

Splash & Smash!

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From the President . . .

Dear Members,

A number of members have expressed an interest in having a new Clubhouse. The existing facility was built in the 1950s and lacks a number of amenities found in other clubs, such as a larger concession area, more modern bathrooms, a fitness area, etc. However, to other members the Clubhouse is sufficient and serves our needs.

This summer we conducted a survey to see if there was interest in pursuing a feasibility study to determine: (1) where to site a new facility; (2) what zoning issues apply; (3) what the new Clubhouse should include, such as snack bar, concessions, bathrooms, locker rooms; (4) an order of magnitude to understand the costs to construct a new facility. The majority of member survey respondents wanted a new facility and was willing to spend the money for a study. Because this was not a binding survey, we are now presenting an official proxy vote to you.

The cost to conduct the feasibility study is about \$10,000. Survey funding comes out of existing Club monies. We do not currently have such funds available. Therefore, this proxy vote, if approved, is to allow the Board to conduct the study should future funds become available.

Your approval of the study is not an approval to construct a new Clubhouse. If we proceed with the study, the results will be made known. Another vote would be required to approve the construction. Issues such as how to raise the funds would be the topic of those future discussions. Today, we ask you to vote on

whether you wish us to pursue the concept of a new Clubhouse and allow us to spend funds to conduct a feasibility study if funds are available. This is an important decision, and I would want all of the voting membership, all 550 families, to please consider this issue and cast their vote.

Of equal importance is your consideration of the streamlining improvements we are planning for our membership and dues collection processes and for our incoming slate of Board members. The voting proxy for all of these issues is enclosed in this newsletter.

A special thanks to Hunter Moore, Janine Andriole, Patrice Herring, Barbara Hightower, Pat Jordan, Karen Hallman and Kathi Beutler, our outgoing Board Members for their tireless efforts to ensure that the Club's programs and facilities continue to be the best in the area.

The Board and I convey to you our wishes for a healthy and prosperous year, and we look forward to your return for the 2004 season.

Michael Penn, President

Notice of Annual Meeting

**Wednesday,
November 12, 2003
7:30 p.m.
Chesterbrook Elementary
School Library**

All members are welcome.

Board Member Nominations

The proxy inside this newsletter includes an opportunity to vote for seven new Board Members. So that you will have some idea who these people are, here are short biographies for each of them:

Susan Bennett-Spellman - My family has lived in the Chesterbrook community for the last five years. We moved from Colorado Springs, CO. The summer of 2003 was our first time as members of the Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club. We had a wonderful summer making new friends at the pool. My family spent many a weekend swimming and playing tennis. My eight-year-old daughter, Aspen, loved being part of the Chesterbrook Tiger Sharks. I work at Chesterbrook Elementary School and enjoyed seeing so many of my students and parents at the pool. I look forward to seeing all of you next summer.

Kelly Black - I grew up in Fairfax (Mantua Pool) and only knew Arlington and McLean as far away places we had to travel to for dive meets. Now I know them as the place where swimming, diving and tennis rule! My husband and I have lived in Arlington since 1990 and have been members of Chesterbrook for five years. My children, Bennett and Julia, have both attended Chris' tennis clinics and look forward to competing on the tennis team next summer.

Christopher Cole – My wife, Susan, and I love to swim, play tennis and socialize at the pool. We have three children, Enser, Andrew and Patricia, all of whom participate on the swim team. Enser and Andrew were also on the dive and tennis teams this past year. I served on the Chesterbrook Board from 1997-2000 and was the President during the last year of that tenure. I currently work as regulatory counsel for the Independent Community Bankers Association of America, a trade association that represents the 5000 community banks in this country. I formerly served as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of First Virginia Banks, Inc.

Elizabeth Creel – My husband, Hunter Moore, and I have been members of Chesterbrook for the past six years. Our children, Ryan (11) and Marianna (8), are on the Chesterbrook Tiger Sharks swim team and have taken tennis lessons with Chris Canepa for several years. I am a

regular tennis player at Chesterbrook and also enjoy swimming, cycling, running, dancing, and yoga. I look forward to serving the Club and welcome your ideas and suggestions for making Chesterbrook even more fun for members and their families!

Charlly Enroth – My wife Patty, kids Brandon and Caity, and I have been members of CST for the past seven years and have come to value the great friendships we've made and the activities we've participated in. The kids are active with the swim team, pep rallies, pool parties and many other events that the Club sponsors for our youth. Patty and I have enjoyed various TGIFs, pool parties, potlucks and tennis events (I've been active with men's tennis team for three years.) As a Board member, I would look forward to helping the club achieve its goals for growth and service for our members over the next three years.

Sally Evans – I was born in Northern Virginia, but since it was into an Army family, I spent my childhood moving frequently from place to place. My husband Bill and I moved to McLean about ten years ago and became Club members about seven years ago. We have four children: Eli (15), Emily (12), Abby (10) and Anna (4). We have watched with amazement as our older children have progressed on the swimming and diving teams since neither parent has had much experience in the pool. My one great athletic accomplishment was delivering our youngest child in front of our house with the help of the McLean Volunteer fire Department.

Bill Huber - My wife, Kirsten, and I have been members of CS&T since 1996. We live on Kirby Road just up from the pool. Our children, son Jake and daughter Bryce, visit the pool daily. As a close neighbor and swim team parent, I am very interested in ensuring that CS&T continues to fulfill the important role it plays in our community and family lives. As a Federal Communications Commission attorney, I develop wireless telecommunications policies. I'm a Princeton University graduate with a law degree from the University of San Francisco. In my spare time, you may find me gardening, coaching Jake's soccer team or playing ice hockey.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

The proxy inside this newsletter includes an opportunity to vote for three changes to our current by-laws. These involve the process each spring for paying member dues and selling memberships, the registration process for summer memberships and dues relief for senior citizens.

For an efficient membership process, our by-laws need to have tighter deadlines for timely dues payments. The Club has found itself in a precarious position under our current procedures when members wait until the very last minute to pay or not pay dues. There are cash flow problems, burdensome paperwork for the Club and missed opportunities for new members (i.e., by the time we know someone will not renew, potential members have already joined another club under their registration deadlines).

To alleviate the situation, the proposed by-laws revision allows for a set period to pay one's dues along with a late fee. Should dues not be paid with a late fee by a certain date, the share may be sold. However, if members fail to pay dues with the late fee and then decide they want to reinstate, they may reinstate for an additional penalty, if their share has not already been sold.

Secondly, the proposed by-laws revisions tighten up the summer guest registration process, and set a deadline on the offer for a summer guest membership.

Finally, the Board implemented a senior citizens discounted dues structure this year. The proposed by-law revision provides that a senior citizen discount may be given on an annual basis.

The full text of proposed by-laws revisions is enclosed in this newsletter.

Membership

If you wish to have your friends and neighbors join our immensely popular club, please take note that the waiting list for summer 2004 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 call (703) 241-8508 or send an e-mail message to Chesterbrookmemb@hotmail.com immediately after noon on January 15, 2004 to be placed on the waiting list. Any calls or e-mails before noon will *not* be accepted.

Current summer members will automatically receive renewal information and be offered full member shares as those become available. There is no need to call.

Swim Team

Three's a Charm

Chesterbrook's Tiger Sharks extended their winning streak for the third year in a row, taking the Triple Crown yet again. In sweeping Division One's dual meets and Divisional and All-Star Relays, the Tiger Sharks can now count 19 dual meet wins. This kind of record reflects the hard work and talent of many individuals, including the swimmers, the coaches, the parents, and the Chesterbrook Swim Club staff.

The coaches deserve special mention for the long hours and energy levels they devoted to the Tiger Shark swimmers all season. Major thanks to Jenny Sympson York, Chris Kuzmuk, Nick Grzeda, Teri Harper, Kim Grzeda, Laura Brookhiser, Marshall Betts, Emma Welch, Colin Stuver, Alex Hubbard, Michelle Macdonald, and Sarah Marzen. These folks made a huge difference to the team and the developmental program.

Finally, please join us in offering our best wishes to Chris Kuzmuk, one of the Tiger Sharks' finest, as he pursues other employment opportunities. We all know his spirit and spunk will hold him in good stead.

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 1st place.

Congratulations to our fantastic, patient and capable coaches, Chris Gates, Caroline Hightower, and Hannah Mendelson.

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.

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!

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 we could not run these programs.

Our junior tennis team of 70 players came in first in their division, and will move up next season. We are always looking for new team members!

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. To keep things tidy for all members, please pick up after yourself. Since leaves drop at an unpredictable rate and wind and rain varies, 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 Pat Jordan at (703) 761-2223.

Tennis programs will run through the fall. For information on clinics, group or private lessons, contact Christian Canepa at (703) 946-5256.

Social

The summer of 2003 made quite a splash! Our adult "Safari Night" brought out the party animals. The children enjoyed two pizza and ice cream raft parties. Many families danced the night away to a lively D.J. Finally, the weekly Friday night Happy Hours kept everyone connected, and the Sunday morning brunches treated our contented early morning adult swimmers! It was a great summer to remember!

Remember!

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

7:30 p.m.

Chesterbrook Elementary School Library

**PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING
OF CHESTERBROOK SWIMMING AND TENNIS CLUB, INC.
NOVEMBER 12, 2003**

The undersigned, who is a full member of Chesterbrook Swimming and Tennis Club, Inc., hereby appoints Michael Penn and/or Ronald J. Kennedy as his/her attorney-in-fact, to vote at the Annual Meeting of Chesterbrook Swimming and Tennis Club, Inc. to be held on November 12, 2003 or any adjournment thereof, in accordance with instructions noted below.

Any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to the Annual Meeting by: (a) notifying Ronald J. Kennedy in writing of the revocation; or (b) delivering to him a later dated proxy.

1. The slate of candidates for the Board of Directors as follows *(please check seven)*:

Susan Bennett-Spellman	For_____	Against_____	Abstain_____
Kelly Black	For_____	Against_____	Abstain_____
Christopher Cole	For_____	Against_____	Abstain_____
Elizabeth Creel	For_____	Against_____	Abstain_____
Charlly Enroth	For_____	Against_____	Abstain_____
Sally Evans	For_____	Against_____	Abstain_____
Bill Huber	For_____	Against_____	Abstain_____

2. For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____ *(please check one)* Whether the Board, from existing Club operating funds if funds are available, should authorize a study costing approximately \$10,000 to determine the feasibility and cost of a new Clubhouse.

3. For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____ *(please check one)* The amendment to Article III, Section 11 of the Bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors in the Notice of Annual Meeting dated October 27, 2003, to streamline and to clarify the process for paying member dues and for selling memberships in the Spring.

4. For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____ *(please check one)* A new Article III, Section 4 of the Bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors in the Notice of Annual Meeting dated October 27, 2003, to set forth the Club's registration process for summer memberships. Renumber Article III, Sections 4 through 13 as Sections 5 through 14 respectively.

5. For _____ Against _____ Abstain _____ *(please check one)* A new paragraph for Article III, Section 9 of the Bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors in the Notice of Annual Meeting dated October 27, 2003, to allow the Board of Directors on an annual basis to determine whether members who are senior citizens may obtain a discount of not more than ten percent (10%) of the current dues.

(Signature of Full Member)

(Printed Name of Full Member)

(Date)

(Membership Number)

Please note that only one person per household may vote on behalf of the member. Proxies should be returned by the date of the Annual Meeting to:

***Ronald J. Kennedy
Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club
6017 Chesterbrook Road
McLean, VA 22101-3212***

Full Text of Proposed By-Laws Changes

[NEW] ARTICLE III, Section 4: Summer Guests from the prior year have first preference in any given year for a summer guest membership. Dues notices for summer guests shall be sent in the same manner and at the same time as Class A member dues notices.

Should an offer for summer guest membership not be accepted or should the dues for a summer guest membership not be paid in full by March 15, the Membership Director may immediately offer said membership to those applicants willing to acquire a summer guest membership on a first come, first serve basis.

The Membership Director shall maintain a list of those applicants wishing to acquire a summer guest membership.

Article III, Section 11

- (a) A Class A member whose membership contribution, assessments or annual dues have not been received by the Treasurer on or before the due date shall be required to pay a late fee of 25% of the dues amount and, after thirty (30) ~~fifteen (15)~~ days from the date by which the payment was required, the share will be deemed canceled and may be sold. ~~suspended and made a Class B member by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.~~
- (b) In the instance where a Class A member's membership contribution, assessments or annual dues have not been received by the Treasurer on or before the due date the Club shall notify such member in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, no later than fifteen days after the due date that the member has thirty days from the due date to pay its membership contribution, assessments or annual dues or its share will be automatically canceled and will be sold pursuant to the By-Laws. Should a member's share be canceled pursuant to this paragraph and the member reapply for membership, the member will not be deemed a returning member as referred to in Article 3, Section 7.
- (c) ~~(b)~~ The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may reinstate the Class A membership of any ~~Class B~~ member whose share has been canceled pursuant to paragraph (a) upon the request of that member and upon payment of all dues, assessments and fees in arrears. In this instance the member shall also pay an additional late fee of 10% of the dues amount (for a total late fee of 35%).
- ~~(e)~~ After a period of 45 days from the effective date of suspension, the Board of Directors, at its discretion, may, by a majority vote, cancel the Certificate of Membership of any Class A member suspended for failure to meet the financial obligations imposed by the Club; provided the Club first has made a good faith effort to notify such member in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested at the member's address appearing in the Club's records.
- (d) If a Certificate of Membership is canceled, Section 7 of Article III shall apply. If the Club has been unsuccessful in its efforts to notify the member whose Certificate the Club is canceling, the proceeds from the re-issuance of the member's certificate shall be held for that member to claim.
- (e) The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may waive the payment of any late fee when it finds that extenuating circumstances exist.

[NEW] PARAGRAPH FOR ARTICLE III, SECTION 9:

The Board may, at its discretion and on an annual basis, allow a senior citizen to obtain discounted dues at a discount of not more than ten percent (10%) of the current dues.