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2008 Spring Ledger

Summer is just around the corner with those hot days and warm nights. What better way to beat the heat then spending time with your family and friends at the pool. Opening day is Saturday May 24th at 12:00 Noon.

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 and thank you to Mark Newtown for his years of service and dedication to the pool. Mark served on a number of committees and was always a big part of our work weekends. Thank you Mark.

I would like to welcome our newest board member Steve Gerhart. Steve is taking over as the club membership chair for Curt Melville who has done a fantastic job over the years. Thank you to Steve and the current board members for volunteering your time to help manage the swim club.

Nikki Whitlock and Kirsten Gieseler teamed up to form a great management team this past year. Their job was made easier by the wonderful guard staff we had. They did a great job in keeping the pool and grounds safe. We are pleased to announce that Nikki and Kirsten will again be returning as manager and Asst. Manager.

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 experienced some nice growth this past year bringing our membership to 195 families. It is nice to see many new younger families joining the club as well. Please welcome the new members and get reacquainted with your old friends this summer.

Enclosed with this ledger is the membership packet for 2008. After holding off dues increases for the past 4 years, it was necessary to increase dues this year due to rising operating expenses. Dues were raised by 25.00 bringing the family membership to \$ 400.00. The board will continue to work hard to keep the dues as affordable as possible.

Each family must return the membership form along with your yearly dues payment by April 26, 2008 to avoid paying a 25.00 late fee. All notifications for membership termination were due by March 15th, 2008 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.**

The new member referral program will be in effect again this year. We will pay 25.00 for each referral that joins the pool and pays in full up to a maximum of 400.00. Please use the referral form that came with your packet.

Maintenance

We had another good maintenance year without any major problems. The upgrades to the buildings were completed last year giving us virtually maintenance free exteriors. The old steel flag pole was replaced with a new safer fiberglass pole. The new anti-skid matting was a big

hit with the kids and parents around the baby pool. Some items that we will be addressing this year, is a new pump for the baby pool, new toilets in the bathrooms and some new umbrellas. The planning committee is working on getting bids and proposal for major renovations to the main swimming pool in the fall. When the plans have been reviewed by the board a special meeting will be called to discuss the options, costs and scope of work with the membership. We have been planning for this for the past couple of years and we are at that point to look to begin the work. Please look for more announcements as the summer progresses.

A big part of our opening cycle it our work weekends. **Work Weekends will be held April 26th & 27th, May 3rd & 4th and May 10th. 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. We will be doing general clean up, ground work, mulching, and general maintenance items. We will be removing the cover from the pool on **Saturday, April 26th**, 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 would like to thank Joanne Murphy for running the snack bar for the last 2 years. Joanne has decided to take a break and not run it this season. The board discussed different

options and developed a plan where the pool will be running the snack bar with Kirsten Gieseler as the supervisor. She will have a small staff to run the snack bar with additional coverage by the guards. With this change, it will allow the snack bar to have expanded hours and be open later. The snack bar is there for the convenience of our members, please try to use it when ever possible.

Social Events

The committee is working hard on planning the social events for this season. They are excited about a few new events especially the family movie night at the pool. More information will be posted at the pool and web site. These events are a great way to have some fun with your family and meet some new friends. Please support the social committee and the pool by signing up in advance. Your support is what makes these events a success.

We tried our hand at a beef and beer fund raiser earlier this month at the Elks club. Despite some bad weather and a questionable DJ, we had about 80 people attend and through their generosity the pool made roughly \$ 400.00. Thanks to all the members and guests that supported this event.

Golf Tournament

It is hard to believe, but we will be holding our 10th annual golf tournament on Sunday July 13th. Cost of the tournament includes, golf, cart, dinner and prizes. The families of non members that play in the tournament may use the pool during the day without guests fees as well. We are looking for our best turn out yet, so get your group together and sign up. More information and registration sheets will be at the pool and on the web site.

Swim Team

The Laurelwood Dolphins are looking forward to another rewarding season behind coaches Terry Wade, Nikki Whitlock and their 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

We have been having problems with the website provider and domain name issues so the web site has been down for the past few months. We are hoping to get this rectified as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will be using email as much as possible. If you need to get in touch with anyone regarding the pool or have someone that wants information, please give them my email and I will see that they are put in touch with the right person. **My email is Lengieseler@pottstown Insurance. COM**

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 28
- Laurelwood Golf outing July 13
- Teen Night - July 18
- Family Night - July 19
- Chesapeake Night August 16*
- Family Pig Roast & General membership meeting September 6
- Closing Day - September 7

(* Adults Only)

