



**Dear Members, Guests, and Friends of Raleigh Sports Club:**

The Officers and Board met after our regular weekly meeting Wednesday October 4 and we have some news to share.

First, we are happy to announce we have 163 members this year (to date), up from 156 at the end of last year. After the Covid year without meetings and 0 members we are again moving forward with hope of reaching pre-covid membership levels. Invite a friend to share the experience of great food, fellowship, sports talk, great speakers from our local sports world and most importantly, honor a local high school student athlete!

Our finances are in good shape as we prepare for our annual audit and tax preparations. As in past years, we are looking forward to certainly award four \$2,000 scholarships to deserving high school senior student athletes and a \$1,000 award to a local high school coach as our Coach of the Year. They will awarded next spring at our annual banquet. Thanks to 10 members who have already sponsored the weekly \$100.00 Student Athlete table this year. Those sponsorships off-set the weekly cost and will help fund the scholarships. A Board goal is to increase the amount or number of recipients.

The Board (with the Church's permission) has decided to try for fun a Halloween "50-50" raffle at the October 26th meeting. A raffle ticket will be \$5.00 and the winner takes half and the Club receives half of the donations. All voluntary of course. It will be set up at the Sergeant at Arms table. Something new and hopefully a little fun!

We are always excited to hear about how past student athletes are doing. In 2017 we honored Grace Countie an outstanding student and swimmer. Grace is now a fifth year senior at UNC and was honored as the ACC's Outstanding Swimmer of the Week! Grace is also the granddaughter of proud members Judy and Pete Benda! Congrats to all!

Hope to see you and a guest next week!



**About the Raleigh Sports Club:**

Our meetings are held in Bradley Hall in Highland Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Road at the intersection of Lake Boone Trail, just inside the Raleigh Beltline. **Buffet lines open at 11:30 a.m., and the meeting is from Noon until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Meetings typically occur every week (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday) early September through late March. Please continue to check out the Raleigh Sports Club website ([www.raleighsportsclub.org](http://www.raleighsportsclub.org)) for details on the 2022-23 meeting season.

As part of our weekly program, we recognize a local Wake County high school student athlete! The student and coach speak briefly.

Membership is \$90 for the 2022-23 season. You can register or renew at the check-in table...or by downloading and mailing to the address indicated on the form found on the RSC website.

Member attendance fee is \$20 per meeting whether eating or not. Guest fee per meeting is a very affordable \$25 whether eating or not!

**Please feel free to attend as a member, guest, or perspective member. We look forward to seeing you.**

Best Regards,

The Raleigh Sports Club Officers and Board of Directors