

Dive Team News

Dive on in; that wonderful summer sun and summer fun are almost here! The Dive Team hopes that all families who tried out the dive program last year will return for another fun season and also that those families who enjoyed the program will spread the word so that more kids will have the opportunity to discover that inner diver in all of us.

The dive team is a part of the very competitive Division 1 of the NVSL. In fact, we are the *only* dive team in the division that started there and has been able to remain there the entire time. Quite an accomplishment, and one that is largely a result of several factors—the length of time that some families have been with the program; the talent and sheer dedication of individual divers; the level of commitment of many families; and perhaps most importantly our ability—through good coaching and the support of the general pool membership—to grow and nurture an exuberant crowd of novice divers. Although the dive team boasts nationally ranked divers and several that train throughout the winter, the only requirements to be on the team are an ability to swim capably from the board to the ladder, and a willingness to learn. One additional qualification is of utmost importance—because so many of the experienced divers are getting older, the threat of their parents “graduating” from the program and taking their commitment and experience with them looms large—every diver on the team also must bring the willingness of one or both of their parents to be involved. There are many outlets to offer help. With training, one can be a judge or referee; at every meet table workers are needed (on the spot training provided); and since a big part of being on the team is the fun of social events, helpers of all varieties are appreciated!

In other dive news, the Fairfax County Board of Health has informed the pool that due to a shift in safety standards, the 3 M (high) dive must be removed prior to the start of the 2006 season. What will go in its place is a pending decision but it is with mixed sadness that we announce its passing; many a Spiderman has been spotted climbing on its underbelly, many a puny child has sought the glory of splashing a lifeguard with a fantasy sized cannonball splash.

Join the 2006 Dive for a summer of learning and fun. The dive team reps are Sally Evans (703) 556-8624 and Julie Avis (703) 751-0251.

Summer Jobs

NOW RECRUITING

Are you interested in working as a lifeguard, at the front desk, or snack bar? We now are looking to fill these positions. I have already heard from several people interested in joining or returning to the Chesterbrook staff this summer. I hope you will consider a position as well.

GUARDS: As usual we will be looking for both new and experienced guards. Again this summer there will be a starting rate for new guards and a return-incentive rate (for each year of service) for guards who have worked with us in past summers.

FRONT DESK AND SNACK BAR

We will be seeking four primary candidates for each area that will work a regular shift through the summer. We will also be seeking two or three people who can work as substitutes, as needed, for vacations and unexpected events.

If you are interested in having fun this summer, being part of the team and getting paid, please send an e-mail to Candy Penn at: mcpenn@cox.net, between now and April 15th. Please be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, age, area of interest, and whether or not you have worked before at Chesterbrook. Mike Duffner or I will be contacting people toward the end of April and we will hold a meeting on a weekend in early May to explain more, and fill positions. So don't delay - write today!

Candy Penn

Splash & Smash!

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From the President . . .

If you attended the Annual Meeting in November where we discussed converting the Club into a year round facility, you would have been very impressed with the passionate interest that our members have about the Club. Whether you are a swim, dive, or tennis family, a social member, or a mixture of one or more types (as I am), Chesterbrook Club offers something that many people at that meeting thought might be affected (negatively or positively) if the pool was to change. I like Chesterbrook because it gives me the opportunity to get away from the pressures of life and to relax, swim and play tennis. But I also think the energy and passionate interest of its members help make the Club a special place. Apparently, other people agree that Chesterbrook is a special club to join—within the first five minutes of the time we began accepting online applications for the waiting list on January 15th, we received 102 applications, more than enough to fill our openings.

Last year was an outstanding year for the Club in many ways. With superb coaching of our swim, dive and tennis teams, all of our teams had great seasons. After a cold start, the weather turned sunny and warm, even during the week after Labor Day when the season was extended. Mike Duffner and his staff of guards, front desk and snack bar workers could not have done a better job managing the pool. Financially, we ended the year with a healthy surplus.

Even though I think we can duplicate last year's success this year, we have many challenges ahead. We are planning on starting a lower pool renovation

this fall that will be expensive but manageable. Your Board is currently considering its options for replacing the high dive board, which the County is making us remove. We also have appointed a Committee to look at renovating our Clubhouse. Finally, we are taking steps this year to completely automate our membership so that in 2007, not only will we have an automated waiting list, but members will also be able to pay their dues online.

All of this will require much work on the part of Board members. But with the cooperation of our members and the help of staff, I know we can achieve our goals and have a great 2006 season.

Chris Cole

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Pay Your Dues On-Line?

A project is underway to automate our annual dues collection process a little more. We are working to provide you with a way to pay your dues on-line through the Club website at www.chesterbrookclub.com. You will continue to receive your invoice in the mail, but you will be able to use your credit card in a secure, safe on-line environment to pay your dues! You get to pocket your frequent flier miles or other benefits you always get from your card while paying for an upcoming summer of fun!

Watch the Club website's homepage for updated information about this exciting project!

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Membership

Summer is just around the corner (thank goodness) so as we begin to prepare for warm weather, sunny days, and time to relax with family and friends at the pool, please take a minute to read our current membership issues:

E-mail and Family Updates: With 660 members, having an e-mail address for each of you facilitates the timely processing of club and membership issues including address changes, membership sales, and dues to name a few. If you have not sent in an e-mail address or have changed your e-mail, home address, family members or any information that I should know about within the last year, send me a note at membership@chesterbrookclub.com.

Dues and Payments: The 2006 dues have increased for both full and summer members to fund necessary maintenance and improvements to the pool and facility. The dues for Full Members are \$497 for families of one or two and \$543 for families of three or more. The dues for Summer Members are \$790. Payments must be received no later than March 15. Full members will be assessed a 25% penalty for late dues. Summer members will lose their membership if dues are not received on time.

Sales: If you wish to sell your membership, let me know now so your membership can be offered to a summer member and so you do not pay any penalty. Contact me at membership@chesterbrookclub.com or call 703-241-8508. Notification of sales after March 15th will result in 25% of your stock purchase price being deducted from your refund (and of course that is a real drag).

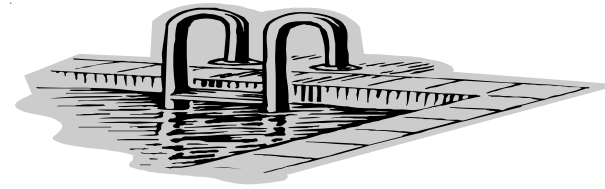
Summer Member Wait List: On January 15th of this year we implemented only on-line applications for new summer members (no phone or emails). (Thank you to all existing summer members who carefully read my letter last year and did not apply again on January 15th because you did not need to) On-line registration was a great success and we are working on on-line bill paying for 2007. Tell your friends and your neighbors, in 2007 new summer members will apply for memberships using the on-line form only. New memberships go fast; applications must be submitted as close to 12:00 noon as possible.

Full Membership: Full Memberships are offered to summer members in chronological order based on when the summer member joined the pool. Each year, as full members sell their memberships to the pool, summer members are contacted to see if they are interested in purchasing a full membership. The benefits of full membership are year round use of the facility, ability to be on the board, voting rights and a reduction in annual dues. To become a full member there is a one-time initiation fee of \$500 (not refunded), a stock purchase fee of \$680 (refunded when you sell your membership) and annual dues of \$497 (family of 1 or 2) or \$543 (family of 3 or more). If you are going to be at the pool for at least two years, there is a cost savings in becoming a full member. It usually takes about 2-3 years to be offered a full membership.

Senior Discounts: The board continues to support our seniors this year with the 10% senior discount. If one member of a full membership is age 65 or over as of the pool's opening date, May 28, 2005, dues are reduced 10% to \$447 if received by March 15. If you qualify for this new rate and it is not indicated on your dues notice, please contact me at membership@chesterbrookclub.com or 703-241-8508. Proof of age is required.

Look forward to seeing you this summer.

Thanks so much. Maja Lee



Swim Team News

WALLA WALLA BING BANG!

The Witch Doctor wants to see **YOU** at Ft. Myer Bowling Center for the annual Chesterbrook Tiger Shark winter event! Catch up with teammates and get your Tiger Shark fix on March 5 at Ft. Myer, conveniently located just minutes from McLean, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. For just ten bucks, you'll get 2 games, 2 pieces of pizza, a drink, and unlimited smiles from fellow Tiger Sharks. (Look for more details in an all team email in the near future.)

- ◆ *Relive the 2005 season highlights with a copy of the Awards Banquet Slide Show. Interested? Send an email to isharkrep@hotmail.com, and \$15 cash to the winter event at Ft. Myer on March 5.*

Timing will be great, as we'll be fresh from the NVSL's seeding meeting, when we'll learn who's coming & going in Division 1 this summer. We'll also be ready to share the entire meet schedule – Saturday and Monday meets.

But don't just come to knock a few down; also come to catch up with your 2006 coaching staff. Returning for her 14th season at Chesterbrook, Jenny York will again lead the campaign as the club's Head Coach. But in a sign of the team's recommitment to the Developmental program, Coach Jenny plans to extend her reach from the lower pool to the upper pool.

Although details are still being worked out, we're aspiring to re-energize the Developmental program at both the coach and swimmer levels. For our Developmental swimmers, look for a recommitment to competition-level stroke development. Helping drive that stroke development will be swimmer-coaches, whom we plan to bolster with increased coaching instruction from Coach Jenny, as well as greater overall responsibility.

Joining Coach Jenny on the staff this summer will be Chris Kuzmuk. Returning for a farewell campaign, Coach Chris will earn his Masters in Foreign Affairs this spring, but postpone his future career for just a wee bit longer.

The remainder of the staff will be completed over the next month. As for potential swimmer-coaches: senior swimmers should look for a swimmer-coach application form in the mail in the next couple of weeks.

Also, mark your calendars now for **Back to Pool Night**, set for Thursday, May 18, at the Chesterbrook Elementary School cafeteria. Three competitive teams (dive, swim, and tennis) will provide information and opportunities to sign up and take care of any fees. Swim practice for the regular team will likely start the first Monday after the pool opens (May 22). Look for details in the April *Splash & Smash*.

And between now and Back to Pool Night, when your winter swim program seems to kind of drag? Maybe remember the headline from the July 15, 2005, *Tiger Shark Times*, "Gators Take a Bite out of Tiger Sharks." Keep working hard this winter & spring, so that come summertime, you're ready to **Bite 'em Back!**

Social

We wish to say a big welcome to our newest Social Committee Board member, Allison Moore.

Summer 2006 is almost here and the Social Committee is planning for many fun filled times at the pool. Adults are welcome to join us on the Pool deck for TGIF (Fridays 6:30-8:30pm). Beverages are available and pool members bring snacks to share. A light brunch is served Sundays during adult swim time (11:00am-12noon). Join us with your newspaper, swim a few laps and have a bite and a cup of coffee.

Children are welcome to join us for raft parties in July and August. A family party and an Adult only party is being planned for 2 Saturday evenings in July. Look out for flyers (located at the front desk) which will have all the specifics.

We welcome volunteers to help us with these activities. Hope your family will join us for a wonderful summer.

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