a task she finds hard to surrender, cleaning the grounds prior to the party. Thanks to all who attended and especially to those whose efforts contributed significantly to the success of the evening.

-JPH

## News and Notes

### Kudos

On Memorial Day 2015 Rodger and Darlene Sulad donated a new American flag to IVTC, which was installed in the usual place on the Court Three fence. We are appreciative of Rodger and Darlene's kind gesture contemporaneous with the holiday that commemorates those who died while serving in the United States armed forces. If anyone would like to have the old flag to fly at home, please help yourself - it is on the hearth. Many thanks, JPH

Kudos to Monday Nite Lite Bite chefs thus far: Nancy Maher, Ruth Harvey, Marc Mathews and Ann Cook. We have four spots open for those who would like to show off their culinary skills. If interested, please pick a date on



Dick Klimisch, Ruth and Jim Harvey (2015-16)  
and MaryBeth VanderSchaaf



Sue Webb-Dickson and Barry Dickson



Muffy Kroha and Steve Toseland



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the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the club or email Monday Night Tennis lessons and MNLB coordinator Nancy Maher at [ngm@krwlaw.com](mailto:ngm@krwlaw.com). We recommend 2 or more hosts per dinner for quicker prep and cleanup. - *Ruth Harvey*, Social Committee Chair

Thanks are in order to Norma Eschenburg for acquiring the beautiful new sink and vanity in the ladies' locker room, and particularly special thanks go to Barry Dickson who did the installation and plumbing adjustments required, which were far more complicated than expected.

### From the Treasurer

I thought it would be helpful to new members to go over the procedure for submitting a request for reimbursement of expenses. I hope this will encourage you to volunteer for some of the events that make our club a fun place to be.

1. Fill out a form, which is available in the Member Info section on the IVTC website at <https://sites.google.com/site/indianvillagetenniscub>, or available at the clubhouse, behind the bar.
  2. Attach receipts to the form, and give the form to the committee chair for review and approval.
  3. When approved, the committee chair will forward the documents to me for payment. I normally print checks on Sunday and post them the next day.
- I appreciate receiving payment requests in a timely manner, which allows me to track the costs for an event in close proximity to the time the event was held.

-*Tom Roberts*, IVTC Treasurer

### 'Sign before you Sip'

One of the great and enjoyable traditions at IVTC is the self-run honor bar, using chits and chit baskets instead of cash or charge cards - and we have complete confidence that members are signing chits for their beverages. But with new members and guests unfamiliar with our processes, there can be difficulties associated with making sure the program is working as intended. The primary directive to our members is to please "sign before you sip." We have observed from experience that this is the best time to enter the beverage on your chit because 1) this is when you are acquiring the drink so the attendant financial obligation should be dealt with at that point, and 2) others at the bar are not put in the uncomfortable position of observing a seeming failure to deal with the financial obligation when the drink is poured, and are left to wonder whether the drink order is going to be entered later or never.

When our bartender John is working at an event, he is requested by the Club to remind members and guests to please sign a chit concurrent with their drink order or its delivery. John is generally very busy at the bar, so your

assistance in helping him to ascertain that a chit is prepared is greatly appreciated. If you have guests, please be at the bar with your guest when a drink order is made and prepare a chit, or explain to your guests at the outset of the event how to fill out a chit with their host's name. Either of these procedures will help to clarify that the drink order is being recorded on a chit.

I greatly appreciate your adherence to the "sign before you sip" rule. It will help to resolve the concerns that have been noted, and it will assist John with the excellent work he does for us. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

-*JPH*

### Housekeeping Reminder

IVTC operates more as a co-op than a traditional club, with all members contributing in ways both big and small. One of the smaller responsibilities of membership is cleaning up after ourselves before leaving the club. Please be kind to your fellow club members who come in after you, and be sure to do the following before you depart:

- Put your used towel in a locker room hamper
- Clear your porch table of empties, and arrange chairs four to a table
- Rinse empty beer and wine glasses and put them by the kitchen sink
- Clear the bar of your empties
- Clean up in the kitchen if you use it
- Turn off all lights and fans when you leave

If you are the last to leave the clubhouse (even during the day), close and lock the door and set the alarm. It is important to neaten up when leaving at night as well, so that Bobby and Edmond can concentrate on more essential duties in the morning. Thanks for your consideration. -*Norma Eschenburg*, Clubhouse Chair

### Stewart McMillin Tours

JULY 25- (1:00-7:00) - DETROIT BREWERY HISTORY and PUB TOUR- Atwater's on Joseph Campau, Hopcat, the Jolly Pumpkin, Traffic Jam, and Motor City Brewery, included and much more. (\$25)  
Tour leaves from Stewart's Indian Village Home.

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**Independence Day B&B**  
July 4, 1pm

**Club Tournament**  
July 11-12

**Steak Roast THIS Party**  
June 11, 6ish

**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
July 22, 6:30pm

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