

Calverton Swim Club Newsletter August 2008



Message from the President—Nikki Munro

Dear Members,

We're coming up on the homestretch of the summer. Swim team and dive team have ended. We are about to begin volleyball playoffs. The last float night, pre-teen night and teen night will be here and gone. The tent is up. I can hear CPR's music and smell the old bay of the crab feast. In between camps, vacations and rainy days, we've spent countless hours basking in the sun, lounging under shady trees, swimming laps in crystal clear blue waters, and splashing around in the baby pool trying to keep our toddlers from going under. We've had snow cones and spaghetti dinners. We've hung out with our friends and family. This is what our summers at Calverton are about. With one month to go, I am savoring every moment with a smile.

We have a very special day planned for the last day of the pool. In addition to moon bounces, a DJ, free popcorn and cotton candy, we will have a volleyball tournament dedicated to a very special former pool member, a police officer who lost his life in the line of duty. Richard Findley grew up in Calverton and for many years was a constant reminder of the youth and fun that makes the Calverton pool such a wonderful place. His smile, his warmth, and his excellent sportsmanship and athleticism will always be remembered. As most of you know, Rich was a well respected Prince George's County Police Officer. He lost his life in the line of duty in late June of this year. Rich left a wife and two young daughters. Our hearts and prayers go out to them, and this year, we will honor Rich by holding our Labor Day volleyball tournament in

his honor with proceeds to be donated to his family.

I asked Doug Young, a pool member and close friend of Rich's, to write something about him so that folks who did not know him, can get a sense of Rich's lasting impression and why he should be remembered fondly. Doug writes:

"We don't know his early days as we didn't belong then. We met Rich in the High Point Volleyball about 27 years ago and then saw him playing at the pool with anyone who was game. It didn't matter to him if he won or lost and if someone got lucky and blocked him, he was more excited than they were for the good play, and congratulated them. He was a volleyball rat at the pool and one season with his team already with a loss from the week before in the playoffs, he pretty much led the team in about 14 games straight to win the Co Ed championship. He never said "no" to a team that asked him to play even if they were not very strong. I know that he was devastated when he left the pool. I was so lucky to be a little bit of his mentor except that he was so tremendously more athletic. He would love playing with Kenny and those boys when they needed him.

He will probably remain the only person to have ever played volleyball at the pool who never ever got mad or did not have fun every minute he was there."

Please join us, whether you play volleyball or not, to celebrate Rich's life and say goodbye doing something he loved to do - hang out at the pool.

Very truly yours,

Nikki Munro

President, CSC Pool Board of Directors

Checkout our website at
www.calvertonswimclub.com

Change in Designated Smoking Areas

Smoking is permitted at the pool only in designated areas. Please see a life-guard for information on these areas.

General Membership Meetings:
Regular meetings of the members of Calverton Swim Club are held twice yearly. These meetings keep the members informed of the activities at the club and serve as a means for members to inform the Board of suggestions or concerns for the improvement of the club for the betterment of the entire membership. The last general membership meeting for 2008 is Sunday, August 31st at 6PM.

CSC Social Report Dates to Remember

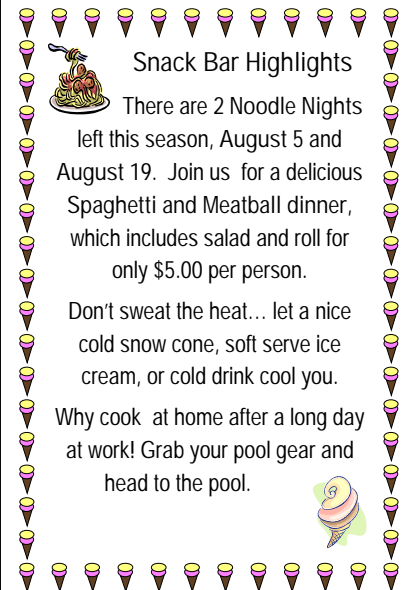
Float Nights - August 11
Preteen Night - August 21
Teen Night - August 16
Family Camp Out - August 2
Crab Feast - August 23
Family Fun Day - September 1
Noodle Night - Aug. 5, Aug. 19

Snack Bar Highlights

There are 2 Noodle Nights left this season, August 5 and August 19. Join us for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball dinner, which includes salad and roll for only \$5.00 per person.

Don't sweat the heat... let a nice cold snow cone, soft serve ice cream, or cold drink cool you.

Why cook at home after a long day at work! Grab your pool gear and head to the pool.



LIFEGUARD LOGIC

So far, we've had a great summer and very few problems...so the CSC staff would like to thank everyone for following the rules and listening to the guards.

Just a quick reminder, though, for the month of August on some of our policies:

- There is no eating or drinking on any portion of the concrete deck (only water, please).
- When jumping into the pool remember to jump in feet first and straight. Only dive in designated areas.
- No glass, please!

Please remind your families that the lifeguards are here to keep you safe, so please respect their requests. If you or your child has a question about one of our policies, feel free to ask the operator in charge.

Thanks so much for your cooperation so far, and we look forward to the rest of the summer!

By Karla Berberich

Members Who Are Currently Renting...

Are you interested in purchasing a membership? We still have several memberships available for \$395. If you purchase a membership in August, not only will you spread the cost (\$395 now and dues of \$355 in April) but you will receive 2 sheets of guest passes. The guest passes can be used to introduce your friends and family to the Calverton Swim Club. If interested, please call Rose Melendez at 301-483-6775 or leave your name and phone number at the front desk and someone from the Membership Committee will call you.

The social event of the year, CSC's Annual Crab & Shrimp Feast, will be held on Saturday, August 23rd from 6 PM- midnight. The menu will be steamed shrimp, crabs, corn on the cob with an alternative menu, for non-seafood eaters, catered by TJ's of Calverton. Dessert will be provided by our always delicious Dessert Contest. Bring your own drinks and appetizers and remember NO GLASS allowed on the property.

CPR will provide live music for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Member tickets will be \$35/person and go on sale Friday, August 1st. Guest tickets will be \$45/person and go on sale Sunday, August 10th. Be sure to get your friends together and sign up for a table soon. This event always sells out and we don't want you to miss the fun!

Any questions please call Karen @ 301-937-7188.

Basketball at CSC: A Parent's perspective

It's not unusual to find out that my 14 year old spent the entire day at the pool but never went swimming. One of the things that occupies his time is bouncing the ball on the blue court. No sneakers required! And if you care about the quality of the basketball, bring your own - otherwise ask at the counter. The balls are free for anyone to use - and have a good time. If you head down there on your own, it is likely others will join you.

There is no age discrimination, young and old are welcome! In fact, on a Friday night the CSC "men" often come down to shoot. Come down and show 'em your game. --by Lisa Case

Ping Pong Ponderings

I like to play Ping Pong at the pool because it gives my friends and me something to do besides swimming. Kids and adults can play. The pool supplies the paddles and you can buy the balls in the office for only a quarter. A big thank you to Mr. Niedermair for fixing our tables. Come join the fun! --by Ryan Banks

Dive Team Dynamos

The Calverton Dive Team had a great 2008 season. The team placed a strong second in Division IV in both the regular season and the Division Championships. Eight of our divers qualified to attend MCDL All Stars to end the season and six were able to attend the meet. Kaden Bennett and Mark Holman represented us well against strong competition. Also at All Stars, James Barnett placed 6th in 15-18 boys; Colby Shinholser placed 4th in 13-14 boys; Lydia Puwalski placed 2nd in 9-10 girls; and Logan Shinholser won the 15-18 boys competition. Congratulations to our All Stars, Division competitors and the entire Dive Team and coaches for a superb 2008 season. — By Scott Grady

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The Summertime Pits — by Terry Thomas

There's been a lot more fun happening on Friday nights at the CSC horseshoe pits. Thanks to Frank Cockrell who has done a fantastic job redesigning and maintaining the horseshoe pits, an informal challenge league was created to see just who is the horseshoe champion at CSC. Along with pitching the horseshoes, there's been plenty of bull shooting going on too.

This isn't just a Men's horseshoe league, as there's been plenty of women that have shown the men how to ring 'em. There are currently 12 teams that play on a regular basis and more are welcome. Just bring a partner on Friday and challenge the winner. Winners stay on the pits for a maximum of 2 games.

Playoffs begin Friday, August 22nd and conclude on Friday, August 29th. All teams that play at least 7 matches will make the playoffs. There will also be a doubles horseshoe tournament on Sunday afternoon, August 31st. Contact Terry Thomas for details.

Here's the current standings through the end of July:

Team	Wins	Losses	Win Pct
Chris Rager & Jeff Paniati & Jerry Jolly	3	0	100.00%
Paul & Laurie Albrecht & Walter Hardy	5	2	71.43%
Brad & Brent Stewart & Scott Holden	2	1	66.67%
Leon Jones & Claude Ferreira	9	6	60.00%
Rick & Terry Thomas	4	4	50.00%
Craig Buscher & John Sellman & John Bosley	4	4	50.00%
John & Lydia Marty	2	2	50.00%
Kelly Jones & Laura Buscher & Suzanne Sellman	6	7	46.15%
Mike Thomas & Mike Jolly	2	3	40.00%
Frank Cockrell & Eric Rhoderick & Mike Madden	1	2	33.33%
Sandy & Steve Albright	0	4	0.00%
Mark & Susie Windson & Don Gable	0	2	0.00%

Now the real competition begins...

Just as the air around us is heating up, so are the volleyball courts. We are at that time of the summer when playoffs start and the real competition begins. League playoffs will commence Aug. 6 with coed 4's, Aug. 8-women's, Aug. 9-men's and Aug. 10-coed 6's. Championships matches will be held the weekend of August 23rd. Season ending festivities start with the volleyball picnic on Sunday, August 24th and culminate with the Richard Findley Memorial Tournament on Monday, Sept. 1st. Come out and cheer on your favorite team! — by Karen Pugh

Socially Speaking — by Alison Klumpp

The season might be half over but we still have many exciting social events planned for the pool.

August 5 and 19 - Noodle Night - Join us for an evening of swimming in the pool with noodles. Bring your own or buy one for \$2. This event is free and for all ages and will be held from 6-8PM on both nights.

August 11- Float Night - bring your inflatables of all shapes and sizes! Starting at 6PM swimmers will be allowed to use floats in the pool. This event is free and for all ages. The swim team will be selling ice cream sundaes and root beer floats for \$1 as a fundraiser.

August 16 - Teen Night - Calling all eighth thru twelfth graders for an evening of fun, swimming, dancing, pizza and soda. The cost is \$6 (please bring exact change). Members must show their pool I D card and guests must come in with a member. Teen Night is from 7-10PM

August 21- Pre-Teen Night - All third thru eighth graders should come for an evening of fun, swimming, dancing, pizza and soda. The cost is \$6 (please bring exact change). Members must show their pool I D card and guests must come in with a member. Pre-Teen Night is from 6-9PM

August 23rd - Crab Feast! Tickets will go on sale August 1st.

From the Calverton Chargers Coach

This season the coaches added subtle changes to practices, in order to spend more time teaching as well as still focusing on the physical conditioning of the swimmers. The kids did a wonderful job and really showed how well the practices were going. The team did a wonderful job this season. We had a lot of close meets. It was really good to see the kids get in there and race, improve their times as well as their overall strokes. Calverton has many young and new swimmers on the team. Hopefully we can take advantage of what I thought was a very successful season and get out in the winter and do some extra swimming. Below are some local winter clubs that Calverton swimmers might want to take a look at:

Fairland Aquatic Swim Team (FAST) - www.swim-fast.org

Rockville Montgomery Swim Club (RMSC) - <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter/rmsc/practice.html> (MLK Site)

Flying Gull Aquatic Club (FGAC) - www.fgac.org

*more information can be found at www.pvswim.org

I am still working on a winter conditioning program for Calverton swimmers. As soon as I have all of the details ironed out, I will send out the information. Right now, we are looking at the time period between Spring Break and Memorial Day, holding 2 practices per week. If you would be interested please send me an email. The following is the tentative schedule for the 2009 season:

Calverton Chargers Tentative Schedule -- Division I 2009				
TIME TRIALS (06/13/09)	Home		WEEK 1 (06/20/09)	Home vs. King Farm Screaming Geese
WEEK 2 (06/27/09)	Away @ Wildwood Manor Wombats		WEEK 3 (07/04/09)	Home vs. Lakelands Lionfish
WEEK 4 (07/11/09)	Away @ Little Falls Penguins		WEEK 5 (07/18/09)	Home vs. Daleview Feet
DIVISIONALS (07/25/09)	TBA			

As the summer winds down, I hope that everyone checks out the swimming events in the Olympics. The Olympic Trials were amazing and I can only imagine how great the swimming in Beijing is going to be.

Again, it was a great season. I hope everyone had a great time. If you have any questions please email murells@hotmail.com.

Thanks!! Enjoy your summer. — Coach Tony

KFC DAY — September 1

Calverton Swim Club (CSC) always donates the proceeds from the Family Fun Day Labor Day events to charity. This year the money will go to Sgt. Richard Findley's family. You can read more about Richard on the CSC website.

As part of the Family Fun Day (Labor Day, September 1) at the pool, we will have KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) Day. Just like in the past, you will get 2 pieces of chicken (either original or extra crispy), 2 side dishes, 1 biscuit and dessert. You bring your own drinks and cups for your family. Plates, napkins and forks will be provided by the pool. The cost this year is \$5.00 per person. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Do keep in mind that any proceeds will go to Richard Findley's family.

Come and enjoy the last day at the pool with your family and everyone else at the pool. Let's have one last, big picnic to end the season and say good-bye to summer.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the pool office with your money by Monday August 25th. There will be other order forms in the pool office. Call Bernie Karns at 301-572-8018 for more information.

Name _____ Phone # _____

How many people? _____ Total amount enclosed _____

Please pick the items that your family wants and how many people want the item.

Original _____ Extra Crispy _____ Potatoes & Gravy _____

Mac & Cheese _____ Beans _____ Cole Slaw _____