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President's Message

Greetings! As of this writing the country is awaiting the total eclipse of the sun and just as quickly as it will be over our IVTC season is coming to an end.

We have already had many fun and very well attended activities and a few more are scheduled. Bringing back an old tradition, Diane and Peggy of the Social Committee are coaching the new members of '16 and '17 to plan and implement the last THIS of the season to be held on Oct. 28. This tradition is not only fun, but it increases the comradeship amongst the new members and develops leadership for the future of the club. As this event (and all events) takes planning, budgeting, promotion, shopping, cooking, making out expense reports, decorating and other components, the newest members will learn firsthand how these events don't just 'happen,' they take some work! Newbies we look forward to your party!

Come on down and enjoy B&B#3 on Labor Day. This probably will be (I know it is mine) your last Mint Julep until Memorial Day 2018! We also have two more WND's, and the Champagne Brunch while the finals of the club Mixed Doubles Tournament are being played.

IVTC is a very special place, enjoy all it has to offer!

- Sue Webb-Dickson

Membership

IVTC welcomes new members **Dan Amato and Rachael Harrison** sponsored by Harry Constant and Rodger and Darlene Sulad. We encourage all members to let friends know that IVTC offers half-price for a half year membership, for first-time members only, beginning August 1. It is a great way to get to know IVTC and finish out the season. We say goodbye and good luck to John Libbos, a member since 2006, who is moving out of state.

-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair
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Upcoming Events

IVTC Golf Outing 9:45 Fri Aug 25

The IVTC 18 Hole Best Ball Golf Outing begins at 9:45 on Friday August 25th at the St Clair Shores Golf Course, located on Masonic between Harper and Little Mack. Following play, lunch will be at Stewart's, the golf course restaurant. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Contact Leo or Cora Nichols if you have questions.

THIS Western Party 6:30 Sat Aug 26

Howdy, pardner! Break out those cowboy boots, hats and bandanas, and prepare for a ho-down! Join Yolanda Lewczuk and friends for a Texas-style meal of beef brisket, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw and Texas sheet cake. RSVP to Sue Webb-Dickson: sue-webb2@aol.com. See y'all real soon!

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 11:30 Friday Sept 8

All IVTC members, and guests, are welcome to join our Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning tennis group for a "closing" pot-luck luncheon on Friday Sept 8. Weather permitting, we play tennis from 9:30-11:30, followed by a lunch at approximately 11:30-1:30. Please call Rosemary Gugino, 313-268-1083c, or email:

r_gugino@hotmail.com, with the item you wish to bring, or you may contribute \$5 toward a food purchase. Thank you - hope you can join us! - Rosemary

IVTC Weekend Away Sept 13-17

As the summer comes to a close, it is time to think about one of the Club's fun events. This consists of traveling north to Sleeping Bear Dunes, and enjoying a long weekend overlooking Crystal Lake from the vantage point of Woodsmere, a 9 bedroom "cottage" located at the Chimney Corners Resort. Ruth and Jim Harvey are the gentle organizers of this event.

What do people do? The list is as varied as the people attending. Tennis is available at the Resort or at local courts if we need more than one tennis court. Hiking, biking, swimming, golfing, canoeing, kayaking, reading books, working on puzzles, euchre playing, wine tasting, shopping, sightseeing, sampling area restaurants' offerings is a reasonable summary of the opportunities. Woodsmere is the central location for breakfast in the morning, which is created by a varying crew of participants in the 2017 edition of the IVTC Weekend Away. Individuals and small groups wander off after breakfast to activities of their choosing. The Heritage hiking/biking trail has been extended from Empire to north of Glen Arbor and is one of Jim's favorite biking expeditions with interesting flora and fauna (and occasional grades on the asphalt trail). A substantial group enjoyed a Ranger led



Vice President and host Marc Mathews with Diane Foster, Peggy O'Neill and Joanne Petz



Tina, Pam, Brian and Muffy entertain their guest

Ruth Harvey, Dick Klimisch, Chris Pfaehler and Prudence Klimisch





Tom Kneeshaw and Mike Olis at the Presidents' Party

Upcoming Events

kayak/canoe adventure on the Crystal River last year. We are interested in trying out different dining venues, and may be looking for suggestions as to dining in nearby Traverse City one night to sample a special restaurant's fare there.

If interested, please contact Ruth or Jim Harvey to discuss. Ruth can be reached at 313 220-0310 or Jim can be reached at 313 220-0255. A \$50 check will reserve your spot at Woodsmere. A photographic and written description of Chimney Corners offerings can be found at the CC website: www.chimneycornersresort.com. Some of the IVTC weekenders obtain a separate cottage at CC, and this can be arranged directly with the staff at CC. —Jim Harvey

Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm

Wed Sept 20 – Dressy

Our entertainment for the evening will feature singer/guitarist Patrick McKeever for the cocktail hour, and Bill Giovan's barbershop quartet, The Forum Shoppers, during dinner. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your choice of juicy prime rib, tender chicken breast, fresh fish entree, or vegetarian main course: text or voice 313.320.3014; email suewebb2@aol.com.

Mixed Doubles Tournament

Sat-Sun Sept 23-24

Watch for details in your email and on the bulletin board.

Champagne Brunch 11am

Sun Sept 24 - Dressy

Join us for the annual Champagne Brunch while enjoying the Mixed Doubles Tournament Finals.

"A" Member Annual Meeting 2pm

Sun Oct 15

On the agenda: Committee Chair reports, discussion of the 2017 season, and election of the 2018 Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.



Sherrin Shehan and Susan Van Dellen

Michelle Strait, Jim Harvey and Doug Strait



Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm

Wed Oct 18 – Dressy

Our entertainment for the evening will be Cheryl Huff's Riverboat Ramblers. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your choice of juicy prime rib, tender chicken breast, fresh fish entree, or vegetarian main course: text or voice 313.320.3014; email suewebb2@aol.com.

New Member-Hosted THIS Closing Party 6:30 Sat Oct 28

Our 2016 and 2017 new members are getting together to throw us a fun 'Thanks Heavens It's Saturday' party to close out the season. The new member-hosted party is an old IVTC tradition that we are happy to see revived – it's a great way for new members to experience IVTC's volunteer-driven ethos.

Season Ends Sat 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 18

We need your help 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 will be provided for volunteers.



Meria Larsen and Yolanda Lewczuk hosts for July 4 B&B



Jim Harvey and Marc Mathews, mixers in the kitchen

Diane Foster, mixer on the courts

Recent Events

Presidents' Party

We had beautiful weather for this year's Presidents' Party on June 24; not too hot for tuxedos. Fifty-six members gathered to honor the past presidents of Indian Village Tennis Club. There were six past-Presidents in attendance along with current President, Sue Webb. Members enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Hotz Catering from Warren, MI. The cocktail hour included passed hors d'oeuvres of mini beef Wellingtons, artichoke and herb cheese beignets, and Cajun shrimp and sausage on top of a grits





Brad Bruckner with new members Andy Hickman, Diana Bui and John Gervais



Mary Beth Vander Schaaf serving it up

Megan and Mark Kujawski



cake. After an elegant dinner, the party continued late into the evening with the help of DJ Dr. BB. The DJ did a great job getting everyone out on the dance floor. Thank you to Doug and Michelle Strait for decorating the clubhouse, setting tables, and creating the centerpieces! I could not have done it without your help.

-Marc Mathews

Independence Day Bourbon & Blends

It was a beautiful sunny Independence Day at IVTC. We had a great turnout and a fun afternoon. Diane Foster was our tennis coordinator. She did a super job mixing up players for fun matches out on the courts. Approximately thirty-two players participated in the tennis. The BBQ was also well attended. Jim Harvey and Drew Cook prepared the signature Mint Juleps as well as many other drinks. Additional thanks to Jim and Drew for continuing to make extra Mint Juleps way after the usual cut off time. The crowd of sixty-five enjoyed a dinner of Italian sausages, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, and beans, with a selection of ice cream treats for dessert. Thank you Marc Matthews for doing the grilling. Thank you Meria Larson for making the potato salad and keeping us on track throughout the afternoon. Lastly, thank you Sharlene Gage for filling up chip bowls and ensuring we had enough cutlery and plates available at all times. We had a great team of hosts and I hope everyone at the club had an enjoyable afternoon. *-Yolanda Lewczuk*

Club Tournament July 15-16

As usual, this year's Club Tournament produced some exciting and high-quality tennis. In the Men's "A" Final, Geoff Wagner and Matt Leaver defeated Tony Kowalski and Pat Rorai 7-6, 6-3. In the Ladies' "A" Final, Judy Sarvis and Susan Van Dellen emerged victorious with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Yolanda Lewczuk and Joanne Petz.

In the Men's "B" Division, Dave Saylor and Jamin Ruark defeated Richard Canny and Matt O'Laughlin 6-3, 6-3. Finally, Rosemary Gugino and Joanne Case bested Malinda Wagner and

Recent Events

Jolyn Wagner in the Ladies "B" Final by a score of 6-2, 6-4. Thanks to all who played, cheered, and heckled from the porch!

-Geoff Wagner, Tournament Director

Steak Roast

The annual Steak Roast caps off the first day of the Club Tournament. This year's dinner was even bigger than last year's, which I thought would be impossible to beat – we had seventy-nine guests pack the clubhouse this year! The star of the menu was the 8oz. filet mignon; it was accompanied by roasted Brussels sprouts, smashed, crispy red skin potatoes, and corn on the cob with herb butter. The Steak Roast was hosted by Marc Mathews and Malinda Wagner. Thank you to Chris and Diane Foster, Yolanda Lewczuk, Joanne Petz and Joe Plawecki for helping in the kitchen before and during the Dinner. Thank you Richard Canny and Chris Foster for grilling the filets; they were excellent! Lastly, thank you Drew Cook and Jim Harvey for bartending. *-Marc Mathews*

Wednesday Night Dinner July 26

Thanks to the following people for the delicious appetizers: Erica Bauer, Rosemary Gugino, Paula Sarvis, Barry Dickson, Sherrin Shehan and Marc Mathews. Thanks also to Mike Olis for providing the entertainment.

Senior Tournament

A total of twenty-one senior members participated in IVTC's 2nd Annual Senior Tennis Tournament on Saturday August 12th. Good weather and great people made for a very fun day of tennis. Each senior played three rounds of tennis. Round one was "Picked out of a Hat" Men's and Ladies doubles. Round Two was "Picked out of a Hat" Mixed doubles. Round Three was "Tennis Co-Chairs Choice" as Ken and Yolanda balanced the draw for Men's and Ladies doubles.

The tournament directors tracked games won by each player. As an additional twist, players were given bonus points based on their age.



Ladies' A Finalists



Ladies' B Finalists



Ken giving details on Senior format



Men's A Finalists



Men's B Finalists



Senior Tournament Winners

Recent Events

Bonus points were as follows: 60-64 zero points, 65-69 one point, 70-74 two points, 75-79 three points, 80+ four points. The man and woman with the most games won plus bonus would be crowned winner. In the event of a tie, the oldest player would win (age triumphs!).

The Men's draw ended with a two way tie at the top between Leon Trumbauer and Jim Harvey - both finished with 25 points. Going to the age tiebreaker, the winner was Leon (by four months!). The Ladies draw had a runaway winner that did not even need to use her age bonus. Norma Eschenburg finished with 28 points! The next highest ladies were Rosemary Gugino and Judy Sarvis both with 20 points. Congratulations to both Norma and Leon!

The goal of the senior tournament is to give the older members of the club an opportunity to play some competitive tennis. The tennis committee would like to thank the members for their continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Senior Tournament next year.

—Yolanda Lewczuk and Ken Miller,
Tournament Directors and Tennis co-Chairs

Wednesday Night Dinner August 16

Thank you to the following people for providing the excellent hors d'oeuvres: Marilyn Monahan, Ruth Harvey, Cora Nichols, Mary Mobley, Marc Mathews, Judy Sarvis and Paula Sarvis (even though she did not attend). Thanks also to our entertainers for the evening, Bob Mobley's North of Canada Brass Quintet.

Sunday Night Lite Bites 2017

We greatly appreciate the efforts of Cheryl Huff and Jim and Ruth Harvey to act as Coordinators of the Sunday Night Lite Bite, and to all those who accepted the challenge of putting together a Lite Bite after Sunday afternoon tennis. Additionally, we note Drew Cook's efforts to provide us with occasional bartending and mixology - particularly his Margaritas made with real limes and additional secret ingredients! Kudos to the following:

Recent Events

Jim & Ruth Harvey - Mexican fiesta, June 11
Cheryl Huff & Maria Wood - Maurice Salad and accompaniments, June 18

Jim & Ruth - Burgers and fixings, July 2
Kathy Bruno, Barb Gervais & Ruth Harvey – Pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert including double decadent brownie torte, July 9

Joe Plawecki, Diana Bui & Andy Hickman - Spaghetti dinner with salad and dessert, July 23
Ruth Harvey - Homemade chicken pot pie and accompaniments, July 30

Ruth Harvey - Blue cheese salad and chocolate chip cookies, Belgian dark chocolate sauce to accompany a pizza Lite Bite, August 13

Ann & Drew Cook - Barbequed ribs and fixings, August 20 - to the delight of an appreciative gathering!

Kim Conely & Al Pavle will be rounding out the season with a closing Lite Bite on Sunday, August 27.

News and Notes

Kudos

On July 5, our booster pump for the court irrigation system 'blew up,' flooding the club entrance and the Court 3 entry. Thanks go to Barry Dickson, Jim Harvey and Drew Cook for cleaning up the watery mess. In the garden, thanks to Margot Parker, who deadheads and weeds in the garden every time she is at the club. Thanks to all you anonymous weeders and hanging basket waterers as well. Finally thanks to Joanne Petz and Chris Foster for their regular gardening efforts. On the courts, thanks to all of you who drag the courts and brush the lines during our tournaments, we appreciate your help!

Treasurer's Corner

In our continuing quest for perfection, the IVTC chits have been modified to reduce some of the problems that occurred after the previous change.



Steak Roast hosts Marc and Malinda with Joe Plawecki



New members Barb and John Gervais



Manning the grill Chris Foster and Richard Canny



Drew Cook and Jim Harvey behind the bar



Nancy Maher and Tina D'Angela



Yolanda Lewczuk

News and Notes

- 1) The Name line will again be first, followed by the shortened Date line. Please sign and date your chit before entering your purchases.
- 2) The Lite Bites quantity is now after the Sunday or Monday identifier in order to track each event.
- 3) The quantity for each type of Wednesday Night Dinner (Beef, Fish, Chicken, Vegetarian) follows, rather than precedes each type of dinner.

We have changed banks from Bank of America to Chemical Bank, mainly due to the latter's ability to more easily accommodate changes in IVTC's roster of volunteers with signing authority. -Tom Roberts, Treasurer

Purchasing Beer, Wine & Spirits at IVTC

With so many new members joining the club, the Bar Committee thought it would be helpful to share the following information on purchasing beer, wine, and spirits at IVTC.

Beer. The club has two designations for beer, premium and non-premium. Our premium beers include any beer in a **bottle**, plus Redhook ESB and a rotating craft beer (Mad Hatter IPA at this writing) on tap – prices are \$2.50 for a bottle or a glass, and \$10 for a pitcher. (Stella hard cider is also available for \$2.50 a bottle.) Our non-premium beers include any beer in a **can**, and Labatt Blue and Labatt Blue Light on tap – prices are \$1.75 for a can or glass, and \$7 for a pitcher. The two short tap handles for the Labatts are a reminder that these are non-premium beers, while the two tall tap handles are a reminder that the ESB and the rotating craft beer are premium beers.

News and Notes

Wines by the Bottle. The majority of our wines can only be purchased by the bottle. Our wine list has about forty wines from around the world at a variety of price points. The prices are on the wine list, and on the back of each bottle - just fill in the price on your chit. We keep a varied selection of red wines available at the right side of the bar in a small wine rack - if you want to make sure that a particular wine is available, just ask Jim Harvey, Chris Foster or Bob Mobley. A selection of chilled rosé, white, and sparkling wines is in the stainless steel fridge in the kitchen, top shelf at left. You are welcome to split the price of a bottle with a friend or friends - simply fill out your chits accordingly. Also, you are welcome to take home your partly consumed bottle – just recork it well, and place it in the trunk of your car for the ride home, so as not to run afoul of the open container law.

Wines by the Glass. We offer one red wine and two white wines by the glass on a day-to-day basis: Black Box Cabernet is located on the bar, and Black Box Chardonnay and Black Box Sauvignon Blanc are in the stainless steel fridge in the kitchen, at \$3.75 a glass. At events with a bartender (Wednesday Night Dinners and THIS Parties), a limited selection of bottled wines are offered by the glass: Concanon Cabernet, Alamos Chardonnay, and Guilhem Rosé. Additionally, at Wednesday Night Dinners, Jim Harvey features a premium red and white wine of the night, by the glass, as a special offer to encourage members to try something new or unfamiliar from our wine list. Leftover partial bottles from these events may be purchased by the glass (reds below the bar, whites in the reach-in cooler), but if you want to open up a new bottle, you must purchase the entire bottle.



Paul McNeill, Norma Eschenburger and Peggy O'Neill



Marilyn Monahan, Bunny Brooks and Ted Monahan

Marc and Ted



Corkage Fee. The Wine Committee does its best to provide something for every taste on our wine list, and we are open to your suggestions. But we also allow members to bring in their own wines, provided they pay a corkage fee of \$8 per bottle which should be recorded on a chit.

Liquor & Mixed Drinks. Mixed drinks are available for purchase at events where bartender John Cummings is working (Wednesday Night Dinner and THIS Parties), at two prices: \$4 for well drinks and \$4.50 for premium brands. Sometimes Drew Cook or Jim Harvey volunteers to mix drinks at more informal events. At non-bartender events and day-to-day, airplane liquor bottles of Smirnoff vodka, Tanqueray gin and Jameson's Irish Whisky are available for \$4.50 per bottle; help yourself to mixers in the reach-in cooler.

Chits. We require that our members fill out a chit at the time of purchase and before consuming any of the beverages the Club offers. This practice helps to assure that items consumed are properly chitted, and helps to maintain the integrity of our self-reporting chit system.

Guests. If you have a guest at the club, please accompany them to the bar and fill out a chit for their drink. Most guests are not familiar with our chit system, and it is unfair to John, our bartender, to ask him to chase after people who have not filled out a chit.

Last Call. At IVTC we are compelled to follow state law and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased after 2am, and no alcoholic beverages may be consumed after 2:30am.

-Jim Harvey and Chris Foster



Peggy, Diane and Kathy Burgess with guests



Joan Trute with guests



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