Smile! You are on camera...

Did you know that this facility is being monitored by the closed circuit cameras? And did you realize what it actually means?

To be fair the club management did not conceal their activity. The monitor is on the front desk and everybody can see it. But still...

I do not like being watched when doing my work outs. These cameras can zoom in close. The position of the camera in the gym has been chosen so that there is virtually no blind spot in the room. There is no way of knowing whether you were being watched at any given moment. The prying eyes could follow you everywhere...

I spoke about this issue with the general manager. As I expected he explained to me that this is for our well being. Security. Of course. Always same argument...

I objected that no member in this club was informed, not to mention asked for an opinion. I take this issue as a privacy issue.

During our discussion I spoke loudly and my voice apparently attracted a guy in the next office (didn't catch his name). He came in and the discussion quickly turned ugly.

I said I felt some obligation to tell about these cameras to other members in this club because not many people realize they are being monitored and recorded while doing their work outs. He said I am not allowed to do it. I am on the property of a private club and should I speak out, they could expel me or take other actions. So there was a clear threat from the management. They were really trying to silence me.

I demand

– To dismount the camera in the gym as a minimum. Other cameras could stay.

– To disclose what the management is doing with these records, who has the access to them, how long they are kept and how are they protected against falling into wrong hands.

If you want to join me in my demand, please send me an email at snape456@gmail.com or contact me at xxx-xxxx.

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Remember: The club management has no business in spying on its patrons!