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President's Message

I am pleased to see the success of our various programs! There is excellent attendance at the Monday Night Lessons and attendant Lite Bite--a program excellently supervised by Nancy Maher. Cheryl Huff and Ruth Harvey have spearheaded a new program--Sunday Night Lite Bite concept, and it appears that the attendees coming to play tennis in the late afternoon of Sunday have enjoyed the opportunity to have a bite to eat and converse with their friends. More than that, in the wonderful volunteer tradition that is part and parcel of IVTC, others are stepping up to take responsibility for a Sunday or Monday Lite Bite (and sometimes both--thank you Rosemary and Paul). Similarly, Diane Foster (who may well be the original creator of the Lite Bite) continues to offer on most Friday evenings (exception being the weekends when a THIS party or other social event is scheduled) a supervised mixer and a light meal. Thank you all for your efforts to enhance our tennis club experience.

A Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, August 14, with details to be distributed via email and Bulletin Board in the near future. A Fun Tournament and THIS Party are scheduled for Saturday, August 22. We have a Wednesday night dinner scheduled for August 12 and then one for September 2, an occasion to celebrate Bobby Petty's long service to the Club.

-Jim Harvey

Welcome New Members

IVTC continues to welcome new and returning members: Bunny Brooks has returned after an absence of many years and is affiliated with Vineyards Country Club, Florida; Ned and Janae Nedwicki are sponsored by Ward Detwiler and Bob Gross; Chris and Cathy Plawecki are sponsored by Joe Plawecki and Brad Brucker and are affiliated with USTA and book-clubs; and Lisa Russo is sponsored by Peggy O'Neill and Rosemary Gugino and is affiliated with the Travis Pointe Country Club. August 16th is the date 2016 IVTC memberships go on sale for FIRST-TIME members -- they pay the full applicable price plus initiation fee of \$100 and the parking assessment of \$30 and are members for the rest of the 2015 season and will only owe the \$30 parking assessment in May 2016. We have quite a few remaining events for 2015 and lots of tennis still to be played which makes this a very good deal. Membership information is available on our website, indianvillagetennis.com, or hard copies located in the holder under the television set.

-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair

Indian Village Tennis Club is a not-for-profit corporation operated entirely by its members.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Dinner August 12 - Dressy

Cocktail hour begins at 6pm, dinner seating is at 7; deadline for sign-up is Friday August 7 at 5pm. Email suewebb2@aol.com or phone 313 320-3014 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.

Golf Outing Friday August 14

The IVTC Golf Outing will be Friday, August 14 at 11:05am at St. Clair Shores Golf Club. There is a sign-up sheet at the club or please email Sue at suewebb2@aol.com.

-Ruth Harvey, Social Chair

Fun Tournament August 22

The Tennis Committee presents: **Detroit vs Everybody**. This year's one-day "fun" tournament will be a new spin on our usual Davis Cup format, with teams being organized according to residency, viz.

Detroit

Grosse Pointe

Oakland County

Macomb County

The event will take place on Saturday August 22nd between 11am and 3pm. You do not need a partner to sign up, and sign-up sheets will be posted at the club the first week of August. See you on the courts! -Geoff and Malinda Wagner

"Carnival" THIS Party August 22

Watch the bulletin board and email for forthcoming details.

Wednesday Night Dinner September 2 - Dressy

Cocktail hour begins at 6pm, dinner seating is at 7; deadline for sign-up is Friday August 28 at 5pm. Email suewebb2@aol.com or phone 313 320-3014 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.

Labor Day Bourbon & Blends Monday Sept 7

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.

MWF Closing Luncheon Fri Sept 11

Weekend Away Up North Sept 16-20

Hosted by Jim and Ruth Harvey at the Chimney Corners Resort on Crystal Lake near Frankfort, MI, the IVTC Weekend Away is dear to our hearts. Join us for some or all of the fun and relaxing activities available: golf outings, bicycling, canoeing or kayaking on the Platte River, hiking the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, winery tours, antiques, casinos, tennis, and day trips to Traverse City, Leland, Suttons Bay or Northport. Enjoy evenings out at fabulous local restaurants, or evenings in by a crackling fire in the great room of *Woodsmere*, our nine-bedroom cottage, picture puzzles, euchre, s'mores... we always have a wonderful time!



Yolanda Lewczuk and mother, Janine, with Ruth Harvey hosts for the Fourth of July B&B



Marc Matthews, Meria Larson and Ward Detwiler



Michelle Strait, Tom Roberts, Roula Tsapralis and Doug Strait



John Libbos and our fire place builder, Jim Griffin

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Independence Day Bourbons & Blends

It was a beautiful sunny Independence Day at IVTC. Michelle and Doug Strait did a fabulous job decorating the club and getting us into the spirit of the holiday. Diane Foster, our tennis coordinator, did a super job mixing up players for fun matches out on the courts. Jim and Ruth Harvey prepared the usual mint Juleps. Special thanks to Marsden for making extras while the Harvey's were out playing tennis. The crowd of forty-five enjoyed a dinner of Italian sausages, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, and beans with a choice of fruit or ice cream for dessert. Thank you to Marc Matthews and Ward Detwiler for doing the grilling. This year's party was hosted by Yolanda Lewczuk and her team of helpers: Janine Lewczuk, Meria Larson, Rosemary Gugino, Ruth and Jim Harvey.

Thank you all for coming out and making this B&B a success!

Club Tournament July 11-12

A total of eighteen teams competed in this year's tournament which included both round robin and draw formats. Thanks to the hot and sunny summer weather Saturday and warm and overcast skies on Sunday, this year's tournament had no weather delays! The Men's A division had four teams and used a round robin format. Teams included: Geoff Wagner/Francisco Leyva, Pete Wagner/Tony Kowalski, Glen Logan/Rob Chanko, and Matt Leaver/Pat Rorai. After two days of great matches, Geoff and Francisco went undefeated and retained their club title from last year.

The Ladies A division also had four entries and played a round robin format. This year's teams included Judy Sarvis/Sue VanDellen, Yolanda Lewczuk/MaryBeth Vander Schaaf, Ruth Harvey/Laurie Jost, and Cindy Logan/Alisa Taylor. Round Robin matches were very close. The winner was decided on the last match on Sunday. Both Cindy/Alisa and Judy/Sue entered

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Sunday's match undefeated. After a tough battle, the winners were Judy and Sue with a score 6-3, 6-3.

The Ladies B division had three teams in the round robin: Norma Eschenburg/ Sharlene Gage, Caitlin Murphy/Michelle Snyder, and Rosemary Gugino/Sandy Brucker. The ladies all had fun playing matches Saturday. The winners of the B's were Caitlin and Michelle.

The Men's B division was the only group with a draw. There were seven teams entered in the tournament. The finals on Sunday were very entertaining. The match featured new member Adam Whitehead and Richard Canny vs. Bob Gross and Gordon Hawkins. And the winners, in a third set tiebreaker were Adam and Richard. The final score was 6-2, 5-7, 1-0.

Feedback on the tournament was positive. I would like to take this time to thank the following individuals:

- Ken Miller, tennis co-chair, for your lessons learned and help
- Matt Leaver, assistant tournament director, who help keep things going when I was on the court
- The players, for your good sportsmanship and timely play

The spectators, for your cheering and helping in grooming the courts between matches!
See you out on the courts! -Yolanda Lewczuk,
Tennis Co-Chair and TD Club Tournament

Steak Roast

I would like to start by saying "thank you" to all eighty members and their guests who attended this year's Steak Roast on July 11. This was by far the largest party I have ever hosted or been a part of at IVTC. This party could not have happened without the help of my reliable team in the kitchen and on the grill: Ward Detwiler, Chris Foster, Drew Cook, and Eric Kowaleski. We spent hours leading up to the event scrubbing potatoes, halving Brussels sprouts, prepping



Judy Sarvis and Susan VanDellen



Francisco Leyva and Geoff Wagner (above)
Adam Whitehead and Richard Canny (below)





Marc Mathews, head chef, Drew Cook, grill master, Ward Detwiler and Chris Foster, sous chefs



Michelle and Doug Strait (above)
Steve Toseland and Alex Gow (below)



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salads and more. Thank you Ward for preparing the zip sauce for the steaks and your home-made Caesar salad dressing (the secret ingredient for those of you asking how it was so good: minced anchovies). Thank you Drew Cook for expertly grilling the most important part of the menu: the steaks. Every piece of Filet Mignon came off the grill at a perfect medium rare and just melted in your mouth. Thank you Michele and Doug Strait for going above and beyond what I could have ever imagined when I initially called asking for help with the dining table centerpieces; they were gorgeous. And lastly, thank you to all the members who offered help the day of the party and/or brought appetizers: Rosemary Gugino, Jim and Ruth Harvey, Tina D'Angela, Joanne Petz, Peggy O'Neill, Pat O'Dowd, and Pat and Erin Rorai. -Marc Mathews

Wednesday Night Dinner

A wonderful Michigan summer evening was the perfect backdrop for the July 22nd Wednesday Night Dinner. This third event of the season was extra special because a group of the so-called "porch people," coordinated by Caitlin Murphy, went all out in preparing and donating appetizers for the WND crowd. Such a gesture was a reciprocation in deep appreciation for previous events when the WND crowd had graciously shared appetizers with the porch people. Appetizers were contributed by Nick Davis, Dick & Peggy Ventura, Rob Chenko, Jim Plecha, Steve Toseland & Muffy Kroha, Joanne Petz and Caitlin Murphy. Erika Baer also contributed an appetizer. The evening culminated with a generous invitation from Michelle and Doug Strait to visit their beautifully designed and tended perennial garden, just across the alley from court one. -Alex Gow

Sunday & Monday Lite Bites

SNLB and MNLB: I would like to acknowledge and thank the SNLB and MNLB July hosts: Michelle Snyder and Ruth Harvey, Cheryl Huff and Jim Harvey, Sue Webb-Dickson and Barry Dickson, new member Joe Plawewski, Ruth Harvey and Nancy Maher, Joanne Petz, and Norma Es-

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chenburg. It seems that our members are enjoying the lite bites as we have had good attendance. We have even had a couple of Thursday nite lite bites.

News and Notes

Bobby Petty Appreciation Fund

A fund has been created for Bobby Petty (referenced as the Bobby Petty Appreciation Fund) that allows our membership to thank and congratulate Bobby Petty for his long and excellent service to our Club. Bobby and his wife Rosa anticipate relocating to warmer climes, and this may occur in mid to late September. The Board is desirous of celebrating his long and successful stint at IVTC during a Wednesday night dinner scheduled on September 2. In the meantime, the Club has devised an easy and expeditious way for members to provide a monetary gift of appreciation. You can use the Club chit and enter on the blank line at the bottom: Bobby Petty Appreciation Fund. Then, you can determine what monetary gift you are desirous of providing. I am pleased to report that 100% of the IVTC Board has committed itself, on a personal basis, to providing contributions to this Fund. It would be great to see unanimous support among the membership for this concept. I regard the issue of the amount of the donation to be highly individualistic, but as your current president, I solicit your consideration to contributing to this Fund. Details remain to be worked out, but I anticipate a document, card, or plaque that would include the names of Bobby's admirers. If you prefer, you could send a check to IVTC with a subject line referencing Bobby Petty Appreciation Fund. -JPH

Volunteers Sought

The Clubhouse Committee is in need of volunteers who are skilled in patching and painting. The ladies locker room needs to be scraped, patched and painted, as we have had several years of water damage and the wall-board around the new vanity needs to be filled



Crit and Keith Leibbrand



John Mogk, Ted Monahan, Meria Larson and Judy Sarvis



Bill Rooney and Shirley Smith

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in. If you are able to volunteer, please advise Norma Eschenburg at norma@allegradetroit.com and also indicate your availability times (weekdays or weekends). Once we have sufficient numbers, we will schedule a work party. -Norma and Ruth

Kudos

Many thanks go to Michelle and Doug Strait for their extensive and effective weeding, weed killing and mulching foray preceding the Independence Day B&B party – the flower beds looked great for the event! Thanks also for their excellent subsequent work on weed eradication and clean-up in the alley.

Thanks to new member Al Pavle who has created from top to bottom (and with a nice glossy finish) a new wooden bench for use on the porch. I have neglected to thank Geoff Proven for his earlier efforts to refurbish a bench of his making that has a home on the tennis courts. We hope that Geoff and Marcia are enjoying their new home in Sun City, Arizona. And speaking of seating, thanks also to Judy Sarvis for contributing plastic chairs to IVTC which have found a new home on the smoking porch.

Congratulations to Fred and Ward Detwiler, who crewed on the *Flying Buffalo*, the Division II Overall & Class Q Winner in the Bayview Yacht Club Port Huron-Mackinac Race.

Treasurer's Corner

IVTC's tradition of using chits to record the items that we purchase at the club has served both the club and its members for many years. Please use the following guidelines, when filling out a chit:

MEMBER NAME should be the member's LAST NAME, First Name or Initial. Printed is always more legible than script - especially after a few drinks. The bulletin board on the porch is where I post chits for which there is either no name or an unrecognizable name. Please review these, when you visit the club and fill in your name, if you recognize one as your own.

The underline preceding the ITEM NAME is for the total count of the item purchased. Check marks are not a count. Overwritten numbers are often difficult for me to identify, so I take the highest number that it appears it might be. An option to avoid overwriting is to use multiple chits.

The BOTTOM LINE is blank and should be used to enter items that don't appear elsewhere on the chit (e.g. Tournament Fee).

If you have any questions about your statement, please contact me, and I will attempt to resolve the issue. I can email you copies of any chits that might be disputed. I appreciate your help in making my job less difficult.

-Tom Roberts, Treasurer

Food in the Freezer or Fridge

Food purchased in advance for events is marked on the package so please do not eat these items. Any unmarked food items, please feel free to enjoy. Also, if you see any tired food in the fridge, please feel free to dispose of it.

Clean-up

Don't forget to pick up after yourself. Throw your trash out, put dirty glasses in the kitchen and tidy up.

Stewart McMillin Tours

AUGUST 20- 9:30-5 (\$30)

DETROIT IS BOOMING TOUR. Downtown, Midtown, Corktown, etc. YOU will NOT BELIEVE YOUR EYES! (repeated Nov. 19)
Luxury Coach Bus. Tours leave from Eastpointe

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August 12, 6:30pm

Golf Outing
August 14

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August 22

THIS Party
August 22, 6:30

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