



"Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course- the distance between your ears." - Bobby Jones

Dear Members and Friends,

What an exciting week it is here at the Island Country Club! With leagues launching, the Fairway Cafe opening, Wine Wednesday returning, and more activity on the courts and course than ever, ICC is firing on all cylinders. There is something for everyone this week- read on for all the details.

Golf

It is a big week on the course! Twilight League tees off again tonight, and the Men's Presidents Cup gets underway today as well. Matchup brackets are posted in the clubhouse- go check out where you stand and start planning your game.

Tomorrow marks the official start of Ladies Golf, with a 9am tee off followed by an opening luncheon. This is a wonderful tradition and a great way to kick off the season together. As always, every Tuesday morning is reserved for the ladies going forward. Tee times are required to play on Tuesdays and staff directives must be followed- no ifs, ands, or putts!

Get Into Golf

Returning this season, *Get Into Golf* begins this Thursday at 1pm. This friendly group golf experience is designed for beginners and out-of-practice players alike- a relaxed, supportive environment to learn the game or find your way back to it. If you have been wanting to give golf a try or just need a little help getting back into the swing, this is the perfect opportunity. Advance sign-up is encouraged. This week it will be led by Del Bright, who can be reached at kimberlydel@gmail.com. Please arrive by 12:45 for introductions and instructions.

Tennis

Tennis is off to a wonderful start and we have two reports to share:

"Tennis began the season on June 1 with Court #1 clay open. Dave Jaquette, Walter Voigt, Judy Rader, and Dan Bright played three sets and found the court perfect. We had perfect weather. All players were winners." - Dave Jaquette

"Tennis players are arriving for the summer and our clay court is being used by regular weekly doubles groups and for Open Tennis, although the wet weather sometimes has other plans!

The "Find a Partner" form is posted and I know of at least one very eager tennis player who is looking for some good competitors to practice with.

Upcoming tennis events include a Men's Doubles Tournament, tentatively scheduled for Sat., July 18th and the Mixed Doubles Club Championship, tentatively on Aug., 8th. Sign-up forms will be posted on the tennis bulletin board so be sure to find a partner and sign up to play!

We are making progress in arranging for some tennis clinics and lessons for both children and adults. If you are interested in attending a clinic or taking a private or group lesson, look for more information at the Club soon.

Open Tennis continues every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm and every Sunday from 2 to 5pm. Be sure to check in at the clubhouse before heading to the courts, and don't forget the Find a Partner sheet is posted on the tennis bulletin board if you are looking for a match." - Linda Allen, *Tennis Committee Chair*

Final notes- discounted rates are offered for tennis court rentals every Friday and children under 18 always play for free!

The Fairway Cafe is Open!

We hope you are hungry! The Fairway Cafe officially opens this **Wednesday, June 10th**, with service running from 11am to 1:30pm. We are starting with a limited menu of burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, and fries. The regular schedule will be Tuesday through Friday, as long as demand supports service each day- and as the season picks up, the menu will grow. Thank you in advance for your support. Come hungry!

Wine Wednesday Returns!

This Wednesday also marks the first Wine Wednesday of the season and we cannot wait to see you there. Join us at 5pm for fun, friends, wine, and nibbles. Wine Wednesday runs every week from 5 to 6:30pm, with some fun themed nights planned throughout the season. Extra dishes, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts are always welcome and appreciated.

Follow Us on Instagram!

ICC is officially (back) on Instagram! Follow us at <https://www.instagram.com/islandcountryclubmaine/> for extra updates, photos, and a behind-the-scenes look at everything happening here at the club. Give us a follow and help spread the word!

A Note on Club Atmosphere

The Island Country Club has always been a place to step away from the noise of the world and enjoy the company of good people who share a love of this place and what it offers. We kindly ask, as we have in the past, that political conversations and politically affiliated items be left at the gate. Regardless of where any of us stand, ICC is common ground- and we would like to keep it that way. Thank you for helping us preserve the welcoming atmosphere that makes this club special for everyone.

Welcome, New Members!

We are so pleased to officially welcome the newest members of the ICC family. Please join us in giving a warm club welcome to Tyler Ray, Bryan Woods, Bradin Cote, Matthew Duddy, Tyson Rice, Parker Allen, John Shevenell, Julian Spofford, Madelyn Eaton, Matthew Robinson, Hunter Morris, and Herb Janick. We are glad you're here- don't be strangers!

Member & Staff Shout-Out!

Installing the new septic system was a 10-month project that took many people working together, from ICC staff and ICC volunteer committees to electrical, plumbing, and paving companies. One unsung hero in the effort was Kenny Wiberg, who stepped in to offer his experience and insight last fall during the digging and installation of the septic tanks. We appreciate when members step up to help when they see a need. Thank you, Kenny! And thanks again to Jon Hellstedt, Cory Webb, Keith Hoover, Willow Weed-Eaton, Lisa Haynsworth, Lee Levant, and many more who worked together on this much-needed infrastructure project.

ICC Multi-Leisure Activity Synergy- say that 3 times fast! ICC is proud to be a thriving community offering multi-sports and varied leisure activity spaces. The operational synergy of golf, tennis, and pickleball with a clubhouse offering food, beverage, mahjong, and social events reverses membership decline, increases revenue, and creates a cost-effective infrastructure. Attracted to the variety of ICC activities, new members including working adults and families are joining. The cross-pollination of tennis, golf, and pickleball is making ICC a social hub that fosters unity, community, sustainability, friendship- and fun!

What a week it is shaping up to be. Whether you are teeing it up, hitting the courts, grabbing a bite at the Cafe, or raising a glass on Wednesday evening, we hope to see you here. ICC is at its best when we are all together- and this week, there is every reason to be.

"It's a funny thing - the more I practice, the luckier I get." - Arnold Palmer

Best Regards,

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