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# 2010 Spring Newsletter



## Welcome to the 2010 Season

On behalf of the Board of Directors of NSJ Swim and Tennis Club, we welcome returning and new members to the 2010 Season. This year's board is gearing up for what looks like another great season at NSJ. Opening day will be May 22nd. As always we are tending to the business side of the pool to make sure the pool, grounds and tennis courts are in good shape for years to come. However our main objective is to enhance your experience at NSJ to make it as enjoyable as possible. Be sure to check out our website <http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/> for regular updates. As always there are many great events and programs planned throughout the season. We encourage everyone to take a little extra time to get involved in pool activities... you will not regret it!

Please read the entire newsletter since many changes will be implemented this upcoming season. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the board, please contact me or one of the directors.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or any of the other officers.

Have a great season,  
Mike Smith  
President, NSJ

## What's New for 2010?

- Bathroom floors have been re-top coated with new grit to prevent slippage
- New fence has been installed around the kiddie pool area
- New slide is being installed in the dive area
- New Shower is being installed as you come up the steps from the tennis and volleyball court area

**(We encourage all members to utilized the shower on their way to the pool)**

- New pool vacuum
- Tennis Courts 1 & 2 being resurfaced – Ready by opening day
- Pool Rules have been revised:  
<http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/rules.htm>
- By-laws have been updated:  
<http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/ByLaws.htm>

**(By-laws will be voted on at the General Meeting on May 16, 2010 – E-mail will be forthcoming)**

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## Important Dates (till June 30th):

- May 16th: General Board Meeting
- May 22nd: Pool Opens
- May 23rd: Open House
- June 1st: Swim/Dive Team Practice Begins
- June 2nd: Parents meeting for Swim/Dive Team
- June 5th: Family Fun Day
- June 26: Adult Night—Crab Feast
- June 30th: Teen Night

## Pool Hours:

- May 22: 12:00PM – 10:00PM
- May 23: 12:00PM – 8:00PM
- May 29—September 7
- Daily 12:00PM – 9:00PM
- Saturday 12:00PM—10:00PM
- School Days: 3:00PM—8:00PM
- Note: Kiddie Pool will be open at 9:00AM during swim/dive practices (After school lets during June & July ONLY)

## Pool Management

We are very excited to begin this season partnered with our new pool management company Continental Pools Incorporated (CPI), located right here in Howard County. Together, along with Jeff Ellis & Associates ([www.JEllis.com](http://www.JEllis.com)) international aquatic safety & risk management consultants, we move towards a heightened level of awareness regarding safety, training, swim lesson administration, rule enforcement and accountability.

During the past month, several NSJ guards have gone through rigorous training to prepare for the upcoming season. We welcome them onboard.

Our new pool manager is Dusan Carevic (pronounced Dushan Sair-a-vich). Dusan comes to us from the Republic of Serbia where he attended the University of Novi Sad majoring in Faculty of Physical Education. He played basketball professionally for team's Takovo and BC Novi Sad where he earned both team MVP honors and the scoring title. Katelyn Grue will be returning as our assistant manager this year with quite a few returning guards as well whose positions will be determined before opening day.

## Gate Entry Policy

NSJ will enforce a membership identification policy (ID card) for entry to the premises. This means that all NSJ families need to be registered in the computer system and have been issued their ID cards prior to entry to the pool. If you do not have a membership card or have lost your card, please contact Dave Holland (410) 465-4685 or [david.holland@copt.com](mailto:david.holland@copt.com).

## Guest Passes

This year, Summer 2010, new procedures will be implemented to enforce our guest policy. The main changes concern the increase of guest fees and the option of pre-purchasing a guest pass to cover guest fees. If you are unfamiliar with NSJ's guest policies, they are posted in the Pool Rules section of the website located at <http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/rules.htm>. Please review the information below so that you are aware of the change in procedure effective as of the opening date:

**All guests must** enter NSJ with a member; guests cannot enter the pool if the member is not present and at the gate.

Guest passes may be purchased in advance and may be used for guests at the time of entrance.

Passes may be purchased through Clair Wise at [wise.nilsson@verizon.net](mailto:wise.nilsson@verizon.net) **Passes may NOT be purchased from the front desk, lifeguards, or manager.**

Guest passes can be used on weekdays, weekends, and holidays at the pre-purchase rate.

Members may purchase a maximum of two cards, 10 visits per season (or a sum totaling twenty guest visits.)

Guest passes may be retained and used next season.

## Swim Lessons

This season, swim lessons will be provided through CPI. NSJ guards who will be providing swim lessons will be properly trained through the Jeff Ellis Program. Members can sign up for swim lessons through [http://continentalpools.com/poolmanagement/swim\\_lessons/](http://continentalpools.com/poolmanagement/swim_lessons/). After connecting with the Continental website you can simply click on the "swimlessonsonline" tab and then choose whether you are a NSJ member or on the NSJ waiting list to sign up. The cost will be \$45 for members and \$75 for those on the waiting list and will be subject to verification before swim lesson are administered.

If you have any questions or concerns related to Continental, please contact VP of Administration Greg Dahle at [gdahle@hotmail.com](mailto:gdahle@hotmail.com)

Guest passes will **NOT** be replaced if lost.

Guest passes may **NOT** be used for parties of more than 15 guests.

Fees for the passes are: 10 visits pass \$50.

If guests are paid for upon entrance, the fees are:

Weekdays Opening – 6 p.m. \$7.00, after 6 p.m. M - F \$5.00;

Weekends/Holidays \$8.00; after 6 p.m. Sa, Su \$6.00.

Names' of guests will be recorded and tracked by the NSJ admissions staff.

Guests living in the NSJ area may enter NSJ, with a member, no more than 8 visits per season.

We encourage members to pay guest fees with a personal check.

Guest passes will be available for member purchase on the weekends during May and June from the hours of 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Members may NOT purchase guest passes for other families.

Please email Clair Wise with further inquiries at [wise.nilsson@verizon.net](mailto:wise.nilsson@verizon.net).

## New Party Form

Are you planning a party and want to hold it at the club? All parties of **15** or more people need authorization and scheduling by the pool manager and those that have **30** or more people will require board approval. Parties may be scheduled during or outside normal pool operating hours depending on: size, impact on peak membership hours, previously scheduled events and final decisions made by pool management and the NSJ Board of Directors. Please click on the activities tab for the form <http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/ClubActivities.htm>.

## Club Activities

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This season Caroline Bodziak, Director of Special Events has been creating and scheduling several activities for all of us to enjoy. A full list of information is posted on the web <http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/NSJCalendar10.htm> but here is just a brief description of what is planned:

### First Annual Membership Open House

**Sunday, May 23 12:00-9:00pm**

Do you have friends or new neighbors who are looking for a way to spend the summer? NSJ would like to invite prospective members to spend the day, explore the grounds, swim, play tennis and see if an NSJ membership is right for them. If you know of anyone who wants to join NSJ, please have them contact Cindy McNemar, Director of Membership [cdmc425@verizon.net](mailto:cdmc425@verizon.net).

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July/Member Appreciation Day

**Sunday, July 4 1:00-4:00pm**

4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is back! We're going to have FREE hamburgers and hot dogs, a bike-decorating contest, and some much-loved favorites like the soda/juice-box toss, t-shirt relays and diving for pennies and other activities have been planned. More information will be provided soon for this event. Don't miss it!

### Family Fun Days

**Saturday, June 5 1:00-4:00pm**

**Sunday, August 29 1:00pm-4:00pm**

All sorts of fun activities will be planned for these days along with Veteran DJ, Greg Birmingham to provide the MC for this event. Bring dinner to cook on the pool's gas grills or pick up a treat at the snack bar

### Teen Nights

**Wednesday, June 30 7:30pm – 10:30pm**

**Wednesday, July 14 7:30pm – 10:30pm**

**Wednesday, August 25 7:30pm – 10:30pm**

Middle school age children (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through graduated 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will have the opportunities to get together with their friends for dancing to their favorite music, swimming and also pizza for a night of fun away from mom and dad. That's unless mom and dad are helping chaperone. Anyone interested in chaperoning you can contact your Teen directors Cindy Anderson [cindyanderson21042@comcast.net](mailto:cindyanderson21042@comcast.net) or Linda Donatich [thevamey-ers@verizon.net](mailto:thevamey-ers@verizon.net).

### Dive-in Movie Night

**Monday, July 19 8:00pm**

Bring the kids and enjoy an evening on the lawn and in the water to watch a kid-friendly movie on a 10'x10' inflatable screen by the pool. A great family night out!

### Adult Nights

**Saturday, June 26 7:00pm-11:00pm Crab Feast and DJ**

The first NSJ Adult Night will be a repeat of last year's amazing **CRAB FEAST** with a DJ providing the entertainment. Bushels of #1 crabs (you heard right - #1!) will be steamed on site and served al fresco under the NSJ Pavilion.

**Saturday, July 24 7:00pm-11:00pm Live Band and Pot luck**

**MISSPENT YOUTH** will be back at NSJ for an incredible night of music and dancing. You can check out their website at [www.misspentyouth.com](http://www.misspentyouth.com). Please bring a munchie to share – your famous hot hors d'oeuvres, boxed brownies, secret-ingredient dip, or a bag of chips will do.

**Both adult events are BYOB. Members are welcome to invite guests to share in the fun.**

**Ticket prices to be determined. Please continue to check back for updates.**

Caroline is always looking for volunteers to make these activities enjoyable. If you are interested, please contact Caroline [cbodziak@aol.com](mailto:cbodziak@aol.com)

## Tennis

The resurfacing of Courts 1 and 2 will be completed by opening day. John Vaughn, Director of Tennis has been working on a list activities for the upcoming season. Please visit the tennis section of the web for more updates: <http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/Tennis.htm>

- Men's and Ladies Drop In Nights **(All levels)**
- Men's and Ladies Singles Ladders **(All levels)**
- Men's Doubles Interclub League with Forest Hill **(3.0 - 3.5 Players)**
- Women's Doubles Interclub League with Forest Hill **(3.0 - 3.5 Players)**
- Mixed Doubles Socials **(All levels)**
- Howard County Challenge Cup **(3.0 Players and higher)**
- Ladies Doubles Tournament with Forest Hill) **(3.0 Players and higher)**
- US Open 1 day Trip
- And of Course, Free Play
- Lessons for Adults and Juniors (Click on Tennis Lessons on left)
- Junior Clinics
- Adult Clinics
- Ladies Instructional Doubles Round-Robins
- Private and Semi-Private Lessons

Free Learn to Play Clinics

We are pleased to have Jim Jeffers back again this season as Tennis Pro. Anyone interested in learning the game or improving your skills, please contact Jim [gdayjj@comcast.net](mailto:gdayjj@comcast.net).

## Swim Team

The swim team welcomes new Directors Steve and Jenny Roman for another season in the highly competitive Division 1. The 2010 NSJ swim team will again face tough competition from Meadowbrook, Forest Hill, Rollingwood, Padonia, and Watermont. We would like to welcome Ginny Glover as the Blue Marlins new head coach, along with welcoming back coaches Katelyn Grue, Joe Kelly, and Renee Parsons. Remember to register for swim team by May 15th to avoid late charges.

<http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/SwimTeam.htm>

## Dive Team

Back again is our successful Dive Team with Liz Lucchesi and Clair Wise as our co-Directors of Diving. We would like to welcome back head dive coach Maureen (Mo) Simpson for the sixth consecutive year. This year we will have two assistant coaches, Josh Bosse and Kellie Bodensteiner, both former divers and college students. The coaches and the kids have been instrumental in winning the divisional title for the Central Maryland Dive League for the past six years! The Learn to Dive program will continue for those who want to learn to dive or improve their skills. Remember to register for dive team by May 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid late charges. Check the NSJ website for schedules and other information. The registration form is located at <http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/DiveTeam.htm>.

## Volunteers

Swim clubs depend on their members volunteering to lead and assist on activities and programs. Without the dedication, we would not be the success we are today as a club. I would like to thank the outgoing President, Scott Purnell, VP of Administration Tom Cargiulo, Director of Communications Jeff Snyder and Directors of Tennis Mark and Janice Winter for the hard work and dedication over the past few years.

We have Board positions that will become vacant at the end of the season (some may stay or extend their term). Executive positions are 2-year terms. The positions that will be open at the end of the season are the Treasurer and Secretary positions. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the current Board member or myself.