

Severn River Swim Club

Severn River Swim Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 271
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Dear SRSC Members:

This winter has definitely been one for the record books. Close to 80 inches of snow for the season, almost 50 of those inches falling in the month of February. I believe that most of the snow on the pool grounds has melted. Hopefully, all of this means that we will have a LOT of sunny, clear days during the summer pool season.

Inside this newsletter is everything you'll need to get ready for the 2010 season: membership forms, marina information, updates from the swim & dive teams, and key dates to put on your calendar. As always, this information is also available on the website.

Your board has been carefully monitoring our financial condition and has deemed it not necessary to increase dues for the 2010 season. The minimum wage increased to \$7.25/hour last summer and the Maryland Unemployment tax rate is expected to increase their rate by 150 – 300% of our current rate. The single largest expense item for the pool is salaries for the staff, and given these increases we are likely going to have to make an adjustment in the future. We'll be sure and communicate more on that later.

As usual, your dues payment needs to be post-marked or received by April 1st in order to take advantage of the discounted dues rate for early payment. Please take this opportunity to pay any outstanding guest fees from the 2009 season as well. If the annual dues have not been received by May 1st, *"the bondholder shall cease to be a member of the Club..."*, in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Sections 4 and 5 of the SRSC By-Laws. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in getting dues submitted in a timely fashion. Please, let's try and keep this simple!

All members are asked to submit updated family information so that we can put together accurate membership cards for every family. We need to do this every year, and that form is contained in this newsletter for you to complete & submit. Each membership card, to be held at the front gate of the pool, will contain the name and picture of everyone who is included under that membership. For those members with children, we ask that you provide the year of birth for each child. We need this information as the pool rules require that any child under the age of ten (10) be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you haven't done so already, or the picture of your teen age child shows him or her enjoying their 5th birthday, getting new or updated pictures to us can be accomplished in several ways. First, if you go to the SRSC website at www.severniverswimclub.com, there is a "contact us" section where you can click, attach photos, and send. Secondly, you can e-mail your photos directly to our Membership Chairman at membership@severniverswimclub.com. If neither of these options works for you, you can mail a hard copy photo to SRSC – Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 271, Severna

Park, MD 21146 (photo will be returned after it is scanned, if requested). **Please note that a family photo is fine for our purposes** – feel free to send that Holiday picture that you sent to all of your family and friends, but please provide some way for us to discern who is who in the picture. These family membership cards are extremely important in that they provide really the only mechanism we have to make sure that only members and their invited guests are on pool grounds – something that benefits all of us. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. We have made great strides the last couple of years updating our records, and we are shooting for 100% compliance this year.

DRD Pools will be returning as our pool management company. We continue to try and tweak the way we operate with them to ensure we get the service we are striving for. If you have any feedback or ideas in terms of DRD, please feel free to contact the Board.

Marina – Richard Snader

Marina users please take time to read the Marina Rules and Regulations posted on the website. Of particular note is the deadline for marina fees of **May 1, 2010**. We have a significant waiting list for slips with all on the list anxious to have the opportunity to have a slip. If you have a slip and we do not receive payment by **May 1, 2010**, we will assume you don't want it anymore, and it will be offered up to the person next on the waiting list! 2010 trailer stickers and keys will be distributed at the pool on Work Weekend scheduled for **May 1, 2010**, between 9:00 a.m.- 12 p.m. All remaining keys and stickers will be mailed. Remember that the lock to the front gate and ramp chain will be re-keyed just prior to the work weekend. Please also keep in mind these important dates:

- **April 25, 2010** – All boats/trailers must be removed from paved parking lot.
- **June 1, 2010**– All boats/trailer must be moved from the grassy parking area and should be tucked close to the woods. **Any boats and/or trailers not displaying a 2010 sticker by this date will be towed/removed off of the property and impounded at owner's expense.**

Please don't hesitate to contact me through our website: www.severniverswimclub.com should you have questions or concerns; I am looking forward to a great 2010 season at the Severn River Swim Club. Richard Snader

Swim & Dive Team

Award winning coaches Kelly Murray and Mike McTammany will be back as head coaches for the mighty Sharks Dive & Swim Teams. Registration information for both teams is contained in this packet. Both mail-in and in-person options are available.

Volunteers are the backbone of these teams, and ensure that these meets run efficiently. Please help support the Mighty Sharks - chip-in and do your share! Time keepers, card runners, ribbon writers – all are needed!

New this year for prospective dive team members: We will be having free dive clinics the first three Fridays evenings in June. Please see the flyer in this packet!

Once again this year, a creative & energetic group of volunteers are planning some fun events around the meets and practices – pancake & bagel breakfasts, the popular Big Shark-Little Shark program, and more. If you have any ideas, or more importantly, can help with these activities, please contact Nancy Jackson via e-mail at:

n1jackson@verizon.net. The kids really appreciated these efforts last year, so please pitch in where you can. Thanks!

Other Stuff at SRSC

There are a couple of other things to mention as we get ready for the season:

- The WiFi is up and running at the pool. Feel free to bring your laptop and soak up the sun while you work. If you have trouble connecting, please ask one of the staff members to get the access code for you.
- Please refer to the website for the pool calendar to keep apprised on all that is happening at the pool, including the operating hours. Opening day is May 28, 2010!!!

Here's a summary of some of those key dates that are upcoming. Mark your calendars for the following:

Date	Event
April 1	Dues must either be received or post-marked to pay the discounted rate for Club membership. Please pay your marina fees at the same time, and any 2009 guest fees that are still outstanding.
May 1	Dues (regular amount) and outstanding guest fees must be received or postmarked in order to remain in good standing with the Club. Please also submit any/all outstanding marina fees as well.
May 1, May 15	Work days at the Pool 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to help get the pool ready for the upcoming season!! Marina members can also pick up new keys on May 1(only) for the gate & boat ramp from 9:00-12:00. Remember that Boats must be removed from the paved parking areas by April 25 In-person registration for both the swim & dive teams is also scheduled for Saturday, May 15 (only) from 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
May 28	Opening Day for the Club

Remember, all this info will be available on the SRSC website @ www.severniverswimclub.com. Please continue to check back for future news and updates.

See you at the pool! Thanks.

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