# RACQUET CLUB REVIEW

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020



THE RACQUET CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA 215 S. 16TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102



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# AROUND THE CLUB

### LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Dear Members,

Typically, this is the time of year that I write a letter offering updates on the highlights and challenges that the Club has faced and overcome during the past twelve months. It seems now more so than ever, that we should only be looking forward; after all, there really is much to look forward to. For the members who missed our last publication, it can be found by visiting our website at www.rcop.com and that issue includes a timeline of the Club's response to the COVID-19 crisis, but for the purpose of this publication, we look ahead to brighter days and the eventual recovery from the pandemic.

Just two months in, 2021 already feels like a comfy blanket on a cold day; offering warmth and assurance that this year can and will be better than the last. The promise of a brighter future came in late 2020 with the announcement of a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus, but in true 2020 form, the initial distribution benchmarks were not met. The good news is that updated projections indicate that one million people will be vaccinated each day between the end of January and mid-April. While we may continue to be inconvenienced with mask wearing for the foreseeable future, it seems less likely that the City will require additional closures this year due to the roll out of the vaccine. Although the finish line is in sight, it now seems that the race is a marathon and not quite the sprint we thought it might be back in March of last year.

The Racquet Club continues to offer first-class amenities and services; even during these strange times. The new Quarantine Lounge (Q Lounge) concept in the Reading Room has gained the attention and accolades of our members while our Takeout menu remains to be in high demand. Taking advantage of the vast space available due to the prohibition (pun intended) of indoor private events, we have gone so far as to introduce an exclusive Speakeasy experience which is the brainchild of our constantly evolving food and beverage team. Our athletic facilities, particularly our squash courts and fitness center, continue to be the best known secret in Center City. Further, our virtual event programming has kept members engaged with each other through it all as we continue to provide educational and social events; with luck, we may even return to traditional in-person events in the months to come.

Despite our best efforts to keep our members engaged and the clubhouse open, we have seen nearly the same number of resignations in 2020 as we did in 2019. Although resignations have remained flat, the Club saw significantly less new members as a result of mandated closures and limited opening capabilities. To the members that have unremittingly supported the Club through a turbulent year, we ask for your continued assistance as we aspire to replenish our membership in the months ahead. As stakeholders of our great institution, we strongly encourage you to introduce friends and colleagues to your clubhouse which has been responsibly and beautifully managed over the past year. As the dust of 2020 settles and the sun rises on a new year, we expect a resurging interest from our members and new candidateswho yearn to socialize eith each other.

While there is much more to be done, we want nothing more than for you to enjoy the Club you have supported through it all...and maybe introduce a friend to the Clubhouse while doing so.

Regards,

Derik Comalli General Manager

### THE RACQUET CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA IS NAMED A

# PLATINUM CLUB OF AMERICA

### FOR THE SECOND TIME IN OUR HISTORY



The Racquet Club has achieved the Platinum Club of America designation as one of the Top 20 Athletic Clubs in the nation for 2021-2022, a designation reserved for only the most elite clubs. Platinum Clubs of America represent the upper 5% of America's Top Private Clubs of Excellence, as voted by over 3,000 Club General Managers, Owners and Presidents in the recent election.

This designation is a testament to the hard work of our staff, the volunteer efforts of the Board of Governors and its committees, and the unwavering support of our membership

The Racquet Club has earned the Platinum Club of America designation 2016-2018 (Honorable Mention in 2019 and 2020) and we are honored and humbled to be named a Top Athletic Club once again.

# SquashSmarts Holiday Meal Drive



Our members have been incredibly generous during the Pandemic, but we experienced the pinnacleof generosity during the holiday season when we partnered with SquashSmarts to deliver holiday meals to families in need.

SquashSmarts is dedicated to improving the lives of underserved youth from Philadelphia public schools by providing intensive, long-term academic tutoring and squash instruction while imparting high standards of personal integrity, health and fitness, and service to the community. Squash Smarts and the Racquet Club have a long history that is intertwined because of our shared focus on the game of Squash and many of our members serve on their board, so it was a natural partnership when we were trying to think of ways we can continue to serve the community.

Over 30 members donated meals which fed 177 people and over 27 families! Meals included turkey breast and gravy, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, salad, and pie. Special thanks to member Ross Bolling as well as Derik Comalli, John Callas, Ether Santiago, Angelina Crawford, Josh Pinkney, John Lumley, James Asher, and Rob Whitehouse who delivered the meals to homes all over the city. It was a truly rewarding experience, and we plan to make this an annual holiday tradition at The Racquet Club!

AUERBACH FAMILY
AYOUB FAMILY
BARNES FAMILY
BROUSSARD & JOHNSTON FAMILY\*
COX FAMILY
CROWELL FAMILY
DENTON FAMILY
GERSON FAMILY
GILBERTI FAMILY
KEENER FAMILY

LAUGHLIN FAMILY

E. LEVIN FAMILY

T. LEVIN FAMILY
LOSTY FAMILY
MILLER FAMILY
MONTELIONE FAMILY
PERSON FAMILY
RILEY FAMILY
RILEY-LANHAM FAMILY
SCHWARZE FAMILY
SMITH FAMILY
WARD FAMILY
YEATMAN FAMILY
YOSHIMURA FAMILY
ZUG FAMILY













RACQUET CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

# OVERNIGHT ROOM RATES



# WINTER SPECIAL OVERNIGHT ROOMS STARTING AT \$109 PER NIGHT

# THE DEAL

STANDARD ROOM \$139 REDUCED TO \$109 PER NIGHT

JUNIOR SUITE \$175 REDUCED TO \$139 PER NIGHT

LUXURY SUITE \$215 REDUCED TO \$169 PER NIGHT

### **HOLD THE TAXES**

Did you know the Club is exempt from the city and state lodging tax which is 15.5% of the total room rate? A traditional hotel offering the same rates as the Club are \$17, \$21, and \$26 more per night for each type of room.

### **COMPLIMENTARY COCKTAIL**

All guests receive a coupon for a buy one get one free drink at the Q Lounge in the Reading Room. Enjoy a beverage by the fire!

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





### **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

### SHANTELLE FLIPPIN

SERVER - 1889 PUB & GRILLE



Prior to the pandemic, Shantelle was a relatively new face in the 1889 Pub & Grille. In more recent months, Shantelle was the lead Server in the Beer Garden and members have come to enjoy her

outgoing disposition and attentive service. Her teammates have spoken highly of Shantelle's commitment to being a team player as she will frequently assist her colleagues when they need help. Furthermore, Shantelle is punctual, respectful, and genuinely cares about providing the membership with personalized service when they visit the Club. Her manager, Angelina, acknowledges her commitment and is thankful to have her as part of the team. Let us congratulate Shantelle for her continued contributions to the food and beverage operations and member experience.

### CONGRATS TO KEVIN + KELLY ON THEIR ENGAGEMENT

Member Kevin Button and Kelly Nicolaa got engaged just a few days before Christmas when he popped the question at their alma mater, University of Michigan



Ann Arbor, where they first met. As they walked around the empty campus it began to sprinkle but Kevin convinced Kelly to continue their stroll to one of their favorite spots. Just when they walked in to take a picture she realized he wasn't next to her anymore only to look around and find him down on one knee! She said yes, they kissed, and then it started pouring. It was so special that Kevin was able to plan a romantic proposal, even during COVID when they rarely left the house.

### MEMBER MILESTONES

### CONGRATULATIONS DR. LAURA PICCIANO



Dr. Laura Picciano was promoted in November 2020 to Lead Physician at Main Line Healthcare's new start up practice located in Roxborough. Dr. Picciano has been affiliated with Main Line Healthcare since 2017. Her new role encompasses years of clinical

experience in the care of adult patients as well as physician executive leadership and management.

### JIMMY DUNN PARTNERS FOR LIFE



Racquet Club members Rob Gundlach and Kaytlynn Gorson, who actually started their first date with a squash match at the club, recently got engaged on December 19th. Rob popped the question outside of the couple's home in Rittenhouse Square, where luckily, Kaytlynn said yes, despite him having beaten her during that first date match. The pair

plans to marry in Palm Beach in April 2022, where Kaytlynn will absolutely force Rob to vow to be her Jimmy Dunn court tennis partner for life, or at least until Melissa Purcell agrees to take his spot.

PERSONALLY OR
PROFESSIONALLY?
WE WANT TO CELEBRATE
YOU AND SHARE YOUR
GOOD NEWS. SEND
MILESTONES TO KATELYNN
ANYTIME TO BE FEATURED
IN THE UPCOMING EDITION
OF THE RACQUET CLUB
REVIEW.

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# FOOD & BEVERAGE

BY KATELYNN ZACCARIA, DIRECTOR OF FOOD & BEVERAGE



The Food & Beverage
Department continued to face
adversity in the fourth quarter
when we received word from the
City that we had to discontinue
indoor dining in November.
Nevertheless, we were able to
continue our takeout program
with a steady stream of members

ordering from the Club on a weekly basis.

Holiday catering saw an increase as well, with packages for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as home holiday entertaining for small groups. For New Year's Eve, we rolled out a new concept: New Year's in a Box. It included a four-course delicious dinner for two, a bottle of sparkling wine, and hats and noisemakers to ring in the new year. The boxes were a big hit and we hope to offer them again, but with live dining in 2021!

We continued our dining takeovers during the shutdown as well in the hopes of changing up our regular menu to keep things exciting and fresh for our members. The French theme was so popular in December that we extended it for a second week! In January we went old school with a Retro Diner theme, while we will let the good times roll in February with a Mardi Gras theme. Though the restaurant will be open in February, we will continue to offer the menu for takeout as well.

Lastly, in order to make room for exciting new wines we are having a closeout wine sale. Purchases will count toward F&B minimums and there a quite a few great wines at even better prices on the list.



### INTRODUCING "THE Q LOUNGE"

Indoor dining returned to the Racquet Club on Tuesday, January 19th and with that we are offering a new pop-up concept to change things up during the pandemic. The continued suspension of indoor private events and weddings presents an exciting opportunity to utilize unused space to the benefit of our member's dining experience. As such, we have relocated our indoor dining operations to the Reading Room which will now house "The Q Lounge" which boasts a delicious tapas-style menu that showcases Chef Manny's creativity and passion for Spanish cuisine. Tables remain socially distanced and the fireplace and decor make the ambiance both cozy and safe for our members.

Reservations are limited to four (4) per table with members and immediate family or significant others only.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made through the RCOP mobile app or by contacting Angelina at angelina@ rcop.com. The menu is also available for takeout!

WHAT MEMBERS ARE SAYING THE DINNER WAS INCREDIBLE!!
THE BEST MEAL I'VE HAD AT
THE RACQUET CLUB, AND SUCH
A FUN EXPERIENCE OVERALL.

- Wancy Gephart

WE LOVE THE SPEAKEASY!!! WE ONLY JUST SAT DOWN BUT ARE LOVING IT AND SO IMPRESSED - CAN'T WAIT FOR THE THEMED COCKTAILS AND MEAL!

- Libby Gephart



# THE Q LOUNGE

at the racquet club

### SMALL PLATES

### Patatas Bravas/\$7

Garlic Pimenton aloli • espelette salt

### Lamb Kabobs / \$11

Herbed cumin Labneh • Grilled Pita • arugula salad

### Pan con tomate / \$6

Grilled Sourdough •Heirloom Tomato • manchego

### fried Shishito Peppers/\$7

Lemon Tahina. Toasted almonds

### Gambas al AJILLO/\$10

Garlic Shrimp •Toasted sourdough baguette •
Garlic Chermoula

### fried cumin cauliflower / \$9

Preserved Lemon aloli • Toasted Gremolata

### TOTTILLA ESPANOLA/ \$8

saffron aloli • manchego

### SALADS

### caesar salad / \$6 | \$10

romaine • Buttery croutons • Parmesan cheese • House caesar pressing

### Beet Salad / \$8 | \$11

roasted Beets • arugula • carrots • cherry tomatoes • cucumbers • feta cheese • Lemon Garlic tahina dressing

### ENTREES

### airline chicken / \$17

LEMON-SCENTED COUSCOUS SALAD • CONFIT FINGERLING POTATOES • CHICKEN DEMI

### SUMAC ATLANTIC SALMON / \$21

GRILLED ASPARAGUS • ROASTED BABY CARROTS • HERBED
CUMIN LABRIEH

### 1889 Burger / \$13

angus beef • vermont cheddar • apple smoked bacon • caramelized onions • lettuce • tomato • fries or salad

### manchego Burger / \$15

angus Beef • manchego cheddar • roasted red peppers•
garlic pimenton aioli •fried shishito peppers •
Brioche Bun • fries or salad

### falafel Burger / \$12

TZatziki • Tomatoes• Lettuce • Feta Cheese • red onions • Brioche Bun • Fries or Salad

### Lamb meatballs / \$19

SPAGHETTI rustica d'abruzze • SPICED TOMATO SAUCE • FETA CHEESE

### DESSERTS

### CHUTTOS / \$8

CINNAMON AND CARDAMOM SUGAR • CHAI INFUSED
CHOCOLATE SAUCE

### Baklava cheesecake / \$7

SHredded PHYLLO • Honey • Toasted Walnuts & PISTacHIOS

OPEN TUESDAY-FRIDAY, 5 PM - 11 PM | AVAILABLE FOR TAKEOUT

### **EVENTS RECAP**

### 10/17

### **CIGARS UNDER THE STARS**

Even though the Beer Garden had officially closed, over twenty members attended a Cigar Smoking event in the parking lot and enjoyed some fall hors d'oeuvres and a bar by signature.

### 10/13 - 10/16

### **OKTOBERFEST TAKEOVER**

Similar to our previous Pub Takeover concept, we modified our program to fit our current model by offering it every night in a week. We had a great turnout each night for festive German food and beer!

### 10/21

### HALLOWEEN BYOB CLUB

Host Arianae Tsavaris welcomed 15 members to enjoy and share spooky-themed wines!

### 10/22

### **EAGLES V. GIANTS**

The Eagles game was on the big screen and members who wore team attire received a complimentary Coors Light. We hope to have a better season next year!

### 10/27

### **QUIZZO**

The Tacketts were on the other side of the microphone as this month's hosts and played to a full house in the Dining Room.

### 11/5

### MOVIE NIGHT IN THE DINING ROOM

Great Scott! We headed Back to the Future for dinner and a Movie night!

### 11/10 - 11/13

### **PUB TAKEOVER: ITALIAN**

The Dining Room was transformed into an Italian restaurant all week! Members enjoyed themed food and drinks in a festive atmosphere.

### 11/12

### VIRTUAL CONVERSATION WITH AMANDA SOBHY

Amanda Sobhy joined us for a conversation about her Squash career which was moderated by Rob Whitehouse. Over 20 members joined the call to listen to her stories capturing the highs and lows of being a female squash powerhouse.

### 11/17

### A CALL TO SPY: A CONVERSATION WITH ACTOR AND WRITER SARA MEGAN THOMAS

In the beginning of WWII, with Britain becoming desperate, Churchill orders his new spy agency - SOE - to recruit and train women as spies. A Call to Spy, is described by Roger Ebert as a "thrilling spy drama, and a tribute to this courageous and diverse group of women. These women were heroes. Hidden figures no more." After watching the movie, members joined us for a virtual conversation with Haverford native Sara Megan Thomas who not only wrote the screenplay but also stars as Virginia Hall. Sara was fascinating and kept members' attention throughout the discussion.

### 12/4

### **VIRTUAL TREE TRIMMING**

The City of Philadelphia's "Safer at Home" announcement came right before the holiday season but that did not stop The Racquet Club from celebrating virtually! Elsa and Santa joined us on Zoom and families who signed up got a complimentary Cookie & Cocoa box. Over 20 families participated and it was a big hit with the under 10 demographic!

### 12/8 - 12/19

### **RESTAURANT TAKEOVER: FRENCH**

Members were able to order a lovely Parisian meal from La Raquette d'Or for takeout. It was so popular that we extended it from one week to two weeks to accommodate demand!

### 12/9

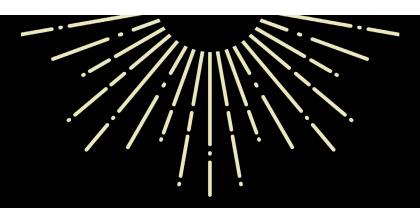
### **QUARANTINE QUIZZO**

Omar Cancio hosted Virtual Quizzo with 4 teams participating. Team "All I Want for Quizmas is Quizzo" led by Morgan and Jon McSenn, took home the gold in a double tiebreaker.

### 12/17

### THINGS TO DO IN PHILADELPHIA: VIRTUAL CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR IRENE BAKER LEVY

Author Irene Baker Levy joined us to discuss her book, *100 things To Do in Philadelphia* which gave members great ideas for COVID safe activities in the area.



SPEAKEASY DINING EXPERIENCE

# CHARLIETHE OYSTERMAN

There's an RCOP legend that during Prohibition the Club kept members' personal liquor stashes onsite for them to drink while in the building. The employee responsible for managing this service was named Charlie, and his role at the Club was to shuck oysters.

Today we bring you an intimate private dining experience as an homage to the legend of Charlie. On Thursdays and Fridays only, members can make a reservation for 4 for "Charlie the Oysterman," located in a secret location in the club. Dinner will be a Chef's tasting menu and the Club's full beverage offerings will be available by signature. Reservations must be made in advance and no walk-ins will be allowed. Only one seating per night.

### **HOW IT WORKS**

Make a reservation for up to 4 guests by contacting Katelynn at katelynnercop.com.

Choose a Price Point for dinner: Three-Course Menu \$55 per person plus tax and service or Five-Course \$75 per person plus tax and service

Let us know about any dietary restrictions or aversions before we curate your custom menu

Drinks are by signature but the full Pub menu offerings and a special speakeasy cocktail menu are available to you.

Arrive on the evening of your reservation and be led to the secret dining location.

# **MEMBERSHIP**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Mr. David B. Ford** *Member for 48 Years* 

**Ms. Pamela Post** *Member for 21 Years* 

Mr. John M. Walton III

Member for 66 Years

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The following candidates were posted for admission to membership and have since been accepted. Photos are arranged alphabetically. (\*) Denotes any new member listed with no accompanying photo.











LT. HUNTER ABRAMS

PETER BARTON

**IAMES GORDON** 

**THOMAS MCMANUS** 

**JOHNSON SCANLON** 

# ALL-STAR MEMBER SPONSORS: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020

Thank you to all members that sponsored a new candidate for membership. Your efforts that are contribute to the growth of our great Club! The pandemic has led to a decrease in new member candidates so it is imperative that our members introduce and sponsor their friends, family and colleagues to the Club. The following members successfully sponsored new members during the fourth quarter.

MICHAEL BARTON

MURPHY BARTON

WILLIAM BUCHANAN

DAVID HILTON

GRIFFIN HORTER

CONNOR KEATING

JACK MAINE

TIMOTHY MCMANUS

RUSSELL RHOADS

PAT SCHER



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### **ELECTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH**

Wednesday, March 10th at 6 PM

### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR APRIL CANDIDACY

Friday, March 26th

### **ELECTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL**

Wednesday, April 14th at 6 PM

### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR MAY CANDIDACY

Friday, April 23rd

### **ELECTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - MAY**

Wednesday, May 12th at 6 PM

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR JUNE CANDIDACY

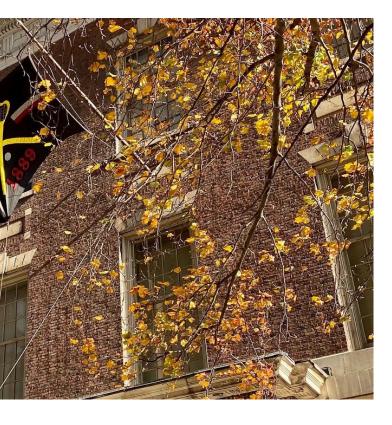
Friday, May 21st

### **ELECTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - JUNE**

Wednesday, June 9th at 6 PM

### **SUMMER PROGRAM 2020**

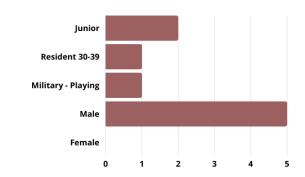
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### MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

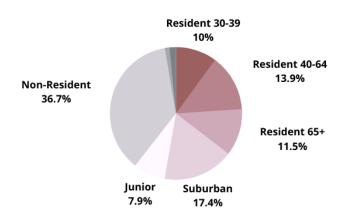
### **BREAKDOWN OF NEW MEMBERS:**

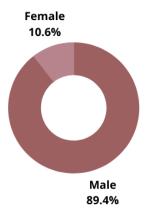
October - December 2020 we welcomed five new members



### **COMPOSITION OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:**

777 Full Members





### **ACTIVE PROGRAMS:**

### **42 Provisional Members**

- 47 Total Participants
- 22 Remain Active
- 5 Converted to Full Membership
- 5% Conversion to date

### 2021 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

The following candidates were posted for admission to membership and have since been accepted. Photos are arranged alphabetically. (\*) Denotes any new member listed with no accompanying photo.

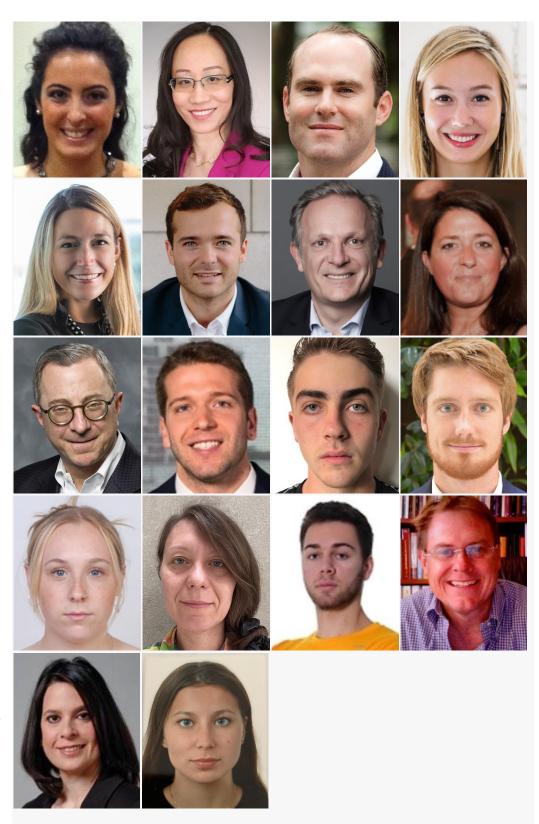
MS. BRIA ALTIERI
MS. RUI CHE
MR. GREGORY CLEMENT
MRS. MARY BELL CLEMENT

MS. KATHERINE COOK
MR. CHARLES DE CARVALHO
MR. DAMIEN DOUCHET
MRS. MARIE-ANN DOUCHET

MR. DANIEL JONAS
MR. AARON KAUFMAN
MR. MATIAS KNUDSEN
MR. FILIP KRUEGER

MS. MARGOT PROW
MS. NATALIE PUPO
MR. LUCAS ROUSSELET
MR. BRADLEY SAINT-LAURENT

MRS. BARBARA SAINT-LAURENT MS. KARINA TYMA





# New Member Incentive

### \$250 NOW | \$250 LATER

Members that propose a Resident, Suburban or Junior candidate for membership will receive a \$250 Racquet Club gift card upon the initiation of their nominated candidate's membership account.

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

Indoor or Takeout Dining
Overnight Accommodations
Personal Training Fees
Lesson Fees
Merchandise
Parking

If that new member maintains his/her membership for one year, the primary sponsoring 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 davecrop.com

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





### **WHO WE ARE**



Row 1: Dr. Peter Angelides, Mr. Oliver Dutton, Mr. Christian Folkestad, Mr. Daniel Lamken, Mr. James Price Row 2: Ms. Carlie Rice, Ms. Allegra Rich, Mr. Schuyler Wickes, Dr. Anna Whitlock, Mr. Christopher Yaracs



C<mark>OMMITTEE CHAIR</mark> Dr. Laura Picciano

### WHAT WE DO

The Racquet Club Membership Committee, in coordination with the efforts of David Wright, the Club's Membership & Marketing Coordinator, is responsible for creating/executing strategies to support membership recruitment, engagement & retention. These committee members are highly engaged ambassadors of the Racquet Club that focus their efforts on the continued growth of our community.

In 2021 the committee plans to increase overall membership in a few ways:

- Ambassador Assignation
- L.T.O.'s (Limited Time Offers)
- Membership Involvement/Support
- Member Sponsor Incentives
- Committee Outreach
- Prospective Member Engagement via Focused Events
- Resignee Recommencement
- Trial Membership Programs (Summer & Provisional)

### WHERE YOU COME IN

Everything the Membership Committee does only works with the support of our great Racquet Club community of members. Proposing candidates for membership at The Racquet Club is both a privilege and a duty and is essential to ensuring the long-term success. In order for the Club to grow its facilities and services, it is imperative that our members actively introduce potential candidates to all of the wonderful benefits of our unique and historic clubhouse.

If you have a friend, family member or colleague interested in membership, be sure to have them visit www.rcop.com to learn more about membership and then you can put them in touch with the Membership Office via membership@rcop.com or 215-772-1555.



### GEORGE D. WIDENER LEVEL

DOUGLAS COX HENRY B. DUPONT SMITH WALTER FOULKE \$10,000 - \$24,999

JOHN SCHELLENBERG HENDERSON SUPPLEE III THOMAS TARANTINO

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

CRAIG BODDORFF MATTHEW DUPEE CHRISTOPHER HALEY DOUGLAS LURIO EDWARD RORER WILLIAM SCHWARZE SHANIN SPECTER PHILLIP STRAUS

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

JONATHAN AUERBACH & KAROLINE ADLER

PETER ANGELIDES

TIMOTHY BARR

ANDREW BROWN

ROBERT BRYAN

GILBERT CARPENTER

CARL CORDEK

JOHN CRANMER

SYDNEY WALDRON & JON CROWELL

FRANCIS DEVINE

RAMY DJERASSI

CHRISTIAN DYER

WILLIAM T. FREEMAN ERIK GRANADE

SAMUEL HOWE

SCOTT JENKINS

HORACE KEESEY IV

ALFRED KENNEDY

AUDREY LEHR C KENNETH LEITH

VINCENT MAIELLO

EDWARD MANGES

R ASHBROOK MCCANN

CLARENCE MCGOWAN

WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

LAURA PICCIANO

ROBERT PRICE

JAMES PRICE

YVES QUINTIN

THOMAS REILLY

PETER SCHREIBER

DAVID SELTZER

STEWART TAYLOR

JIM AND BONNIE VAN ALLEN GREGORY VAN SCHAACK

CHRISTOPHER YARACS

### 16th STREET LEVEL | \$500 - \$999

JOHN CAMPBELL
WILLIAM GIESE
ERIC HOYLE
ADAM INSELBUCH

JOHN MAZDIN DELMA BROUSSARD & RAY JOHNSTON MARK SHEEHAN STEVE SADER DAVID SINGER WILLIAM JON TAYLOR

### FOUNDER LEVEL | \$150 - \$499

WILLIAM BARKER
THOMAS KELLEY CRUMLISH
ELIZABETH DENTON
JOHN E DOUGLAS
DAVID GERSON

SCOTT & JENNIFER INGLIS

BARCLAY JONES

CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

JOSEPH O'CONNOR JR

MATTHEW MCCLURE

CHRISTIAN MCGOWAN CHRISTOPHER MCGOWAN RICHARD MOROSCAK PHERUZE V. PELL ALVAR SOOSAAR WILLIAM J. VILLARI SCHULER WICKES MICHAEL WITSCH ADAM YAARI



# ATHLETICS

### BY ROB WHITEHOUSE, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR & HEAD PROFESSIONAL



## THE COURTS THROUGH THE PANDEMIC:

Throughout the pandemic, our members have been able to safely play court tennis and squash in the best athletic club in Philadelphia. Members continue to enjoy the club's facilities though we look

forward the resumption of more "normal" activity in the months ahead.

By the way, if you noticed that the clubhouse was looking a little nicer when we reopened in January, that is because the entire Pro team, maintenance, and the locker room attendants completed numerous painting and cleaning projects.







### GOOD LUCK, ROB WHITEHOUSE!

Rob Whitehouse will be going under the knife on March 29th to have a knee replacement. Mr. Whitehouse has the unofficial record for most hours logged on court at the Racquet Club than anyone living today and as a result of 30 plus years serving he will undergo a knee replacement on March 29th.

Rob will be out for out of the ProShop for one month and will not return to action on court for three months, but he will certainly be eager to see how well he moves on the courts after the operation.

James Asher & John Lumley are ready to cover the Pro Shop during the month of April and will do an excellent job in Rob's absence.

Good luck Rob and we look forward to having you back!























# On-site & Virtual Fitness Class Schedule

CLASS

TIME









**MONDAY** 

• All-Level, Flow Style Vinyasa

• Improve Flexibility

Reduce Stress

5:45 PM

. TUESDAY

Weight Loss

• Calorie Burn

• Cardiovascular Conditioning

5:45 PM

• Strengthen Hips

• Legs & Glutes

• Mid-Section

5:45 PM

SATURDAY

• All-Level, Flow Style Vinyasa

• Improve Flexibility

• Reduce Stress

**10 AM** 

To access these classes, visit the Main Dining Room during listed times or the Event Calendar of the Member Section at www.rcop.com. Each class will have it's own Zoom link posted. Reservations & masks are required for on-site classes.

# LIFE MEMBER

### FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE RACQUET CLUB DURING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS OF 2020, LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB INITIATED AN INTERNAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN. THE CAMPAIGN CONCLUDED AT THE END OF JANUARY 2021 AND RESULTED IN \$150,000 IN GIFTS AND PLEDGES TO THE RC FUND FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION REPAIRS. ENHANCEMENTS, AND RENOVATIONS TO THE CLUBHOUSE.

WE THANK THE LIFE MEMBERS THAT GENEROUSLY DONATED:

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# DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF PERSONAL TRAINING

Whether your goal is to feel better, figure out how to move safely, develop your game on court, or improve your day to day life our fitness specialists at the RCOP are ready to help you reach your goals. Personal training is a great way to get started and build a solid foundation because of the benefits it can provide. On the following page we list the benefits of personal training.



### **MOTIVATION**

Working with a fitness specialist at the RCOP can provide the encouragement, energy, and the motivation you need for accomplishing your health and wellness goals. Personal training will also help you set short and long term goals, create a plan, and continue to progress as you reach and surpass goals.

### CONSISTENCY

Finding time in your day to day life can be challenging. Setting a personal training appointment with one of our fitness specialists will ensure accountability and help you to overcome the excuses you might have when committing to your health and wellness.

### CLARITY

When it comes to exercise there is a lot of information to sort through. Proper programming, structure of the workout, how to perform the movement are all things that can cause you to "system overload". Using our fitness services, specifically personal training, will help provide direction and give you understanding of the how and why. Our goal at the RCOP is to help remove the guesswork so you can direct your energy toward performing the movements within the program properly.

### CONFIDENCE

The fitness center can be an intimidating place. Working with our fitness specialists allows you to gain confidence with how to perform different movements, use machines, and navigate the facility. After a few personal training sessions you will start to notice more self-confidence and self-efficacy, as well as the motivation to continue to exercise over the long term.

### INJURY PREVENTION -

If you are new to exercise or find that some movements are uncomfortable and cause pain, working with a fitness specialist is a great means to ensure that you are moving in a safe and effective way. Taking the time to learn proper exercise form and technique will prevent injuries while to progressing towards your health and wellness goals.

The first step is getting started and sometimes that takes a little motivation. Personal training is a great way to do just that. We offer both in person and virtual personal training with any of our outstanding fitness specialists. I invite you to try all of our wellness services here at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, while on the path to achieving your health and wellness goals. Please contact me for more information about the Health and Wellness Services here at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia.



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### VISIT THE WEBSITE

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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 William Calero in the Billing office.

### **RCOP APP**

Members can now access the member portal, view statements, make dining or guest room reservations, check upcoming events, and so much more from anywhere at any time!

### **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

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### **RSVP FOR CLUB EVENTS**

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