



THE RACQUET CLUB *Review*

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A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE RACQUET CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA



HOURS OF OPERATION

The Gold Leaf Café

Monday - Friday
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

1889 Pub & Grille

Monday - Friday
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

The Pro Shop

Monday - Friday
10:30 am - 8:00 pm

Swimming Pool

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Business Center

Everyday
24 Hours

Barber Shop

Monday - Friday
7:00am - 4:00 pm

All Racquet Courts

Everyday - 24 Hours

Fitness Center

Everyday -24 Hours

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members:

I am happy to report that the Racquet Club closes out its 129th fiscal year with a very strong foundation for growing membership, maintaining and enhancing our historic clubhouse, continuing to offer dynamic programming and evolving to meet member needs and interests, while respecting traditions that help define what makes the Racquet Club so unique. I believe that we are in an ascendant period in the history of our Club, but that to realize our full potential we need to avoid complacency and be willing to explore and adapt.

On the eve of this publication, we have just completed an extensive rooftop renovation that ensures that we meet one of our cornerstone objectives: take care of our house and resist the temptation to defer critical maintenance issues, particularly those that affect the integrity of the facility. We will continue to work to prioritize mission critical physical plant issues and try to balance the truly exigent with important renovations and modifications to our facility that the membership desires. For instance, we have arranged for the replacement of several of the chiller coils, which should improve the performance of our principal AC and intend to replace the additional air conditioning units that are used to cool the doubles court and B court. We hope to have that done within the next month.

Our athletic facilities are burgeoning and on any given night the courts are packed. The fitness center is buzzing and we have seen thriving participation in our signature tournaments, including hosting our first professional squash tournament and successfully hosting simultaneously: the annual member-guest squash tournament; the U.S. Open in Racquets and the Lord Percival Cup in court tennis. I encourage those of you who have not yet done so, to read the Inquirer's recent account of what will now become a "classic" Racquet Club story about the high drama that took place on and off the Racquets Court – a story of rescue, recovery and redemption featuring the No. 2 player in the world and two of our stalwart members: Drs. Soffer and Spera. [Click here](#) to read the Inquirer article.

As fantastic as our clubhouse is, it remains secondary to the lifeblood of our club – its members. We have tried to encourage members to leverage their membership and seek new ways to maximize their experience at the Club. We also seek new ways to introduce potential new members to the Racquet Club. Indeed, the tremendous growth in new residents to Center City, presents new opportunities to introduce others to the benefits of the Racquet Club.

We look forward to our extremely popular annual Summer Membership program commencing May 23rd and running through Labor Day, which once again has quickly reached the capped limit. We have an Ambassador program that utilizes volunteer members to help Summer Members get acclimated and to ensure the success of the program, which is designed to allow newcomers to "dip their toes" into the Club before making a commitment to apply for full-time membership. Since we are all "ambassadors" of the Club, I invite and encourage all members to warmly welcome our Summer Members and offer them "insider" insights into the rewards of permanent membership at our Club. Last September, following the conclusion of the Summer Program we had one of our largest incoming classes of new full-time members, many of whom had joined our Summer Program.

I would like to conclude this magazine's letter with continued emphasis on member participation at the committee level to plan and direct activities important to the operation of the Club and to engage in making this a member-driven enterprise. This is what sets us apart from chains of fitness centers and so-called privately held lifestyle clubs. For example, we will be seeing a re-introduction of the Bridge Club as well as a pilot program of Pickle Ball to be played mid-week this Summer.

Finally, I was remiss in failing to raise an important issue at the Annual Meeting: I will be asking the Board of Governors to pass a resolution making it a violation of House Rules to refer to the President of the Board of Governors by that title or any similar title while such officer is actively engaged as a participant in any of our athletic activities.* In other words, upon such officer setting foot on any of our courts with the intent to play, such reference shall be prohibited. In consultation with the Athletic Chairman and the House Chairman, we may recommend that violations of this prohibition will result in the appropriate adjustment of any (already generous) handicaps or the awarding of additional points in favor of such officer.

**It is permissible, however, to refer to such officer on-court as "Guv".*

Respectfully yours,

Jonathan Auerbach
President, Board of Governors



VISIT THE WEBSITE

www.rcop.com

The Club's website has information related to amenities and services, including but not limited to:

- Hours of Operation
- Dress Code
- Employee Contact Information
- Calendar of Events
- Reciprocal Club List
- Fitness Class Schedule
- Private Events
- Gold Leaf Café Menu
- 1889 Pub Menu
- Member Log-In Section

In the Member Log-In section, registered members can view their statements, use the member directory, and find helpful information on proposing new candidates for membership.

ONLINE BILL PAY

Members can make payments online by visiting www.rcop.com and visiting the Member Log-In section. Once logged in, members can register to make payments conveniently online anytime or anywhere! Payments for dues, house charges, or both can also be automatically paid every month.

To set up automatic payments, please contact Donna Carr in the Billing office (donna@rcop.com or call 215-772-1543).

CLUB EMAIL LIST

Spouses of full-time members have signing privileges at the Club. Sign your spouse up for the email newsletter so he or she doesn't miss out on any of the fun!

Email katelynn@rcop.com with any email address you would like to include on our list.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

The Club has 13 elegantly appointed guest rooms that are perfect for out of town family, friends, or business associates. Guests have complete access to the clubhouse facilities including the Fitness Center, Sauna and Steam Rooms, and both restaurants. Discounted rates available when the room is paid using a member account.

To make a reservation, contact the Front Desk (frontdesk@rcop.com / 215-735-1525) or visit <http://rcop.com/guest-rooms>.

RECIPROCAL CLUB PRIVILEGES

The Racquet Club has one of the most extensive reciprocal networks of any club in the U.S. Members have access to reciprocal clubs in many of the major cities throughout the world, many of which are Platinum Clubs of America. To view the list, visit <http://rcop.com/reciprocal-clubs> or contact the Front Desk (215-735-1525 or email frontdesk@rcop.com).

ATHLETIC AMENITIES

- Six Squash Courts, Doubles Squash Court, Court Tennis, Racquets Court
- Fitness Center
- Complimentary Fitness Classes
- Personal Training
- Massage Therapy
- Sauna
- Steam
- Indoor Pool

PRIVATE EVENTS

- Space for gatherings of any type and size
- Discounted rates for members
- Customizable menu and beverage options

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

JANUARY 2018

Richard & Alexa Cameron
Ian DeSantis
Christina & Charles Garrett
William & Vesna Hozack
Madeline Perry

FEBRUARY 2018

Nicolas Chapman
Dylan Cuninghame
David Denious
Rachel Hanscom
Andrew Johnson
Art & Donna Martella
Marcus & Delphine O'Rourke

MARCH 2018

Daniel Barrus
Peter Chapin
John Fischer
Robert & Megan Ford
Jeffrey & Sadie Harper
Brian Henry
William & Katherine Royan
Bradley Wiedeman

In Memoriam

Sarah Marion Anapol - Member for 35 Years
Mr. Lloyd W. Bowers Jr. - Member for 7 years

MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

2018 1st Quarter New Member Information

The Racquet Club welcomed 20 new members from January - March 2018.

Junior Age 21-29 (8) 40%
Resident Age 30-39 (1) 5%
Resident Age 40+ (2) 10%
Non-Resident (5) 25%
Suburban (1) 5%
Other (3) 15%
Male (17) 85% | **Female** (3) 15%

Top Sponsors:

David Caldwell - 2 Candidates
Rachel-Paige Mumenthaler - 2 Candidates

Honorable Mention - 1 Candidate each:

John Archbold, Randy Barr, Mark Barrett, John Coit, Jon Crowell, Matthew Fingerman, Peter Flynn, Edmund Garbo, Cynthia Greeley, Matthew Handel, Rory O'Connor, Glenn Partridge, James Price, Timothy Proctor, Peter Schreiber, Emery Schoenly, Evan Seltzer, Anthony Soslow, Philip Timon, Michael Topf, Benjamin Vinograd, Dylan Ward, Matthew Wolfe & Robert Yoshimura

Breakdown of Total Membership

Resident 30-39 (107) 13%
Resident 40-64 (134) 16%
Resident 65+ (88) 10%
Suburban (131) 16%
Junior (21-29) (94) 11%
Non-Resident (240) 29%
Student (28) 3%
Military/Clergy/Honorary (17) 2%
Male (745) 88% | **Female** (97) 12%

Upcoming

CLINICS & COCKTAILS:

June 18th, 2018
5:30PM - 8:30PM
4th Floor Courts & 1889 Pub & Grille

ELECTIVE MEETINGS FOR CANDIDATES:

JUNE

Wednesday, 6/13 at 6:00 PM

JULY

Wednesday, 7/11 at 6:00 PM

AUGUST

Wednesday, 8/8 at 6:00 PM

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Camille Peluso



Camille Peluso, AIA is the principal of a full service architectural and interior design firm located on 1M in the Clubhouse. Established in 2005, her practice is focused on workplace environments, including government, financial and corporate institutions as well as health care, retail, and residential projects. Her firm, Camille Peluso Architects, is certified with the Women Business Enterprise National Council.

Camille Peluso has worked on large scale projects such as The Philadelphia Family Court, Sanford Children's Hospital, Sioux Falls South Dakota and Charming Shoppes corporate offices in Bensalem, PA. Camille's expertise is in creative solutions to challenging projects.

Camille Peluso holds degrees from Temple University and Drexel University. Camille and her husband live in Chestnut Hill and have a daughter graduating from college this spring.

Q & A

Before answering the questions, I just want to say how happy I am to be part of the RCOP. Everyone is very welcoming. My husband and I had a terrific time at the Super Bowl party. One of my favorite things about the RCOP is the beautiful architecture of Horace Trumbauer. It is a pleasure to walk through the building.

What is your favorite season?

Fall is the reason to live in Philadelphia.

What does your ideal/perfect vacation look like?

A month in Maine or the South of France

Is there a fictional place that you have always wanted to visit? If so, what is that place?

Egypt to visit the Valley of the Kings.

What do you do for a living/where do you work?

I am an architect and have the distinct pleasure of having my office here in this beautiful building.

What moment/project are you most proud of to date professionally?

Currently, I have had the great opportunity to design a new building on North Broad Street.

If you had the power to make every person in the world do one thing collectively, what would that one thing be?

Be kind to each other.

What do you enjoy most about your Racquet Club membership so far?

I am so happy to be a part of the Racquet Club and I am very happy to have my office in the beautiful Trumbauer building. It is very exciting to be able to experience the beautiful architecture every day.

Is there anything that you haven't experienced yet with your membership that you are looking forward to?

I would like to join the Sailing Club and learn to sail.

Boasting encouraged.



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RECIPROCAL CLUBS SPOTLIGHT

With spring finally peeking through the muck that was the 2017/2018 winter season, it's time to embrace all of the bright, new growth that comes with it. What better way to do so than taking quick train ride from Philadelphia to the District of Columbia for the 2018 National Cherry Blossom Festival or the appropriately titled, Bloom Watch.

If you haven't had a chance to experience this in person, there is only a short time at the beginning of the season when the trees bloom into a beautiful manifestation throughout the Tidal Basin.

If you make it there, you might as well stay at one of our reciprocal club partners to enjoy the beauty that is the Cherry Blossom Festival and the splendor of *Cosmos Club*, the *University Club*, the *Army & Navy Club* or the *Arts Club*.

These four reciprocal partners all have great overnight accommodations and delightful dining options. Three of the four have even reached Platinum Club status. Even the furthest Club from the basin is only a short 15 minute drive away.

Do yourself a favor and visit DC in spring and stay with one of our exceptional reciprocal club partners.

**By the time of publication the Festival ended, but there is always next year!*

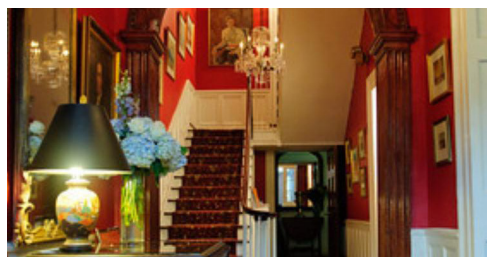
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Should you find yourself traveling anywhere throughout the United States or abroad, be sure to check our reciprocal club listing located on both the public and members' only webpages. If we have a reciprocating club near your destination, make it a point to visit and enjoy! Contact the Front Desk at frontdesk@rcop.com or 215-735-1525 to request a letter of introduction prior to your visit.

CLUB EVENTS RECAP

Fireside Cocktail Lounge

Members cozied up around the fireplace in the Reading Room every Wednesday to enjoy live piano music by Bill Handy. Full bar and an a la carte snack menu were available by signature.

NCAA Championship Game

Members came out to watch the Georgia Bulldogs take on the Alabama Crimson Tide!

BYOB Club: Bordeaux Basics

Formerly known as the Wine Club, the BYOB Club moved the party to Tuesdays. This month's theme was Bordeaux, and members brought a bottle to enjoy while dining, and some even learned a little along the way!

January Quizzo

January Quizzo was well attended and the host was Omar Cancio.

Cooking Class with Chef Manny

In January, Executive Chef Manuel Gonzalez lead seven members through a four course dinner demonstration in the Racquet Club kitchen! Members learned how to roll pasta and got to taste the fruit of their labor.

Super Bowl Party - Eagles v. Patriots

The Pub was packed to see our Eagles defeat the Patriots to win the Superbowl! The game was projected on the big screen and everyone was decked out in anticipation of a great game.

Eagles Superbowl Parade Lunch & Dinner

Members piled in before and after the victory parade down Broad Street to enjoy lunch and drinks. In the evening we replayed the game on the big screen so members could relive the excitement!

February Quizzo

Members tapped into their useless knowledge to win prizes! This month's host was Brittany Wakim.

Backgammon Final

Congratulations to A Draw Winner Jim Van Alen and runner up Peter Angelides. The B Draw Winner was Sherief 'SJ' Ayoub and the runner up was Libby Gephart. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Ladies Dinner

25 members as well as guests from other tennis clubs joined us for a dinner in conjunction with the Ladies Invitational Tournament. Dinner included a an amuse-bouche of chicken torchon leading into a watercress and arugula salad. The entrée was dry diver sea scallops over risotto, finishing with an olive oil cake with seasonal berries.

RCSA Pool Regatta

The RCSA along with Riverton Yacht Club, Cornithian Yacht Club, and the Union League Sailing Association joined new Commodore James Price to race sailboats in the Pool. The 50 plus in attendance enjoyed both the races and the dark and stormies from the bar!

Red Cross Blood Drive

15 pints of blood were collected during the blood drive which will help 45 recipients. Thank you to all members who participated.

March Quizzo

Several teams gathered and competed for five rounds of trivia to win prizes such as a carafe of draft wine, a pitcher of beer, and logoed RCOP glassware. This month's host was EJ Spofford and Rachel-Paige Mumenthaler.

Scotch Tasting

The evening included a tasting of five single malt scotches led by Impex Beverage's Jared Card and an intermezzo of scotch infused chocolates crafted by Patrick Gauthron, original chocolatier and pastry chef for Philadelphia's own Le Bec Fin. After the tasting members enjoyed a cocktail and an hors d'oeuvres spread.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: *Upcoming Events*

Players' Night

Thursday, May 17th - 4th & 5th Floor

Bar opens at 4:30 pm, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm
\$35 per person plus tax and service

Reformatted from the previous years' Games Dinner, the new Players' Night is a casual and fun way to celebrate the end of another successful Athletic Season. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres while the Pro Shop gives out the awards for the year. If you wish to attend please contact courts@rcop.com to sign up.

Summer Kickoff Party

Wednesday, May 23rd - First Floor

Summer at the Racquet Club officially begins at the Summer Kick Off Party! Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 – 8 pm and a full signature bar in the Reading Room and Lobby. No RSVP required.

June Quizzo

Tuesday, June 19th - 1889 Pub & Grille

Enjoy dinner and drinks in the Pub and be sure to bring your smartest friends as you compete to win prizes.

Sail & BBQ at Corinthian Yacht Club

Saturday, June 9th, 4:00pm - 9:00pm

Save the date to head over for a day of sun, sailing and barbecue at Corinthian Yacht Club! Enjoy a guided sail, swimming, canoe or kayaking followed by a buffet dinner. Cost is \$50 and includes food, beer and wine between 4 pm and 8 pm. Full bar available by signature. RSVP to events@rcop.com or 215-772-1541. Cancellations after June 6th will incur a charge.

Scotch Tasting

Friday, June 15th, 6:30pm - 10:30pm - Sailing Room

Jared Card from Impex Beverage will be onsite to lead members through a tasting of nine different scotches! Ticket includes hors d'oeuvres and reception to follow with live piano. RSVP to events@rcop.com to attend. Seating is limited, cancellations after 6/13 will incur a charge



Cooking Class with Chef Manny



Cooking Class



Cooking Class



Pool Regatta



Scotch Tasting



Scotch Tasting

FOOD & BEVERAGE UPDATES

1889 Pub & Grille



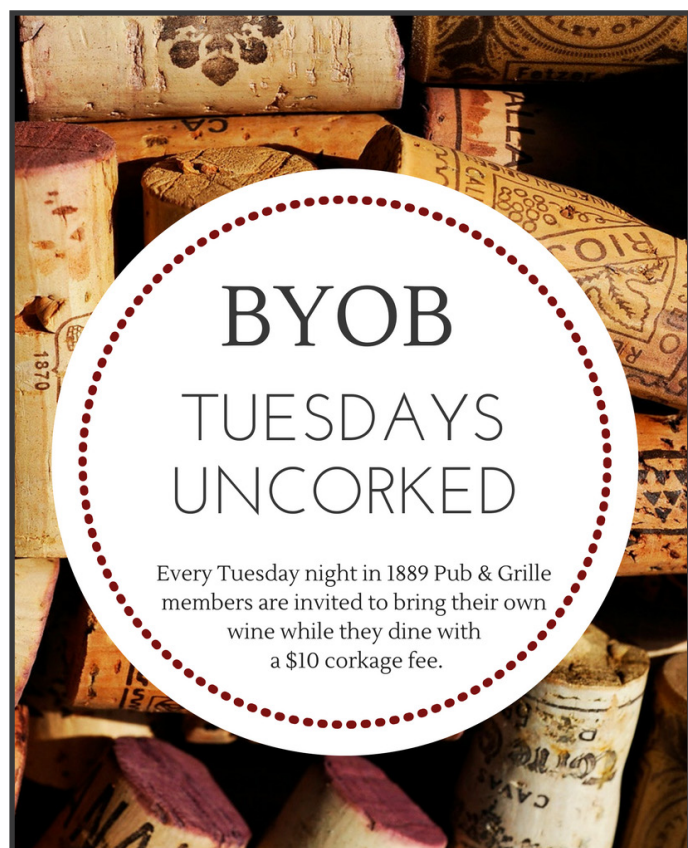
BYOB TUESDAYS

Members are encouraged to BYOB (Wine Only) in the 1889 Pub & Grille with a \$10 corkage fee each and every Tuesday.

FLIGHT SCHOOL

Have your own mini tasting of spirits, wine, or beer in the 1889 Pub & Grille any time! When you order a flight, you receive a card with information about the brand and flavor profile, along with your own Flight School Passport. Finish all 16 available flights to win an RCOP branded flight board and tasting glasses. Available flights include:

Revivalist Gins, Whistle Pig Ryes, Macallan Scotch, Speyside & Islay Scotches, Bourbons, Irish Whiskey, Tequilas, Amaras, Cordials, Local Spirits, Red & White Wine, and Draft Beer



DRAFT WINE

The 1889 Pub now offers a rotating list of four draft wines (two reds and two whites), which adds an additional dimension to our already full wine by the glass list. Stop by to see which wines are currently available!



NEW MENU

Stop into the 1889 Pub & Grille and try some of our new menu items like the Pistachio Pesto Flatbread, Avocado & Crab Salad, or Braised Short Ribs! We have also added three delicious house-made desserts the menu, which are not to be missed: Brownie a la Mode with Hazelnut Crunch Gelato, S'mores Trifle and Churros with Chocolate and Caramel Sauce, which are all available every night in the Pub.

The Pub is open Monday through Friday from 5pm - 11pm, with the kitchen closing at 10pm.

Reservations are always welcome and recommended! Contact Katelynn at katelynn@rcop.com to reserve a table.



La Vie en Rose

Rosé season is upon us and The Racquet Club is ready! We are delighted to have chosen a sampling of rosé wines that run the gamut of dry to slightly sweet to keep you interested all spring and summer long. We'll be adding a rosé section to the glass list and keep an eye out for it on draft as well!

Poggio Anima Raphael Rosé - Sicily, Italy (House)

A blend of 97% Syrah and 3% Zibbibo, this wine features a bright pink hue. Spices, flowers and herbs complement red berries on the nose and in the mouth. At once dense and juicy, with the light red fruit flavors and floral notes carrying through on the persistent finish, which features an underbrush nuance.

Domaine Petroni Corse Rosé - Corsica, France

Like most classic rosés of this region, it is a blend of 50% Niellucciu, 35% Sciaccarellu, and 15% Grenache. How to describe Corsican rose? It is one of the finest of its kind with notes of nectarine, peach blossom, and white flowers. It is succulent with wonderful acidity and a viscous mouthfeel.

Godelia Mencia Rosé - Bierzo, Spain

It has a lovely shimmering pink color with peach and melon on the nose. In the mouth it is elegant and full where strawberry mingles with the peach and melon flavors. The finish is delightfully crisp, lingering pleasantly and enticing the next sip.

Cellar de Capcanes Mas Picoosa Rosé - Capcanes, Spain

100% Grenache Light rose color, resulting from the grenache grape variety. Mineral, red fruit aroma. Pleasant on the palate, marked acidity and unctuous.

DeLoach Vineyards Rosé - Russian River Valley, California

A blend of 80% Barbera, 9% Pinot Noir, 6% Zinfandel and 5% Merlot is cold fermented in stainless steel to preserve the natural crispness and fresh fruit flavors. Refreshing upon the palate, juicy flavors of wild strawberry, Bing cherry, and a touch of rose petal are balanced with bright acidity and a smooth finish.

Cantine Povero Café - Tavola, Italy (Draft)

This rosé is made from the Grignolino and Barbera grapes. After the various vinification stages, it is left to ripen in steel tanks. This rosé is slightly sweet and lively. Pairs well with appetizers, soups, main courses, pasta, white meat, fish and cheese.



Q&A WITH EXECUTIVE CHEF MANNY

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I was born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras and moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey with my mom and my sister in the winter of 2000. I moved to Philadelphia in the summer of 2007.

WHEN DID YOU KNOW YOU WANTED TO BE A CHEF?

Growing up with a dad in the military, he taught us the importance of being able to provide for ourselves and cooking was high on that list. My mom had two jobs, so more often than not my older sister would have to cook for me. She wasn't a bad cook but her food just didn't sit well with me. When I started 8th grade, I would watch the food network channel as a form of entertainment but also a way of learning the English language. One of my first influences was Emeril Lagasse, and I'll never forget not only his cooking but the way he was a great host to his audience, so little by little I started to develop the desire to try to cook some of the dishes he demonstrated on the show. Some things would turn out fantastic while others were, well, kind of a disaster. I did learn a lot from all my failures and it's what I always take with me; failures are what make great cooks. Watching someone on TV made cooking less daunting and more approachable.

TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOUR CULINARY BACKGROUND.

I started culinary school in the Spring of 2012 and graduated from the Art Institute of Philadelphia in the Spring of 2014. While in school I worked at Seasons 52, Sur la Table and Garces Catering at the Kimmel Center.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STYLE OF FOOD TO COOK?

My favorite style of food to cook is Spanish and French. I like to combine both styles and create a new take on some of the classic French dishes with a little bit of Spanish flare.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO EAT AT HOME?

My favorite food to eat is brunch. I enjoy sweet and savory together and it's even better because it is so easy and super fast to make.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING HERE?

What I like the most about working at the RCOP is that we are like a family. We look out for one another and bring out the best in each other. In the time I've been working here, I've created great relationships with everyone and from the beginning that was something very easy to do here.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE RCOP MENU ITEM?

My favorite RCOP menu item would be the pistachio pesto flatbread in the 1889 Pub & Grille. The pesto has a great flavor with a little bit of sweetness.



FAVORITE KITCHEN EQUIPMENT OR GADGET?

My favorite gadget is the Vitamix blender. It's essential to our everyday productivity. Without the Vitamix it would be very difficult to make sauces and purees, and dressings.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME?

In my spare time I like to play video games, play pool, volleyball and ping pong.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR HOME COOKS?

My advice would be to be adventurous. Be curious and be more willing to cook at home even if what you have created doesn't turn out to be your best dish. Try to see what you could have done better and the next time you try to do that dish it will be easier to make. If you keep trying you will be more able to enjoy the process of cooking.





SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY

Wednesday, May 23rd

5:30-11 pm in the Reading Room

No cost to attend, No RSVP Required

AROUND THE CLUB

Membership Milestones

30 Years of Membership

The Racquet Club would like to thank the members listed below for their many years of loyal & prolific patronage to the Club.



*Gilbert & Fintje Carpenter
Robert & Jennifer Leininger
Glenn & Kathy Partridge
Timothy A. Proctor
Richard W. Snowden*

Membership Milestone by Month

Below you will find the names of RCOP members that celebrated milestone membership years during January - March 2018.

20 Years

Brian & Pam Owens

10 Years

Joseph P. Baratta
Ottavio F. Biondi Jr
Gifford Combs
Robert G. Delamater
Dr. Paul B. Hill
Stuart M. Katsoff
Jerry & Lee Katsoff
Bruce Katz & Ayca Yesmin
Stephen J. Mathes
Charles Neuhauser
T.J. Rooney
Jonathan Sweet
Arthur Whitcomb & Gail Scripko
Kyle Whiteman

5 Years

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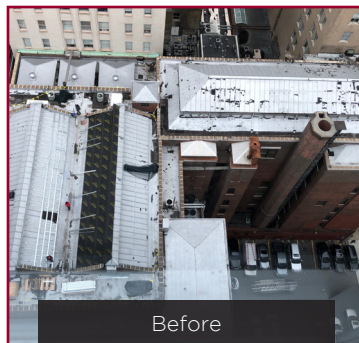
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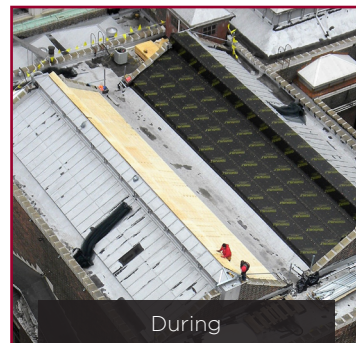
Clubhouse Updates

Roof Project

We are happy to report that the roof project was completed on April 14, 2018. Pictures of the roof before, during, and after can be found below. Thank you to The Bombecks for providing the photos.



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During



After

Clubhouse Dresscode

Summer Attire Reminder

The House Committee expanded casual Fridays to the entire day and the entire weekend.

Shorts are also permissible from Memorial Day to Labor Day on the weekends. Members and guests are permitted to wear khaki or Bermuda shorts only between Memorial Day and Labor Day on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The length of the shorts shall not exceed the kneecap and will not be shorter than fingertip length.

Holiday Closures

Memorial Day Friday, May 25th

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Monday, May 28th

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Employee of the Month

Each month, the Club recognizes personnel that go above and beyond the call of duty to make your membership experience memorable.

Employees that earn this distinction are given a \$100 gift card and a complimentary day off.



January

William Calero

William continues to prove that he is an exemplary, customer service oriented employee of the Club and worthy of this month's recognition. William is a familiar face at the Front Desk working on both Saturday and Sundays and many members speak highly of his work. William also manages the payroll systems for club staff and assists management with billing every week. Mr. Calero is a truly valuable asset to The Racquet Club, having earned his third Employee of the Month designation in the past two years.

February

Isaiah Copeland



Isaiah joined the Racquet Club family in late December 2017 and has since made a significant impact in the short time that he has been working in the Food and Beverage department. Isaiah is an extremely diligent employee and offers a vast set of skills to the Front of House team. He has served in many roles thus far such as Banquet Bartender, Banquet Server, 1889 Pub Server and Gold Leaf Café Server. Isaiah is eager to learn and he continues to grow in his many roles here at the Club. His positive attitude and team player mentality make him an invaluable part of our team.



March

Brittany Lawrence

Brittany Lawrence is well known amongst our membership for her fantastic customer service and leadership qualities so it comes as no surprise that she has earned the Employee of the Month designation for March. When Brittany isn't offering members memorable customer service experiences, she is often quite busy scheduling staff for private events. A lot of time and effort is put in behind the scenes to ensure that private events are adequately staffed and Brittany is phenomenal with this responsibility. Her attention to detail and her ability to adapt to challenges under high pressure situations is priceless to the club and its members. Please join our management team in congratulating Brittany for earning this well-deserved accolade.

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SUMMER BODY CIRCUIT TRAINING

The flowers and trees are in bloom, effectively signaling the arrival of spring and the allergy season which means that summer isn't far behind. If you are anything like me, you are likely feeling some unease about whether your body is beach ready yet or not. Like many of our members, I have a busy and unpredictable schedule so it is difficult to find the time to have an effective work out, but let's be honest; we know this is an excuse. If something is important to you, you make the time for it. It is easy to hide behind the concept of time, or lack thereof, but when you think about all that you can accomplish in just 30 minutes; the defense becomes flawed. Now is the time to lose the 5 to 10 lbs of winter weight that we've gained and we can do it even with the most inflexible of schedules by taking advantage of the benefits of Circuit Training.

-Derik Comalli, General Manager

What is Circuit Training?

Circuit Training (CT) is a form of body conditioning or endurance training or resistance training using high-intensity. It targets strength building and muscular endurance. An exercise "circuit" is one completion of all prescribed exercises in the program. When one circuit is complete, one begins the first exercise again for the next circuit. Traditionally, the time between exercises in circuit training is short, often with rapid movement to the next exercise.

What are the benefits of CT?

TIME EFFICIENCY: You can have an effective full body work out completed in as little as 15 minutes if you really push yourself. The objective is to rotate between different muscle groups without any rest, which can lead to saving you quite a bit of time.

YOUR WHOLE BODY GETS A WORKOUT: By focusing on targeted body parts sequentially, you are able to challenge muscle groups throughout your entire body. Most CT enthusiasts choose to perform an upper body workout and then followed immediately with a lower body exercise, so on and so forth. This provides an opportunity to allow your upper and lower extremity muscle groups the chance to adequately recover to maximize your effort with your next muscle group.

STRENGTH TRAINING AND CARDIO: Through non-stop, rapid movements with very little to no rest period you can achieve optimum cardiovascular levels which not only helps with improving muscular endurance but also cardiovascular endurance as well.

Where Can I Do CT?

The Racquet Club fitness center has an entire section dedicated to circuit training. In this section, members can hop from machine to machine and hit nearly every single muscle group. The machines have diagrams that show you how to use the equipment so anyone can learn how to use them. I recommend completing two or three rounds using each machine which should take only approximately 30 minutes, assuming you might need a breather... I know I would! Most of the machines in our circuit do not hit your core so consider ending your workout with some planks, crunches, or pushups.

Circuit Training isn't for everyone since it really pushes your body to the limits of your comfort zone, but if you are determined to get fast results so you can look and feel good at the beach, you'll give it a shot. Don't forget, members can hire a personal trainer through Transformation Fitness by visiting www.rcop.com or www.clublocker.com.





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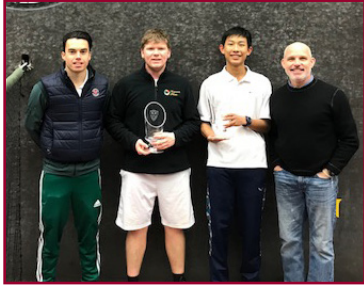
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ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

Junior Court Tennis Handicap

We had 13 juniors visit Philadelphia for the 2018 Junior Handicap Tournament. Friday & Saturday were the group stages where we saw Riley Herriman, Bob Wang & Jack Hnat come out on top of their own groups! On Saturday, the Pro Shop held 3 clinics for each of the groups which proved to be a great experience which had juniors come together both socially and competitively. On Sunday, the Club hosted another clinic at 8:15am which was attended by six juniors who showed promising development. With the winners of each group already into the Quarter-Finals it was up to the rest of the field to battle it out. Lydia Danas from DC had a great match against Asher Ricci but Danas took it 8/6 with a tight 40 all game taking her to play Theo Yannuzzi who had beaten Henry Smith 8/0!



In the first Quarter-Final, Riley Herriman beat fellow St. Joe's teammate 8/5 to secure the first Semi-Final spot. Theo Yannuzzi and Lydia Danas had a fantastic match that went back and forth but in the end, Yannuzzi found his length and snuck it out 8/7. Another great match followed with Dawson Chisholm vs Jack Hnat. Chisholm was generating good pace and serving well but Hnat hung in there and crushed some targets to take the match 8/7! Bob Wang was up next against Wylie Courson. Courson played great in the first match beating Ben Sheridan 8/1 but couldn't keep the streak going and lost to Wang 8/2.

In the Semi-Finals, Herriman exploded out of the blocks causing Yannuzzi to make errors but Yannuzzi fought back but couldn't close the gap with Herriman took it 8/5 to secure his place in the final. In the other Semi, Wang was on fire serving perfect railroads which gave Hnat some trouble. Wang and Hnat exchanged some superb points but in the end Wang won decisively, 8/1.

The Final showcased Riley Herriman vs Bob Wang and both players started well. Wang started to control the ball, improving with every match, and moved Herriman around the court which led to some great chases.

Herriman, a very competitive player, kept at it to make it back from being down 5/2 down to 5 games all, but Wang was able to knuckle down and took the title 8/5! The Final proved to be a fantastic match which was the perfect ending to an overall great weekend. Thanks to all competitors for playing, the parents for getting the juniors all here, and the USCTA for their support!

Philly Boast

The Philly Boast was held during the first weekend of February and was featured in conjunction with the Noll Cup and the E.M. Noll Classi, which was a PSA Singles Squash tournament. It is the first time The Racquet Club has held a professional singles squash event so it was aptly named after former Racquet Club Head Professional and General Manager, Edward Noll. The weekend was the biggest we have ever had with 114 players for the Philly Boast/Noll Cup and 32 professional players for the E.M. Noll Classic. In order to get all matches finished before the Super Bowl, we had to start matches on Thursday since we had a record number of participants. As always, The Maryland Club supported the tournament by sending over 30 players to compete in the squash singles and doubles. In the doubles squash draws, we had 42 teams participate in A, Super B, B, C and D draws. The Noll Cup was the biggest in recent memory with 21 entrants. The singles squash saw 75 players split into A, B, C, D, 40+ and a Ladies draw. Another first for the Philly Boast was the addition of the Racquets Handicap where we had 12 entrants. Due to all of the added draws and the E.M. Noll Classic, it really made for one of the best tournament weekends this year. Congratulations to all involved in this fantastic event, especially the winners and finalists:

Noll Cup:

Winner: Henry Smith, Finalist: Patrick Harris

Singles Squash A:

Winner: Charles Quintin, Finalist: Ben Bevan

Singles Squash B:

Winner: Liam Duffy, Finalist: Kevin Chinn

Singles Squash C:

Winner: Peter Grace, Finalist: Ted Keigler

Singles Squash D:

Winner: Tim McManus, Finalist: Aerlyn Dawn

Singles Squash Ladies:

Winner: Metja Mohohlo, Finalist: Liz Browning



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Doubles Squash A:

Winner: Rob Whitehouse/Mike Noll

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Winner: Ed Spofford/Peter Stokes

Finalist: Kenny Soffer/Patrick Harris

Doubles Squash B:

Winner: Doron Greenbaum/James Hillen

Finalist: Charles Quintin/Yves Quintin

Doubles Squash C:

Winner: Gates Blair/Ray Wittelsburger

Finalist: Nick Campbell/Brad Ursprung

Doubles Squash D:

Winner: Steve Sader/Delma Broussard

Finalist: Tim McManus/Greg Certo

Racquets Handicap:

Winner: Max Drake, Finalist: John Lumley

Junior Bronze

The Racquet Club hosted the 3rd Annual Junior Bronze Tournament in the middle of February. This event is held for juniors across the country to play each other competitively in squash. This marked as the largest Junior Bronze event we have had in over the past three years. The event had 132 juniors coming to the Racquet Club which far exceeded our previous total of 91. It was a great weekend filled with action packed squash and a positive vibe throughout the clubhouse on a traditionally quiet weekend. Due to the vast number of players in the event this year, the Pro Shop started matches on Saturday at 9am and finished at 7:30pm with Sunday starting at 8am and finishing at 3pm. It was great to see some of the Racquet Club junior players participating in the event and we hope to get more junior players from the club's membership competing next year.

Overall, this was a great event as members had the opportunity to watch some of the promising young players from across the country compete at The Racquet Club. force up at the galleries volleying every ball while Das remained steady in the back. Bolling trying to create some pace with Flynn staying calm and steady couldn't quite get the win and went down in the final to Bose & Das 6/3 6/2. Well played all of the players that made the final and keep it up!



Purcell. The two veteran players kept nearly every game close over three sets with hard, well-placed shots. Melissa took the first set 6-5 before Brenda came back to take the second 6-3. After starting at 3-3 in the third, they went to deuce at 5-5 with Melissa first getting the advantage. With the format, second deuce became game ball, and Brenda earned the next point which led to the dreaded third set, 5-5, 40-40, game ball. Receiving, Brenda made a chase better than two to get the serve back. Melissa's spectacular return of her serve put her on track to comfortably beat the chase but Brenda dug out a must-hit backhand from the corner, sending it cross court toward the tambour and Melissa couldn't get enough on her shot to make it over the net. After a hard fought battle, the match belonged to Brenda, 5-6, 6-3, 6-5. In the other A Semi-Final, Xanthe Ranger of Tuxedo bested Ashley Thomas Lenihan, 6-2, 6-0. Xanthe then went on to defeat Brenda 6-3, 6-1 in Sunday's final. Mary Livingston put up a lively fight but was defeated soundly by Philly's Liz Browning 6-0, 6-2.

It was a wonderful weekend of enthusiastic tennis with old friends and new players alike. Thank you to John Lumley and Robbie Whitehouse as well as to those who supported the Player Development Program. Gratitude is also owed to our junior cheering sections (some of whom have not quite learned to control their court side chatter yet): Georges de Casteja, Mary & Sophie Purcell, and Jeremy R. Wintersteen, Jr.

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Ladies Invitational

The Racquet Club of Philadelphia hosted the 2018 Ladies Invitational, which is an A level singles tournament for U.S. based players. Seventeen women entered from Boston, D.C., Newport, Tuxedo, and of course, the host club, and there were a number of hard-fought matches across both A and B draws.

The outstanding match of the tournament was the A Semi-Final between Newport's Brenda Sabbag and Philadelphia's own Melissa

US Open Racquets

Players from all over the racquets world stormed into the splendid Racquet Club of Philadelphia, eager to prove their mettle in one of the strongest draws in recent memory. Sure, Stout was playing, so the end result seemed inevitable, at least in the singles; but with 10 of the top 12 ranked players in the tournament, this was bound to be a thriller, and boy did the 2018 US Open deliver!

Gallery members, who usually have to wait until Saturday until the action really heats up, were treated to spectacular matches from Wednesday onwards. The rise of young players such as Tom Billings, Richard Owen, Alex Duncliffe-Vines, Nick Hopcroft and Ben Cawston, to name but a few, is reminiscent of renewal of talent we have seen on the PGA, for so long utterly dominated by Tiger Woods. To be clear, nobody has yet dethroned Stout, and his play shows no signs of that being the case anytime soon, but one can't help but feel excited about the future of the game. This is especially true when considering the continued strong play of veterans such as Hopton, Coyne, Portz, Larken, Smith and company. So while we do not know precisely when someone will take down The Champ, we do know that we will be enjoying spectacular racquets for a very long time. Following the qualifying round and with the first day of matches played, players congregated in the fabled Grille Room for a great stag dinner on Thursday night for the customary introductions and stories. Jeff Yager, who had just received an award highlighting his contributions to NARA, led the charge to the craps table where Phil Stockton could do no wrong. The winners could easily be spotted once at The Black Sheep pub: they paid their drinks in cash while the losers pulled out their credit cards.

Come Friday morning, the ball was really flying. The Philadelphia court lived up to its billing, playing fast and encouraging rallies, enough to attract a crowd so large it filled the top and bottom galleries come night time... and with good reason! Richard Owen gave Stout some tough opposition, showing off his impressive power. A marathon match between two of the game's best retrievers followed between Ben Cawston and Will Hopton, with the latter managing to outlast and come out on top. Next up was a match between doubles partners and two of the game's more colourful characters, James Coyne and Alex Duncliffe-Vines, with the latter emerging as victor. Finally, the last match of the day featured Tom Billings, who proved to be just too much for tournament darling Barney Tanfield, who played incredible rackets throughout the weekend. Inspired by the action they had seen on the court, a large group gathered at SPiN! for some table tennis and elbow bending, before moving on to enjoy the "Philly Special" (\$4 Pabst and a shot of Jim Beam... what's not to love?) and live music at Bob and Barbara's.

Saturday began with some incredible doubles matches, with a strong pack eager to elbow their way into the finals. Suffice it to say that by the time the singles semi finals matches were to be played, the crowd was in full force. Will Hopton, he of newly-minted amateur status, fiercely battled James Stout, showing no signs of rust and displaying that seemingly effortless gliding on court that we have all come to know, albeit in a losing effort.

Later, Duncliffe-Vines and Billings took to the court for one of the tournament's most exhilarating matches. Losing 11-1 in the second game, ADV nearly managed to level the score. Serving 11-12, he and Tom jockeyed for position on the court, and had a brief rally until

ADV's racket and Billing's mouth accidentally collided. This was a scary moment for all, especially for Tom, who was clearly in pain, and for Alex, who was stunned. Luckily, the RCOP counts some fine medical professionals amongst its membership. Kenny Soffer was pulled off a nearby doubles squash court, and Joseph Spera who was watching the live stream hopped in his car to head to the club. These gentlemen ably assisted Tom during an admittedly lengthy injury delay, allowing him not only to save his front teeth, but also to continue the match some two hours later. When play resumed, the crowd was in full throated support of both competitors. What followed was an excellent display of rackets, and it cannot be understated how difficult this match must have been for both players. Ultimately, Tom prevailed, showing off his new smile. Let us hope the old smile returns quickly...

Saturday evening then followed with the doubles semifinals, first featuring a close victory from Billings and Richard Owen vs Mike Bailey and Nick Hopcroft. What a great match! As much of the gallery retreated downstairs for a quick dinner, dedicated supporters remained, devouring pizzas delivered to the gallery at record speed so as to not miss any of the action. In the last semifinal match of the day, Alex Duncliffe-Vines and James Coyne cruised to victory over Jonathan Larken and James Stout.

With the stage set for some exciting finals matches, no competitors were more keen than the Plate Doubles Finalists who, let's be honest, were just happy to be playing on a Sunday for a change! Despite a push from the MRC's Dan Fisher and Charles Vennat, DRC's Nick Harding and RCOP fellow Jono Jamieson-Black prevailed in this duel. These fierce competitors promptly exited the court, made sure that everyone saw them in their Sunday whites, and raced to the gallery to watch the "real" matches. First up was a familiar match between Stout vs Billings,



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Fuelled by his new diet of smoothies, young Tom courageously took to the court despite his injury. A valiant effort to be sure, but as has been the case for so long now, Stout defended his title admirably, and took home the silver as 2018 US Open Singles Champion. The pause for brunch allowed DRC fellow Archie Green to continue his bookie operation, and he was spotted circling the dining room looking for any last action wishing to be laid on the upcoming doubles finals. Once again, Tom Billings took to the court, this time with Richard Owen by his side, as they faced tough opposition from Alex Dunccliffe-Vines and James Coyne. In a match featuring some fantastic rallies and great shot-making, Billings and Owen ultimately prevailed and are your 2018 US Open Doubles Champions.

Congratulations to all competitors in what was truly a fantastic tournament. Special thanks go out to Dr. Kenny Soffer and Dr. Joe Spera, Tournament Director Jon Crowell, professionals Rob Whitehouse, John Lumley, and James Asher, as well as to the entire staff and membership of the Racquet Club of Philadelphia for a very special weekend.

Written by: Charles Vennant of NARA



THE PERCY CUP

We had eight strong teams descend upon Philadelphia for the 2018 Percy Cup. Friday's play saw a great start from Newport, only dropping one game from the maximum they could have won. The Philadelphia 1 team also had a dream start, winning all of their matches in their first game. New York 2, even though they lost two of their matches, got to 6 in 2 of them which helped to keep them in it leading into Saturday.

Saturday morning came quickly and started with Philadelphia 2 vs Aiken. Pair 1 on Aiken were in top form and had apparently gone to bed early as they were fired up. Handy & Cook took it 8/3 but with pairs 2 & 3 still left to play, Philadelphia 2 had other plans in store. Katz & Caldwell won 8/5 tying it at one match all and the surprising team of Schellenberg & Broussard won 8/4 to give Philadelphia 2 the win.

Up next, Beam & Michele took to the stage eager to make up for their losses the night before and earlier that day. Michele was teeing off on everything and Beam was finishing points with his lovely volley which lead to an 8/1 win against New York 1. The dream team of Kilgore & Scherer were up next and they played perfectly together to win 8/5, giving Tuxedo a 2-0 lead. The final match was pair 3 and it was a battle. 2 games all, 3 game all, 4 games all, 5 games all, 6 games all and time ran out leaving it at 6 games all! Well played by Fraser & Ross vs Stebbins & Riley.

After some very precise calculations were made, it was found that Philadelphia 1 and New York 2 made it into the final. First, Patrick Harris & Andrew Dick squared off against Adam Inselsbuch & Peter Roessler. Both teams had a good start with Philadelphia 1 taking a small lead of 4/2. New York 2 fought back that game to bring it to 3/4 before Harris played some great tennis to take the set 6/3. Andrew Dick was serving and returning well, bringing a mixture of pace and length on the return to keep the momentum going which led to Philadelphia 1 winning the first match 6/3 6/1! Chris Casazza & Saby Bose were up next against Theodore Goneos & Peter MacGuire. The first set was nip and tuck with both teams exchanging games. Before we knew it, they were tied at 5 games all 40 all. Casazza, the Philadelphia team Captain, stepped up and took the set with a great backhand volley. With momentum in their favor, Bose had a superb volley that won the match 6/5 6/2. With the match going to Philadelphia 2-0, the third team stepped out onto the court which paired Jonathan Auerbach & Jeremy Thompson against Andrew Foote Winston Simone Sr. Auerbach & Thompson were off to a flying start taking the first set 6/2. Foote & Simeone Sr. started to fight back in the second set going to 4 games all but Auerbach played great tennis at the net and finished off the match 6/2 6/4. The win secured a dominant 3-0 victory over New York and gave Philadelphia The Percy Cup!



MEMBER - GUEST IRISH DOUBLES

The Member – Guest Doubles was coordinated in conjunction with the US Open Racquets and Percy Cup Tennis Tournament this year. The atmosphere was vibrant with a ton of rackets action occurring all weekend. The Member-Guest had 19 teams entered this year into two draws which for one court is a lot of play.

The C Draw was small in numbers but extremely competitive with four teams evenly matched. In the Semi Finals, Jeff Yager & Peter Roessler were too strong for the duo of John Broussard & Jono Jamieson-Black. The other semi saw the experience of Ed Philips & Dean Mioli outshoot Auggie Diffenderffer & Dylan Fox to win 3-1. Ed Philips made a great call by not entering both draws this year, because the Final match saw some long rallies and Phillips & Mioli had just enough in the tank to overcome Yager & Roessler 3 games to 1.

The B draw, which was the back draw of the main event, produced some phenomenal squash throughout the weekend. The finalist team of Nick Campbell & Alex Kohlberg moved past some solid teams like Peter & Bruce Schreiber and TJ Dougherty & Anderson Good to make it to the B Final. The winners, Mike Gorsen & Howard Edson, proved to be too tough for the likes of Andrew Dick & Henry Smith and Peter Bender & Matt Domenick. Mike Gorsen took some great advice from his partner and pulled the trigger on some beautiful reverse corners to win the B Draw.

The Main Draw was loaded this year and the ProShop was unable to predict a winner. The Quarter Finals saw Rory O'Connor & Duncan Pearson squeak by their match against Jim Mazzarelli & Bill Casey. Ross Bolling & Nabilla Affrin needed five games to pass through James Hillen & Mike Dolente. Ben Bevan & Matt Screffler squeaked by Rob Gundlach & Bruce Glendenning in four games. The last Quarter Final on Saturday afternoon was extremely entertaining with John Madzin & Rob Purple defeating Kenny Soffer & Kenny Pollack in four tightly contested games.

The last three matches of the event were all five game matches where it came down to the final shots to determine the winner. Ross Bolling & Nabilla Affrin were too solid in the clutch and they took this year's title.



WOMEN'S WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

Club squash pro, Kelsey Engman, has orchestrated this fantastic event in which the purpose is to add a social component to the squash clinics. We have had two Wine and Cheese Nights so far and they have both been very well attended, typically hosting 10-13 women each night. During the Wine and Cheese Nights, Kelsey leads the participants through some drills followed by rotating matches. Frequent attendees are Lynn Penn, Laura Perry, Donna Gerson, Brittany Wakim, Ayca Yesim, Clemence Scouten, Jane Wieler, Morgan McSenn, Mimi Lurio, Lisa Clark, Carlie Rice, and Megan Hayes.

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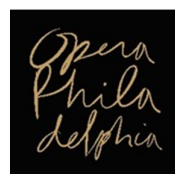
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To learn more about our partners and your discounts, logon to the Member section of www.rcop.com or contact Club Membership Coordinator, David Wright at

dave@rcop.com or 215-772-1555

MVP Partner Spotlight



RCOP members have been able to enjoy specially priced tickets for select Sixers games during this exciting season!

Specially priced tickets must be selected and purchased online. Logon to your member portal to get more details on where to acquire your discounted tickets.

www.sixers.com



Find yourself some Sixers, Phillies, Eagles or Flyers gear to show your Philly pride while enjoying a 10% discount on all regular priced merchandise in the Center City Philadelphia locations.

**www.modells.com
Chestnut: 1528 Chestnut St.
215-972-8080
Walnut: 1608 & 196 Walnut
St. 215-893-3607**

For more details on the RCOP MVP Program, log into your Member Logon Site through www.rcop.com. You may also contact Membership Coordinator, David Wright at 215-772-1555 or dave@rcop.com

Club Merchandise Spotlight



RCOP UMBRELLA



Ensure that you're prepared for the inevitable spring showers and stop by the Front Desk to purchase an RCOP umbrella for just \$30.

The Club can also ship members merchandise for the added cost of shipping & handling.

To learn more about all RCOP merchandise, visit the Club website at www.rcop.com and click the "Merchandise" tab.

**PROSPECTIVE
MEMBER NIGHT**

CLINICS & COCKTAILS

MONDAY JUNE 18

5:30 - 8:30 PM



Invite your prospective members
to participate in complimentary
Squash and Court Tennis clinics
followed by cocktails at
the 1889 Pub & Grille.

Reservations are offered on a
first come, first served basis.

5:30 PM
Guests
Arrive

6:00 PM
Clinics
Begin

6:30 PM
Switch
Courts

7:30 PM
1889 Pub &
Grille

RSVP to Membership Coordinator David Wright at dave@rcop.com or
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Thank You

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RCOP Fun Fact

The Court Tennis Court at RCOP is aptly named Van Alen Court due to the significant contributions that the Van Alen family has made to The Racquet Club and, the game of court tennis, spanning several generations.

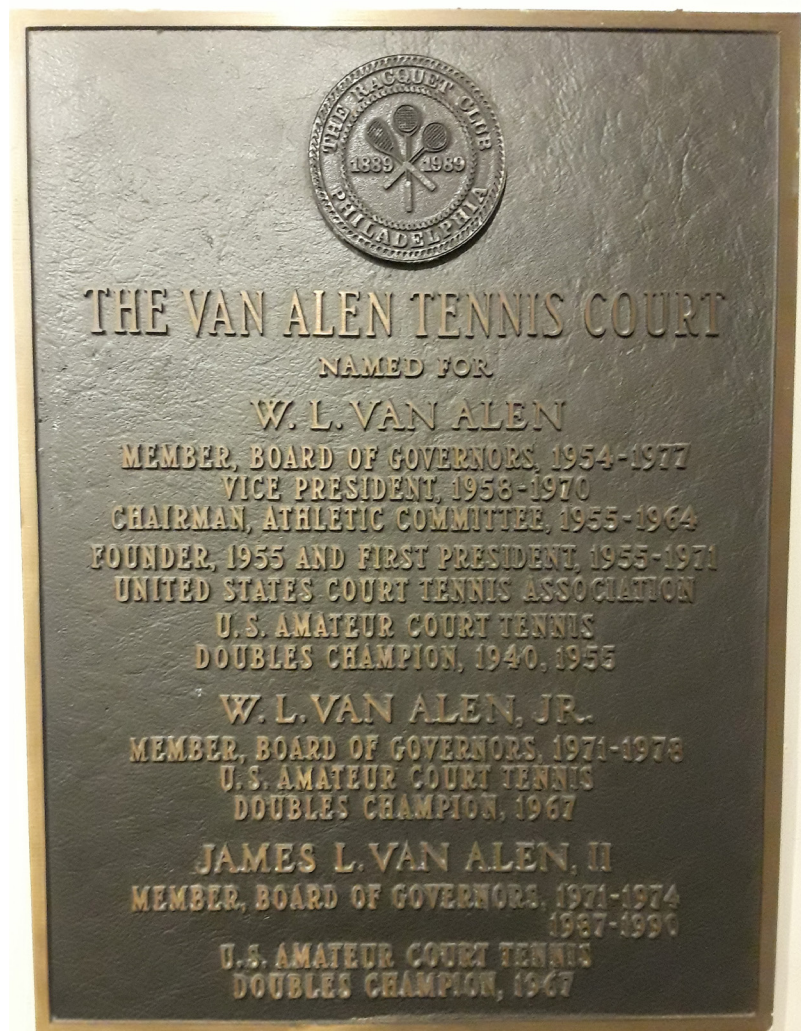
In the 1950's, James Henry "Jimmy" Van Alen II (1902-1991) founded the International Tennis Hall of Fame (lawn tennis) following a visit to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, noting that tennis also needed a place to honor its great figures. One of his contributions to the game was the development of the Van Alen Streamlined Scoring System (VASSS) which, among other elements, advocated a sudden-death tie breaker to end prolonged sets and matches.

William Laurens Van Alen (1907-2003), was the founder and first president of the United States Court Tennis Association in 1955. W.L. also served on The Racquet Club Board (1954 -1977) as both the Vice President and Athletic Chair. As a court tennis competitor, he was the U.S. Amateur Doubles Champion in 1940 & 1955.

W.L. Van Alen, Jr. (1933-2010), also served on the Board of Governors 1971-1978 and was the U.S. Amateur Doubles Champion in 1967.

James L. Van Alen, II and current club member, served on the Board of Governors between 1971-1974, 1987-1990 and was also the U.S. Amateur Doubles Champion in 1967 and was National Senior Champion 1990-1992.

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Take Flight in the 1889 Pub

Have your own mini tasting of spirits, wine, or beer in the 1889 Pub & Grille any time! When you order a flight, you receive a card with information about the brands and flavor profiles, along with your own Flight School Passport. Finish all 16 available flights and receive an RCOP branded flight board and tasting glasses.

Available flights include:

Revivalist Gins, Whistle Pig Ryes, Macallan Scotch, Speyside & Islay Scotches, Bourbons, Irish Whiskey, Tequilas, Amaras, Cordials, Local Spirits, Red & White Wine, and Draft Beer



FREE

FITNESS CLASSES

Classes are taught in the Fitness Studio located just outside the Men's Locker Room on the 3rd floor. Whitehouse of Pain is the exception, which is held on the 5th floor.

All classes FREE unless otherwise stated.

Court Ready Core - FREE

Develop strong ab and lower back muscles, increase your dynamic flexibility and prevent injury with a combination of core, balance and calisthenic routines. Perfect for getting ready for your next tournament!

Cardio Kick Boxing - FREE

This is a fun, action-packed workout that combines martial arts, boxing, and aerobic movements. Members get a challenging cardiovascular and full body workout as they kick, punch, block and move in each Cardio Kick Boxing class.

High Intensity Interval Training - FREE

HIIT class is a total body, heart pumping, high intensity workout. This class is interval based and combines full-body workout with cardio, designed to improve your overall wellness and take all the worries of the world off your mind. Modifications for all fitness levels are provided.

Pilates - FREE

Pilates focuses on developing the strength of the abdominal and torso muscles. Additionally, this workout will improve your breathing, mental and physical well-being, flexibility, and core strength.

Stretch & Sculpt - FREE

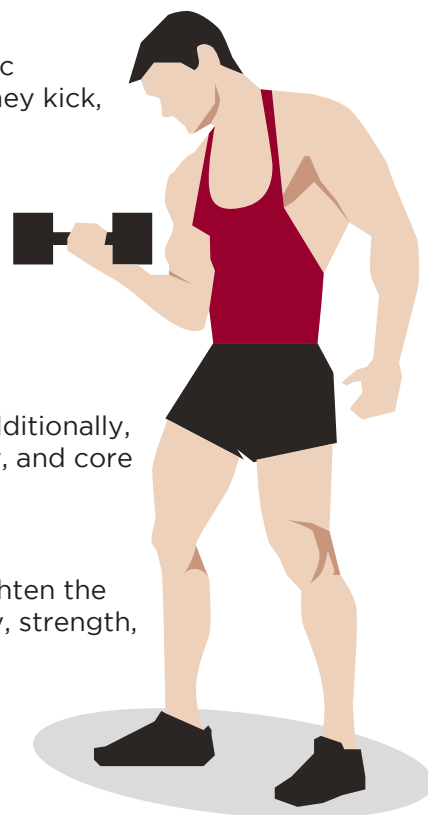
This low-impact class incorporates strength training and stretching to tone and tighten the important muscle groups in the body. This full body workout will increase flexibility, strength, and reduce stress!

Whitehouse of Pain* - \$10 per class

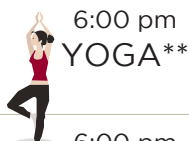
A circuit style workout class dividing the 1 hour class time into two segments. First, 30 minutes of aerobic exercises on court followed by 30 minutes of kettle-bell strength training.

Yoga** - \$20 per class

By linking your breath to your movement, yoga will help you build strength, increase flexibility, and find focus. Learn the postures and principles of this challenging and dynamic workout in this weekly class.



MONDAY



6:00 pm
YOGA**

6:00 pm
WHITEHOUSE
OF PAIN*

7:00 pm
HI-INTERVAL
TRAINING

TUESDAY



6:00 pm
PILATES

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm
STRETCH &
SCULPT



7:00 pm
COURT READY
CORE

THURSDAY

6:00 pm
CARDIO
KICK BOXING



RCOP Featured Art



The Racquet Club is home to many fine pieces of artwork that can be found throughout the Clubhouse. Each quarter, we will highlight an interesting piece of art so our members can learn more about the magnificent sculptures, paintings, and prints that are on display.

Featured:

“Eight Man Shell Support by Eight Oarsmen”

Artist:

Robert Tait McKenzie

Location:

1889 Pub & Grille

Medium:

Original bronze sculptured figural group

Inscript:

“The Eight by R. Tait McKenzie for Edward B. Robinette, 1932, Presented by him to The Racquet Club of Philadelphia”

Description:

The sculptor, writer, and lecturer, Robert Tait McKenzie was born in Almonte, Ontario, Canada. Specializing in sculptures of athletes, he was a member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club, the Century Association, the Philadelphia Art Club, and the American Federation of Arts. He exhibited at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904 and the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco in 1915. His work is in the collections of the Fitzwilliam museum in Cambridge, England, the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and the Canadian National Gallery in Ottawa. McKenzie designed memorial statues for the following galleries: the Montreal Art Gallery, Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, the University of Buffalo, the Achilles Club in London, Athletic Park, Philadelphia, and the St. Louis Art Museum. He was director of physical education at the University of Pennsylvania until 1931.

Overnight Rooms

The Club has thirteen exceptionally appointed guest rooms that are designed to complement the beautifully unique architecture of our renowned and historic Clubhouse. Five of the overnight rooms are suites which offer spacious living quarters, king size beds, and complimentary wine for the first night of the reservation.

Members are encouraged to sponsor friends, family, and colleagues to stay at our beautiful Clubhouse. Overnight guests enjoy access to the Club's pool, newly renovated Fitness Center, Locker Rooms, and The Gold Leaf Café and 1889 Pub.

MEMBER RATE

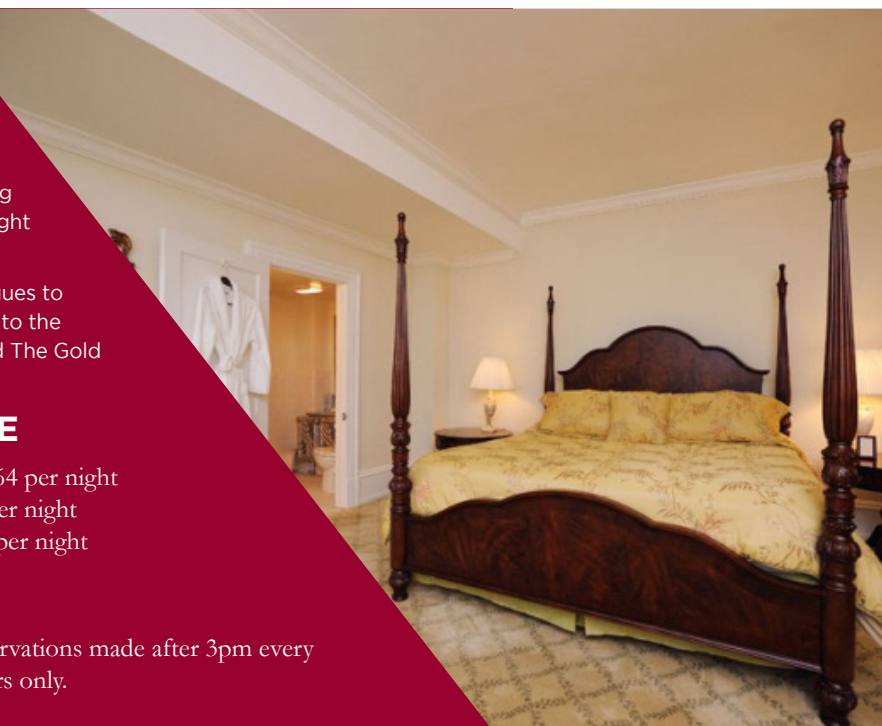
Standard Room - \$139 per night
Junior Suite - \$175 per night
Luxury Suite - \$215 per night

GUEST RATE

Standard Room - \$164 per night
Junior Suite - \$200 per night
Luxury Suite - \$240 per night

SAME DAY BOOKING RATES

Standard Room rates will be reduced to \$89 for same day reservations made after 3pm every Monday through Thursday. This offer is extended to members only.



June 2018 *special events*

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| 3 | 4 BRIDGE CLUB 1889 Pub & Grille 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM | 5 TUESDAYS UNCORKED 1889 Pub & Grille 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM | 6 SUMMER HAPPY HOUR Reading Room 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM | 7 BACKGAMMON CLUB 1889 Pub & Grille 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | 8 | 9 SAIL & BBQ @ CORINTHIAN Corinthian Yacht Club 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM |
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JULY 2017 *special events*

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