

Splash & Smash!

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From the President . . .

Dear Members,

Winter is here and in the midst of bitter cold with snow predicted by the end of the week it seems strange to be writing about the 2002 season. Winter is a busy time for the Board and work on the new season is beginning. Your 2002 invoices are enclosed with this letter and I encourage you to renew your memberships by March 15th, 2002. All of you remember the excitement of last season. The social events were great fun. Our swim and dive teams had a banner year. The weather cooperated for most of our events and Mike Duffner once again organized a spectacular 4th of July. Next summer promises the same – so start counting the days!

A special thanks to all the Board members who are retiring after three years of hard work and dedication: Ann Ney, Francine Macdonald, Gretchen Welch, and Mark Ruge. Your new Board members look forward to meeting all of you on opening weekend: Karen Stuver, Nabeel Alsalam, Jacky Longwell, Kathi Beutler, and Jane Cronk.

Happy New Year to all our Chesterbrook families.

Jane Cronk

Who's Who On The Board Of Directors

Jane Cronk, President	893-2006
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Membership

Please note our new email address for 2002: it is now chesterbrookmemb@hotmail.com.

Please ensure that you make appropriate corrections for your membership information as printed on your invoice, and include the date of birth for **all children, and childcare providers**. Make sure that you return the bottom portion of your invoice with your payment. If you have any questions on membership eligibility, please send an email to chesterbrookmemb@hotmail.com or leave a message on the membership hotline at 703-241-8508.

Again, note that all membership dues are due TO BE RECEIVED (not postmarked) by March 15th. For full members, a penalty of 25% of dues, i.e. approximately \$100, will apply to late dues. For summer members, if dues are not received by March 15th, the membership will be sold to the next person on the waiting list. **A penalty also applies to full members who wait until after March 15th to let us know they are selling their membership.**

If you wish to sell your membership, or you know that you will not renew, please let us know as soon as possible BEFORE MARCH 15th by: sending an email to chesterbrookmemb@hotmail.com or leaving a message on the membership hotline at 703-241-8508 or sending your invoice back with a note using the pre-addressed envelope.

Please do not leave your membership dues to the last minute - there are many families patiently waiting for membership at Chesterbrook, and the sooner we can let them know, the happier everyone will be.

This year's waiting list filled up very quickly. By the time you get this newsletter, the waiting list will be closed, and we plan on reopening the list next year on January 15th 2003.

Kathi Beutler

Back-to-Pool Night
Thursday May 9th 7:00-8:30 pm
Chesterbrook Elementary School
Swim, Dive and Tennis Sign-ups

Tennis

I hope everyone took advantage of our beautiful fall weather on the tennis courts! The adults who played on the Fall League surely did. Our spring season will begin early this year with clinics starting Spring Break (March 25-29). If you or your children are interested in tennis that week, look for our tennis portion of the Splash & Smash that will be mailed separately and earlier (first week of March). If you're not on our tennis mailing list, but interested in the clinics or teams, call Christian Canepa, our tennis pro, at 571-434-1992 and he will sign you up. Adult teams will start early also - April 1st.

If you need a key to the tennis courts, call our new tennis rep - Nabeel Alsalam at 703-356-6032.

Swim Team

After winning the Northern Virginia Swim League's "triple crown" -- the Division 1 team title and the Division 1 relays and All-Star relay titles -- last summer, the Chesterbrook Tiger Sharks are looking forward to another great summer in 2002. Interested swimmers and families should mark their calendars with the important dates below (including a few new wrinkles), especially the **March 3 outing to Fuddruckers!**

Over the winter, there have been some significant developments in our coaching staff. After two decades with Chesterbrook, first as a swimmer and then as a coach, Rob McNeil has decided that he will "go out on top" and retire as head coach. Rob was instrumental in building the program throughout the 1990s and, as the head coach this past summer, was the driving force behind Chesterbrook's first Division 1 championship in over ten years. We know it's not the last we will see of Rob, but it's been a great run for all of us, and we wish him the best and hope he finds as much fun and success in his next endeavor.

Fortunately, one of Chesterbrook's strengths is that it has a deep bench of potential head coaches. So we didn't have to look far for our "new" head coach: Jen Sympton York. Jenny, as most of you remember, served as Chesterbrook's head coach until "retiring" at the end of the 2000 swim season to get married and start a career. Happily, Jenny has begun a career as a teacher, which means that for the foreseeable future she can pursue her first love of coaching the Tiger Sharks in the summer. Jen will be joined this summer by assistant coach Chris Kuzmuk, developmental coach Teri Harper, and the rest of our talented coaching staff.

Important dates:

March 3: Tiger Shark outing to Tysons' Fuddruckers on Spring Hill Rd. Time: 5 pm.
May 9: Back-To-Pool Night registration at Chesterbrook Elementary School. Time: 7:30 p.m. As in past years, representatives from Sport Fair will be available to sell team suits. Practices begin shortly thereafter at the usual times.
June 15: Time trials for all regular team swimmers. Warmups begin: 8 a.m.
June 17: First Monday night "B" meet.
Other "B" meets: 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, and 7/22.
June 22: First Saturday morning meet.
Other Saturday meets: 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20.
July 10: Divisional Relays.
July 17: All-Star Relays.
July 27: Individual Divisionals.
August 3: Individual All-Stars (for qualified swimmers).

Look for more detailed information and sign-up sheets in the Spring issue of the Splash & Smash, or contact team reps Karen Stuver (703-821-8982) or Craig Kramer (703-536-8129).

Dive Team

We have some bits and pieces of news for all of you wintering divers. First, at the Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club Annual Meeting, an amendment to the bylaws was approved; the amendment increased the size of the board by one member, giving the dive team another representative. The team has grown to seventy members and we need more help. A thank you goes to all of you who voted in favor, and to Jacky Longwell who has agreed to step forward and become a Board member. She will begin her three year tenure in January.

After attending the NVSL team rep meeting, we learned that there have been some changes in Division One. We are one of six teams that include North Springfield, Orange Hunt, Parliament, Truro and Tuckahoe. Our first Division One meet will be June 25. The Spring issue of the Smash and Splash will have lots of dates and times relating to the dive team schedule. For those of you who are interested in becoming an official, please note these dates: judges clinics, June 9, 18 and 26, referees clinic, June 11 and 19. More details to follow.

We will need lots of help from you parents. Planting an early seed of need, we could use someone to develop our website on the NVSL dive page (this could be a qualified diver) and we need a parent to coordinate social activities. Please email or call Jacky Longwell or Kim Ward if you could help.

Finally, the most exciting news: the dynamic coaching duo of Dede Kane and Chris Gates will be returning for their third year of coaching together!! We are happy and amazed that they have signed on again, especially after getting to know us so well.