

Dorchester Swim & Tennis Club

Annual Letter 2024

March 1, 2024

GREETING DORCHESTER MEMBERS!

WE WANTED TO WELCOME you to the upcoming 2024 Season at Dorchester Swim & Tennis Club. Opening day is scheduled for May 25th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Looking forward to a fun summer again this year.

MEMBERSHIPS (stockholding family, single, single plus, and social) are available. A great start to the 2024 season would be to have a full membership, so please keep this in mind and encourage your friends and family to buy a membership. Club owned stock is \$112.50 until April 1st and then it will go up to \$150.00. Along with the large number of club owned stock that we have, there is also a list of current members who wish to sell their membership (they set their own price for their stock). At our annual meeting last October a by-law was voted on that changed the types of memberships. In addition to the family and single plus (single stockholder plus one free unlimited guest per day) membership already in place, a **single membership** (single stockholder and all guests pay admission with a limited amount in a season) was added at a reduced cost of \$325 (still requires member to purchase stock). Any of our present members who hold a single plus membership can switch over to the single membership at the reduced cost. These members will need to let us know if they wish to do this by emailing the secretary, Jared Buss, at dorchesterswimandtennis@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2024 will be as follows. **Family** and **Single Plus** memberships remain at \$600 and the **Single** membership is \$325 (Please add \$100 to your dues if you want to opt out of your workday). **Please try to have your payment in by April 1, 2024.** A 15% late fee (\$90.00 for family and single plus and \$48.75 for single membership) will be assessed on all payments **paid or postmarked after May 1, 2024.** You can pay by check, money order, cash, or credit card (**no online credit card payment**). Due to the increasing cost of online credit card fees and the low percentage of members who use credit card payment, we will **NOT** have **ONLINE** credit card payments. If you do wish to pay with a debit/credit card, we will continue to accept payment using the "Square" credit card payment available. To pay by this method the member will have to call Dorchester at 618.398.3667. At present the treasurer, Sharon Reiher, has the phone and can take your payment information. If she is not available to answer at the time of the call, please leave a message and she will get back to you for your credit card information to be keyed in. A convenience charge of \$22.00 for family and single plus memberships, and \$12.00 for single memberships will be added to the payment. We want to stress we need the revenue in hand early to pay for expenses incurred prior to the club's opening. A board member will be at the pool on April 16th and April 24th from 5:30-8pm collecting dues if you wish to pay in person.

REGISTRATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED ONLINE BEFORE PAYMENT IS MADE. The **registration link** can be found on the Dorchester website www.dorchesterswim.com under the membership tab. Once logged into the Esoft system follow this registration procedure:

My Account-My Profile

Verify address, email, and phone numbers are correct

Verify names and birthdates of your family on your membership. If you do not see a member of your family listed or have had a birth of a child, please let us know at dorchesterswimandtennis@gmail.com. The secretary will have to add the new member. Also, if you do not see a family member listed that was there last year, they may have been removed due to out aging the membership (over 26 years old). Please fill out the membership verification insert included with this letter and return with your dues. If you do not wish to go online to check this information, this verification form will help us put the correct information into the system. Change of home and e-mail addresses can be updated on the back of the form.

Membership Tab

You will be prompted to SIGN UP and given the following options for paying your dues.

Pay by **check**. Select the box stating that you wish to pay by check. You will then receive a response with a mailing address for sending in your payments (**Dorchester Swim & Tennis Club, P.O. Box 23672, Belleville, Illinois 62223—mail is not delivered to our physical location address and if the envelope is addressed to the physical location, we generally will never receive it**). If you wish to pay by **credit card**, please call the Dorchester phone number and give your credit card information.

If you encounter any difficulty, please contact the Dorchester secretary via email at dorchesterswimandtennis@gmail.com

Please note: when registering online if you uncheck "Promotional E-mails" you will not receive notifications of special events (Family Day, Adult Night, etc.). We do not give out e-mail addresses to other organizations. We only use them for our own communication.

WORKDAY SCHEDULE

If you do not participate in at least 4 hours of work to get the pool ready for opening, you will be charged a \$100 workday fee. As of now you do **not** need to register for your workday, just show up on one of these days.

Saturday, April 20th 10am-2pm

Sunday, April 28th 11am-3pm

Saturday, May 4th 10am-2pm

Saturday, May 11th 10am-2pm

Saturday, May 18th 10am-2pm

Sunday, May 19th Tentative **Rain Day

SPECIAL EVENTS

Open House - June

Family Day - July

Notification of any other Special Events will be done by email. We hope to add some events to this list!

RESERVATION FOR PAVILION, LOWER PATIO & UPPER PATIO

Reservations for the pavilion and other patio areas can be made as soon as your dues have been paid. Please contact the pool secretary for reservations by email at dorchesterswimandtennis@gmail.com or send in a pavilion rental agreement found on our website www.dorchesterswim.com with your payment. The secretary will notify you if the date is open and when the reservation has been made under your name. After May 27th, the manager will be handling all pavilion and patio reservations.

POOL INFORMATION

We will try to update everyone as events are added or conditions change by email. We request that you join our two Facebook pages: *Dorchester Swim and Tennis Club* and *Dorchester Swim & Tennis Club Members Only*.

CREDIT CARD USE AND ATM AVAILABILITY AT POOL THIS SUMMER: We are going to try using an ATM this year as a way of cutting down on paperwork generated with the use of credit cards. You will not be able to use credit/debit cards at the Concession Stand, but will be able to in the clubhouse for members/guests. Transactions are limited to a charge of \$100 or more in the clubhouse. Thank you for your patience while we try this in the upcoming summer.

SWIM TEAM

Swim team information is available in the enclosed letter. For swim team updates please go to the swim team website <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recmcdd>.

Sincerely,

Dorchester Board of Directors