

Splash & Smash!

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From the President . . .

Dear Members,

WOW!!! What a great season!

This summer will certainly be very memorable for all of us. The swim, dive and tennis teams all had great participation and very successful results in competition. For the second year, Chesterbrook hosted the Division 1 swim relays and once again took home the winning trophy. The team went on to receive the NSVL's "Triple Crown". The dive team followed this great success by finishing second in Division 1, moving up from third place.

Thanks and many "Crowns" should go to our wonderful parent volunteers and the Chesterbrook staff who gave endless hours of time to make all of these events a success.

The social events this year were highlighted by the celebration of Mike Duffner's 25th year at Chesterbrook. Raft parties, Sunday brunch, Family Shrimp Feast, and TGIF provided a great source of fun for all. Hope you took part in the 4th of July festivities. Mike and the Staff kept this long time tradition high on the list of favorite event this summer. Tractor rides with Farmer Chris, egg toss, pie eating and diving for coins kept the younger group busy. A stiff sense of competition filled the air as the adult games began. Once again the staff challenged the Board Members to a duel of strength. Everyone was a "Winner" as the competition increased and rules were changed. The challenge will continue next year!

A very special thanks to Mike Duffner and the staff who worked hard all summer. This year's group of young adults was outstanding. It is our staff that keeps Chesterbrook the safe and happy place our families enjoy year after year. Thanks again!

The only disasters this summer were those inflicted by none other than "Mother Nature". Due to high winds, we lost one of our very large oak trees. This tree was located directly behind the diving well area. The tree fell on our newly purchased bleachers and took out a portion of the security fence. Our insurance covered all damages and replacements.

Plans are already in the works for some much-needed improvements to the clubhouse. Work will begin this month on replacing the floors in both bathrooms with tile. The scope of the work will include a buildup of the floor area to improve drainage. In the spring new partitions will be installed conforming to current standards.

A special thanks to Julie Avis, Craig Kramer, Kim Ward, Penny Kennedy and Nabeel Alsalam our outgoing Board Members who have served the past three years to ensure that the club's programs and facilities continue to be the best in the area.

On a personal note, sadly this will be our last year at Chesterbrook. We will be moving to Maine in the late fall. All of the experiences and new friends made over the last five years have enriched our lives in ways that will never be forgotten. We will miss you all very much!

Hope you all have a wonderful year.

Sincerely,
Jane Cronk, President

Notice of Annual Meeting

**Thursday,
November 14, 2002
7:30 p.m.
Chesterbrook Elementary
School Library**

All members are welcome.

Board Member Nominations

Inside this newsletter, you will find a proxy for voting for the new Board Members. So that you will have some idea who these people are, here are their biographies:

Karen Hallman - I grew up in the Chicago area and moved to Arlington almost 6 years ago. Our family has been members at Chesterbrook for three years. Both my children, Travis (9) and Kayla (7), are on the swim and dive teams. During the summer I have been helping in areas such as announcing B dive meets and B swim meets, table work, timing, and food sales. I enjoy running, tennis, softball, lifting, swimming and eating. I am looking forward to fulfilling the role of Dive Team Representative.

Pat Jordan - My husband and I have been members of Chesterbrook since 1993. For the past three years I have taken tennis clinics with Chris Canepa, which I have enjoyed tremendously. This past summer I was on the tennis team, but had to leave when my arm was injured. I hope to be back next spring participating in the tennis clinics and also being a member of the tennis team. I look forward to being the Tennis Rep at Chesterbrook, and hope that I can be of help to other members interested in playing tennis. It's a great sport.

Ronald Kennedy - The best day since we moved to Chesterbrook Woods 17 ½ years ago was in January 1988. I sold my rusty yellow VW Bug to my brother and took the proceeds to purchase membership in the Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club. What a great move! We've enjoyed it all these years. My children, Sarah and Dylan, both learned to swim here and both started their working life as lifeguards. I have worked for the federal government for 29 years and have at times been a newsletter editor. I look forward to helping the club.

Betsy Kuzmuk - I learned to swim at Chesterbrook pool 43 years ago. This club has been the second home of my family for the last 22 years. My children, Chris, Tim, Michelle, and Anna, have all been employed as coaches, lifeguards, assistant managers, snackbar attendants, and have also been members of the swim, dive, and tennis teams. I have enjoyed volunteering for the wild social functions and look forward to continuing my involvement with the spirited Chesterbrook members.

Ann Lauer - I have been going to Chesterbrook Pool since I was 3 years old and the pool first opened. I was a B team swimmer and now have 3 children on the swim team - Kate, Colin and Mary. I am looking forward to helping as a swim team representative.

David Morris - I grew up in McLean, attended Chesterbrook Elementary School, where my mom went

and now my children Charlotte and Alec both go. I went to Chesterbrook Pool as a youngster and was on the swim team, but I can't recall any Divisional Titles like we win now. I am currently in sales and spend most of my time coaching Youth Soccer and Lacrosse. I look forward to the summer months and spending time at the pool relaxing and cheering our young competitors into victory!

Membership

With fall and winter soon upon us, we will be anticipating another summer in the sun. For those of you that wish to have your friends and neighbors join our immensely popular club, please take note that the waiting list for summer 2003 will open at NOON on January 15th. We do not maintain a waiting list from previous years, so those that called last year must contact us again. Please send an email to Chesterbrookmemb@hotmail.com or call (703-241-8508) immediately after noon on January 15th to be placed on the waiting list. Any calls or emails before noon will *not* be recognized. Current summer members will automatically receive renewal information and be offered full member shares as those become available; no need to call in.

Kathi

Swim Team

REPEAT! The Tiger Sharks did it again as they won the Northern Virginia Swim League's "Triple Crown." By winning the Division 1 Relay Carnival, the All Star Relay Carnival and the Division 1 Championship, Chesterbrook remained the top summer swim program in Northern Virginia.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who worked so hard and achieved so much. Special thanks to our coaching elite: Jenny York, Teri Harper, Chris Kuzmuk, Daisy McNeil, Matt Taube, Michelle Macdonald, David Hahn and Laura Brookhiser.

And a big CONGRATULATIONS to Jenny and Greg on the birth of their son, Ryan Simpson York!

Karen

Dive Team

What a great dive season! The Diving Dolphins continue to be a powerful force in NVSL Division 1 Diving. The Chesterbrook Diving Dolphins finished the season in 2nd place. The Dive Team was also the proud recipient of the Division 1 Sportsmanship Award. This honor reflects the sportsmanship that the entire team personifies--coaches, divers, officials, and parents. Congratulations to our fantastic, patient and capable coaches, Dede Kane & Chris Gates.

Our divers performed well, both individually, and as a team. It was a very busy seven weeks, packed with practices, social events, regular season dive meets, B-meets, the Wally Martin 3-meter meet, the Crackerjack meet, Divisionals and All Stars, combining the talent and support of our experienced divers and the enthusiasm of our novice divers.

Coach Dede will be relinquishing her diving dynasty to pursue other options. We wish Dede all of the best of luck, and look forward to seeing her as a frequent visitor at 2003 meets. Goodbye also to our senior divers, Henley Kane and Mike Alderman, we will miss you. Three cheers for Kim Ward, our outgoing Dive Team Rep for her many contributions over the past 3 years.

Thank you to Mike Duffner, the entire pool staff, and the countless parent volunteers for helping to make this a successful season. We are so fortunate to have a program where everyone treats each other like one big family!

Kim

Tennis

Chesterbrook had a successful and very competitive league season. Many thanks to all of the team captains and parent volunteers who coordinated the team league activities! Without your help Chesterbrook could not run these programs.

As we approach the non-peak tennis season, please keep in mind that the tennis courts are maintained on a weekly rather than daily basis. Court time sign up sheets will be posted through October only. When no court sheets are posted, courts are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. In an effort to keep things tidy for all members, please pick up after yourself. Since leaves drop at an unpredictable rate and wind and rain are variables, be prepared to sweep courts prior to playing. Also, the coolers will be stored, so remember to bring your own water. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the court maintenance, or need to purchase a

key, please call tennis representative Patrice Herring at 703-827-8539.

Tennis programs will run through the fall. For information on clinics, group or private lessons, contact Head Pro Christian Canepa @ 571-434-1992.

Patrice

Social

What a great season! The weather co-operated for most of our events though some of our fabulous TGIFs did get rained out. However the last one of the season was a real party – let's have more like that next year.

As always we are open to suggestions (and offers of help) for our social activities. So during the dark days of winter think about any new events you would like to see at the pool. Any interest in adult only parties like the one we had to celebrate Mike's 25 years of working at the pool?

Julie & Barbara

Future of Bathhouse?

For many years the Board has reviewed proposed changes, additions and alternatives to the building, which now functions as the entrance, locker rooms, bathrooms, front desk, office and snack bar. The Board has made a number of minor improvements to the building and has agreed that funding to re-grade and tile the floors in both locker rooms is a priority for next year.

Fixing the floors and other minor improvements will allow the current building to be functional for several years, however it will not address some other suggestions by members which involve major renovations, bathrooms more convenient for tennis players and even construction of a new facility. In fact, a survey conducted about five years ago indicated considerable support for all of these ideas.

The Board feels that before further consideration is given to any of these ideas further information regarding the feasibility, costs and constraints is required. An estimate of roughly \$10,000 has been provided for a firm to conduct a study on the best uses of our resources. Before committing the funds for a study the Board would like to put the question of the need for a study to the membership at the annual meeting in November. Please be sure to attend the meeting or express your support or opposition to the use of these funds to a Board member.

Hunter

2002 CST Team Triathlon

Chesterbrook's second team triathlon was a repeated success, with 66 participants. Eleven teams of 6 members each put in thousands of minutes of swimming, biking and running/walking between July 1 and July 31. The competition was close this year, with many participants training for real triathlons or other races. Unbelievably, there was a tie for 3rd place! The winning teams were:

- **1st place: Awesome Athletes** – 12209 mins. (Dianna Hashemi, Mary Ann Smith, Allison Moore, Joe and Julie Smith, Elizabeth Ravesteijn)
- **2nd place: Slackers** – 10500 mins. (Patrice Herring, Penny and Ron Kennedy, Jane and Drew Mullen, Candy Penn)
- **3rd place TIE: Corner '02 and Flying Mangos II** – 10265 mins. (Corner: Francine and David C. Macdonald, Joan and Paul Hubbard, Ann Ney, Nancy Schwartz; Flying Mangos: Matt Taube, Barbara Hightower, Alan Felser, Patrick DiGregory, Jordan Kaylor, David J. Macdonald)

The top 11 individuals who contributed greatly to their team's success each completed over 2000 minutes:

- Francine Macdonald – Corner '02
- Barbara Hightower – Flying Mangos II
- Nancy Schwartz – Corner '02

- Matt Taube – Flying Mangos II
- Mary Ann Smith – Awesome Athletes
- Allison Moore – Awesome Athletes
- Julie Smith – Awesome Athletes
- Patrice Herring – Slackers
- Joe Smith – Awesome Athletes
- Jane Mullen – Slackers
- Drew Mullen - Slackers

The number of people who didn't miss a day went from 2 last year to 7 this year, with another 32 putting in more than 1000 minutes. Honorable mentions go to: Christina Hoag, Jim Dykstra, Milt Bush and David C. Macdonald who didn't miss a day in July. In the "Spirit of the Triathlon" category, all three triathlon sports were practiced in "balanced" amounts by: Drew Mullen, Chris Cole, Alan Felser, Allison Moore, Francine Macdonald, Mark Beutler, Liz Creel, Hunter Moore and Tam Murray.

Thank you again to Gary Ramsey of Sport Fair for his support of our program by donating some of the prizes. And a big thank you to all the participants – for keeping up with logging all those minutes! Keep exercising in the winter, and we'll see you again next summer.

P.S. If you didn't collect your prize at the August celebration, contact Francine at f.macd@verizon.net.

Remember!

Annual Meeting

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