

Dorchester Swim & Tennis Club

Annual Letter 2026

March 2, 2026

GREETINGS DORCHESTER MEMBERS AND STOCKHOLDERS!

WE WANTED TO WELCOME you to the upcoming 2026 Season at Dorchester Swim & Tennis Club. Opening day is scheduled for May 23rd, 2026 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 2026 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 \$75 indefinitely. Membership types available include family, single plus (single stockholder plus one free unlimited guest per day), and single (single stockholder and all guests pay admission with a limited amount in a season and requires members 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.

At the annual meeting in October 2025, the present membership voted to approve a \$25 increase in annual dues beginning with the 2026 season. This adjustment will help offset rising operating costs, including utilities, maintenance, insurance, and staffing, while allowing us to continue providing a safe, well-maintained, and enjoyable facility for all members. We appreciate your continued support and understanding.

MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2026 will be as follows. **Family** and **Single Plus** memberships are \$625, and the **Single** membership is \$350 (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, 2026.** A 15% late fee (\$93.75 for family and single plus and \$52.50 for single membership) will be assessed on all payments **paid or postmarked after May 1, 2026.** 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 financial secretary, 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 \$23.00 for family and single plus memberships, and \$13.00 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 25th, April 24th, April 29th, and May 1st from 5pm – 6:30pm 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 respond to this email with any updates or changes involving individuals listed on your membership. This would also include changes to your home or e-mail address. This verification will help us put the correct information into the system.

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.

NEW MEMBER REFERRAL INCENTIVE

Beginning with the 2026 season, we are excited to introduce a new Member Referral Incentive Program. Current members who refer a new member will receive a credit toward their dues as follows:

- \$50 credit for referring a new Family or Single Plus membership
- \$25 credit for referring a new Single membership

There is no limit to the number of referrals a member may make. Referral credits will be applied once the new member's dues have been paid in full for the season and are not prorated. If a new member joins mid-season and pays prorated dues, the referring member's credit will be applied the following season once that member pays their full annual dues. Additionally, of the two sponsors required on a new member application, one may be the referring member receiving the credit. The new member must inform the secretary of the referring member at the time of application submission for the referral credit to be issued. We hope this program encourages you to invite friends, neighbors, and family to join our Dorchester community!

WORKDAY SCHEDULE

If you have a single plus or family membership and 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. Single memberships are only required to work 2 hours to avoid this fee. If you would like to bring your children for workdays, we are implementing a minimum age requirement of 13. As of now you do **not** need to register for your workday, just show up on one of these days.

Saturday, April 25th, 10am-2pm

Sunday, April 26th, 11am-3pm

Saturday, May 2nd, 10am-2pm

Saturday, May 9th, 10am-2pm

Saturday, May 16th, 10am-2pm

Sunday, May 17th, Tentative ****Rain Day**

IMPORTANT REMINDER REGARDING DUES AND LATE FEES

We kindly remind all members that access to club facilities is contingent upon dues and any applicable late fees being paid in full. For administrative purposes, a list of accounts with outstanding balances is maintained at the front desk.

Our staff members are responsible for upholding policies established by the Board of Directors, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. If there is ever a question regarding your account, please feel free to reach out to the secretary, Jared Buss, at dorchesterswimandtennis@gmail.com. In accordance with our bylaws, members with outstanding dues or late fees are not permitted access to the facilities until their account is brought current. Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth and respectful experience for all members throughout the season.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Trivia Night - March 28th, 2026

Family Day - July 25th, 2026

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

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fun evening at our upcoming Trivia Night on Saturday, March 28th at the Millstadt Sportsmen's Club. Doors will open at 6:00pm and trivia will begin at 7:00pm. Cost is \$25 per person with teams up to 8 people. Beer buckets will be available for \$10, along with mixed drinks for purchase. This event is BYO for snacks, soda, and water and we will also be hosting cash raffles throughout the evening. Trivia Night is proudly brought to you by Dorchester Swim and Tennis Club in partnership with WildSox Entertainment. We hope you join us for a great night of fun while supporting the club!

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 24th, the manager will be handling all pavilion and patio reservations. We still have our pavilion party package, where all guests joining a party under the pavilion will have a reduced rate for admission of \$6 (please reach out to our secretary with any questions)!

POOL INFORMATION

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

CREDIT CARD USE AND ATM AVAILABILITY AT POOL THIS SUMMER: 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. Credit/Debit card transactions are limited to a charge of \$100 or more in the clubhouse, and anything less will require use of our ATM.

SWIM TEAM

For questions regarding our swim team please email Tracey Pawloski, our swim team president, at pawloski2017@gmail.com. For swim team updates please go to the swim team website <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recmcdd>.

Sincerely,

Dorchester Board of Directors