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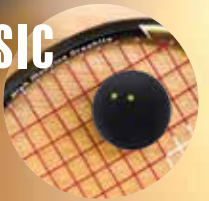
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# CLUB Events FOR MARCH/APRIL 2022

**Please NOTE:** The details on any of the events shown on the calendars or mentioned in *Topics* are as accurate as possible at press time. Calendars are updated weekly—members can always check with the Club for the latest information on event details and Club hours of operations.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### MARCH

TUESDAY	1	First Tuesday in the FDR   6–8 PM
THURSDAY	10	Weight Loss Challenge Party
FRIDAY	11	Toledo Squash Classic (See pages 18–20)
SATURDAY	12	Toledo Squash Classic Spring Fling   8:30–Midnight
SUNDAY	13	Toledo Squash Classic and Brunch
TUESDAY	15	Big Ugly Celebration
WEDNESDAY	16	World o' Whiskey Dinner   6 PM (See page 11)
THURSDAY	17	Great Books Discussion Group   Noon (See page 30) Jiggs Lunch and Dinner in the Tavern 11 AM–2 PM   5–9 PM March Madness in the Tavern   11 AM–2 PM, 5–9 PM Third Thursday / New Member Meet & Greet   Tavern
FRIDAY	18	Members' Jam: Jim Gottron Tribute   6–8:30 PM (See pages 14–15) March Madness in the Tavern   11 AM–2 PM, 5–9 PM
SATURDAY	19	March Madness in the Tavern   11 AM–3 PM
TUESDAY	22	ZIPZ Dinner   5:30–8:30 P
THURSDAY	24	Jazz in the Red Room   6–8:30 PM (See page 27)
WEDNESDAY	30	Wild Game Dinner   6 PM (See page 4)

### APRIL

TUESDAY	5	First Tuesday in the FDR - 6–8 PM
FRIDAY	15	Members' Jam   6–8:30 PM
FRIDAY	8	Wine Pairing Dinner in the FDR   6–8:30 PM
SUNDAY	17	Easter Brunch   11 AM and 1 PM seatings (See back cover)
TUESDAY	19	ZIPZ Dinner   5:30–8:30 PM
THURSDAY	21	Great Books Discussion Group   Noon (See page 30) Third Thursday / New Member Meet & Greet   Tavern
THURSDAY	28	Squash Finals Night/Awards Dinner Jazz in the Red Room   6–8:30 PM (See page 27)

## SAVE THE DATE

MAY 7 Kentucky Derby Party (See pages 6–9)

MAY 8 Mother's Day Brunch (See back cover)

**ON THE COVER:** The iconic mint julep will be featured at the Club's inaugural Kentucky Derby Party on May 7. Photo taken at The Toledo Club by Kurt Nielsen.

# President's MESSAGE

Doug Kearns, President

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## Dear Toledo Club Member,

As winter has settled in, I hope you have taken the opportunity to frequent the Club as one of your first options to grab a snack in the Tavern, have a hot breakfast in the FDR, and enjoy a Thursday or Friday night dinner in the Founders Dining Room.

I know those who made the Club their first choice for a Valentine's dinner were delighted, as Chef Sean and his team put together a great menu that featured special wines from the Nooney Companies.

Let's March into Spring, as the action will be heating up inside the Club with an event-filled March and April. We lead off with what should be a record turnout for the Squash Classic, March 11–13; another fantastic World o' Whiskey Dinner on March 16; and a Member's Jam on March 18. Then we roll right into April with more things planned, such as old favorites like the Easter Brunch on April 17, and some new beginnings. As always, please RSVP often and early so the Club's team can properly plan and you don't get disappointed to discover that an event is sold out.

On the Club Board side, I am very pleased to announce that based on the recent change in the Club's Code of Regs allowing a total of eleven Directors (this was unanimously approved during our Special Meeting of the members in December), we have filled vacancies on the Board by adding the following new Directors: Mark Keeseey, Rich Effler, and Matt Harper (who had previously served on the Board and will continue to be the Club's legal counsel). The additions were approved by the Board at the meeting on February 21.

Please note that one vacancy was created when Christian Piazza requested a leave of absence from the Board for personal reasons. I would like to thank Christian for the tremendous effort and energy he put into being the membership chair. We know when the time is right for him and his family, he will be back. Meantime, we are pleased to announce that Board member Bill Wolff has graciously agreed to serve as our new membership chair. Let's all help him in any way we can with this critical part of Club growth!

Lastly, I have a few asks of every member of The Toledo Club. Please do your part over the next two months by doing the following three things (or more is totally acceptable):

- 1.) Bring a non-member friend or couple to the Club for a dinner, event or anything going on that could show them what they are missing out on by not being members. The Club needs more usage!
- 2.) Sponsor that couple as new members. Membership coordinator Matt Sayre will do the rest. Just get with Matt to provide you a membership packet. (Every member should have at least one handy with Matt's business cards.) We need more members, and it's every member's "job" to help that mission!
- 3.) Attend an event at the Club that you normally have not made it to. A few easy ones that come to mind would be: a First Tuesday dinner in the FDR; a ZIPZ dinner in the FDR; or the Spring Fling party. You'll meet some new and old members enjoying the Club as it should be. I guarantee you will not be disappointed that you did!

Thank you for being a member of The Toledo Club.

Doug Kearns, President

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# MEMBER Anniversaries

## MARCH

Edward S. Kraemer	1970 / 51 years
William F. Buckley	1975 / 46 years
John N. MacKay	1977 / 44 years
Peter P. Poll	1977 / 44 years
Cormac B. DeLaney	1982 / 39 years
James E. Walter	1985 / 36 years
Douglas E. Kearns	1987 / 34 years
Gary J. Blair	1991 / 30 years
Josephine A. Minogue	1993 / 28 years
Timothy F. Smith	1993 / 28 years
John W. Longthorne	1995 / 26 years
Julia A. Mahoney	1995 / 26 years
Matthew Townsend	2002 / 19 years
Keith Burwell	2004 / 17 years
Andrea L. Henne	2004 / 17 years
Jarrod Hirschfeld	2004 / 17 years
Brett J. Seymour	2008 / 13 years
John Robinson Block	2008 / 13 years
Peter J. Winovich III	2009 / 12 years
Joel P. Epstein	2009 / 12 years
Laura C. Berling	2010 / 11 years

## APRIL

Joseph H. Pilkington	1961 / 60 years
Frances H. Anderson	1966 / 55 years
Kenneth R. Smith	1971 / 50 years
John A. Fedderke	1974 / 47 years
B. Gary McBride	1977 / 44 years
Edwin F. Durivage	1979 / 42 years
Larry D. Ulrich	1979 / 42 years
Joy A. Hyman-Goldberg	1982 / 39 years
John F. Wetli	1984 / 37 years
John J. Barone	1989 / 32 years
Steven D. Turner	1991 / 30 years
Charles A. Stocking	1995 / 26 years
Riaz Chaudhary	2009 / 12 years
Randall D. Oostra	2010 / 11 years
Fateh U. Ahmed	2010 / 11 years
Mark D. Wagoner	2010 / 11 years
Donald Christie	2011 / 10 years

# THE TOLEDO CLUB'S 25TH ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 6 PM

It's always good to get back to a regular dining routine at The Toledo Club. Not sure what dinner event to reserve on your calendar? Here's one to check out if you haven't yet made plans: the Wild Game Dinner on March 30. This evening is one of the Club's traditional annual events. It starts with cocktails at 6 PM, along with Chef Sean's unique hors d'oeuvres, then on to dinner, with the finest wild game Chef finds to prepare, along with his always savory sides, salad and dessert.

There's more to anticipate than the cuisine itself. You will also be entertained with a full range of activities including a raffle with extensive gift options, vendor displays in the Centennial Room, and a live auction featuring wildlife artwork, a shotgun, pheasant hunting and fishing trips, and other adventures.

The dinner is hosted in the Founders Dining Room at \$100 per person — tables of 10 pay for 8. Reservations are required. Don't miss out on this fun event — a true Toledo Club tradition.



Cocktails • Hors d'oeuvres  
Vendor displays in the Centennial Room  
Dinner in the Founders Dining Room

**\$100 per person [Tables of 10 pay for 8]**

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# NEW Members

Matthew Buchanan  
Kathy Falls Peters  
Richard Mlcek

Daniel Murtagh  
Austin Paterwich  
Evan Bunis

# IN Memoriam

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of our Toledo Club members who have recently passed away:

**P.J. O'Rourke** ~ November 14, 2021  
*A Toledo Club member since June, 2009*

**David Snell** ~ December 26, 2021  
*A Toledo Club member since March, 1987*

**Carolyn Metzger** ~ January 20, 2022  
*A Toledo Club member since May, 1973*

# DINING & BEVERAGE Notes

## Enjoy BREAKFAST in the Founders.

Start your day right with breakfast in the FDR Tuesday through Friday, from 6:30 until 8:30 AM. Make it a point to stop in after your early workout, before a meeting or on your way to work.

**LUNCH is now available** in the Founders Dining Room on Wednesdays, 11 AM–2 PM.

**Have DINNER at the Club on Friday evenings in March and April**, 5:30–8:30 PM. All Friday dinners (except on April 8) will be in the Corinthian Room.

## Wine Pairing Dinner in the FDR on April 8.

*Please make your Friday dining reservations by noon the day before.*

# THE TOLEDO CLUB Mission

The mission of The Toledo Club, since 1889, is to enrich the lives of its members by providing a luxurious private Club experience in a financially responsible manner with extraordinary social and recreational activities that foster friendship, fellowship and pride among members.



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# RUN *for the* ROSES

Some facts and figures about horseracing's biggest day—and a new Club tradition to celebrate it!

*By Lynda Gilbert*

*We're talking Derby here!*  
**Join us in celebration of the  
148th Run for the Roses at  
The Toledo Club's inaugural  
Kentucky Derby Party on  
Saturday, May 7.**

*Come and EAT southern fare,  
DRINK bourbon mint juleps, and  
MERRILY bet on your favorites.*

*Come decked out in your  
finest Derby fashion (hats and  
bow ties are perfect).*

*Here are some fun facts  
and interesting finds about  
the Kentucky Derby to  
keep you on "track!"*



## America's Historic Racetrack

The first race at Churchill Downs happened in 1875 and was won by a horse named Aristides, ridden by an African American jockey, Oliver Lewis.

At the turn of the 20th century, Churchill Downs had fallen into financial trouble, and was facing a strong possibility of closing.

In 1902, a man by the name of Colonel Matt Winn was hired to change the track's situation. Through his direction he formed a group of investors and was able to market venue events, the first being the bringing of the Kentucky Derby to Churchill Downs. He made it a scene of fashion and influence among the wealthy.

Churchill Downs quickly became known as the track for the race called "Run for the Roses," "the greatest two minutes in sports" and "the first jewel in racing's Triple Crown."

Today, besides home to the Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs hosts the Kentucky State Fair, music festivals and the famous Kentucky Derby Museum.

### HISTORY 101



*Churchill Downs was founded by Meriwether Lewis Clark, Jr., grandson of the explorer William Clark. Mr. Clark leased the land from his two uncles, John and Henry Churchill, then built and named the track after them when it was completed. In 1875, Meriwether Clark enlisted three stake races: the Kentucky Derby, the Oaks, and the Clark Handicap, all of which still run today.*



## Best Seat in the House

The Mansion, an 8,000-square-foot amphitheater located on the 6th floor at Churchill Downs, is an exclusive secret clubhouse for those “too rich” for Millionaires Row. It is strictly reserved for 320 of the crème de la crème of high society. And the only way to experience Southern hospitality at its finest is by invitation.

Each individual ticket costs between \$7,000 and \$14,000. You must be accompanied by an assigned, personal concierge to enter and exit the Mansion. On your way in, take note of the key-shaped doorhandles, complete with The Mansion’s logo.

This exclusive, best-kept-secret club comes with plenty of perks. This group of Derby royalty are pampered by the most elite chefs and bartenders, flown in from all over the world. Mansion invitees enjoy unparalleled world class food and fully-stocked spirits, access to almost any area of Churchill Downs, a betting “advisor,” and a perfect outdoor area right on the finish line. Word has it that there is a fully-stocked Chanel makeup counter in the ladies room.

### HISTORY 101



*The Mansion opened in 2014, replacing the Media Center, where members of the local press would gather to cover the Kentucky Derby. I forgot to mention, the price for a table of eight goes for \$27,200. How many would you like? First you’ll have to wait for your private invitation in the mail.*

*Photo by The Mansion*



*The Library, inside The Mansion.*



## An Iconic Symbol x2

The Twin Spires debuted in 1895, about twenty years after Churchill Downs was built. They were ready in time for the 21st running of the Derby.

Joseph Dominic Baldez, a 24-year draftsman, was asked to draw up the blueprints for Churchill Downs’ new grandstand. He wanted to create twin spires to flank the grandstand, to convey a sense of power and strength. Through the years, the Twin Spires have become an iconic symbol, with 2020 marking their 125th anniversary.

The spires have been compared to church towers or steeples by many, but their significance to race fans and citizens of Kentucky serves as a reminder of the Derby as “Louisville’s premier event.” Each spire displays a delicate, steeply pitched, slate-roofed cupola, their ornate style contrasting with the simplicity of the grandstand. Their image has become as important to Churchill Downs as the Derby itself, the frosty mint juleps, and the garland of roses.

### HISTORY 101



*Joseph Dominic Baldez never attended a single Kentucky Derby. He did attend other races, just not the Derby. It was said that he felt a personal responsibility for the Twin Spires. He knew he would experience an unbearable sense of loss if something were to happen involving the spires that would cause any kind of tragedy.*

*Continued on page 8*

## A Horse Whose Name Reigns Supreme

Secretariat, widely considered the greatest horse of the second half of the 20th century, was a chestnut stallion, affectionately called “Big Red.” This 1973 Triple Crown (made up of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes) winner had three white “socks,” a cocky demeanor, and won the hearts of millions all over the world.

At the Kentucky Derby, Secretariat broke out of the gate last, worked his fast magic, and crossed the finish line clocked at 1:59.40. Secretariat’s speed record for both the Derby and the track itself still stands today. Monarchos, who won the Kentucky Derby in 2012, has the second fastest time in history, with a time of 1:59.97.



*Secretariat, draped with the blanket of roses, after winning the 1973 Derby.*

Two weeks after winning the Derby, Secretariat won the Preakness at Pimlico. His victory wasn’t questioned, only his time, which remained in question for 40 years. Members of the Derby Racing Form had clocked Secretariat at 1:53.40, which again was a new track record. However, the officials at Pimlico posted his time at 1:54.40. To put an end to the decades-long speculation, in June 2012 the Maryland Racing Commission used a forensic review of the race to determine that Secretariat ran even faster than either of the debated times, actually winning the Preakness at a time of 1.53—flat!

“Secretariat-mania” was in full swing as he prepared for the Belmont, the final leg of the Triple Crown. Running against four horses, Secretariat opened the lead with every stride, winning for the third time in a row with a record time of 2:24. Secretariat won by 31 lengths in front of second place, making him the first horse in 25 years to win the Triple Crown. His career accomplishments were monumental and he was loved like no other horse in history.

In late 1973 he was put out to stud, where he sired nearly 600 foals, including one horse that sold for over a million dollars. Unfortunately, his offspring were failures on the racetrack. Some of his grandsires were a little more successful in the racing world.

Secretariat spent his final years frolicking in the fields of Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky. He was always happy to show off that “cocky

## The Blanket of Roses

Ask a Kentucky Derby horse if they would rather receive a practical gift for winning, like some oats or maybe a delicious lump of sugar. Or, how about a 122-inch-long garland of over 400 lush red roses that weighs 40 pounds?

The rose variety used in the garland that is draped across the winning horse is known as the “Freedom Rose.” It is cultivated for its impressive bloom size, stem length, longevity, and perfect color, aptly named “patriotic red.” The Freedom Rose was named after the events of 9/11 in tribute to the victims, their families, and the men and women serving in the armed forces that were ground responders.

For the past 44 years, Kroger’s master floral designers in Louisville have hand sewn the roses onto green satin backing, with the seal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky on one end, and a logo of the Twin Spires

with the number of the current race on the other end (this year is the 148th Kentucky Derby). In addition, each garland is adorned with a “crown” of roses (the number of roses varies each year, with one rose for each horse competing), green ferns, and ribbon, and has a single rose that points upward. This single rose symbolizes the struggle and heart necessary to reach the Derby’s Winner’s Circle.

Each year on Derby eve, the public is invited to attend and watch the garland receive a police escort in its 10–12-hour trip to Churchill Downs, where it is guarded by the US Navy until it is presented to the new winner.

## HISTORY 101



*History has it that originally pink and white roses were presented to the Derby winner. The red rose became the official flower in 1904. The garland as we know it today was introduced in 1932 for the 58th running. It was 1925 when New York sports columnist Bill Corum famously dubbed the Kentucky Derby the “Run for the Roses.”*







*During a tour of Claiborne Farm in September 1989, Matt Hoene (left) and Lynda Gilbert's son Matthew Gilbert get a very special hands-on moment with Secretariat (who died just one month later).*

demeanor” for the hundreds of visitors that came to see him each year. You never had to beg Secretariat to pose for a photo—he was a big ham at heart. In the fall of October 1989, the 19-year-old champion was euthanized for laminitis, a very painful and incurable hoof condition. He is buried, whole, on Claiborne Farm and still has a following of fans who visit to see his grave and pay their respects. R.I.P. Secretariat.

## HISTORY 101



*Secretariat had many unheard-of accomplishments that have never been repeated. Right before the Belmont Stakes, Sports Illustrated, Newsweek, and*

*Time Magazine all featured him on their covers in the same week. He didn't even know he was a Hollywood star!*

## A Very Attractive Drink

A signature silver or pewter cup is part of the joy of sipping a mint julep cocktail. The cup becomes frosty when heaps of crushed ice are added to the combination of bourbon, mint, sugar and water. It looks elegant with that touch of fresh mint added on top. Some racegoers will agree that the julep, officially made the Derby signature cocktail in 1939, is the best tradition of all at the Kentucky Derby.

Around 120,000 mint juleps are sold at the Kentucky Derby each year. Reports show that these mint cocktails have been priced as high as \$2,500 each on race day.

## HISTORY 101



*The mint julep was born as a daily health elixir and originated in Persia (224–675 A.D.) as a rose water bath called “gulab” for imperial princesses. The julep blossomed in the American south in the early 1800s. It is said to have traveled west to Kentucky from Virginia. Cheers to the julep!*



## It's All About the Fashion

Finding the perfect Derby hat has become a fun ritual—one that is part Southern and part spectacle (and said to bring good luck!).

Churchill Downs on Derby Day looks like a colorful runway. Hats are displayed in a rainbow of colors, every shape and size, embellished with flowers, bows, ribbons, beads, feathers, and more. Men can be seen sporting fedoras along with the Derby's official men's accessory—the bow tie. Racegoers proudly strut their individual statement pieces, to show off their best, to be “seen,” and to become a part of the brightly-colored Derby experience.



## HISTORY 101



*The Kentucky Derby hat has been a tradition since its debut in 1875. Churchill Downs founder Colonel Meriwether Clark Jr., and*

*his wife Mary, were responsible for bringing style and fashion back to Louisville. They were avid travelers and were inspired by the well-dressed pageantry they found at European races in France and England.*



## THE TOLEDO CLUB DERBY Party

SATURDAY, MAY 7 | 4 PM

No need to travel to Churchill Downs this year to see the Kentucky Derby. Come down to The Toledo Club where you'll find the 4th floor transformed into your Derby headquarters.

It's going to be a party to remember! In addition to being a great place to watch the race, you can **bet on the horses**, cheer on your favorite, and sip a special mint julep (or your favorite cocktail). Your palate will be pleased as you feast on Chef's special selection of southern dishes and Derby delicacies.

We all know image is everything at the Derby. Ladies, wear those bold, outrageous hats. Don't be shy—you could be the winner of the best hat contest! Gentlemen, this goes for you too. Break out those seersucker pants, sport coats and bow ties. Wear “southern” and you could be the “best dressed gent” winner!

No Derby party is complete without wagering. There'll be an official betting window, displaying the current odds and calculating payouts. You'll be able to pocket your winnings, or give a percentage to your favorite charity (how about The Toledo Club?). At any rate, a great time's a sure bet! 🍀

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# WORLD O' WHISKEY 2022: LET'S TAKE THE "HIGH ROAD TO SCOTLAND" MARCH 16 | 6 PM | THE TOLEDO CLUB

By John Fedderke

**A**long the high road, we'll sample, in order of age, some rare and exquisite whiskeys curated by our own Professor Elliot MacFarlane. And, Chef Sean has paired some delicious treats selected to perfectly match the whiskey for each course.

We'll start the evening with a tot of our own small batch barrel aged Macallan 12 double cask that has been in The Toledo Club cellar for five years since the very first World o' Whiskey event.

Join us in the Red Room at 6 PM for a cocktail hour to try this unique offering.

Dinner will be in the Founders Dining Room at 7 PM with tables of eight. The Professor will lead us on a journey through Scotland and its distilleries that may wind up on the low road.

This special event sells out early so gather your clan and make reservations soon. Ladies are most welcome.

The price is \$150 per person.

Tradition has it that cigars and bold stories may be available in the Red Room following dinner.

## MENU

### Highland Park 15

*NOSE:* Orange and lemon peels, joined by sea breeze and vanilla custard. *PALATE:* Smoke begins light and coastal, develops throughout with a hint of well-toasted malt. Sultanas and redcurrants sit beneath it. *FINISH:* Long-lasting smoky elements.

**Fried brie  
Caramelized red onion / raspberry compote**

### Lagavulin 16

*NOSE:* More like Lapsang Souchong tea than Lapsang Souchong! One of the smokiest noses from Islay. It's big, very, very concentrated, and redolent of iodine, sweet spices, good, mature Sherry and creamy vanilla. *Stunning.*  
*PALATE:* Very thick and rich. A massive mouthful of malt and Sherry with good fruity sweetness, but also a wonderful sweetness. Big, powerful peat and oak. *FINISH:* Long, spicy finish, figs, dates, peat smoke, vanilla.

**Seared salmon  
Smoked cheddar Tasso grit**

### Balvenie Doublewood 17

*Warm Acacia honey and green apples on the NOSE, leading to warm winter spices, vanilla and honeysuckle on the PALATE. The FINISH is gloriously long with notes of vanilla and honey.*

**Coffee-rubbed double bone lamb  
Cocoa demi-glace**

### Aberlour 18

*NOSE:* Creamy, like melted vanilla ice-cream. Fruity and honeyed. *PALATE:* Fresh juicy apples and oranges, before sherry kicks in with supple sultanas and vanilla. *FINISH:* Intricate with chocolate raisins and oily caramel notes.

**Prosciutto wrapped sea scallop  
Manchego risotto/lemon beurre blanc**

### Glenfiddich Age of Discovery 19

*NOSE:* Toffee and vanilla play out first followed by a fruity cocktail of cox apples and spiced orange. *PALATE:* Caramel and vanilla give way to a leathery quality; with water a spiciness arrives with nutmeg and cardamom notes. *FINISH:* Majestically long with apple tart and warm spicy flavours. Overall, a great follow-up to the Madeira cask, equally complex and delicious without replicating what has gone before. *Top notch!*

**Brioche bread pudding  
Crème anglaise**



The Professor >>>>

## Mary Fedderke Honored Twice in 2021

Ottawa Hills Local Schools named Mary Fedderke as one of six Distinguished Alumni at a ceremony held in September at the Toledo Country Club. Of note, since the inception of the award, Mary is one of three children of Sam and Alice Carson to be named for this honor. She was nominated by Kathy Barnum Jones, who also is an Ottawa Hills graduate.



Mary Fedderke

In November, Mary was named Outstanding Fundraiser by the NW Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals. This award recognized her career, spanning 16 years at the Toledo Zoo as VP of Development and President of the Toledo Zoo Foundation, as well as almost three years as the current Chief Development Officer at the United Way.

## Attention Camp Storer Alums

Club member Greg Fess has been appointed the Board Chair of the Toledo YMCA's Camp Storer, including Camp Catch A Rainbow, the camping experience for kids with cancer.

The Y recently hired a new camp director following the retirement of longtime VP for Camping, Becky Spencer. Melissa Di Fiori, a Y camping veteran, has just moved here from the St. Louis area to run the beloved camp, and Greg is inviting Camp Storer alums and interested Club members to meet and to welcome her to Toledo. An open-bar reception will be held on March 24 at 5:30 PM at the Club, where Melissa will provide a "State of the Camp" address.

Any members interested in attending can let the Club know on the Events Calendar at [toledoclub.org](http://toledoclub.org), or let Greg know at [ghfess@gmail.com](mailto:ghfess@gmail.com).



Greg Fess



Melissa Di Fiori

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IN THE CENTENNIAL ROOM

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# LET'S PUT OUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR JIM GOTTRON

*For decades, Jim Gottron has been one of the brightest lights on the Toledo jazz scene. He's spent about four of those decades brightening the Red Room with our monthly Members' Jams. On March 18th, The Toledo Club will sparkle even brighter as Jim's friends and colleagues gather in the Red Room for a special Members' Jam in tribute to his long and storied career as musician, piano tuner and friend. Please join us for an evening of music, stories and fellowship in honor of Jim Gottron.*

*For those who are not familiar with Jim's career, here is a profile written by Toledo's jazz historian, Doug Swiatecki.*



*Jim would frequently sit in on piano during the Club's Members' Jams. >>*

Jim Gottron has tuned pianos for Liberace, Oscar Peterson, Johnny O'Neal, Count Basie, Larry Fuller, Stanley Cowell, Mitzi Gaynor, George Shearing, Ahmad Jamal, Ray Charles, and an endless list of jazz royalty in the United States. He was also the house piano tuner for legendary venues such as the Aku-Aku and Rusty's Jazz Café, and he tuned for the oldest jazz club in the world, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, in Detroit.

In Toledo, Jim has tuned for everyone and every venue including the Toledo Symphony, the Valentine Theater, the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, The Toledo Club, Lucille's Jazz Lounge, Rusty's Jazz Café, Murphy's Place, the Toledo Country Club, Carranor Hunt and Polo Club, the Sylvania Country Club, and jazz bars and clubs loved, but long forgotten.

Jim Gottron grew up in Fremont, Ohio, but moved to Toledo, where all the action was in the 1960s. However, before coming to Toledo, Jim pulled off something that perhaps only one other person in the country, at that time, had accomplished. While he was still 18 years old, Jim passed the exam to become a Registered Piano Technician. There was some fuss in the union about having such a young man in its midst, but the leadership was firm; Gottron passed the exam, and he was now certified.

The early 1960s brought Jim to Toledo where he immediately became friends with Aretha Franklin's former musical director, Claude Black. Their love of the piano and jazz was mutual. Black was a fixture at Gottron's place, where, with a precisely tuned piano on hand, hours of practicing and jazz reviews commenced. Black, well known in Detroit as well as Toledo,



Jim Gottron at Murphy's Place, pictured here with jazz pianist Johnny O'Neal.

where he performed for five years in the Quarterdeck Lounge.

When Clifford Murphy and Joan Russell decided to open Murphy's Place, they turned to Jim to help acquire the club's first grand piano. When it needed upgrading, they again turned to Gottron to help find the Yamaha C6 piano. Claude Black could be heard at the keyboard almost every night. Among the many jazz pianists that played on the Yamaha C6 at Murphy's Place are Freddie Cole (Nat's brother), Cyrus Chestnut, Monte Alexander, Larry Fuller, Johnny O'Neal, and a host of others that passed through Toledo, all enjoying the lovely tones the house piano created. Now that piano sits on the stage in a first-class jazz venue in Toledo: Lucille's Jazz Lounge.

Plan now to join us at 6 PM on March 18 for a tribute to Jim Gottron in the Red Room, where many of his friends will join in Toledo's best jam session. Reservations would be a good idea, because a strong turnout of local musicians and fans is expected. 🍷

suggested to Baker's Keyboard Lounge that Jim was the solution to their piano tuning needs. Incidentally, that marks Jim as one of the few people to have tuned that club's Steinway piano, which Art Tatum personally selected for the club many years ago.

Recently Gottron recounted a great story. During a memorable Oscar Peterson performance at Baker's, Peterson got up from the piano and said, "ladies and gentlemen, the piano is dying." Jim Gottron was in the audience, and the ownership of Baker's asked Jim, "Do you have your tools?" He certainly did. Jim reported, "I put a tuning on it during intermission." The tuning was miraculous, and Peterson was very pleased. He said to the crowd, "How about a hand for Jim."

Rusty Monroe took an immediate liking to Jim Gottron, and he quickly became a close advisor to the club on all things piano. Jim tuned pianos for Rusty's, and he helped Rusty find and negotiate the purchase of pianos for the club, including the Baldwin that many recall with such fondness. When Eddie Abrams wasn't on break, Jim could be found at the keyboard, unless guys like Claude Black, Gene Parker, Mark Kieswetter, or that pesky teenager, Larry Fuller, and other pianists were holding forth.

Knowing Claude Black in the 1960s meant knowing Clifford Murphy, since the two local jazz icons formed a musical association that began in the late 1940s. Gottron and Murphy became well acquainted and good friends. The two anchored the Red Room Members' Jam group for years. Another lengthy solo booking for Gottron was at the Commodore Perry Hotel in Toledo,

**A TRIBUTE TO  
JIM GOTTRON**  
AT  
**MEMBERS' JAM**  
IN THE RED ROOM  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**  
**6-8:30 PM**





# MARCH 2022

# Dining

## DINING HOURS

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### Breakfast in the FDR

Tuesday–Friday  
6:30–8:30 AM

### Dining in the Sports Grill & Tavern

Tuesday–Friday  
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5–9 PM\*

Saturdays  
11 AM–3 PM\*

\*UNLESS a special event is held at the same time. Please refer to the calendars at right.

### Special event dining in the Founders Dining Room

(reservations required):

**March 1, April 5**

First Tuesday

**Tuesday, March 22**

**Tuesday, April 19**

ZIPZ Dinner

**Wednesday, March 16**

World o' Whiskey Dinner

**Wednesday, March 30**

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**Friday, April 8**

Wine Pairing Dinner

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**April 8 Wine Pairing Dinner in the FDR**

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**Jiggs Dinner**  
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# RE- DEFINING A CLASSIC

By John Skeldon

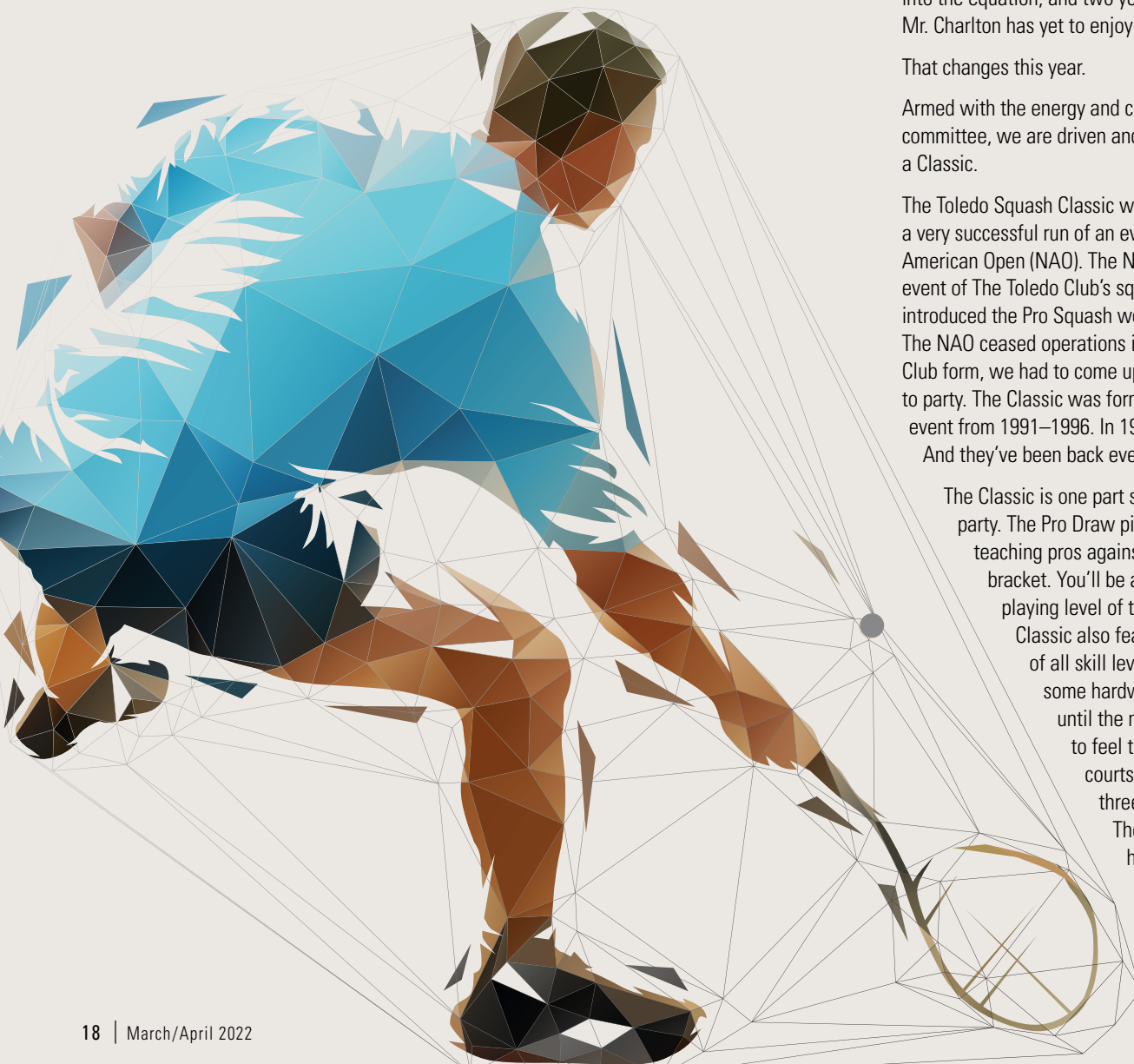
When the Toledo Squash Classic committee sat down to plan the 2020 Toledo Squash Classic, we came together with the purpose of making it a great party, something better than we had enjoyed in years past. That's what you try for when you plan an event—to make it be better than the last one. As the end of February 2020 neared, we were on fire: the most squash racquets (entries) that we'd ever seen, and the most money raised. A new band had been selected and we were convinced that they'd keep the Spring Fling party going into the wee hours of the morning. Most importantly, the committee wanted to show our then new director of squash what this program and party was all about. Insert March 2020 and the pandemic into the equation, and two years later our now-tenured Mr. Charlton has yet to enjoy a Toledo Squash Classic.

That changes this year.

Armed with the energy and creativity of a new committee, we are driven and committed to redefining a Classic.

The Toledo Squash Classic was born in 1991 after a very successful run of an event called the North American Open (NAO). The NAO was the signature event of The Toledo Club's squash calendar, and it introduced the Pro Squash world to The Toledo Club. The NAO ceased operations in 1990, so in true Toledo Club form, we had to come up with another reason to party. The Classic was formed as an amateur-only event from 1991–1996. In 1997, the Pros came back. And they've been back every year—until 2020.

The Classic is one part squash and two parts party. The Pro Draw pits eight playing or teaching pros against one another in a bracket. You'll be amazed when you see the playing level of these professionals. The Classic also features brackets for players of all skill levels, battling to take home some hardware and bragging rights until the next year. It's incredible to feel the energy when all five courts are rocking for nearly three days. That's the one part. The party on Friday night is highlighted by Inky's Pizza behind court 4, followed by a trip up to the Tavern for laughs and libations. Saturday





night features a world-class meal prepared by Chef, followed by the world-famous Spring Fling party. Don your finest Hawaiian shirt or grass skirt and prepare for takeoff!

So what makes this different from any other Toledo Club party? What's the secret sauce, you ask? It's simple—our guests from out of town. Each year, The Toledo Club plays host to squashers from several states and countries. Our friends from other Ohio and Michigan clubs come to enjoy the squash and camaraderie, but it's not rare to find a guest from Illinois, Virginia, Colorado, Florida, Canada and even England, roaming through our beautiful building. They come back because it's a special event and The Toledo Club is a special place.

Come enjoy brunch on Sunday in the Founders Dining Room, where Chef and the staff put on a masterful display of mouthwatering combinations, coupled with a bloody Mary or mimosa. Sunday also concludes tournament play. Each bracket will crown a winner, and the Pro Draw will be determined on Court 4.

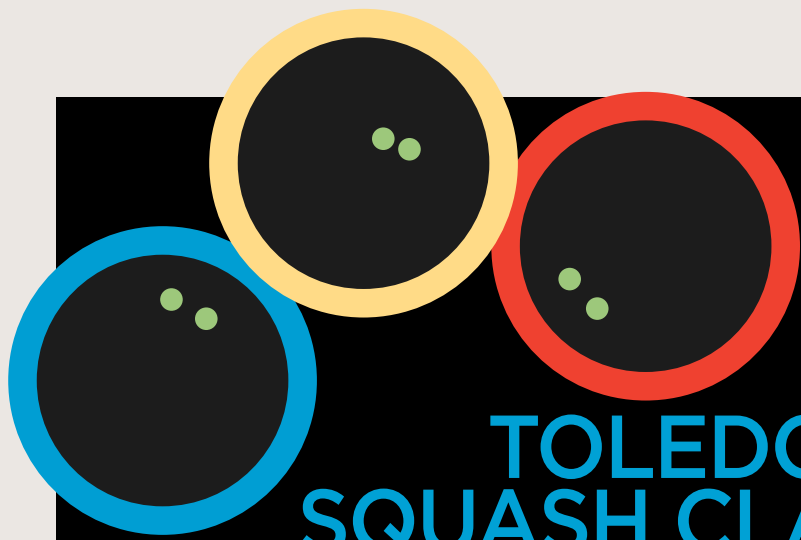
For those members who have enjoyed this weekend in the past, please come down and enjoy it again. Some



things you'll remember, and some things will be new. For those new members who have not, I would highly encourage you to free up your calendar, enter the tournament and enjoy the events of the weekend.

If you're a member who is not involved in the squash program, have no fear. Please come and enjoy a cocktail and view tournament play the entire weekend. The Spring Fling party on Saturday night is open to all members and non-members.

Please contact Eddie Charlton or a squash committee member for details on how to register. [tc](#)



# TOLEDO SQUASH CLASSIC

## MARCH 11-13

**FRIDAY:** Registration | Opening of tournament play  
**SATURDAY:** Play resumes | Dinner | Spring Fling party  
**SUNDAY:** Brunch | Play concludes

### COMMITTEE:

John Skeldon, Rich Effler, Melissa Shaner, Michael Mack, Kyle Wilson, Megan Hornsby, Matt Abendroth and Mike Betz

## SPRING FLING



**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

8:30 PM-Midnight

Live music by The Grape Smugglers

\$10 at the door

Non-members welcome!

# NEW SQUASH LOUNGE GETS READY FOR PRIME TIME

By Eddie Charlton




This past season we've witnessed record numbers on our squash courts—180 players in the Winter Squash League, over 200 active players and more than 40 junior squash players participating in our junior squash programming. With more people comes less space.

Much to my wife's frustration, I'm always thinking, problem solving and trying to come up with new ways to make the experience better for the membership. The space we've utilized for our new squash lounge was formerly known as "the swamp." It was a bare bones storage area that had a history of leaking until the parking lot was resurfaced and levelled. With space starting to get tight behind court 4 and plans to continue the growth of the program, more space was much needed and this was a logical option. Chad Bolles, Rich Effler

and I discussed the idea in a little more detail and pulled the trigger to start work on the project in December.

The progress on the project was impressively fast. Coming from a squash background where the smallest technical change can take months to see a difference, this project moved along hour by hour. Within a day the walls had been removed and a pile of rubble left behind. Ceiling grids went up fast, ceiling tiles the same way. As I write this the flooring guys are prepping the surface to lay our LVT and I'm told it will be done by end of day tomorrow! The vision for the space is for it to be a comfortable hang-out space for all—a place to watch football on the weekend after a squash match (we'll have multiple TVs for conflicting games/sports), a space for parents to sit in comfort (with a choice of seating options) while waiting for their kids to finish junior squash programming, and a fun space for kids to watch TV (we have an area designed for the kids with a games console, a couch and beanbag chairs) while mom or dad play their league match. We're installing a total of six TVs for a great viewing experience.

We haven't finalized exact finishes yet but the vision is for a couple of large couches, some individual seating, high-top tables for work spaces as well as a pool/ping-pong combination table. It really will act as a versatile space for everyone. Once complete, the project will have had an investment of more than \$40,000, all of which has been self-funded by the squash program through court advertising, the Winter Squash League and other events. I encourage you all—squash player or not—to come down and take a look. We look forward to welcoming you to "The Lounge." 



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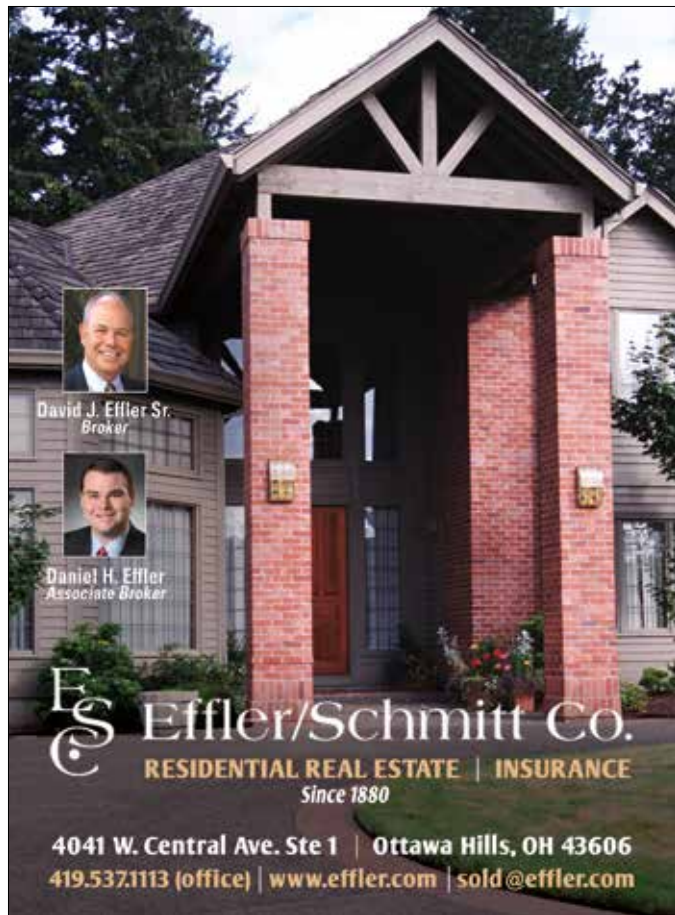
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Eddie Charlton

## Busy, Busy, Busy!

After the holiday break we've been back in full force at the courts. With the completion of The Lounge, the restart of Junior Squash and the Winter Squash League, it's been a busy end to 2021 and an even busier start to 2022.

## Christmas Cracker Event a Fun "Time"

The Christmas Cracker event was played in December and was a lot of fun. The seven-minute handicapped games without a break took some getting used to but overall it seemed to be a popular format. When all was said and done, Pete Winovich came out the champion over Chad Bolles.



Christmas Cracker fasionistas Andy Spahr and Caitlin McAnall.

## Top Players Battled It Out in The 2021 Memorial

Also in December we hosted the 2021 edition of The Memorial. The top 32 men and top 16 women battled it out in this prestigious event. In the Nanci Effler Division, Kristin Winovich took down Caitlin McAnall in their semi-final match, and then fell short against Sarah Berling, who collected her second (!) Memorial trophy. In the Frank Manning Division, Nick Huckaby had to overcome John Skeldon and Matt Abendroth to then meet the terminator, Dave Ensing, in the final. It was Huckaby's court coverage against Ensing's accuracy, with Dave emerging victorious in a match-of-the-night five-game thriller. And Christian Berling took down Club legends Fateh Ahmed and Drew Snell before having to battle 'the pro' in an entertaining Harry Mack Division final. Full results on the night:

NANCI EFFLER DIVISION	Sarah Berling over Kristin Winovich 3-0
FRANK P. MANNING DIVISION	Dave Ensing over Nick Huckaby 3-2
HARRY MACK DIVISION	Eddie Charlton over Christian Berling 3-0



The Club's top players at dinner after some hard-fought on-court battles.

## Welcome, Tron!

Welcome new assistant squash professional Seetreeon Torres. Seetreeon (or Tron, as he is also known) joins us from Chicago, where he was a squash professional at the Lakeshore Athletic Club. Tron graduated from St. Lawrence in 2015 before relocating to Chicago to pursue his passion: teaching squash. He was the middle school squash director at MetroSquash, an urban squash program on the southside of Chicago. While in this role he also took on the position of head squash coach of The Lab School in Chicago, taking them to Nationals where they achieved a top 10 finish in the nation. Tron loves working with players of all ages and abilities, but particularly enjoys working with kids. He will enable us to keep adding options for our members as well as expanding on our ever-growing junior squash program.



### FACTS AND FIGURES ON TRON:

**Age:** 29

**Birthplace:** The Bronx, New York

**Favorite city in the US:** Chicago (for now!)

**Any pets?** Yes—4 scorpions!

**Favorite food:** Dominican

**What made you want to move to Toledo?**

The people. The members made me feel so welcome when I visited back in December.

**Welcome to the Club, Tron!**

## Juniors Hit the Road to Chicago

January marked a special occasion for our group of eight travelling across to Chicago for their FIRST EVER US Squash-sanctioned tournament. In short, these events provide ranking points that are accumulated to give a national ranking. With time, these rankings are used to qualify for the National Championships as well as a recruitment tool for college. Cece Bolles, RJ Stack, Christian Berling, Sarah Berling, Ethan Mack, Gavin Mack, Manal Zaidi and Eleza Zaidi all made the trip and represented the Club perfectly. Cece Bolles and Sarah Berling picked up second place in their respective divisions, which is no mean feat. A shoutout must also go to Christian Berling, who narrowly lost out to the number one seed in his division. Bigger than that was his on-court behavior and tenacity which set a great example for the other kids on the trip. Well done, everyone!



Gavin and Ethan Mack shake hands in a show of good sportsmanship, while CeCe Bolles shows off her second-place trophy.



## GLASS CITY TEAM CHALLENGE FINAL PROVIDED AN EPIC BATTLE

In this year's Glass City Team Challenge, eight teams of three took to the courts for battle. The final between team "MattyG and the Cricket Boyz" and "The First Entrants" went down to the wire. Chad Bolles dispatched Mike Betz in convincing form, while Dave Navarre levelled proceedings with a victory over Matt Shock. The stage was set for Matt Garone and Jim Walrod to decide the tournament. Both players are relatively new to squash and put on a showcase for the crowd. With the match tied 1-1, Jim took a substantial lead in game 3 and it looked all but over, but Matt had other plans. He battled back to 9-10 before making an error to give the match to Walrod and team "The First Entrants," a fitting end to this epic battle between the two teams.



At right are the Challenge finals pairing of Matt Garone (left) and Jim Walrod, posing after their battle and in action on the court. Above them are Matt Schock (left) and Chad Bolles.

## The Masters Made a Return in January

In January we resurrected The Masters squash event for the more experienced players at the Club. A big thank-you to Jeff Levesque for chairing this event and helping make it happen again. Gretchen Rohm won the title with victory over husband Dave in the finals! The evening was rounded off with a lovely ZIPZ dinner prepared by Chef Sean and his team, a fitting end to a fun evening.



Masters finals players Gretchen and Dave Rohm (right), on and off the court.



Lynette Glorioso

## Putting Winter Behind Us

Well, as I'm writing this, we are expecting 12–18 inches of snow. But I'm hoping that as you're reading this, we're having a warm, sunny spring day. As my momma used to say: keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow. Optimism is essential to continued growth and improvement in all facets of life, including your health and wellness. With this in mind, I would like to encourage you to look at your nutrition and fitness with an attitude of gratitude from now on. Go into it with a positive attitude and remind yourself you're doing something so good for you and your future.

It's been a fun winter for the Fitness Department at TC! About 50 members are participating in the Big/Little Ugly Challenge, with a goal of either losing 5% of their body weight or maintaining it over an 8-week period. Last year we lost over 200 pounds and with this committed group of participants, I have no doubt we will lose even more.

We also had 48 members and guests running, biking and swimming in our 7th Annual Indoor Triathlon hosted by the Athletic Department and organized by Melissa Shaner with great spirit and energy. A huge thanks to our volunteers: Kristi Shaner, Libby McClellan, John Skeldon and

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The team with the most points at the end wins!

### OFFICIAL RULES:

- Workout must be done at the Club, which includes using the fitness center or pool, playing squash or taking a fitness class.
- For every 10 minutes you work out, you get to take one shot from your choice of the one-, two- or three-point line.
- Maximum two hours of working out per day.
- Only four practice shots allowed.
- Record your points on the board.
- Teams must be made up of four participants.
- The team with the most points accumulated by the end of the final day (April 4) wins a great prize!

Stop in to see Lynette, call 419-254-2990, or email her at [fitness@toledoclub.org](mailto:fitness@toledoclub.org).

Kathy Mikolajczak, as well as these local businesses: Cyclewerks, Dave's Running, and SafeSplash/SwimLab for supporting such a spectacular event.

## Workouts To Strengthen Your Game

As spring is a wonderful reminder of how beautiful change can be, we have several upcoming programs for this season of renewal and growth. New this year is a golf-enhancing four-week program, Four for Fore. This is a total body workout that will focus on all the components of golf while targeting the muscles used in your golf swing.

In addition, back by popular demand, is our March Madness Challenge, where teams of four will fiercely compete by earning one basketball shot for every 10 minutes of working out at The Toledo Club from March 17–April 4.

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Mondays	April 4 / 11 / 18 / 25	9 AM
Wednesdays	April 6 / 13 / 20 / 27	9 AM
Fridays	April 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / 29	9 AM

**YOGA with Malena**

Tuesdays	March 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / 29	5:30-6:30 PM
Tuesdays	April 5 / 12 / 19 / 26	5:30-6:30 PM

**SPIN with Heather (6 AM) and Jodi (5:30 PM)**

Wednesdays	March 2 / 9 / 16 / 23 / 30	6 AM / 5:30 PM
Fridays	March 4 / 11 / 18 / 25	6 AM
Wednesdays	April 6 / 13 / 20 / 27	6 AM / 5:30 PM
Fridays	April 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / 29	6 AM

**SILVER SCULPT with Traci**

Thursdays	March 3 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31	9 AM
Thursdays	April 7 / 14 / 21 / 28	9 AM

**MASTERS SWIM with Melissa**

Thursdays	March 3 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31	5:15-6 PM
Thursdays	April 7 / 14 / 21 / 28	5:15-6 PM

**BOXING & BROADWAY with Andy**

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Wednesdays	April 6 / 13 / 20 / 27	5:45-7 AM

**SPIN/SCULPT - NEW with Lynette**

Mondays	March 7 / 14 / 21 / 28	5:30-6:30 PM
Mondays	April 4 / 11 / 18 / 25	5:30-6:30 PM

**SPIN /YOGA - NEW with Traci**

Saturdays	March 5 / 19 / 26	10-11 AM
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I encourage you to enjoy the warmer weather and get outside!

Lynette



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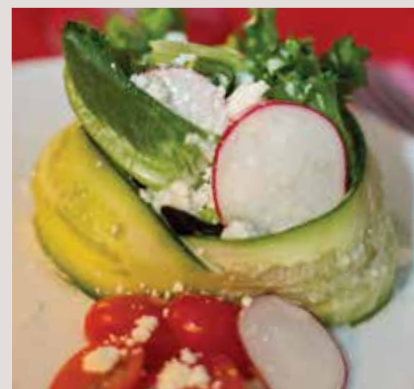
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# VIEW FROM THE Tavern

The Tavern's **Ugly Sweater Party** always brings out those closeted holiday fashions, and this year was no exception. *Topics* photographer Kurt Nielsen was there to record it all.



## *Thank You* to these additional 2021 EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY FUND DONORS

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## Wine and Glitter



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## HOLIDAY CLUB EVENTS WRAP-UP

See more photos on the Club's Facebook page.



## Christmas Eve Buffets

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## Tea Dance

Photos by KURT NIELSEN



# Membership UPDATE


By Matt Sayre  
Executive Assistant and Membership Coordinator

We have made it through the holiday season here at the Club and, with the busiest time of the year out of the way, it's time for us to focus on using our memberships. Let's not forget about those New Year's resolutions! If you've promised yourself to be more active, come on down and get into the gym. Or join a squash league. We have so many amenities here at the Club as part of your membership. Hook up with a friend you have at the Club and hold each other accountable. Or, better yet, bring a friend of yours down to join! With a little accountability and friendly support there's no way you can't meet your fitness goals. After a workout in the gym with your friends, shower and enjoy a meal in our Tavern. And come by for First Tuesday or a ZIPZ Dinner! Introduce yourself to someone new. Let our staff take care of you after you've taken care of yourself.

When making the most of your membership, you'll want to share the good news with your friends. Tell two people about The Toledo Club who you'd want to have a drink or play squash with. Bring them down and show off YOUR Club! Get them excited about what you're excited about!

Membership packets can be found in the motor entrance or at the front desk. Take a couple and put them in your car. If you don't see any forms in these locations, let me know. They can also be found on the website. Click on Membership and send your friend the link.

We sent out information on the membership dues before the end of last year. I'm including them here for you to refer to, in the event you need the information. We will include them in upcoming issues of *Topics* as well!


Enjoy the Club. You've earned it! 

New Membership Classes - effective January 1, 2022	New Dues Amount*
Resident (Age 45 and older)	\$375.00
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Intermediate I (Age 31-37)	\$225.00
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Senior (75 years of age +25 years as a member)	\$185.00
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Dual Resident	\$225.00
Legacy	\$185.00
Business Family**	\$175.00
Business Individual**	\$100.00
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*Food and Beverage minimums and service charges are unchanged.*

*\*Current dues include the following: monthly dues, monthly service charge, quarterly assessment, parking lot fee, and capital improvement fund.*

*\*\*We are no longer offering any new Business Family, Business Individual or Corporate Individual memberships, as these memberships all have various restrictions on Club usage. The members currently holding these membership types will have them honored indefinitely but are also encouraged to look at changing their membership to one of the full voting age-appropriate memberships as shown, by contacting Matt Sayre.*



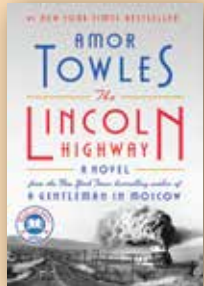
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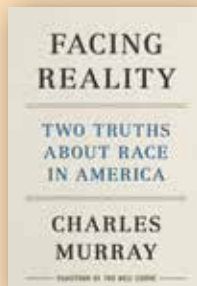
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*The Lincoln Highway*  
by Amor Towles

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**Thursday, April 21**  
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*Facing Reality*  
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