



# 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  
7:00 am - 3:30 pm

## All Racquet Courts

Everyday - 24 Hours

## Fitness Center

Everyday - 24 Hours

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## LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Dear Members,

2019 is a big year for The Racquet Club as it culminates our 130th anniversary since our incorporation in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine. Though founded in 1882, the Club was not formally organized until October 26th 1889 and then incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania one month later on November 25th. The Club's 130 year history is a rich one; immersed with tradition and stories of both accomplishment and folly. It is our colorful history that makes The Racquet Club a very special and unique place unlike any other club. Since 2019 is a milestone year for our fine club, management is focused on improving the member experience even more. Here is what we have in the works to make your next year at the Club the best yet:

**Grab n' Go:** Life can get busy which means not everyone has time for a sit-down meal. Our Food and Beverage team is in the process of finalizing the details of a Grab n' Go station that will offer prepackaged sandwiches, fruits, salads, chips and cookies available by signature at any time.

**Bar Cart:** We recently purchased a custom Racquet Club bar cart that will be traversing the clubhouse Monday through Friday from 5pm to 9pm. The bar cart attendant will offer members and guests top shelf spirits, bottled beer, and you can even order food from the 1889 Pub & Grille! Libations and delicious food will come to you directly so you can keep watching that great doubles match on the fourth floor instead of taking the four-flight trip to the Pub.

**Laptop Policy:** For our members that are able to get away from the office for lunch but need to stay connected, the House Committee has implemented a new policy in which laptops are permitted in select areas of the Gold Leaf Café. They are now also welcome in the President's Room on the first floor.

**Dress Code:** On March 18th, 2019 the Board of Governors approved and finalized revisions to the dress code. This change in policy reflects a recognition that standards for attire in the professional workplace environment have been evolving and that many members are frequently unable to come to the Club directly from work owing to a difference in the standards for dress between their place of business and the Club. For more information on the updated dress code, visit <https://rcop.com/dress-code/>.

**Playing Dues:** Club leadership has taken the first step in consolidating the All-In package with Playing Dues, which means within the next one to two years, all playing members will have unlimited court time.

**Projects:** Thanks to the work of the RC Fund and the House Committee, the Main Dining Room, Reading Room, and select Lobby and alcove areas will be freshly painted. Additionally, the wainscoting in the MDR and RR will also receive needed repairs. The RC Fund has also commissioned the restoration of select picture frames and the relocation of artwork throughout the club. All of these projects are possible through the generous donations from our members. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the Board of Governors has authorized an initiative to begin the process of bidding for improvements to the Ladies Locker Room, with a budget of \$100,000. The ad hoc committee formed to oversee this undertaking is finalizing conceptual designs and expects to make significant progress in the near term.

**Fitness Committee:** A newly formed sub-committee of the Athletic Committee is examining current fitness offerings, such as classes, personal training, massage therapy, and physical therapy and will be making recommendations for improvements to the Board of Governors.

**Family Friendliness:** Our new Family Happy Hours have been a huge hit and we will continue to explore family programming in 2019. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our family programming, I welcome your input.

Our management team and our dedicated staff are explorers on an unending quest to improve our facilities and services for our members. Ongoing feedback from the membership gives our team the tools to implement and perfect our services and I hope that our membership will continue to support our efforts as we implement enhancements this year and beyond.

We want to make 2019 a great year for you and we hope that you are able to enjoy all of the wonderful changes we have in store!

Regards,

Derik Comalli



## VISIT THE WEBSITE

**[www.rcop.com](http://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 [rcop.com](http://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](mailto: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 [dave@rcop.com](mailto:dave@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](mailto: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](mailto:frontdesk@rcop.com)).

## ATHLETIC AMENITIES

- Six Squash Courts, Doubles Squash Court, Court Tennis, Racquets Court
- Fitness Center
- Select 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

### OCTOBER 2018

Kirby Begley  
Alexander Capretta  
Darren & Amy Clipston  
Peter & Lily Ferry  
Jessica Flynn  
Joseph Gingold  
Laura Henry  
Laura Marsh  
Daniel & Alison Morris  
D. Frank & Becky Mullins  
Jonathan Nguyen  
Lokesh Prabhu  
Nathan Reeder  
Maximillian Reiff  
George & Keiko Russell  
Holland Stimac  
Kiersten Taddeo  
Eric & Laurie Vacca  
Jeff Whitlock  
Kathryn Williams

### NOVEMBER 2018

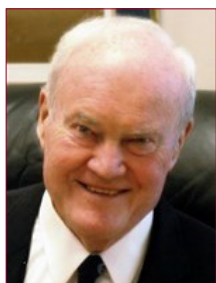
Suzanne Ciavola  
Kelsey Engman  
Mia Fry  
Nathaniel Fry  
Connor Keating  
Kathryn Mehan  
Joseph Saumarez-Smith

### DECEMBER 2018

Patrick Doherty  
Alexander "Sandy" Machin  
Matt & Judy Temkin

## In Memoriam

Thomas (Tom) Cameron  
*Member for 60 Years*



## Membership at the RCOP

### HOW TO SPONSOR A NEW CANDIDATE

Sponsoring candidates for membership at the Racquet Club is essential to ensuring the Club's continued success. Introducing candidates to all of the benefits of our unique and historical Club is an imperative part of ensuring the seamless integration of new members.

Follow these steps to sponsor a candidate for membership:



#### INTRODUCE

Bring your candidate to the Clubhouse for tours of the Club, social events, lunch/dinner, an evening of drinks, or to access the racquet sports. Introduce him or her to other members.

#### INFORM

Direct your candidate to more detailed membership information which can be found online or at the Front Desk. The Membership Coordinator is also available for any questions.

#### CONNECT

If unable to provide a tour or if the candidate has any questions specific to the cost of dues or the categories of membership, the Membership Coordinator is available to assist.

#### SUBMIT

If your candidate proceeds with submitting an application, they will need to supplement their application with a Letter of Interest, a head-shot/self-portrait, and a copy of their state issued photo ID. These materials should be submitted to the attention of the Membership Coordinator. Sponsors must each write a letter of support identifying how they know their candidate.

#### ATTEND

The proposer and seconder are expected to attend the Elective Committee meeting with their candidate to facilitate introductions. Meetings are held in the evening on the second Wednesday of each month.

*For more information or assistance, contact Dave Wright, Membership Coordinator, at [dave@rcop.com](mailto:dave@rcop.com) or 215-772-1555.*

# CLUB EVENTS RECAP

## October BYOB Club: Go-To Wine Theme

Members brought their go-to wines to share and discuss.

## October Quizzo

October Quizzo was hosted by Laura Perry and Carlie Rice! The 1889 Pub was packed out and everyone had a blast.

## Halloween Party

Members dressed in their finest Halloween costumes came to dance, eat, and drink the night away! The Lobby and Reading Room were transformed into a spooky night club, and DJ Jabair Khan had the members dancing until their feet hurt. Thanks to member-host Laura Picciano for organizing!

## Orpheus Night at the Racquet Club

Members of the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia were in residence at the RCOP to regale members in an evening of song and revelry.

## Tavern Tour

Members traveled by Trolley to fun bars around the city, led by Bill McLaughlin.

## Jimmy Dunn Tournament and Dinner Dance

The best event of the year started on Thursday with Court Tennis Doubles, adding Squash and Racquets on Friday and continuing through the weekend. The highlight of the weekend was the Dinner Dance on Saturday night which featured a Moroccan theme!

## November Quizzo

November Quizzo was hosted by house-favorite Omar Cancio! Congratulations to our winners: Peter Angelides, Lily Williams, Jason Stanley, Tom Huber, and Ayca Satis.

## BYOB Club Holiday Dinner

The BYOB Club drew a nice crowd for their annual fun and festive dinner. Dinner was BYOB and started with a raw bar by signature followed by a three course plated dinner. Over forty members were in attendance.

## Tree Trimming

Santa and Mrs. Claus were in attendance fielding requests for presents while Orpheus members sang carols. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cookie decorating station, and bar by signature were available. Over 200 members were in the clubhouse to enjoy the holiday festivities!

## December Quizzo

December Quizzo was hosted by Sydney & Jon Crowell, and Gary Swantner!

## Board of Governor's Holiday Party

The Board of Governors invited all committee members to attend the annual holiday party to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. A delicious spread of food, holiday cocktails and a bourbon tasting made for a great night.

## New Year's Eve

Members gathered in the 1889 Pub & Grille to celebrate New Year's Eve. Everyone enjoyed a complimentary champagne toast at midnight to ring in 2019!







## Monthly Events

### Quizzo

The third Tuesday of each month.

No cost to attend.

Sign up for a table to try your hand in our popular trivia night where teams of up to six compete to win prizes for each round.

### First Friday Date Night

The first Friday of each month.

No cost to attend.

Members are invited to make the first Friday of every month their date night! Spend \$100 in the Pub and receive 50% off your hotel room booking or free parking at one of our affiliated garages.

### Family Friendly Happy Hour

The third Friday of each month.

*UPDATE: In April this event will take place on Friday 4/26*

No cost to attend.

Members and their families are welcome to join us the third Friday of every month for a family friendly happy hour! Adults will enjoy a full bar by signature along with the option to order off the Pub Menu, while the kids enjoy activities and a movie. We also offer a children's menu with dessert and beverages.

## Upcoming Events

### Pub Club Championships

Friday, April 5th, 5pm – 10pm on the 4th and 5th floor

\$60 per player++

No cost for non-playing members/guests

The best party of the year is back! Squash, Doubles Squash & Tennis draws available. Players are encouraged to sign up early with the Pro Shop at courts@rcop.com or 215-772-1544. Not a player? Not a problem! Come ready to party with live music from Philly legend, Kenn Kweder and a spread of food including a pig roast!

### ROSÉ TASTING

Tuesday, April 30th

Rose tasting event, featuring Michael Hodges of Vintage Imports. Cost is \$40++ per person. Seating will be limited and RSVPs are required.

### MEMBERS ONLY EVENT LECTURE Philadelphia's Exclusive Sports Clubs

Thursday, April 26th, 6:00pm in the Main Dining Room

No cost to attend. Join us as historian Dr. Anne E. Krulikowski links the history of spaces like racquet clubs to country clubs and guides us through the rise, fall, and renewed interest in sports clubs. RSVP to events@rcop.com to register for the event.

### SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

Wednesday, May 22nd, 5:30pm - 11pm

No cost to attend and no RSVP required.

Don't miss the biggest event of the year to officially kick off the summer season! Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and bar by signature.



# FOOD & BEVERAGE UPDATES

## 1889 Pub & Grille

### Bar Cart - COMING SOON!

Have you ever been so drained from leaving it all on the court that you don't have the energy to get dressed and go down to the Pub for that well-earned glass of wine? Don't worry-we have you covered! Monday-Friday, from 5 pm – 9 pm the Bar Cart will be roaming the athletic floors offering a limited bar service of wine, beer, some mixed drinks, and the option of ordering food from the Pub to be delivered upstairs! Gatorade and snacks will also be available by signature. Stay tuned for more details on the debut date!

### Build Your Own Burger Mondays

Mondays are meatier at the RCOP with Build Your Own Burger Mondays! Choose from a variety of toppings to create your own personalized culinary masterpiece for just \$11. Not feeling creative? Order any of our delicious burgers for just \$11 or pair it with a pint for \$15. Every Monday in the 1889 Pub & Grille from 5-10pm.

### Games in the 1889 Pub & Grille

Bring your competitive spirit to the Pub and try your hand at any one of our new games! Joining the ever-present backgammon boards are two chess boards, Monopoly, Scrabble, Giant Jenga, and Cards Against Humanity. For our younger guests (or young at heart!) we also have Connect 4, Chutes & Ladders, Candyland, and Go Fish. All of the games are located in the area just outside of the Pub in the wooden hutch. Come and help yourself!

### BYOB TUESDAYS

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

### NEW MENU

Stop into the 1889 Pub & Grille and try some of our new menu items like the Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese, Chicken Tikka Masala, Filet Mignon, Fish & Chips or the Black Bean Burger. The Pub is open Monday through Friday from 5pm - 11pm, with the kitchen closing at 10pm. Reservations are recommended!

In your whites? Not a problem. Just call down to the Pub to place your to-go order and we will have it available for pick up just outside of the Pub for your convenience.

### RCOP WINE GLASSES FOR SALE

Come into the Gold Leaf Café or the 1889 Pub & Grille to check out our beautiful branded glassware. Glasses are available for sale at the Front Desk for \$10 each on your house account. Makes a great gift!



## Gold Leaf Cafe

### Grab N Go - COMING SOON!

An afternoon on the courts or in the gym works up quite an appetite. Grab a sandwich or salad on the go to get back to your busy life! Located outside of the elevators on the third floor, the Grab N Go option will offer healthy menu options without a wait. Offerings to include salads, sandwiches, wraps, and more!

### Gold Leaf Café Revised Electronic Policy

In an effort to accommodate the increasing need of today's workforce to stay connected during business hours, the House Committee has revised the House Rules related to laptop use in the Gold Leaf Café. As such, laptops are now permitted in the Gold Leaf Café at all tables with the exception of the bar counter and the three communal tables.

Although laptops are now permissible in the Gold Leaf Café, cell phone use for phone calls remains prohibited.

We hope that this amendment will encourage more members to visit the Café during lunch hours. Should you have any questions about this change, you are welcome to contact club manager, Derik Comalli, at [derik@rcop.com](mailto:derik@rcop.com) or by calling 215-772-1552.

### NEW MENU

Stop into the Café and try some of our new menu items like the Veggie Spring Rolls, Buffalo Chicken Wrap, or the Pear & Walnut Salad! The Café is open Monday through Friday from 12 noon - 12:30pm.

In your whites? Not a problem. Just call down to the Cafe to place your to-go order and we will have it available for pick up in the Café.



## Updated Ladies Locker Room Amenities

We have updated the offerings in the Ladies Locker Room to now include canned sparkling wine, rose and sauvignon blanc as well as White Claw Spiked Seltzers! Complimentary snacks, updated magazine subscriptions and a charging station have also been added.

## RESERVATIONS

for both the Gold Leaf Café and the 1889 Pub & Grille can be made by calling 215-772-1541 or by emailing [katelynn@rcop.com](mailto:katelynn@rcop.com).



## *Tuesdays Uncorked* **BYOB NIGHT**

Every Tuesday night in the 1889 Pub & Grille members are invited to bring their own wine while they dine with a \$10 corkage fee.

## Rosé Season is Here!

The Racquet Club is ready! We are delighted to have chosen a sampling of rosé wines 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!





# THANK YOU

## 2018 Donors

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### GEORGE D. WIDENER LEVEL \$10,000 - \$24,999

Chase Lenfest Foundation

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### JAY GOULD LEVEL \$5,000 - \$9,999

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Douglas & Margaret Lurio

James 'Right' Price Real Estate  
Philip Straus

Peter Vogt

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### RITTENHOUSE LEVEL \$1,000 - \$4,999

Jonathan Auerbach  
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Robert Bryan  
Anders Cohen  
Carl Cordek  
John Cranmer  
Richard Fairman  
Temple Grassi  
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William McLaughlin  
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Robert Price  
Andrew & Melissa Purcell  
Yves Quintin  
Stephen Sader

William Schwarze  
Mark Sheehan  
Anthony Soslow  
Keith Stottz  
Philip Timon  
Christopher Yaracs  
Jeffrey Zinser

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### 16TH STREET LEVEL \$500 - \$999

Peter Angelides  
Craig Boddorff  
Andrew Brown  
Ray Johnston & Delma Broussard  
Arway Linen Company  
Thomas Kelley Crumlish  
Darryl Davis

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# RECIPROCAL CLUB SPOTLIGHT



## Boston Tennis & Racquet Club

For this issue of *The Racquet Club Review*, we are highlighting a Back-Bay favorite. The Boston Tennis and Racquet Club has a longstanding and rich history which has been shared with our own club over the past century.

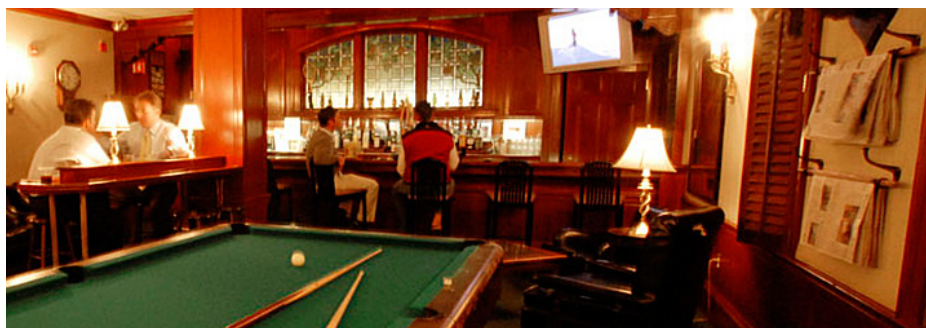
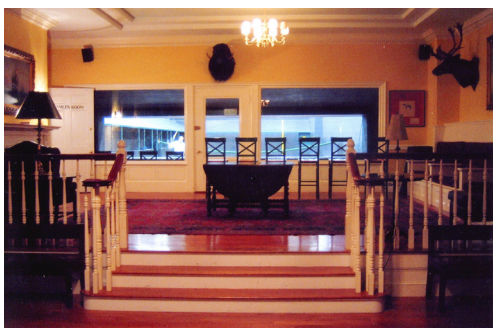
On June 10, 1902, the Tennis and Racquet Club received its charter from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All of the founding members were sportsmen, and three – Richard Sears, Quincy Shaw, Jr., Philip Stockton – were champions of tennis, squash or racquets. Their new enterprise was to be Boston's counterpart to New York's exclusive Racquet and Tennis Club, and the cornerstone of the clubhouse was laid in November 1902. The clubhouse boasts three international squash courts and three North American hardball courts. Additionally, and like RCOP, the club has both a court tennis and racquets court which are regarded as of the very few remaining in the U.S.

Not all activities that take place within the confines of the clubhouse at 939 Boylston Street have necessarily been of a physically strenuous nature. Other "sports" popular among club members – billiards, backgammon, card games – continue to find devotees among the membership. The "T&R" also boasts one of the most revered après tennis or squash or racquets watering holes in the country for members and their guests.

Much like The Racquet Club, T&R also has talented squash, tennis, and racquets professionals that assist in scheduling match play with members and visitors. In addition to the many sports offerings, T&R also has a unique Fitness Center that offers private or group training.

T&R has recently restored the Hamlen Room which is now available for private functions for reciprocal members. The Hamlen Room is a refreshingly unique space that combines classic ambience with modern accommodations and a very unique view from behind the dedans section of the court tennis court.

To coordinate your visit Boston Tennis & Racquet, contact the club General Manager, Tom Dobbins at [tom@tandr.org](mailto:tom@tandr.org).



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# AROUND THE CLUB

## Membership Milestones

### 50 Years of Membership

The Racquet Club would like to thank the following members for their many years of loyal and prolific patronage.



Ross L. Campbell  
Tristram C. Colket Jr.  
Henry L. Collins III  
D. Weston Darby Jr.  
E. Morris Davis IV  
Charles Day Dilks  
Thomas C. Etter Jr.  
Joseph P. Flanagan Jr.  
Walter L. Foulke  
Samuel P. Howe III  
Alfred P. Kennedy  
James B. Lynch

Clarence A. McGowan Jr.  
Henry J. Miller III  
S. G. Nauman Jr.  
Robert S. Price  
William M. Shettle II  
William M. Supplee II  
Stewart F. Taylor  
James L. Van Alen II  
John M. Walton III  
Peter Wright  
Clarence Z. Wurts



Current members Hannah Troutman and Morgan McSenn sporting their baby bumps on the squash courts. We can't wait to meet these future doubles partners!



Congratulations to Bradley & Kate Williams who celebrated their wedding on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul!



Congratulations to Ether Santiago on welcoming his baby girl, Olivia Linh Santiago into the world on December 12, 2018.



Congratulations to Essence Owens on the birth of her daughter Asaiya Raine Walker, born on October 18th, 2018.

### Membership Milestones

Congratulations to RCOP members that celebrated milestone anniversaries! (October - December 2018)

#### 40 Years

Thomas H. Tarantino

#### 30 Years

Anthony W. Soslow

#### 20 Years

John R. Frondorf  
John M. Haas  
H. Paxson Keates  
Daniel L. McGowan  
Rosalie M. Minder  
H. Barton Riley

#### 10 Years

Murphy M. Barton  
Megan K. Feehan  
Timothy & Allison Gregg  
Kenneth & Katherine Kulak  
Thomas Price  
Mark J. Walters

#### 15 Years

Bruce & Carolyn Boyle  
John P. Devine  
Lex Gamble  
Brian J. Higgins  
Adam Inselbuch  
James C. Katzman  
Mitchell J. Kelly  
Seth Lederman  
John & Ann McNamara Jr.  
Alexander J. Miral  
Richard B. Nye  
Rev. Paul Stavrakos  
Mark Stitzer

#### 5 Years

Conor & Elizabeth Corcoran  
Ross H. Johnson  
Christopher M. Le Vine  
Steven J. Lorch  
David S. Martin  
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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## DYLAN WARD



Dylan Ward is a longtime squash and court tennis player at the Racquet Club. He grew up in Chestnut Hill and attended Chestnut Hill Academy, where he graduated in 2010. Dylan attended Princeton University where he majored in Politics with a focus on International Affairs. While at Princeton, Dylan earned All-American honors and co-captained the Men's Squash Team, helping

them win two Ivy League Championships (2011 & 2012) and the National Championship (2012). After graduating in 2014, he went on to work in New York as an investment banking analyst at GCA Global, and currently works on strategic partnerships at Sidecar, an ecommerce digital marketing company based in Philadelphia. Additionally, Dylan advocates for housing reform for vulnerable populations in the city, volunteering alongside tenants and community organizers for fair housing rights.

### What is your favorite meal?

My dad's Persian chicken kebab recipe -- Greek yogurt, turmeric, and saffron among some other ingredients I'm forgetting.

### What is your favorite movie?

Burn After Reading

### What does your ideal/perfect weekend look like?

Hiking In Yosemite or The Appalachian Trail

### What is your favorite book?

Fear and Loathing On The Campaign Trail '72 by Hunter S. Thompson

### What is your favorite TV Series?

The Sopranos

### What is your favorite album?

American Dream by LCD Soundsystem

### If you had to select three words to describe yourself, what would they be?

Empathetic, curious, reflective

### Tell us something about yourself that might surprise members of the Club.

I volunteer for an anti-eviction housing justice organization that's campaigning for tenants' rights in the city

### If you could have a conversation with any prominent figure, who would it be and why?

Noam Chomsky -- because of his unique historical perspective and accessible analysis

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

Business Development for Sidecar, a digital marketing software company

### What/who was your greatest influence/inspiration regarding your career?

My parents & grandparents

### Outside of your current career, what job do you think you'd be really good at?

Public Administration for the city

### Where do you see yourself five years from now?

Working on public works projects for the city or state, hopefully still living in Philadelphia, and playing squash as much as I am now!

### Of the three racquet sports offered at the Club, do you have a preference and why?

Singles squash because of the speed, intensity, and tactics of the game

### What have been your favorite highlights/achievements while playing at the Racquet Club?

Winning the Jimmy Dunn in singles squash the past two years, and winning the Irish Invitational with my brother, Laurenson.

### Is there something you wish to accomplish playing racquet sports that you haven't yet? If so, what?

Winning a main draw match in the S.L. Green, US National Championships for singles squash. Also, helping Philadelphia win the Whitney Cup in court tennis.

### If there was one thing you would recommend everyone do at least once in their lives, what would that be?

Volunteer for an organization outside of your network and comfort-zone.

### What do you like most about The Racquet Club?

How it's both an intense place to play sports at any level, while also a great place to learn the games.

### Have you been able to make use of the Club's reciprocal network? If so, which reciprocal partner has been your favorite to visit so far?

Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume et de Squash in Paris

### As a member with longtime ties to the Club, do you have any advice for newer members just beginning at The Racquet Club?

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# 2018 EMPLOYEE AWARD WINNERS

*Each year, both staff and management nominate and vote on candidates for annual awards. Please join us in congratulating the winners for earning this much deserved recognition for their contributions to the membership experience at The Racquet Club.*

## EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



**FELIX ACEVEDO**  
Gold Leaf Café Server & Banquet  
Bartender

Candidates for Employee of the Year consistently perform all of their essential functions while simultaneously following and embodying the spirit and mission of The Racquet Club. Candidates for this

award should also have excellent communication skills, be hard working, proactive, and have a contagiously positive attitude that makes his/her co-workers around them better.

## ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



**DEB FITZGERALD**  
Gold Leaf Café Line Cook

Candidates for the Rookie of the Year Award must have been employed at the club for at least 6 months but no longer than 18 months. Additionally, candidates demonstrate a remarkable work ethic and adaptability to the duties of their position and the overall culture of the club.

## TEAM PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



**ETHER SANTIAGO**  
Locker Room  
Attendant

**JOSH PINKNEY**  
Dishwasher

Candidates for the Team Player of the Year Award should consistently exhibit paramount communication skills, a selfless willingness to assist their co-workers when in need, and an overall desire to make The Racquet Club the best it can be through collaborative efforts.

## LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE



**ROB WHITEHOUSE**  
Head Pro

Candidates for the Leadership Excellence Award can be a manager or a staff member that demonstrates exemplary leadership capabilities that include, but are not limited to; good communication skills, ability to motivate others, holds himself/herself and others accountable and to a higher standard, and leads by example.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD



**WILLIAM CALERO**  
Front Desk Attendant

Candidates for the Customer Service Award have frequent contact with members and guests and consistently offers personable, reliable, first-class customer service.

## MOST IMPROVED



**DONALD DARDEN**  
Locker Room Attendant

Candidates for the Most Improved Award have exhibited an observable and measurable improvement in performing the responsibilities of their position. The improvement by this person has benefited the membership, colleagues, and the overall operations of the club.



## 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.*



### October

#### Manuel Gonzalez

Chef Manny has been serving as the Executive Chef nearly two years and during this time he has made a significant impact on the food and beverage operations at the club. More recently, Manny has had to operate without a Sous Chef for quite some time and has done so flawlessly. Without a Sous Chef, Manny has had to manage the kitchen for both a la carte and private event services which has required a significant investment of his time. He has also unveiled new menus for both the 1889 Pub and the Gold Leaf Café which has been received with praise from our membership. The quality of the work coming from the kitchen has remained consistent despite the loss of an important position and that is due to Manny's diligent ongoing efforts along with the support of his kitchen staff. We are all thankful to Manny for his efforts and we wish him luck in search for a replacement Sous Chef!



### November

#### Donald Darden

No one is more deserving of the Employee of the Month nomination for November than long-time Racquet Club employee, Donald Darden. Over the past month, Donald has helped to fill a significant void in the maintenance department by utilizing his many years of experience to fulfill ongoing repair needs. Such projects have included pipe repairs, drywall patching and painting, and even leading the effort to mount the Christmas tree! All of these efforts have been completed in addition to Donald's standard responsibilities as the Men's Locker Room Attendant. This means that Donald has worked an astonishing number of hours in November to assist the club and its membership. We thank Donald for doing such great work and answering the call to selflessly give his time and effort to the benefit of the club.



### December

#### Warren Daniels

Mr. Daniels is well known by the membership, having spent the past four years tending the bar in the 1889 Pub. Warren received several nominations from his peers as he had covered many additional shifts for holiday parties while also providing much needed support in the Gold Leaf Café. In addition to contributing his time during a very busy month, Warren is also always punctual, a collaborative team player, and most importantly, hospitable and welcoming to the club's members and guests. Although this isn't Warren's first nomination for Employee of the Month, and it will certainly not be his last, he is deserving of recognition for all that he contributes to The Racquet Club family.

## Employee Holiday Fund & Celebration

On December 17th, Racquet Club employees attended a "State of the Club" address led by the club's General Manager which ended with the Employee Awards Ceremony where the highest performing operatives received recognition for their unwavering dedication to the club and their craft.

After the awards ceremony, staffers shared Uber rides to Dave and Buster's on Columbus Avenue to rendezvous for the Employee Holiday Party. Club management rented space where displayed hors d'oeuvres and empty pool tables were waiting for the eager staff. In addition to the food and pool tables, every employee was given a \$30 Dave and Buster's card to use on the game floor. The basketball games were the apparent favorite as it ignited fierce competitions amongst employees of different club departments.

The staff always has a good time at this party and it wouldn't be possible without the support of the members who contribute to the Employee Holiday Fund. On behalf of all club employees, thank you for making the party possible.

# ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

## 2018 JIMMY DUNN

The 2018 Jimmy Dunn Tournament was the most successful of all time, having 174 entrants over all events. Due to the record high participation in this year's event the tournament added an extra D division in the tennis component. With so many registrants, the matches went from 7am until midnight! The Jock Soutar and Squash draws increased the event matches to over 245 matches throughout the course of the weekend. Of note, five players from England crossed the pond to compete and we had a special guest enter the tournament for the first time; World #1 and former world champion Camden Riviere who played alongside USCTA favorite Ryan Carey.

## COURT TENNIS

### Open & A Division

This year we combined the Open and A Division with the winners from the 1st round playing in the Semi Finals of the Open Division and the loser playing in the A Division Semi Final. Camden and Ryan defeated Boston regulars Andrew Roberts and Dave Tedeschi while Rob Whitehouse and James Asher overcame Kenny Soffer and Tom Brownlie. Jon Crowell and Will Hopton Barney Tanfield and Peter Cipriano both overcame very tough first round matches against John and Noah Motz and Dylan Ward and Christian Bullitt respectively. That made the Semi Finals of the Open Division Riviere/Carey against Whitehouse/Asher with the former coming out on top in a close 6/3 6/4 match. The second Semi Final featured Tanfield and Cipriano who defeated beating Crowell and Hopton. In the Final, Tanfield and Cipriano put up a spirited effort but ultimately lost to . Riviere and Carey, 6/2 6/5.

### A Division

Philadelphia's own Soffer and Brownlie were looking for a three-peat overcame Tedeschi and Roberts before taking on Washington's father/son combination John and Noah Motz. Soffer and Brownlie's focus and control of the ball took the sting out of the younger Motz's power as they went on to win the A Division for the third year in a row.

### B Division

There was another Philadelphia team of Soffer and Purcell who managed to take home the title. The first Semi Final saw Jim Zug and Henry Stevinson defeat top seeds Peter Hill and Norris Jordan in a crazy match in which the latter came through 6/3 0/6 6/5. The second Semi Final featured Soffer and Purcell taking on Aiken's own Morgan Purvis and Jason Mengal. Soffer and Purcell took control early with Mengal and Purvis losing the first set 6/1. Then seemingly out of nowhere, the Mengal/Purvis team turned the match on its head to take the second set 6/3 before Soffer/Purcell won a very close set 6/5.

### C Division

Peter Vogt and Bruce Katz had two three setters before taking on the English team Fred Sato and John East but the Brits won this war 6/3 6/1.

### D1 Division

This division featured Tim McManus and Jeremy Thompson having the tournament of their life beating top seeds Conor Richmond and Andrew Guild, 6/5 5/6 6/4. In the Final they took on the father/

daughter team of Temple Grassi and Melissa Purcell. Melissa played the tournament of her life with great consistency and incredible focus, helping to lead her team to the win of 6/2 6/3.

### D2 Division

New York's Adam Yaari and Sebastian Kruitiz took on Philadelphia's Joey Gingold and John Schellenberg with Philadelphia taking home the gold winning 6/3 6/4.

### E Division

Phil Straus and John Broussard defeated Boston's Luis Santiago and Elliott Levin 6/4 6/1.

## THE JOCK SOUTAR - RACQUETS

In the Jock Soutar, we had a fantastic turnout with 20 entrants for the singles and 11 teams for the doubles.

### Singles

Boston's Dave Tedeschi and Philadelphia's Henry Stevinson won the Qualifying Finals 2/0 against New York's Phil Stockton and Washington's George Ughetta respectively. In the Quarter Finals, Will Hopton, Tommy Shields, Jon Crowell and Peter Cipriano all won 2/0. In the Semi-Finals former world challenger Will Hopton controlled Tommy Shields throughout the match showing his expertise in a convincing 2/0 victory. The second Semi Final was a fantastic match with longtime friends Jon Crowell and Peter Cipriano renewing their rivalry with Cipriano coming out on top in two very tightly contested games. The Final was a fantastic match featuring Will Hopton taking on Peter Cipriano. This was the best Jock Soutar singles final in recent memory with both players in the world's top 15, though Hopton proved to be the superior came through 15/8 15/9.

### Doubles

This portion of the Soutar had Cipriano and Crowell strolling to the Final, taking down anyone in their path while Hopton and Dick Tanfield made the Final with the help of Hopton using his guile and Tanfield using his vast experience. Cipriano/Crowell took a lead in the Final and never held up beating Hopton/Tanfield 15/5 15/5.

## DOUBLES SQUASH

### Open Division

In the Doubles Squash Open Division, there were four teams with a round robin format that was dominated by Mike Noll and Matt who won all three matches against the teams of Erik Granade/Aaron Luque, James Asher/Matt Avellino and Dylan Ward/Charles Quintin. Granade/Luque came in second with a victory over Ward/Quintin.

### Super B Division

This division was one of the strongest groups in recent memory. The best match of the Quarter Finals saw New York's Will Hubbard and Tim Vecchione beating Bob Bolling and Buzz Hannum in five very close games. The Semi Finals were absolute battles both of which going to five. The first match was Soffer/Kronfeld who battled hard against Vecchione/Hubbard. The match went back and forth until Soffer and Kronfeld overcame the odds to win this very competitive match. The second Semi Final saw Murphy Barton and Mike Morsell take on Rory O'Connor and Mike Gorsen. Gorsen and O'Connor took a lead and



were looking good until a momentous comeback from Morsell and Barton eventually led to them losing in five. The Final was another see-saw battle with Kronfeld/Soffer taking the first game before Morsell/Barton pulling ahead two game to one. Soffer and Kronfeld were not to be out done, and eventually went on to win the fourth game and secured a victory in the fifth game with 15-13 finish.

### **B Division**

Ray Johnston and Cedric Osborne pulled off the shock of the draw by beating number one seeds Yves and Charles Quintin in five games. They took on Jeff Barrett and Gerard Maddrey who got to the Final with a shock five game win over number two seeds Peter Flynn and Doron Greenbaum. Maddrey/Barrett started to look a little heavy in the legs after their five game the night before which lead to a slow start against Johnston/Osborne. Barrett/Maddrey slowly starting getting into it and took the match to a fifth game with them winning the game 15-12.

### **C Division**

With the size of the draws we had to make the C and D draws starting at 5-5 in the fourth and fifth game. Peter Bender and David Petaccio beat top seeds Jack Hnat and Tim McManus in the closest match of the tournament winning 15-14 in the fifth! They took on Joe Sisson and Ed Seglias after they beat veterans Baird Standish and Sewall Hodges. The Final again went to five games with Sisson and Seglias sneaking the fifth game 15-13.

### **D Division**

English duo John East and Fred Sato play for just the second time in their life and snuck through against Racquet Club's Megan Ford and Delma Broussard in 3 close games.

## **SINGLES SQUASH**

### **A Division**

Draw Dylan Ward retained his title defeating Matt Domenick in three games. The over 40's Rob Whitehouse continued his resurgence on the squash court without dropping a game beating Andrew Kronfeld and then Eric Levin in the final. After a close first game Rob, found his rhythm and control to take the match three games to love.

### **B Division**

Rob Ford continued his impressive start to the season overcoming Oliver Newman in a high-quality battle three games to one.

### **C Division**

Adrien Gaussen defeated Racquet Club veteran Yves Quintin in a four-game thriller.

### **D Division**

Justin Victor got through without conceding and defeated a game Bill Green three games to zero.

### **Ladies Division**

The Ladies draw was fantastic with 14 entrants, making it the biggest ladies draw we have had for a Jimmy Dunn event. Morgan McSenn defeated Rachel Paige Mumenthaler in a five-game shootout.

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## **RC SHOOTOUT TENNIS**

We had 5 teams in for the first RC Tennis Shootout of the year! The Lightning round took place from 9am-10:30am Saturday morning with Steve Sader & John Schellenberg coming out on top winning both matches. Once seeding had been established the Main Draw started. As Jeffrey Yager & Matt Delfiner took on Baird Standish & Tim McManus it was clear Yager & Delfiner were going to be a good team. Nip and tuck



all the way through Yager & Delfiner closed out strong taking it 10/7 and moving them onto the No.1 seeds in the semi-final. Dick Tanfield & Kyle Reap played a great match to beat Brad Thompson & Peter Bender 10/5 to put them into the final.

No.1 seeds Sader & Schellenberg had a tough semi and went down to Yager & Delfiner 10/4. In the final it was all tied up at 8 games all but Yager hitting some crucial targets and Delfiner crushing

his volley return of serve took the title 10/8. Congratulations to Jeffrey Yager & Matt Delfiner on a fantastic win!

## **SQUASH**

The Squash Shootout started 2019 off with a bang with the draw having the strongest field in Shootout history! We had 6 teams compete on Friday Night during the lightning round which determined handicaps and seeding. Todd Ruth and Rob Ford took the top seed by 2 points over Murphy Barton & Joey Gingold which gave them both byes on Saturday.

The morning match ups were absolute barn burnings with both matches going the distance and both game fives going to 14 all. John Lumley and Joe Sisson overcame Ricky Weisskopf and Cedric Osbourne with a reverse corner hit by Sisson which was his first one of his career. The other match saw Kenny Soffer and Mary Fung-A-Fat also win on the last

point in the 5th. The semi's were set with Soffer and Fung-A-Fat coming up short at 14 all in the 5th game against Ruth & Ford. The second semi was a bit easier with Murphy Barton going down with a pulled groin. Lumley showed no mercy with hitting attacking short shots to the right front. The final was very tight but Lumley and Sisson were very solid in the late innings of all the games and overtook Ruth and Ford 3-1.





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# ATHLETICS CALENDAR

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DATE	EVENT	TIME	SPORT
September 12th	Duke of Edinburgh	2pm - 8pm	Tennis
September 13th	Germantown Challenge Match at GCC	5pm - 8pm	Squash
September 15th	Tuxedo Challenge @ Tuxedo	10am-3pm	Tennis
September 19th	Beat the Pro Night	6pm - 8pm	Tennis & Squash
September 21st - 22nd	RC Shootout Doubles & Singles	5pm - 7pm	Doubles Squash
September 29th	Inter - City DC at Lakewood	10am - 4pm	Tennis
October 5th - 7th	Fall Invitational	All Weekend	Tennis
October 10th	RC Night at Drexel for US Open Squash	All Day	Squash
October 17th	Ed Noll Legacy Apprentice Program Challenge Match	6pm	Tennis
October 20th	Inter - City Match Greate Bay at RC	10am - 3pm	Squash
October 19th & 20th	MCC Tennis Tour	10am - 5pm	Tennis
October 26th - 27th	RC Shootout Doubles & Singles	All Day Event	Doubles Squash
November 7th	Wharton School Challenge Match	5pm - 8pm	Squash
November 10th	Inter - City Match Greate Bay at GB	10am - 3pm	Squash
November 15th - 18th	Jimmy Dunn Doubles	Weekend Event	All
December 19th - 21st	Holiday Junior Camps	TBA	Squash & Tennis
January 11th - 12th	RC Shootout Tennis & Squash Doubles	Weekend Event	Squash & Tennis
January 19th	Inter - City Match Greate Bay at RC	10am - 3pm	Squash
February 1st - 3rd	Philly Boast & Noll Cup	Weekend Event	Squash & Tennis
Jan. 31st - Feb. 3rd	US Amateur Racquets	Weekend Event	Racquets
February 8th - 10th	Anne Bolelyn Singles Handicap	Weekend Event	Tennis
February 15th - 18th	Tompkins Cup & EM Noll Classic	Weekend Event	Pro Squash Singles & Doubles
February 23rd - 24th	RC Junior Bronze	Weekend Event	Squash
March 8th - 10th	Lord Percival Invitational Cup	Weekend Event	Tennis
March 8th - 10th	Member - Guest Squash Doubles	Weekend Event	Doubles Squash
May 9th	Games Dinner	TBA	All
May 20th - 24th	Masters 60's & 65's	Week long	Tennis

# PRIVATE EVENTS RECAP

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who hosted their holiday parties at the RCOP this year! We were so happy to share some holiday cheer with you!

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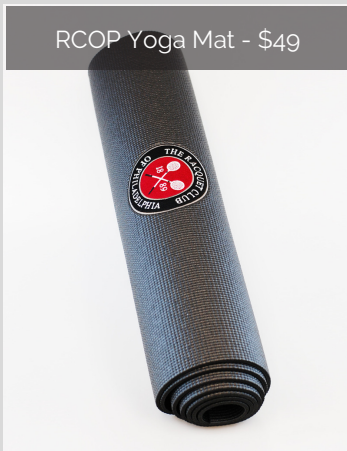
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- Pricing starts at \$75 per person all-inclusive for a 50-person reception.



## EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION HAPPY HOURS

Reward your colleagues or employees for a job well done with a weekday happy hour at the Racquet Club!

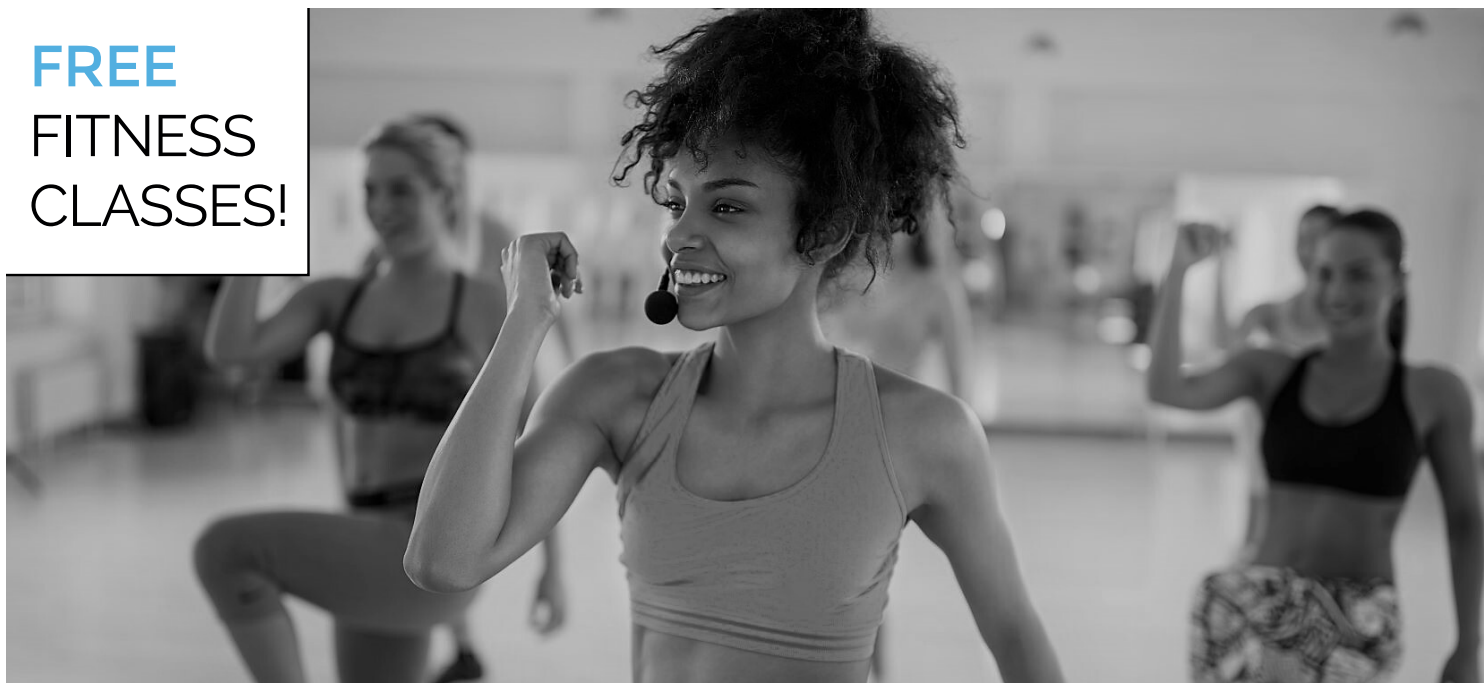
- Packages include a reception in our 1889 Pub & Grille, consumption bar packages, and displayed hors d'oeuvres all with the historical charm our Pub has to offer.
- Access to our Billiards table, full bar offerings and a chance to mingle outside of the office will ensure your employees feel appreciated.
- Pricing starts at \$60 per person all-inclusive for a 25-person reception. Packages are completely customizable.

As a thank you to our members, these packages have been created with a waived room rental fees and waived bartender fees. Drink packages can be applied toward your quarterly minimum.

Contact Alix at [alix@rcop.com](mailto:alix@rcop.com) or 215-772-1548 to discuss options and book your date!



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*The Racquet Club Presents*

ROSÉ ALL DAY

# ROSÉ TASTING EVENT

Tuesday, April 30th

**\$40 per person ++**

FEATURING MICHAEL HODGES  
OF VINTAGE IMPORTS

SEATING WILL BE LIMITED.  
RSVP'S ARE REQUIRED  
CONTACT [EVENTS@RCOP.COM](mailto:EVENTS@RCOP.COM) TO RSVP

## EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

CANCELLATIONS WITHIN 72 HOURS OF THE EVENT ARE SUBJECT TO A CHARGE EQUAL TO 50% OF THE TICKET COST. CANCELLATIONS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE START OF THE EVENT (AS WELL AS NO-SHOWS) WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FULL CHARGE. WALK-INS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$10 SURCHARGE.



# CLUB MERCHANDISE SPOTLIGHT

## RCOP NEEDLEPOINT BELT

The RCOP needlepoint belt made by Smathers & Branson has been a favorite at the Racquet Club for years. Handcrafted and adorned with notable RCOP symbols, the needlepoint belt makes an excellent addition to the wardrobe. Available in two colors, Garnet & Khaki, there is sure to be an option to fit your styling needs. Each belt also comes with its own handmade wooden travel case from Smathers & Branson.

Please keep in mind that the belt manufacture, Smathers & Branson, suggests that you choose a belt size at least two inches bigger than your standard waist size.

Visit or contact the Front Desk today to purchase your needlepoint belt in either Garnet or Khaki. The Club can ship merchandise for the added cost of shipping and handling.

The Front Desk can be reached at [frontdesk@rcop.com](mailto:frontdesk@rcop.com) or 215-735-1525. If your preferred size is not in stock, or if you would like your belt monogrammed, the Club can have yours ordered via Membership Coordinator David Wright. Mr. Wright can be reached at [dave@rcop.com](mailto:dave@rcop.com) or 215-772-1555. Please allow at least eight weeks for orders.

To learn more about the Club's merchandise offerings, visit [www.rcop.com](http://www.rcop.com) and select the 'Merchandise' tab.



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Philadelphia

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RC Summer Members



THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

# Family Friendly Happy Hour

5:30-8:30 PM

GRILLE ROOM\*

NO COST TO ATTEND

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY HAPPY HOUR FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

KIDS MENU WILL BE AVAILABLE ALONG WITH ENTERTAINMENT THAT WILL VARY FROM MONTH TO MONTH. FULL SIGNATURE BAR AND A LA CARTE MENU WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS. GUESTS ARE WELCOME! STROLLER PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE GRILLE ROOM FOR EASY ACCESS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CONTACT KATELYNN ZACCARIA AT [KATELYNN@RCOP.COM](mailto:katelynn@rcop.com) OR 215-772-1541.



# AFFINITY CLUBS



The Racquet Club has many Affinity Clubs in which all members are encouraged to participate.

## **BACKGAMMON CLUB**

**CHAIR: CLEMENCE SCOUTEN**  
**CLEMENCE.SCOUTEN@GMAIL.COM**  
MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY MONTHLY  
ALL LEVELS OF PLAY WELCOME

## **BYOB CLUB**

**CHAIR: JAMIE WALKER**  
**JWWALKER@YAHOO.COM**  
MEETS MONTHLY TO DISCUSS AND  
TASTE VARIETALS

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB**

**CO-CHAIR: LIZ BROWNING**  
**ELIZABETH.ANNE.BROWNING@GMAIL.COM**  
**CO-CHAIR: HAREN ARCOT**  
**ARCOT.HAREN@GMAIL.COM**  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT  
THE CALENDAR YEAR

## **OUTDOORS CLUB**

**CO-CHAIR: CHRISTOPHER CASAZZA**  
**CMCASAZZA@GMAIL.COM**  
**CO-CHAIR: CAITLYN SELL**  
**CAITLYN.M.SELL@GMAIL.COM**  
OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB  
OUTINGS SUCH AS AX THROWING, HUNTING  
AND MORE.

## **POLITICAL DISCUSSION GROUP**

**CHAIR: PHIL STRAUS**  
**PHIL@STRAUSPHOTO.COM**  
MEETS ON THE 4TH TUESDAY MONTHLY  
OPEN TO ALL PARTIES FOR CIVILIZED  
DISCOURSE

## **SAILING ASSOCIATION \*RCSA\***

**COMMODORE: JAMES PRICE**  
**JAMESWHPRICE@GMAIL.COM**  
FUN SAILING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE  
SEASON

## **YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE**

**CO-CHAIR: CAITLYN SELL**  
**CAITLYN.M.SELL@GMAIL.COM**  
**CO-CHAIR: DYLAN WARD**  
**CDWARD1015@GMAIL.COM**  
FOCUSES ON PROGRAMMING FOR MEMBERS  
UNDER 35

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

**CHAIR: AYCA SATIS**  
**AYCAYESIM@YAHOO.COM**  
ALL LEVELS OF PLAY WELCOME

## **COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CLUB**

**CHAIR: BRENDAN FLYNN**  
**BFLYNN@FLYNNCO.COM**  
OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH INDUSTRY  
PEERS WITHIN YOUR CLUB NETWORK

If you would like more information, members can email the Chair of each club.



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