

Spring 2019 Newsletter

It's been a long cold winter and is now time to start thinking about the pool season!

DUES AND LATE PAYMENT FEE – Dues for the 2019 season are \$425.00 for a family and \$212.50 for an individual. Annual fees are payable by Wednesday, May 1, 2019. **A late payment of \$50.00 will be added to ALL DUES POSTMARKED AFTER MAY 1, 2019.** According to the By-laws, non-payment of dues by pool opening is cause for loss of membership unless a request of a one-year leave of absence is submitted. **Please contact Julie Sullivan by email: julie.sullivan@cwsc.info to submit your request for a one-year leave of absence.** The late fee assessment is not intended to generate revenue, but to encourage payment of dues on time. These deadlines have been and will continue to be **strictly enforced**.

To avoid confusion over the assessment of the late fee, please keep these points in mind:

1. **MAIL EARLY** – We will accept only the “postmarked” date from the Post Office. We do not look at the date the check was written, the date a member mailed the check, or the date of the postage meter stamp. Also, don't wait to mail your check until May 1st assuming it will be postmarked in time – if the date is May 2nd, you **WILL** be assessed the \$50.00 late fee.
2. **If your check is dropped off, it will be accepted through Friday, May 3rd (assuming that's when postmarked May 1st mail would be delivered.) Any checks delivered May 4th or after WILL be charged the late fee of \$50.00.**
3. Pool dues have been due by May 1st in order to avoid the late fee at minimum of the last 25 years. **The postcard reminders that are sent are done so as a courtesy only.** Unless you are a new member of less than 3 years, not receiving the postcard is not cause as being a waiver of the late fee..

Please note on the Dues Statement:

Checks are to be mailed or dropped off at the pool

**Colony West Swim Club
c/o Julie Sullivan
2725 Bennington Dr.
Springfield, IL 62704**

There is a mail slot located just right of the window for drop off.

REMINDER:

ALL CHECKS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS will be assessed a \$35.00 service charge. If a member consistently writes NSF checks, the **ONLY** Forms of payment that will be accepted are: money order, cashiers check, or cash. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

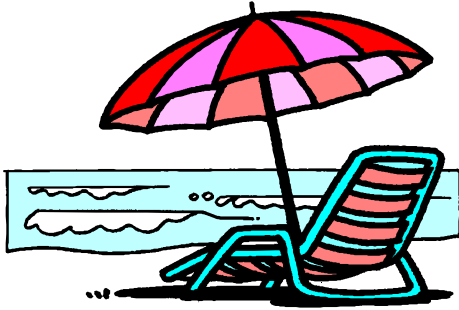
WORK REBATE PROGRAM – A portion of your dues may be returned to you if you participate in the optional work rebate program. A family membership is entitled to a rebate of \$80.00 for 8 hours of approved labor, and an individual membership may receive \$40.00 for 4 hours of work. The type of work involves clean up of the pool area, clubhouse and grounds, and general repair and maintenance work prior to pool opening and following pool closing. The aim of this program is to reduce your pool dues and to lower maintenance costs. While the amount of the rebate may not be full compensation for the work performed, working together for the benefit of the pool can be fun as well as necessary to the effort to hold down labor costs.

To receive a work rebate, the following conditions must be met. One rebate per membership is available if a minimum of 8 hours (4 hours for individual membership) of approved labor has been done by an **ADULT MEMBER (18 OR OVER.)** The work may be done at Saturday work parties prior to opening and at a post-season clean-up in shifts of 4 hours from 8:00am to 12:00pm **or** 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Additional rebate hours may be available at the manager’s discretion. A husband and wife may each work a 4-hour shift to qualify for a full rebate. When available, you may also work two 4 hour shifts on different work rebate days to qualify for a full rebate.

Upon completion of the appropriate hours, the voucher, signed by our maintenance mgr. will be submitted to Julie Sullivan who will **REFUND** your rebate within 30 days. **The work rebate is not to be deducted from your dues check.** Work done during the 2019 season must be redeemed before October 31, 2019. There is no carryover of work credit from one season to the next.

The 2019 schedule of spring work days have been set at **Saturday, April 27th and Saturday, May 11th.** An addition day will be scheduled in the fall on **Saturday, September 21st.**

If interested in working, contact Rich Benanti at rich.benanti@gmail.com. It will be based on a “first come first serve – as needed” basis. Since the workday will more than likely necessitate a DRY day, the schedule is subject to change.



OPENING DATES AND POOL HOURS – The 2019 season begins Memorial Day weekend with the following schedule:

- Saturday, May 25..... 11:00am – 9:00pm***
- Sunday, May 26..... 12:00pm – 9:00pm***
- Monday, May 27..... 11:00am – 9:00pm***

Note: 6:00am adult lap swim will begin Tuesday, May 28th

Throughout the remainder of the season until mid-August, the pool hours will be 11:00am to 9:00pm* Monday through Saturday, and 12:00pm to 9:00pm* on Sunday. **As students and management return to school in mid-August, the opening hours of the swim club will be re-evaluated so that adequate staff is available.** Our first and foremost concern is the safety of our members. **Check for posting of hours on the pool bulletin boards and at our website: cwsc.info.**

*Swimmers are asked to vacate the pool at 8:45pm to facilitate cleaning. Any changes in this schedule (i.e. swim meets, adult parties, etc.) will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the clubhouse and at our website.

GUEST POLICY – Members may have guests at the pool for a daily charge of \$5.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for a family. Each local guest is limited to 3 visits within 30 days with a **MAXIMUM OF 9 VISITS** during the season. (Please note that a local guest is not allowed 9 visits with every member he/she may know at Colony West. The **TOTAL** number of times a guest may visit our pool is limited to 9!!!) This policy is strictly enforced and is to ensure minimal overcrowding for our members. Out-of-town guests (outside a 50-mile radius of Springfield) may use the pool at a weekly rate of \$20.00 for an individual or \$40.00 for a family. **All guests must be accompanied by a member while using the pool and must sign in at the front window.** This policy is strictly enforced.

CHILD CARE PROVISION – The pool offers a provision for non-members who are either providing childcare for a member's child(ren) or for non-members who are minor children in the care of a member. This provision may also be used upon agreement of the member, for the non-member parent in situations of split or joint custody among divided families. In order for permission to be granted for such use of the Club, the following conditions must be met and the application and appropriate fee(s) be submitted to the club. The application can be downloaded from the website at the bottom of the membership tab or contact Julie Sullivan at 787-8903 to have one mailed to you.
Conditions:

1. Non-members may use the club **ONLY** when in the company of the named Club member. **THIS IS NOT CONSIDERED A POOL MEMBERSHIP!**
2. Use of the club under the childcare provision is restricted to the days and hours stated on the application.
3. The **adult** Club member is responsible for the care and supervision of the non-member child(ren). **Non-member children being cared for may not come to the pool only accompanied by the member's young child(ren).**

In the case of a member providing care for a non-member, the MAXIMUM number of children allowed is TWO so as to avoid day care facilities. The MAXIMUM age allowed for a non-member child is 12.

Fee for each non-member child is \$100; the fee for non-member adult care providers or non-member parent in split family situations is \$75. If the non-member parent is remarried, the fee is doubled when both non-member adults plan to attend.

SWIM LESSONS – The staff beginning in early June and extending until early August will offer instruction in beginning and advanced swimming skills. Group and individual lessons will be provided during 30 minute sessions **Monday through Thursday** mornings between 8:00am – 10:00am. Friday will be used as weather make-up days for that particular week only. If a second weather day falls within the same week, a safety lesson will be taught. - NO other make-ups or refunds will be made. **Weekly lesson costs for members are as follows: Private - \$40.00 and Group - \$25.00.**



COLONY WEST SWIM TEAM – The swim team is a program organized to provide an opportunity for members' children to improve their own swimming performance by having daily work out sessions, periodic swim meets with other clubs and awarding ribbons to recognize accomplishments. The season will begin early June and run through the end of July. **PLEASE watch the pool bulletin boards and website: cwsc.info for additional postings and dates concerning the swim team.**

Note: Swim team is designed to *improve* your child's swimming skills. It is not designed to *teach* your child to swim. If your child is unable to swim the length of the pool without assistance (25 meters), you should consider swim lessons first before joining the swim team.

Fees: **The swim team fees for 2019 are as follows:**

**1st child - \$70.00 2nd child - \$70.00 3rd child - \$60.00
4th child or more – \$35.00**

All swim team fees will be due by the first day of practice. Please note: even if your child does not participate in the actual meets, but does attend practice, a swim team fee will be assessed.

Please keep in mind that your fee for swim team covers: swim team coaches' compensation, conference entry fee, meets ribbons for every swimmer, a portion of the end-of-the-season party, 35-40 days of practice and 10 dual meets. We do not charge meet fees for the individuals participating in the various swim meets. All in all, the swim team fee covers a great deal for our young swimmers!

Orientation: Date to be determined. Please watch the pool bulletin boards and website: cwsc.info for information and postings as the season moves closer.

Swimsuits: Again, please watch the pool bulletin boards and website: cwsc.info for information and postings as the season moves closer.

Note: a team suit is an optional purchase. You do not need to buy a team suit to be a member on the swim team or to participate in meets.

PLEASE, do not call to schedule swim lessons or to ask questions concerning swim team prior to Memorial Day weekend!!! Additional information will be posted as we are made aware of it!

OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Plans for Family Nights and Adult Nights are underway. The dates have been set as **June 8th, July 20th, and September 1st for Family Nights AND July 13th and August 17th for Adult Nights.** Please watch our bulletin boards and the website: cwsc.info for additional information.

Note: Family/Adult (age 21 and older) Night parties are open to all memberships upon paying a minimal fee. The pool will not be available for “open” swim during these scheduled events.

POOL PARTIES – Members are welcome to have birthday parties, team parties, and other events at the pool. However, due to the increased number of parties held the last few years, we have been forced to add some restrictions to our policy. Therefore, it is **MANDATORY** that the pool management is contacted and an agreement is completed **BEFORE** such an event is scheduled. This will avoid conflicts with other such events and delays in your guests entering the pool. The Pool Manager or Assistant Pool Manager will also review with you the policies and rules that the Club enforces for such an activity. Rules for parties include, but are not limited to:

1. A deposit will be required at sign up for all parties.

For parties scheduled during pool hours, the deposit amount of \$25 will be assessed for groups of 15 and under, or \$40 for groups larger than 15. This deposit will be returned if the clean up is done to the satisfaction of the manager.

For parties scheduled after pool hours, the deposit amount of \$250 is assessed. This deposit will include the \$200 fee for the rental and an additional \$50 deposit guarantee that the party will disperse and leave the property by 11:15. If the party has left the property by 11:15 the \$50 deposit will be returned to the member within a few days by way of check. For every 15 minute interval beyond 11:15 an additional \$50 fee will be assessed.

After hours pool parties are from 9:00-11:00 p.m. ONLY!!!

2. The host of any party is responsible for non-member guest’s behavior.

3. Party supplies will not be provided by Colony West concession stand, i.e.: plates, cups, napkins, etc.

POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS – All members and the members’ guests are responsible for observing rules and regulations governing pool policies and activities. These rules are provided to ensure your safety and enjoyment. We would appreciate your efforts in making sure that the users of the Club’s facilities are familiar with these policies. Some of the rules are posted on signs in the pool area and on the bulletin boards. Please familiarize your family with all of the rules of the club. They are posted on the website link entitled “Rules and Regulations”. Please remember that there is to be **no food, or drinks (with the exception of water ONLY) allowed around any of the pools at any time. Also, no alcoholic beverages are allowed at the pool except at the 4th of July party and at the adult nights. This is a NO SMOKING facility.**

For the safety of all of the pool members, we will continue to strictly enforce our policy that children who are not toilet trained will be allowed access to the medium and baby pools ONLY!

**In addition, public health regulations require all infants and toddlers not toilet trained to wear tight-fitting rubber or plastic pants over the diapers OR disposables specifically made for use while swimming to keep from contaminating the waters in the medium and baby pools.
Please show respect... changing tables are available in each of the locker rooms!**

IMPORTANT POLICY: For the safety of all members and to help reduce the closing of the pools due to the elimination of human waste, this policy has been placed into effect. Members are responsible for their guests.

1. Bowel Movements in the pool: (member household)
1st offense: \$75.00 fine.
2nd offense: \$100 fine.
3rd offense: \$100 fine, suspension for 1 month without refund of dues.

Consequence for non-payment of fines:

If a levied fine is not paid within 7 days, member household will be suspended for 7 days.

If the fine isn't paid during the suspension period, member household will be suspended for 30 additional days.

Any suspension remaining at the end of the year will carry over to the following year.

Members will not be allowed to renew memberships until all fines are paid and suspensions have been completed.

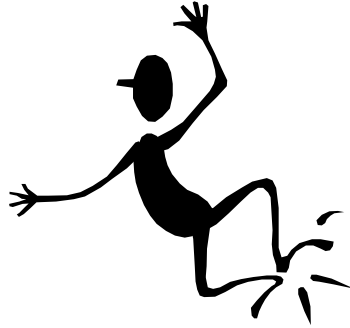
2. Vomit in the pool: (member household)
1st offense: Written Warning
2nd and subsequent offenses: \$25 fine.

Consequence for non-payment of fines:

If a levied fine is not paid within 7 days, member household will be suspended for 3 days.

The remaining same consequence, as listed above for bowel movements in the pool, will apply.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT
SUMMER!
SEE YOU MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!



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