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## President's Message

A favorite time of the year for me at the Club is the months of September and October. The air is a little cooler and the pressure on the courts is a little lighter. In mid-September, Ruth and I hosted a group of twenty-three who joined us for the Indian Village Weekend Away at Chimney Corners Resort near Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Our annual Mixed Tournament occurred the last weekend of September, and we were blessed with no rain, causing Tournament Directors Jackie McCann and Mary Beth Vander Schaaf to be most pleased. A new and improved and most excellent Champagne Brunch was prepared by Ruth Harvey and Marc Mathews as part of the Tournament weekend festivities. October provides an opportunity for a THIS event hosted by Malinda Wagner with a pop-up theme, and the Closing Party on October 31 is to be hosted by Yolanda Lewczuk and Kathy Bruno with a Mardi Gras theme. Lots more tennis is to be had on the courts as we watch the fall colors unfold. And, Sunday afternoon tennis continues to be popular, generally accompanied by a potluck dinner that follows the tennis activities. Come on down and enjoy the waning outdoor tennis days at your favorite club.

*- Jim Harvey*

## Welcome New Members

IVTC is pleased to announce two new members and one returning member: **Penny Bailer** a former member of IVTC has returned along with a new member **John VanCamp** sponsored by Jack Gibson and Michelle Snyder; and we also welcome the much skilled **Matt O'Laughlin**, sponsored by Caitlin Murphy and Ward Detwiler. *-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair*

## Upcoming Events

### THIS Party Sat October 3

Come out on Saturday October 3rd for IVTC's Fall themed THIS Party. It will be our first ever "Pop Up" event, with farm-to-table creations prepared by local Detroit restaurant The Brooklyn Street Local. Volunteers for the kitchen on Saturday are welcome! Please e-mail me ([malinda.cs.wagner@gmail.com](mailto:malinda.cs.wagner@gmail.com)) or Marc Mathews ([jmarcmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:jmarcmatthews@gmail.com)) if you would like to help in the kitchen, with dinner service, or with decorating. Menu will be forthcoming.

*-Malinda Wagner*

### WND Oct 14

Cocktail hour begins at 6pm, dinner seating is at 7; deadline for sign-up is Friday October 9 at 5pm. Email [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto: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. Attire is coat and tie/dressy.

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### A-Member Annual Meeting 2pm Sun Oct 18

A-Members, your attendance is appreciated at the annual meeting. Committee chairs will be reporting on the 2015 season and discussions about 2016 programs will no doubt ensue. We will be nominating potential new A-Members and electing board members and a nominating committee for the 2016 season; subsequently the board will elect 2016 club officers.

### THIS Mardi Gras Closing Party 6ish Sat Oct 31

Hosts Yolanda Lewczuk and Kathy Bruno are planning to end the THIS party season New Orleans style. So get your masks and beads ready for a jazzy night of great food and drink. Who knows, a parade may even breakout?! Watch the bulletin board and email blasts for more details. –*Yolanda*

### Season Ends Oct 31

Official club programs end on October 31, as well as beer, wine and liquor sales. Club members may use the clubhouse in the off season, but it's strictly BYOB, and please clean up after yourselves.

### Fall Clean-up 10am Sat Nov 14

Please consider assisting with our fall clean-up – we'll be bringing in the patio furniture, cleaning up the kitchen, winterizing the windows, and cleaning out the garden. Lunch for the volunteers will be provided.



Meria Larson, Norma Eschenburg, Judy Sarvis and Sue Webb



Marty Petz, Diane Foster, Ellen and Dan Krease



Rosa and Bob Petty with IVTC family



Leo Nichols and Ted Monahan



Marsden Burger and Jack Gibson

Peggy O'Neill presents gift to Bob and Rosa Petty while John Boris looks on



## Recent Events

### Bob Petty Appreciation Wednesday Night Dinner

The September 2nd WND gave club members the opportunity to thank Bob Petty for his many years of service to IVTC on the eve of his retirement. Bob and his wife Rosa were honored at the dinner with kind words of thanks from Jim Harvey, John Boris and Peggy O'Neill, and they were presented with several gifts and mementos of IVTC, including a check comprised of voluntary club member donations, and one *really* big bottle of Jack Daniels. The entire club sends Bob and Rosa all good wishes as they begin their retirement in South Carolina. Bobby, we will miss you! *—Chris Foster*

### Labor Day Bourbon & Blends

Labor Day 2015 was a hot day, reaching 91 degrees in the afternoon. This hot weather decreased tennis mixer attendance slightly, but Mixer Director Mary Beth Vander Schaaf was kept busy arranging matches throughout the early and mid-afternoon hours. The recognition that mint juleps would magically appear in the mid-afternoon seems to have encouraged a few others to arrive to enjoy the afternoon activities. Mixologist Jim Harvey prepared mint juleps with the assistance of wife Ruth and Elke Burger (who kindly harvested a supply of fresh mint from the Burger backyard). The further recognition that air-conditioned comfort in the Clubhouse (thanks to Ted Monahan who had the foresight to recognize the importance of air conditioning in constructing our Clubhouse) was available brought yet more members for a dinner provided at no charge and prepared by Ruth Harvey, Meria Larson, Sharon Shehan and Drew Cook. The menu consisted of hot dogs, brats, Italian sausage, coleslaw, potato salad, Jackie McCann's settler baked beans (as prepared by Ruth) and ice cream treats. Another successful event at IVTC! *-JPH*

### Fall Luncheon

The annual Fall Luncheon (formerly known as the MWF lunch), was hosted by Jim Harvey and Rosemary Gugino. After a morning of fun ten-

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nis, on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we partook of a Potlatch meal with a variety of grilled items. Besides contributions by attendees of great appetizers, salads, cookies and pies, et cetera, we grilled lamb chops, tuna steaks, chicken breasts, and hamburgers. *—Rosemary Gugino*

### Ice Cream Social

Surprise! We had beautiful weather for the Family Ice Cream Social on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our tennis pro Ken Rychwalski and assistant Wyatt Snyder, the kids had fun tennis activities. Ken's stellar skills as a teacher kept the kids engaged and happy on the courts for an hour and a half. Cathy Dean once again provided face painting and really cute crafts for the kids. We finished with hot dogs and Italian sausage and most importantly, ice cream! Thank you to all the volunteers who made this another successful event. *—Ruth Harvey*

### Weekend Away Up North

The period from September 16 through 20 found a crew of twenty-one Indian Village members and spouses enjoying the experience of a visit to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and the opportunity to temporarily reside in a nine bedroom cottage located at Chimney Corners Resort on the north side of Crystal Lake. Hiking, biking, tennis, golfing, shopping, wine tasting and eating appear to have been the primary activities of the group. But, enjoyable conversation over appetizers in the commodious living room with a fire roaring in the fireplace reminded us that fall was approaching. Some of our group managed to obtain tickets for the tour provided at the old State Hospital at Traverse City, and came back with glowing reports of the history of the institution as well as the transition of the State Hospital campus into a multiple use facility with upscale restaurants, condominiums, offices, and shopping opportunities. The assemblage heading north in 2015 included Brad and Sandy Brucker, Norma Eschenburg, Sharlene Gage, Gary and Liz Hoslet, Cheryl Huff, Dan and Ellen Krease, Meria Larson, Jim and Julie Norris, Tom and Connie



New members Sigrid Streit and Adam Whitehead being introduced by Jim Harvey



Kenny teaching future IVTC members



Ice Cream Social participants



Breakfast at Woodsmere



Kathy Bruno, Liz Hoslet, Louie Bruno, Jim Harvey and Gary Hoslet on Old Indian Trail



Dinner at the Coho

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Roberts, Diane and Chris Foster, Judy Sarvis, Barry and Sue Dickson as well as the intrepid gentle organizers: Jim and Ruth Harvey. Team efforts brought about breakfasts at the cottage, cleaning up dishes, as well as appetizer and wine tasting. Most of the group made a pilgrimage to a favorite French restaurant destination: *La Becasse*. -JPH

### Mixed Doubles Tournament

Participants in the Mixed Doubles Tournament enjoyed warm weather and sunshine, for a change! In an attempt to avoid the often dismal and rainy weather of the first weekend of October, the tourney was moved up a week. Being able to play the entire tournament on our courts instead of scrambling to find availability at indoor clubs was fantastic. And the Champagne Brunch attendees enjoyed not needing blankets and gloves as they watched the two final matches from the porch.

The B flight comprised six teams. Fun fact: One of the semifinal matches featured four players from other countries — Steve Toseland (England), Sigrid Streit (Germany), Richard Canny (Australia) and Michelle Snyder (Canada). In the finals, Richard and Michelle defeated Eric Kowalewski and Caitlin Murphy 6-2, 6-1. This meant Michelle won the Indian Village Grand Slam because she also won the Member-Guest Tournament with Cindy Forth and the Club Tournament with Caitlin. Well done, Michelle!

The A flight featured four teams. In the finals, Tony Kowalski and Judy Sarvis beat Mike Monahan (on his birthday) and Susan Van Dellen 6-2, 7-5.

Thanks to my co-director Jackie McCann for her efforts in running the tournament.

-Mary Beth Vander Schaaf

### Champagne Brunch

In the beginning of the season, Marc Mathews and I decided to tackle the Mixed Doubles Tournament Champagne Brunch with hopes that we

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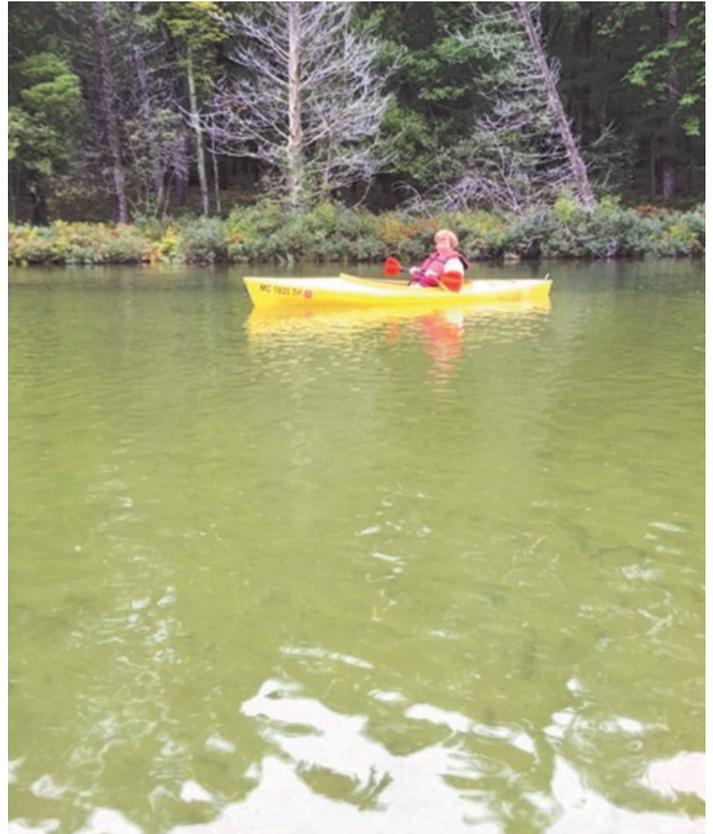
could provide a more elaborate brunch than ones offered in the past. To start things off, we had a beautiful day. Jim Harvey arrived at the club bright and early to cook the prime rib and also did the carving. It was delicious. With assists from Meria Larson, Norma Eschenburg and Joe Plawecki, we provided shrimp cocktail with Meria's homemade cocktail sauce, Frankfurt, Michigan smoked white fish and white fish pate, western egg bake, Marc's red skin potato hash, Arlene's baked company French toast, sausage links and bacon and fresh fruit salad. Monica Wilde suggested reasonably priced champagnes, which were delicious. We heard good reviews so we hope our mission was accomplished. Much thanks to our sous chefs who worked very hard. We hope all had a great time. *-Ruth Harvey and Marc Mathews*



We love our Pros Kenny, David and Gary



Chris and Diane Foster biking Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail



Sue Webb-Dickson in a **kayak** on the Lower Platte



Nancy Maher (second from left) our Monday Night Lesson coordinator, with friends



B finalists: Richard Canny, Michelle Snyder, Caitlin Murphy and Eric Kowalewski



A finalists: Mike Monahan, Susan VanDellen, Judy Sarvis and Tony Kowalski

## News and Notes

### Kudos

A big round of applause goes out to our tennis pro Ken Rychwalski for the great job he does with Monday Lessons, and to club members David Lee and Gary Hoslet for their assistance on the courts. Thanks also go out to Nancy Maher, the Monday Lesson/Lite Bite organizer, and to all the volunteers who made dinner for the Lite Bites through the summer. Monday nights were very well attended this year thanks to everyone's contributions. *—Chris Foster*

### Treasurer's Corner

According to the IRS, our club is a not-for-profit organization, with a tax designation of 501(c)(7) - Social and Recreation Clubs. IVTC is exempt from paying federal income taxes, but we are not exempt from state sales tax for most of the goods we purchase. The exception is for products that we resell, unaltered, such as tennis balls and non-alcoholic beverages. For these products, the sales tax is paid by the end consumer. Charitable contributions made to a 501(c)(7) organization are not tax deductible.

*-Tom Roberts, Treasurer*

### Stewart McMillin Tours

**OCT. 15-** ITALIAN HISTORY and CULTURE TOUR(\$65)--really needs people!!!--in order for tour to happen-SPREAD THE WORD

**OCT. 23-26-** Underground Railroad (UGRR)Tour to Ohio and Kentucky-almost sold out! Act quickly!!

**NOV. 6-**GERMAN CHURCH TOUR-\$65 includes two meals!-- DAKOTA INN RATHKSKELLER and Iroquois Lutheran Church in INDIAN VILLAGE!

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18 A Member Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Closing THIS

## IMPORTANT DATES

**THIS Pop-Up Event**  
October 3, 6:00pm

**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
October 14, 6pm

**A-Member Meeting**  
October 18, 2pm

**Closing THIS**  
October 31, 7pm

**Fall Cleanup**  
November 14 10am

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