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The Olympian

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Less than Five Months Away...

Happy New Year, Warren Olympic Club families! We hope this edition of The Olympian finds you healthy and safe this holiday season.

It seems like it was only a few weeks ago that we bid Summer of 2022 farewell and closed the pool for the season. After the frigid temperatures last week, it also seems as if Summer of 2023 is in the far distant future. However, there are just 141 days between the date of this newsletter and the opening date of our 59th season and our 100 Days of Summer at the WOC.

Did you catch that? Our 59th season...which makes 2024 our 60th Diamond Anniversary!

For now, though, let's focus on 2023 and making this one of the best seasons yet...

...and to do that, we need your help and suggestions!



From landscaping to painting and cleaning, we made many improvements at the club in 2022 and hope you noticed. Then, we received much good feedback at our Membership Meeting at Buena Vista in October.

If you were unable to make it, or if you did make it and have additional suggestions, we want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes for the betterment of the club by

E-mailing your answers to these questions:

- What did you enjoy this year at WOC?
- What could WOC have done better?
- What social events would you like WOC to host?
- How can the 2022 social events be improved?
- If you could improve one thing at the WOC, what would it be and why?
- What are the three top things you enjoy most about being a WOC member?

We are thankful to have such a great club and look forward to making it even better with your input. Thank you!

Important 2023 Membership Payment Information

1. If you took advantage of locking in your 2023 membership at the 2022 membership rate, please remember that your next payment must be post-marked no later than January 31, 2023.
2. If you did not lock-in your 2023 membership at the 2022 membership rate, your invoice for the 2023 membership year is included with the mailed copy of this letter. Please E-mail us if you would like to set up a payment plan for your membership.
3. All memberships must be paid in full by May 15, 2023. Memberships not paid in full by this date will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

If you have decided to inactivate your membership for 2023, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.

If you have questions regarding your membership payment, please contact Treasurer Erica Sincich at warrenolympicclub@gmail.com or by phone at (330) 240-7640

Pool Maintenance and Improvements

Volunteers have been working during this off-season to improve our pool and get it ready for 2023 and beyond.

The most significant improvement comes from fellow member Jeff Carbone. Jeff and his family have made countless contributions to the success of our club over the years, helping with our pool, tennis courts and the grounds. This past Fall, Jeff donated his time and materials to patch many cracks and repair concrete seals in the main pool. Please take time to show Jeff and his family your appreciation for helping to keep our pool in good repair for the future!

There has also been much work accomplished on the two (2) pool heaters. These boilers were installed in 2015 and worked hard to heat 375,000 gallons of water ever since. However, last season the boilers began to show their age. We have had several repair service companies visit and give quotes on repair and replacement options, which all come with significant costs. That is when WOC member Mick Jaros, a retired engineer, stepped in to see what might be done to keep at least one boiler optimally working for the 2023 season and perhaps longer. Mick assembled a team of WOC members, including Frank Bufano and Bob Hynes, to investigate the boiler operations and address the mechanical issues. Let's give Mick, Frank and Bob a big thank you for their efforts!

We are also working on the pipe faceplates along the walls of both the main pool and the wading pool (pictured on the left). Many of these metal faceplates have become brittle over the years and were discarded (or continue to break), resulting in several uncovered pipe outlets. The remaining faceplates have been painted many times over the years, such as the one on the bottom of the picture. Years of paint were removed from the faceplate in the middle of the picture after many days of soaking in stripping solution, followed by scrubbing and brushing. We hope to replace all forty (40) of these faceplates before the start of this season with durable 3D printed black plastic faceplates, as seen in the top of the picture.

Finally, another part of the pool that has been painted many times over the years is the skirting around the top of the pool. The more the skirting has been painted over, the less water can enter the inlets for recirculation. A team of volunteers have been working diligently chipping away the layers of paint that have accumulated over the years to get to (one of the) base paint layers and completely open the skirting gutters. More work will be done to complete this task in early Spring.

Since our first opening day nearly sixty (60) years ago, Warren Olympic Club has depended on its members to help sustain and improve the club each season. There are countless ways members have helped in the past, including but not limited to:

- serving on a committee or as a board member;
- helping with or leading a carpentry, roofing, painting, plumbing or other trades-related project;
- helping the WOC swim team in its need for timers, clerk of course managers or serving meals;
- helping to improve the grounds; and,
- making invaluable contacts to help with finding the best price for, or donations of, contracted work or materials

There are many items that will need to be completed in the Spring to prepare for our opening. Additionally, the concrete repair and skirting restoration will make it necessary to paint the pool again in May. We will also be scheduling a few "busy beaver workdays" for volunteers to help get everything ready for opening day on May 27, 2023. Watch for these dates to be scheduled soon and let us know what you will do to help make our 59th season one of the best ever!





- Raymond and Etona Cheesbro
- Zach and Sarah Denzler
- Lyle and Sharlene Huffman
- David and Kimberly Martin
- Chris Wilson and Andrea Martin
- Patricia and Jan Sulonen
- James and Christine Tobin
- Thirteen (13) new innertubes to use in the pool!

*Let's give our
newest
members and
their families a
very warm
welcome to
the WOC!*



Membership Minute...

In 2022, Warren Olympic Club consisted of 176 "family memberships." A "family membership" is considered one membership for a family household (i.e. two members in one household is considered a "family membership" the same four members in one household). Without a doubt, both COVID-19 and inflation have had an effect on our membership and membership at other similarly situated clubs.

WOC is certainly a gem in Trumbull County that does not seem to have the notoriety that other clubs in the area enjoy. Our premise is to remain a family-oriented club providing a safe and welcoming environment for all of our families to enjoy. We maintain the largest outdoor swimming pool in the area and the only such pool with a high dive! We also host many social activities throughout the summer season for families of all ages.

As a member of WOC, you can help to increase awareness of what our club has to offer and refer potential new members in many ways. One way is to schedule your next summer-time party at the club! This includes parties for your family, child's sports team, next family reunion, church congregation or your circle of friends.

E-mail us at warrenolympicclub@gmail.com soon to reserve a date or get answers to questions regarding your next party.



Member Communications

One of the key items that we discussed at our annual WOC Membership Meeting on October 20, 2022, was communication. Members shared that they were not receiving all of the important club communications, despite the executive board's attempts to communicate via E-mail, Facebook and signage at the club.

We understand...

...and agree we need to improve!



If you are interested in helping the club by managing its communications—both in print and online—please E-mail us at warrenolympicclub@gmail.com and let us know. Until we find a volunteer to help, know that we heard you and we will continue our work at improving membership communications now and in the future.