

team standards in the 50 Free, 50 Back, and 100 IM. The 13-14 Boys also wrote their names on the record board, as Danny McDermott, Edward Lee, Willie Leach, and David Murray set a new standard in the 100 Meter Medley Relay.

Those performances were the highlights – but hardly the sole reflections – of the team’s focus on swim technique. Jeff Linn and David Hahn brought fresh perspectives and expertise to the coaching staff, while Chris Kuzmuk and Johnny Haffey steadied the staff with years of experience. Together, they planted the seeds for many swimmers and coaches down the road, as they helped mentor swimmer coaches Emma Welch, Colin Stuver, Kate Dibble, Alex Leach, Emily Boland, Will McDonnell, and KC Linn.

While the swimmers and coaches went all out in and around the water, parents also contributed to the season’s success – and also got pretty wet in the process. Parents and swimmers alike persevered through two completely rained out Monday night meets and a dampened Parents’ Night Out & Auction. Seemingly out of spite, Mother Nature even dumped about 20 minutes of rain on the team’s year-end awards party. But rain or shine, the team remained up-beat. Comity seemed to be the order of the day at skits and pasta parties, and sportsmanship was evidenced at every meet.

As the nights turn crisp and the days grow short, we’re seeing many Tiger Sharks at USS practices or at Chris Kuzmuk’s winter swim program. We’ve also seen Tiger Sharks donating their time & resources to Nadar Por Vida, the community program that gives new meaning to the phrase “payback time.”

The 2006 season was among the most successful years in the club’s 51 year history. There’s plenty of evidence that 2007 will bring much the same.

-Mike Moriarty & Nancy Leach, Team Reps

Dive Team News

This time of year you may not be thinking much about the pool, but just remember those warm, sunny, splashy days in the dive well. This year we were very fortunate to have head coach Hannah Mendelson returning for her third year, and veteran diver and coach Nina Avis as the assistant coach. This year we also used our experienced, older divers Jake Ward and Lydia Mendelson to act as “senior assistants.” Our coaching staff did a fabulous job including and instructing divers of all levels. They led us to some dual meet victories and success at the “Crackerjack” and Divisional Meets. As usual, improving the level of diving, sportsmanship and FUN were all high on this summer’s agenda. The team continues to compete in Division I of the NVSL and to enjoy post-meet parties and family get-togethers. Practices were much more efficient with the addition of the second 3-meter board and large coaching staff.

This is the time of year to participate in a winter dive program. If you are interested in finding out what is available, contact board member, Julie Avis. Until next spring, we wish you a great winter and hope to see many new and experienced divers on the boards next season.

Tennis

The Chesterbrook Cheetahs slashed their way through the competition and finished second in the “B” Division of the Tyson’s Cup. Tennis pro Chris Canepa led the team with the awesome assistance of Lauren Poon. We were fortunate as well to have two player coaches this season, Allie Childs and Joe Golding. It is not always easy to play tennis in the blazing heat of the summer, and we appreciate all the kids who gave it their all, participated in the practices and hopefully learned some new tennis skills!

The Adult teams have made a resurgence, thanks mainly to the leadership of Hunter Moore, Marty Huppert and Sue Jewett. At press time we have a women’s and men’s team participating in the fall Tyson’s Cup, and an active mixed group participating in weekly matches. Liz and I would like to once again thank the Men’s A, Men’s B and Women’s B captains, Roy Lavik, Hunter Moore and Julie Lansaw respectively, for coordinating the matches during the spring season. We appreciate your time spent coordinating the matches and representing our club well!

Fall is a great time for tennis. The courts are open and waiting for you! Please remember to conclude all play by 10 p.m. and to lock the gate behind you. If you are in need of a key, you may purchase one from Kelly Black for \$.5. Please give me a call, (703) 534-6545, or e-mail, kelly.d.black@att.net.

For any questions regarding clinics or private lessons, please contact our tennis pro, Chris Canepa, at home, (571) 434-1992 or e-mail, clicennispro@msn.com.

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From the President...

I am pleased to report that after only two months of construction, the new lower pool at Chesterbrook is eighty percent completed.

I would never have guessed that we would have come this far in such a short time period. The new pool shell is now completed; all that remains is the installation on the walls of a layer of white coat. Many people who have seen the construction have already expressed appreciation for the stairs that have been built at both ends of the shallow side of the pool. The new pool will be a little deeper at the shallow end (4 feet vs. 3.5 feet) and approximately seven feet wider, so members will notice when they come to the pool next summer a little less deck space, particularly at the corners around the deep end. However, the six lanes of the pool will be wider, better illuminated, and the water will be heated. Everything will look white and clean since the pool walls and the substantial decking around the pool will have been replaced. Perhaps more importantly, all of the plumbing and piping underneath and surrounding the pool as well as the filter system in the lower pump house will be new. If you haven’t done so already, I would suggest that you drop by the Club and look at the new construction. You will be impressed.

However, even without the construction of a new pool, I believe we can say that 2006 was another very successful year for Chesterbrook. Our members continue to participate in record numbers in a wide range of Club activities including the swim, dive and tennis teams. Our social events such as Casino Night and Family Night as well as the swim team pasta parties were well attended. Membership demand as well as membership retention continue to be very strong and the Club’s financial status remains solid. Our staff, led by a very capable pool manager, continues to do an excellent job.

Next year, we will have a large number of new Board members—six to be exact. All the Board’s nominees

listed below except for one have never served on the Board and therefore will need the full support of membership to face future challenges. Already, the present Board is considering a wide range of options for the next few years, including the possibility of constructing a new bathhouse and a tennis pavilion.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to serve as the Club’s president over the past two years and I would like to thank all of you for your support. Whenever, I have asked for help, I always received it and that has been very gratifying. I would particularly like to thank the present members of the Board and Mike Duffner for their help with the construction and financing of the new pool. Mike in particular has done a yeoman’s job with managing on a daily basis the new pool construction.

With the continued strong support of its members, Chesterbrook will remain the number one summer club in Northern Virginia.

Chris Cole

Notice of Annual Meeting

Monday,

December 11, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Chesterbrook Elementary

School Library

All full members are welcome.

Board of Directors

Chris Cole, President	534-2286
Candy Penn, Vice President	448-8857
Bill Huber, Treasurer	893-4699
Jim Dykstra, Secretary	893-2912
Maja Lee, Membership	241-8508
Marie Morris, Maintenance	917-0470
Mike Moriarty, Swimming	237-5604
Nancy Leach, Swimming	241-1109
Sally Evans, Diving	556-8624
Julie Avis, Diving	287-2735
Liz Creel, Tennis	534-1744
Kelly Black, Tennis	534-6545
Allison Moore, Social	532-0039
Susan Bennett-Spellman, Social	918-9318

Board Members Nominations

The proxy inside this newsletter includes an opportunity to vote for six new Board Members. Here are short biographies for each of them so you will have some idea who these individuals are. In addition, as stated in the Club by-laws, nominations for a seat on the Board may be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting as well.

Melissa Brown grew up in Vivian, Louisiana and is a graduate of LSU. She moved to Washington in 1983, met and married Garry Brown, and has two children, Wilson (18), and Martin (16). She has lived in McLean for 14 years. During that time she spent many hours at Chesterbrook Elementary, volunteering as PTA President, Fundraising Chairman, and Room Parent. She received her Masters in Education from Marymount University in 2004, and has been a 4th grade teacher at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna since last year. Her son Martin is on the Chesterbrook Dive Team. As a result, Melissa has been involved with the Dive Team for several years. Melissa has volunteered throughout this time and is a certified dive judge. She is looking forward to representing Chesterbrook's Dive Team on the Board.

Susan Cole has been a member of Chesterbrook for over 10 years and is a graduate of U.Va. She is organized, responsible, and hardworking. Susan has three children who have been active at Chesterbrook's swim, dive and tennis teams. Her sons lifeguard and have worked at the front desk. Susan has always been involved at the pool over the years -- helping with the children's tennis car pools, participating in the pasta parties, helping time at swim meets, and attending Chesterbrook parties. She has proven over the years that she is able to organize people and events. Susan teaches Kindergarten at Franklin Sherman Elementary. She has been a PTA president at Haycock Elementary, and has been a soccer

coach for her children's soccer team. Susan will bring organization skills and dedication to her work as Social Committee Co-Chair.

Paul Hedrick and his wife Janet have been members of Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club since 2000. They have four children – Nicky, Alex, Katie, and Natalie. All swim for the Tigersharks; the three oldest participate in the tennis program; and Katie is also a Diving Dolphin. With all the sports, kids camps, and social activities Chesterbrook offers, the Hedricks' summer season is wrapped around the club. On the professional side, Paul is a CPA and as Controller, leads the accounting department for the Service Employees International Union, a \$250 million non-profit organization based in Washington, DC.

Murthy Kamthampaty is an economist, happily married, and the father of two boys, Jayaprakash (6) and Adi (4). Murthy was born in an industrial and port town on the east coast of India, Visakhapatnam. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at Andhra University in his hometown before finding his way to Blacksburg, Virginia. At Virginia Tech, Murthy received Masters' degrees in Urban Affairs and in Economics; a Doctorate in economics; and also met the love of his life, Cheryl. They moved to the Washington area in 1995, and have lived in Arlington since 1997. The Kamthampatys joined Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis club in 2004 as summer members, and became full members this year. Jaya was on the developmental swim team in 2005 and transitioned to the swim team in 2006. Adi hopes to join the developmental swim team in 2007, and both Jaya and Adi are taking tennis lessons at CST. Murthy has been an avid tennis player since he was 11 years old. After a few years off, he has recently rekindled the flame, and looks forward to the opportunity to work with CST to foster our tennis community, young and old.

Mary Lou Spear has been a member of Chesterbrook since 2001. Mary Lou has a good deal of experience in the hospitality field. She has been an active member of the McLean Newcomers club, where she organized several social events. Mary Lou is also active in her neighborhood and organizes social gatherings there as well. She is married to Jon Spear, who is a member of the rock band that played at the adult party this summer. Mary Lou has a teenage son, Nick, who has been on the dive team and last year worked at the Snack Bar. Next year, he hopes to lifeguard. Mary Lou Spear will bring her enthusiasm, experience and positive attitude into her role as Social Committee Co-Chair.

Gretchen Welch and her family have been members of the Chesterbrook community ever since moving here in 1995. She has been very active in support of the swim team, and served as a board member and swim team rep from 1999 through 2001. Gretchen and her husband David are both members of the Senior Foreign Service of the Department of State. She joined the Foreign Service in 1980 after graduating from Stanford University. Gretchen has served in Pakistan, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt as well as in numerous Washington assignments. During her overseas tours, she was elected to serve on the school boards of the Riyadh and Cairo international schools that served the American communities there. Gretchen specializes in the management field and has

worked extensively in human resources. She currently serves as the Director of Policy, Planning and Resources for Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy Karen Hughes, where she handles budget and management issues. Gretchen and David have three daughters who have been Tiger Shark swimmers since 1995.

Social

We had an AWESOME summer at the pool this year with an AWE inspiring number of Chesterbrook members coming out to socialize, meet new friends and PARTY!!! We hosted over 150 adults and their children in July at the Family Party. Kids, moms and dads alike had a blast dancing the night away to the D.J.'s popular tunes. We also enjoyed delicious barbeque and yummy desserts. Many never wanted the night to end.

Our big hit of the summer without a doubt had to be Casino Night – “What Happens at Chesterbrook Stays at Chesterbrook!” New this summer was live music provided by BAD DOG, a group of eight very talented musicians (including our own Chesterbrook member Jon Spear) who played anything from Van Morrison to the Beatles. Mary Lou Spear brought the house down with her vocalizing to the band's tunes. Prizes awarded included a margarita set, a pool bag filled with items for sunning and a casino game set. Everyone had a blast eating, dancing, and socializing.

Good weather lasted through most of the season, giving us plenty of time to enjoy Friday nights at T.G.I.F. and Sunday morning brunches at the pool. We had a good turnout at our annual wine tasting event in July. We even had a few swim team parents come join us from the pasta party!

The social committee owes a big THANK YOU to Mike Duffner and his staff for all their help setting up for each of these events. All in all, we came, we partied, we had fun!

Membership News

THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DATE IS JANUARY 6TH!

Tell your family, tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell everyone – the date for applying for a new membership to Chesterbrook Pool is 12:00 noon on Saturday, January 6th.

What happens on January 6th? On January 6th at 12:00 noon, from the website www.chesterbrookclub.com, an application for new members will be activated. People who would like to become members at Chesterbrook should fill out the application and press “Submit.” The application asks for names, address, city, state, phone, zip and email. All fields (except the second adult) must be filled in. Each application receives a date and time stamp and memberships are offered in the order that they were received. We generally have between 30-50 new memberships per year. Email and phone applications are no longer accepted. Only the on-line application is accepted.

If my number starts with an “S” do I reapply on January 6th? No. You are a summer member and you will receive a bill in February for Summer 2007 dues. If you pay your bill by March 15th, 2007 your membership continues. If we do not receive your payment by March 15th, your membership is cancelled.

What if I want to sell my 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. You will receive a “sell confirmation” e-mail in reply and will also be asked to mail in your stock certificate. The stock refund amount is \$680.00.

What if I want 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.

A friend applied last year on January 15th but did not receive a membership. Do they need to reapply? Yes. They need to reapply on January 6th from the website.

When will full members receive a bill for summer 2007? You will receive a bill in February. Payments received by March 15th are considered on time. Payments after March 15th are assessed a late penalty.

If you have any questions, please contact me at membership@chesterbrookclub.com or at 703-241-8508.

Thanks – Maja Lee

Swim Team News

Tiger Sharks Close Out All Star Season

Team Aims to Carry Winning Tradition into New Pool in 2007

The 2006 season was a highly successful one for the Chesterbrook Tiger Sharks. The team recommitted itself to the “one team” concept by integrating the coaching staffs of the Developmental Program and the regular swim team, under the direction of Head Coach Jenny York.

Under Coach Jenny's leadership, the assistant coaches and the swimmers flourished: we had 763 personal bests, sent 25 swimmers to All Stars, and captured two crowns that symbolized pulling together as a team: the Division 1 Relay Carnival and the All Star Relay Carnival. (The Tiger Sharks won the latter by its second largest margin ever.)

Individual highlights also were aplenty, none more outstanding than Joey Sullivan's smashing the NVSL's 9-10 25-Meter Butterfly record in consecutive weeks, including an eye-popping 15.06 at the NVSL's All Star Meet at Wakefield Chapel. Those performances capped one of the best years any swimmer has ever had at Chesterbrook, as Joey also set new