

## TMI SUSTAINABLE AQUATICS INTERVIEWS

# Hockessin Athletic Club

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Hockessin Athletic Club, hailed as the 'Taj Mahal of Fitness Clubs', opened its doors June of 2007. From the start owners, Bob Carpenter and Roger Ralph, were certain that they wanted a 'chemical free' environment. TMI Salt Pure® systems with automated chemistry controllers were selected.

Five years later, in 2012, to add another layer of water and air quality, UV systems were installed. Corrosion has never been a problem at HAC despite the industry saying salt causes corrosion, so preventing rust and corrosion was not a motivating factor in the decision to install UV. "The chloramines went to zero."

***"The increase in air and water quality has been outstanding...and I wholeheartedly endorse your products, and look forward to the next decade working with you, and benefiting from your cutting edge technology." - Bob Carpenter***

Installing UV was about providing the best indoor air quality for their patrons and staff.

***"The level of rust and corrosion at HAC is lower than any pool I've ever worked with, and I've worked in many pool environments over many years."- A.M.***

We recently sat down to interview our friends at Hockessin Athletic Club; French McGhee (FM) - Building Manager, Pat O'Neill (PM) - Operations, and Andy Morris (AM) - Aquatics Director.

### **TMI: What is it like working with TMI equipment vs Ordinary Chlorine?**

*PO: There are a few extra things you need to do when working with equipment vs chemicals, but once you understand it, it's simple. It's a bit like in the early days of cell phones when all we needed to learn how to use those. There is a little more maintenance involved but at the end of the day, it makes for great water and everyone is happy.*

### **TMI: Any downsides to the TMI salt system that you can think of?**

*FM: No, all positive. We replaced our concrete decks after 9 1/2 years with rubber flooring, but that was simply due to traffic and wear and had nothing to do with salt.*

### **TMI: TMI is not local to you. How about the support you get?**

*PO: It's great. Even the time difference has not proven to be a problem. The TMI techs make themselves so available, even stopping by when in the area visiting another site, just to check the equipment. That was huge for us.*

### **TMI: What would you tell another facility if they asked why they should go salt?**

*FM: Because your members will love it! You will probably even see membership increase. These stories you hear about salt causing damage to the facility are simply not true. No matter what you use, salt or chlorine, you have to take care of your facility, and if you do, you will not see additional damage because you have salt.*

### **TMI: Anything else?**

*AM: Everybody raves about our pools, the lack of chlorine smell and the fact that you don't have to shower after you swim. If you're willing to engage in the learning curve, you will see the benefits on the membership side.*

If you would like to know more information about the Hockessin Athletic Club aquatics, you can click [here](#).

**Read more** from Bob Carpenter.