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## July and August 2017

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### President's Message

The 2017 season at IVTC is off to a fine start! The Memorial Day Bourbon & Blends was very well attended, and Diane Foster had her tennis committee hat on as she ran both the round robin mixer and provided the famous hot dog picnic. Meria Larson has found a new role in life: that of chief salad maker for the club. Thanks, Meria! The mint juleps provided by Jim and the bar committee were as good as ever. Most of us do not have a mint julep all year except for the three holidays and look forward to them.

June's Wednesday Night Dinner sold out and everyone had rave reviews for guest chef Brian Brenner. The talented family of Pat O'Dowd provided entertainment that we all enjoyed. Pat and Judy Sarvis, her assistant, work hard in coordinating all the facets of WND.

I would like to thank some members for behind-the-scenes work that most members don't know about. Michelle Strait graciously provided transportation for a new shelving unit for the back room - Barry's Chevy Spark, Kermit, just couldn't handle it. Alan Wright, a longtime member, provided some welding on the shelving unit. When Barry finishes adding these units to the units that the Ventura's built several years ago, our back room should be in good shape. Norma, as clubhouse chair, works hard to keep the back room in order, and more shelving space will certainly help. Thanks also to Chris Foster and Marc Mathews for building additional shelving in wine storage.

As we move into July, traditionally vacation month, know that not all members are out of town and activities are happening at 1502 Parker. Read about them elsewhere in the newsletter and **COME ON DOWN!**

*- Sue Webb-Dickson*

### Membership

With a lot of enthusiasm this 2017 season we welcome: **Tyler Adland**, winner of the Men's B tournament - sponsored by Tony Kowalski & Ken Miller; **Betsy Bernard** sponsored by Judy Sarvis & Thomas Vander Schaaf; **Diana Bui & Andy Hickman** sponsored by Kim Conely & Ruth Harvey; **Stuart Cammett III** sponsored by Alan Wright & Rodger Sulad; **Mary Cantwell** sponsored by Linda Rankin & Marty Peters; **Joanne Case** - winner of the Ladies' B tournament - sponsored by Linda Rankin & Ken Miller; **Dan Gallina** - winner of the Mens' A tournament - sponsored by Tony Kowalski & Geoff Wagner; **Barb & John Gervais** sponsored by Kim Conely & Andy Hickman; **Ben Hartman** sponsored by Geoff Wagner & Matt Leaver; **Kevin Herron & Wendy Jackson** sponsored by Tina D'Angela & Muffy Kroha; **Jason Huvaere** sponsored by Ward Detwiler & Rebecca Chow; **Elizabeth Kmetz** sponsored by Mac Farr & Jamin Ruark; **Carolyn & Bob MacKool** sponsored by Ann Cook, Ken Miller & Nancy Maher; **Peter Maurer & Melissa Smith** sponsored by Joe Plawecki & Louis Bruno; **Eric Pope** sponsored

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by Steve Clarren & Ken Miller; **Tom Shumaker & Maja Fabula** sponsored by Ted Shumaker & Jamin Ruark; **Jaimee Pachla** sponsored by Ward Detwiler & Maribeth Saylor; **Nina Fabian** sponsored by Joe Mairoana & Ward Detwiler; **Joan Trute** sponsored by Eric Kowalewski & Ken Miller; **Thomas Vander Schaaf** sponsored by Jamin Ruark & Ken Miller; **Jolyn Wagner & Malachy** sponsored by Geoff Wagner & Malinda Wagner; **Pete Wagner** sponsored by Geoff Wagner & Malinda Wagner; and **Karen Youngblood** - winner of the Ladies' A tournament - sponsored by Mary Tavernit & Tony Kowalski. An update of our 2016 Directory indicates: New/Re-joined memberships = 38; Resigned = 28 memberships; totaling approximately 179 memberships and 264 members as of June 22, 2017.

-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair  
313-268-1083, [r\\_gugino@hotmail.com](mailto:r_gugino@hotmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

### Independence Day Bourbon & Blends 1pm Tues 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 15-16

Save the dates! Once again we will have a ladies and men's draw with format (round robin vs draw) dependent on the number of participants. So find a partner and join the fun. Winners have bragging rights for the year! Sign-up sheets will be posted in July. Good luck and see you on courts. Tournament Directors: Geoff Wagner and Malinda Shaw

### Steak Roast 6pm Sat July 15

Please be sure to sign up early for the Steak Roast, as last year we had a sell-out crowd. The menu typically includes numerous appetizers, perfectly grilled filet mignon, baked pota-



Marc Mathews and Richard Canny



David and Maribeth Saylor with Sharlene Gage  
Edmond, John VanCamp and Dick Klimisch







Norma Eschenburg, Elke Burger and Pat O'Dowd



Ted Shumaker and friend Maria



Peggy O'Neill and Joanne Petz

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toes, grilled vegetables, green salad, and ice-creamy deserts. We need to hear from you if you're planning to attend, so we know how many steaks to purchase - thanks! Please email [Suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:Suewebb2@aol.com) or contact her at [313.320.3014](tel:313.320.3014) to make your reservations.

### Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Wed July 26 – Dressy

Once again, Mike Olis, tenor, with a background in opera and musicals as well as pop, will perform at the July WND. Mike sings at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church regularly. With chef Brian Brenner catering and Mike Olis singing, we expect another sell-out evening so get your reservations in early. Brian Brenner will continue catering the WNDs for the remainder of the 2017 season. 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](tel:313.320.3014); email [suewebb2@aol.com](mailto:suewebb2@aol.com). Volunteers for providing appetizers are needed for the July dinner. Contact Judy Sarvis if you wish to bring one. –Pat O'Dowd

### Senior Tournament Sat Aug 12

Due to great attendance last year, the Tennis Committee is bringing back the Senior Tournament, intended for only those 60 years of age and older (and we will be checking ID, just kidding). So, practice up and get ready for a fun day of tennis with this special age group of experienced players. We are planning to have a men's and a women's open draw, each playing for the bragging rights to be called 'Super Senior'. The tournament will be on Saturday August 12 (and maybe spill into Sunday August 13 if necessary), so pencil in this date and pray for cool weather! –Yolanda Lewczuk and Ken Miller, Tennis co-Chairs

### Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm Wed August 16 – Dressy

### Golf Outing Fri Aug 25

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Please check the bulletin board and your email for details.

### Thank Heavens It's Saturday Party 6-ish Sat Aug 26

### Labor Day Bourbons & Blends 1pm Mon Sept 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.

### MWF Closing Luncheon Sept 8

### Weekend Away Sept 13-17

Join us at Chimney Corners Resort, Frankfort, Michigan, for: Crystal Lake, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Beulah, Empire, Glen Arbor, La Becasse, Trattoria Stella, Traverse City, Leland, Suttons Bay, golf, bicycling, tennis, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, hiking, antiquing, wineries, casinos, euchre, picture puzzles and camaraderie! Keep your eye on the bulletin board and email for further information from our hosts, Jim and Ruth Harvey.

## Recent Events

### Spring Cleaning Part Two

Thanks to all those who came down for part two of spring cleaning on April 29: Joanne Petz, Sue Webb-Dickson and Barry Dickson, Norma Eschenburg, Elke Burger, Peggy O'Neill, Lee Trumbauer, Gary Hoslet, Marc Mathews, Diane and Chris Foster, Judy Diebolt, Maribeth and Dave Saylor, Jackie McCann, Dick Klimisch, Ted Shumaker and his friend Maria, Pat O'Dowd, Richard Canny, Sharlene Gage, John VanCamp, Meria Larson, and Frank Bevilaqua. Inside, the kitchen and bar were cleaned and prepped; outside the flowerbeds were weeded and mulched, and the back brick wall of the courts was scraped. Special bonus points go to Richard Canny for hauling the thirty bags of mulch in his F-250, and to Meria Larson for making the salad to accompany the pizza.



Marc Mathews, Drew Cook, Cheryl Huff and Meria Larson



Gary Hoslet with Ted and Marilyn Monahan



Frank Bevilaqua and Pat Nault





Dick Ventura, Cora and Leo Nichols, John VanCamp,  
Judy Diebolt and Peggy Ventura



Jay and Judy Flowers with Tom Roberts and Judy Diebolt



Connie and Tom Roberts

## General Membership & A-Member Meeting, May 7

### Stats

35: People attending

29 of 40: A-members attending

35: Number of bags of topping used per court instead of 50 with the hope that this will alleviate slickness along the grass

3 to 4 years: Amount of time before we'll need to replace the slowly rotting plywood along the alley side of the tennis courts

48 minutes: Length of the meeting

President Sue Webb-Dickson said she is happy with the state of the club. "It is financially strong, it has enthusiastic leadership and the neighborhood is hopping," she said.

### Highlights of committee reports

Bar committee: Chris Foster and Marc Mathews were thanked for installing new shelves in the liquor closet, which will allow for better organization. Bar revenue and expenses were about the same from year to year. A goal of the committee this year is to maintain reasonable prices.

Clubhouse: There were no major issues over the winter. Reconfiguration of the shelving in the storage room is under way. A committee will be formed to study improvements for the kitchen.

Infrastructure: The electrical panel will be replaced by a commercial panel. The doors on the garden side of the clubhouse need to be replaced. We may do a few at a time, making sure we choose doors that will be available from year to year. Some may be fixed panels instead of doors.

Courts: The Tennis House in Grosse Pointe Farms has closed and Marc has arranged for IVTC to inherit the equipment, including a roller.

Garden: There will be monthly gardening get-togethers on late Saturday afternoons before major events.

Tennis: Chits have been rubber-banded to each can of tennis balls so folks realize they are not free.

— Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, IVTC Secretary

## Recent Events

### Opening Day Party

Between fifty and sixty members attended the Opening Day Party on a beautiful May afternoon. The A-Members provided an amazing array of delicious hors d'oeuvres. The Champagne punch was mixed by Marsden and Elke Burger. Thanks go to Peggy O'Neill for table flowers and decorating assistance; Jim Harvey, for making sure our bar was well stocked; Chris Foster on photos; and to Sue and Barry Dickson for lending a hand with clean-up. Many thanks to all who attended, it is always a wonderful way to start the season! - *Diane Foster*

### Intermediate Membership Open House

We had a record turnout for our 5th annual Intermediates Party on May 12. At its peak, there were well over sixty attendees. There was a good mix of current members and their guests. The weather could not have been any better and allowed for members and guests to play a few sets in front of a porch packed with spectators. A simple dinner of BBQ pulled pork, coleslaw, and a variety of snacks was served. The event proved to be a success with a number of new members joining that night as well as a number of applications that have been coming in as a result of the open house. A special "thank you" goes to my co-host, Ward Detwiler, for helping organize the event. And a big "thank you" to all the members for attending and inviting their guests to experience a place that we all enjoy! -*Marc Mathews*

### Wine Tasting

A pleasant evening was enjoyed at the May 13 Wine Tasting, as thirty-one members sipped and tasted their way through five white wines, a rosé, and six red wines. Wine Committee members Jim Harvey, Bob Mobley and Chris Foster provided selections from the mid to upper range of our wine list, and featured five French wines from Kevin Ventura's 'SOIF de' wine imports. Many tasters filled out rating sheets, and the favorite white wine of night was Kevin's Moutard-Diligent Chablis (white Burgundy made with chardonnay), with the Champalou Vouvray and



Marc Mathews and prospective members at the Intermediate Party







Wine hosts Jim Harvey, Kevin Ventura, Chris Foster and Bob Mobley



Alex Gow and Norma Eschenburg  
Louie and Kathy Bruno



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Guilhem rosé tied for second. In a tight race for favorite red of the night, the Moutard–Diligent Burgundy (pinot noir) edged out the Freemark Abbey Napa cabernet sauvignon by one vote. Thanks to everyone for participating, and for the delicious hors d'oeuvres that you brought! *-Chris Foster*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner

Once again IVTC tennis pro, Ken Rychwalski, set down his racquet and picked up his guitar to play for fifty-four guests at the first Wednesday Night Dinner of the season on May 17. band member, Vince Beaman on guitar and keyboard, the duo wowed guests with a mix of blues, jazz, and rock for nearly the entire evening. Cook Sherry Ward served a hearty buffet dinner, and appetizers were provided by Meria Larson, Cora Nichols, and Norma Eschenburg. *-Pat O'Dowd*

### Memorial Day Bourbons & Blends

The club's annual Memorial Day Bourbons and Blends event was a great success, attended by approximately fifty-five members and guests who were treated to great weather, food and of course, tennis. Most players got in several rounds of play before drinks and food at were served. Over thirty-five players participated in the mixer while the packed porch eagerly watched the action all afternoon. Diane Foster lent her expertise coordinating the tennis mixer.

There was no shortage of food or drink on this Memorial Day Monday. Everyone enjoyed the traditional menu of Italian sausages, hot dogs, beans, potato salad, coleslaw and ice cream treats for dessert. And what is a B&B without mint juleps? This B&B drink of choice was sipped by many throughout the afternoon - thanks to Jim Harvey and Drew Cook for making the drinks and keeping them flowing.

Diane would like to thank her team for all their support throughout the day: Meria Larson for her tasty potato salad and help in the kitchen; Marc Mathews for doing the grilling; Rosemary

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Gugino and Yolanda Lewczuk for cleaning up at the end of the day. Thanks to everyone who came out to make this first B&B a whole lot of fun, and for remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

—Diane Foster

### Member-Guest Tournament

It was a great two days of tennis at our Annual Member Guest Tournament, held June 3-4. Tennis courts were packed Saturday with matches going on from nine to 5:30pm. On Sunday, with the exception of a five-minute cloud-burst during the B final, the tournament finals were completed without issue. There were six Men's A teams, six Ladies' A teams, eight Men's B teams, and four Women's B teams entered in the tournament.

Women's A & Women's B both had draws this year. Each draw included a variety of different finalists with no repeat members from last year. In the "B" Final, Rosemary Gugino and partner Joanne Case faced off against Peggy O'Neill and partner Joan Trute. The entertaining well-played match finished with a 6-2, 6-3, victory for Rosemary and Joanne.

The Women's A Draw was a very competitive match that started under clouds but finished with sunny blue skies. In the final, Yolanda Lewczuk and Guest Kiri Beland played Mary Taver-nit and guest Karen Youngblood. Final score of match was 6-3, 7-6 in favor of Mary and Karen.

Both men's groups played all their preliminary rounds and semi-finals on Saturday with finals on Sunday. The Men's B saw 2016 runner up Eric Kowaleski return to final with guest Tyler Adland, facing Steve Clarren with guest Eric Pope. This tough three set match, that was played under threat of rain, ended in a score of 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 for Eric and Tyler.

The Men's A final was a family affair with the Wagner brothers facing off at opposite ends of the court. The 2016 Member Guest Winner Geoff Wagner and guest Dan Gallina play



B&B hosts Rosemary Gugino, Meria Larson and Diane Foster



Jim Harvey  
Linda Braun and Frank Annessa







Women's A Finalists (above), Women's B Finalists (below)



Men's A Finalists (above), Men's B Finalists (below)



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against Tony Kowalski and guest Pete Wagner. This highly competitive match ended in straight sets. The winners were Geoff and Dan with score of 6-3, 6-3.

The goal of the member-guest tournament is to have some fun while showing off the club to potential members. We certainly hope that everyone enjoyed the matches and guests consider joining after their experience. Thanks to all the players for your support and we look forward to seeing you next year.

*-Ken Miller and Yolanda Lewczuk, Tournament Directors and Tennis Co-Chairs*

### THIS Member-Guest Party Sat June 3

Following the first day of play of the Member-Guest Tournament, members and their guests were invited to enjoy a summer BBQ with all the fixin's. Attendees enjoyed hamburgers and gourmet sausages from the grill, baked beans, green salad, and ice cream for dessert. Many thanks to Peggy O'Neill and Kathy Burgess for hosting the party, and to Alex Gow and Chris Foster for manning the grills. Finally, a huge thank-you to Drew Cook for filling in behind the bar! *-Chris Foster*

### June Wednesday Night Dinner

The MicShauns of Port Huron once again brought their variety show to WND entertaining before a sell-out crowd of seventy-nine guests on June 14. Their performance included single and duet pop and classical vocals; piano, cello, and violin numbers, and an Irish jig. Brian Brenner, guest chef, catered an outstanding buffet dinner. Proceeds from the 50-50 raffle purchased the new heat lamp for the buffet table. Appetizers were provided by Meria Larson, Rosemary Gugino, Paula Sarvis, Julie Norris (2), and Pat O'Dowd. *-Pat O'Dowd*

## News and Notes

### Lost and Found

Our 'Lost and Found' bin, located in the tennis bag cubbies on the porch, **IS FULL!** If you are missing an item of clothing, your sunglasses, water bottle, tennis shoes, racquet, etc., please take a look – there is A LOT of stuff in there!

### 50 Shades of Green

After looking at court walls, grass, clay, weeds, plants, we decided that we were seeing all variations of the color green. We had a great turnout from members for the painting and gardening session on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, and also for the gardening session May 27. These types of volunteer activities help to keep the club looking its best. A very BIG thank you to all who showed up to one or more sessions to pitch in! If you happen to see any of these people at the club, be sure to thank them for their hard work: Mary Cantrell, Marc Mathews, Joanne Petz, Chris Foster, Yolanda Lewczuk, Sharlene Gage, Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, Ruth Harvey and grandson James, Richard Canny, Lee Trumbauer, Jim Plecha, Louis Bruno, George Williams, Matt Leaver, Margot Parker, Norma Eschenburg, and Dick Klimisch. Or thank them with a cold beverage! -*Joanne Petz*

### Treasurer's Corner

I know that the font size on the chits is small, so in the next iteration, it will be larger. Also, there will be no lines in the left column for Lite Bite or for Wednesday Dinner, forcing members to put numbers in the sub categories for each item. This is necessary in order for me to accurately measure the income versus costs for these events.

I am seeing an increase in the number of unsigned chits, which begs the question, "Can we maintain the financial health of the club without change to the current honor system?" Please check the bulletin board on the clubhouse porch for unsigned chits. If you recognize one as yours, please remove it, sign it and place it in a basket on the bar. Let's keep IVTC as great as it has always been.

-*Tom Roberts, Treasurer*



Member Guest Party hosts Kathy Burgess and Peggy O'Neill



Manning the grills Alex Gow and Chris Foster

Alex with volunteer bartender, Drew Cook





### Housekeeping Reminder

IVTC operates more as a co-op than a traditional tennis club, with all members contributing in different ways. 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 tables of empties and arrange chairs four to a table
- \* Rinse empty glasses and put them by the kitchen sink
- \* Clear the bar of empties
- \* Clean up in the kitchen if you use it
- \* Turn off 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 Edmond can concentrate on essential duties in the morning. Thanks for your consideration.

*-Norma Eschenburg, Clubhouse Chair*

### Volunteers Sought - Garden

If you would like to help in the garden, please contact Joanne Petz (313 300-8568 [jdpetz@cengage.com](mailto:jdpetz@cengage.com)). We are planning some fun weeding parties prior to big events, so contact Joanne if you'd like to pitch in!

### 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.



New members Andy Hickman, Diana Bui and Eric Pope  
Rosemary Gugino, Erika Baer and new member Joan Trute



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