

# Splash & Smash!

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## *From the President...*

Any way you look at it, 2005 was another great year for Chesterbrook Swim Club. True, our swimming team did not have a perfect record this year as it has in the past four years. But we knew that our team could not remain undefeated forever in Division I, and we lost to an exceptionally good swim team that eventually won the NVSL championship. If you were one of the spectators as I was at some of the Chesterbrook swim meets, in particular the Overlee and Vienna Woods meets, you would have been impressed by the quality of competing swimmers.

But there was more than just the high level of competition that made our swim team successful this year. We had tremendous participation—over 280 swimmers on the team, a new record. The developmental team was superbly coached and also had a record number of swimmers participating. The number of parents who volunteered with the swim program was amazing—and whether it was a swim meet, a pasta dinner, or an age group social event, everything looked as if it was coordinated and managed by experienced professionals instead of parent volunteers.

The same can also be said of the diving and tennis teams. Both of these teams saw great competition and great participation. Hospitality should be congratulated for their performance with excellent social events like the Family Night, Casino Night, and the weekly TGIFs. Our lifeguard, front desk and snack bar staff managed under the experienced leadership of Mike Duffner couldn't have done a better job. And even though the swim season started with chilly weather, it turned out to be another

summer of dry, warm southern California like weather that was very conducive to swimming and that lasted right up to the Sunday after Labor Day when the pool closed.

Looking ahead, there are many exciting but potentially costly items that your Board must examine. We have a former member who is interested in converting the Club into a year round facility and has the resources to do so. A brief description of his proposal is included in this *Splash and Smash*. Your Board will be reviewing his proposal. The Board will also be looking at renovating the lower pool and also with what to do about the high diving board, which apparently does not comply with County safety standards.

We have some challenges ahead, but nobody can say that 2005 was not another great year for Chesterbrook.

Chris Cole

## **Notice of Annual Meeting**

**Thursday,  
December 1, 2005**

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

## Board of Directors

Chris Cole, President	534-2286
Candy Penn, Vice President	448-8857
Bill Huber, Treasurer	893-4699
Ron Kennedy, Secretary	536-3976
Maja Lee, Membership	241-8508
David Morris, Maintenance	917-0470
Anne Lauer, Swimming	237-3950
Nancy Leach, Swimming	241-1109
Sally Evans, Diving	556-8624
Julie Avis, Diving	536-3893
Liz Creel, Tennis	534-1744
Kelly Black, Tennis	534-6545
Betsy Kuzmuk, Social	538-6742
Susan Bennett-Spellman, Social	918-9318

## Board Member Nominations

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

**Jim Dykstra** – My wife Susan and I and sons Case and Greg have been members of the club since moving to McLean in 1992. Susan and I have been active members. I served previously as secretary, membership director and president of CST. I have also been an annual participant in the CST Triathlon. Susan and I have been involved in a variety of CST activities and both boys have worked in the snack bar. I spent 25 years on Capitol Hill and I am now with a government relations firm downtown.

**Allison Moore** – I am very excited to be nominated to the CST Board. Our family has been a member of CST for the past 9 years. Last summer I served as the Captain of the Ladies Tennis Team. I have three children ages 14, 12 and 4, who all enjoy swimming at the pool. We have also participated in the adult and family parties over the years. I have been involved in the Junior tennis program, as my eldest son has played for the team for the past four years.

**Mike Moriarty** – The summer of 2005 was my family's sixth at Chesterbrook, but our roots in Northern Virginia swimming run much deeper than that. I competed in the NVSL during the 1960s and 1970s (including competing *against* Chesterbrook). I also swam at the high school level and now compete at the Masters level. While we lived in Falls Church in the 1990s, we guided our older daughter, Maggie, into the sport. She has competed for three year-round (USS) teams, and is looking forward to her first season of high school swimming at Georgetown Visitation. Since joining Chesterbrook, I've enjoyed taking an active role with the team, including writing the team's weekly newsletter (Tiger Shark Times) and officiating or timing at most Saturday meets.

Meanwhile, you may have seen my wife, Regina, as she's guided our 4-year-old daughter, Fiona, from toddling about in the wading pool to now gleefully taking advantage of the upper pool's slide and diving board. We're one of the several families who make Chesterbrook a virtual home during June and July. I suspect that will be even more the case should I become a Board member.

**Marie Morris** - My husband, David, and our two children, Charlotte and Alex, live in McLean and have been members of Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club for ten years. Our children are involved in many of the programs offered at the club including swim team, tennis team, and dive team. David and I have both committed many hours of service to these programs as well as other club activities and functions.

I am interested in serving on the Board because I believe the club is a wonderful community organization. I also believe and that my children benefit from the spirit of sportsmanship, friendship, and sense of community that the club provides.

## Social

The summer of 05 made quite a splash! Our "Las Vegas Night" was really "whet" with excitement!!!! Despite the short lived thunderstorm and torrential rain, the Chesterbrook crowd persevered and gambled through the evening. A great time was had by all!!! Chesterbrook's 50th Birthday Bash was

well attended by over 100 families who ate and danced the night away.

The weekly Friday Night Happy Hours kept everyone connected, and the Sunday morning brunches treated our early morning adult swimmers and “floaters.”

The Social Committee would like to extend a big thank you to all the helping hands that made each of our events so successful, (especially, Mrs. Nancy Schwartz Duffner!!!) and the fine Chesterbrook management and staff!!!

It was a great summer, leaving us with many memories to cherish!

## ***Membership News***

Does your membership number start with an “S”? If so, you are a summer member. As an existing 2005 summer member, if you want to continue your membership for 2006, you do not need to apply for membership on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. You do, however, need to pay your membership dues by March 15, 2006. If your payment is not received by close of business March 15<sup>th</sup>, your membership will be dropped from the club and offered to another family. Your membership invoice should arrive in your mailbox in February.

Do you wish to sell your full membership? If you wish to sell your full membership, know that you will be missed, and send an e-mail to [www.chesterbrookclub.com](http://www.chesterbrookclub.com). You will receive a “sell confirmation” e-mail in reply and will also be asked to mail in your stock certificate (so start looking for it).

Do you wish to move from summer membership to full membership? Full memberships are offered to existing summer members in chronological order based on the date one joined the pool. When your name comes up on the list, the membership coordinator will contact you to see if you are interested in purchasing a full membership.

Do you have a friend who wants to join the pool? The new membership list will open up on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 12:00 noon. Last year, in addition to e-mails and phone applications, we tried out an on-

line application process and it worked out great. So this year, we’re doing only on-line applications. On January 15<sup>th</sup> at noon, an application will become available from the Chesterbrook website – [www.chesterbrookclub.com](http://www.chesterbrookclub.com). Tell your friends to quickly fill in the name, address and contact information and “submit” it. All applications are date and time stamped and applications are processed on a first come-first serve basis.

If you have other membership questions, please visit the Chesterbrook Membership page at <http://www.chesterbrookclub.com/membership.htm> or e-mail [membership@chesterbrookclub.com](mailto:membership@chesterbrookclub.com).

Thanks – Maja Lee

## ***Swim Team News***

### **FUN AND FAST TIMES AT CHESTERBROOK!**

The Chesterbrook Tiger Sharks showed that we were a force to be reckoned with in Division 1 and throughout the NVSL this past summer. Fast times were swum in each age group with our 15 – 18 girls freestyle relay team of Emma Welch, Dana Nebinski, Mckenzie Harper and Cathy Poon breaking a record that had stood for the better part of a decade. Graduating senior Jeff Linn broke two individual records before heading off to college in California.

Fun times were enjoyed by the entire team at Friday night pep rallies and pasta parties, pre-meet skits, team lunches, an elegant senior progressive dinner, an adult dinner and auction and culminating with our popular awards party, slide show and dance.

The Tiger Sharks swam their hearts out all summer and we opened our hearts as well. We sold awareness bracelets embossed with “Excellence is Earned, Not Given” and passed the proceeds along to Nadar Por Vida -- Swimming for Life, a local swim program for underprivileged Hispanic kids. We also were able to collect a cart full of swimming merchandise for this respected swim program. Our senior swimmers stepped up and gave free lessons to our youngest tiger sharks. This got them ready for stellar performances at two relay carnivals. We collected funds for the American Red Cross to

assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Our effort was matched by a local law firm, resulting in a generous donation exceeding \$1,000.

The success of the Tiger Shark swim program, in and out of the pool is in large part due to our exceptional coaching staff. Jenny York, Chris Kuzmuk, Johnny Haffey and Teri Harper were joined by swim coaches David Hahn, Emma Welch, Marshall Betts, Colin Stuver, Alex Leach, Enser Cole, KC Linn, Emily Boland, Mckenzie Harper and Will McDonnell. A love of swimming, sportsmanship and Tiger Shark spirit rang out at Chesterbrook this summer.

Many swimmers are staying wet over the winter months, hoping to add to our competitive edge in the '06 season! It's not too late to join a winter program! If you've got questions, give a team rep or a coach a call. We can give you guidance.

## ***Dive Team News***

HIP HIP HOORAY for the 2005 Diving Dolphins! Not only did they take 2nd place in the very competitive Division I of the NVSL but they also were awarded the Best Sportsmanship award in the VERY COMPETITIVE Division I of the NVSL! The team has been consistently placing well in Division I bringing home many championship trophies, but it has been a very long time since Chesterbrook has received a sportsmanship award. We are very proud of the friendliness of our divers and also of the very professional conduct of our coaches during stressful meets.

Chesterbrook divers were lucky to have both Caroline Hightower and Hannah Mendelson, our head coaches, return from college and head up the team again. These coaches were aided by assistant coach and diver, Nina Avis. The coaches were kept busy with a record number of new divers joining the team. One thing that makes the dive team successful is that the older divers really help the newer divers along. Another component that makes things go smoothly is the pool staff headed by Mike Duffner. Of course the most important key to success is the dedication of the divers along with the generous volunteer support of their parents.

To keep up with the current and past success of the dive team, check out the new record board posted in the clubhouse (thanks to parent Helen Poon). Looking forward to next summer!

## ***Tennis***

The Chesterbrook Cheetahs had another fine showing in the Tyson's Cup this season. Our juniors finished second in the "B" division to Tuckahoe, and many of our matches came down to the wire. We are proud of their willingness to give it their all in the summer heat, and especially the good sportsmanship shown to the other clubs. We would again like to thank our coaches, Chris Canepa and Chris Rouse for their guidance and inspiration, and a special thank you to Lauren Poon for stepping in at the last minute as coach and host for our last match.

Tennis reps Liz and Kelly would also like to thank the captains of the Men's A, Men's B and Women's B teams for their hard work during their season. Roy Lavik, Joe Lerner and Allison Moore, respectively, did a great job and we appreciate your enthusiasm and time spent coordinating the matches. If any one out there is interested in heading up a mixed doubles team in the spring, let Liz or I know! It's tough to be competitive in the Tyson's Cup without that division represented by Chesterbrook!

With the arrival of fall and cooler weather, don't forget that the courts are open and available! Chris Canepa had a variety of ongoing tennis clinics that run through the first week of November. Remember to conclude all play by 10 p.m. and to lock the gate behind you. If you are in need of a key, please call or e-mail Kelly Black.

As always, Liz and Kelly appreciate all comments and suggestions regarding our tennis program. They are working to revamp the program for next spring and summer, and appreciate those comments already forwarded. See you on the courts!!