

July 30, 2020

From the President: Security, Parking and COVID-19

I am writing to give you a brief update on three current issues facing the Club. These were discussed at last night's Board of Governors meeting, highlights of which will be posted in "Board Briefs" (in the Members Only section of the website) on Monday.

A reminder that the Club closes at 11:00 pm daily

Over the years, a small number of Members have lingered past 11:00 pm in places like Rendezvous or while enjoying a post workout steam or sauna and shower. This has meant that security staff sometimes stay late, incurring overtime and transportation expenses (if they know that Members are lingering) or that Members are left in the club unsupervised (if they don't know that Members are still there). Your Board has concerns from a liability standpoint. For example, a Member passing out in the steam or sauna and not being discovered until the following morning. Management is tightening up the final patrol and lock-up procedures and have been directed to strictly enforce the 11:00 pm closure. Male and female housekeeping staff will make their final locker room checks shortly before then. Please remember the Club's operating hours and cooperate with staff when they close and secure the clubhouse for the evening.

Parking

Our 72 space parking lot is the key "compaction" issue facing the Club. While parking has always been a problem, it has been more noticeable this summer with everyone staying in Taiwan – and with the Club offering more fitness classes, summer programs for children, and other activities, events and promotions. The Planning Committee is looking into a range of options to identify the times that the lot is full (and, if possible, the length of the wait for cars to enter), modifying existing parking rules, leasing additional spaces offsite, valet parking options and engineering solutions. This work is ongoing and there is no quick fix. Please be patient during peak times when the lot is full (generally weekdays at lunchtime and early evenings), and follow the Club's parking rules and the instructions of our parking and security staff.

COVID-19

The current situation in Taiwan is stable and our revised sign-in and guest registration procedures are working well. Almost all of our Members have completed their [One-Time Travel & Health Registration Form](#) and are using the guest registration system again. Please remember that guests are strictly limited to four per membership at one-time and note that staff are not permitted to make exceptions to this rule. The Board's COVID-19 / Guest Rule taskforce continues to monitor the situation in Taiwan and will be making recommendations to the Board on fine-tuning our existing protocols as changing circumstances dictate. Their mandate includes guest rules (and whether the limit of four guests should continue after September 1st), events and contingency planning for a return to stricter measures should these be required.

On behalf of your Board,

Mike Brennand
President