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2007 Spring Ledger

Hooray, spring is almost here and that means that summer isn't far behind. It is that time again to turn our attention to getting the pool ready for a summer of hot days and warm nights. Opening day is Saturday, May 26th 12:00 PM

It has been a year since the last copy of the ledger and a lot is happening at the pool. This edition will bring you up to date and fill you in on the pertinent news of the club.

Management

Last September we said goodbye to a few board members and welcomed their replacements. Joe Bennett, Mike Bright and Wayne Little were on the board for many years and served the pool in many roles. Mike also served as the president for 3 years. I would like to thank them for their hard work and devotion to the pool.

I would like to welcome our newest board members Dee Bennett, Jen Bowker, and Mike Quinn. Thank you to the new board members and the to the current board members for volunteering your time to help manage the swim club.

Kirsten and her staff had another great and safe year watching over the pool on a daily basis. Kirsten has decided to take a step back from managing after 4 years, so I would like to welcome Nicky Whitlock as our new pool manager. Many of you might know Nicky from coaching the swim team this past year.

Kirsten has agreed to work with Nicky to bring her up to speed on managing the pool and will be helping her out from time to time. Please welcome Nicky when you see her at the pool.

We have received a number of applications for lifeguard positions this year. If you are interested in life guarding, please contact the manager via the website link. Nicky and Kirsten will be getting in contact with all guards in April.

Membership

The club membership continues to rebound after the past two years of turnover. The membership is currently at 178 bonded members with new members joining all the time. Please welcome the new members and get reacquainted with your old friends this summer. Enclosed with this ledger is the membership packet for 2007. The board decided not raise dues for the 4th year in a row. Each family must return the membership form along with your yearly dues payment by **April 26, 2007 to avoid paying a 25.00 late fee. All notifications for membership termination were due by March 15th, 2007 as per the bylaws under article III section 12.**



With email being used more and more for communications, it is very important for each family to provide us with your current email address. Last year we sent out numerous announcements regarding pool activities and general information. Unfortunately we still don't have everyone on the list. **Please fill in your email address on the membership form even if you are currently on the list. Don't miss out on announcements throughout the year.**

We will not be using membership cards this year. We will continue to monitor pool entry at the gate via the sign in book. Please be patient if the staff asks you for your id if they don't know you.

The board started a new member referral program last year which was received with great success. Those families that referred a new member received \$25.00 for each new member referred. We will be using the same program again this year. Referral forms are included in the membership packet and available on the web. This is great way to cut your membership costs and to help grow the pool family.

Maintenance

It was a good year for maintenance as we didn't run into any serious problems. The snack was completely renovated and enlarged last year to accommodate the new office at the pool entrance and more space for the snack bar. The board is working on getting bids to re-roof and side the main bath house for this season. With this completion, the buildings will all be maintenance free and be in good shape for many years to come.

The planning committee is working on getting bids and ideas for upgrading the main pool gutter and piping system. This is a major concern since the pool is over 45 years old and is starting to really show some wear.

A big part of our opening cycle is our work weekends. **Work Weekends will be held April 28th & 29th, May 5th & 6th and May 12th. We will start around 9 am and finish around 5 PM.** We encourage any member to volunteer their time and talent. Any member that volunteers at least 2 hours will receive a \$ 25.00 credit towards their dues. By having pool members volunteer their time it helps keep costs down by eliminating the need for outside contractors to do the work. The main objective this year is to repaint the entire pool. We will also be doing general clean up, ground work, mulching, and general maintenance items. We will be removing the cover from the pool on **Saturday, April 28th**, so the more people we can have that morning the better. As a courtesy to those volunteers, lunch will be provided by the pool. Hope to see you at one of the work weekends.

Snack Bar

I am happy to announce that Joanne Murphy and her family will be running the snack bar again this year. Joanne did a fantastic job last year despite working around some construction issues at the beginning of the summer. We heard many great comments regarding the food and service that was provided I want to thank the members for their continued support of the snack bar.

Social Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!!

The social committee is excited about the events we will be having for the families and adults this summer. If you have never attended one of the events at Laurelwood, you are really missing something. Besides having good food and fun, it is a great way to meet new people and make new friendships. We will be posting information about each event on the web site and at the pool throughout the summer. When you are at the pool, please stop by the bulletin board for more information and the reservation book. This information is also on the web site.

Golf Tournament

The 9th annual Laurelwood Golf tournament will be held Sunday, July 8th at Twin Ponds Golf course. Last years tournament ended in spectacular fashion with 2 teams needing miracle putts on the last hole to force a 3 team playoff. After a 3 hole playoff the team of Volpe, Constance, Deloplaine and Deloplaine were declared champions.

The cost for the event will be \$65.00 per person which includes, greens fees, cart and steak dinner at the pool. This event is open to all members and guests. All guests that golf

and their families may enjoy using the pool after the tournament. We are looking for a good turn out this year, so get your foursomes together and sign up at the pool. One sign up sheet can be used per team. Money must be submitted with the registration. Registrations sheets will be available at the pool and on the [website](#).

Swim Team

The Laurelwood Dolphins are looking forward to another rewarding season behind coach Terry Wade and his staff. This season the swim team will be holding evening practices on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-7 PM along with their morning practices. The swim team has included a registration form with this mailing. Please fill out the registration form and get it back to the swim team committee promptly.

Website

I would like to remind everyone that our website is up and running and has been updated with a lot of good information. The board is committed to using this medium for much of our pool communications. We will be adding forms in PDF format for you to download and print. If you have any suggestions for additions to website, please contact me via the management link.

Presidents Corner

The summer will be here before we know it bringing with it many great days and nights at Laurelwood. The board of directors and I are excited about the upcoming season filled with special family and adult events. The pool grounds will be again in tip top shape with every effort

made to make your summer an enjoyable and safe experience. I encourage all members to come to the pool as often as possible and take full advantage of this great club. If you have any comments, suggestions or friendly advice, you can email me or contact me at 610-970-0662. See you all this summer. Thank You.

Len Gieseler
President

Special Dates

- All American Family Night - June 30
- Laurelwood Golf outing July 8
- Teen Night - July 20
- Greek Night - July 21*
- Chesapeake Night August 18*
- Family Pig Roast & General membership meeting September 8
- Closing Day - September 9

(* Adults Only)

