



March 2009 Newsletter

A Neighborhood Swim & Tennis Club

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www.somersetrec.org

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Dear Somerset Rec Club Members and Friends,

These are challenging times for our nation and even here at home. Since it's founding in 1963, the Somerset Rec Club has continued to provide family recreation to this community through numerous other recessions. The Rec Club has endured because it represents the best of American life — a safe and welcoming family environment, healthy recreation for all ages, and importantly, a sense of community where neighbors and friends come together. We will continue to provide that special place this year, and yet we are also very aware of the economic stress even here in Somerset. So, this year, we are previewing a new pricing structure — that other non-profits have tried with success — which allows flexibility and we hope removes a potential barrier allowing more families to join.

The Board is also committed to improving the Rec Club as your head-quarters for family recreation. We have a new logo and a new website to guide you to your favorite activity. The Swim Team welcomes an exciting new Head Coach, Erica Sorenson. And, of course, we'll have swimming and tennis for the whole family, adult lap swim, swim and tennis lessons, tennis team, water polo, water aerobics, and more. Also, we are going to try something new — Family Recreation Nights that might include volleyball, badminton, basketball, or other fun activities. We will bring back our popular social activities including the 4th of July Potluck, Casino Night, and Movie Nights. Somerset Rec Club is the perfect Staycation Destination for the whole summer. **Charlie Klinge**



Swim Team

For the 2009 season, Parent Rep Kim Smerekaynych announces a new coach: Erica Sorensen. Read her bio on the next page. Sign-ups for the team and volunteer shifts will be at the Open House, Saturday, May 9th, 1 - 4 pm. Sylvia's Swimwear will be on-site @ the 2nd practice on Tuesday, May 12th, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Check website for updates.



Tennis

Tennis Reps Libby Miller & Kathy Tsutsumoto are in the process of securing coaches for the 2009 season. Sign-ups for the tennis team and tennis lessons will be at the Open House, Saturday, May 9th, 1 - 4 pm. Tennis team pre-season workout dates/times are still to be determined. Check website for updates. For court access, contact Melinda for a key (\$25 deposit).

2009 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New this Year: During these tough economic times, we are offering a voluntary three-tier dues program.* We want everyone to have the opportunity to be a part of the SRC community! Please choose the level that is most suitable for your family. **Tier I** is a lower rate and does not reflect the true cost of operating club facilities. **Tier II** is a moderate fee for those who can pay a little more. **Tier III** is the actual cost of club operating expenses including maintenance of the facilities. **Membership Dues** 3-Tier Fee Program \$425/\$475/\$525. **Initiation Fee** \$150 for new members, waived for previous members. **Referral Fee** Receive \$50 for every new family referred to the club. **Maintenance Fee** \$200 refundable to previous members who participate in a 4-hour work party. *This 3-Tier Program is voluntary and in no way influences the experience members receive, yet it offers the opportunity for families to have a choice in their support level.

**Pool Opens May 9th
1 - 4 pm Open House:
Swim Team, Tennis
& Event Sign-Ups & BBQ**



**MESSAGE FROM
NEW SWIM TEAM
HEAD COACH
Erica Sorensen:**

Hello Somerset Rec Club, I am so excited to be the head coach of the Stingrays this year! I started my swimming career at the age of six. My experience includes swimming @ Highline, Kent, KING, Kennedy High School, Kent Swim & Tennis Club and Whitman College. I graduated in Spring 2007 and now work at St. Thomas School as an Instructional Assistant. Also, I am an assistant coach at Issaquah Swim Team. I am so excited to be involved with summer league swimming again! It is such a positive way to spend the summer, and I look forward to meeting you and coaching each and every one of your children.



Swim Team Practice

May 11 - June 25
4:30 - 9 pm ~ Mon-Thurs

Fridays: Stroke & Turn Clinics
June 26 - July 17
7 - 11:30 am ~ Mon-Fri

Time Trial: June 4
Swim Meets:

June 16 - July 16 (Tues & Thurs)

"B" Champs ~ July 18th
"A" Prelims ~ July 20, 21 & 22
"A" Champs ~ TBD

Swim Lessons

Session I ~ June 29 - July 10

Session II ~ July 12 - 24

Session III ~ July 26 - Aug. 7

11:30 am - Noon - 12:30 pm

Daily 1/2 hour lesson



Tennis Team Practice

Pre-Season

Dates & Times ~ TBD

June 29 - Aug. 14

(Mon - Thurs)

Matches ~ Fridays

Tennis Lessons

Session I ~ June 29 - July 9

Session II ~ July 12 - 23

Session III ~ July 26 - Aug. 6

9 am - 1 pm (Mon - Thurs)

45 minutes - 1 hour lesson



**Work Parties
Saturdays
April 11, 18 & 25
8 am - Noon**

For the second year, we will be using
www.evite.com

for planning the work party date preference and duty choice. If you did not receive the email, please contact:
Melinda @ 206.818.7432 or
membership@somersetrec.org

**OPEN HOUSE
May 9th**

1 - 4 pm

Swim Team, Tennis &
Event Sign-Ups,
BBQ & Music

1-8 pm Open Swim



Pool Hours

Open Swim:

May 10 - June 25

Sat & Sun: Noon - 8 pm

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 3:30 - 5 pm

Wednesday: 1:30 - 5 pm

Friday: 3:30 - 8 pm

Adult Swim:

May 11 - June 25

Mon/Wed/Fri: 6 - 7 am

Mon-Thurs: 8:45 - 9:30 pm

Fri, Sat & Sun: 6:15 - 7 pm

New in 2009!

**Family
Recreation Nights**

- Basketball, Badminton, Kids' Games, Volleyball, and Golf
- We're hosting informal team events for the whole family!
- Play with us in Somerset Rec Club tournaments



**Annual Camping
Trip @ Deception
Pass State Park
June 26 - 28**

Sign-Up @ the Open House May 9th

Social Calendar

Family Pizza & Bingo ~
June 27 & July TBD

Family Potluck ~ July 4th
Casino & Auction ~ July 25th

Wine Tasting ~ TBD

End-of-Season Party ~
Sunday, Sept. 6th

Last Day-of-the-Season ~
Labor Day, Sept. 7th

Dates subject to change, confirm @
www.somersetrec.org

**Float
Nights**

Stay tuned
for dates.



Movie Nights

Stay tuned for dates.

If you have movie
suggestions,

please email them to

socials@somersetrec.org



Dance Camps

July 7 - 9

July 21 - 23

August 4 - 6

August 18 - 20