



# Calverton Swim Club Newsletter

## SUMMER LETTER 2009

### Message from the President—Nikki Munro

Thank You!

Dear Members,

Happy Summer! We have had a wonderful summer so far. Swim team and dive team had fantastic seasons, capped off with a tremendous effort by the teams, coaches, and parents as they hosted a "Where the Wild Things Are" themed divisionals. I recalled my days on the swim team as a child, and had to smile as I took pictures of the little ones in front of monsters hanging from trees and the fence, and walked through the office decorated with bamboo. It was truly a sight.

The pool has been kept clean and safe by our great staff of lifeguards and manager Dan Feher. Its not easy to maintain a 600 family facility with an 875,000 gallon 50 meter swimming pool, but they do it and do it well. Our water is the cleanest and clearest around. As safety is our greatest concern, we couldn't be happier to have such a well trained and committed home grown staff.

I'd also like to give a great big thank you to my fellow members of the Board of Directors. Each has given a great deal of time,

sweat and energy to make the pool a better place.

And, finally, thank you to each of the members and your families. Individually, you bring character and fun to the pool. As a collective whole, you make Calverton the best community pool in the area.

As we wind down the season, many of us are clinging to the last days of summer. I find myself staying at the pool a bit later in the evenings, coming to the pool more frequently during the week, and no matter how cranky my kids get, making Saturday and Sunday all day pool days, instead of leaving for toddler nap time and dinner at home.

I thank you all for the joy you bring to the pool and wish you sunny days for the remainder of the summer. If you're looking for me, I'll be the one outside the office at 9:00 on Labor Day saying goodbye to one more awesome summer at Calverton Pool.

Best wishes for a great off-season,  
Nikki Munro, President, CSC Board

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### Social Events for August/September

Crab Feast - This year's Crab and Shrimp Feast is sold out! We will have all you can eat crabs, shrimp and corn on the cob. For those that don't eat crabs and shrimp, we have an alternative menu provided by TJ's of Calverton. Live music will be provided by CPR. Please bring your crab mallets, newspapers, appetizers for your group if wanted and beverages of your choice. Don't forget your dessert for the dessert contest.

Family Movie Night - Family movie night has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 6th. The Movie will be Race to Witch Mountain, and will begin at Sundown. We will have free popcorn and snow cones.

### Additional Labor Day Weekend Festivities

- Saturday September 5 - Doubles Volleyball Tournament
- Sunday September 6 - Horseshoe Tournament
- Monday September 7 - Family Fun Day
  - 12:30pm - 5pm
  - DJ, Moonbounce, Obstacle Course, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, and Charity Volleyball Tournament

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[www.calvertonswimclub.com](http://www.calvertonswimclub.com)

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### Building Bocce Ball

In honor and memory of their parents and grandparents, the family of Don and Marilyn Praisner have donated a Bocce Ball Court to the Calverton Swim Club. The Bocce Ball Court is located next to the picnic area and upper playground. Bocce balls may be obtained in the office by anyone with a driver's license. The license will be kept at the office until the balls are returned.

We hope to add lights next year to ensure all day play throughout the summer.

### Congratulations

The Board of Directors and Staff congratulate the Swim Team and Dive Team for the very well run Divisional Meets on July 22, 25, and 26. The Club received many compliments on the facility and the quality of the events from our visitors. Our swim and dive teams did well, and the pool looked great. Thanks to all the parent volunteers and coaches, too. We appreciate your efforts.

Please see the election ballot enclosed with the letter. Biographies are available for all nominees. Please vote hand deliver the ballot to the pool by September 6th. Mailed ballots must be received by September 5, 2009 to be counted.

A Parent's Memories  
By Lisa Rager

A few weeks ago, my daughter Sara and I were driving to the pool. I turned to her and asked, "What would we do without the pool?" She paused for several seconds and replied, "I don't know?" You see...my 3 kids have never known a life without Calverton pool! As members, we begin in the baby pool. I would (most days) be at the gate waiting for the pool to open at 11:00 a.m. We would "camp out" at one of the round tables in the baby pool, eat lunch, play and then leave at 3:00 p.m. to go home for LONG naps. As the years passed, we graduated from the baby pool to the 2 feet (what a glorious day)!! From there, it was the "big" pool with its 5 feet and diving well. Passing the swim test was a momentous event...one to be celebrated with a treat from the snack bar!! In over 20 years as members, I have seen people come and go, but there are us "old timers" who keep coming back. Chris and I have raised our kids at Calverton pool. We have watched other members grow up – where they once babysat our kids...my kids now babysit their kids.

The pool is like a drug ...I can never get enough. All year, my family passes the pool on the way up and down Galway Drive. We watch it transform through the seasons and we count the months to opening day. In March, I begin watching the mailbox... knowing my pool dues notice will arrive (yes...it is actually the ONLY bill I look forward to getting). The arrival of our dues notice...means opening day is just around the corner. Again, we watch as the pool transforms during the month of May..."Did you see they drained the pool today?" "They are filling the pool today!" "The chairs are out!"

It is hard to explain to non-members, that Calverton pool is more than just a swim club to my family. My oldest son, Ryan is 22, and in his last year at the Naval Academy. He will graduate in May to begin a new and exciting life far away from Calverton! He will take with him, the love and support of our "pool family" who have been with him through this journey cheering him on and contributing to his success. My daughter, Sara, is 20, and entering her junior year at High Point University in North Carolina. She is a soccer player and she too has been supported and loved by our "pool family." They take a genuine interest in her success and celebrate her accomplishments with Chris and me. My youngest son, CJ, is 16, and if you didn't already know him...he is the lifeguard who is always in the water playing with kids or having a parade of "squirts" (Mr. Stickles term of endearment) following behind him. Ever since he was a toddler, jumping off the diving board into the arms of Tony Murray, he has wanted to be a lifeguard! Now here he is watching over the next generation of "pool rats." At 22, 20 and 16, my kids take pride in the fact, they have the original pictures on their passes from when they were 8 years old and could come to the pool by themselves. Every year, they refuse and vow to never update the picture for a more current pass.

On Sunday's we play volleyball at the pool as a family with the Albrecht, Thomas (Terry/Chris) and Thomas (Rick/Lynn) families. Over the years, our tradition has evolved into a "mass" cookout where everyone brings food to share and we have our "Sunday dinner" together. Paul Albrecht and I often comment on the feeling of joy we have watching the multi-generations of our group come together as one big family.

In the words of Hillary Clinton, "It takes a village to raise a child." Calverton pool has been my family's village! I would not change one minute of our time at the pool and when asked...tell people it is one of the BEST decisions Chris and I have ever made!!

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Swim Team News

Congratulations to the Calverton Chargers swim team for a wonderful 2009 season. Due to this year's success we have moved up in the rankings and will be competing in division H for the 2010 season. We finished with a 3-2 dual meet record & a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the divisional meet which earned us a 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall division standing.

Our 6 seniors certainly ended their Calverton swimming years with a bang. Senior Michael Jolly finished strong by placing 16<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter IM in all-stars and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 200 meter back at Coaches Long Course. Casey Stodter, finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter IM and 14<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter free at All-Stars, also ended strongly. The other seniors included Julia Grinberg, Tina Haje, Patrick Kind & Kelly Lawhorn. They will all be missed.

Relay All-Stars had 3 Charger relays swim well. The Boys Open Medley Relay of Michael Jolly, Bradley Neumaier, Andrew Heiss, & Casey Stodter had a strong performance finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The Mixed 15-18 Medley Relay of Michael Jolly, Amanda Kind, Adrienne Bush, & Casey Stodter also swam well improving their seed time from the Relay Carnival. Finally the Mixed 9&10 relay of Christopher Haley, Katrina Gazo, Nick Stauder, & Rachel Bozievich turned in the swim of the day for the Chargers dropping 5 seconds off their seed time and earning a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish.

Many younger swimmers also had impressive seasons. 8 year old Jacqueline Bielec had a great year, placing fourth in the 50 meter breaststroke in Coaches Long Course, and finishing 11<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the 25 meter backstroke and breaststroke in All-Stars. Jacqueline broke the team record in the girls 8 & under breaststroke. 10 year old Nick Stauder also had an outstanding performance this year, placing 13<sup>th</sup> in the 50 meter free and 16<sup>th</sup> in the 25 meter back in All-Stars. Other Chargers earning All-Star times were Kai Alexis, Liam Martin, Rachel Bozievich & Adrienne Bush. Their excellent swimming will certainly aid the team in 2010.

By: Tony Murray