



FAIRLAWN SWIM & TENNIS CLUB

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Greetings FS&T Member!

The FS&T Board, Manager John Conner, Assistant Manager Carl Shallenberger, and Head Tennis Pro Alan Walker are returning and are excited to build on our successful 2014 season for an even better year in 2015! Here is what is happening in 2015:

Membership

With the removal of the assessment our membership levels grew dramatically in 2014 – thank you all for the members that you referred! With our membership filling up if you know of a prospective member tell them 2015 is the year to join. New members joining in 2015 will still qualify for a referral fee¹ - when membership levels become full the referral fee may be reduced or eliminated so now is the time to act. There will be an FS&T Open House Memorial Day Weekend (details to come) so make sure to tell any prospective member about it. Any questions contact Membership Chair Dave Carlson at thor333dtc@gmail.com.

Dues

Great news! Due to the prudent financial management of the club and since membership numbers have increased the 2015 dues will remain the same as 2014² for both new and current members:

Family Members \$693.87 (\$650 plus sales tax) New Family Members \$1,120.88 (Year 1 & 2)

Single Members \$346.94 (\$325 plus sales tax) New Single Members \$773.94 (Year 1 & 2)

Senior Members \$304.24 (\$285 plus sales tax)

¹ The current referral fee is \$100 plus an additional \$100 (\$200 total) for qualifying family members. The referral fee may be transferred in part or total to the member referred (example referring your sister gets a \$200 referral fee and if you pass 100% on to her she saves \$200 on her joining fee).

² New members pay a joining fee of \$800 which is spread out in payments of \$400 over the first two years of membership.

2015 Enhancements / Capital Projects

All major capital improvements in 2015 have to do with updating the pool deck area to make it as nice as possible. Here are the improvements that are to be made:

1. A significant amount of new pool furniture (chairs, lounges, tables, and umbrellas with FS&T logos) will be added with all older and broken furniture retired.
2. The pool sun deck railing fence will be redone with new posts added.
3. The entire pool deck (main pool, lap pool, sun deck, baby pool) will be completely resurfaced with the epoxy coating removed and a new micro sealed concrete surface added with a broom finish for traction.
4. Six removable single post starting blocks for the swim team.

The Board is really excited about the resurfacing as it will add to safety (eliminate water spots and slippery areas) while dramatically improving appearance. Swim team families will be happy to see the old blue blocks being retired.

New Senior Members

Congratulations to new Senior Members Carol Heck, Tom & Judy Stecz, Tom & Judy Ciccolini, and Jill Papajcik! Senior Members qualify for significantly reduced dues (currently \$285 plus tax) after 20 years of membership. It's a great incentive to stay with Club even after your kids are grown!

Member Awareness

Besides our beautiful secluded property the Board believes membership and staff are a big part of the success of FS&T. As a member owned and run club it is important for all members to assist in any way possible in making the club a great place to be enjoyed by all at a reasonable price. Here are some ways each member can help out for the benefit of everyone at FS&T:

1. Before using the club this season read and familiarize yourself with all the club rules (the rules can be found on the front page of the FS&T website under quick links <http://www.fsandt.com>).
2. Readily volunteer when requests go out. There are many great volunteers already at the club but we can always use more.
3. If any issues come up while you are at the club (examples grille out of gas, trash can overflow) please bring it immediately to the attention of either of our club Managers John or Carl. Both John and Carl have been instructed to wear FS&T polo shirts while up at the club for easy identification – if you can't find them than ask any lifeguard on duty for assistance.
4. Let us know your comments, both good and bad, about the club. Our webpage has a comments box that can be clicked so you can relay them to the FS&T Board. Since most comments / ideas come when up at the club, beginning in 2015 there will be dedicated notebook in the guard shack for members to write them down.

Credit Card Change

Dues can still be paid via MasterCard, Visa, & Discover card with a \$25 processing fee added. The club will continue to offer a payment plan via credit card. Members will need to sign up with Accounting Manager Kelley Brubacker (Kelley@jssbltd.com) no later than February 15, 2015 (payments must start by this date) for the program which will entail 4 (four) equal monthly payments to cover 100% of dues over February, March, April, & May 2015.

Early Payment Incentive

FS&T will again have an early payment incentive payment program for 2015. There will be one eligible \$250 drawing for members who meet the following qualifications:

1. For all members (including new members) paid in full by March 15th via credit card or check (if check sent by mail must be postmarked no later than March 15th).
2. For all members (including new members) signed up for the payment plan via credit card with payments starting by February 15th.

The incentives drawings will be held opening Memorial Day weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer,

The FS&T Board - Ken Kline, John Novak, Eric Agosti, Patti Pelini, Ryan Grass, Dave Carlson, Anne Coughlin, Carrie Searle, & Matt Askea

Club Manager - John Conner, Assistant Manager Carl Shallenberger

Head Tennis Pro – Alan Walker