

Severn River Swim Club

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Dear SRSC Members:

I don't know about you, but springtime can't get here quickly enough for me. Hopefully just the thought of the pool will help us all deal with the remaining weeks of the cold wintry weather.

Inside this newsletter is everything you'll need to get ready for the 2009 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.

There are several key items that we want to bring to your attention. First, dues remain unchanged for the 2009 season. We have been carefully watching our financial situation and have been able to avoid increases over the last few years, even while undertaking some relatively substantial infrastructure improvement projects. However, we are likely going to have to adjust dues upward next season or the year after in the face of increased costs. The minimum wage increased to \$6.55/hour last year, and is slated to increase to \$7.25/hour this summer. 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 to dues in response. 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 2008 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.severnriverclub.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

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membership@severnswimclub.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

Hello – We are looking for another enjoyable & productive year down at the marina. As a reminder, all trailers and/or boats on trailers not displaying a current 2008 sticker will be towed off the premises. This effort will be commencing shortly. Landscaping work that we started in the Fall is proceeding along the swim club property line to better manage the boat trailers. Beginning this year, space assignments will be made for trailers upon completion of that work. Please keep trailers/boats on trailers away from the property edge until given a designated space for trailer parking. if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact marina chairman, Richard Snader, at 410-446-5262.

2009 stickers and keys will be distributed at the pool on Work Weekend scheduled for **May 2-3, 2009**, between 9:00 a.m.- 12 p.m. 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 26, 2009** – All boats/trailers must be removed from paved parking lot.
- **June 1, 2009** – All boats/trailer must be moved from the grassy parking area and should be tucked close to the woods in your assigned trailer space. **Any boats and/or trailers not displaying a 2009 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.severnswimclub.com should you have questions or concerns; I am looking forward to a great 2009 season at the Severn River Swim Club.

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!

Once again this year, a creative & energetic group of volunteers are planning some fun events around the meets and practices – ice cream socials, 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:

- At the request of a few members, we are investigating the installation of wireless internet access down at the club. OK, we said that last year, too, but this year, we really mean it! Keep on the lookout for more details as we venture into the 21st century.
- A “draft” operating calendar for May & June is attached at the back – please don’t plan too much around this calendar for now as many dates (like last day of school, swim & dive team events, etc.) are still tbd – but it will give you an initial overview of key dates & times as we know them today.

Here’s a summary of some of those key dates that are upcoming. Mark you 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 2008 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 2-3	Work weekend 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 for the gate & boat ramp from 9:00-12:00. Remember that Boats must be removed from the paved parking areas by April 26. In-person registration for both the swim & dive teams is also scheduled for Saturday, May 2 (only) from 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
May 23	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.