# Dolphin Club Renovation Survey Report

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The Dolphin Club Renovation Committee conducted a survey of membership to elicit preferences for the three renovation options under consideration. The survey was sent both electronically via email and the listserv, and as hard copy upon request. We received 722 responses, which is a 40% response rate.

### Q1 – Ranking of Three Renovation Options

Question 1 asked that respondents rank their first, second, and third preferences for each option. Table 1 shows the results for all respondents answering this question.

Table 1. Ranked Choice – All Respondents (N=707)

| # | Question   | 1 First<br>Choice |     | 2 Second<br>Choice |     | 3 Third<br>Choice |     |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Option 1: Weight room reconstructed in present location and no Commons | 48.51%            | 343 | 22.90%             | 142 | 32.50%            | 209 |
| 2 | Option 2: Weight room in converted handball court                      | 32.25%            | 228 | 35.81%             | 222 | 30.17%            | 194 |
| 3 | Option 3: Weight room in converted Sancimino Room                      | 19.24%            | 136 | 41.29%             | 256 | 37.33%            | 240 |
|   | Total  | Total             | 707 | Total              | 620 | Total             | 643 |

The following tables show results filtered by first choice Options. In Table 2 below, results are shown for only the 343 respondents who chose Option 1 as their first choice. Here we see that just over half (54.9%) chose Option 2: Handball Court as their second choice, and just under half (45.08%) chose Option 3: Sancimino Room as their second choice.

Table 2. First Choice is Option 1: Don't Move Weight Room/No Commons (N=343)

| # | Question   | 1 First<br>Choice |     | 2 Second<br>Choice |     | 3 Third<br>Choice |     |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Option 1: Weight room reconstructed in present location and no Commons | 100.00%           | 343 | 0.00%              | 0   | 0.00%             | 0   |
| 2 | Option 2: Weight room in converted handball court                      | 0.00%             | 0   | 54.92%             | 145 | 45.77%            | 130 |
| 3 | Option 3: Weight room in converted Sancimino Room                      | 0.00%             | 0   | 45.08%             | 119 | 54.23%            | 154 |
|   | Total  | Total             | 343 | Total              | 264 | Total             | 284 |

In Table 3 below, results are shown for only the 228 respondents who chose Option 2 as their first choice. Here we see that over a third of these respondents (36.45%) chose Option 1: Don't Move Weight Room/No Commons as their second choice, and nearly two-thirds (63.55%) chose Option 3: Sancimino Room as their second choice.

Table 3. First Choice is Option 2: Handball Court (N = 228)

| # | Question   | 1 First<br>Choice |     | 2 Second<br>Choice |     | 3 Third<br>Choice |     |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Option 1: Weight room reconstructed in present location and no Commons | 0.00%             | 0   | 36.45%             | 78  | 63.13%            | 137 |
| 2 | Option 2: Weight room in converted handball court                      | 100.00%           | 228 | 0.00%              | 0   | 0.00%             | 0   |
| 3 | Option 3: Weight room in converted Sancimino Room                      | 0.00%             | 0   | 63.55%             | 136 | 36.87%            | 80  |
|   | Total  | Total             | 228 | Total              | 214 | Total             | 217 |

In Table 4 below, results are shown for only the 136 respondents who chose Option 3 as their first choice. Here we see that just under half of these respondents (46.97%) chose Option 1: Don't Move Weight Room/No Commons as their second choice, and just over half (53.03%) chose Option 2: Handball Court as their second choice.

Table 4. First Choice is Option 3: Sancimino Room (N=136)

| # | Question   | 1 First<br>Choice |     | 2 Second<br>Choice |     | 3 Third<br>Choice |     |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Option 1: Weight room reconstructed in present location and no Commons | 0.00%             | 0   | 46.97%             | 62  | 53.03%            | 70  |
| 2 | Option 2: Weight room in converted handball court                      | 0.00%             | 0   | 53.03%             | 70  | 46.97%            | 62  |
| 3 | Option 3: Weight room in converted Sancimino Room                      | 100.00%           | 136 | 0.00%              | 0   | 0.00%             | 0   |
|   | Total  | Total             | 136 | Total              | 132 | Total             | 132 |

#### **Summary:**

- Looking at first choices, none of the Options received a majority of votes.
- The highest percentage of votes went to Option 1, rebuilding the weight room in current location (48.51%, N=343).
- While a majority (51.49%, N=364) of respondents selected an option that included moving the weight room and building a Commons, there was not agreement about where it should be moved. Of the 364 members who selected Option 2 or Option 3 as their first choice (that is, those who selected an option that would move the weight room and build a Commons), 62.64% chose the Handball Court and 37.36% chose the Sancimino Room.

#### **Second Choices**

- Of those who chose Option 1 as first choice, second choices were split between the Handball Court (55%) and Sancimino Room (45%).
- Of those who chose Option 2 as first choice, second choices were split between Sancimino Room (64%) and Not moving weight room (36%).
- Of those who chose Option 3 as first choice, second choices were split between Handball Court (53%) and Not moving weight room (47%).

Q2 - Please rate your support for the following additional enhancements to our building, which can be added regardless of the decision about creating a commons and relocating the weight room.

The chart on the following page shows the results in percentages for additional enhancements to the building, which could be considered separately from the three major renovation options. In this chart, *Strongly Oppose* and *Oppose* have been aggregated into a single *Oppose* category, and *Strongly Support* and *Support* have been aggregated into a single *Support* category. Table 5 on the following page shows the disaggregated results for this question.

Each of the additional enhancements received more support than opposition. The Rooftop Deck above the weight room received the most support, with 3 out of 4 respondents supporting this. Adding women's lockers by building onto the west roof of the building received the second most support with over half of respondents supporting this. Just under half of respondents supported building a gender-neutral ground floor sauna in the vicinity of the boat room bathrooms (45.5%), while this add-on received the most opposition (28%) of any add-on proposed. Similarly, just under half of respondents (41.5%) supported building more men's lockers on the mezzanine of the handball court. It should be noted that many respondents were neutral about these enhancements.

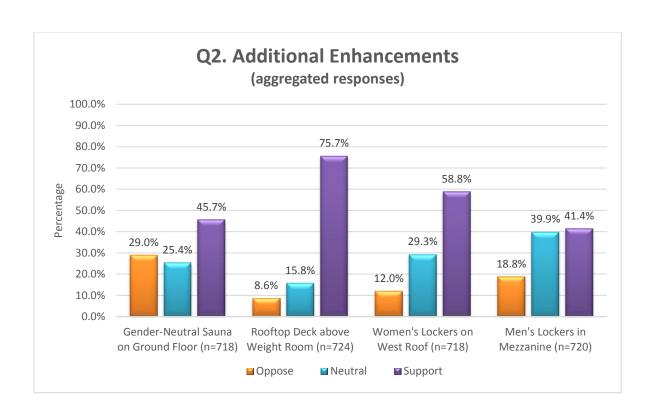
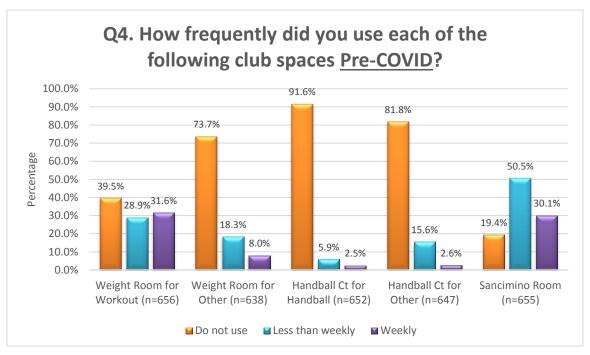
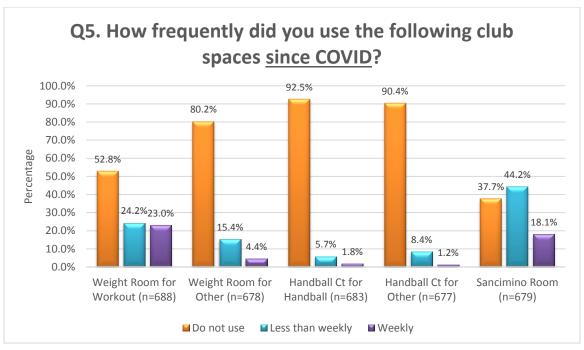


Table 5. Disaggregated results for Question 3: Additional Enhancements

| # | Question   | Strongly<br>Oppose |     | Oppose |    | Neutral |     | Support |     | Strongly<br>Support |     | Total |
|---|--|--------------------|-----|--------|----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------------------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Add a ground-level gender-neutral sauna by converting one of the boat room bathrooms or other space in that vicinity     | 15.60%             | 112 | 13.37% | 96 | 25.35%  | 182 | 19.78%  | 142 | 25.91%              | 186 | 718   |
| 2 | Add a rooftop deck above the current weight room   | 5.39%              | 39  | 3.18%  | 23 | 15.75%  | 114 | 32.18%  | 233 | 43.51%              | 315 | 724   |
| 3 | Add women's locker<br>space by building onto<br>the roof west of the<br>women's locker room                              | 6.13%              | 44  | 5.85%  | 42 | 29.25%  | 210 | 30.50%  | 219 | 28.27%              | 203 | 718   |
| 4 | Add men's locker space<br>to north of the men's<br>locker room in the<br>current mezzanine area<br>of the handball court | 8.47%              | 61  | 10.28% | 74 | 39.86%  | 287 | 24.17%  | 174 | 17.22%              | 124 | 720   |

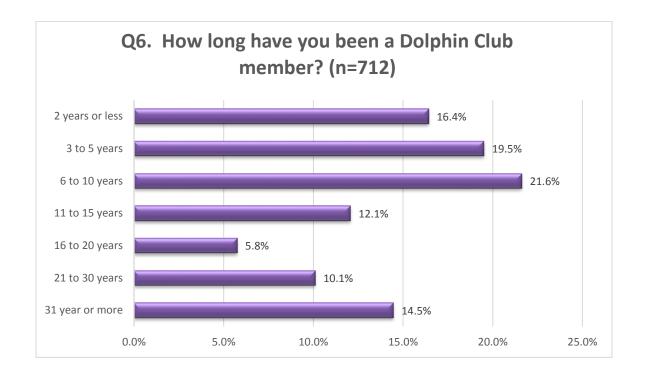
Questions 4 and 5 asked respondents to think about their use of various club space Pre-COVID and Since COVID. For ease of interpretation, response categories were aggregated into *Do Not Use*, *Less than Weekly*, and *Weekly* (see disaggregated data on the last page of this report).

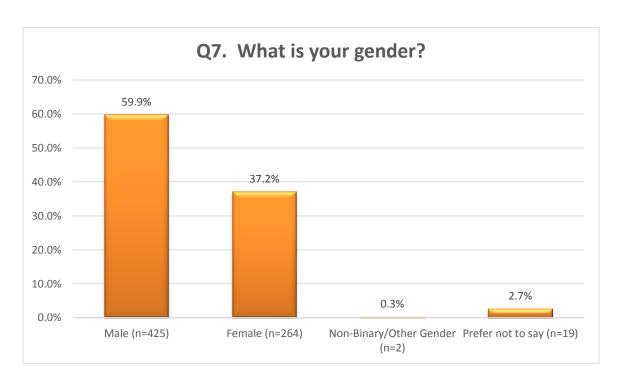




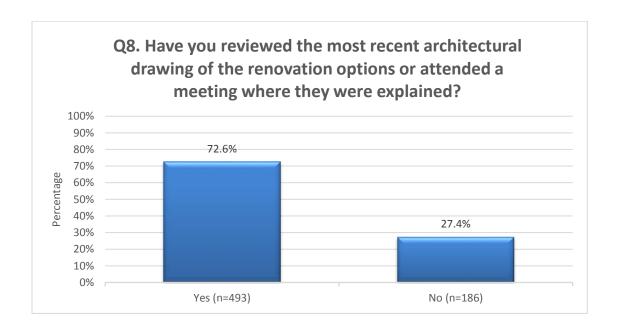
## **Respondent Demographics**

Several questions were asked about the members responding to the survey.





Question 8 asked respondents if they had reviewed the most recent architectural drawings posted on the Dolphin Club website and in the Zahler Room, or if they had attended a meeting where the renovation options were explained. Nearly three-quarters of respondents had done so. It is worth noting that renovation options rankings did not change substantially (+/- 2%) based on whether or not the respondent had viewed the drawings or attended a meeting about them.



Questions 9 and 10 provided space for respondents to provide their comments on the renovation options, and to share their vision for the Dolphin Club of the future. These questions elicited over 50 pages of comments, appended in separate documents.

Table 6. Disaggregated results for Question 4: Frequency of Use PRE-COVID

| # | Question   | Did not<br>use |     | Less<br>than<br>once a<br>month |     | About once a month |    | Once<br>every<br>couple<br>weeks |     | 1 or 2<br>days<br>per<br>week |     | 3 or 4<br>days<br>per<br>week |    | 5 or<br>more<br>days<br>per<br>week |    | Total |
|---|--|----------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------|----|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| 1 | Weight Room for workout/exercise   | 39.48%         | 259 | 14.33%                          | 94  | 6.10%              | 40 | 8.54%                            | 56  | 15.55%                        | 102 | 11.74%                        | 77 | 4.27%                               | 28 | 656   |
| 2 | Weight Room for<br>other purpose (e.g.,<br>gathering space<br>before swim) | 73.67%         | 470 | 10.34%                          | 66  | 4.55%              | 29 | 3.45%                            | 22  | 4.23%                         | 27  | 2.82%                         | 18 | 0.94%                               | 6  | 638   |
| 3 | Handball Court for playing handball  | 91.56%         | 597 | 3.07%                           | 20  | 1.23%              | 8  | 1.69%                            | 11  | 1.38%                         | 9   | 0.61%                         | 4  | 0.46%                               | 3  | 652   |
| 4 | Handball Court for alternate use (e.g., yoga/Pilates, hula)                | 81.76%         | 529 | 9.89%                           | 64  | 3.25%              | 21 | 2.47%                            | 16  | 1.85%                         | 12  | 0.62%                         | 4  | 0.15%                               | 1  | 647   |
| 5 | Sancimino Room   | 19.39%         | 127 | 18.32%                          | 120 | 11.91%             | 78 | 20.31%                           | 133 | 19.08%                        | 125 | 8.70%                         | 57 | 2.29%                               | 15 | 655   |

Table 7. Disaggregated results for Question 5: Frequency of Use SINCE COVID

| # | Question   | Did not<br>use |     | Less<br>than<br>once a<br>month |     | About<br>once a<br>month |    | Once<br>every<br>couple<br>weeks |    | 1 or 2<br>days<br>per<br>week |    | 3 or 4<br>days<br>per<br>week |    | 5 or<br>more<br>days<br>per<br>week |    | Total |
|---|--|----------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|----|----------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| 1 | Weight Room for workout/exercise   | 52.76%         | 363 | 12.94%                          | 89  | 4.07%                    | 28 | 7.27%                            | 50 | 14.10%                        | 97 | 6.69%                         | 46 | 2.18%                               | 15 | 688   |
| 2 | Weight Room for<br>other purpose (e.g.,<br>gathering space<br>before swim) | 80.24%         | 544 | 8.70%                           | 59  | 3.39%                    | 23 | 3.24%                            | 22 | 2.80%                         | 19 | 1.18%                         | 8  | 0.44%                               | 3  | 678   |
| 3 | Handball Court for playing handball  | 92.53%         | 632 | 2.64%                           | 18  | 1.02%                    | 7  | 2.05%                            | 14 | 1.02%                         | 7  | 0.59%                         | 4  | 0.15%                               | 1  | 683   |
| 4 | Handball Court for alternate use (e.g., yoga/Pilates, hula)                | 90.40%         | 612 | 4.87%                           | 33  | 2.07%                    | 14 | 1.48%                            | 10 | 0.59%                         | 4  | 0.44%                         | 3  | 0.15%                               | 1  | 677   |
| 5 | Sancimino Room   | 37.70%         | 256 | 18.56%                          | 126 | 11.93%                   | 81 | 13.70%                           | 93 | 12.52%                        | 85 | 4.27%                         | 29 | 1.33%                               | 9  | 679   |

Thank you to all members who took the time to respond to this important survey.

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