

# 2026 IOTC Improvements

Compilation of members ideas and suggestions

# Summary

## You Spoke. We Listened.

- ▶ The HOA Board has made funding available for tennis club and facility improvements, and the IOTC Board asked members to share ideas on how those funds should be used.

## Thank you for the great response.

- ▶ Thirty (30) members submitted more than seventy (70+) suggestions
- ▶ All ideas are included in this presentation so you may recognize your input (some ideas were duplicates)

## Ideas were grouped into tables (listed here) which appear on the pages that follow

- ▶ Premier Tennis Facility = Facility/HOA Aesthetics
- ▶ Playing Experience
  - ▶ Ball machine
  - ▶ Maintenance
  - ▶ Court improvements
- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Benches & Seating
- ▶ Spectator Experience
- ▶ Communications & Digital

# Continue to Establish IronOaks as a Premier Tennis Facility

## Idea or Suggestion

Install new water fountains

Install new bright ceiling lights would help you find your way at night, and make our facility look smarter and brighter when walking the patio

Replace old bollard path lighting (in progress)

Replace pea soup green chair cushions with royal blue cushions to match other outside furniture

# Playing Experience - Ball Machine

## Idea or Suggestion

### Ball machine

- Replace balls more frequently. Change from monthly replacement to every three weeks
- Keep ball machine full

### AI Tennis ball machine

Get service arms for the ball machines

### Ball machine clinics

Replace existing container for lightly used balls with container designed for balls

Evaluate replacing existing ball machines for new ones

# Playing Experience - Maintenance

## Idea or Suggestion

### Net Maintenance

- Fix all the nets, hold downs and center straps
- Replace / repair sleeves center net strap clips
- Replace plugs that fit in sleeve, as needed
- Have solid permanent center hooks on all courts. (That holds the center strap in place); That way, they wouldn't come undone when ball hits net on a serve
- Replace rusted posts

Lighting - Change light bulbs/pole heights to allow for night play

Clean the water/ice dispensary in the clubhouse on a regular basis (work order created)

Fix railing at CT1 and CT2

Mark uneven sidewalks

Wall by Ironwood courts needs repair and painting

# Playing Experience - Maintenance

## Idea or Suggestion

Daily Maintain - IronOaks staff (not tennis players) wipe off benches. Blow and/or sweep courts daily if needed. Provide this task early, before tennis play begins

Trim trees by CT2 to minimize acorns falling on the court

Clean off bird poop

Garbage on the courts seems to be not emptied on a regular basis

Landscapers blow all the leaves into court three which have to be swept prior to court use

Water on the courts

- Schedule court washings to not all occur on the same day. For example, wash courts once a week (example, Cts. 1&2 - Monday, Cts. 3&4 - Tuesday, Cts. 5&6 - Wednesday, Cts. 7&8 Thursday, Cts. 9&10 Friday)

- Wash courts in afternoons

# Playing Experience- Court Improvements

## Idea or Suggestion

A clock visible to more courts (not just courts 1& 2)

Wind flags

Consider adding a cover to at least one court, e.g., Court 8, to make it a covered court. There are economical solutions using canvas etc. This is not to convert it into an indoor court, but just add a cover on top.

Increase height of rebound wall

Add dividers (nets) between courts to minimize stray balls affecting other courts play. (CT1/CT2; CT3/CT4; CT5/6; CT7/8)

Replace existing scoring "trees" (flipping placard type) on all courts. Evaluate options available, i.e. scoring towers

Replace the ball tray and garbage can holders. Held together with hose clamps does not reflect the facility image that we want

Purchase a new blower, push brooms and squeegees

Resurface all courts - not done in many years (included in HOA master plan)

Add electrical outlets to additional courts

# Retaining and Increasing Membership

## Idea or Suggestion

Reduce member's fee. Use some of the money to lower membership fees. We are losing membership because of fees. We have a world class facility. Form a committee and check why the fees are so much higher

Reduce or eliminate reciprocity fee

Allow reduced fees for non resident SNOW BIRDS (i.e. four or six month options)

Hats and T-shirts with club logos for players to market

Provide beginner lessons or skills & drills for free

# Benches, Seating and Shade

## Idea or Suggestion

Add lighter benches in the courts

Add seating around CT1 and CT2

Flat/level areas between CT4 and CT5.

Level area between courts 4 & 5 for viewing matches. Starting concrete coming off side walk, to make a safe area between courts for chairs to sit level. This is a popular area for viewing competitive matches. Could be made from pavers or bricks also if more reasonable? Perhaps cover with a sunscreen

Need benches and seating in-between courts

White chairs that can easily be moved around

Bleacher seating with shade

Anywhere possible, add shade

# Improve Spectator Experience

## Idea or Suggestion

Widen sidewalks and/or remove rocks in-between courts

Between CT7 and CT1, replace the trees and install shade with astro turf

Widen and cover walkway north of CT1 and CT2

Buy round tables to use for events on the patio. The rectangular are too cramped for events

Have wind screens raised to allow for better spectator viewing

Upgrade patio misting system

# Communications and Digital

## Idea or Suggestion

Place in tennis operating procedures, "Tennis courts are to be used for tennis only"

Ability to pay dues online

Upgraded website with member secured area

Software to allow online signups. The signing up on the board is very old school.

Implement a better court reservation system, something like Court Reserve, which is used both by the Cottonwood Tennis Club and IronOaks Pickleball club

Allow same day court reservation with Chelsea

Install a multi panel, new bulletin board with half of it glass-enclosed, and half open

# Communications and Digital

## Idea or Suggestion

Video recording to review ourselves after playing

Establish one "Smart Court". This will be a draw card for new members and current players will use it. No need for a professional to record. Archived videos can be reviewed by players and by professionals if requested. Class III system for Club play. Significant draw card for all of Sun Lakes. Establish non-member fee schedules.

An electronic line calling system on courts one and two would be great

Development of a Player mgt and tournament web application.

Portable PA System- portable speaker and microphones for usage by the event coordinators for various tennis events and tournaments

Purchase a radar gun that can read in "miles per hour" the speed of a tennis serve. Then, like the City of Tempe at Kiwanis does, we could use it for "fast serve" contests and other demonstrations.

# Covered Court - Example



# What happens Next?

## The Process & Timeline

- ▶ Dec 2, 2025: IOTC informed of funds being made available
- ▶ Dec 14, 2025: IOTC Eblasts its members soliciting ideas
- ▶ Jan 21, 2026: Board meets to compile and understand the input
- ▶ Jan 24, 2026: Club input summary posted on the website
- ▶ Jan 30, 2026: Cut-off date for member input
- ▶ Feb 4, 2026: IOTC Board prioritizes and simplifies the list for submittal to the HOA board
- ▶ Feb 27, 2026: IOTC volunteers complete research on viability, cost, and delivery of proposed items
- ▶ Mar 6, 2026: Final proposal submitted to the HOA board

We are here now.  
At this point we will also share our status and process with the HOA board to keep them informed

What does this mean?  
See the next slide.

# Simplifying & Prioritizing

- ▶ An important next step is for the IOTC board to prioritize and simplify all the input
- ▶ **Simplifying:** Many inputs involve items that the HOA should be taking care of now as maintenance items or general amenity repairs/upgrades. Therefore, our final pitch to the HOA board will be structured in a way to highlight these three simple categories:
  - ▶ Regular HOA Maintenance - day-to-day items that the HOA should be taking care of.
  - ▶ Amenity improvements - small upgrades the HOA should do for the fitness areas, which include the tennis and pickleball court areas. This should come out of “regular” HOA funds
  - ▶ **IOTC request - something the club wants to upgrade or improve or a new capability. These are the requests that will be supported by the HOA money allocated to the Tennis amenity for 2026.**
- ▶ After all, the HOA board shouldn't concern itself with how we, internally, classify our ideas, only what the requested items are and how much they cost. (the **IOTC request** category)
- ▶ This also gives us the opportunity to highlight items which should be taken care of, but are not, as a matter of normal operations (HOA maintenance & Amenity improvements).
- ▶ **Prioritizing:** The IOTC board will evaluate all requests and determine which ones should make the final IOTC request list and be researched further. These will be shared with the members
- ▶ Volunteer groups will be assembled as many of our ideas require research to determine cost, etc.
- ▶ Once all of the above bullets are addressed, we will be able to present our final requests to the HOA board