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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

To our Members and Guests,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the Annual Jimmy Dunn Tournament, the Club's premier social and athletic event. This year we have even more to celebrate. It is the 125th year anniversary of the Club's incorporation, a milestone achievement of which we are truly proud, considering all of the history that lies between the walls of our beautiful clubhouse.

To help mark this historic occasion, we invite all of our members and guests to participate in an action packed weekend both on and off court. Competitive singles and doubles match will be played in all three of the club's revered sports; Court Tennis, Racquets, and Squash. Off the courts, we encourage all of you to join in during the social events in our dining facilities, culminating in our 125th Anniversary Gala on Saturday evening.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for joining us on this special occasion and I especially want to thank our Head Professional, Robbie Whitehouse, and his staff for their tremendous efforts to schedule all of the sporting activities, and to our event sponsors for their support as we celebrate this milestone. Also, a special thank you to our club general manager, Derik Comalli, and to our food and beverage manager, Katelynn Zaccaria, for all of their good work to organize the event.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful and memorable time.

Very truly yours,

Edward Seglias

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THURSDAY EVENING

Gentlemen's Stag Dinner (the Grille Room)
& Ladies/Hen Night Dinner (the Bell Room)

7:00pm Complimentary Cocktails
8:00 Dinner is Served

FRIDAY EVENING

Cocktails by Signature on the 5th Floor
Dinner by Signature in The 1889 Pub & Grille

5:00 - 9:30pm Oyster Specials and Small Plates Menu

SATURDAY EVENING

125th Anniversary Black Tie Gala & After Party

6:00pm Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres (5th Floor)
7:30 Champagne Toast and Acrobatics (Lobby)
8:00 Dinner is served (Main Dining Room)
9:30 125th Anniversary Group Photo (Lobby)
10:00 Dessert & Dancing Begins
1:00am After Party (1889 Pub & Grille)

SUNDAY MORNING

Tournament Finals and Brunch
Complete Finals Schedule, See **PAGE 19**

11:00am - 1:00pm Buffet Brunch (Main Dining Room)



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FAMOUS RCOP FIRSTS

1st

Introduction of squash racquets to America.

At the club's second home on 923 Walnut Street (formerly a single family home), a British athletic professional Alfred Ellis supervised the construction of a squash racquets court built literally on the roof beams of the building. Gaining popularity in England among facilities that did not have proper Racquets, "squash racquets" is now simply known as squash. While a squash court had been built in New York on an earlier date, it was never used, thus giving us the "possible" distinction of introducing the game to the American public.

1st

First building in the world to have an above grade swimming pool.

Horace Trumbauer, the architect of our current clubhouse, employed Roebbling Construction Co., the builder of The Brooklyn Bridge, to assist in the construction. Built on the third floor, the pool is the first of its kind and at the time a feat of engineering and craftsmanship.

1st

First doubles squash court in the world.

When the RCOP switched clubhouses in 1907, a bit of unused space was left over on the fourth floor. It was too large for another squash singles court and a bit too small and low-ceilinged for another racquets court. **Frederick Tompkins**, our head professional at the time, instead created the brand-new game of squash doubles. He nurtured it for decades and by the time he retired it was a bonafide sport of its own, with the nationals having been started in 1933. Now, there are more than two hundred courts worldwide.

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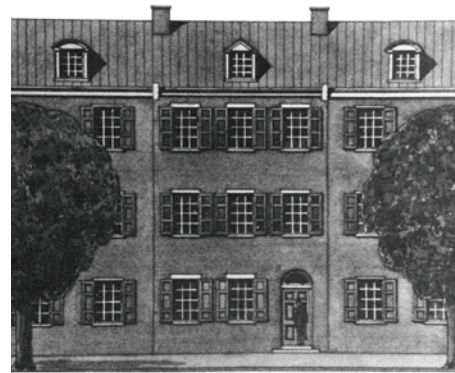
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OUR PAST LOCATIONS



913 CARPENTER STREET
OCCUPIED 1885 - 1889

In the backyard was one Racquets Court, converted from the Handball Court of the professional Jan Nicholas.



923 WALNUT STREET
OCCUPIED 1889 - 1907

In this building there were two Racquets Courts, and the first regulation singles Squash Racquets Court in Philadelphia.



215 SOUTH 16TH STREET
OCCUPIED 1907 - PRESENT

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AND
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DID YOU KNOW?



You can't lock the Grille Room.

The Grille Room was specially constructed of sound proof materials and was open 24 hours a day when the club opened. To symbolize the fact the Grille never closed, a formal ceremony was held in which a golden key to the door was buried under the floor near the fireplace. Mr. Isaac Clothier was the last member who claimed to know just where the key was buried, but he took the secret with him to the grave.



We used to break the law.

During Prohibition, the club fully supported the law on an "official" basis, going as far as to write letters to every member threatening legal action if they were caught with alcohol. However, in actuality liquor lockers were available for rent surrounding the bar and also near the Grille. The club's oysterman Charley was also its bootlegger, making quite a margin on \$1 pints of whiskey that he bought for 32 cents.



A kid was hired to assist the champ.

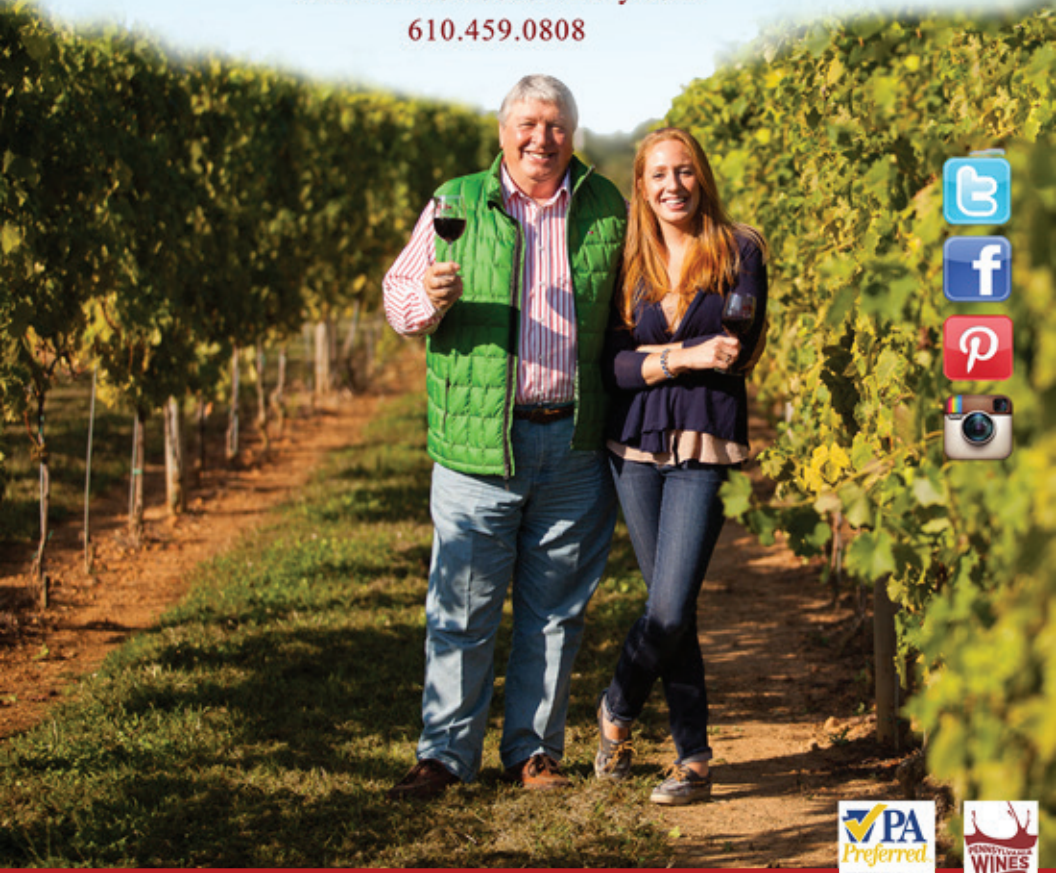
In 1928, Jock Soutar, hired a teen aged boy to assist him in the Pro Shop. The head pro who was English quipped, "You're Irish, you're a red-head, and you're a southpaw. You'll never make the grade!" Proving him wrong, that boy became head pro in 1950, retaining the position for 36 years. His name was **Jimmy Dunn**. A brilliant strategist, Jimmy excelled in training average players to exceed their own expectations. His Pro Shop recruits have also gone on to have extremely successful careers including Tommy Greevy, Jimmy Burke and Rob Whitehouse.



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Upcoming Events:

December: 12/5 Ugly Sweater Party, Holiday Open House: First three weekends in Decemeber

January: Wine, Cheese & Honey Pairings - Reservations Required.

February: Wine & Chocolate Pairings - Reservations Required.

Dear Friends of Racquets,

An independent non-profit foundation is being set up to help promote and expand our game. Specifically, the American Racquets Foundation (ARF) has been incorporated to create an independent funding mechanism to improve and encourage our great game through tax deductible contributions. The IRS has determined that ARF is a charity qualified to receive tax deductible contributions. ARF will pursue its mission by sponsoring amateur competitions, underwriting the cost to compete in matches, paying for promotional exhibitions, establishing junior programs, and other programs that will evolve over time. ARF will be managed by unpaid volunteers, whose interests are unified in their desire to invigorate and educate others about our game.

For example, exhibitions in various cities will be held to which prospective players will be invited to learn/see/experience our game. Juniors will be introduced to the game to encourage play. Similarly, those who might wish to compete in amateur events in other cities will be encouraged to do so. It is hoped that ARF might also be able to underwrite and implement a handicapping system and help launch intercity racquets events.

We can now begin to solicit funds to advance these ideas. Cash, marketable securities and other liquid assets will be very helpful in getting ARF started. Please send such contributions, checks or marketable securities to:

American Racquets Foundation
135 Rolling Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

As we get started, please feel free to call or send any suggestions or questions that you may have about ARF to any of us:

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**We are very excited about ARF and hope that you will be as well.
Best wishes during the Holiday Season.**

In this our 125th year, we fondly look back at our history and remark on how things used to be. The club moved into this, it's third, location in 1907 with great excitement. Read about how many of the spaces have changed over the years.

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The Reading Room

Once a sleepy room for people to read the paper, nap in a red leather chair, or smoke a cigar, the Reading Room is now more famously used to host our Wednesday Night Summer Happy Hours. A larger than life portrait of Lord Percival hangs above the fireplace, in whose name a team court tennis tournament is played once a year.



The Lunch Counter

In times when the three martini lunch was a daily occurrence, there was a call for an easily accessible games room for men to regain their composure after their "meal". While the Lunch Counter is now a lively place to come for a sandwich mid-day, this space used to be a chalky Billiards Room whose walls were adorned with taxidermy.



The Racquets Court

While even few squash players have heard of this sport, Racquets is the sport that this club was founded to play and it's the only sport that has had a place in each of the club's previous locations. Two Racquets courts were originally built in our current clubhouse, but only one remains. The other was long ago converted into a Doubles Squash court, however, it was well used before it's retirement.

Historically, our Racquets players have been among the best athletes of their time. Our former pro Jock Soutar was arguably the best match player ever, retaining his world championship from 1913-1929. Even in his old age, when he was crippled by arthritis, he reportedly was able to serve 15 straight aces against the defending International Amateur Champion, Bobby Grant.



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FINALS SCHEDULE SUNDAY NOV. 23RD

RACQUETS

5:00 - 8:00pm Saturday ** All times subject to change

All Age Level Singles Finals

10:00am Jock Soutar Singles Final

11:00 Denis Walsh Cup 60+ Final

NOON Tom Price Cup 50+ Final

1:00 Murray Sales Cup 40+ Final

2:00pm Jock Soutar Doubles Final

SINGLES SQUASH

11:15am B Final

NOON A Final

12:45pm C Final

1:30 D Final

DOUBLES SQUASH

12:30pm A Final

1:30 C Final

2:30 B Final

COURT TENNIS

10:30am C Final

11:15 D Final

NOON A Consolation

1:30pm A Final

2:30 Open Final

3:30 B Final

4:30 E Final



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/04 Young Member Holiday Party
- 12/06 Outdoors Club Team Sporting Clay Challenge Outing
- 12/10 Wine Club Holiday Dinner
- 12/12 Tree Trimming Celebration
- 1/14 Wine Club (French)
- 1/21 Prospective Member Night
- 2/11 Wine Club (Italian)
- 2/13 Mardi Gras Party
- 3/11 Wine Club (Hosted)
- 3/14 Irish Invitational & Lord Percival Tournament
- 4/08 Wine Club
(South of the Border Part I, South America)
- 4/10 Pub Club Championships
- 5/13 Wine Club
(South of the Border Part II - Australia, New Zealand, S. Africa)
- 5/20 Summer Happy Hour Kickoff
- 6/10 Wine Club (Summer Sparklers)

NEW MONTHLY EVENTS IN 2015 INCLUDE SUPPER CLUB, SUNDAY BRUNCH, SPEAKER SERIES, AND OUTINGS.

VISIT THE FULL EVENTS CALENDAR ON WWW.RCOP.COM FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

CONTACT EVENTS@RCOP.COM TO RSVP FOR ANY EVENT.