

Winter 2023

Fellow DSRC Members:

Welcome to 2023! The year is off to an interesting start with a mix of seasonal temperatures and warm days, which have been great for our pickleball and tennis players! It's weather like this that causes us to count the days until we are back at DSRC poolside, listening to live music, and watching the kids splash and play!

The 2022 season was incredible for DSRC and our members. We went from having memberships available to being full with a healthy waitlist in just a few years and it's reflected in the energy and fun taking place at the Club on a daily basis! This is largely thanks to our amazing community that spreads the word with friends, family, and new neighbors and helps bring them into our membership. We are extremely grateful for our growing community!

2023 promises to be a great year for DSRC! With full membership and careful planning by our Board of Directors, we have several capital improvements planned prior to opening day. Last year we were able to do a wide range of new improvements, from tennis court resurfacing to upgrades to our bath house and pool.

The largest project we are planning for the coming year will be repairs to our parking lot, a new entryway sign and other needed updates to our facility and equipment.

Any additional donations by members, as you submit dues payment, continue to help us pay for these and many other capital improvements. Thank you and please consider giving again.

The Board of Directors has voted to increase annual dues by \$30 to \$725 for the 2023 season. We have managed to keep our dues stable for nearly a decade but with rising cost of labor and goods we raised dues in order to adequately provide a safe environment and make needed upgrades to our facility.

We will continue using our MemberSplash database for dues payments. Membersplash has added a 'card on file' option, so that you can pay all your bills without having to type in your credit card information. This card will NOT be automatically charged for dues bills but will make it easier to quickly pay bills when they are due. Please consider adding a card to your account to simplify billing, this information is safely and securely held on a secure server, not by DSRC.

All credit card dues payments will immediately be reflected as 'paid status' in your family's account using the secure platform. Online payments will be made with no service charge, therefore we are encouraging all members to pay online. Any payments made by check will put the account into 'pending status' for payments until we have received and processed your check.

Please check the email address on file in your Membersplash account. All emails are populated from the email that you have recorded in your Membersplash account. Also, if you want to change the adult that is the 'billing' adult please email GM, Dave Hardy, at gm@dsrclub.com, this email will receive account payment reminders and bills.

Camp Green Zone 2022 was a great success and we are looking forward to an exciting season of camp in 2023. We are thrilled to have Alyssa Bessasparis returning in 2023! Alyssa brings a lot of experience in

youth programming with lots of fun ideas. Our most popular activities will be returning, such as exploring the woods and creek, along with other amazing activities that make camp engaging and a great deal for members! Online registration will be open by the end of January, so keep your eyes on your email for camp announcements. Check out all of our programs for all kids from 4-13 years of age. Please email Alyssa at camp@dsrclub.com with any questions regarding registration.

Camp registration will open on Saturday, 1/21, at 12:00pm. You must pay your dues prior to registering for camp, a camp specific email will go out prior to camp registration beginning.

In 2022 camp SOLD OUT in about two weeks, please be sure you register early if you are counting on Camp GreenZone for your 2023 camp needs.

Our **Demon Swim Team** remains under the leadership of Coach Pat Tozzi. In 2022 we had over 250 children enrolled in swim team and lessons! With these numbers, Coach Pat led us to an undefeated 5-0 dual meet record and we will be in Division B in 2023! Be on the lookout for information from the swim team leadership in the coming months as more information becomes available to us. Please direct any question regarding the swim team to Stephanie Kunkle at stephjenry@yahoo.com.

Our **Tennis and Pickleball Programs** will be under new leadership in 2023 due to the departure of Coach Teri. We are currently searching for a new tennis/pickleball professional and hope to have an announcement out soon about who will be leading the way moving forward. With our freshly refinished courts and new dedicated pickleball courts, we are very excited to grow all of our programming in 2023. DSRC is planning to organize both tennis and pickleball tournaments for players of all ages and abilities.

Your **DSRC Social Directors** have a summer of fun planned for the entire family, click on the link below to see the entire list of social events, beginning in February with a winter social event at the Windridge Winery. In 2023, Live Music is back on deck for Happy Hour and Sunday Fundays. Other events to look forward to are our SummerFest Crab Feast as well as many of the great events we had in 2022. Please visit our website: www.dsrclub.com/social-program or follow us and RSVP to our events on Facebook.

Thanks to all of our great programming and to our members for spreading the word about DSRC we are currently at our maximum 450 families. We have a waitlist to join so if you have any friends that are interested please have them visit www.darnestown.membersplash.com and click on 'join our waitlist' to be added now. Please have any prospective members email GM, Dave Hardy, at gm@dsrclub.com.

Follow us on social media for updates from membership, camp, tennis, swim team, and social. Follow DSRC on Facebook [@DarnestownSwimRacquetClub](https://www.facebook.com/DarnestownSwimRacquetClub) and Instagram [@DSRClub](https://www.instagram.com/DSRClub) to stay up-to-date on the latest activities. We will continue to stay committed to minimizing emails by keeping all the pertinent details in one weekly email whenever possible.

As a reminder, the safety of our members and guests at the Club is our #1 priority, and this philosophy is instilled in all staff. Maintaining a safe environment continues to be the responsibility of our whole community. In 2022, we had ZERO distressed swimmer or active drowning rescues and we are very proud of this safety record. This is due to the vigilance of our staff and our swim test/swim bands as well as the help of our membership in watching their children. Please continue to remind your children about Club safety rules and the importance of appropriate behavior in and around the pool, tennis courts, and playground. Club rules can be found on our website, [by clicking here](#), and are posted at the pool.

We are a member owned and operated Club, which offers many opportunities for all members to get involved, relying 100% on member volunteers to run a lot of activities at DSRC. Our GM, Dave Hardy, is

our only full-time employee. We depend on and encourage members to help us where they have expertise - that includes 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 to lawn games. Members offer professional connections to support DSRC upgrade systems and help us find ways to improve. If you have a special talent (legal, technical, plumbing, electrical, construction, landscaping, etc.) let us know! We will, again, be holding a Spring and Fall Clean-Up Day, which has always been a great way to help us maintain the Club and prepare for Opening Day in the Spring and 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 like to take a moment to thank all of those volunteers who help organize and run the many Club activities, including Tennis and Swim teams, and our many great social events. We are always looking for future board members and every member of the board is available to answer any questions you may have. We can find a spot for you.

We look forward to seeing everyone in late May as we kick off our 2023 Season!

DSRC Board of Directors

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