

# The Olympian

## A Word From Our President

Hello WOC family,

It's beginning to look a lot like SUMMER! The staff is set, the sun is creeping higher in the sky each day, and it's almost that time of year again. It's time to rekindle friendships and make new ones, too. I can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces enjoying the club this summer. For me, I can't remember a time when the club wasn't part of my life. I genuinely get depressed when the club closes and become full of anticipation when this time of year rolls around.

Last summer's season was a great success. I can't say thanks enough for the hard work and dedication of the board members for again volunteering their time to work in the office! Their ability to be flexible has allowed us to maintain a facility we can all be proud of and to "keep the lights on" for another season! That being said, it's also time to dispel the annual rumor that we are closing. Once again, this is absolutely untrue. In fact, we start this season in better shape than we have the past three or four years! Another important item we've instituted and kept from last season is the ability to have a payment plan for existing members. If you were unaware of this plan, ask a board member! Our treasurer has worked very hard to offer flexible payment options for new members to alleviate one large lump sum payment. We also continue to accept credit card payments through your PayPal account that can be found on our website at [www.warrenolympicclub.com](http://www.warrenolympicclub.com)! Finally, we are asking for everyone to complete a new emergency form this year. We have a Google form that you can fill out online and earn a few free passes.

This year, we have an opening on the WOC board of directors in the Tennis Trustee role! This is the person that is responsible for being the liaison from the tennis pro to the board and fortunately has a great set of "team moms" who are all ready to help with the tennis team! If you think you'd be interested in joining the team and have some exciting ideas to grow our club, let us know! We have had a few personnel changes with our coaching staff this season. Our trustee from swim will explain more about swim, but for the first time in years we will also have a new tennis pro! Danny Karousis had a medical emergency in the offseason and will still be around as an advisor and mentor, but day to day operations will be handled by Colleen Browning. Colleen was Danny's assistant two years ago and is looking forward to taking control of the team. She is a great player and wonderful with kids and we are lucky to have her!  
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## A Word From Our President (continued)

Finally, we need your help!!! This club is yours as much as it is anyone else's. There is ALWAYS room for volunteers. The FIRST great opportunity to volunteer is WORK DAY(s)!!!! This year we'll have two work days April 28th and May 5th we'll start to beautify the club! Any member who works these days will earn free guest passes! We also have multiple social events planned and will need the assistance of club members to make these as exciting and successful as they have become in the past. We also would welcome ANY assistance in the buildings and grounds departments. We have had members volunteer to cut the grass, weed, paint, and/or do other tasks. These are a HUGE boost to the club. Please do not be afraid to volunteer! After seeing a steady decline in membership in previous years, last year's membership stayed relatively flat. This season, we have seen an upswing in new members and hope to maintain and increase that trend! The question I get asked most about the pool is "How can I help?" The simple answer to this is help us grow our membership! In order to maintain the club, we need your help to grow our membership!

Finally, every season is an opportunity to get better. If you have suggestions, comments, or unique ideas, please bring them forward. For me, the club is the site of fond childhood memories and simply boils down to one word, FAMILY. I had so many "club parents" growing up and I see that tradition continue today. Food, stories, and so much more is shared every day at the club. While we have some competition in the area as far as places to swim or play tennis, none of them can touch the atmosphere of our club. Let's make this our best summer yet!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jesse S. Wonders  
President, Warren Olympic Club

## Social Committee News

The Social Committee has several fun events planned for this summer. We will kick off the season with a Dive-In movie night and new member potluck! We'll show a family movie on the screen and we encourage all new and existing members to bring their favorite dish to share! The movie will begin at dusk and we are asking for donations for this event. We will have other late night swims with s'mores and root beer floats, as well as Dive-In movies featuring many of our favorite movies. We will again have our popular Ladies' night and Trivia nights. For the little girls, we will have a Princess Party and the boys will have water combat. We have an art teacher doing Sip and Paint parties for adults and kids. Stay tuned to the Social board for the list of events with their dates and times. As always, we would need to have volunteers to make these events successful. If you'd like to volunteer feel free to contact me at the club or leave your name in the office! I'm looking forward to a fun filled summer with our members!

Jennifer Wonders

## Swim Team News

CALLING ALL SWIMMERS!!!!

The 2018 summer swim season is fast approaching. Our annual Meet the Coaches and swim team sign-up gathering is planned for **May 14 (5:00-6:30) and May 15 (5:00-6:30) at the Warren G. Harding Pool**. We will be filling out registration forms for each swimmer so that our coaches may submit our team roster to the Youngstown Swim League. Seed money for concessions and the fee for Meet Central will be collected. The amount is \$35.00 per swimmer or \$80.00 max per family.

Aquatic Outfitters will be there on May 14, and will have team suits, goggles, and other accessories available for purchase/order. Swimmers will have the opportunity to try suits on to be sure of proper size and fit. Aquatic Outfitters accepts cash, check, and all major credit cards for payment. Dolfin has discontinued the suit we had for the past two years, but Lisa from Aquatic Outfitters has found one pretty similar. If you are not able to make it on May 14, there will be sample suits available for you to try on May 15.

The summer meet schedule will be distributed at sign up. Each family must commit a worker to at least four meets, so bring your calendar. It takes about thirty volunteers to run a home meet and we need to supply about twenty volunteers for the away meets. Also, we are looking for people to volunteer to learn how to become a stroke and turn judge. There is one class each summer, usually on the first or second weekend in June. If you are interested, please contact me ([330-720-0437](tel:330-720-0437) or [lleeq68@gmail.com](mailto:lleeq68@gmail.com)).

Summer practices will begin on Monday, June 4 at 5:00 pm. During the first week, practices will be held in the evenings as some schools will still be in session. Morning practices will start on June 11. The coaches will let you know what time you should be at the pool and for which practice session. The meets are always on Wednesday evenings, starting on June 13.

A parent meeting with Coach Emily will be held on Friday, June 8, at 5:45 PM. We encourage all to attend to get details for this season.

Please see the note below from Coach Emily!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the team, please send them our way!

See you at the pool!

Lori Leecue

## A Note From Coach Emily Thirion

Hello All!

My name is Emily Thirion and I am the Head Coach at the WOC this summer. Coach Steve Lukco will be on deck with me in a part-time capacity working with the advanced group in the mornings. I will join with Coach Carrie Rowland and Coach Tricia Mark to run the intermediate and beginner practices. The coaching staff at the WOC is gearing up for another fantastic summer swim season! We are all very eager to see our kids and how much they have grown- both in and out of the pool, and we are especially excited to welcome new members into the swimming world.

## Membership News

Hello Everyone!!!

As I write this message, it is 37 degrees outside and there is snow on the ground and with each new spring there comes a new hope! I am excited to say that we have been getting applications for new members and we will have at least four new families joining us as we begin the 2018 Swim Season!! Thank you for all the referrals and as always, you will be duly rewarded. There is a \$50 credit that will be placed on your account for the 2019 dues for each new member that is vetted into the club.

Also, this year we will be asking to update your emergency forms and not just initial off on them so that we can have your most current information. I am still getting messages kicked back to me through the Gmail account. If possible, I am requesting that you get a Gmail account, even if it is just for the Warren Olympic Club. We cannot guarantee that all communications will get to your AOL or Yahoo or any other email account. We apologize in advance.

Finally, if you are unable to be a member of the club for the 2018 season, it is in your best interest to notify the Board, per our bylaws, as listed below in:

Article I Section 3 Paragraph g

Members who know they will be unable to participate in the Corporation's functions or use the Corporation's facilities for a period of one (1) year, or more, they may be placed on the Inactive Status List. To be placed on the Inactive Status List the member must notify the Board of Directors (in writing) of his/her desire no later than May 1st of the first year inactive status is requested. During a period of inactive status a member will not have the membership privileges listed in Article I, Section 4 and will not have the right to vote at any Corporation meeting.

Until we see each other on Clean up Day: we will be looking forward to a beautiful summer!

Be well,

Dominic Venetti  
Membership

## A Note from Coach Colleen Browning

Hi, I'm Colleen Browning and I'm excited to be back for my second season at the WOC! I served as the assistant pro under Danny Karousis in 2015 and am looking forward to continuing to build the program! I played tennis in High School for Lakeview and in college for the Cedarville University Yellowjackets! I've previously been the tennis pro at the Lordstown Summer Fun Days Festival and taught privately for many years. Currently, I coach at Liberty high school and teach ESL online! I look forward to another successful summer of fun!

“Love,” Colleen

## A Word From Our Vice President

Who's ready for the 2018 pool season?!?! After a long, cold winter, I think I can safely say WE ALL ARE! I am so thankful to be back as Vice President again and hope you are all as happy to have me back. Please find me if you have any concerns, ideas, or suggestions on how we can improve at the WOC.

WOC will have several returning guards this year, which means familiar faces and experience with how our club operates. Again this year, the guards will be required to wear red so they are easy to find, but there will also be pictures posted of who our guards are along with their names. Please let them know if you have any pool and safety concerns.

Please show respect to our guards and remember that their jobs are to remind swimmers of the rules that keep us safe. If there is an issue where you disagree or feel something has been handled unfairly please see a Board member or a Lead Guard, whose pictures will also be posted. I would rather have a conversation about your worries than have unhappy members; your opinion and concerns are valuable and respected, but must be shared to be addressed.

This year, I challenge all our members to get involved. Volunteer to beautify the grounds, help out with small tasks around the pool, recruit new members, schedule a party and invite those who could be potential members, inquire about and possibly serve a position on the board, or become a trustee. Our WOC community is who keeps the pool open and makes it such an amazing place for our families ... share the love and do your part!

Can't wait to see all your beautiful faces! ;)

Nicole Shuttic  
WOC Vice President

## Help Wanted

We are looking for a mature, responsible person to work part time assisting our groundskeeper at the Club. This position would start in late April and go through the month of September. If interested, please send a resume and letter of interest to [nshuttic13@gmail.com](mailto:nshuttic13@gmail.com).

## Important Dates

Saturday, April 28 10:00 AM– Club Cleanup Day  
Saturday, May 5 10:00 AM– Club Cleanup Day  
Monday, May 14 5:00-6:30 @ Warren G. Harding Pool-Swim team sign up  
Tuesday, May 15 5:00-6:30 @ Warren G. Harding Pool– Swim team sign up  
Saturday, May 26 11:00 AM– Pool opens!