



An old song by Mary Chapin Carpenter includes the line, “*It’s too much to expect, but it’s not too much to ask*”. That applies to this situation. We believe, strive constantly to make true, and trust you agree that BRC is a special place. While we offer terrific physical facilities, it is that sense of community that distinguishes BRC from other clubs. Part of that community is to provide outstanding value for our members – we take great pride in achieving a lot on a budget fueled by very modest dues ... but that means our margins are thin.

These are very difficult times for our families, our city, our country, and the world. Many are working hard to find answers that will deliver the best outcomes for today, next week, next month, and next year. Unfortunately, no one knows what tomorrow will bring, and those answers are changing almost daily. We felt and still believe that our decision to close the club in response to Governor Newsom’s order is necessary to best fulfill our responsibilities to the short and long term health of our members, staff, club, and community.

The Board met earlier this week to determine how we can best navigate these financial waters to ensure we all have a strong club to return to when this crisis has passed. As you would expect, we are making reductions in our expenditures where possible. There are still, however, numerous ongoing obligations that must be met to keep our finances and facility in good health. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to protect all of our staff members, but we do want to ensure we have jobs waiting for them. With your support, our two key leaders, Mark and Chelsea, have agreed to stay in role at a reduced compensation level. We believe this is essential to ensure we emerge from these difficult times stronger than ever. To accomplish all of this we are asking each of our members to stay the course and continue to pay your full monthly dues.

We cannot predict the duration of this shutdown, and its length may require us to modify our strategy. We will reevaluate our position weekly and provide you with periodic updates. As noted in the opening line, we know this is a lot to ask. Some of our members are suffering economic hardships that may make it difficult or impossible for them to agree to this proposal. If that applies to you, we ask you to contact our Director of Operations at manager@brctennis or (661) 325-8652 to discuss alternatives.

Optimism is a precious commodity in these times, but maintaining hope is an important part of overcoming the challenges before us. We hope that you and yours stay well. We hope that the duration of this crisis is relatively brief. We hope that the permanent damage to our society is limited. Finally, we hope that you will join with your fellow members to help us make that possible for BRC.

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