



Calverton Swim Club Newsletter

Spring 2009

Message from the President—Nikki Munro

VACATION AT CALVERTON POOL

Dear Members,

What would be better than having an escape from everyday life, the winter blahs, and the ailing economy? Providing that escape at a safe and fun place right around the corner—and for dollars a day. That is what you'll find at Calverton Swim Club.

With money tight and vacation options limited, the pool gives you and your family the opportunity to vacation every day of summer.

Where else can you find five acres of entertainment, including a 50 meter pool, two diving boards, a fenced baby pool, regulation basketball and volleyball courts, playgrounds, a snack bar, swim and dive teams, horseshoe pits, and a family style multiple grate grill where you will routinely find more than a few families sharing charcoal on the weekends.

Organized sports leagues and social events foster gatherings of members and guests in a family friendly environment where laughter is

the norm. Well trained and managed guards keep the pool clean and your children safe. I have heard more than once that Calverton's water quality is the best around.

The Board of Directors is looking for ways to improve your pool experience, so introduce yourself and let us know how we can help. Whether you enjoy the pool for the water, for the sports, for the friendship, or for all of the above, Calverton is a place where great times happen every day.

Summer is right around the corner and so is the pool. Gather your friends—We look forward to seeing you on Memorial Day.

Very truly yours,

Nikki Munro

President, CSC Pool Board of Directors

Memberships Available

Call 301.572.4203 or email membership@calvertonswimclub.com.

CSC VOLLEYBALL

Our three regulation sand volleyball courts are always a great place to make new friends and acquaint with "old" friends. The Summer of 2009 will bring opportunities in adult league play for ages 14+ in the following formats:

CO-ED 3's/4's – Wednesday nights

WOMEN'S 6's - Friday nights

MEN'S 6's – Saturday afternoons

CO-ED 6's – Sunday afternoons.

Anyone interested in playing may contact the appropriate league commissioner. Their email addresses can be found at www.calvertonswimclub.com.

SOCIAL REPORT

The social committee is very busy planning fun events for all ages of pool members. So far we have planned three pre-teen nights (one each month), one teen night, and our family day on Labor Day. We are in the process of planning two family movie nights, our family camp-out and the annual crab feast. Due to the success of noodle night last year—we are excited to bring back noodle night every other Tuesday throughout the summer. Once again noodles will be available for purchase or you can bring your own. The social committee chair (Alison Praisner-Klumpp) is interested in new ideas for free family fun activities. If you have any ideas or would like to help plan/chaperone any event please contact her at aklumpp93@yahoo.com. We are looking forward to a great season and hope you can join us for some or all of the events!

Checkout our website at www.calvertonswimclub.com

Find out pool scoop on our website. To view this newsletter in larger print, please visit our website.

CSC HORSESHOES

Our new Horseshoe League will continue this summer. Four refurbished regulation pits and "set your own" practice and opponent match schedules attracted 22 Teams for doubles matches last summer. Matches are held Friday evenings. A final tournament is held the last week of August. Terry Thomas will continue as League Commissioner and Frank Cockrell will coordinate pit maintenance needs. Minimal per person registration fees for participants help us maintain the pits and equipment. League matches start Fri. June 12. Adult Pool members (incl. age 15 and over) not signed up for League play are welcome to "pitch shoes" on a first come basis. Youth under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

BEING A LIFEGUARD

By Christina Neidermair

Being a lifeguard at Calverton Pool is fun. Most guards at Calverton are the children of members, so they understand how the pool is run and the rules that they have to enforce every day. We have an excellent manager in Dan Feher. We enjoy working together to keep Calverton going and to make sure the members like spending their summers here. APS has an excellent training program for lifeguards, from general lifeguarding skills to CPR and first aid and these help to make sure the pool is safe for everyone. Hopefully, we'll see you at the pool this year.

Dive Team News

The Calverton Dive Team is looking forward to the 2009 season! Divers ages 5-18 (with PATCH) are welcome. No experience is required. Bring a willingness to learn new skills, meet new friends and be part of a great team!

The dive team is currently accepting resumes for the head coach and assistant coach positions. For more information on joining the team or applying for the coaching positions, please contact Sharon Ruckdeschel at sharonruck@verizon.net or (301) 586-0178.

Reminder: Volunteer Day is April 25. Please join us to beautify the pool.

Swim Team News

The Calverton Chargers Swim Team is looking forward to this season as the top seeded Team in Division I. We will swim against Daleview, Wildwood Manor, King Farm, Lakelands and again this year- Little Falls. "A Meets" are on Saturday mornings starting June 20th and run until the Divisional Meet on Saturday July 25th. The Chargers also have "B Meets" scheduled on most Wednesday's throughout the season (thanks Mr. Worden). That means everyone gets to SWIM in a meet! Throughout the season the swim team has many activities for the whole family, including Pasta Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Ice Cream Float Night and Pep Rallies.

So, whether you are an experienced competitive swimmer or not, ages 6 to 18 come join the fun, you just need to have your "PATCH" and a desire to have fun and succeed! Parents are asked to become part of the Team as well; there are lots of fun things to do to help the kids have fun, from being an on deck official to helping with the snack bar during meets. If you need additional information please contact David Clifford: david.clifford8@gmail.com.

Calverton Swim Club Yard Sale—Save the Date

Join us May 16 for the first annual Calverton Swim Club yard sale. Bring a table, set it up in the parking lot, and sell, sell, sell. Set up begins at 8:00. You showcase your stuff. We'll showcase the pool.

Calverton Camps Out: Calverton Swim Club tries to have a Family Camp Out every year, weather permitting. The camp out is a very popular event and is intended for all members to enjoy. We have members who have attended every camp out with their family and we have seen their family grow and also young parents who take their children for their first camping experience and need 'expert help' to set up their tent. We try to make this experience a GREAT one!

We start the evening with a huge camp fire in a BBQ grill- Toasted marshmallows with S'mores of course. This is followed by fun and games with Simon Says and Tug of War always popular and there are prizes for everyone. We end the evening with Ghost Stories in the pavilion- Really scary ones too! Then the children go to bed (mostly) and the adults are able to enjoy the evening by the fire. All the pool facilities are available to the campers except the pool itself.

In the morning coffee is made for the adults, along with more coffee for the adults. There are also donuts and coffee and orange juice available while a fantastic breakfast is prepared at the grill by a group of wonderful volunteers. Breakfast consists of coffee, great mounds of hot scrambled eggs, ham and sausage with bread and butter- Good Stuff! We are out of the pool grounds and tidied up by 10am Sunday. A great time is had by all. I hope you will join us at our Camp Out this year.

Board of Directors Adopts Budget for 2009: Following a process that covered four months, the Board of Directors approved the Swim Club's Budget totaling \$291,552 for 2009. The budget is about \$16,000 higher than the 2008 Budget, with most cost increases resulting from increased cost of utilities and a 10% increase in the cost of the Management Contract with American Pool Service.

The Management Contract cost increase is largely driven by the 2009 season being 15-1/2 weeks long, one week more than normal. Also, staff members will make about 3% more this year due to normal salary increases. Projected utility costs include a bill from WSSC for about \$10,000 that is under protest.

After cutting back or eliminating nearly every potential discretionary spending item, we were still left with a budget deficit. This left us with no choice other than to increase some member dues and guest fees for 2009. Discount Dues will increase \$20 per family, and Regular Dues will increase \$30. There will be no increase in Associate Member, Rental, or Empty Nest Dues. Weekday and Weekend Guest Fees will increase by \$1, and the multi-use sheet of guest passes will increase from \$20 to \$25. Guest passes that were purchased in prior years will still be honored, at no extra cost.

Details of the budget may be seen on the Swim Club Web Site – www.calvertonswimclub.com. Feel free to contact Duncan Munro, Treasurer, at 301-572-7184, if you have any questions about the budget.