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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023 CLUB Events

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. Members are encouraged to check the online event calendars and watch for weekly email updates to get the latest information on event details and Club hours of operations.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JANUARY

- SUNDAY 1 **New Year's Day** – Club Closed
- TUESDAY 3 **First Tuesday in the FDR** | 6–8 PM
- MONDAY 9 **National Championship Game Party in the Tavern** | 6 PM
- THURSDAY 12 **Wine and Dine in the FDR** | 6 PM (*See page 16*)
- FRIDAY 13 **Members' Jam in the Red Room** | 6 PM (*See page 3*)
- SATURDAY 14 **Reverse Raffle in the Centennial/Red Room** | 6 PM (*See page 28*)
- MONDAY 16 **Martin Luther King Day** – Dining Closed/Athletics Open
- THURSDAY 19 **Otwell/Parker Jazz Reunion** | 6 PM (*See page 3*)
Great Books Discussion Group | Noon (*See page 9*)
Third Thursday in the Tavern | 6 PM
- FRIDAY 20 **Squash Memorial Finals Night & Dinner** | 5 PM
- TUESDAY 24 **ZIPZ Dinner - Scottish Menu** | 6 PM (*See page 9*)
- THURSDAY 26 **Jazz in the Red Room** | 6 PM (*See page 3*)

FEBRUARY

- SATURDAY 4 **Glass City Team Challenge** | 10 AM
- TUESDAY 7 **First Tuesday in the FDR** | 6–8 PM
- THURSDAY 9 **Wine and Dine in the FDR** | 6 PM (*See page 16*)
- FRIDAY 10 **"Island Time" in the FDR** | 6 PM
Couples Squash Night | 5 PM
- TUESDAY 14 **Valentine's Day Dinner in the FDR** | 5:30–8:30 PM (*See page 17*)
- THURSDAY 16 **Third Thursday in the Tavern** | 6 PM
Great Books Discussion Group | Noon (*See page 9*)
- FRIDAY 17 **Members' Jam in the Red Room** | 6 PM (*See page 3*)
- SATURDAY 18 **The Great Wizard's Feast** | 6 PM (*See page 28*)
- TUESDAY 21 **ZIPZ Dinner** | 6 PM
- THURSDAY 23 **Jazz in the Red Room** | 6 PM (*See page 3*)
- SATURDAY 25 **Boxing Night** | 5:30 PM (*See page 28*)

SAVE THE DATE

- MARCH 10–12 **Toledo Squash Classic** (*See back cover*)
- MARCH 9 **Wild Game Dinner** (*See page 9*)

ON THE COVER: *The Toledo Club's Audrey Berling made a stop in Paris during her whirlwind summer trip across the globe. Photograph courtesy of Audrey Berling.*

Jazz

IN THE RED ROOM

4th THURSDAYS • 6–8:30 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



JANUARY 26
Lori Lefevre



FEBRUARY 23
Ramona Collins

OTWELL/PARKER JAZZ REUNION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

MEMBERS' JAM IN THE RED ROOM



3rd FRIDAYS • 6–8:30 PM

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MEMBER Anniversaries

JANUARY

Donald F Melhorn	1965	57 years
Justice G. Johnson	1970	52 years
Scott Wm. Libbe	1982	43 years
Thomas R. Tousley	1984	43 years
Sandra M. Hylant	1987	38 years
Donna Pollex-Najarian	1989	36 years
Donald M. Mewhort, III	1989	36 years
G. Christopher Joseph	1995	28 year
Edward L. Hoffman	2000	28 years
Jack R. Niggemyer	2000	27 years
Stephen E. Weidner	2006	20 years
Thomas E. Brady	2007	17 years
David Ball	2007	16 years
David R. Myers	2007	16 years
Daniel Peffley	2008	16 years
Carol Anderson	2008	16 years
Michael Mori	2008	16 years
Kurt G. Franck	2010	14 years
Tyler R. McKean	2011	12 years
Andrew Berenzweig	2012	12 year
Charles Eddy	2012	12 years

FEBRUARY

Bruce V. Seeger	1973	49 years
Robert M. Anspach	1974	48 years
Stephen D. Taylor	1974	48 years
Richard R. Faist	1976	46 years
Thomas B. Geiger, Jr.	1977	45 years
Robert A. Kelleher	1979	43 years
Robert L. Maxwell	1979	43 years
George C. Ward	1979	43 years
Edward F. Weber	1983	39 years
David G. Huey	1989	33 years
Mark W. Ralston	1990	32 years
Marsha A. Manahan	1992	30 years
Thomas J. Holt	1996	26 years
Kay Murray	1998	24 years
Benjamin D. Burnor	2001	21 years
Amir Khan	2008	14 years
John Geha	2009	13 years
Keith A. Walker	2012	10 years

NEW Members

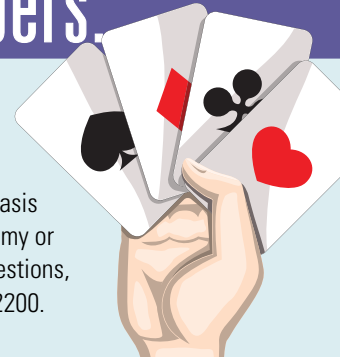
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Ronald Tulley
Jason T. Wenner

CALLING ALL TC Members:

We're calling out to interested members who like to play cards! Georgeann Kohn is in the planning stages of starting up "The Big Deal!" This would be a group that would meet monthly on a rotating basis to play cards, like cribbage, euchre, hearts, 500 rummy or bridge—the group decides. If you have input, suggestions, or are interested, please call the office at 419-243-2200.



Welcome! NEW CLUB STAFF



Hannah Smith
Executive Assistant



Sarah Hoppe
Catering and Events Assistant Manager

Please take a minute to say "hi" to our newest 5th-floor staffers if you see them when you're at the Club!

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.



2023 STATE OF THE CLUB

By DOUG KEARNS, Toledo Club President



To begin my second year as Club President, I have several updates and priorities to share with the Club's membership in this New Year's edition of *Topics* magazine.

This holiday season, the Parade of Trees participating members and companies were at an all-time high. In December, the Club hosted many private events. As I walked around the Club, I noticed how beautifully decorated the Club was for the holiday season. Emery Flowers put the finishing touches on the Club's decorations to create a very festive holiday showcase.

There was most likely a record number of events held in December at the Club. We have so much positive momentum going into the New Year. Could every month at the Club be like December? That is a great question! The answer should be, why can't multiple months of the year generate this level of activity? This goal must be part of our master plan moving forward. With all the pieces we have coming together, I believe it can. I will provide some details on each piece as I share the rest of my State of the Club update.

Club Management

Our partnership with Troon Club Solutions has provided us with much-needed senior staff leadership for the day-to-day operations of the Club. Picking up right where Jim Karafa from Troon left off is Rich Nathan. Rich is a highly acclaimed club management professional who has wasted no time rolling up his sleeves and jumping right in with Ed Mackiewicz



ABOUT RICH NATHAN:

“ His leadership skills have been evident to me and the rest of the Board from day one. He has been tackling some of the Club’s biggest operational issues as well as re-creating our required standard of service and staff conduct. ”



and the rest of the Club management team. His leadership skills have been evident to me and the rest of the Board from day one. He has been tackling some of the Club’s biggest operational issues as well as re-creating our required standard of service and staff conduct.

Continuing to round out an already strong management team lead by Club GM Ed Mackiewicz is newly-appointed Director of Catering and Events Christina Westmark, Director of Squash and Athletics Eddie Charlton, Controller Debbie Ollila, Director of Facilities Brian McCarty, and Director of Security Dave Rainey. I am equally excited to announce the following personnel moves that will help to better position the Club for our increased activity moving forward and improve member service.

- Hannah Smith has taken Christina’s previous position of Executive Assistant as of December 1.
- Sarah Hoppe has started as the Catering and Events Assistant Manager.
- And to put any rumors to rest, Executive Chef Sean Moran is staying at The Toledo Club (his home) as we continue to expand his Club responsibilities.

Strategic Plan and Master Facilities Plan

We will continue to work with our other partners from Signature Group on both the Strategic and the Master Facilities plan. As announced in my previous communication to membership, the Club has entered the member interview phase. I am hopeful that many of you have already set up your reserved time to complete the phone interviews. The next phase of planning will move into the membership focus group phase in mid-January. Please look for that official announcement—both are very key parts of this process. So, thank you in advance for taking the time to make these happen.

Programming, Events and Amenities

Another major focus of our overall plan is, re-looking at the programming of events and amenities that are expected by our members. This is another reason why we need the input from the member interviews and focus groups. We want to make sure that we are offering what our members want. The goal is that we have something for everyone to get involved with at the Club. Dependable operating hours for food and



Management is working to provide more dining options in the Club's popular Founders Dining Room. Members can also count on annual events like the summer's Party in the Parking Lot to be joined by some new event additions through the year.

beverage services is also part of the Club's plan. More options to use the Club's most popular spaces, such as the Founders Dining Room and Red Room, are on tap as well.

We will continue with our many successful annual events, such as our Wild Game Dinner, the Spring Fling, and Party In The Parking Lot. The Club will have many old and new annual events to include, such as last year's Kentucky Derby event and the inaugural "Island Time Extravaganza" event with Lynda Gilbert. The Club's Boxing Night will also be coming back. These events and more will be back in February 2023.

Membership

As we build back more value in what it means to be a member of The Toledo Club, I am happy to announce membership counts have stabilized in recent months. We have added some quality new members and have also welcomed back some past friends. However, our goals for membership were far short of where we would like to see them. For continued operations and a membership that allows for a healthy dues' revenue stream, membership growth will be a key component of our plan for 2023.

Closing

Much work has been done and progress made, but there is much more to be done in front of us. As we continue working with our strategic partners from Troon and Signature Group, the entire Board is engaged and excited to move into the next phase of our plan. As we enter 2023, all the continued progress will start to pull together. Each completed phase of planning will give us a vision for the future of the Club. I will continue to ask for all the membership's support in these endeavors. It will take everyone working together to turn the vision into a reality.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and was able to use the Club often during that special time of year, I wish everyone good health, peace and prosperity in 2023.

Doug

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Thank You



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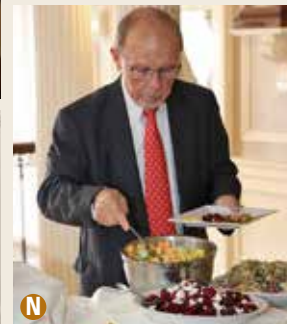
A SPECIAL THANK-YOU:

A generous donation by **Steve Taylor** of Taylor Cadillac made it possible for our guests to go home with a special photo from the Armed Services Dinner and the Holiday Tea Dance. Memories are treasured gifts.



Thanksgiving Buffet

NOVEMBER 24 / Photos by KURT NIELSEN and JOHN KUSER



Barber Shop

Monday–Thursday
6 AM to 5 PM



Adita, Bert and Tom

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The Toledo Club's 26th Annual WILD GAME DINNER



THURSDAY, MARCH 9
6 PM

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

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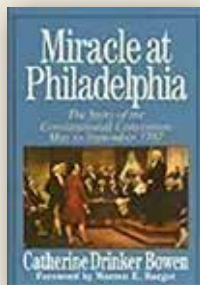
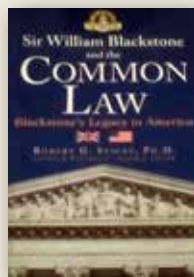
GREAT BOOKS

DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, January 19
Noon

*Sir William Blackstone &
the Common Law*
by Robert D. Stacey

Moderator: **Ron McMaster**



Thursday, February 16
Noon

*Miracle at Philadelphia:
The Story of the Constitu-
tional Convention;
May–Sept. 1787*

by Catherine Drinker Bowen

Moderator: **Jim Hartung**

Join the Group! Contact Beverly McBride
419-509-5032 | bevjmcbride@yahoo.com

BE A PART OF THE CLUB'S

ZIPZ DINNERS!

January 24 - 6 PM



Scottish menu from
Eileen Eddy to celebrate
Robert Burns' birthday!

Haggis • Neeps and Tatties
Sliced roast beef
Baps • Tipsy Laird and
shortbread

February 21 - 6 PM

Watch for details!

Join the fun!



Eddie Charlton

Junior Squash Spotlight

Those familiar with the squash program will have heard of the various kids over the years to go on and play squash in college. Whether it be **Drew Snell** at Denison, **Rob Bruno** at Stoney Brook or more recently **Ryan Leslie** at Drexel and **Audrey Berling** at Franklin & Marshall, the Toledo Club has a history of producing college squash players. This season we have 40–50 kids enrolled in our junior squash program, and our long-term aim is to continue that trend in a big way. **Sarah and Christian** participating in US Squash Junior Events for a few years, and crop of younger juniors that have embarked on that voyage. Back in November we took a group of nine kids up to the Birmingham Athletic Club to participate in the Deroy Junior Silver. For most it was their first taste of playing on international-sized courts (3-ft. wider than our courts with different outlines) as well as being their first-ever US Squash-sanctioned event. Congratulations to all of our players that made the trip and played in the event: **Christian Berling, Sarah Berling, Eleza Zaidi, RJ Stack, Maryam Zaidi, Manal Zaidi, Layla Kassem, Annabelle**

Berling have been we now have a new



(Above) Cece Bolles mugs for the camera with her second-place trophy.



(Left) The group from the Deroy Silver.

Stack, and Cece Bolles.

TCFC (Toledo Club Football Club)

An idea borrowed from the Detroit Athletic Club is the concept of a club within a club—a group of members that form a team and compete in a sport away from the club while representing the club. This club within a club was an easy one to get off the ground. Captain (Sam) Rumpf picked the venue/league and assembled a team ready for action. Within our squash program we have a talented bunch of athletes, and gathering a team of 15 players did not prove too difficult. While none of us look like being recruited to play overseas, it was a lot of fun for all involved. Great job Team TCFC – Sam Rumpf, Eddie Charlton, Kevin Leininger, Zachary Wilburn, Andrew Dimartini, Ian Appold, Rolf Sandberg, Paul Hertlein, Kyle Dodd, Nate Baird, Justin Skiver, Craig Witherell, Austin Paterwich, James Bailey, and Andrew Jamieson.

Squash Couples Night



Earlier in the season we piloted a concept created by member suggestions (thank you to those that suggested it!) – Squash Couples Night. We are fortunate to have so many couples that play squash that the idea seemed to just make sense. The gentlemen played matches against each other and the ladies did the same in some quickfire handicapped match play. After the squash, everyone freshened up and headed upstairs to the West Point Room for dinner and some added fun. Congratulations to

(Left) The king and queen of Couples Night: Renee and Nick Stack.

World Cup Challenge: England vs. USA

Just after Thanksgiving we usually host the Buckeye/Wolverine Challenge to coincide with the Michigan/Ohio State game. This year it just so happened that England faced off with the US in the football (soccer!) World Cup, and thus the event would be renamed for one year only! Over 40 players signed up to run off their Thanksgiving calories in this straight-up team match play event. Everyone played three games to 15 points where every point counted towards their respective team's total. Congratulations to Team USA who took a decisive victory by 80 points! Full results are below:

TEAM ENGLAND	VS.	TEAM USA
James Bailey	34-35	Mike Storey
Paul Joseph	41-42	Jeff Hensien
Chad Bolles	35-29	Andy Ranazzi
Jackie Lay	45-27	Della Padua
Walt Thieman	38-21	Bruce Schoenberger
Fateh Ahmed	45-27	Kevin Carr
Alex Seymour	21-45	Renee Stack
Andrew Dimartini	28-45	Steve Turner
Saleh Ahmed	37-37	John Leslie
Chad Bolles	43-33	Eric Croak
Maverick Seymour	32-45	Mike Storey
Sarah Berling	17-45	Dave Ensing
Jeremy Santus	25-45	Fort Padua
Ian Andrews	36-43	Nick Stack
Laura Berling	39-45	Fort Padua
Gretchen Rohm	33-45	Sam Leslie
Ben Effler	17-45	RJ Stack
Tim Schmidt	37-25	Laurie Leslie
Cece Bolles	43-30	Annabelle Stack
Layla Kassem	17-45	RJ Stack
Christian Berling	34-42	Rich Effler
Eddie Charlton	45-13	Ryan Leslie
Jeff Levesque	32-45	Tim Kalucki

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Toledo Club Squash Events

- JANUARY 14 **Reverse Raffle**
- JANUARY 28 **Indoor Triathlon**
- FEBRUARY 10 **Couples Night Round II**
- MARCH 10–12 **Toledo Squash Classic**

The Scene on Draft Night - October 20



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Lynette Glorioso

Happy New Year!

Are you ready to start 2023 off with a different frame of mind than "New Year, New You"? Do you instead see it as a "New Year, New Opportunity"? Altering our mindset from what we need to change about ourselves to seeking opportunities to be the best version of us has proven to create a more positive attitude and

success rate in our New Year goals. Therefore, let me encourage you to not look at your wellness journey as a "have to" but a "get to" and you will have a more healthy, positive attitude towards exercise and nutrition.

The Fitness department at The Toledo Club is excited to partner alongside you for a better mind, body and spirit for this year. As a reminder, all fitness classes are free to members as another perk for your membership at the club, and we offer personal training and a variety of special events and challenges throughout the year to keep you motivated.

The Big (and Little) Ugly Are Back

The Big Ugly, a weight loss challenge to help you lose those extra holiday pounds you may have put on, will return with weigh-ins starting the week of January 2. Over the next 8 weeks, your goal is to lose at least 5% of your body weight. If you do, you get to attend the celebration party at no cost to you. If you don't, you pay the Big Ugly of \$100 that goes towards the food and drinks at the party. The biggest male and female loser will each receive a \$100 credit to spend at the Club! The Little Ugly is designed to challenge members to maintain their weight with the goal to stay within three pounds of their weigh-in weight. If you do, you attend the celebration for free, but if you don't, you pitch in \$50 for the party. In addition, Personal Training sessions are being offered at a discounted

Back by popular demand....

THE BIG UGLY!
Lose 5% of your body weight in 8 weeks*

THE LITTLE UGLY!
Maintain your body weight within 3 lbs. for 8 weeks*

Top male and female loser win \$100 Club credit!
* Qualify for a FREE party to celebrate!

price of eight sessions for \$300 to help you reach that weight loss or maintenance goal. Finally, certified health and wellness coach/vegan chef Jacquelyn Jones, owner and founder of SolFood Collective, will provide weekly nutrition tips as well as 10% off the following services: private-session coaching packages (when paid in full), health assessment, pantry+refrigerator makeover, grocery tour, cooking class, meal plan guidance, personalized meal plans, and 30-min. consultation (via Zoom). You will receive one free menu item with the purchase of any of the above services. To register for the Big or Little Ugly, please email me at fitness@toledoclub.org or stop by the fitness center to sign up.

^a THE TOLEDO CLUB'S 8TH ANNUAL
INDOOR TRIATHALON
JANUARY 28 | 10 AM



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RUN!

15 minutes on the track



BIKE!

15 minutes on a stationary bike



SWIM!

15 minutes in the pool



CHEERS!

Post-race celebration in the Tavern

Hosted by The Toledo Club Athletic Committee
You can sign up as a relay team | Open to non-members

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:



Cyclewerks



Run, Bike and Swim... It's Time to TRI!

Please mark your calendars for the annual Indoor Tri taking place on Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 AM at the Club. This event has become more popular every year as individuals or teams compete to run, bike and swim, with prizes being awarded for longest total distance—top three men, top three women and top relay. You can register online or grab a registration form the next time you visit the Athletic department. And you won't want to miss our Heart Opening Yoga class on Tuesday, February 14 at 5:30 PM led by Yoga instructor, Ashley Forche. After class, members can enjoy ceremonial cocoa before heading off to enjoy the rest of your evening. Perhaps make it a date night complete with dinner at the Club afterwards. Please pre-register by emailing me, or on Club Locker.

Cheers to opportunities in 2023!

Be active, be healthy, be happy,

Lynette

January/February '23 Fitness Classes

WATER AEROBICS

Mondays	January 2 / 9 / 16 / 23 / 30	9 AM
Wednesdays	January 4 / 11 / 18 / 25	9 AM
Fridays	January 6 / 13 / 20 / 27	9 AM
Mondays	February 6 / 13 / 20 / 27	9 AM
Wednesdays	February 1 / 8 / 15 / 22	9 AM
Fridays	February 3 / 10 / 17 / 24	9 AM

YOGA with Ashley

Tuesdays	January 3 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31	5:30–6:30 PM
Tuesdays	February 7 / 14 / 21 / 28	5:30–6:30 PM

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

Wednesdays	January 4 / 11 / 18 / 25	6 AM / 5:30 PM
Fridays	January 6 / 13 / 20 / 27	6 AM
Wednesdays	February 1 / 8 / 15 / 22	6 AM / 5:30 PM
Fridays	February 3 / 10 / 17 / 24	6 AM

MASTERS SWIM with Melissa

Thursdays	January 5 / 12 / 19 / 26	5:15–6 PM
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BOXING & BROADWAY with Andy

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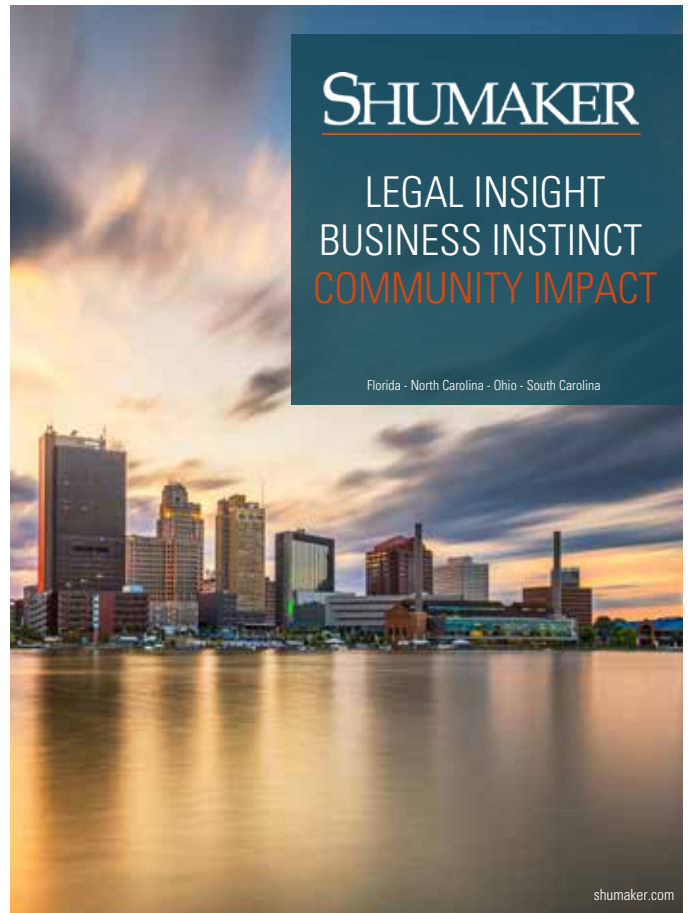
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CATCHING UP WITH A TOLEDO CLUB SQUASH TRAILBLAZER

Interview by STEPHANIE JAROS



Audrey Berling started her squash journey at The Toledo Club before she turned 10 years old.

***Topics* interviewed Audrey to find out what that was like.**

When did you start playing squash and what prompted you to play squash?

I started playing squash one week before I was 10 years old! The Toledo Club has a winter squash program for junior players and my parents signed me up. The coach, John Seidel, was very fun and super sweet, something that was rare in other sports. I've always been athletic and played soccer, basketball, and ran track too, but squash stuck with me. People say when you play squash you catch the squash "bug," and that definitely happened to me; I was addicted to it. That was around Christmas time, and I remember coming home and asking my mom for a racket and just wanting to play squash at the Club everyday thereafter, and I was just 10 years old!

Tell us three things you like about playing squash.

One, the mental challenge you have because it is an individual sport. You don't have anyone you can rely on when the match

begins other than yourself. So you get to learn a lot about yourself and it creates an intimate relationship between you and the game. Two, the traveling you get to do. I would have not been able to travel to the places I went or meet the people I did this summer without the sport itself. It has also allowed me to travel a lot around the US through junior tournaments. Three, the people you meet, which is by far the coolest part of the sport. I have been able to meet tons of very cool individuals all over the world who open their homes to me and support my endeavors as a squash professional, student, and in any career I may choose to pursue after squash. The people really make it what it is!

You took a fantastic trip abroad this summer. Are you still in contact with the people you met overseas?

I spent a month in Malaysia to meet my boyfriend Sanjay's family and to train, went to Egypt for four days to celebrate our friend's engagement party, then spent a week in Europe to meet Sanjay's parents and play a fun squash tournament called Junkies. [NOTE: You can read all about Audrey's trip abroad starting on page 20.]

(Left) Audrey's Finals match with Rich Effler in 2018 resulted in her becoming the first female Division A Finalist in Toledo Club history.

I stay in touch with Sanjay's family in Malaysia and Belgium. It was really cool to stay with his family. Malaysia's culture is much different from here. They focus very much on family and supporting each other (which I really enjoyed) while it is more individualistic in the US. I am keeping in touch with his parents and siblings. It is amazing to see the relationship that can be formed through that experience of living with them.

I also stay in touch with other people I met at the tournament through a Junkies group chat. People in the group are all different ages and a lot of them are not squash pros, but they still follow my and Sanjay's journey very closely and support us even though that was over half a year ago now since we first met. Sanjay and I just talked about getting back to the Junkies tournament next year!


What do you study and what is your future plan after graduation? And any other hobby besides squash you would like to share?

I'm a senior at Franklin & Marshall College, the captain of the women's squash team, and I study business. I would be interested in pursuing finance or international business after my pro squash career but for now, the plan is to go into pro squash and hopefully find a touring position like what Sanjay has now, improve my world ranking, and potentially become a head professional one day. I really love coaching and was coaching all summer long. It was very rewarding to help the kids and give back the knowledge I've learned from so many different coaches, and see their growth—I think that's very cool. In my free time, I love singing. I'm actually in my school's a cappella group. It can be hard to balance studying, training, singing, and seeing friends sometimes!

What is your message for young squash players as well as for the people who have not played squash yet and want to explore?

For young squash players, I want to say that I have never played in a sport that is so rewarding in terms of personal growth due to the mental skills it teaches you and the people you meet. It enriches your life more than any other thing I've ever experienced. And to be good at anything takes a lot of dedication. If you want to be something great, you have to put in a lot of work, but it's also very important to keep yourself happy and positive in the process because competition can get tough and you can get down. But if you believe in yourself and have a strong support system, you will go very far! Have fun with it and train hard!

To people who don't know much about squash and want to get into it, the squash community is very open and kind. People only want to help each other out. Don't be discouraged from checking out squash even if you have never played before. People at different levels can try out no matter where you are in the world. If there is squash near you, go in and I am sure someone will help. You will make so many friends. Squash is such a fantastic workout after all!

I want to thank everybody who I grew up with knowing while I was at The Toledo Club. They always supported me as a young child and a young adult. The members were fantastic and were always lifting me up. Coaches that I experienced there over the years—John Seidel, Eddie Charlton and Emma Charlton—have all been very supportive and have taught me a lot of core values that I carried with me all through my life. To every Club member down at the squash area and the coaches I've worked with along the way, thank you for getting me to where I am now. And thanks to my mother, of course, for taking me to tournaments and encouraging me to keep going even when training got tough. Her selflessness was the reason for so much of my success. 

Mom Laura provided huge support for Audrey's squash dreams from the beginning.

(Below) Audrey was a Toledo Club Tier Champion in 2013 at the age of 12.



(Above right) Audrey was The Toledo Club D Division champion in 2014.

(Above) Audrey defeated her friend Maya Kouba for the Women's Division Championship in 2016.

(Right) Audrey is in her senior year at Franklin & Marshall, and captain of the women's squash team.





HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER [SQUASH] VACATION

On my trip-of-a-lifetime, I visited five countries and played a little squash along the way!

by Audrey Berling

Photos courtesy of Audrey Berling

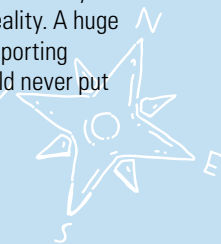
This past summer from June 24 to August 2, I travelled around the world with my boyfriend and fellow squash professional, Sanjay, to five different countries — Malaysia, Egypt, Belgium, Netherlands, and France — to meet his family, play squash, experience vastly different cultures, and have fun. Our five-week itinerary went like this: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; then on to Cairo and North Coast, Egypt; followed by Belgium, the Netherlands and France.

I met Sanjay my freshman year at Franklin & Marshall College in 2019 when we both played on the squash team. He was a junior at the time and throughout the two years we shared at school, we played Intercollegiate doubles and a couple of local professional tournaments together.

The idea of the trip happened somewhat spontaneously as Sanjay and I were in my college apartment thinking out loud about the crazy adventures we dreamed of having together, which included traveling the world. We laughed at ourselves incessantly: he knew I was a broke college student and I knew he was trying to save money, as he recently graduated from

F&M and was trying to break into the professional squash scene. As our laughs died down, our faces turned to curious contemplation as we slowly realized traveling the world didn't seem so improbable when discussing our goals and values. That night, he invited me to come to Malaysia to meet his family and experience his home country for a month. That was the start of planning this incredible trip.

Within two weeks, other traveling opportunities presented themselves. That included an invitation to our former teammate's engagement party in Egypt and an annual squash party/tournament — the Junkie — in Hoofddorp, Netherlands, which three of our current teammates planned on attending. Luckily, with the support and open-mindedness of my mother and grandparents, I was able to make this trip a reality. A huge thank-you goes out to them for making it possible and supporting me financially. My experiences were something that I could never put a price on.



The Journey There



Usually getting to your destination is straightforward: plane takes off, plane lands, and BOOM—you're there. Definitely NOT how it worked for this adventure.

I began my journey to Malaysia alone. Sanjay was already in Europe and we were going to meet in Doha to take our connecting flight to Malaysia together. The journey is a long one—JFK to Doha is a 13-hour-long flight and Doha to Kuala Lumpur is 8-½ hours (over 24 hours long when you factor in layovers). Just before boarding at JFK, American Airlines delayed the flight by 11 hours. I knew I'd miss my connecting flight in Doha, and miss Sanjay in the process, but I've traveled enough to know things rarely go as planned. I tried to sleep on the airport floor, using my hard-as-a-rock backpack as a pillow. By the time I boarded my flight, my eyes were dry, I was dead tired, I needed a shower, and I had no idea how I was getting to Malaysia from Doha.

The flight was surprisingly easy. In Doha's airport, I was greeted with a three-hour-long line at the Qatar Airways help desk. After three hours of waiting, I explained my situation to them. They asked for my passport, assuring me they'd find me a connecting flight. After another hour went by with no access to food or water, I asked for an update on my revised trip and an employee disappeared into the back to check. He came out and said, "Miss Berling, are you sure you gave us your passport? We don't seem to have it." Instant panic. "Yes, I'm absolutely *sure* I handed it to you!" A friend I'd made in line, Jaap, chirped in and seconded me. After ANOTHER hour of anxiously waiting and expecting to get sent back to the US or get stranded in a country far from home, they came out with my passport (HALLELUJAH!) and revised flight information. "Miss Berling, you fly to Colombo tonight, have a 16-hour layover, and then fly to Kuala Lumpur." Due to overbooking, going to Colombo for a day was the fastest way to get to Malaysia. I knew Sri Lanka was not in great political or economical shape and did not want to wait there for 16 hours, but I had no choice.

The five-hour flight to Colombo was the most bizarre experience I've ever had flying. The person sitting in my aisle tried to steal my passport, but also showed me how to use a fork when the food was served. I suppose he didn't think the blonde American had ever seen a fork before.

I was quite nervous to be arriving in Sri Lanka, as the airport televisions played news stories of the economic and political downfall happening around me in real time. But Qatar Airways upgraded me to business class so I got to enjoy the lounge which included a buffet of traditional Sri Lankan cuisine, reclining chairs, spa services, and a shower. I took the best shower of my life in that airport.

On the flight, the flight attendants were wearing beautiful traditional sarees and served me delicious food and tea. I reclined my plane seat and slept for the entire flight. Sri Lankan airlines treated me like a queen. Of course the delays and reroutes were frustrating, but I'm glad I got to experience another place, even if I didn't venture outside the airport, because the cultural differences were apparent and the experience I had was very memorable. Once I landed in Kuala Lumpur, the planned trip finally commenced.

Sanjay's welcoming family

Malaysia

Sanjay picked me up from the airport and we stayed with his sister and brother in Kuala Lumpur. I really enjoyed getting to learn about a country that was so different from the US from someone who knew the culture well. His family was very welcoming and they enjoyed teaching me about their beautiful country.

Sanjay and I often walked down the street from his house to buy delicious street food and he introduced me to many traditional dishes in Malaysia, like Mee Goreng, Teh Tarik, and Hoikien Mee. Malaysia had the best food of any place I have ever been to. If you're a foodie, I definitely suggest taking a trip to Malaysia! I have tried to recreate some of the dishes since arriving back in the US, but nothing compares.

Sanjay showed me all the tourist attractions, including the beautiful Batu Caves Temple. The temple is stunning because of its vibrant colors and rainforest backdrop. Hundreds of monkeys climb in the caves, on the famous steps, and even climb up to you to take food from you! I entered the temple after removing my shoes, washing my feet and learning how to pray. There were several different shrines and I prayed to Ganesh, the God of wisdom, knowledge, and prosperity.



I became emotional as I prayed because I felt so much gratitude for being able to travel and experience all of these new things with someone I love. I will never forget how beautiful and spiritual the experience was.

We also saw the Petronas Twin Towers (the world's tallest twin skyscrapers) that have breathtaking architectural design, and we took a tour inside the towers, which offered great views of Kuala Lumpur. Sanjay also took me to popular malls, nightclubs and restaurants, and we drank out of coconuts, tried the controversial Durian fruit, ate rice and curry off of banana leaves with our hands, and went on a lot of walks with his husky.

Sanjay and I also took a three-day trip to Penang, a gorgeous island in Malaysia, where we jet skied, bargained for souvenirs at the famous Batu Ferringhi night market, saw the KOMTAR Skywalk, and ate authentic Malaysian cuisine by the water. It was so surreal. Hopefully we can explore more islands around Malaysia soon.

We also played squash while we were in Malaysia. Sanjay and I were able to train with the Negeri Sembilan (a state in Malaysia) team for a few days, where their top players are on the national team. Sanjay also played in his first 10k tournament in Seremban, where he made it to the semifinals after causing two upsets and beating the world's 49th-ranked player in the process. I was able to be his coach all week and it was super exciting. His world ranking is now 157. That tournament was sponsored by the Tuanku (similar to a prince) of the state of Negeri Sembilan, which caused a large media presence. My being unaware of how any of it worked resulted in me standing right where the Tuanku was supposed to sit, and the cameras panned to me. I'm sure I made the news channels somewhere in Malaysia that day.

One of the best parts of the trip was getting to meet Sanjay's entire family as they were all so friendly and welcoming, and showed me that family is the

Tried the Durian fruit... an acquired taste!



Doin' some shopping!

most important thing in their lives. Everyone got together often to enjoy big dinners and play cards. They really made Malaysia feel like home. It's something I'll miss until I can return!



Egypt

Next, Sanjay and I were in Egypt for four days to see our friend Shams and celebrate his engagement to his fiancée, Nada. We landed in Cairo on July 20, and Shams took us straight to the Pyramids. There are no lines on the streets in Egypt, so the cars would weave in and out, and pedestrians would run across the street as they pleased. The buildings looked like tall square blocks and were the same color as the sand on the ground, making for an incredibly tan backdrop. At the Pyramids, Sanjay was offered 1 million camels for me by hecklers (which he declined), and the hot sun blazed down on us as we climbed on the Pyramids, laughing and being awe-struck simultaneously.

The next day we saw the famous mummies at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization. Each mummy has information about who they were, what they did, and how they died.

It was so interesting, but no photography was allowed, so I only have my memory to look back on. Shams then took us to a night market in Zamalek,



where long stretches of different antique shops resided near the Nile River. Sanjay and I bargained for artifacts and Shams acted as our knowledgeable tour guide, showing us nice dinner spots and making sure we didn't get ripped off.

On the day of the engagement party, we drove three hours to Ghazal on the North Coast of Egypt where the party was taking place. We spent time at the beautiful beach tanning, tubing, and enjoying the warmest and bluest water I've ever seen. I spent the day at Nada's neighbor's house getting ready for the party, and they treated me like royalty. They did my hair and makeup, provided me with champagne, and let me relax by the pool that had a view of the Mediterranean Sea.

The party was big enough to be a wedding itself, and it certainly felt like one. Over 200 people attended, and a private chef was

Out the wedding

flown in from Italy to make the delicious seafood dishes. Everybody at the party danced for seven hours straight—even the grandparents of Shams and Nada. Mostafa Asal, the current world number 3 squash player, was present at the party, too. The party was absolutely insane and the trip to Egypt was so short that it felt like a dream. I met so many amazing people in Egypt, and it was so different from any other place I've ever been. I can't wait to be back for the wedding in two years.



Europe

Finally, we arrived in Brussels. We stayed with Sanjay's parents, who live in Hoeilaart, Belgium now. They cooked amazing food for us all week and took work off to take us sightseeing. We saw the Waterloo Battlefield, got fresh flowers from a flower garden, and drove around the town to see all the spots Sanjay's family enjoyed over the years, including the The Castle Club, the squash club where he grew up. Belgium definitely has potential to be my favorite place I've visited yet in Europe because of the delicious waffles and fries, the fun restaurants and beer you can enjoy with your friends, and the beautiful attractions.

Sanjay's parents were nice enough to buy us first-class train tickets into Paris for a day trip. Paris is a quick one-hour train ride from Brussels, so we had 10 hours to visit many of Paris' main attractions, like the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Louvre. We also took a beautiful river cruise and ate macarons. I was able to practice my French outside of a classroom for the first time, which was really cool. I hope to spend more time in Paris soon so I can really digest the culture and scenery.

The reason we planned a trip to Europe was to play Junkies, a huge party tournament in the Netherlands played at Meersquash in Hoofddorp. We met up with three teammates to play the tournament and got to know many new squash fanatics. We camped outside of the club in tents, and the tournament reminded me a lot of our very own Toledo Squash Classic, where the squash can often be a bit subpar because of the festivities that happen at night. A night in Amsterdam is included with the tournament, so we explored the city and

enjoyed the nightlife all night. Our team made it into the finals but lost out in the end. We were just happy to make it to our first Junkies final! We're planning on playing the tournament again next summer. After exploring Amsterdam and playing loads of squash, we spent the last day of our world tour in Brussels with Sanjay's parents.

It was such an amazing experience and I'd like to thank my family, Sanjay, and his family for making it possible. Thanks to everyone around the world who hosted me this summer and welcomed me with open arms. I can't wait to return to all the places where I've made new friends that feel like family. 

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Sanjay's parents





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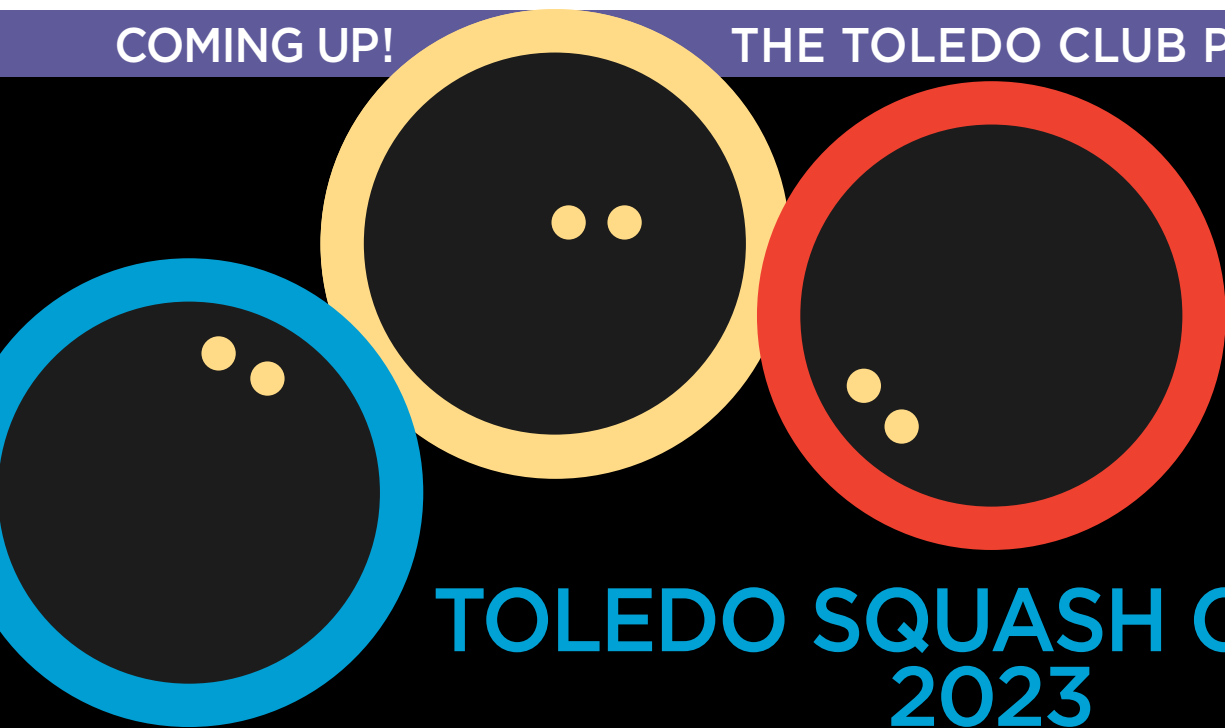
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