

The Olympian

A Word From Our President

I can't believe the 4th has come and gone! Before we know it we'll be back to fall weather and Friday night lights. This has been a very difficult start to the season; we've had to unexpectedly change personnel, continued to trim costs, and had some major expenses we could not foresee.

We have experienced a growth in new memberships, but have barely balanced the number of inactive members for this season. That being said, we've worked very hard to educate our new members on the rules of the pool. Just like any activity, becoming a member of the club has a "learning curve" to it. Thankfully, our club's curve isn't that steep! We try to watch for major infractions and correct the rules we see broken. However, there are typically only three guards on duty. With guards watching the pool, that leaves the only one or two sets of eyes. This is an area where we're asking some of our veteran members for assistance. If you see a rule being broken, say something (NICELY!) or let the office know. We know people make mistakes and guests don't generally know the rules. Typically, it's just an oversight and people are very willing to fix a behavior if you approach them kindly!

Remember please that water is the only drink you should have on the pool deck. I've seen people standing just off the deck eating and drinking. While this technically is "off the deck" the ants don't care! Please try to consume all your snacks under a pavillion! (A break from the sun for a few minutes never hurt anyone, and it's a chance to socialize and meet new members!)

The board members this year have volunteered countless hours to get the facilities ready to open and maintain the level of services to which we are accustomed. Thank them! They all have "regular jobs" in addition to pool duties. If you have a suggestion or want to help, seek them out. The club is a labor of love for all of us, but this year has been particularly trying. Your appreciation goes a long way! **(continued on page 2)**

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A Word From Our President (continued)

We have experienced a rebirth of sorts in the volunteerism at the club this year. Many new members have jumped in to help and we've had more assistance from our veteran members than many years in recent memory!

This year's theme for club improvements is "Holy smokes, what's broken now!?" When we started to open the pool, we discovered a plethora of broken pipes. Somehow, the pipes got water in them over the winter and most of the exposed pipes burst! Thanks to the assistance of our plumbing team, we were able to at least get most of the pipes fixed and up and running. However, that left us with a major problem on the clay courts. The sprinkler system was also compromised. As of this writing, the system has been rebuilt for courts 3 and 4 and court 4 is finally ready to go! Another area that shocked us upon opening inspection was the condition of the clay court pavillion. As you've probably seen it's taped off because we wanted to err on the side of safety first. Plans are underway to refurbish it in its current location.

The other area that caught us unprepared was the loss of Danny Karousis as our tennis pro. Danny had a major medical issue shortly before we opened, but thankfully is recovering and doing well. Danny was more than just the tennis pro, he was also the driving force behind maintaining our courts. What we learned is that all of our eggs were unwittingly in one basket. None of the board members, myself included, realized what an asset Danny was outside of the tennis pro duties. Thankfully, Colleen has stepped in seamlessly with the team and teaching. Danny has also returned in a pro-bono way to help restart the clay courts. Thankfully we all learned a valuable lesson about them for the future!

In summary, we really need to focus on growing our membership and helping guests and new members learn the rules without being overbearing. The club is a home away from home for many of us and we love to share it with our friends. Even on the busiest days, we're big enough to not feel crowded and maintain our safety. We always need new members in order to grow our club. Do not forget, there is a \$50 credit toward your dues when you get a new member to join. I love the club and know first-hand just how great a family place it can be to grow up in. The experience of raising my own children here is just as exciting. I hope you have the same experience as well!

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse S. Wonders
President



Social Committee News

There is a lot happening at the Olympic Club besides the awesome pool! If you haven't checked out the variety of fun family and sometimes zany events our Social Director Jen has planned for us, you're really missing out. The season started with a very nice new member cookout and movie night. The weather wasn't perfect in the month of June and cancelled Harry Potter.... TWICE!!!! Grrrr We finally decided to have a double feature with back to back movie nights. The movie, paired with our super popular tie dye night, was a great success! Attendance at social events is sometime sporadic and usually it's driven by the weather, but if you get a chance, you'll have a good time! The Facebook page and the social board at the pool are your best sources of information for these events. Along with the movie nights, we've also had the ever popular Princess Tea Party, and finally we had the right weather for the "Boys' Battle" water gun fight! Also, the annual Ladies' Night was held on July 19. Upcoming events for the pool are as follows:

July 23rd is Family Feud starting at 6! Families or teams of 6 people will "Play the Feud!" with each other!

August 10th we are going to rekindle an old tradition and have the club campout! We'll set up tent/campers in the back and have the movie ET as well. We'll provide the campfire, you provide the S'mores!

We also are looking for a night to host Glamour and Games, a night for mom's to get some pampering or play some board games with your family!

Jennifer Wonders
Social Director

Tennis News

- Our tennis team consists of nine kids that truly have a "love" for the game! They have won two matches this year against Logan and Trumbull Country Club. End of the season tournaments will be held this week. Good luck WOC tennis team!
- Our free kids' tennis clinics are still in full swing. Come join in the fun on Thursday morning from 10:00-11:00 AM and Sunday afternoons from 2:00-3:00PM.
- The adult clinics are also free and available for any interested member on Thursdays from 6:00-7:15 PM or Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 PM.
- Private tennis lessons are available with our Tennis Pro, Colleen Browning @ 234-308-1686

As a reminder: Tennis shoes and a shirt must be worn while playing on the hard or clay courts.

Swim Team News

We have had a good start to our 2018 swim meet season! We have 84 swimmers on the WOC swim team, with many returning swimmers, but also many new faces! Currently, we have three meets in the books, with two meets being cancelled or stopped because of weather. Coach Emily is doing a great job in her first year as head coach, as are returning coaches Steve, Carrie and Trish, and we have seen many great swims from our team! Check out our bulletin board every week to see who the WOC Swimmers of the Week are!

There is something that I feel that I should address. You may ask why we charge a swimmer registration fee (pay to play), when members already have to pay club dues. The swim team is self sufficient and we receive no money from the WOC budget (except for the coaches' salaries). There are many things that we have to pay for to run the meets, that the registration fees go towards. Some of those things include: swimmer fees for Meet Central, the timing system that all teams in the YSL use; the cost of the ribbons and heat winner awards;

the swim banquet and swimmer gifts, and trophies at the end of the season; equipment that slowly deteriorates and needs to be replaced every so often (kick boards, flippers, lane lines, flags, clerk of course chairs, etc.); printer paper, ink, stickers for the ribbons; concession stand start up, and relay and championship meet registration fees. The relay meet entry fee was \$303 this year, and I expect the championship meet entry fee to be approximately \$400-\$450. The tent that we rent to take to the Championship meet, that we use as our "homebase", generally costs anywhere from \$250-\$270. So, as you can see, the WOC Swim Team has quite a few expenses, and your registration fee is much appreciated!

Youngstown Swim League championships will be held on July 28 at Boardman Swim and Tennis Club, and our banquet will be held at the WOC on July 31 at 6:00 PM.

Lori Leecue
Swim Trustee

Membership News

Hello, everyone!!! I am excited to say that this year has brought in eighteen new members (both individuals and families) to our club and the number keeps growing!

Please welcome the following new members to the Warren Olympic Club:

Barrackman	Murphy	Salem
Bowman	Olson	Sommers
Criazzo	Peperidas	Stromen
Funtulis	Rider	Tolnar
Lupinski	Rivera	Williams
McClurg	Rook	Woofter

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Membership News (continued)

We are glad to have you as members of the Warren Olympic Club and hope to see you around for many year to come. As always, when our membership grows the amenities increase and the club becomes better and better with each passing year. Please continue to tell your friends about the club. Remember if you bring in a member to the club, you will receive fifty dollars off of your following year's membership fee. So, keep bringing in the guests and keeping the Warren Olympic Club in the forefront of their thoughts. If you have any ideas on how to increase our membership please send an email to warrenolympicclub@gmail.com and put (membership ideas) in the subject title.

Enjoy the rest of the season!!!

Be well!

Dominic Venetti
Membership

A Note From Our Maintenance Department

Dear Olympic Club members,

My name is Nick Katradis and I am heading up the maintenance department for our club. I am an engineer for a local company and, like many others, am volunteering my time to make the Warren Olympic Club a safe and fantastic place to spend the day. As this is my first year as maintenance manager, I have been very busy learning the ins and outs of the club. I have learned a lot about how the pool operates; I still have some more to learn, and I'm up for the challenge.

I would like to send huge thanks out to ALL the club members that have taken time out of their busy schedules to help us with club maintenance projects; especially Mr. Greg Foster, Mr. Greg Leecue, Mr. Mikel Lagaras, and Mr. Rook. I am also a Boy Scout leader and consequently; we are working to be very thrifty in these endeavors helping to save our membership as much money as possible so we can do more for you. Please contact me at warrenolympicclub@gmail.com with maintenance in the subject line if you would like to help or head up one of our maintenance or upgrade projects. We have several projects that we would like to complete but need people to assist. Some of our future projects are straightening some of the fences that encompass our club, upgrades to lighting, and rebuilding the filter pits. There may also be a fire pit coming up soon.

Some of the projects that we have completed include: installing a new sump pump in the pool pit, painting several of the buildings, two new bulletin boards, rebuilding the lawn tractor trailer, repairing the lawn tractor with new wheels and blades, and several upgrades to the plumbing in both the Men's and Ladies' restrooms. We have also fixed the sprinkler system on the clay tennis courts.

If anyone has (or knows of anyone who has) and is willing to donate some used lawn equipment to our club, we would be more than happy to take it off their hands. There is a list hanging on the new Bulletin Boards located by the office.



Treasurer Report

The treasurer update is always mixed with good and not so good. The good news is as a whole we are right on track with our budget. Although we have incurred some unexpected expenses with repairs, we continue to save money with a very streamlined staff and numerous volunteers. Our operating budget is based on a membership of 220 members (the average from the last few years). As of today, we have 203 rostered active members. This unfortunately puts us in a bit of a shortage. The board members and trustees will once again start filling some shifts in the office and with maintenance to help offset this shortage. We continue to see a good revenue from parties and guest fees so book your party now. We will once again be offering a provisional membership at a discounted rate for the remainder of the season.

This year at the annual meeting we will be discussing ideas to entice and retain members and generate additional income. Member referrals are essential to our longevity as a private swim and tennis club. Please email any questions or suggestions to warrenolympicclub@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Alisa Katradis
Treasurer

Annual Membership Meeting Reminder

Just a reminder- the annual membership meeting, which is open to all active members, will be held on Saturday, August 11 at 10:00 AM at the main pavillion. Remember, this is your club, so your opinion matters! Hope to see you there!

Margaret Foster
Secretary

A Word From Our Vice President

We are halfway through the summer and it has been fantastic!! The weather is finally cooperating so we can all enjoy the pool and its various activities! Thanks to our amazing lifeguarding staff, the pool has not had any major issues or injuries! Thanks to everyone who does their part to follow the rules and keep our pool safe and fun!

A very big reason our pool stays safe is the lifeguard training our guards have to complete in order to be certified. In addition to this certification class, the guards took part in a recent inservice. Coach Lukco gave his time and worked to challenge the kids on how to handle specific situations, how to address these situations from a safety standpoint and what type of aid would be administered. Each guard had the opportunity to practice this in order for them to get hands-on experience. We had a lot of fun but this activity brought about some great questions and good conversation! Our guards are very knowledgeable and were able to effectively answer the questions that Coach Lukco asked.

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A Word From Our Vice President (continued)

Currently on staff, there are nineteen lifeguards with fourteen of those guards returning from last year! I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the pictures posted on the office window, as it was suggested to me that it would be helpful to know the guards' names! Many of our lifeguards are members and have been fortunate enough to grow up at the WOC and some have swam for the WOC swim team. It is nice to see the kids who used to take swim lessons now up in the guard chairs!

Speaking of lifeguards growing up at the pool, did anyone have a chance to read the article in the Tribune Chronicle recently about our very own lifeguard, Jay Wonders? It was very well written and is an excellent story. Thank you Jay for your dedication to the pool throughout the years!

Lastly, I wanted to be sure to recognize the amazing help we have gotten this summer with various jobs around the pool. Without the help of volunteers our pool, grounds and tennis courts would not be looking as beautiful as they do! Thank you volunteers!!! Please remember that your board members are also volunteers and do the best they can to keep our pool operating smoothly. Consider volunteering your time as it is so rewarding to contribute to the Warren Olympic Club's future!

Nicole Shuttic
Vice President