

The ISC BULLETIN

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ISC celebrates its 75th anniversary

The Independent Sports Club of Central Illinois celebrated its 75th anniversary on Jan. 26 at The Warehouse on State St. Major League Baseball Hall of Famer and ISC member Fergie Jenkins was on hand as the featured speaker.

Pictured with Jenkins, seated center, are current board members, standing, left to right, Pat Lavery, Jeff Doeden, Ron King, Jim Stoner, David Hunt, Chris Yocum, Regan Jones, and ISC president Chris Peterson. Event chairman Bill King is seated next to Jenkins.

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ISC Membership Appreciation Night on March 26

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One of the highlights of being part of the ISC is attending our annual Membership Appreciation Night.

For the fourth straight year, Alexander's Steakhouse will host our event in the The Annex on Thursday, March 26. The Annex, which is a large, private event space with its own bar, is located to your immediate left when you enter Alexander's. Doors open at 5 p.m.

The two-story space provides more room to mingle, watch the NCAA basketball games on television and enjoy the fantastic food provided by Alexander's owner and former ISC board member, Steve Shaw. It should be noted that Alexander's donates the food for this event in exchange for the volunteer efforts of several ISC members, who donate their time to serve at a holiday event in December.

As always, Membership Appreciation Night - which has

unlimited food and draft beer - is free of charge to ISC members who are current on their annual dues. And if you're not current, you can pay at the door and renew your support for the organization. What better opportunity to bring a friend who isn't already a member and help us grow the membership.

If you can't get \$20 of value from your annual membership on this night, you're just not trying hard enough.



Profit increases by \$2,000 on annual Koeze Nuts fundraiser



The Independent Sports Club of Central Illinois saw an additional \$2,000 profit on its annual Koeze Nuts fundraiser. Chairman Andy Weeks reports there was \$15,800 worth of sales from 2019 holiday sales, grossing \$3,300.

There was a handful of new buyers, but mostly repeat buyers took advantage of getting the finest whole cashews, mixed nuts with macadamia, classic mixed nuts and milk chocolate pecan puddles packaged in either a decanter or gift tin.

“Buying Koeze Nuts (from the ISC) could potentially save people who may be buying them direct from Koeze,” Weeks said, “and is a great moneymaker for the ISC.”

The first 2020 order is due November 23. Any prospective customers may contact Weeks at any time by phone - 309-657-4133 - or via email - aweeks@nefinch.com.

Squares Boards Popularity Continues to Grow

ISC board member Jeff Doeden introduced the online squares boards to our membership six years ago with a pair of boards for the 2015 NCAA Tournament. This is the fifth consecutive year that we have filled three boards for the Big Dance - one \$100 per square board along with a pair of \$50 boards. We added a \$50 per square Super Bowl board in 2016, with this year's Super Bowl having a pair of \$50 boards for the first time. The ISC added another squares board offering to their annual lineup last fall with a pair of Monday Night Football boards, where a \$200 per square investment covered participants for all 17 Monday Night Games.

“The squares boards have become so popular that we now have some of our regular participants not getting squares reserved before they are sold out,” said Doeden, who acts as Squares Boards Commissioner. “We'd like to please everyone and recognize this is an enviable problem to have. It's a credit to the sales efforts of our board of directors and the quick actions of our loyal membership.”

Doeden added that the club only keeps 15-20% of the gross revenues from the boards and that if no other boards are added by year end, the club will earn \$12,000 and payout \$58,000 from the Super Bowl, NCAA and Monday Night Football boards in 2020.

Call out to unpaid members

For the last three years we have had approximately 250 people listed on our membership roster who have not paid their \$20.00 annual dues. The unpaid names remain on the list because they had previously been paid members. They have not been removed because the ISC does not want to give up on the chance that they might remit the \$20.00 annual membership cost when they receive the new dues letter in January.

Each one of these unpaid former members is on our mailing list and continues to receive our newsletters. We are reaching out to you in hopes you will consider renewing your \$20.00 membership and help us provide Central Illinois youth with the best sports programs in the country. When you are finished reading this, fill out the membership form on page 4 of this newsletter and mail it along with your \$20 check, to the ISC at P.O.Box 5776, Peoria, IL 61601-9998. Or feel free to please utilize the ISC website – iscpeoria.com and renew your membership under the 'Applications' tab and pay with PayPal. Thank you.

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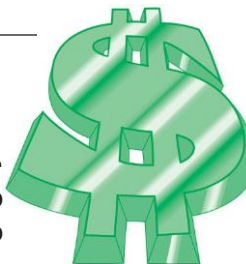
Apply for Capital Improvement Grants

The Independent Sports Club of Central Illinois knows that youth sports organizations periodically need to make permanent improvements to their facilities. The ISC awards Capital Improvement Grants, also known as “bricks and mortar” grants, for projects like dugouts, storage buildings, etc. The application process includes a committee review of each organization. The application period for an ISC Capital Improvement Grant runs annually from Aug. 1 until July 31. The application can be found on the ISC website at iscepeoria.com. The ISC is here to help provide financial assistance for youth organizations in need of facility updates.

Financial Grants Awarded

Much of the discussion at the monthly board meetings held by the Independent Sports Club is dedicated to awarding financial grants to those applicants and voting on new ones. Local organizations who have recently applied and been awarded grant money include...

Peoria Friendship House’s Killer Bees, The Christian Center, Peoria Area Water Wizards, Peoria Razorbacks Wrestling Club, Boys & Girls Club of Great Peoria, Peoria Wizards Wrestling, Limestone Girls Softball Association, Washington Park District, Peoria Area Rugby, Blue Crew Wrestling



ISC Scholarship Information

Applications and information for the 2020 ISC Scholarships will be sent to area high schools in the next month. We will award a select number of \$1,000 scholarships to high school senior boys and girls who have excelled in the classroom, in the community and in athletics. Scholarship winners will be selected at special scholarship committee meeting and checks will be presented at our June meeting.

Recognizing the ISC Past Presidents

Mel Burdett – 1945 & ‘46	Mark Olson – 1972	Bill Voorhees – 1997
Joe Gasperich – 1947	Gene Fangmeier – 1973	Tom Christiansen – 1998
Marty Schrai – 1948 & ‘49	Ed Dwyer – 1974	Pat Smarjesse – 1999
John Sprecher – 1950 & ‘51	John Noll – 1975	John Floyd – 2000
George Vicary – 1952	Chuck Biggins – 1976	Rick Duda – 2001
Kenneth Sieks – 1953	Jim Moran – 1977	Steve Malpede – 2002
Ernie Barker – 1954	Dale Clague – 1978	Roark Williams – 2003
Bill Rae – 1955	Carl “Duke” Krei – 1979	Jeff Shaw – 2004
Walt Eisele – 1956	Chuck Kerr – 1980	Chris Dillon – 2005
Duff Seyller – 1957 & ‘70	Mike Stout – 1981 & ‘82	Dave Rees – 2006
Ed Claybourn – 1958	Roger Friend – 1983	Ron King – 2007
Jack Wieland – 1959	Russell Platt – 1984	Tom Christiansen – 2008
Bob Kneer – 1960	Don York – 1985	Dan Kelch – 2009
Ed Smith – 1961	Jack Sullivan – 1986	Matt Meyer – 2010
Art Whitworth – 1962	Bill Miller – 1987	Randy Perau – 2011
Howard Taylor – 1963	Mike Stout – 1988	Bill Molleck – 2012
Cliff Coddington – 1964	Jimmy Spears – 1989	Ron King – 2013
Jim Shea – 1965	Larry Dunn – 1990	Rich Moore – 2014
Larry Schwenger – 1966	Jeff Goranson – 1991	Jeff Doeden – 2015
Andy Paul – 1967	Barry Burns – 1992	Geoff Smith – 2016
Bert Born – 1968	Tony Ward – 1993	David Hunt – 2017
Len Turchi – 1969	Bill Houlihan – 1994	Bob Joseph – 2018
Dan Papich – 1970	Bill King – 1995	Chris Peterson –
Walt Dunbar – 1971	Dave Roszak – 1996	2019



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NEW ISC Members

Welcome to the following nine new members - Erica Abenroth, Noah Ortiz, Roger Alvey, Mark Wagner, Robert Doerr, Mike Thornton, Marc Lowe, Patrick Elliott, and Michael Dexter - who have signed up since the Fall 2019 newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming ISC events.

Your continual involvement is instrumental to the success of our endeavor to provide financial support to youth sports in the tri-county area.

Welcome to all of you...we really appreciate your support!!!!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Use this handy form to join or renew your membership in the Independent Sports Club of Peoria. Complete and mail to Independent Sports Club at P.O. Box 5776, Peoria, IL 61601-9998, along with your dues of \$20 for one year. Welcome!

NAME: _____

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