



Winter 2019

Fellow DSRC Members:

Welcome to the 2019 Season! As the dreary and rainy winter grinds on, I think it is safe to say we are all very ready for the Club to reopen.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the DSRC Annual Meeting in November. The Board reviewed the successes and challenges of the 2018 season, looked towards 2019, and approved several changes to the Board's makeup. John Segreti stepped down after many years as President and we thank him for his years of leadership and enthusiasm. John's energy and love of DSRC will be missed. Scott Cress transitioned from Treasurer to President and will lead the Board moving forward. We also thank Rob Swisher, who served on the Board for many years in different roles and helped cultivate several DSRC programs, most recently our Tennis program. Tim Wilson will be taking over as Tennis Chair. Replacing Emily Popera as Swim Team Chair is Stephanie Kunkle, and Emily will slide into Grounds Chair. Lastly, Denise Dombay will take over the position of Treasurer from Scott, overseeing financial decision making at the Club.

During the past year, we continued our capital improvement projects at the Club – focusing on the pool filtration system. We replaced our 15-year-old cartridge filtration system, at a cost of \$22,000, with a state of the art sand filter which greatly improved the water quality. We will address a number of projects in the coming season including updates to the bathrooms, pavilion and shade area at the back of the pool deck. THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the raffle that raised approximately \$6,000 and will enable us to make these needed updates to the Club.

Our Demon swim team remains under the leadership of Coach Pat Tozzi. The Demons were 4-1, taking second place in the C Division. Our team will compete in the D Division in 2019. All of our swimmers improved their times, increased their physical fitness, and made memories that will last a lifetime. Be on the lookout for information from the swim team leadership in the coming weeks regarding registration. Please direct any question regarding the swim team to Stephanie Kunkle at swim@dsrclub.com.

Our tennis program will continue under Teri Boragno's leadership. Teri is looking forward to growing our programs from adult and junior programs to clinics, social events and all other aspects of tennis. Teri is also getting certified in Pickleball and we look forward to continued growth from already vibrant and loyal Pickleballers. Please feel free to reach out to Teri at tennis@dsrclub.com with questions.

Your DSRC Social Directors have a summer of fun planned for the entire family. A Karaoke

Adult Social will kick off the season on "May the Fourth" and more fun times await our members and guests with our Opening Day Cookout. Other events to look forward to this season are the Duck Dunk & Babysitter Meet-n-Greet, a Teen Beach Party, our ever popular Fourth of July Parade, Summerfest Crab Feast, and new this year, Sunday Funday Happy Hours with live music! Save the dates for the entire social calendar by visiting the social program page of the website: www.dsclub.com/social-program.

Camp Green Zone had a benchmark year in 2018 and expects continued growth in 2019. Rosie is bringing back all of the popular events, including pool kayaking with Calleva and all of the amazing things that make camp the best for members and the best bang for your buck! Online registration is open now, so sign up your kids while space is available - there will be a new weekly cap in 2019. Our Counselor in Training (CIT) program has grown as well, so please check out all of our programs for all kids from 4-13 years of age. Email Rosie at camp@dsclub.com with any questions regarding registration.

In 2018, we had an all-time high number of new members join—55 new members! This is thanks to all of our current members spreading the word about how great DSRC is for family fun in the sun! Thank you all for continuing to spread the word and remember that our refer-a-friend program pays you \$100 for each member that you bring in! Please have any prospective members email GM, Dave Hardy, at gm@dsclub.com.

We have continued to grow our online presence, as well as our online payments and registration systems, and in 2019 it will extend to membership, camp, tennis and swim team. We are asking all members to pay their dues electronically this season using either a bank account ACH or their credit cards. Our goal is to streamline the process, making it more efficient and helping us increase our revenue by standardizing payments. We are relying almost 100% on email and social channels for our communication from the GM and other leaders at the Club to our members, [so please click here to add your email address to our list](#) And follow DSRC on Facebook [@DarnestownSwimRacquetClub](#) and Instagram [@DSRClub](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest activities. We will continue to stay committed to not sending too many emails by keeping all the pertinent details in a weekly email.

As a reminder, the safety of our members and guests at the Club is the #1 priority. Last year was another very successful season—we had no major injuries. Though this philosophy is instilled in all staff, maintaining a safe environment is everyone's responsibility. Please talk to your children about Club rules and the importance of appropriate behavior in and around the pool, tennis courts, and playground. Club rules can be found on our website and are posted at the pool.

We diligently continue to look for ways to improve the Club and our programs for the members. In 2018, we added group exercise classes with yoga, water aerobics and masters swimming. We will continue these programs in 2019 and look for ways to improve the timing and accessibility for all of our members. Thank you to everyone who filled out our member satisfaction survey last summer, and helped inform the Board on interests and efforts moving forward.

We are a member owned and operated Club, with which come many opportunities to get involved, relying 100% on member volunteers to run DSRC. Dave is our only full-time employee, and with our tight budget, we depend on, and embrace members helping us where they have expertise. We welcome you volunteering your time, your knowledge, or even donating equipment. We have had amazing donations the last few years, from grills to professional lawn equipment and cornhole. We have some members who have used their professional connections to help DSRC upgrade our systems and help us find ways to improve. We will again be holding a Spring and Fall clean-up day, which have been a great way to help us maintain the facility and be ready for Opening Day in the Spring and Old Man Winter in the Fall. Please email Dave with any way you think you could help DSRC be a better place to spend summers!

The Board would also like to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers who organize and run the many Club activities, including Tennis and Swim teams and our many great social events.

We look forward to seeing everyone on May 25th at our 2019 Opening Day Celebration.

DSRC Board of Directors

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