



Spring 2009 Newsletter

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President's Message

By Jeff Kuessner, President

Happy spring to all of the Rock Spring members!!

We (the Board of Directors, management and staff) would like to welcome all members, new and old, to another wonderful season of fun at the pool!

As spring approaches, our management and staff will be very busy preparing the pool and making the grounds as beautiful as possible for the upcoming season. As you enter the pool this season you will notice a few upgrades, such as the new umbrellas and stands, a new aluminum diving board and the new large canopies. We are also currently receiving quotes for the walkway to the pavilion to be re-paved and for the lower tennis court to be renovated and converted into a more useable space (such as additional parking). We are hoping to have both projects completed before opening day.

We look forward to seeing you all this coming spring/summer season and hope for another fun filled, sunny and safe pool season at Rock Spring Swim Club.

Communications Committee

By Gerri Mitchell

Hello, everyone! This pool season we have developed a new way to communicate with the members of RSSC. Along with the website (www.rssc.info), we will be communicating through email. Reminders about upcoming events, calendar changes, pool closings, as well as notifications of important meetings will be sent to each member. Be sure that your current email address is on file by contacting Gerri Mitchell at communications@rssc.info. Also, if your email address changes throughout the year, be sure to let us know, so that you are in the loop of all the exciting events that will be happening this year at the club. We look forward to keeping you in Constant Contact this season!!

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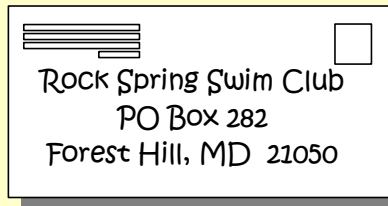
Membership Committee

By Linda Walker

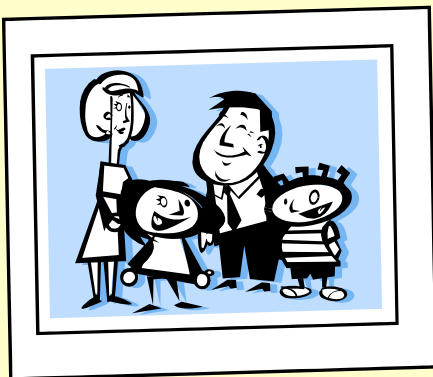
Back on February 2, the groundhog predicted there'd be six more weeks of winter, and the unusual March snowstorm we experienced certainly supported his claim! But, there is light at the end of the tunnel and I, along with everyone else, am yearning for Opening Day!



I'm currently in the process of transferring memberships from those who are leaving us – whether due to moving, or simply outgrowing their need for the club – to those anxiously awaiting entry. As of March 10, we welcomed 26 new members and had a waiting list of 25. With spring just around the corner, this number is changing daily. On that note, if you have friends and/or family members who are interested in joining for the 2009 season, NOW is the time to direct them to our website (www.rssc.info) where they can click on “**DOWNLOAD A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**”. The application can be completed online and printed. The fee to apply is just \$35 (check should be made payable to Rock Spring Swim Club) and can be sent with the application to:



AS FOR OUR RETURNING MEMBERS, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR FAMILY FOR THE MEMBER BINDER KEPT AT THE FRONT DESK, WHICH OUR STAFF USES TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY. THIS CAN BE A 4X6 GROUP SHOT OR A COMBINATION OF INDIVIDUALS THAT TAKE UP THE SAME AMOUNT OF SPACE.



I am counting the days till I can see you all again. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the pool and welcoming new members. If you have any questions or concerns about membership, please contact me at lwalker@rssc.org or call me at 410-326-1000.

See you at the pool!

Manager's Corner

By Dana Novotny

Opening Day

I know that everyone out there is ready for summer, especially for RSSC's opening day, Saturday, May 23rd (Memorial Day weekend). The staff and I are extremely excited about the long summer of 2009! The way the calendar falls this year, we will be open 7 days more than 2008!

As in the past, we will operate on a part-time basis until Harford County Public Schools close for the summer break. As always, we look forward to a safe, fun and enjoyable season.

Part-time Hours

Monday-Thursday	1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12 p.m. - 9p.m.

Full-time Hours

Monday-Friday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

*Please watch the calendar in the hallway for **special pool hours**. The calendar is updated daily. If you are unsure of pool hours, please call 410-838-8168 for confirmation **prior** to your pool visit.

Summer Employment

Any young adult considering summer employment at the club is encouraged to download an employment application from our website www.rssc.info. Directions stating where to send the application can be found on the downloaded form. Please note that candidates that are qualified for positions at RSSC will have Lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid certificates that are valid the entire season. To be considered for an interview, applications should be received no later than April 4, 2009.

Swim and Tennis Lessons

Rock Spring Swim Club is pleased to have once again been authorized by the **American Red Cross** to offer its **Learn to Swim Program**. Our classes will meet for two weeks, Monday through Friday, with enrollment limited to ten children per class. **All** of our instructors are fully certified by the Red Cross (CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding, and Water Safety Instructor) and utilize all current Red Cross standards, procedures and assessments. Our classes are designed to meet the swim needs of all children from 2 years – 15 years of age. Due to member requests we will continue to offer Bubblers classes and stroke clinics to this year.



**Pool Opens Saturday,
May 23rd**

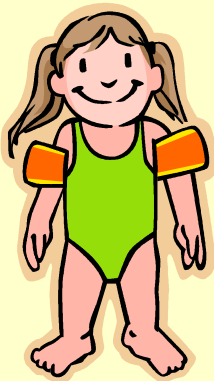
Please refer to the enclosed materials that include information relating to mail-in registration, fees, schedule of classes and exit skills information or access the information on the lessons page of our website. **Take advantage of the \$15.00 discount by paying the early fee and registering by mail before May 16, 2009.**

Tennis Lessons will continue to be offered at our club by our own club. We are currently looking for a qualified tennis instructor. Any person interested in applying for this position should access the website for an application.



Safety Concerns

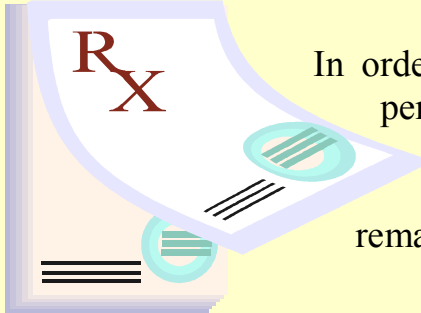
In the interest of safety and courtesy, glass, skateboards, and water guns will not be allowed at the club. This is a reminder that no glass of any kind is allowed inside the fenced in area of the Club. Glass items include beverage bottles, baby food jars, condiment jars, salsa jars, and serving trays. Crockery and Pyrex are prohibited as well. In the event that broken glass gets in the pool, the pool would have to be drained, cleaned, re-filled, and balanced. This process could take up to ten days. Our staff reserves the right to check for glass in any coolers and bags within the fenced in area of our club. Please be respectful to other members and staff by refraining from bringing any sort of glass into the Club. All children 12 and under, who wish to use the diving well must pass the pool test every year. Any child who has passed the pool test during the current season must display our wrist band when in the diving well. Pool tests will be given daily throughout the pool season for members and guests alike.



Furthermore, to ensure your child's safety, the only flotation devices permitted in the **main pool** are water wings and **U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD's**. Other flotation devices including bathing suits with built in floats are not permitted in the main pool. **Any child wearing a PFD or water wings must have an adult within an arm's reach of them. For the safety of our children, this policy will be strictly**

enforced. We will continue to follow the Department of Health policy and require all children under four to **wear** disposable swim diapers while in the pool and use the changing table located in both restrooms. **We are required to disinfect the pool for a minimum of two hours, or a maximum of eight hours, should there be a loose fecal contamination incident.** A complete set of rules are available at the pool office. As with all safety related requests, the staff appreciates your cooperation in helping us provide the safest and cleanest pool possible.

Health Records



In order to update our health records, please list any pertinent medical concerns of family members our staff should be aware of (i.e. heart conditions, diabetes, allergies, etc.) All information will remain confidential:

Name _____

Emergency Phone # _____

Medical Concern _____

Doctor's Name/Phone _____

Please mail to: Rock Spring Swim Club, P.O. Box 282, Forest Hill, MD
21050. Attention: Management

Social Committee

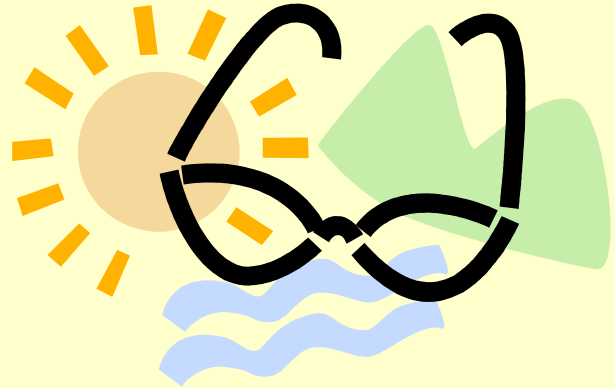
By Dan Mumm and Doug Keithley

Yes! Another season is about to begin at Rock Spring Swim Club. The Social Committee would like to welcome all the new members who have joined this year, and welcome back existing members! We are looking forward to a summer filled with fun activities for the entire family.

Many of us will be happy to see the return of Dollar, Bingo and Raft Nights, Teen Socials, Family Night, and the ever-popular Family Day. The Picnic by the Pool and Super Sunday events (both of which were new last season) will also return, by popular demand.

We also have a change that we're excited about. Family activities have been especially well received in recent seasons – whereas, the Adult Socials...not so much.

**Be sure to check the website for
the Social Calendar & Events
www.rssc.info**



In response, we've decided to provide a second Family Night for the Membership! Expect something fun, like a DJ or a magician!

We're really looking forward to the new Communications chairperson as a great opportunity for us to make more active use of the RSSC website for all our social events. So be sure to check www.rssc.info for full event information and volunteer requests.

Finally, volunteers are a big part of making some of our best events a success each summer. Of special note, the first Teen Social will be **Friday, May 29th**. Put it on your kids' calendars; even encourage them to invite their friends! But 4 to 5 parent volunteers are required to make this a fun and safe evening for everyone. We wouldn't want to put the event at risk, without membership support. Look to the RSSC website for instructions on how to volunteer for this and other social events.

From our families to yours, we wish you a great summer at RSSC in 2009!

Swim Team- Rock Spring Racers

By Nancy Mahoney and Rick Swartz

Rock Spring Racers Wanted:

Ages 6 & Under to 15-18

Qualifications:

Enthusiasm for the sport of swimming, and a willingness to learn.

Benefits:

Participating on a sports team that keeps you fit, teaches commitment, emphasizes improvement and goal setting. Most importantly, you will be a member of the most spirited and determined team in Harford County.

Season:

Practice begins May 26th. We will face the Joppatowne Tiger Sharks in our first meet on June 13th. Season ends on July 19th with a splash!

Experienced Coaching Staff:

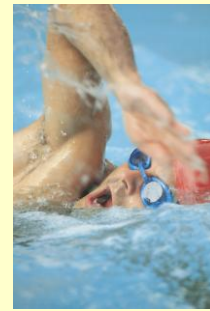
Coach Kendall Warren is returning to once again lead the Roaring Racers. She will be assisted by Stephanie Baxter and Nick Baxter.

Questions:

Please contact Nancy Mahoney at nancinba@comcast.net or Rick Swartz at swartzcatering@verizon.net

Sign up, Learn More:

Drop in Sunday, April 19th 6:30- 8:30 p.m., St. Margaret's Gym on Hickory Avenue



Sign Up

Sunday April 19th

6:30 - 8:30 pm

St Margaret's Gym

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