



**ITHACA SWIMMING CLUB, Inc.**

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**UPTOWN DRIVE NEAR WARREN ROAD**

**WWW.ITHACASWIMCLUB.ORG**

**SEASONAL PHONE: 266-9574**

- **75' X 50' HEATED POOL**
- **SEPARATE WADING POOL**
- **DIVING BOARD**

***A family-oriented pool that is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend***

APRIL 1, 2009

**HAPPY SPRING!** It is hard to believe that in less than 2 months the ITHACA SWIMMING CLUB, Inc. will be up and running for its 42nd season. We are all looking forward to another great summer at the ISC pool.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Karie Allison and I am honored to be the new President of the Ithaca Swimming Club. My family and I have been members of the ISC for the past 8 summers. I joined the ISC Board 2 years ago as the Secretary and was chosen to become the President this past August. I have grown to love this swim club and could not get through the summer without it.

The ISC Board has been working hard all winter and has some exciting news to pass along. This year Alice Wu, our wonderful Social Director has many great events planned for us. The annual chicken BBQ has been set for June 27<sup>th</sup>. Other planned events include mini golf, the Vitamin-L sing along, tie-dye extravaganza, annual chicken BBQ, ice cream social and many weekly craft and sporting activities. This coming season, Alice will be expanding our social activities to include special functions for the 10 – 15 year age group. We are also very pleased to announce that we are organizing the 1st annual family “Swim-in” movie night. This will be a great event that would take place at night after the pool closes. We are always looking for more activities for the children as well as adults; if you have a special talent or a great idea that you would like to share please contact our Social Coordinator Alice Wu. We welcome your help and fresh ideas.

This summer you will also notice some new updates to the pool, the 2 biggest ones are the new roof on the clubhouse and the steps that are being installed in the shallow end of the big pool. Please note that these steps are for entering and exiting the water only. If you have children, please make sure they understand that they cannot play or sit on the steps. The steps need to be kept clear for the members who need them. Last summer we purchased many new lounge chairs as well as patio tables and chairs. We seemed to finally have plenty to go around which was fantastic. Last summer we also started to paint the clubhouse and had two beautiful murals hand painted for us. The look is fresh and exciting and we are anticipating updating our sign and adding another mural to the building this year.

The ISC Board is happy to announce that Kevin Markwardt will be returning as pool manager for another year. Kevin has developed several programs that we will continue to offer including: Swim lessons for groups and individual instruction, Swim team practice Mon, Wed & Fri, and Designated lap swim only hours.

This past season we were fortunate to be open past Labor Day again (the end of September). Kevin does a great job staffing the pool with dedicated, conscientious, hard working lifeguards who have been willing and able to work well into September. If weather permits, we anticipate the same outcome this coming year. It is so much fun swimming in late September!

The Ithaca Swimming Club is pleased to report that we will not be raising our membership fee for the 4th year in a row. We do ask that you submit your registration as soon as possible this year. The pool became very crowded on those extremely hot days last summer. In order to keep the ISC enjoyable and relaxing for all our members, we may be forced to put a cap on our membership for the 1st time. We will look at this option if the situation presents itself. Please do not hesitate long to sign up.

I want to make a special point to remind everyone that the Club is a cooperative: We rely upon our members to help it run effectively. The work parties are an essential part of the cooperative, as there is a substantial amount of work involved in preparing the club for opening, as well as helping with maintenance and improvements of the building and grounds. Please join us for one of the 3 designated work parties this season. Also, keep in mind that you must clean up after yourselves. We love that members enjoy eating meals and snacks at the club but please be aware that the food and drinks that spill on the tables and ground attract bugs and cause a mess. Cleaner and paper towels are available in the clubhouse for you to use to wipe down the tables and a broom is ready for you to sweep the spills from the deck. Please check your area before you leave. Let's keep our pool clean for all our members.

The ISC Board is in the process of restructuring our Tennis Lesson program. Please look for updated information coming soon. We are also looking at the possibility of offering Diving instruction.

We have had some changes to the ISC Board this past year that I would like to point out. Shelly Matheny has stepped down as President and I have stepped into that position. Shelly did an outstanding job as the President of the Ithaca Swimming Club. Shelly was instrumental in driving our club forward and was an excellent leader. Thank you Shelly for all of your hard work and dedication. This will be Marcia Conte's final year as our Treasurer. She will be working closely with our next Treasurer, Frederik DeWolf, to make sure that the transition goes smoothly. Marcia has taken care of all our financial dealings, which is an enormous responsibility. Thank you Marcia for doing such a wonderful job. Your organization and record keeping procedures are going to be priceless. We are also pleased to welcome Renee Qamar, our new Secretary and Mike Matheny who will be helping with Buildings and Grounds. Our board is very dedicated and enthusiastic. I am looking forward to a very productive year.

I could go on and on about the Ithaca Swimming Club but really what I would like to say is that I am looking forward to a wonderful summer at the pool. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact myself or any member of the Swim Club Board. Please introduce yourself if you get a moment. My family and I are hard to miss. I have very energetic triplet 8 1/2 year old boys and a 4 1/2 year old boy. We are at the club most days, rain or shine, and stay until closing most evenings.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the end of May. It's time to dig out those swimsuits, pack the pool bag and get swimming. Here's to a great summer 2009.

Karie Allison, President, Ithaca Swimming Club, Inc.

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## POOL/COURT: SWIM CLUB 2009 WORK PARTIES

### PLEASE CHECK ONE:

Opening day work party: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, May 2, 9 am - 1 pm (Rain Date: Sunday, May 3)  
(Jobs include: general set-up, painting)

Cleaning work party: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, May 9, 9 am - 1 pm (Rain Date: Sunday, May 10)

Closing day work party: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 am-1 pm (Rain Date: Sunday Oct. 4)

NAME/S \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I can help, but with the following health restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot help, and am adding \$50.00 to my annual fee now. \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**SUGGESTIONS:** I would like to see more/less \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please mark your calendar, then cut and return this form with your Annual Dues to:  
Sally Ezra, ISC Membership Sec., 110 Birchwood Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850*

## CALENDAR

### SEASON 2009 OPENS

*Memorial Day Weekend: May 23-25; Noon-8 PM\**

*Weekends: May 30-May 31, June 6-7, 13-14, 20-21; Noon-8 PM\**

*Weekdays: May 26-June 24; 3-7 PM*

*Full Time: June 25 -Sept. 4; Noon-8:30 PM\**

*\* After August 1. pool will close at 8 pm unless it is particularly hot*

### Early A.M. Adult Lap Swim

*5/25- 6/25 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30 -8:00 AM*

*6/25-9/7 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:30-10AM (8-10 AM Adult Only; Leisure Pace)*

### SEASON 2009 CLOSSES

*Labor Day Weekend: Sept. 5- 7; Noon-8:30pm\**

*From September 8 on, open as weather and guard availability permit*

Please call the Club when the weather is marginal. The Club will keep a guard on duty at all times, and will try to maintain regular hours, with the following exceptions:

*Rain, temperature is below 60 degrees: the Club will not open.*

*Electrical storms and/or rain, or when the temperature is below 65F: the Club may not open.*

*Rain and the temperature are less than 70F: the Club will close at 6:00 pm.*

*Evening hours: Please vacate changing rooms by closing time.*

**Swim Club Phone Number: 266-9574**

### BOARD MEMBERS

Karie Allison	President	257-1837
Marcia Conte	Treasurer	257-1396
Fred DeWolf	Treasurer-elect	257-2988
Renee Qamar	Secretary	257-3625
Sally Ezra	Membership	257-7017
Patty Dewey	Marketing/Snack bar	319-4089
Mike Matheny	Building/Grounds	256-7247
Tim Ryan	Building/Grounds	266-0744
Alice Wu	Social	257-0321
Ed Kiefer	Tennis	257-9115
Tom Jordan	Energy Conservation	844-9427
Jennifer Kidder	Website manager	257-5728

### OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Kevin Markwardt	Pool Manager	539-6288
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*Annual Meeting: August 19 or 26, 6:30 pm at the Swim Club*

All members are invited to the Annual Meeting. This is a chance to wrap up the season and vote new members onto the Board. Remember that we are a cooperative and Board members are volunteers.

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND ANNUAL FEES

(NOTE: All fees are nonrefundable)

### FULL MEMBERSHIPS\*

Family.....\$543

Individual.....\$408

*\*Full Member Discounts:* \$50 discount on next season dues for members who bring in a new member.

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR NAME MUST BE NOTED ON THE NEW MEMBER'S APPLICATION!

\$50 for members of 25 years or more

\$10 for members who pay between April 1-30

### SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

*Full-time Student, 3 year limit*

Family or Individual .....\$181

Tennis-only

Family .....\$175 Individual ...\$146

*\*Full Member Fees:*

\$35 late fee for payment received after June 1

**Application forms:** see office, website or call

Sally Ezra at 257-7017 or via email:

sally\_ezra@yahoo.com, April through September

*NYS taxes apply to all membership levels*

\$300 (family) or \$200 (individual) capitalization fee to be paid during the 2nd year as a full member. 1st year considered trial year. Fee can be paid over 2 yrs.

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## ITHACA SWIMMING CLUB 2009 POLICIES

1. **Registration sheet, front counter:** Member must sign in and record the number of family, friends and guests.
2. **Guests** must be paid for by member at the desk or when billed. The Club welcomes guests of members, but discourages inviting non-member local residents to use the facilities on a regular basis. Guest fees are \$2.50/person/day or \$10/person/wk for house-guests (babysitters are free). Ten-year members receive 10 guests for free; 25-year members receive 20 guests for free.
3. **Children under 12** may not be left at the pool unless supervised by an adult, responsible teen or babysitter. This rule will be strictly enforced. Parents, whether present or not, are responsible for the conduct of their children, and for any of their guests who are children when using Club facilities.
4. **Children who are unable to swim on their own** (without floatation devices) must be an arms-length from an adult in the water at all times.
5. **Telephone:** Please limit calls to 5 minutes.
6. **Vandalism:** The pool is patrolled by the County Sheriff's Dept, anyone caught within the enclosure after hours will be held for questioning. Children of Club members will lose their privileges for the season if involved in any criminal activity on Club grounds.
7. **Garbage:** Please take your garbage home, especially pizza boxes and disposable diapers. Recycle bottles and cans..
8. **Alcoholic Beverages** are not forbidden, but must be used with discretion. Glass containers of any kind are prohibited!
9. **Valuables:** The Club cannot be responsible for lost or stolen articles.
10. **Electrical Equipment**, such as hair dryers or razors, may not be used at the Club.
11. **Radios or tape players** must be used with earphones.
12. **Chairs** are not available for every single Club member. Please give adults first priority and return chairs after use.
13. **The use of cell phones** is strictly forbidden in the locker rooms.
14. **Please** be sure to adhere to the posted playground rules.
15. **Children** must be able to swim 25 yds. on their front or back in order to be unsupervised in the diving area of the pool.