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# Smoke Signals

May and June 2016

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## President's Message

Recently, as I was cleaning out a cabinet to make room for IVTC "Presidential materials", I came across a term paper I wrote in my senior year at DePauw University for *Nursing as a Profession II*. The topic was "Change" It seemed like a strange assignment with absolutely no directions given except for the word.

Little did I realize that throughout my life would I be involved in so many changes: curriculum changes, job changes, Rector changes, volunteer changes, and yes, life changes such as marriage.

Change is good, but hard at times. In C.S. Phyne's speech "Taste for Change" it was said that change is opportunity, but only for those who are prepared for it.

An important step in the management of change is the involvement of people. People both help to implement the change and also are affected by the consequences.

As we begin the 104th season at Indian Village, several changes have been made and are taking place. In all of them, committees have been involved, and they have been approved by the Board and are now in effect.

A long awaited dues structure change  
Several new committee chairs and a new committee: Rules Committee  
Increased use of electronic communication  
Increased security at the club with cameras

## Upcoming Events

A totally renovated, ladies room made possible by the 1912 Fund

A change in the publication schedule for *Smoke Signals*

In summary, a quote I recently saw on a church sign read, "The only one that is ALWAYS happy with change is a baby with a wet diaper."

Here's to a good season filled with fun, friends, and laughter!

*- Sue Webb-Dickson*

## Membership

We welcome all returning members to IVTC and the new members joining our Club. Many thanks go to Marty Peters, Sue Webb-Dickson, and Barry Dickson for re-designing the Member application form and to Peggy O'Neill for uploading the form onto the IVTC website. I also thank all the members who are inviting prospective members to join our Club, either to play tennis or to join in our social events. We have a fun-filled season planned and encourage all members to get involved with the planning and preparations or even clean-up as well as participating in our camaraderie. We'll see you on the courts!

*-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair*

## Upcoming Events

### **Spring Cleaning Part Two 10am Sat Apr 23**

Please help us put the club in tip-top shape for Opening Day! Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. Please refer questions to Joanne Petz, Sue Webb-Dickson or Norma Eschenburg.

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

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 hear from club officers and committee chairs, and to have a voice in discussions of programs and activities.

### **Opening Day Party 3-6pm Sunday May 1 - Dressy**

Help us celebrate the start of Indian Village Tennis Club's 104<sup>th</sup> season, say 'Hi' to some old friends, and maybe meet some new ones! The Board, Officers and Committee Chairs will be present to greet potential new members, and the A-Members are bringing delectable hors d'oeuvres. Dress code: coat and tie for the gents, please.

### **Intermediate Membership Open House, 6:30-10pm Friday May 6**

This will be our fourth annual Intermediates Open House. This event gives you the opportunity 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. This event 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.

### **Wine Tasting 6:30 Sat May 7**

Your hosts Jim Harvey, Bob Mobley and Chris Foster are preparing an exciting mix of both familiar and new IVTC wines for your tasting

pleasure. Please bring a small appetizer to share with your fellow wine aficionados, and be prepared to share your opinions of the wines as well.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm May 18 - Dressy**

Please reserve your meal soon for our first WND of the season – to attend you must place your dinner order by Friday May 13. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your choice of juicy prime rib, tender chicken breast, fresh salmon filet, or vegetarian main course: text or voice 313.320.3014; email [sue-webb2@aol.com](mailto:sue-webb2@aol.com). Coat and tie for the gents, please.

### **Memorial Day Bourbons & Blends 1pm Mon May 30**

Tennis play begins at 1pm; mint Juleps and a low key meal 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 4-5**

This annual event will be the first weekend in June, and we look forward to seeing lots of current and prospective members playing on our wonderful clay courts that weekend. Last year we had thirty teams playing in the tournament, let's see if we can get even more this year. We promise good weather, good tennis, lots of fun, and even good eats. Look for the sign-up sheets on the board around May 21, a couple of weeks before the tournament, so start talking with your tennis friends now about a fun filled weekend down at IVTC.

–Ken Miller and Yolanda Lewczuk,  
Tennis Committee

### **THIS Member-Guest Party 6-ish Sat June 4**

Please ask your MGT tennis partner (your guest and their spouse) if they would like to join us in the festivities. Remember to sign them up with Sue Webb-Dickson at 313.320.3014 or [sue-webb2@aol.com](mailto:sue-webb2@aol.com) and to pay for your guests' food and drinks on your chit. Your guests can compensate you at the end of the evening with cash or a check.

## Upcoming Events

### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Lesson and Lite Bite 6:30 Mon June 6

Volunteers are needed for Lite Bites after Monday Lessons. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board, or call or email Nancy Maher, 313.320.7196, [ngm@krwlaw.com](mailto:ngm@krwlaw.com). Thanks to all who participated last season. We had some fun tennis and great meals last year and are looking forward to the new season.

—Nancy Maher

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Social 4pm June 12

Sunday night has been traditionally game night and a pot luck. Usually we end up playing Euchre but hopefully this year we could do Scrabble night, bridge, Maj Jong, Canasta, or other. Mark it on your calendar if you have nothing to do on Sunday night or you just really like to play games. —Cheryl Huff

### Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Wed June 15 – Dressy

Please place your dinner order by Friday June 10. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your choice of juicy prime rib, tender chicken breast, fresh salmon filet, or vegetarian main course: text or voice 313.320.3014; email [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:suewebb2@aol.com). Coat and tie for the gents, please.

### Presidents' Party 7pm Saturday June 25 – Black Tie Preferred

Keep an eye on your mailboxes for your invitation to this year's Presidents' Party. We have been working hard this offseason putting together a memorable Presidents' Party. We will not be using response cards this year, RSVPs will be accepted by Sue Webb-Dickson by email at: [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:suewebb2@aol.com) or phone (313) 881-7626. —Marc Mathews

### Independence Day Bourbon & Blends 1pm Mon July 4

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

### Club Tournament Sat-Sun July 16-17

Mark your calendars for the annual club tournament being held July 16-17<sup>th</sup>. We will once again have a ladies and men's draw with both A and B Divisions. The tournament format (round robin vs draw) will depend on the number participants, so find a partner and join the fun!

A small entry fee will cover a Lite Breakfast and Lunch along with munchies during the day. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the club bulletin board in July.

Good Luck everyone and see you on the courts! —Geoff Wagner, Tournament Director and Malinda Shaw, Assistant TD

### Steak Roast 6pm Sat July 16

Save the date!

## Tennis Activities

### Courts Are In!

The Courts Committee informs us that the courts are in as of April 20! However, they are extremely soft at this point and will need extensive rolling before they are ready for play. If the nets are dropped, tennis play is NOT ALLOWED. Playing on soft courts will result in damage, prolonging the time until they are ready for play. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Bourbon & Blends Parties

This get together blending tennis, mint, and bourbon starts at 1pm on Monday May 25. Tennis play begins at 1pm; 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 1st. Come down and hone your strokes with club tennis pro Ken Rychwalski, assisted by Gary Hoslet and David Lee, from 6:30 to 8. Afterwards, stay for a bite to eat, hosted by a volunteer club member.

## Tennis Activities

### Friday Tennis Mixer – on Hiatus

Due to diminishing attendance over the past few years, we are putting the Friday Tennis Mixer on hiatus for 2016. Members, however, are encouraged to mix themselves up on the courts, get together for an impromptu potluck, or order some pizzas!

### Sunday Social Tennis, Lite Bite & Games

Beginning Sunday June 12 at 4pm, please join us for tennis, followed by a bite to eat, and a variety of card and board games.

### Member-Guest Tournament

Tournament dates are June 4-5. 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.

### Weekly Tennis Activities (June- August)

Sunday Social Tennis, Lite Bites & Games: 4pm (excluding tournament days)

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

Monday Lessons & Lite Bites: 6:30 to 8:00pm

Women's Interclub B: Tues, 9:30am to noon, mid-June to mid-July

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

Pick-up Doubles: Tues & Thurs 4pm to dusk, Sat & Sun 3pm to dusk

Pre-arranged Foursomes: Tues & Thurs 9 to noon (when no interclub), Wed 4 pm to dusk, Sat 9am to 1

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

—Ken Miller, Tennis Co-Chair

## Recent Events

### Spring Cleaning Part One

Thanks to everyone who participated in part one of our spring cleaning on April 9: Ken Miller, John van Camp and Penny Bailey, Steve Clarren, Diane and Chris Foster, Bob Lucas, Garret Meyers, Jim Harvey, Jim Dunne, Leon Trumbauer, Al Pavle, Richard and Jackie Canny, Ann Cook, Marilyn Monahan, Judy Sarvis, Darlene Sulad, Peggy O'Neill, Jane McKeever, Elke and Marsden Burger, Norma Eschenburg, Sue Webb-Dickson and Barry Dickson, Margot Parker, Marc Mathews, Meria Larsen, Dick Klimisch, Cathy Dean, Marty Peters, Ward Detwiler, Rosemary Gugino, Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, and Caitlin Murphy.

## News and Notes

### IVTC 2016 Leadership

#### Club Officers

Sue Webb-Dickson, President; Marc Mathews, Vice President; Tom Roberts, Treasurer; Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, Secretary

#### Board Members

Marsden Burger, Norman Eschenburg, Diane Foster, James Harvey, Jacqueline McCann, Marc Mathews, Peggy O'Neill, Tom Roberts, Sue Webb-Dickson

#### Committee Chairs

If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact the committee chair. We are always looking for members to assist with tournaments, parties, weekly events, weeding the garden, etc.

Membership  
Tennis

Rosemary Gugino  
Ken Miller & Yolanda  
Lewczuk

Social

Diane Foster & Peggy  
O'Neill

Catered Events  
Bar

Pat O'Dowd & Judy Sarvis  
James Harvey

Clubhouse

Norma Eschenburg

Courts

Marc Mathews

Infrastructure

Barry Dickson

Garden

Chris Foster



Communications	Sue Webb-Dickson
Finance	Tom Roberts
1912 Fund	Bob Lucas
Rules	Diane Foster
Legal	Gary Hoslet & Jim Harvey

### **New A-Member**

Congratulations to new A-Member Ken Miller, elected at the February board meeting. Ken has been very involved in tennis activities at IVTC, and has been Tennis Committee co-chair for the past two seasons.

### **Digital Communications**

Given the ever increasing digital technology in our lives, IVTC will be focusing more and more on sharing information with members via digital means, rather than hard copy printed materials. We have made good progress in contacting members using e-blasts. The IVTC website (<https://sites.google.com/site/indianvillagetennisclub/>) has a wealth of information: daily updates of court conditions, membership applications, past newsletters, photo albums and more. The club has its own Facebook page. Reservations for events can be made via voice, text or email. And you now have the ability to receive your monthly bill digitally.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to find out more about what's going on at IVTC. Starting this year, we want to make digital delivery of the Newsletter the primary method of distribution – we will send out hard copies only at your request. And we will be cutting back on the number of editions per season: the Newsletter will be published on the first of the month in May, July, September and in late November, rather than monthly.

### **Treasurer's Corner**

Welcome back to IVTC for another year of club activities. I wish to thank those who responded that they would like to receive their statements by email, rather than by snail mail. The first emailing of statements will be for the May club charges.

A number of our members pay their monthly bills using their bank's online check mailing service. This service is free, and I would encourage more members to use it. I don't believe that Canadian banks offer this as a free service. We are still looking for a free service that will allow members to charge their payments using a smart phone, so if you are aware of a method to accomplish this, please let me know.

Please remember the IVTC 1912 Fund in your gift-giving plans for this year. The fund will be used for enhancements to the club's building and grounds. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club. —*Tom Roberts*

### **Editor's Note**

For the 2016 season, we are experimenting with a bimonthly format for the IVTC Newsletter. Editions will be produced for May-June, July-August, and September-October, with a final edition in late November. Since we are relying more and more for digital promotion of our events, there is less need for a monthly newsletter. We expect the newsletter to be geared more towards recent events, and we may have to expand it to twelve pages. Also, we are changing how you choose to receive a hard copy of the newsletter: when the digital version is sent out, there will be a note that you must request to be put on the hard copy list (rather than ask to be removed from the hard copy list which is how we were doing it). —*Chris Foster*

### **Volunteers Sought**

The bar committee is seeking persons to help with the purchase and delivery of soft drinks for IVTC: water, sports drinks, juices and soda pop. Assistance is also needed with the return of beverage containers. Contact bar chair Jim Harvey if you can help.

### **Kudos**

Extra-special thanks go to the following individuals for going above and beyond the call of duty: Marsden Burger for installing the new security cameras  
Alan Wright for having the sign over the front door painted

## News and Notes

Peggy Ventura for co-chairing the ladies bathroom renovation with Norma Eschenburg  
Al Pavle for building the dressing table in the ladies room

Marty Peters for “mudding” and sanding in the ladies room

Barry Dickson for doing electrical work and installing the vanity in the ladies room

Bob Lucas, Joanne Petz, Marc Matthews, Peggy O’Neil and Sylvia Ghirardini for painting in the ladies room



Jackie and Penny

### Member Dues

This is just a reminder that your annual dues should be paid by May 1, the start of the season. If your dues are not in by June 15, your name will be removed from the directory.

### 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.



Garret and Steve



Meria, Margot and Jim

### Newsletter Contributors

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We need your contributions for articles and photography - please contact Chris Foster at 313 516-6979.

### IVTC 2016 Event Schedule

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 Sue Webb-Dickson: smartphone 313.320.3014, home 313.881.7626,  
 email [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:suewebb2@aol.com), or the Clubhouse 313.331.9494

Spring Cleanup II	Sat April 23	10am
General & A Member Meeting	Sun May 1	1:30pm
Opening Day Party	Sun May 1	3pm
Intermediate Open House	Fri May 6	6:30pm
Wine Tasting	Sat May 7	6:30pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed May 18	6:30pm
Memorial Day B&B	Mon May 30	1pm
Member-Guest Tournament	Sat-Sun June 4-5	
THIS Party	Sat June 4	6-ish
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed June 15	6:30pm
Presidents' Party	Sat June 25	7pm
Independence Day B&B	Sat July 4	1pm
Club Tournament	Sat-Sun July 16-17	
Steak Roast	Sat July 16	6pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed July 27	6:30pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed Aug 17	6:30pm
Senior Tournament	Sat-Sun Aug 20-21	
Golf Outing	Fri Aug 26	
THIS Party	Sat Aug 27	7pm
Labor Day B&B	Mon Sept 5	1pm
MWF Closing Luncheon	Fri Sept 9	
THIS Party	Sat Sept 10	7pm
Weekend Away Up North	Wed-Sun Sept 14-18	
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed Sept 21	6:30pm
Mixed Doubles Tournament	Sept 24-25	
Champagne Brunch	Sun Sept 25	11am
A Member Meeting	Sun Oct 16	2pm
Wednesday Night Dinner	Wed Oct 19	6:30pm
THIS Closing Party	Sat Oct 29	7pm
Season Ends	Mon Oct 31	
Fall Cleanup	Sat Nov 19	10am

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

**Opening Day Party**  
May 1, 3pm

**Intermediate Open House**  
May 6, 6:30pm

**Wine Tasting**  
May 7, 6:30pm

**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
May 18, 6:30pm

**Memorial Day B&B**  
May 30, 1pm

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Member-Guest Tournament**  
June 4-5

**THIS Party**  
June 4, 6ish

**First Monday Night Lesson**  
June 6, 6:30pm

**Wednesday Night Dinner**  
June 15, 6:30pm

**Presidents' Party**  
June 25, 7pm

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

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