

Winter 2018



Fellow Darnestown Swim & Racquet Club (DSRC) Members:

Happy New Year Everyone! In an effort to help everyone through the cold, dark days of winter, we wanted to update you on the happenings at DSRC. Here is a summary of the awesomeness awaiting you at the Club in 2018!

First, a quick review of some of improvements and changes implemented in **2017**:

- Our major project was the repair and **resurfacing** of all six **tennis courts**, which included adding two "**Pickleball**" courts. *Pickleball is fastest growing sport in America and is similar to tennis but is much easier on the joints, etc., and you can play it at any age.*
- We relocated an underutilized **Funbrella** to the outside dining area next to the pavilion to provide additional covered dining space, and another area that can be reserved by the membership for private parties, etc.
- We installed a large **wooden stage** in the meadow for **Camp Green Zone** to use for performances and classes for our campers, as well as adding two new large picnic tables.
- With the help of our New Head Tennis Pro, **Juan Pablo ("JP") Garcia** we completely revamped and improved our youth tennis offerings, making them more affordable for our families.
- We installed two new **well-water tanks** to provide better water quality for the Club.
- We purchased a **large event grill** for our big grilling events, such as Demon swim team events and our opening and closing day parties.

For **2018**, our major project will be to install a new **sand filter system for the pool**, which will greatly enhance the water quality of the pool and reduce our operating costs moving forward. We are very thankful for the many members who donated to this project and made it possible for 2018 – we couldn't have done it without your support!

One of major initiatives for 2018 is to expand our offerings and programs to attract and retain members whose children may be grown or who do not participate in our current offerings. Programs we are considering adding in 2018 are **Masters Swimming, Water Aerobics, and Yoga**. We encourage you to share any new ideas in this regard or if you would like to help coordinate these programs, please reach out to Dave Hardy at GM@dsrclub.com or to any board member.

Membership and Costs: In 2018, we are continuing to take steps to reduce the cost to join our Club by stepping down the bond from **\$1,250** to **\$1,000** for new members. This one-time cost to join DSRC is now lower than it has been in many years – **please share this good news with your friends** and neighbors who may be considering joining. Our dues and initiation fee remain unchanged for 2018.

We are also adding an **on-line dues payment option** for those who want to pay with credit card. To use this convenient, safe and secure online payment option, there is a 3rd party service

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charge of 3% which is included in the online cost you will see when you visit the online payment page. Of course, if you prefer to still pay by check, there is no service charge. To use the new online payment system, click on the following link:

<https://dsrconlinepayments.mycloveronline.com/>

2018 Costs:

- **Annuals Dues:** \$675 (unchanged from 2018)
- **Initiation Fee:** \$400 (unchanged from 2018)
- **Bond:** \$1,000 (down from \$1,250 in 2018)*
*Bond can be paid over first two years, so \$500 in year 1 & 2.

Our Best Membership Promotion Yet! Any 4 new families joining together, will get all their initiation fees waived – a huge **\$1,600 total savings!!!** All 4 families must submit applications and checks together to receive this promotion.

And, remember our “Refer-a-Friend” program **pays you \$100 for every family you refer who joins the Club**. If you know people who are interested in joining DSRC, please have them contact Molly Imming, Membership Chair, at membership@dsrclub.com

2018 will be a wonderful season!
Here are just some highlights of what you can look forward to:

Camp Green Zone Children’s Day Camp: Under the guidance of Camp Director, Rosemary DeRose, 2017 saw expanded hours to full-day camp and many new activities including: **Kayak Lessons** in our Pool, the new **outdoor stage** and classroom, outdoor **family camp-out** and much more! Rosemary continues to add great activities for the kids making **Camp Green Zone** one of the best youth camps in the area. To **reserve your child’s spot** or if you have questions, please reach out to Rosemary at camp@dsrclub.com or 240.888.8695.

Social: After several years as Social Chair, **Molly Imming**, will moving over to Membership Chair. During Molly's tenure as Social Chair, she helped bring new traditions and events to DSRC, such as the July 4th Youth Parade and Extravaganza, expanded teen nights, and many others

Thank you, Molly, for all you have done!

Our **new social chairs, Mary Gies** and **Katie Hecklinger**, have been hard at work coming up with some new and fun events for our Social Calendar. You won't want to miss our 2018 season – the social calendar will keep you busy with fun times, including our **Opening Day Cookout, Red Carpet Teen Party, Bevies and a Band Adult Social**, our ever popular **4th of July Parade, Sunday Funday Tailgate**, and family events and adult nights out at **Rocklands Farm and Winery**, where Rocklands will donate 10% of proceeds to the Club! More details on these and many other great times for adults, teens, and kids are on the website. And, make sure you follow our Facebook page, [@DarnestownSwimRacquetClub](https://www.facebook.com/DarnestownSwimRacquetClub), and Instagram, [@dsrclub](https://www.instagram.com/dsrclub), for instant information on the latest social events and updates.

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Darnestown Demons Swim Team: After an undefeated regular season in 2017 under Head Coach, **Pat Tozzi**, and Assistant Head Coach, **Staci Armezzani**, the **Demons** will be moving up to compete in the "C" Division of the MCSL Swim League. It will be a fun and exciting year as we look to compete for the Division title. ***Our swim team's spirit is legendary – and there is simply no better way for your child to become proficient at swimming.*** Be on the lookout for new initiatives that will make every swimmer feel like an Olympian! With **Mary Gies** moving on to the Social Committee, **Emily Popera**, is returning as the Swim Team Chair. If you have questions or would like to get involved with the institution that is the heart of the club, please contact **Emily** at swim@dsrclub.com.

Tennis Team and Programs: After a great tennis season in 2017, **Rob Swisher**, our Tennis Chair, and **JP Garcia**, our Head Tennis Pro, are looking forward to and planning for 2018 DSRC Tennis coming this Spring. The goal of our tennis program is to have an inclusive, accessible, and fun program for all ages and skill levels. For youth, we will once again field a **Junior Tennis Team** and compete in the Potomac Junior Tennis League. Additionally, we will have **four (4) six-week Junior Tennis sessions: Spring, Junior Tennis Team, Late Summer, and Fall**. For adults, we will have the ever-popular **Men's Night** on Wednesday, **Ladies Night** on Tuesday, **Beginners Clinic**, and our every other **Friday Night Adult Tennis Socials**. There will also be **Weekend Warriors** on Saturday mornings and **Fit to Hit** on Mondays, as well as various clinics. And, don't forget that we now have two **Pickleball** courts for those who want to enjoy America's fastest growing sport! Formal programs will begin in April. Look for Junior Tennis Team sign up and program information in early spring. Please direct any questions regarding the DSRC Tennis Program to the DSRC Tennis Chair, **Rob Swisher** at tennis@dsrclub.com or check the DSRC website. See you on the Courts!

Lastly, we want to remind everyone that providing a fun and safe environment for our members and guests is the Club's number one priority! This philosophy is instilled in all our staff, and we look forward to our members sharing in this responsibility. The pool, tennis courts, and playgrounds are our home away from home in the Summer, and taking care of it together will help it last for years of enjoyment.

We look forward to a fantastic 2018 Summer, and to seeing everyone on **Saturday, May 26**, for our Opening Day Cookout and Celebration.

The DSRC Board

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