

FMC Sportsman's Club

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2019 News Letter (with Change #1)

The board of directors would like to welcome everyone to the 2019 season. As you are aware, we have made several improvements to our property. Some renovations are being made to the pool area and the slide project is nearing completion. We were able to fund these improvements without having to increase the 2019 annual dues. Membership dues will remain the same as last year with the annual dues being \$250 plus a \$100 assessment fee for a total of \$350.

The board has developed and implemented a process that allows membership to be obtained and renewed online. The site will allow you to pay your dues as well as any guest fees. The site can also be used to purchase any goods or services that are available at the club. This includes, but is not limited to, fees for washing campers or ATVs and purchases of firewood or gravel. When using a debit/credit card there is a 2.5% charge that will show up as a "tax" on your records. For the 2019 renewal you may still purchase or renew your membership with cash or check. Our goal is for the 2020 renewal membership fees, assessment fees and long-term camping fees to be paid 100% online via a debit or credit card. This online system will streamline the renewal process thereby improving our membership record keeping and lessen the burden on our volunteers.

You **will not** receive new membership cards in 2019. Your 2018 card contained a 5-digit membership number (##-###), the first two digits are from the year you joined and the last three digits are from the order you were signed up in that year. If you renew, this number will not change in 2019, please write it down. The club will be able to verify your membership status with that number. One number per member of record covers the whole family. ~~The online registration process consists of an application that requires current, as well as new members, to upload a current photo of you and your dependents. Having photos attached to each membership record will help ensure the safety of all our members.~~ **Change #1, Due to the intermittent internet coverage at the club we have chosen not to do the online collection of photos this year. Instead, we will create membership cards with pictures at the new member orientation and at the pool office. For this year membership cards will be optional to use the club, however, having a card will speed up admission to the pool and checks at the lake etc. Without a card, members need to know their membership number when using the club facilities.** Please ensure that we have a good email for the member of record. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we implement this new system.

If you have friends or family that are wanting to become new members of our club, they can visit our website at www.fmclub.org. The website contains instructions on how to apply for membership. A sponsor's 5-digit (##-###) membership number is required on the application. Completing this application will place them on a membership waiting list.

Safety is a top priority to the club and its members. There is currently a 5MPH posted speed limit. We are in the process of installing new speed limit signs that include radar and surveillance cameras. This should help reduce speeding on the property.

The Facebook page, "FMC Sportsman's Club Pool" was established to keep members informed regarding pool activities as well as any changes to pool hours due to weather or other circumstances. This page will also post other activities at the club such as movie nights, fireworks, trunk or treat, etc. If you have a complaint or concern, please do not post it on the Facebook page. It is important to the board that we address any member's concerns as promptly as possible. The best way to communicate concerns is to call or email the appropriate committee chairperson or any board member. Names and phone numbers of board members and chairpersons can be found on the website.

The club is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in a specific area, please contact that committee chairperson and they can assist you as needed.

All future club correspondence will be posted on the website and / or via email. Please make sure that the club has your current email information on file. Updates and activities will be posted throughout the year on the website.

Looking forward to another successful year at FMC Sportsmans Club!

Gary Lacy

President