

# Splash & Smash!

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## *From the President . . .*

This year's pool season was extended for two additional weeks, opening a week before Memorial Day, and remaining open past Labor Day. I was told this was the longest season on record (17 weeks of summer enjoyment). We were fortunate; the weather remained warm and sunny and a number of families took advantage of the extended times. We were pleased to offer the additional benefit and felt it added an extra dimension to the summer season.

The Club again was very active in making needed repairs and improvements in all areas. Many are easily seen, including new fencing around the kid's pool, landscaping, and even a new sign sporting our entry into the Club. Other repairs are not as visible but important: such items as pumps and motors, electrical, and other mechanical work. We will continue to be active this fall resealing the surfaces on the tennis courts and parking lots.

Last year, you voted to spend funds on a concept design for a new clubhouse. This expenditure was conditional on the Club having year-end funds to cover this cost. We now have these funds and so will begin the process by interviewing several architects and selecting one to conduct the study. The concept design and study will provide us a needed cost estimate for the construction or modernization of a new clubhouse, whichever is recommended. At that point, the membership will decide whether to proceed or not.

Also, we have been looking at the lower pool (the lap pool). The lower pool is the original pool and is 50 years old. By comparison, the kids' pool is 48 years old and the upper pool 33. The kids' pool and the upper pools have been modernized and have

relatively modern mechanical and filtration systems. The lower pool still has its original cast iron plumbing and an older filtration and mechanical system (though perfectly functional). There will come a time, relatively soon, when the original cast iron plumbing and associated grating and troughs around the pool, will have to be replaced.

At that time, we'll need to modernize and replace this pool's infrastructure (though not the pool itself). We are trying to get a jump on this and will seek proposals for the work. When the Board gathers more information and costs, it will share the findings. Again, the Board wants to get a head start on this project and to make you aware of it.

I ask everyone to take the time to cast their vote for the slate of proposed Board members we are nominating. These candidates are a fine and concerned group and will serve the Club well. I, on the other hand, have served my three-year tenure and will be returning to civilian garb. It's been a great experience and it has allowed me to work with and meet wonderful people. I wish everyone a good year.

Michael Penn

## **Notice of Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday,  
November 17, 2004**

**7:30 p.m.  
Chesterbrook Elementary  
School Library**

**All members are welcome.**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Board Member Nominations

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

**Maja Lee** – I have lived for many years in the Arlington/McLean area, having graduated from Yorktown High School. My husband Marty, daughters Sydney and Elise, and I have been members at Chesterbrook for four years.

Sydney (12) very much enjoys tennis clinics and playing on the tennis team. Elise (9) enjoys swimming and the energy of the Sharks swimming program. Marty and I enjoy playing tennis with each other and as family, we enjoy evening dinners hanging out with friends behind the pump house until the final whistle blows. We have made many friends at Chesterbrook and look forward to the years ahead.

**Nancy Leach** – My husband, David, and I have five sons, ages 19, 16, 13, 10 and 7. Our boys have swum in the NVSL for the past 13 summers. During this time, my husband and I have been involved as deck officials as well as many other

aspects of running a swim team. I am also an official for high school and USS swim meets.

I grew up in the “swimming culture” in the Sacramento Valley and swam on teams for fourteen years. I enjoyed teaching swim lessons, coaching and life guarding. I look forward to another season in which our able coaching staff provides over 200 youngsters a summer filled with fun, good sportsmanship and a love of swimming.

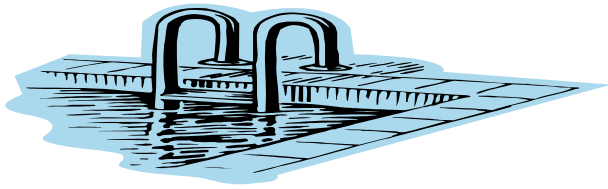
**Julie Avis** - My teenage children and I have been members of Chesterbrook Pool since arriving in the U.S. in 1996. Having grown up in a much colder climate in northern England, I always appreciate a balmy evening at Chesterbrook Pool. Nina and I fell in love with Chesterbrook Diving Dolphins while watching a dual meet on one of those hot evenings in 1998 (I even remember it was against Tuckahoe). I have been an active dive team parent and she’s been an enthusiastic diver ever since.

Nina is now an assistant dive coach and her brother Tom is a lifeguard. I previously served on the Chesterbrook Board from 1999-2002.

**Candy Penn** - Having been a member of the Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club for 20 years, I am familiar with the Club's many activities and have been involved with nearly all of them, both from the perspective of having children and not having children. Our children have been involved in tennis, swimming and diving, and the summer camps and various club activities and functions. I have been a table worker, driver and general volunteer with these.

I have coached boys and girls soccer, been a lifeguard, a Water Safety Instructor, and in that capacity taught both children and instructors, and taught lifesaving. I have been involved with students and scouts with community service and special events. In my previous working career, I was involved in governmental affairs and policy development for state government interests.

I am interested in serving on the Board of Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club because I believe it is a wonderful organization and have benefited so much from the quality recreational activities it provides.



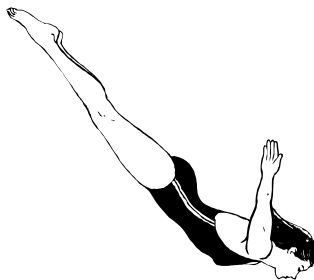
## Swim Team News

### *Four's For Real!*

Chesterbrook's Tiger Sharks extended their winning streak for the fourth 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 24 uninterrupted 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. What would we do without coaches Jenny Sympton York, Chris Kuzmuk, Erin Felarca, Beth Boyd, Laura Brookhiser and swimmer coaches Marshall Betts, Emma Welch, Colin Stuver, Alex Hubbard, Alex Leach, and Kate Dibble? These folks made a huge difference to the team and to the developmental program.

Another key factor propelling the Tiger Sharks to their fourth year of success is the large number of avid swimmers who showed up for practice last year. The team has grown significantly during the past few years, and the number of winter swimmers has too. So keep those Tiger Sharks wet during the winter for more fun and fast times next summer!



## Dive Team News

The 2004 dive season is over and what a great season it was! Our dive program is one of the largest and most successful summer dive programs in the area. The Chesterbrook Diving Dolphins continue to be a strong force in NVSL Division I. We had two fabulous diver-coaches, Caroline Hightower and Hannah Mendelson. The coaches did a fantastic job of recruiting new divers and keeping the team organized as well as imparting diving knowledge to the kids. The coaches were ably assisted by Julie Avis.

We owe the overall success of the season to several factors: the skill of our experienced divers and coaches, the enthusiasm of our many novice divers, the efforts of the pool staff under the direction of Mike Duffner, and the countless hours of parental volunteer support. Thank you!!

The end of the season also wraps up the three-year tenure of Jacky Longwell as the dive team representative. Of course Jacky's enthusiasm, dedication and that "Jacky style" on everything she touched will be missed but just as surely the dive team will continue to grow and improve and be an excellent program.



## Tennis

Over 70 players competed on our Junior tennis team this year under the skilled direction of Chris Canepa, head pro and his assistant, Ryan Herring. After last season's division win, we were moved up from division B to division A. The competition was fierce in the A division! We had matches against seven other clubs in the "Tyson's Cup" league, and we made a strong showing in both age groups. We are proud of all of our kids and look forward to another great season next summer.

We would like to offer our best wishes to Ryan Herring who will be pursuing other interests next summer.

Tennis programs continue throughout the fall. At press time, our men's and ladies' teams are competing in the Tyson's cup fall league, and Chris' junior clinics run through November 8<sup>th</sup>. Many of these classes are full, but remember that Chris is available for private lessons as well. Adult classes are ongoing. Please contact Chris for possible openings. He may be contacted at home at 571-434-1992 or e-mail at clctennispro@msn.com.

With the arrival of fall and the non-peak tennis season, please remember that the courts are maintained on a weekly, not daily basis. Water is not always provided, and courts may have to be swept prior to play. Also, please conclude all play by 10 p.m. We have had some problems with players manipulating the light timers past 10 p.m. which has resulted in complaints from neighbors and damage to the system. We appreciate your consideration, and always welcome any questions or comments you may have.

## ***Housekeeping...***

***Send us your E-mail address!***

Throughout the entire Club, the Board has been looking for ways to streamline operations and keep costs to a minimum. One initiative we hope to expand upon in the future is the use of e-mail to keep Club members abreast of the many activities and social events available. Perhaps even this newsletter will be sent to you more quickly and efficiently that way, saving on printing and postage costs.

Our database currently has the e-mail addresses of about 80 percent of our membership. We would like to see if we can improve upon that percentage and begin more e-mail tests to see if we can get information to you quicker and at a lower cost.

If you have not previously provided us with your e-mail address, or if your e-mail address has changed since you provided it to the Club membership director, please send it now to Ron Kennedy, Secretary, at rkennedy7@cox.net. Thanks for your help in this effort, and watch for more developments next year!

**Remember!**

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