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July and August 2019

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President's Message

For what we have been lacking in good weather this season, we have more than made up for in new members. Every time I turn around, there are three or four Welcome Letters that need to be mailed. This is a great problem to have and I hope the trend continues! Thank you to those members who have been bringing in and sponsoring new members. Of course, thank you to all our members for always being so welcoming of our new members and helping them get acclimated.

We are coming out of a very busy June with the Member-Guest Tournament, lots of dinners, Monday Night Lessons, and The Presidents Party. As we move into July and August, I have high hopes for more sunny days and fun events at IVTC. As you read on, you will learn more about the upcoming parties, tournaments, and even a golf outing. Be sure to sign up early for these events because as our membership grows, space at these events is becoming limited. We are always looking for members to get more involved in hosting or co-hosting these events. If you are interested in volunteering around the Club, please reach out to me or any of our Committee Chairs. We love to see fresh faces in the kitchen, garden, and around the clubhouse!

See you at the Club!

-Marc Mathews, President IVTC

Upcoming Events

Independence Day Bourbon & Blends 1pm Thurs 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, and contact organizer Tony Kowalski if you'd like to assist.

Club Tournament Sat-Sun July 13-14

Save the dates! We will have a ladies' and a men's draw, with the 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 13

The annual Steak Roast caps off the first day of the Club Tournament on July 13th. The menu has still to be set, but guests can be assured that we will be serving up delicious, grilled filet mignon with all the fixin's. Be sure to sign-up early as this party has a sell-out crowd every year! If you'd like to help our host, Marc Mathews, give him a call.

Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30pm July 24 - Dressy

Please reserve your meal soon for the July 24 WND – the deadline for reservations is Friday July 19, but dinners have been selling out well before we hit the deadline. Back by popular acclaim, The MicShauns will provide the July WND entertainment with their vocal and instrumental stylings. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your dinner selection: text or voice 313.320.3014; email suewebb2@aol.com. Sportscoat required, please. *-Pat O'Dowd*

Upcoming Events

Senior Tournament 9am Sat Aug 3

Back by popular demand! The tennis committee would like to invite all IVTC members 60 and over to a fun one-day tournament on Saturday August 3 starting at 9am. No partner is required. Just sign up as an individual and the tournament directors will mix the players. The first twenty-four people to sign up are in. We will have two extra "subs" on hand the day of just in case.

Each player will play three rounds of tennis. You will get a new partner each round. On the courts you will play an 8-game pro-set. The tournament directors will track games won by each player after each round. The man and woman with the most points after 3 rounds will be considered the winners. Don't forget, bonus points will be awarded for age! Cost for this event is \$10 to cover breakfast snacks and a light lunch.

Senior Tournament TD's -*Yolanda Lewczuk and Al Truhan*

Wednesday Night Dinner

6:30pm Aug 14 - Dressy

Please reserve your meal soon for the August 14 WND – the deadline for reservations is Friday August 9, but dinners have been selling out well before we hit the deadline. Bob Mobley and the North of Canada Brass Quintet will return by popular demand to entertain us. For reservations contact Sue Webb-Dickson with your dinner selection: text or voice 313.320.3014; email suewebb2@aol.com. Sportscoat required, please. –*Pat O'Dowd*

Golf Outing Fri Aug 23

THIS Party 6-ish Sat Aug 24

We are looking for hosts for THIS party to make it happen.

New Member Orientation 6:30 pm Tue Aug 27

This is the third and final New Member Orientation of the Season. We have a lot of new members this year and all are required to attend one of the Orientations. You will walk out of the Orientation with a better understanding of the Club's operations and how to make your time at IVTC more enjoyable.

Labor Day Bourbon & Blends

1:00 pm Mon Sept 2

Tennis play begins at 1pm; mint Juleps and a low-



Wine Tasting Hosts: Bob Mobley, Jim Harvey and Chris Foster



Prudence and Richard Klimisch



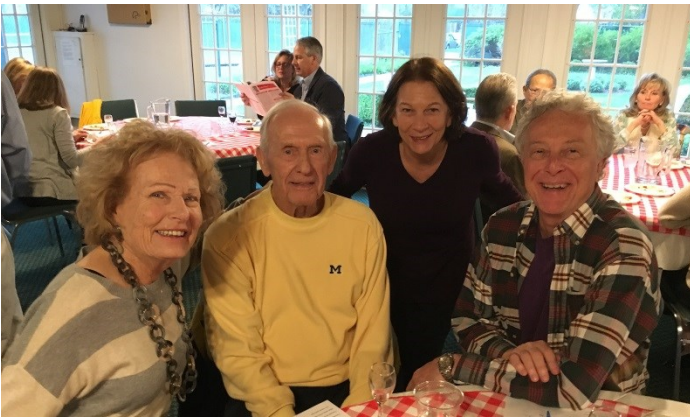
Cindy and David Sommerville



Norma Eschenburg, Meria Larson and Nancy Wayland



Ruth Harvey, Julie Norris, Sandy and Brad Brucker and guest



Cora and Leo Nichols, Debbie Land and Dave Belanger



Pat Nault and Frank Bevilaqua with family

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key meal follow at 4pm. Free to members, guest fee is \$10. Please be sure to sign up if you will be attending.

Luncheon 12pm Fri Sept 6

High Noon on Friday, September 6, we celebrate our summer season of tennis with an annual luncheon. Weather- permitting, we start with pick-up tennis at 9am followed by lunch. This is always a fun event although (with sadness) it signals the beginning of indoor tennis court schedules. NOTE: Tennis continues 'til frost pops the lines up.

Weekend Away Sept 11-15

Join us at Chimney Corners Resort, Frankfort, Michigan, for: Crystal Lake, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Beulah, Empire, Glen Arbor, La Bécasse, Trattoria Stella, Traverse City, Leland, Suttons Bay, golf, bicycling, tennis, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, hiking, antiques, 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.

Membership

The June 2019 Membership Report: IVTC welcomes 43 new memberships so far this year: Matthew Aker; Susan Barrett; Meghan Brennan; Rheanon Brooks; Patrick Cadariu; Bryan Carroll; Andrew and Ellie Casazza; Gene Casazza; Brad Case; Phil and Kate Cooley; Ron and Patricia Cooley; Marc Couillais and Morgan Marentic; Jacob de Golish; Wayne Effron; Lisa Fuller; Rachel Gervais; John Gibbs; Cole Goike; Carolyn Gorski; Marissa Hamel and Tayler Leamon; Anthony Henderson; Barbara and David Johns; John Kim; Lauren Kirchner; Aniela Kuzon; Alex Latosinsky; Howard Locker and Neha Kauhal; Stewart McDonald; Naoko and Mark McKelvey; Jamie and Heather Mertz; Heather Morawski; Christopher Moyer and Sarah McCuish; Rojelio Padilla and Layne Montezino; David and Barbara Pieper; Matt Prigorac; Diego Reyes; Whitney Robertson; Matthew Roling; Rahul Shankar; David and Allison Smith; Matt Temkin; John Truong; Danny Vargovick; and Andrew Yahkind.

We thank all of the following sponsors for bringing so many new members into our Club: Dan Amato, Bunny Brooks, Elke and Marsden Burger, Rebecca

Membership

Chow, Kim Conely, Ron & Patty Cooley, Emily Dabish, Ward Detwiler, Jay Doda, Tina D'Angelo, Norma Eschenburg, Tanya Gazdik, Barbara and John Gervais, John Gibbs, Bill Greene, Rachel Harrison, Allan Hart, Jim Harvey, Zoe Hoster, Barbara Johns, Dick Keller, Muffy Kroha, Aniella Kuzon, Matt Leaver, Nancy Maher, Joe Maiorana, Stewart McDonald, Paul McNeill, Matt O'Laughlin; John Rogers, Matt Roling, Pat Rorai, Maribeth & Dave Saylor, Malinda Shaw, Sunny Squindo, Dan and Rebecca Tanjuay, Matt Temkin; Alan Truhan, Leon Trumbauer, Joan Trute, John Turrettini, Stephanie Tyler; Kevin Ventura, Geoff Wagner, Pete Wagner, George Williams and Megan Wujcik!

Five new members have joined current members in Double Memberships: Nicole Baron with Kevin Heron; Robert Curtis with Caitlin Murphy; Kevin Ruark with Janice; Cindy Sommerville with David; and Dan Tanguay with Rebecca.

IVTC welcomes back three former members: Rob Chanko; Patrick and Megan Cooney, Dennis Smart and Pete Wagner!

Finally, we bid farewell to twenty-three members/memberships: Nick and Ellen Assenmacher; Jeremy Brown; Jerry Butler; John Diebel; Christine and Jacques Driscoll; Jim Dunne; Michael Gale; Mary Kramer; Keith and Crit Liebbrand; Bernadette Lusier; Maria Lopatkova; Michael McCuish; Melinda McCullough; Gabrielle Milosic; Marilyn Monahan; Dick Oliver; Catherine Rutledge; Becky Scholtes; Jason Sommerville; Michelle and Doug Strait; Rodger Sulad; Mary Tavernit; and Mike Young.

-Rosemary Gugino, Membership Chair



Marc Mathews, Emily Dabish and Rosemary Gugino



Patrick Cahill, Pat and Erin Rorai



Dave Sommerville, John Gibbs and Stewart McDonald

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Intermediates Party

There wasn't a power outage, so we were off to a better start than last year's Party, which was nice. We had a lively crowd of about fifty people on May 3, with a good mixture of members and potential members. That evening alone, we got five new member applications submitted, and we have seen a number of others turned in in the weeks following the party. -Marc Mathews



Paddy Lynch, Nicole Baron and Kevin Herron



Jackie and Richard Canny, Steve and Helen Clarren



Whitney Robertson, Bob Lucas and Kevin Ventura

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General Membership & A-Member Meeting

Besides being the day that our tennis courts opened for play, May 5 was the club's spring all-member meeting day. Thirty-six people attended the 34-minute meeting, including thirty of the forty-two A-members. President Marc Mathews introduced the two new A-members: Richard Canny and Kim Conely. Reports from the committee chairs included these points of interest: There will be three sessions of the new-member orientation this season. Missing dishes, knives and forks used at Wednesday Night Dinners are being replaced so there are 100 of each. A new ice machine has been purchased. Ongoing infrastructure projects include roof repairs and clubhouse door painting. Andy Hickman seeks Technology Committee members; the committee's goal this year is improving the website. *-Mary Beth Vander Schaaf*

Opening Day Party

We lucked out on weather for the Opening Day Party on May 5; it was one of the only warm, sunny days in May. That Sunday was also the first day that courts were playable for the 2019 Season. We had a lot of members itching to get out of their cocktail attire and into their tennis attire. Thank you, Marsden Burger for preparing the traditional champagne punch and to all the A-Members for providing the appetizers. *-Marc Mathews*

Wine Tasting

The Wine Tasting on May 11 was a relaxed, enjoyable affair. Attended by fifty-two, it was the largest crowd ever for this event. The tasters were focused on the six white and six red wines offered, and thirty-five of them filled out ratings sheets, also a record. Hosts Jim Harvey, Bob Mobley and Chris Foster would like to thank the attendees for the delicious hors d'oeuvres they brought - we really appreciate your participation. Though opinions differed on the wines, the aggregate ratings were quite high for nine of the twelve wines (check the website for details). The wine committee has taken your ratings to heart, adding to this year's wine list the white and red win-

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ners of the night: Chevreau Sancerre Sauvignon Blanc, and Robert Mondavi Napa Cabernet, plus one runner-up: Serras del Priorat Grenache blend. Other new items on the 2019 list we are sure you'll enjoy: a delightful Washington State Cab/Merlot blend (Snoqualmie), a solid Cotes-du-Rhone (Gigognan), a very nice Haut-Medoc Bordeaux (Pédesclaux), and a new house red, 10 Span California Cab. À votre santé! -Chris Foster

1st Wednesday Night Dinner May 22

More than eighty guests attended the May WND, which was sold out days before the deadline. Brian Brenner once again served another outstanding dinner.

Cellist Micaela Muzzarelli saved the day as the stand in when our scheduled entertainment had to cancel. Appetizers were coordinated by Jane McKeever and provided by Ruth Harvey, Paul McNeil, Helen Clarren, Anna Stassen, Jackie Canny, and Yolanda Lewczuk. The 50-50 raffle winner was Bob Lucas who returned his winnings to the club! Thank you, Bob! -Pat O'Dowd

Memorial Day Bourbons & Blends

The first B&B of the season on May 27 was a huge success! The club's annual Memorial Day event was attended by approximately seventy members and guests who were treated to great weather, food and of course, tennis. The tennis portion of the B&B began at 1pm. Most players got in several rounds of play before drinks and food was served. It was nice to see everyone enjoying IVTC and the summer-like weather. Almost forty players participated in the mixer! Special thanks to Diane Foster for coordinating the mixer and keeping players moving.

In addition to the usual menu (hot dogs, sausages, beans, potato salad and broccoli salad), a couple of members brought in appetizers and desserts. Drew Cook brought smoked trout. Layne Montesino added a tuna dip. Elka Burger brought lemon squares. Rosemary Gugino made chex mix. Thank you all for your contributions! And what is a B&B without Mint Julips? This IVTC drink of choice was sipped by many through the afternoon. Thank you to Jim Harvey and Leon Trumbauer for making the drinks and keeping all 'well hydrated.'



Women's A Finalists



Men's B Finalists



Women's B Finalists



Men's A Finalists



Eric Pope with guests



Tournament directors: Al Truhan and Ken Miller

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Yolanda Lewczuk would like to thank her team for all their support throughout the day. Thank you, Meria Larson and Mary Beth Vander Schaaf for your help in the kitchen, Drew Cook and Marc Matthews for grilling all the food, and Rosemary Gugino and Layne Montesino for cleaning up at the end of the day. Lastly, please let us not forget the reason for Memorial Day. We should all take a moment to express our gratitude for those who have lost their lives in service to our country. Thank you. -Yolanda

Member-Guest Tournament June 1-2

From a field of eight lady's teams and twenty men's teams we now have five new members from the winners of this year's annual Member-Guest Tournament. It was a great weekend of tennis for all involved, the courts are in great shape this year and hopefully all players had a great time. All preliminary matches were completed on Saturday (save one), which is pretty good considering we had a two-hour rain delay and a power outage late in the day on Saturday. The tournament directors would like to thank all participants for their patience in working around our weather issues. The winners of the five brackets for 2019 are:

Men's Open: Pete Wagner and Matt Pegoric

Women's Open: Becky Tanguay and Naoko McKelvey

Men's A: Matt Leaver and Brad Case

Men's B: Jay Doda and Dave Smith

Women's B: Kim Conely and Rachel Gervais

Congratulations to the winner in each flight and welcome to the new members!

-Ken Miller and Al Truhan, Tournament Directors

Homecoming 2019 THIS Party

Neither wind nor rain nor heat nor power outage would keep the organizers from completion of the THIS Homecoming party! A crowd of forty or so attended a relaxing and fun evening at IVTC on June 1, making the first THIS Party of 2019 a success. Despite a three-hour power outage, food was prepared and served. The menu included Caesar salad, smashed potatoes, green beans and carrots, and barbecued marinated chicken. The evening finished with an ice cream Sundae bar for dessert.

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I would like to thank my crew for helping make this event run without a hitch. Thank you, Peggy O'Neil, my co-host for the party. Thank you, Gemma and Bob Palmer, Rosemary Gugino and Ruth Harvey for all your assistance serving. I don't think I have ever seen such an organized group. Lastly – Thank you DTE for getting the power on at 6pm. Although we were confident that the party would go on, it was much easier with LIGHTS! -Yolanda

Euchre Night

Co-chairs, Kimberly Conely, Ruth and Jim Harvey hosted the second 2019 Euchre Party on Friday, June 7. Almost to capacity with thirty-six players (nine tables), the evening started with a Mexican Fiesta dinner that fed over forty members and guests. A record number of prizes were awarded; first, second, third, fourth, most loaners, most euchres loser, and the lowest game score. A great time was had by all, especially our seven winners! Stay tuned for notice of the third 2019 Euchre Party! –Kim Conely

1st Sunday Pick-up Doubles, Lite Bite, & Games

An assemblage of twenty-five or so tennis players gathered to initiate the first Sunday Pickup Doubles at 4pm on June 9. Some good tennis was followed by even better food! Grill-master Drew Cook massaged the ground round into hefty patties, applied appealing seasoning, and grilled the burgers to perfection! Cheryl Huff prepared a delectable potato salad as well as a green salad. Dessert chef, fruit preparer, and nacho chef Ruth Harvey prepared a nacho cheese appetizer, bittersweet chocolate syrup for application to ice cream as well as providing a fresh fruit salad. The thirty-five attendees for the Lite Bite were pleased with the opportunity for tennis, good food and good company. A few games of euchre were played by those inclined to prolong the ambiance of the evening.

We have had a few volunteers who have signed up for creating another Sunday Lite Bite this summer, but a significant number of open dates remain available. Let Jim or Ruth know of your interest to participate in the preparation of one of the remaining Sunday Night Lite Bites. There is a signup sheet at the bulletin board. Thank you. -Jim and Ruth Harvey

Wednesday Night Dinner June 12

Once again, the June WND was another sellout din-



Memorial Day B&B Host, Yolanda and Rosemary Gugino



Meria Larson, Elke Burger, Debbie Land and Bev Keller



Dan and Rebecca Tanguay and their guests



First Monday Night Lesson and Drill



Drew and Ann Cook at the President's Party



Alex Gow, Marc and Bob Mobley

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ner. Thanks go to Brian Brenner for the cuisine that keeps us coming back all season long. Appetizers were coordinated by Jane McKeever and provided by Meria Larsen, Sue Webb Dickson, Julie Norris, John Van Camp, and Bunny Brooks. We welcome Cora Nichols, our new 50-50 raffle coordinator. The June 50-50 winner was Meria Larsen. Our outstanding entertainment was Cheryl Huff and The Riverboat Ramblers who created a special summer evening. -Pat O'Dowd

Presidents' Party

It was a perfect summer evening for this year's Presidents' Party on June 22nd. Sunny skies and mild temperatures made for a pleasant social evening. Sixty guests gathered at the club to honor Jim and Ruth Harvey, recipients of our Roy Cumming Distinguished Service Award, as well as the past presidents of Indian Village Tennis Club. There were eight past-Presidents in attendance along with current President, Marc Mathews. Members enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Brian Brenner. The cocktail hour included passed hors d'oeuvres of shrimp, gazpacho shooters, duck liver pate crostini, and egg/chorizo pinwheels. After an extended hour of socializing, guest feasted on choice of beef tenderloin, lobster or grilled tofu. The party continued into the evening with the help of DJ Dr. BB. Guests danced or chatted as the music played. Overall, it was a very enjoyable evening for all who attended.

I would like to recognize those who helped organize the party. Thank you to Janine Lewczuk, Janet Musialowski and Ann Cook for setting tables and helping decorate! Thank you, Drew Cook, Ruth Harvey, Elke Burger, Chris Foster and Norma Eschenburg for the hard work in the garden - the grounds looked fantastic! Thank you, Peggy O'Neill and Tina D'Angela for your last-minute touches; Norma Eschenburg for the invites, Diane Foster for labels and place settings; and Marc Mathews for your advice and support in organizing this party. I could not have done it without your help. -Yolanda Lewczuk

News and Notes

Treasurer's Corner

When filling out chits, please:

- PRINT your name as clearly as possible – as your new treasurer, I am not familiar with everyone's cursive signature [Editor's note: Barry is very polite; 'indecipherable scrawl' might be more accurate in some cases].
 - For couples with different last names, it would be very helpful if you could sign chits with the primary name listed in the club directory.
 - Please only use standard numerals for quantities (1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0). If you must use hash marks to keep track of your consumption, place them to the right of the item, as it can be difficult to tell the difference between 11 and II.
 - It's fine to use a new chit with each order, since it is hard to read when you overwrite the quantity.
 - If you pay your bill with a business check, please note the primary member name on the memo line. Same for PayPal.
- Statements of \$5 and under need not be paid until the following month's billing.
- My apologies for the invoices which were emailed on May 1st. Many did not go out, and when that batch was identified and re-sent, it apparently re-sent all the invoices, and I am told some were re-sent two or three times. I am still getting used to our updated (and not always better) system. Many thanks to all who paid their bills promptly - thanks to you our collections are ahead of prior years. Good job!
- Barry Dickson, IVTC Treasurer

Kudos

A big thanks to Drew Cook who spent most of the Friday before the Presidents' Party working in the garden – edging, pruning, trimming, cleaning up – it looked great and we appreciate his efforts. Thanks also to other garden helpers who put in hard work before the party – Elke Burger, Ruth Harvey, Norma Eschenburg, Margot Parker, Judy Sarvis, and unnamed others – we appreciate your work and efforts!

IVTC Logo Merchandise

The Albatross Creative Embroidery business at 17860 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe, 48230, 313-458-7304, has our logo on file and will embroider it on merchandise you supply or choose from their catalogue, available on their website: albatrossembroidery.com. Screen printing is also available.



Jim Harvey, Yolanda Lewczuk and Ruth Harvey



Tina D'Angela, Cora Nichols, Norma Eschenburg and Muffy Kroha



Marc, Jim and Ruth Harvey and Yolanda

Land's End Business Outfitters, 800-663-2193, also has our logo on file (#944310) for embroidery. Visor cap logo is #0331065C.

Volunteers Sought - Events

The Social Committee is throwing things wide open so that everyone can be a part of the fun. We are currently looking for hosts or assistance with THIS (Thank Heavens It's Saturday) Parties. No experience is required! Available Dates are:

Steak Roast July 13 (Marc is the lead)

THIS Party August 24

THIS Party September 28

Closing THIS Party October 26

Participating in the planning and hosting of these parties is very fun and a great way to get to know other members. If you would like to host or help, contact Diane Foster (313 268-4967 dfoster@4Lpi.com), or Peggy O'Neill (313 283-8539 poneill@outlook.com).

Volunteers Sought - Garden

We are always happy to welcome assistance in the IVTC garden with weeding and upkeep, especially prior to tournaments and big events. If you would enjoy spending an hour or so with fellow members working in the garden, we could really use your help on the following Saturdays (email reminders to follow):

July 6 – prep for Club Tournament/Steak Roast

Aug 17 – prep for THIS party and Labor Day B&B

Sept 14 – prep for Mixed Doubles Tourney & Champagne Brunch

Nov 16 – Fall Cleanup

And of course, all are welcome to freelance on weeding at any time!

-Chris Foster, Garden Chair

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.
 - When a fellow member leaves the club alone, especially at night, please accompany them to the door and make sure they get to their car safely.
 - When you park your car (in the lot or on the street), remember to leave nothing visible in the interior – put any belongings in your trunk.
- 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.

In Memoriam



Marilyn Monahan

Marilyn Monahan, 83, wife of Ted Monahan (IVTC members for forty-four years, since 1975), passed away on June 15, 2019. Marilyn is Mike Monahan's mother, and grandmother of Brian McAllister and mother of former members Kim McAllister, and Kevin Monahan. Marilyn enjoyed bowling, golfing and playing tennis. At IVTC she was involved with many of the club's social activities, and was a frequent tournament winner, often besting younger players to their dismay. Those who knew her will remember her kindness and generosity in welcoming new club members. Marilyn was a member of the St. Paul Altar Society at Saint Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. A funeral Mass for Marilyn was celebrated at St. Paul's on June 20.



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