



THE RACQUET CLUB *Review*

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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,

Well, that summer ended quickly! We are already in the month of September, and I am personally looking forward to some cooler fall weather after that blazing hot summer. Many summer members have decided to apply for full membership and we very much look forward to welcoming them as full members after the Elective Committee meeting. For the summer members who have not yet made the decision to apply for full membership, be sure to take a look at all of the great events we have in store for 2019 into 2020.

As the Racquet Club enters the 2019-2020 athletic season, we have a jam-packed fall schedule of events that I am incredibly excited about. The headlining event is our 130th Anniversary Open House on Wednesday, October 2nd from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. We expect a huge turnout as we encourage our members to invite friends, colleagues, and family to join us as we celebrate 130 years of club history since the date of our incorporation on November 25th 1889. Be sure to visit <http://bit.ly/RCOPopenhouse> to RSVP for this event!

Just a few days after the Open House, we are hosting the First and Second Rounds of the FS Investments U.S. Open Squash Championships on Specter Courts. Never before have the opening rounds been held at a private club in Philadelphia and we are proud to be the first. The best players in the world will grace our clubhouse on Saturday October 5th and Sunday October 6th, so don't miss this opportunity to watch squash at the highest level. Members can purchase tickets by visiting: <https://www.usopensquash.com/ticket/>.

We are not just hosting top notch events at the Club this fall, we are also implementing new services that will enhance the daily membership experience. We just unveiled a flavored water station on both the 4th and 2nd floors so that our members can enjoy the refreshing flavors of infused fruit water after a squash match or workout each weekday. For members that like to have a little fun after they play, you can grab an adult beverage or a snack from the floating bar cart every Wednesday between 5pm and 9pm. Also, our Saturday brunch will be moving from the Gold Leaf Café to a new location within the clubhouse at the start of October. Stay tuned for more information coming soon that will reveal where you can get a delicious omelet and a revitalizing Bloody Mary each Saturday.

The implementation of the access card system has improved the level of exclusivity of the Clubhouse and if you have not yet had the chance to pick up your access card, you may do so by visiting by the Front Desk during your next stop at the club.

The Club staff and I are all very excited to put on great events and implement these new services for you this fall. We hope that you share our excitement and have the opportunity to enjoy all of the wonderful services, amenities, and events we have in store for you.

Sincerely,

Derik Comalli
General Manager
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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 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 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 / 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
- 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

APRIL 2019

- Joseph & Sandra Berger
- William Buchanan
- Andrew & Melissa Hodgson
- Walid Jahangeer*
- Colton Karpus
- Daniel & Jeanne Lamken
- Ian & Uyen Lowe
- Michael & Rhonda Mann
- Scott Quehl
- Jason Wall
- Chien-Wen Yang

MAY 2019

- James Collins
 - Everett Gage
 - Jason Mayland
 - Raymond & Amy Sarola
- JUNE 2019**
- Charles Loesch-Quintin
 - Henry Miller
 - Derek Park
 - Andrew Sy

**Reinstatement*

In Memoriam

Dr. Joseph William Ashman
1922-2019

Member for 43+ Years

James Bruce McCaslin
1944-2019

Member for 36+ Years

Louis K. Habina
1955-2019

Member for 20+ 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 throughout the Clubhouse. 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 and business formal attire is required.

For more information or assistance, contact Dave Wright, Membership Coordinator, at dave@rcop.com or 215-772-1555.



RACQUET CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA GUEST ROOMS

The Racquet Club of Philadelphia offers club members, reciprocal members, and guests 13 exceptionally appointed guest rooms that are designed to complement the beautifully unique architecture of our renowned and historic club.

The Club is conveniently located just off of Rittenhouse Square near many historic destinations and museums, fantastic shopping on Walnut Street, the theater district along the Avenue of the Arts, and excellent restaurants and nightlife.

Standard Room \$139 per Night

- Queen Size Tempur-Pedic Bed
- Standing Shower
- Closet

Junior Suite \$175 per Night

- King Size Tempur-Pedic Bed
- Tub shower
- Closet
- Separate living room
- Complimentary Wine on First Night

Luxury Suite \$209 per Night

- King Size Tempur-Pedic Bed
- Standing shower
- Closet
- Spacious Separate Living Room
- Complimentary Wine on First Night

Members can invite friends, family, and colleagues to stay at the Club. As a benefit to the membership, the rooms are priced below market value.

Travel to Philadelphia often for business or pleasure? Ask about our Extended Stay Agreements!



The Racquet Club is Proud to Host

The 130TH ANNIVERSARY Open House



Wednesday, October 2nd 2019
6:30PM - 9:30PM

The Racquet Club was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 25th, 1889, nearly 130 years ago. Members and guests are invited to join us in celebrating this monumental milestone in the Club's enduring and prosperous history.

Members should invite as many guests and prospective members as possible to join us in showcasing our beautiful clubhouse and celebrating this momentous occasion!

Live Entertainment
Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres
Open Bar

Sign up to attend this complimentary event by visiting
<http://bit.ly/RCOPopenhouse>



To make a reservation, call the Front Desk at 215-735-1525 or reserve your room online by visiting: <https://rcop.com/reserve-a-room/>.

HONORING THE PAST | EMBRACING THE PRESENT | LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

CLUB EVENTS RECAP

Paint Night

Twenty five members unleashed their inner creativity with a Paint Night led by art teacher by day, RCOP member by night, Laura Perry.

Pub Club Championships

The best event of the year! Members and guests enjoyed a phenomenal spread of food including a pig roast and live music from Philly legend Kenn Kweder!

Annual Meeting of Members

All RCOP members were welcome to attend a meeting about the state of the club and a year in review for 2018 immediately followed by a complimentary cocktail reception.

Atlas Obscura Lecture

Members Only: Philadelphia's Exclusive Sports Clubs

Historian Dr. Anne E. Krulikowski linked the history of spaces like racquet clubs to country clubs and guided members through the rise, fall, and renewed interest of sports clubs.

Rosé Tasting

Our favorite wine expert, Michael Hodges, led members through a tasting of rosé wines just in time for the warmer season! Event included five roses and a welcome drink as well as light family style food designed to pair well with the wines.

Cinco De Mayo Fiesta in the 1889 Pub & Grille

Members were invited to the 1889 Pub & Grille for a fiesta! Members enjoyed a taco station by signature along with an a la carte menu of Mexican specialties. We also celebrated with margaritas, sangria, and a variety of Mexican beer features.

Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day at The Racquet Club just keeps getting better and better! Over 80 members showed mom just how much they love her with a special brunch buffet, chef-manned omelet station, and a complimentary mimosa for Mom.

May Quizzo

Returning host Brittany Wakim will led members through our monthly trivia night to compete for prizes! The winning team was "Warren's Angels," and included Laura Perry, Carlie Rice, Libby Gephart, Nancy Gephart, Courtney Lang, and Jen Saari.

Summer Kickoff Party

Over 100 members kicked off the summer at The Racquet Club with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, bar by signature, and drink specials. There was no cost to attend, and it was the perfect way to kick off the summer!

Sparkling Wine Tasting

Our favorite wine expert, Michael Hodges of Vintage Imports, was back to lead members through a tasting of different sparkling wines! Tasting included Cava, Prosecco, California Sparkling, Champagne, and Lambrusco along with a perfectly paired bite of food for each wine.

Sparkling Wine Tasting

Sparkling wine month continued with this meeting's theme: Summer Sparklers. Members brought all manner of sparkling wine to share and discuss.

June Quizzo

Liz Browning & Haren Arcot hosted this month's Quizzo to a packed house. Prizes were awarded for each round and the competition was tough.

Brandywine Polo Outing

Members traveled to the Brandywine Polo grounds to take in an afternoon of polo and a picnic!

80's Themed Summer Happy Hour

The weekly installment of our signature weekly summer event, except this one was totally tubular! Members were encouraged to bust out their raddest scrunchies and legwarmers for this fun, free event. Included bar by signature and a chef-manned Paume Station for light bites.

Merion Cricket Outing

Over 30 members traveled out to Merion Cricket Club for another fun outing on the grass courts! They enjoyed a buffet and drinks courtside followed by friendly competition on the courts.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ONGOING

Third Tuesday Monthly – 1889 Pub Quizzo
 Every Tuesday Night - BYOB Night in the 1889 Pub
 Every First Friday Night – Date Night in the 1889 Pub
 Every Third Friday Night - Family Night in the Grille Room
 Every Other Tuesday - Ladies Squash Night

SEPTEMBER

09/12/19 – Italian Wine Tasting
 09/13/19 – 09/15/19 – RCSA Fall Regatta w/the First City Troop
 09/15/19 – Red Pedal Bike Tour
 09/18/19 – Beat the Pro Night
 09/19/19 – Pub Take Over: Italian Restaurant
 09/23/19 – Fringe Festival Performance of "rail."
 09/24/19 – Prospective Member Night: Clinic & Cocktails

OCTOBER

10/02/19 – 130th Anniversary Open House
 10/5/19 – 0/6/2019 – U.S. Open Squash Championships
 10/09/19 – RCOP Night at Drexel for US Open
 10/16/19 – Club Night
 10/22/19 – Red Cross Blood Drive
 10/22/19 - Prospective Member Night: Clinic & Cocktails
 10/24/19 – Pub Take Over
 10/25/19 – RC Shoot Out

NOVEMBER

11/13/19 – National League Tennis
 11/14/19 – Pub Take Over
 11/21/19–11/24/19 – 39th Annual Jimmy Dunn
 Tournament & Dinner Dance

DECEMBER

12/06/19–12/08/19 – Racquets Weekend
 12/13/19 – Annual Tree Trimming Celebration
 12/19/19 – Club Night
 12/31/19 – New Year's Eve at the RCOP

For More Information on upcoming events, watch for Club email blasts, Club signage, social media, and the Events calendar on www.rcop.com.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

1889 Pub & Grille

BAR CART - WEDNESDAYS

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! Wednesdays in September from 5pm – 9pm 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.



BOARD 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. Help yourself or ask a server for assistance.

BYOB TUESDAYS

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

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!

BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER MONDAYS

Mondays are meatier at the RCOP with Build Your Own Burger Night. 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.



Gold Leaf Cafe

GRAB & GO

The Racquet Club is excited to announce a new food and beverage offering for our members.

A competitive match on court or a hard workout in the gym can leave little time for a sit down meal, but members can now grab a sandwich or salad on the go, anytime at the club. Located across from the elevators on the third floor, the Grab & Go offers members healthy menu options without the wait. Offerings include pre-packaged salads, sandwiches, wraps, fruit, and more. Members can grab a preferred meal, sign a chit, and be on your way.

Have questions or suggestions regarding the Grab & Go? Contact Food & Beverage Director, Katelynn Zaccaria at katelynn@rcop.com.

GOLD LEAF CAFÉ ELECTRONIC POLICY

Laptops are permitted in the Gold Leaf Café at all tables with the exception of the bar counter and the three communal tables. Although laptops are permissible in the Gold Leaf Café, cell phone use for phone calls remain prohibited.



MEET NEW F&B TEAM MEMBERS:



WILLIAM KELLS SOUS CHEF

Where did you grow up?

My family is from Chicago but we moved to Los Angeles when I was five. I went to Crescenta Valley High School in the suburbs there, I consider myself a Californian and have the Valley accent to prove it.

Where did you go to culinary school and what did you study?

I went to college here in my adopted home of Philadelphia at The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College, I majored in culinary arts.

What drew you to hospitality?

Los Angeles is incredibly diverse and I grew up eating stuff like French pastries, Chinese dim sum, and Armenian flatbreads. My parents were foodies before that was a thing and I just soaked it up. Jonathan Gold was the restaurant reviewer for the LA Weekly and he was an INCREDIBLE writer, the only food critic to win a Pulitzer, we would read his column and go to hole-in-the-wall spots he wrote up. He was a big influence. Later I learned more about food by just living and also reading stuff by Anthony Bourdain and Bill Buford. I decided I was into food enough to go to culinary school. At school I was able to put all this information and experience together and realize that food is an expression of hospitality and that's what I wanted to do.

Why were you interested in The Racquet Club for the next steps in your career?

I'd been invited to attend an event here at the Racquet Club as a guest and was really impressed by what I saw, when the opportunity to join the team came I jumped at it. I love the history of Philadelphia and how the club and this beautiful building fit into that. At the same time it's exciting to be a part of adapting the Racquet Club to a modern Philadelphia, there is a lot of room for growth and potential for exciting new things.

Where is your favorite restaurant and why is it your favorite?

One of the great things about Philly is our restaurants, there are so many great ones and new things to try all the time. My favorite right now is Townsend, a French place on East Passyunk, it's really fantastic.

What is something someone would be surprised to learn about you?

I worked as a kindergarten teacher at a Quaker school before going to culinary school, people are always surprised to hear that. I learned how to be patient which is very helpful in the kitchen.



MIA SPADONI PRIVATE EVENTS COORDINATOR

Where did you go to college and what did you study?

I attended Lehigh University, in Bethlehem, where I grew up. I studied Journalism & Communications and minored in Graphic Design. I was originally recruited to play volleyball there and felt it was the best place to continue my education while making an impact athletically.

What drew you to hospitality?

It's an ideal combination of project management, creative expression and personal interaction. I've always enjoyed working with people and helping them bring a vision to life. I've found it particularly rewarding when the event or project has special meaning to them -- maybe a once-in-a-lifetime event or a special milestone or a favorite cause or a passion project. I like the challenge of brainstorming about different approaches and offering new ideas, and then helping make those ideas a reality. I especially like the challenge of creating a big picture strategy and then paying attention to and delivering on all the small details that make the event special.

Why were you interested in The Racquet Club for the next steps in your career?

I have a lot of experience in traditional hospitality, coming from a catering company and restaurant group, but I knew I wanted to explore the personal service aspect more. The Racquet Club, with its rich and distinguished history, seemed like an ideal place to form meaningful relationships with the members and their guests, in a beautiful setting where a high-quality experience is the expectation.

What is your favorite food?

That's a tough one, but I would have to say anything Italian. It reminds me of my family and growing up cooking with my grandmothers – it's the ultimate comfort food for me. I will also never turn down chocolate.

Where is your favorite restaurant and why?

This by far is the hardest question to answer! I think Philadelphia has such a great food culture right now. There are so many great places to choose from and there's no way I could pick just one. I appreciate everything from fine dining to a locals-only spot around the corner. If I had to choose, a few of my favorites recently are Suraya, Pizzeria Beddia, Sate Kampar, and Double Knot.

What is something someone would be surprised to learn about you?

I'm not sure anyone would be terribly surprised that I'm a die-hard Philadelphia sports fan. I think Philly is a great sports town, with a really passionate fan base. My friends and family embrace that culture, too -- we plan our lives around Eagles games during football season.

Employee of the Month

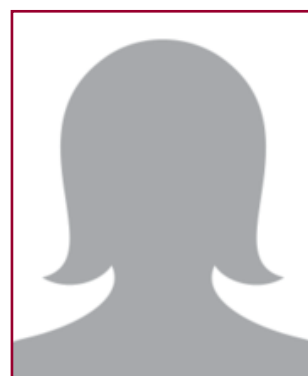
Each month, the Club recognizes personnel that go above and beyond the call of duty to make your membership experience memorable. Employees that earn this distinction are given a \$100 gift card and a complimentary day off.



April

Warren Daniels, 1889 Pub Bartender

Warren is often nominated for Employee of the Month and he is certainly deserving of the honor for the month of April. Warren is typically the face of the 1889 Pub & Grille but when a fellow coworker was out for several weeks, he stepped up to cover most of Felix Acevedo's shifts in the Gold Leaf Café. Warren not only devoted his time to both of the club's restaurants, but also stepped up to lead the banquet servers for private events. We are thrilled to have Felix back in the Gold Leaf Café but we are thankful for Warren's commitment to ensuring that our members received top notch service in his absence. Congratulations to Warren Daniels for yet another well-deserved Employee of the Month recognition.



May

Cristina Moreno, Housekeeping

Cristina is the captain of the Housekeeping department which focuses on maintaining a pristine level of cleanliness in the Club's overnight accommodations. During the month of May, the guest rooms achieved its second highest occupancy since 2008 with a 68.5% rate. Cristina does an excellent job ensuring that the overnight accommodations are clean and presentable for our incoming guests. Cristina has the support of other employees in her department, whom are also close family members, which include Claudia Valdivia-Moreno and Maria Moreno. Congratulations to both Cristina and the rest of the Housekeeping department for doing such an incredible job.



June

Meghan Cerwonka, Assistant Manager of F&B Services

Meghan is widely recognized by the club's membership as the face of the 1889 Pub & Grille which is a distinction that she actively embraces. Meghan has an integral role in the Food & Beverage operation at the club and has done such an excellent job of raising the standard for the Pub. Meghan always provides excellent service to members and last month, she went above and beyond by managing several weeks of back to back events. Despite the whirlwind of activity, Meghan led her team to success in each event and the guests expressed their satisfaction. She also played a pivotal role in keeping the Pub running smoothly, stepping in as the 1889 Pub Bartender while another member favorite, Warren Daniels, was away on vacation. She consistently ensures that our members are enjoying their time while in the Pub and Meghan is commended for the valuable contributions that she delivers to The Racquet Club every day.

Service Star Program



At The Racquet Club we value service to our members above all else and as such we have developed a Service Star Program for our restaurants. This program identifies when our employees create "memorable moments" for our members which can be anything from overall excellent service, to helping someone carry a heavy burden, to going the extra mile to help a new member find the Business Center. Any time managers or members identify one of these moments they are tracked and rewarded. A Copper Star is given for 10 moments, Silver for 25, Gold for 50, and a Gold Ribbon Pin for 100. These pins will come with accompanying rewards for our staff.

If you see any of our service staff go out of their way to provide a memorable moment for a member, tell us! Contact Katelynn Zaccaria at Katelynn@rcop.com or 215-772-1541 to give them the recognition they deserve.

RECIPROCAL CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Portland Country Club

For this issue of *The Racquet Club Review*, we are heading to the North Eastern shore to visit one of our newest reciprocal partners, Portland Country Club of Falmouth, Maine.

CLUB HISTORY

Established in 1895 by a group of golf enthusiasts, the Portland Country Club, initially called the Portland Golf Club, prides itself on a long-standing tradition of excellent member service and a strong dedication to golf. It is the oldest organized golf club in Southern Maine and remains the only private golf course in Maine that is a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary".

MEMBER BENEFITS

Club members and their guests enjoy an 18-hole Donald Ross golf course, a stunning Oceanside setting, as well as exceptional country club facilities and social activities that include formal and casual dining, tennis, swimming, social activities and events, meeting rooms, fitness facilities and even paddle tennis.

Should you find yourself in Southern Maine, be sure to visit one of our newer reciprocal clubs. Contact the Front Desk at frontdesk@rcop.com or 215-735-1525 to request a letter of introduction prior to your visit.



The Portland Country Club • 11 Foreside Rd, Falmouth, ME 04105 • Phone 207.781.2340

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
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
E. Howard Goodwin Jr.
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
Henderson Supplee II
Stewart F. Taylor
James L. Van Alen II
John M. Walton III
Peter Wright
Clarence Z. Wurts



Congratulations to Derik Comalli & Alyssa Swanson on their wedding in Mexico on June 21, 2019!



Congratulations to Lauren Krumeich & Matt Dougerty on their engagement on April 6, 2019!



New members Fiona (Baby McSenn) and Isaac (Baby Troutman) posing with their RCOP Blanket!

Membership Milestones

Congratulations to RCOP members that celebrated milestone anniversaries!
April - June 2019

40 - 45 Years

David Seltzer
Carl Esser
Thomas Price

30 Years

Francis Devine
Matthew Dupee
Robert Gundlach

20 - 25 Years

Patricia Carpenter
Edward Gobora
James Hole
David Leslie-Hughes
Peter Miller
Eric Peterson
Michael Piasecki
Jonathan Goldstein
Peter Hill
John Iole
Andrew Newcomb
Robert Yoshimura

15 Years

Anthony Ashmore
Scott Bessent
Courtney Disston
Temple Grassi
Paul Landaiche
Michael & Siobhan Murphy
David Powell
Cliff Starr
J. Gregory Van Schaack

10 Years

Charles Adams
Elizabeth Corey
Sydney & Jonathan Crowell
Edward Seglias

5 Years

Russell Gunther
Crawford Hamilton
David Hilton
Walid Jahangeer
Kevin Kaminski
Vincenzo La Ruffa
Carlos Rice
Warren Scott
Philip Straus
Richard Voith
Thomas Williams

1 Year

Daniel Barrus
Peter Chapin
Dylan Cunningham
John Fischer
Robert Ford
Charles Garrett
Rachel Hanscom
Jeffrey Harper
Brian Henry
William Hozack
Sarah Kulik
Arthur Martella
Christina Matthias
Lauren Nelson
Marcus O'Rourke
Madeline Perry
William Royan
Keith Stoltz
Justin Victor

Congratulations to Dr. Todd and Brittany Ruth on welcoming their baby girl, Isla Ruth into the world! Isla was born on May 3, 2019 at 7 lbs., 2 oz and 19 3/4 inches. As daughter of three time club doubles squash champion and current cash league title holder, she will surely be on court in no time! Isla stopped by a couple of weeks ago and was proudly sporting her RCOP onsie.



Clubhouse Projects

Main Dining Room & Lobby Painting

At the end of February, the Main Dining Room received a first-class face lift. The floating panels within the wainscoting were removed, restored, overlaid with new molding, and then painted with a modern, yet subtle shade of grey. The plaster walls were also meticulously scraped, smoothed, and painted using a familiar, yet vibrant new blue tone.

The second phase of the Lobby paint job was completed in mid-August and the final result is truly spectacular. The intent was to reduce the number of color tones from three to two while simultaneously softening the space using more neutral color. The musty and tired yellow color was replaced with a warm beige tone and the columns were painted with the same color as the ceiling.

This project was completed with the financial support of The Historic Preservation and Education Fund and we are thankful for all of the donors who contributed to the success of this project.

New Furniture

The Club received a generous donation of furniture from Swartz Campbell thanks to the efforts of Board Member, Kathy Carson. Members will notice new chairs in the 1889 Pub, a handsome board table and chairs in the Sailing Room, and many other pieces of furniture that have been put into circulation throughout the clubhouse.

Ladies Locker Room

Several months ago, the Board approved a budget of \$100,000 to make improvements to the Ladies Locker Room. Since then, the architectural drawings have been modified and the construction documents have been completed so that bids can be received. The House Committee is in the process of selecting contractors to bid and will award a contract in the very near future.

Coal Vault Project

This project commenced on Monday, August 12th and remains on schedule to be completed in mid-October. The majority of the northern sidewalk has been excavated and Cippco has started to gradually pour the concrete into the depths below.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

KIM TACKETT



Tell us about yourself:

First thing – answering questions about me-me-me is so out of my comfort zone! If you're posting viewer ratings I already want to do this over and make stuff up.

What does your perfect weekend look like?

A beach, a cool breeze, a hammock, a good book, a golf course, a cold drink and of course.....Jay Tackett. Wait – I forgot the spa!

What is your favorite book?

Just one – that's hard – the intelligentsia can skip this one (did I spell that right?) But I liked these a lot: City Of Thieves by David Benioff. The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman. The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger. That could change weekly.

What was the last movie you watched and what did you think?

I can't remember an actual movie theater movie – who leaves their sofa, fridge, and wine? So, the last movie I watched was a random channel surf – A Vigilante with Olivia Wilde. I really didn't know her work but I'm a fan after this movie, she kicks ass...can I say that?

If you could only listen to three albums, what would they be?

Really?! Jeez.....Marvin Gaye - What's Goin On, The Beach Boys - Surfs Up, The Eagles- Desperado

If we're watching a movie about you and you are about to face your most difficult obstacle in said movie, what song comes on as your soundtrack for that scene?

American Woman by Lenny Kravitz

Additionally, what is your best one-liner to use in that scene just as that song starts to play?

Yeah, I got issues, but you're not one of em.

What is your favorite US city and why?

Philadelphia – it's home, but I've never been to San Francisco.

If you had a time machine and could do one round trip to any year to meet a younger you, how far back would you go and what advice would you give yourself?

No need for dates.... I'd go back to 16 and tell myself "believe in you, it's your path. Live out loud!"

What is your favorite Racquet Club memory to date?

Our wedding in the Reading Room.

What is something that you thought was cool when you were a teenager that isn't cool now?

Smoking cigarettes.

What is your favorite leisurely pastime?

It used to be motorcycles and flying a helicopter. Now it's golf. Wow, that really sounds like I've crossed the active-seniors line.

If you had to select three to five words to best describe yourself, what would they be and why?

Strong, creative, lazy, fun-loving (does that count as two?)

Tell us something about yourself that might surprise your RCOP family.

I'm a very private person.

If you could have a conversation with any prominent figure, who would it be? Why? And what would you ask first?

I would ask Oprah if she would adopt me.

If you could pick any profession other than your current, what would it be and why?

Acting. So I could 'try on' different people, places and time.

Who has been your greatest inspiration in life?

My father. There's not enough room here to elaborate.

What do you most enjoy about the Racquet Club?

The friends I've made here and those of Jay Tackett that have taken me in.

If there was one thing you would recommend everyone do at the Club or through their membership, what would that be?

Take a court tennis lesson.

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

We've stayed at the Penn Club and the Yale Club in New York a number of times. It's a great opportunity that membership brings, I'm hoping to take advantage of many more.

As a longtime member, do you have any advice for new members just beginning at The Racquet Club?

Do as I say, not as I do. Sorry, kidding, there's no advice needed – just partake and enjoy.

THREE MONTH PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP



2019/20

\$600

PER INDIVIDUAL

\$750

FAMILY OPTION

JOIN US FOR OUR THREE MONTH PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM!

SELECTED CANDIDATES ENJOY FULL MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM.

Completed submissions should be submitted by or before Monday, January 27th, 2020.

Completed applications and supporting materials can be emailed to Membership Coordinator David Wright at dave@rcop.com.

RAIL. PERFORMANCE

MONDAY, SEPT. 23RD

Racquets Court | 7 PM

MISSING BOLTS PRODUCTIONS IS HOSTING THE PRODUCTION OF "RAIL" RIGHT AT THE RACQUET CLUB! THE IMMERSIVE THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE WILL PLAY AT THE CLUB FROM SEPTEMBER 20 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2019, AS PART OF THE FRINGEARTS FESTIVAL.

WRITTEN AND CO-DIRECTED BY ZAC KLINE, CO-DIRECTED BY RACHEL DART, AND FEATURING PERFORMERS EMILIE KRAUSE AND HARRY WATERMEIER, RAIL. WILL BE STAGED IN THE RACQUETS COURT.

RAIL. IS A PLAY ABOUT THE CYCLICAL NATURE OF RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR LIVES AND THE WAYS WE STRUGGLE TO BREAK FREE FROM PAST EVENTS TO FORGE NEW PATHS. SARAH, A THERAPIST AND FORMER CHAMPIONSHIP SQUASH PLAYER, IS STUCK IN A CYCLE OF ROTATING MEN IN HER LIFE, ALL PLAYED BY THE SAME ACTOR. SHE MUST DECIDE HOW TO BREAK THE CYCLE AND FIND HER MOST SINGULAR LIFE..

THIS EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCE IS COMPLIMENTARY FOR RCOP MEMBERS.

EACH MEMBER CAN REGISTER UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL NON-MEMBER GUESTS.

TO RSVP, EMAIL EVENTS@RCOP.COM

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

SEATS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the conclusion of the 130th Annual Meeting the Nominating Committee, having the support of the membership, endorsed these members to join the Racquet Club Board of Governors. Congratulations!



CHRISTIAN DYER

Christian Dyer is a 57-year old commercial real estate professional, having spent the last 26 years with CBRE. Mr. Dyer has lived his entire life in Philadelphia, currently residing at 19th and Pine Streets, only a few blocks from the Club. Outside of work, Mr. Dyer recently concluded a 10-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees with the Greater Phila Chapter of ALS, and has been cooking meals on a dinner team for the last four years at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. While he does not play racquet sports due to injury, Mr. Dyer plays a very active role at the club. Mr. Dyer is seen in the Fitness Center 4-5 days a week and it is his commitment to the space that prompted the Club to enlist Mr. Dyer to chair a committee tasked with completely renovating the Fitness Center. After an 18-24-month process, the Fitness Center was completely rebuilt from top to bottom. Mr. Dyer also led the efforts to partner with a new fitness vendor to provide personal training, fitness classes, massage, and other fitness services. He has been involved with organizing the first-ever Eagles game day Sunday brunch, as well as the first Super Bowl party at the Club, a tradition that continues today. He has also worked as a Summer Member Ambassador in an effort to convert summer members into full time members. Mr. Dyer is always looking for ways to help make the Racquet Club a better experience for its members.



MICHAEL GORSEN

Dr. Gorsen joined the Club in 2014. He has been a dentist for more than twenty years, operating the practice that his father started in Vineland, NJ. Dr. Gorsen and his wife Holly, also a dentist, are raising their two pre-school age children in Society Hill and have a daughter that is about to graduate from college. When he and his family first moved to Philadelphia a little more than five years ago, he had the great fortune of discovering the Racquet Club. Dr. Gorsen has had no prior experience with squash and court tennis, but he was instantly captivated by the games. Under the tutelage of Jonathan Auerbach, he was able to far exceed my limited natural abilities. In virtually no time, Dr. Gorsen was named athlete of the year in 2015 – one of his greatest honors.

Dr. Gorsen has love for the club in many ways: the competition, the social aspects, the camaraderie and he is hopeful that he can help in some small way to preserve and enhance these features for the benefit of the membership for the far foreseeable future. Dr. Gorsen has also served with David Seltzer as co-chair of the Cigar Lounge Advisory Group and has recently accepted the appointment to Chair and resurrect the Club's golf committee.



LAURA PICCIANO

Dr. Laura Picciano is a board-certified internal medicine physician at the Main Line Health System. She was previously an attending physician at the Ripa Center of Cooper University Healthcare where she was voted as South Jersey Magazine's Top Doc. Dr Picciano has been featured in several media presentations including the Philadelphia Inquirer, Fox 29, ABC news, National Public Radio, NBC Morning show, and InStyle magazine.

In her personal life, she is quite active in the Philadelphia community. She serves on the Board of Directors for Astral Artists, a local charity which mentors students in the field of classical music. She is also a hospital partner for Susan G. Komen and has been an advocate for breast cancer patients in the region. In 2013, Dr. Picciano became a proud member of the Racquet Club of Philadelphia and began working with the Entertainment Committee in 2014. She has hosted several social events for the club and is currently working with the committee to host this year's golf outing to Riverton Country Club. She has also been heavily involved with the Racquet Club Sailing Association. Her interests include tennis, skiing, sailing, and classical music.

THANK YOU OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The Racquet Club thanks the following board members who dedicated time and resources to work for the members of this fine institution. Thank you for your service!

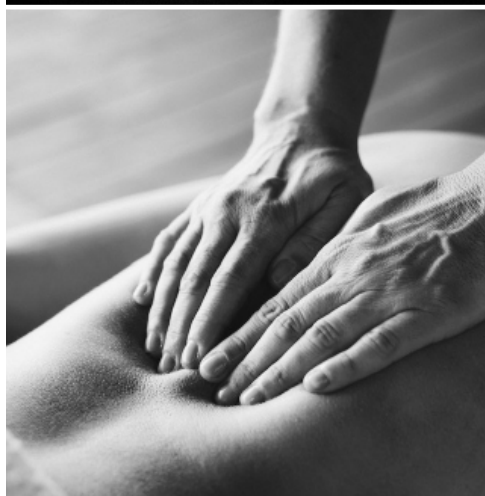
Douglas Cox, Former Treasurer, 9 years of Board Service

David Moran, 6 years of Board Service

Clemence Scouten, 1 Year of Board Service

Gary Swantner, Former Elective Chair, 4 years of Board service

Peter Vogt, Former House Committee Chairman/Secretary, 6 years of Board Service



HEALTH EASE SERVICES

• FITNESS CLASSES •

Complimentary
Available to all Members
Walk-ins Welcome

• PERSONAL TRAINING •

SINGLE SESSIONS	10 SESSION PACKAGES
30 Minutes - \$49	30 Minutes - \$440
50 Minutes - \$69	50 Minutes - \$619
5 SESSION PACKAGES	20 SESSION PACKAGES
30 Minutes - \$229	30 Minutes - \$859
50 Minutes - \$319	50 Minutes - \$1,099

• NUTRITIONAL COACHING •

Through its Fuel Your Nutrition Coaching program, HealthEase will schedule your consultation at the Club with a registered dietitian who will create a personalized plan to help you reach your health goals.

*Many health insurance plans provide 100% coverage for private nutrition counseling sessions with an in-network registered dietitian.
(RCOP members should review their individual plan benefits.)*

• MASSAGE THERAPY •

SINGLE SESSIONS
60 Minutes - \$80
90 Minutes - \$115

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTHEASE SERVICES?

Contact Director of Fitness, Chris Campli by calling 267.367.0048 or emailing ccamplic@healtheasefitness.com

Outside trainers prohibited and strictly enforced by the House Committee



FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY VINYASA FLOW YOGA - 6:30PM (1st and 3rd Monday of the Month)

The most popular contemporary style of yoga, encompassing focus on one pose at a time with measured rest periods. Movements are synchronized with breath, acting as an anchor as you move from one pose to the next.

POWER YOGA - 6:30PM (2nd and 4th Monday of the Month)

Vigorous, fitness-based approach to vinyasa-style yoga with a focus on strength and flexibility.

TUESDAY HIIT - 6:15PM

High Intensity Interval Training combines exercise with small recovery periods for a total body workout that is great for cardiovascular fitness.

WEDNESDAY TOTAL BODY SCULPTING - 4:45PM

Exercises and movements of various tempos and body positions to sculpt, tighten and tone. Incorporates dumbbells, bands, exercise balls and other accessories for a full body workout for all fitness levels.

THURSDAY BODY SHRED - 6:15PM

A high-intensity and endurance-based circuit class, using an interval system of three minutes of strength, two minutes of cardio, and one minute of abs.

SATURDAY TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING - 10:30AM

Improves muscle definition and strength, while promoting cardiovascular fitness through circuit style resistive training and cardio fitness elements.

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE FITNESS STUDIO ON THE THIRD FLOOR

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ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

2019 Pub Club Championships

The 20th Annual Pub Club Championships took place on the Friday of the Masters Golf Championships. There were matches in Singles Squash, Doubles Squash and Doubles Tennis and costumed attire was, is always, encouraged. This year we had 85 entrants participating in six events. The Kenn Kweder band was fantastic and kept the atmosphere booming as match play was competitive, though light and fun. Other drink inspired activities encompassed the matches and the food was incredible. Congratulations to all the winners and finalists!

Tennants

Winner: Tim Carroll & Lokesh Prabhu
Finalist: Saby Bose & Dan Barrus

Doubles Bock

Winner: Tony Soslow & Arden Saligman
Finalist: T.J. Dougherty & Charlie Vleck

Lager

Winner: James Hillen
Finalist: Arden Saligman

Pilsner

Winner: Jeff Miller
Finalist: Rob Brodo

Stout

Winner: John McSenn
Finalist: Morgan McSenn

Game Ball

Christian Folkestad

Best Dressed

Priscilla Person, Carlie Rice, EJ Spofford, Brittany Wakim

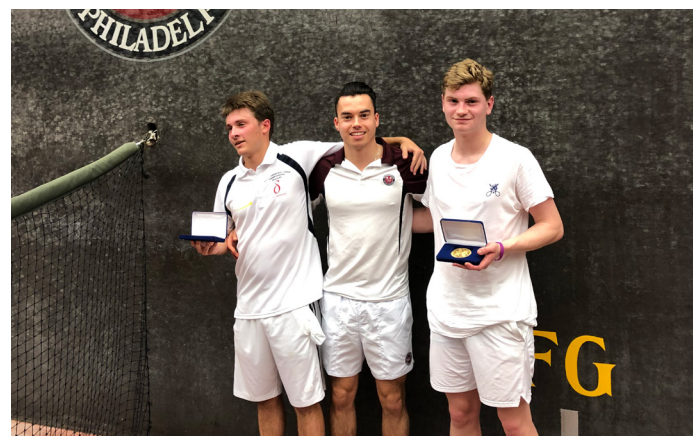
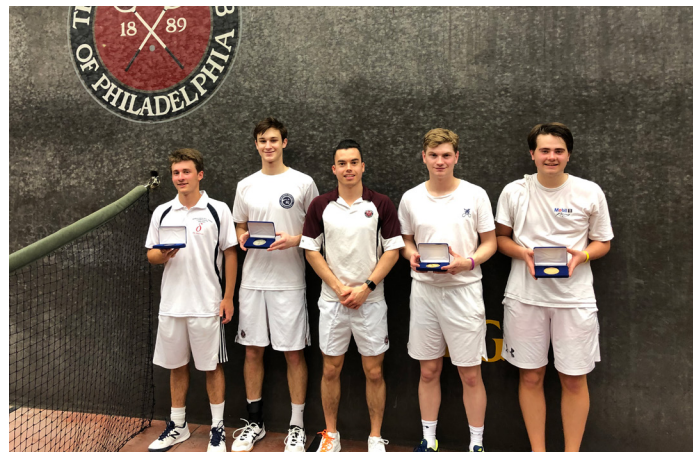
the first set 6/4. Both played well, bringing some extreme heat and pace making for some entertaining and nerve-racking court tennis. Dickinson played superb in the second set and took it 6/0 bringing it down to the final set. Motz, keen to get back on top, flipped the script and took the final set 6/0 to play in the Final. In the second Semi, Erik Barker took on Chase Motz. Barker's play looked very solid as he moved the ball around nicely to take the first set 6/3. Keen to keep the pressure on, Barker served well with Motz hitting some great forces but couldn't keep Barker at bay. Barker eventually kicked himself into the Final with a 6/3 6/3 win!

In the Final, Noah Motz and Erik Barker took to the court, both players looking on top form ready to go. Motz came out the blocks quick to take a 4/1 lead but Barker fought back with some phenomenal volleys and snuck the first set 6/5! Motz took a breath, composed himself and found his force to take the second set 6/0. Tied at 1 set all, Motz took it 5/6 6/0 6/3. Congrats to both players on a great match!

In the Doubles Final, Noah & Chase Motz took on Erik Barker & Spencer Yager. The balls were flying about the court with extreme pace and accuracy but in the end the Motz team took it 6/4 6/4!

In the consolation Final, Spencer Yager moved beautifully to cover and track down Pete Dickinson's forces and shots. Both players retrieved fantastic shots but in the end Yager took it 8/5.

Thank you to all the players for making the effort to come and play. Also, to the USTA for supporting the event and making it possible.



Club Night

On May 1st, we had our second Club Night. This night was created to introduce members to a different sport than they usually play. The sports consist of Singles Squash, Doubles Squash, Doubles Court Tennis, Singles Racquets, Doubles Racquets and a new sport in Hardball Singles Squash. Hardball was a major success with many players enjoying the fast pace and easier winners. 28 members participated in the night. We look forward to the next Club Night which will be at the start of the Athletic Season.

National League

We started off the evening with a Grille competition where Jon Crowell made 3 out of 5 to win the Pro Shop prize! Quick to follow Barney Tanfield (playing for New York) took on Josh Dodgson (playing for Chicago) in a best of 3 sets battle. Barney took an early lead but Josh fought back strong, playing smart tennis keeping Barney's force under control to take the first set 6/3! Barney came out firing in the second set and didn't let up, finding targets all over the place taking the second set 6/1. The third set, starting at 3 game all, so the pressure was on to get a good start. Barney was firing on all cylinders and played some great tennis to close out the match 3/6 6/1 6/3 to thunderous applause from the crowd!

Next up, John Lumley (playing for New York) took on Steve Virgona (playing for Chicago) in the second match of the evening. Both players started well showing great athleticism along with controlled court tennis. In the end John found a few grilles to close out the first set 6/3. At the start of the second the players were back and forth trading games. A big 40 all game point saw John take a lead causing Steve to turn up his play to a more aggressive approach. Steve looked for more forehands and started turning on the serve to get him back to 2/4 before John closed out the match 6/3 6/2. This gave New York a 2-0 lead on the night!

The last match of the evening saw all four players on court for the doubles. Set to be a barn burner this match did not disappoint. Barney played some great reactionary volleys from the net to give them an early lead of 2/1. Steve started to turn on a lot taking more forehands kept the pressure but John covering the main wall meant they could keep a slight lead. Josh covered the grille and galleries superbly which led to some fantastic high paced rallies but in the end Barney & John took the



match 8/6 giving New York a clean sweep for the evening.

Thank you to the Racquet Club members for a packing the house and making the pros feel welcome.

Players Week

For Players Week this year we had the matches running over three nights, with hors d'oeuvres each night for members to enjoy while watching all the fantastic action on display. Over the three nights we had 27 matches in Singles Squash, Doubles Squash, Singles Court Tennis, Singles Racquets and Doubles Racquets.

In Court Tennis, two of the best Amateur players in the country went head to head in an epic Final. Mike Noll came out controlling the ball with exceptional length and kept Jon Crowell moving around the court and hitting more errors than normal, so Noll took the first set 6/4. Crowell came out firing in the 2nd set and looked a little bit more relaxed as he started finding his targets to take the set 6/3. With Noll tiring Crowell started to get foothold in the match and eventually took the deciding set 6/2. Another battle was in the Hart Cup as Saby Bose came up against Ross Bolling. Both players have really excelled this season bringing their handicaps into the low 30's. With the match at one set all Bolling took a 5-3 lead but Bose started fighting back. Bose ended up bringing the match back to win 6/5 in the final set! In the Court Tennis Club Doubles Championship, defending champs Jon Crowell & Christian Bullitt took on Mike Noll & Dylan Ward. With both teams coming out the blocks quickly it was back and forth to 4 games all. Noll changed up his serve to Crowell which allowed him to get control from the serving end and close out the set 6/4. The second set saw a quick 2 games all before Crowell & Bullitt took a 5-2 lead. Ward stayed up beat and Noll brought some serious heat to fight back to 5 games all! Crowell had some on point forces to take the game and give them the second set 6/5, tying up the match. Noll moved his feet and played more aggressive points to put Bullitt under some pressure and get a 5-2 lead. Bullitt made some great volleys with Ward firing them back made for some incredible Court Tennis. Crowell applied some great pace around the court while Noll's defensive volleys just keeping them in it to close it 6/4. Noll & Ward took the title 6/4 5/6 6/4 with easily the best Doubles Final in a decade. Very impressive stuff from all four players!

This season for Court Tennis has been very successful with many new and exciting prospects starting the game while the usual players have played more frequent and consistent Tennis. We would like to congratulate a few players on dropping their handicaps considerably and playing a different sport. Congratulations to Ross Bolling, Saby Bose, Logan Laughlin, Brad Thompson, Dan Barrus and Peter Flynn.

In the squash there was some fantastic Finals to start us off. We had the B Club Doubles with Kenny Soffer and Mike Gorsen dispatching Peter Schreiber and Shanin Specter in three close games. Soffer moved around the court like a teenager and Gorsen's frying pan reverse proved too much for the powerhouse of Specter and Schreiber. The Club Final was one of the best finals in recent memory with top junior Spencer Yager taking on Dylan Ward. Rallies went on forever with both players showing incredible retrieval skills and shot making. Ward took the first game 11/8 only for Yager to get the 2nd 11/7. The third game has each player going point for point when at 9 all Ward showed his experience to squeeze out the next two rallies and a two game to one lead.

Ward continued this into the fourth to win the game and the match three games to one. The Club Doubles Final was epic with Ricky Weisskopf and Todd Ruth steam rolling through Dylan Ward and Mike Noll in the first game only for Ward and Noll to take the second game. The third and fourth were very tight with both teams going on runs of three, four and five points in a row. Both teams took a game each to level it up at two games all. The fifth was anyone's game and at 13-13 Weisskopf and Ruth snuck a 15-13 wine in the fifth!

The Ladies Club Final between Laura Henry and Lauren Johnston was another fantastic spectacle. Each game was nip and tuck until Henry was able to sneak through all three games for a 3/0 triumph. The Ladies B Club Final was between Priscilla Person and Carlie Rice. Both ladies showed how much they have improved in the past year with long rallies, great retrieving and smart shot selection it went down to the wire. Rice ended up pipping Person to the title three games to two. It has been fantastic to see so many ladies this year that we were able to have four ladies' tournaments and a total of 36 ladies playing and we hope we can continue further.

The Racquets events were well represented this year with numerous new players showing great interest in the sport. Ross Bolling defeated TJ Dougherty in the B Class Handicap with these two relatively new players showing just how much they have improved in this sport. Patrick Harris defeated Andrew Dick in a very close A Class Handicap Final. The Singles Final saw Jon Crowell continue to show his dominance in the sport against the incredibly skilled Henry Smith. The first two games were very close with Crowell coming through 15/10 15/8. This knocked the wind out of Smith and he struggled to come back with Crowell coming through three games to love. The Doubles Final was one of the closest finals we have seen in recent memory with veterans Jon Crowell and Peter Hill coming up against another veteran Andrew Dick and the up and Henry Smith. Dick and Smith came out on fire winning the first game 18/15. Crowell and Hill came back strong in the second pipping it 15/11. At one game all this was anyone's match and another two tense games followed but Crowell and Hill showed their experience to sneak through and win three games to one.

This was one of the most exciting seasons in recent times with numerous weekend tournaments from Amateur to Professional and adding numerous more in-house tournaments so it is really exciting times up on the 4th floor. We will be adding Hardball Singles Squash into next season's calendar so if you are interested in a new sport give it a try!

World Masters 60's & 65's

We had a fantastic week here in Philadelphia hosting the World Master 60's & 65's. With 26 entrances across the singles & doubles in both age groups, it was an action-packed tournament!

60's SINGLES

Starting with the 60's singles, John Prenn cruised through his first-round matches to find himself against his doubles partner Jonathan Hamer who had a great match against Geoffrey Russell in the round before taking it 6/4 6/2. Hamer came out of the block starting well against Prenn going 2/1 up. Prenn found his stride and fought back to

take the first set 6/2. Serving well and restricting Hamer, Prenn kept the foot on the gas and secured his place in the final winning 6/2 6/2. In the other half of the draw Simon Aldrich vs Fred Satow turned out to be a battle with Aldrich coming out on top 6/2 3/6 6/4. Satow fought hard till the end and was a fantastic match. Graeme Bradfield played an in-form Nick Jeffery and edged out the win 6/4 6/4. In the bottom, Aldrich & Bradfield were neck and neck with an epic game at 5 games all that went Aldrich's way. Bradfield looking good though kept the pressure on moving Aldrich around the court. Bradfield took the



second set 6/3 to tie it up. Aldrich started to struggle with a calf issue as he wasn't covering the court the same as in the first set and Bradfield used this to his advantage to take the match 5/6 6/3 6/3. With the final set between John Prenn & Graeme Bradfield the crowd had flocked in to watch. Prenn controlled the match and pace of play using his beautiful backhand, hitting dedans and grilles on demand to take the match 6/1 6/1. A very impressive display of Court Tennis from the World Masters over 60's singles Champion!

60's DOUBLES

In the over 60's doubles, Steve Hufford & Sue Haswell had a great match against Nick Jeffery & Geoffrey Russell with Hufford & Haswell taking it 6/5 6/2. The first set was fantastic tennis with both teams playing classic doubles. Graeme Bradfield & Peter Vogt played a great match against Fred Satow & Jonathan Fisher earning the win 6/5 6/3. Vogt hit some key volleys to close out the first set which moved them into the Semi Final.



In the Final it was Simon Aldrich & George Bell vs John Prenn & Jonathan Hamer. Aldrich & Bell looked very comfortable creating lots of pressure for Penn & Hamer. Prenn, having played both singles finals before, was running on fumes which Aldrich & Bell took advantage of. In the end, Aldrich & Bell took the title 6/1 6/2 with an impressive display of doubles.

65's SINGLES



In the 65's Singles John Prenn played consistent tennis to get him to the Final, dropping only three games. Philip Shaw-Hamilton on the other half of the draw had a battle with Paul Weaver in the Semi Final. Shaw-Hamilton served well which put Weaver under pressure but he hung in there. Shaw-Hamilton took the first set 6/5. Weaver took the second set 6/3 tying it up. In the end Shaw-Hamilton hit some targets to secure the match 6/5 3/6 6/3 to play Prenn in the Final. Prenn fresh off his first singles match looked good and ready to go and took the first set 6/2. Shaw-Hamilton, hanging in there, played some great tennis but in the end it wasn't enough to stop Prenn 6/2 6/3. Congratulations to John Prenn on back to back singles titles.

65's DOUBLES

In the over 65's doubles it was a one-horse race with Paul Weaver & Philip Shaw-Hamilton not dropping a game the entire tournament. Jill Newby & Jonathan Fisher played a great match against Greg Van-Schaack & Peter Clement 6/2 6/1. In the Final Shaw-Hamilton & Weaver were too much and took the win 6/0 6/0. Newby & Fisher still played great tennis and had game points but couldn't convert. Congratulations to Shaw-Hamilton & Weaver on a great tournament.



NEW: Pro Shop Video Recordings

The Pro Shop is now offering members a variety of ways to evaluate progress on court through the use of a Go Pro!

MATCH RECORDINGS - \$30

Members can request to have a match recorded for just a \$30 fee to be split between each player. The video will then be shared via Google shared drive or uploaded to a personal thumb drive.

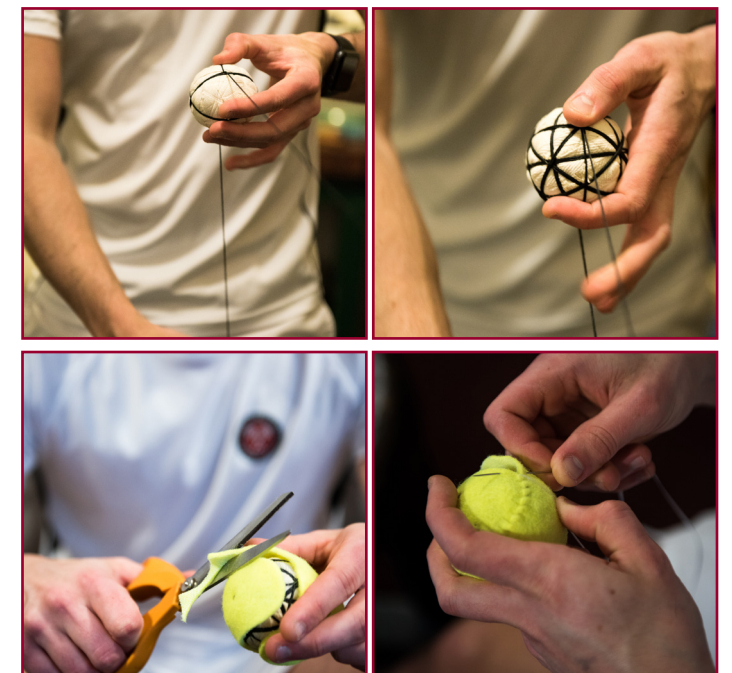
MATCH RECORDING WITH PRO ANALYSIS - \$50

Our Pros will review and analyze the match and provide written feedback that will include critique on stroke production, shot selection, and movement.

RECORDED PRIVATE LESSON - \$75

A Pro will work with you on specific strokes using the video to illustrate mistakes and highlight when the stroke is at its best production. Members will have a how to video next to his/her stroke which will breakdown when there is a blemish in the swing and also when the same stroke is at its best.

To schedule a recording session visit clublocker.com, call the Pro-shop at 215-772-1544 or email courts@rcop.com. Rates do not include the cost of court time.





First & Second Round U.S. Open Matches at The Racquet Club!



OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2019

12 - 7:30pm

TICKETS - \$30

ussquash.com/rcop



ATHLETICS CALENDAR

2019 - 2020



DATE	EVENT	TIME	SPORT
September 12 th	Germantown Challenge Match at GCC	5pm - 8pm	Squash
September 14 th	Inter - City DC at Lakewood	10am - 4pm	Tennis
September 18 th	Beat the Pro Night	6pm-8pm	Tennis & Squash
September 20 th - 21 st	RC Shootout Doubles & Singles	5pm - 7pm	Doubles Squash
October 5 th	Inter - City Tuxedo at RC	10am - 4pm	Tennis
October 9 th	RC Night at Drexel for US Open Squash	All Day	Squash
October 16 th	Club Night #1	5pm - 8pm	All
TBD	Wharton School Challenge Match	5pm - 8pm	Squash
October 25 th -26 th	RC Shootout Doubles & Singles	All Day Event	Doubles Squash
November 8 th -9 th	Maryland Club Challenge Match	All Day Event	Doubles Squash
Nov 13 th	National League	5pm - 8pm	Tennis
November 20 th - 24 th	Jimmy Dunn Doubles	Weekend Event	All
December 6 th & 7 th	Racquets Club Handicap Tournaments	Friday & Saturday	Racquets
December 19 th	Club Night #2	5pm - 8pm	All
December 19 th - 21 st	Holiday Junior Camps	TBA	Squash & Tennis
January 10 th - 11 th	RC Shootout Tennis & Squash Doubles	Weekend Event	Squash & Tennis
January 31 st - February 2 nd	EM Noll Classic - Professional Squash Singles	Weekend Event	Pro Singles
January 31 st - February 2 nd	Philly Boast & 50's Tennis	Weekend Event	Squash & Tennis
February 28 th - March 1 st	RC Junior Bronze	Weekend Event	Squash
March 6 th - 8 th	Western Open	Weekend Event	Racquets
March 6 th - 8 th	Percy Cup	Weekend Event	Tennis
March 6 th - 8 th	Member - Guest Squash Doubles	Weekend Event	Doubles Squash
April 1 st	Club Night #3	5pm - 8pm	All
April 16 th - 19 th	U.S. Ladies Open	Weekend Event	Tennis
May 7 th	Games Dinner		

FIRST FRIDAY DATE NIGHT

THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS
DATE NIGHT IN THE 1889 PUB & GRILLE!

MEMBERS WHO HAVE A CHECK OF \$100 AND
OVER ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE PARKING AT
ONE OF OUR AFFILIATED GARAGES OR A
REDUCED RATE ON THEIR OVERNIGHT ROOM
AT THE CLUB.

CONTACT [KATELYNN@RCOP.COM](mailto:katelynn@rcop.com) FOR MORE
DETAILS!

5 - 11 PM | 1889 PUB & GRILLE



SAVE THE DATE FOR RCOP'S
**New Year's Eve
Celebration**

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 31ST.
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. CONTACT [EVENTS@RCOP.COM](mailto:events@rcop.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION



SAVE THE DATE

39TH ANNUAL JIMMY DUNN TOURNAMENT & DINNER DANCE

NOVEMBER 21ST - NOVEMBER 24TH

CONTACT [COURTS@RCOP.COM](mailto:courts@rcop.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE RACQUET CLUB PRESENTS

PUB TAKEOVER



ITALIAN NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19TH

5 - 11 PM

1889 PUB & GRILLE

NO TICKET COST TO ATTEND

Join us for our first ever Pub Takeover night where the 1889 Pub & Grille as you know it will be replaced with an Italian Restaurant complete with a new menu and wine list, decor, and music.

Reserve your table before the end of the day on Thursday, September 13th and be entered into a drawing to win 4 RCOP Wine Glasses!

Members will receive an additional raffle entry for each non-member guest accompanying them.

RSVP to katelynn@rcop.com to secure your table.

AFFINITY CLUBS

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

BACKGAMMON CLUB

CHAIR: MICHAEL RIECKEN
MICHAEL.RIECKEN8@GMAIL.COM
MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY MONTHLY
ALL LEVELS OF PLAY WELCOME

SAILING ASSOCIATION •RCSA•

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JAMESWHPRICE@GMAIL.COM
FUN SAILING EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

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JWWALKER@YAHOO.COM
OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET TO
DISCUSS AND TASTE VARIETALS

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

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

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CLUB

CHAIR: BRENDAN FLYNN
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OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT
WITH INDUSTRY PEERS WITHIN
YOUR CLUB NETWORK

OUTDOORS CLUB

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


IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, MEMBERS
CAN EMAIL THE CHAIR OF EACH CLUB


HOST YOUR PRIVATE EVENT AT YOUR PRIVATE CLUB

Conferences · Birthday Parties · Corporate Luncheons · Weddings · Cocktail
Receptions · Breakfast Meetings · Engagement Parties · Baby Showers · Board
Meetings · Private Tastings · Bridal Showers · Exhibition Matches · Memorial
Receptions · Rehearsal Dinners · Small Private Meetings · Fundraisers · & More



For details, pricing, or to book your next event, please contact Private
Events Coordinator Mia Spadoni at mia@rcop.com 215-735-1528.









Merchandise

To purchase one of our unique products, visit the Front
Desk or call David Wright at 215-772-1555 to place an
order.

Please note, some merchandise items are subject to an 8%
sales tax.





HAPPY HOURS at the RCOP

EMPLOYEE RETREATS at the RCOP

Recognition is proven to be among the best methods of improving work motivation and employee engagement. One minute spent on recognizing positive behavior yields 100 minutes of initiative in return – show your employees how much they mean to you and the success of your business with an Employee Retreat here at the Racquet Club!

- Guests will receive full use of the Club and its amenities including the men's steam room, ladies' sauna, fitness center, and courts.
- Everyone can reconvene in the 1889 Pub for an open-bar happy hour plus 5 displayed hors d'oeuvres.
- Pricing starts at \$110 per person, all-inclusive based on a 50-person reception.
- This pricing includes court time, group lessons, and complimentary racquet rentals for 25 people.
- Final costs will vary depending on the number of court sign-ups.
- Additional available amenities include massages, facials, and group fitness classes.
- We can accommodate companies of all sizes and needs.

CLIENT APPRECIATION HAPPY HOURS

Are you in the business of working with clients? Show them how much their business means to you by hosting a Client Appreciation Happy Hour Reception here at the Racquet Club!

- Packages include a 2-hour reception in our Reading Room, open bar, butlered hors d'oeuvres, plus a complimentary tour of our historical Clubhouse.
- Pricing starts at \$75 per person all-inclusive for a 50-person reception.



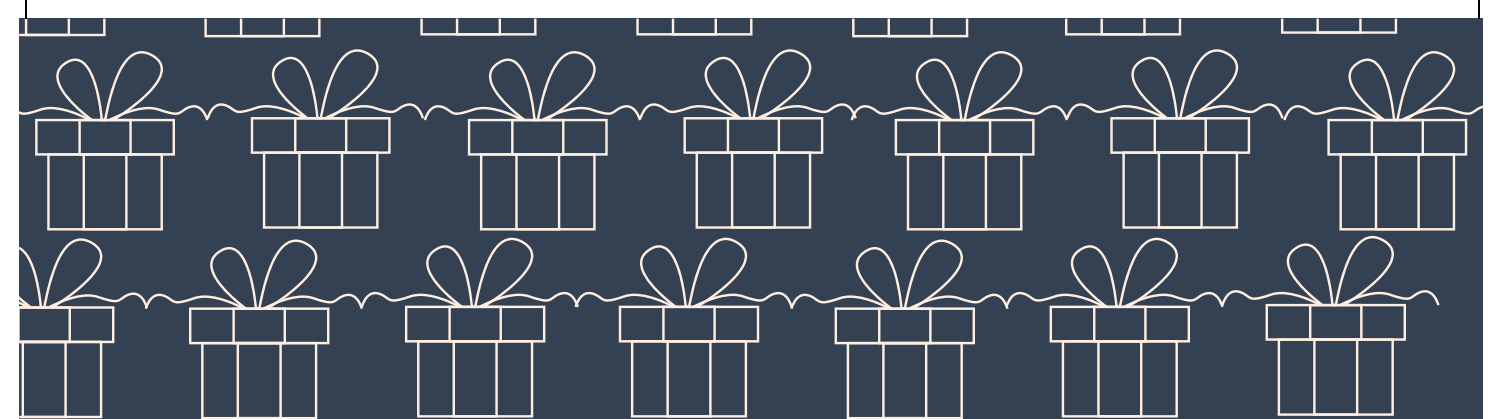
EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION HAPPY HOURS

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 Mia Spadoni at mia@rcop.com or 215-735-1528 to discuss options and book your date!



BRING IN A NEW MEMBER | RECEIVE A GIFT
REINTRODUCING RCOP'S

New Member Incentive

\$250 NOW | \$250 LATER

Effective April 1st, 2019, members that propose a Resident or Suburban candidate for membership will receive a \$250 Racquet Club gift card upon the initiation of a nominated candidate's membership account.

Members can use this gift card for all club services and amenities, which include:

- 1889 Pub & Grille
- Gold Leaf Café
- Overnight Accommodations
- Court Reservations
- Lesson Fees
- Merchandise
- Parking

Later: If a new member maintains his/her membership for one year, the proposing member will receive ANOTHER \$250 Racquet Club gift card at the start of the candidate's second year of membership.

For more information on the New Member Incentive, please contact Membership Coordinator, David Wright, by calling 215-772-1555 or by emailing dave@rcop.com

Only primary proposers are eligible for the incentive. Offer valid only if the candidate is accepted into membership as a Resident or Suburban member. Gift card not redeemable for cash and is valid for one year. The secondary offer is only valid if the proposed candidate is an active Resident or Suburban member at the anniversary date.

THANK YOU

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CLUB MERCHANDISE SPOTLIGHT

RCOP YOGA MAT - \$49

The RCOP Yoga Mat is particularly useful for Monday evening's Yoga classes. Classes are held in the third floor Fitness Studio, which can be found at the end of the hall on the right. The new Yoga classes take place Mondays at 6:30 pm.

In a weekly alternating fashion, the Club offers both Vinyasa Flow Yoga or Power Yoga. Vinyasa Flow yoga occurs on the first and third Monday of the month and Power yoga occurs on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

Visit or contact the Front Desk today to purchase your RCOP Yoga Mat. The Club can ship merchandise for the added cost of shipping and handling.

The Front Desk can be reached at frontdesk@rcop.com or 215-735-1525. To learn more about the Club's merchandise offerings, visit www.rcop.com and select the 'Merchandise' tab.



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BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER MONDAYS

MONDAYS | 1889 PUB & GRILLE

PAIR ANY OF OUR BURGERS WITH A DRAFT BEER FOR JUST \$15 EVERY MONDAY STARTING FEBRUARY 25TH! MEMBERS CAN ALSO BUILD YOUR OWN BURGER FROM A LIST OF TOPPINGS TO MAKE IT UNIQUELY YOUR OWN, EVERY MONDAY.

THIS OFFER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ANY OTHER DAY OF THE WEEK

≡ QUIZZO NIGHT ≡

1889 PUB & GRILLE



TEAMS CAN CONSIST OF 2-6 PLAYERS

PRIZES AWARDED EACH ROUND

RSVPS REQUIRED

THIRD TUESDAY MONTHLY

CONTACT EVENTS@RCOP.COM TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE OR TO VOLUNTEER AS QUIZZO HOST!



THE RACQUET CLUB
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