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President's Message

Dear members,

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits. This has been quite an "uneventful" season for IVTC, but the tennis has been very good, the bar well-stocked and the weather very good for social distancing outside. I thank our board members for the many discussions we had as to what we can safely do, and the behind-the-scenes accomplishments they suggested, approved, and implemented.

I am grateful to many of our members for their participation at our club, and for the support from the members who chose not to participate due to the pandemic. I wish you all the best. Stay safe and well and stay tuned for what we hope will be an "eventful" 2021 season.

-Rosemary Gugino, President IVTC

Membership

We welcome our new 2020 members: Viviana Bonafede - sponsored by Cathy Dean and Matt O'Laughlin; Lucas Bonafede - sponsored by Cathy Dean and Viviana Bonafede; Marcos and Hayley Bonafede - sponsored by Viviana

Bonafede and Matt O'Laughlin; Kaitlin Booher - sponsored by Pat Cadariu and Brian Farkas; Ryan Cotton - sponsored by Aniela Kuzon and Chris Moyer; Kelley Guthrie - sponsored by Kim Conely and Jackie McCann; Cade McLogan - sponsored by Jeff Stassen and David Sommerville; Carolyn Peters - sponsored by Marty Peters and Paul McNeill; Cody Cowart - sponsored by Jeff Stassen and David Somerville; Chandler Wentz - sponsored by Rachael Harrison and Gabby Brown; Aidia Vesey - sponsored by Mac Farr and Carolyn Peters; and Brady Williams - sponsored by Matt O'Laughlin and Matt Temkin. And we have more in the works!

At the end of 2019 we had 238 memberships and were considering starting a wait list to join for 2020. Due to the pandemic and other miscellaneous reasons we had 63 resignations - so no need to start the wait list. It is our hope that we will see many of these members re-joining IVTC when we can all feel safe. We currently have 194 memberships with 264 members! Marty Peters did a wonderful job with the Membership Directory - love the last name/first name index at the back. Thank you all for sticking with us this year with our very limited events. *-Rosemary Gugino*, Membership Chair

-Rosemary Gugino
Membership Committee

Upcoming Events

A' Member Annual Meeting 2pm Sun Oct 18

The 'A' Member Annual Meeting will be held at 2pm on Sunday October 18 at IVTC. This meeting involves a review of the past season and, the nomination of 'A' members from our membership who have expressed an interest in being more involved in the club. 'A' Members are eligible to serve on the Board. If anyone has an interest in becoming an 'A' Member, please let us know by contacting an 'A' member, listed in the Directory. We will also be electing our Board Members for the 2021 season. Following the meeting, the board will elect Club Officers for 2021.

Fall Cleanup 10am Sat Nov 21

The Fall Clean-up is scheduled for November 21, 2020 10am - 2pm. This is mainly for the clubhouse exterior and grounds, although we may be able to find some inside chores for those who want to participate inside. We will welcome all who can come and will practice social distancing and provide a lunch and beverages.



President Rosemary Gugino at her IVTC office

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Tennis

Wow, what a great season for tennis. Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings had great turnouts with very few rain cancellations. Most Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings our courts were filled. Evening tennis was exciting with all levels participating in our Monday Lessons, Tuesday/Thursday pick-up, Wednesday foursomes, and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday pick-up or foursome evenings. Members were able to enjoy the patio and porch areas to watch and enjoy beverages while social distancing. - *Rosemary Gugino*

Monday Lessons/Drills

Drills were a bit different this year, with adjustments for COVID-19 protocols. We switched from a single open hour-and-a-half session, to two one-hour sessions limited to four members per court, with reservations required. These



Marc Mathews and Paul McNeill at the Lite Bite



Assistant Pros for Monday Night Drills, Dan Amato, Cade McLogan and Adam Herrmann



Nancy Maher with club pro, Ken Rychwalski

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worked out great, and members really enjoyed the new format. Thanks to Nancy Maher for organizing the program, coordinating with Ken and collecting fees. Many thanks to our Club Pro Ken Rychwalski for running the drills, and thanks to his assistants Dan Amato, Adam Herrmann, Cade McLogan and David Lee. Thanks also to Rosemary for taking reservations for a spot on the court. It was great to see everyone out there working on their game, and enjoying a cold beverage afterwards at an appropriate social distance! We missed the Lite Bite meal after the drills, which was discontinued for member health and safety. But for the final drill on September 21, Marc Mathews prepared socially distanced, individual plates of pulled pork sandwiches with BBQ sauce, coleslaw, and chips! Thanks to Marc and to Paul McNeill who took chits and passed out the ice cream drumsticks for dessert. -Chris Foster

Morning Tennis

The Monday-Wednesday-Friday morning group met through the 2020 season, enjoying some tennis in the cooler part of the day. Thanks to all who came down for your participation. Kudos to Rosemary for sending the evites out every day for the morning tennis players. We had good attendance all summer from both old and new members.

Labor Day Bourbons and Blends

It's been a weird year. The Labor Day B&B was the first party of the year. The two rounds of tennis and two rounds of BBQ made this year's B&B two times the fun! The tennis mixer format was changed to three prearranged rounds of tennis per session. The new format allowed for more time on the courts (1.5 hours) and less waiting on the porch! A total of 24 people played tennis. Thank you, Diane Foster, for arranging the matches in advance of the event.

The social part of the B&B was well attended. A total of 22 social guests watched tennis and enjoyed the summer weather. As is tradition, we served Mint Juleps in the afternoon. Dinner was the usual B&B fare of Italian sausages, hot dogs, coleslaw, and chips with ice cream for

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dessert. Thank you Rosemary Gugino and Paul McNeil for doing the grilling. Thank you, Jim & Ruth Harvey and John Cummings, for serving up the drinks.

This event could not have been held without our volunteers. In addition to those mentioned above, I would like to thank Sue Webb-Dickson for taking the reservations. Thank you to Caitlyn Murphy and Mary Beth Vander Schaaf for setting up and providing support throughout the day. Thank you Meria Larson and Mary Cantwell for pitching in when I needed an extra hand.

Great work team! Your support made the first social event of the year a safe and happy one.

-Yolanda Lewczuk



Anthony, Carolyn, Patrick, Dan, Gabby, Chandler, Aidia and Gary enjoying the Lite Bite after the drill

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Treasurer's Corner

The finances are holding their own through these difficult times thanks in no small part to all of you members who had faith in our club and supported it by re-joining when so many things were uncertain. Thanks to all of you.

Paul McNeill has volunteered to help with the treasurer duties and has taken over billing and receivables. Paul has come up with some new methods and has otherwise been invaluable with all of his hard work. Paul has also shown interest in becoming treasurer next season if the new board sees fit to appoint him, and why wouldn't they.

Paul and I are working together to complete the badly needed revision and simplification of the chart of accounts. This huge task will allow the treasurer to provide more meaningful reports to the board and committees.

Paul asks that when members fill out chits that they include their account number, their name and the date. Your account number may be found on your invoice beneath your name, or by contacting Rosemary or Paul. When this infor-



Mac Farr and Nancy Maher



Barry Dickson, Rosemary and Marsden Burger



Elke Burger, Norma Eschenburg,
Sue Webb and Maria Wood



Cheryl Huff, Connie Roberts and Jane McKeever

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mation is missing it makes Paul's job much more difficult, so... PLEASE!

Attention PayPal payers. I confirmed with PayPal that because we are a not-for-profit member owned and operated club, our members are entitled to pay as a "friend". Please use this option as it saves the club the transaction fee and saves us all the additional work crediting the fee. ***THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THOSE WHO PAY FROM A BUSINESS ACCOUNT*** so please avoid paying from a business account when possible. -Barry Dickson, Treasurer

Billing, Receivables and PayPal

The club bills members monthly during the tennis season for fees, services, sales, events, etc. incurred during the month. Payment is due by the 10th of the following month. PayPal, paper checks and money orders are acceptable forms of payment. Cash transactions or online money transfers (other than PayPal) are not allowed.

Members are encouraged to use the online payment system, PayPal, to pay their outstanding debt to the club. PayPal provides an alternative to paying by paper check or money order. Paying by PayPal benefits both the club member and club treasurer in terms of efficiency and convenience.

PayPal is easy to use. Members must first establish a PayPal account. The account can be linked to either a bank account or credit/debit card. A PayPal account cash balance can also be used to make a payment.

When sending a PayPal payment to the club, members are asked to select the "Send to friends and family abroad" option. This saves the club from having to absorb the PayPal Service Fee. PayPal allows members this option since IVTC is a not-for-profit corporation owned by its members. This fee can add up to hundreds of dollars over the course of the tennis season.

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It is free to “send money to friends and family in the U.S.” when you use your PayPal cash balance or personal bank account. If you use your credit or debit card, the fee is 2.9% + \$0.30. Payments sent from business or non-member bank accounts will also be charged a fee.

Members are asked to include their name and member number in the message block when making a PayPal payment. Please contact incoming treasurer Paul McNeill for further information. -*Paul McNeill*, Billing and Receivables

Clubhouse and Bar

Many thanks to Norma Eschenburg for keeping the clubhouse well supplied with soap, sanitizer, masks, as well as the usual paper plates, towels, napkins, plastic wear, et cetera.

Jim Harvey has done an excellent job keeping the bar supplies supplied and the beverages flowing.

Courts

Thanks to Marc Mathews and John Cummings for keeping the courts in tip top condition for our 2020 season.

Thanks to Al Truhan for constructing a ramp for the ball baskets and ball machine to roll onto Court One, and also for creating an enclosure with the help of Al Pavle to stop the clay on Court One from draining into the alley.

Infrastructure

We are in the process of purchasing new patio and porch furniture and repairing the Parker Street fence, which was damaged by a huge falling limb during a summer storm. We are finishing many projects that were on our list, as well as other projects which we have recently noticed or have been brought to our attention. You should see some very nice improvements for the 2021 season.

-*Mac Farr*, Infrastructure Chair



Carolyn Peters and Brendan Petz



Al Truhan and Al Pavle

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Garden

Many thanks to Elke Burger, Ann Cook, Caitlin Murphy, Gary Hoslett and Jorge Bonavede (spouse of new member Viviana Bonafede) for all their work in the gardens and on the grounds. And thanks to all the gardeners, known and unknown, who bought the hanging baskets, tended the garden, pulled weeds, and set the sprinklers through the season – the garden looked as good as ever this year thanks to your efforts!

Editor's Note

IVTC was unable to hold the vast majority of our tennis and social events during the 2020 season due to pandemic safety precautions. As the main function of the IVTC Newsletter is to report on these events, we did not produce our usual bimonthly newsletters, and sadly this is the sole edition for 2020. We look forward to a reinvigorated 2021 season, and wish you all a safe, healthy and happy fall and winter. See you at Opening Day 2021! -Chris Foster



Looking Forward

2021 SEASON IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Cleaning I – Sat April 17 Garden, Grounds and Clubhouse
 Spring Cleaning II – Sat April 24 Clubhouse
 Prep for Opening Day
 Opening Day Party – Sunday May 2
 Intermediates Party – Fri May 7
 Wine Tasting – Sat May 8

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