



HSTC WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

To the Members of HSTC:

As the chill and snow of winter are upon us, it is only a few short months before we kick off our 50th season at HSTC. That's right! Our pool community is 50 years old this year, and we plan on celebrating our Golden Anniversary throughout the summer. More details will follow during the upcoming months, but we definitely want to honor this milestone with both past and present members.

Your new board met this past week reviewing 2018 and looking ahead to this upcoming summer.

2018 Season Recap

It was a fun season at the pool last summer with many impromptu Sunday Fundays, outstanding holiday parties, plenty of excitement around the new basketball hoop, and everyday fun in the sun. Last year, we were able to increase membership to 237 members. All members should be proud that we keep HTSC a fun and safe place for families to enjoy all summer.

In addition to the fun, the board invested into several key maintenance activities to protect and ensure the continued upkeep of the pool. Some of the highlights included: painted baby pool, replaced main pool pump, painted pool house, paved parking lot, installed security cameras, and anchored main tent. The Board has identified additional capital improvements to pool and grounds (i.e. roof repair, tennis court improvement, painting of main pool) and will prioritize based on financial and operational impact.

Looking Forward - 2019

There are a few items we want to highlight in this Winter Newsletter to help provide an initial outlook for the 2019 season:

Dues:

Over the past 2 years we have had significant repair bills to replace the heater and pump. Both expenses forced us to pull from our reserves which now stand at \$16,000 (target reserve is \$35,000). In addition, the cost of running the pool, grounds, courts, and general facilities have risen over the last 10 years while we have held constant the annual fee.

In order to remain fiscally responsible to our membership and provide financial stability moving forward, the Board has voted to raise the annual equity membership fee by \$45 for the 2019 season. In addition, the Board will be examining additional revenue streams (Guest Pass policies, increased revenue from Tennis, sponsorships/contributions, etc.) in order to help with planned capital improvements in the next 1-3 years.

Social

With the 50th season upon us, we will look to maintain a Golden Anniversary theme for all events throughout the year. In addition, we hope to bring back and create some new activities for everyone to participate in. Some of these events include: Tennis Socials, Euchre/Poker Nights, noodle/float night

(riding bull), Child/Adult Triathlon training groups, adult morning swim, and family holiday party & socials.

Within the next week, we will be sending out an online survey through Google. We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on desired social activities at the pool. We are actively looking to fill the open Social Board position - if interested please reach out to the Board.

Membership

In 2018, HTSC had 237 members registered with the club. This included 220 equity bond members and 17 one-time trial memberships. Additionally, we currently have 13 members who have opted for the maintenance equity option. As a reminder, full equity member/bond holder provides evidence of ownership as part of the HSTC and provides voting privileges for annual membership rights detailed at each annual membership meeting.

If you know of new neighbors or have friends looking to join our pool, please have them reach out to Jeanette Hacker (nettie1267@hotmail.com) – membership chair.

Annual Membership Board Meeting

The annual membership board meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at Prairie Elementary.

Key Dates:

We wanted to make sure you mark your calendars for key upcoming dates:

- Open Board Meeting/Q&A – April 16th @ Prairie Elementary (Time TBD)
- Maintenance Days – Saturday, April 27th & May 18th
- Opening Day: May 25th

If you have ideas for improvement or simply want to provide input, we'd love to hear from you via email, phone call or in person at the pool. We are looking forward to sharing another fun-filled summer with family and friends at our Community and celebrating our 50th anniversary as the 'oldest and most fun-friendly' swim and tennis club in Naperville!

See you this Summer!

Your HSTC Board

Bill Palm - President

Mike Mutrie - Vice President

Steve Wattles - Treasurer

Dana Hall - Secretary

Betsy Schrubbe - Swim Team Liaison

Anna MacGirvin - Pool Manager

Jeanette Hacker - Membership

Pat Driscoll - Maintenance

Lani Lyons - Tennis

OPEN - Social