



Dear Club Members:

This letter contains important news about our upcoming season. We hope you're as eager for hot weather as we are. Please take a few minutes to look over what we have planned to make for a fantastic summer.

This mailing also includes your Club Membership renewal documents for the 2010 season. Please look them over carefully, then fill out your 2010 Membership Information Form and include it with your membership payment. Our insurer requires a new form each year and we want to keep them happy. We have more to say about our insurer later.

All club news and announcements during the summer season are sent to members via email. It's fast and free, which helps keep our membership fees as low as possible. So please go online to the club's website and submit or update your email address. This way our list will be accurate and you won't miss out on important club dates and activities.

[Improvements and Scheduled Events for Our 2010 Season](#)

- ✓ Our pool's opening day is Saturday, May 15, but before then many behind-the-scenes activities take place. Last year we tested several new materials during our springtime repainting and the results have been exceptional. We'll be repeating the process this April so the pool looks brand new every season. We estimate our ongoing improvements to the pool and pump house have so far reduced electricity consumption by 16% and water loss water by over 20%. So as the days get warmer feel free to stop by the pool on afternoons and weekends to see our progress firsthand.
- ✓ Our Poolside Music Nights are scheduled for June 26 (full moon!) and August 7. Members and guests are invited to enjoy live music on the deck in a very pleasant nighttime setting. We'll have extra lifeguards, extended pool hours and free soft drinks all evening.
- ✓ Swimming Lessons and Kids' Tennis Lessons will begin during the first week of June. To sign up or learn more details, call Sharon at 893-6990 or 991-4740.

- ✓ Saturday Morning Yoga will be returning to the Clubhouse early this summer. Start your weekends on a calming note during one-hour classes in Introductory Yoga. Details are posted online and a sign-up page will be posted once the summer pool season begins.
- ✓ Women's Awareness and Self Defense classes will begin July 5. This 5-session program is designed for women and teenage girls and teaches awareness, boundary setting and other risk reduction strategies, as well as simple physical techniques to keep you safe. Taught by Sharon McDarmont, this is a "think smart" class more than a martial arts class, though it's worth noting Sharon holds a Second Degree Brown Belt with seven years of martial arts training. (So, kids, think twice when Miss Sharon says *stop running*.)
- ✓ Free Hotdog Days were a big hit last summer, especially for the kids, so we'll be adding more dates to this season's calendar. Look for the hotdog days online and enjoy the heartburn.
- ✓ One Dollar Guest Days are something new that you'll find sprinkled throughout our 4-month pool season. Look for the dates online. These discounted days provide a chance to treat a few extra friends to a day of fun and are provided in appreciation of your 2010 Club Membership.
- ✓ Deck and poolside improvements this year include expanded wi-fi coverage for our BlackBerry and iPod members, additional lighting for the "baby pool" area, and an outdoor sound system so members can play music during parties. Those two toe-breaking deck boards are about to be replaced and we've purchased anchors to keep the deckside umbrellas from chasing our children around during gusty weather.
- ✓ More to Come: We are eager to add programs and activities as new ideas come along. Help us improve everyone's membership by sharing your suggestions. Let us know if you or a friend wish to organize a class or event, perform musically, or otherwise add to our club's activities.

Membership Dues and Payments

We've done our best not to increase membership dues for the 2010/2011 season. The "Single/ Individual Member" fee has been raised by \$25. The "spouse fee," if we can call it that, has been lowered \$25. Fees for all other membership categories remain the same as last year, namely:

— *Married Couples \$250; first two children \$50 each; additional children \$25 each.* —

Guest fees also remain at \$5 per day. Please refer to the enclosed membership renewal form to calculate your annual dues.

We ask all members to submit their membership renewal forms and payments by April 1, either in person or by using the enclosed envelope. This year members can also pay online using several credit card options. Memberships not renewed by April 30 will be awarded to other families on the club's waiting list. Please contact the club office for assistance and special requirements.

Pay Early and Receive 5 Free Guest Passes

We appreciate the many members who pay their dues upon receipt of this letter and in doing so take the sting out of opening day expenses. Yet in the past we didn't reward these members for their promptness. This year, pay by March 10th and we'll thank you with Five Free Daily Guest Passes.

Starting This Season: Membership ID Cards

Finally, more about our insurer. Last summer they determined that the club's voluntary sign-in sheets were insufficient in determining the number of swimmers at any given time and their identities. This information is needed for safety reasons and to set insurance rates. Further, we weren't doing a very good job of preventing unregistered and unpaid guests from entering the pool area.

Pool liability insurance can be costly and hard to find, so we want to keep our insurer happy. Therefore we are getting rid of the sign-in sheets and issuing Club Membership Cards to every adult and child member. These cards must be presented at the snack stand upon arrival and reclaimed when you leave for the day. We apologize for changing the way things have been done for so long but these changes will improve overall safety for everyone.

Let Summertime Begin!

That's it for now. If we've left out any details or you have questions about your HCRA Club Membership, please call or email to let us know. And once again, please be sure to add or update your email address at the club's website so we can keep you up to date with pre-season and summertime news.

Thanks for your time. We look forward to seeing you and your friends this summer.

Sincerely,

Ralph & Sharon

Ralph and Sharon McDarmont