

Rock Spring Swim Club

President's Corner

Megan Houston



It has been a cold and snowy winter...but the warm, sunny days of summer will be here before we know it! As the newly elected President of the RSSC Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all members to Rock Spring Swim Club. RSSC will be celebrating its 40th Birthday this summer and I would like to extend a very warm "welcome back" to our original club members. Yes, there are a few families that have spent every summer at RSSC since its grand opening back in 1974!

The board of directors had asked for your suggestions and feedback at the end of the 2013 season via an online survey. We have taken your concerns and input to heart and will be implementing some of those suggestions throughout the summer and around the club. Along with safety, member relations will be our focus for the upcoming pool season. The board is dedicated to our members and creating the best summer experience for them.

The entire board would like to bid a fond farewell to one of our long-time employees, Michele Spencer (Assistant Manager). Michele has dedicated 20 years to RSSC, but will be spending this summer with her new baby daughter, Lexi. Although we will miss Michele around the pool this season, we wish her the best and hope she enjoys this special time with her family.

A lot of time and work goes on behind the scenes during the winter and spring months. The management and staff have been busy preparing the pool and its facilities, hiring and training new employees, and completing all the necessary tasks to have the swim club in operating order for our members and guests. In addition, the baby pool will be resurfaced and a new splash pad installed, as both are in need of repair.

The board of directors has been busy over the winter months completing administrative tasks and preparing for Summer 2014. A mission statement has been created which will continue to guide RSSC for many decades to come. It defines who we are, what we do, and what separates us from the rest.

I am looking forward to meeting our newest members and visiting with our returning families. Here's to a fantastic summer!



Save the Date!

Swim Team Sign ups!
Sunday, April 27th from 6-8 pm

Swim Lesson early bird registration for members
By May 16th

Opening Day!
Saturday, May 24th 12 - 9 pm



Rock Spring Swim Club is a smoke free environment.

Those who wish to smoke must do so in the designated spot outside the fenced in pool area.

Rock Spring Swim Club Mission Statement

Rock Spring Swim Club is a family – oriented facility dedicated to providing a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing environment for its members and guests. We are committed to maintaining a sense of community by setting a predetermined number of memberships, creating a variety of fun social events for members of all ages, and fostering a family-friendly atmosphere. Our fully certified staff understands the importance of patron safety and is dedicated to continuously developing and refining our professional skills to prevent and respond to emergencies while providing a pleasurable experience for our members.



Do you have a special skill or talent that could be utilized by RSSC for future projects and events (plumbing, electrical, contractor, marketing, food service, etc.)? Please send your contact information and expertise/skill to Tina Folmer (rsscsecretary@gmail.com).
We would like to consider our members for potential projects and endeavors.

NO GLASS OF ANY KIND



(including cell phones, beverage bottles, crockery, baby food jars, salsa jars, Pyrex, finger nail polish bottles, serving trays, compacts, etc.) will be permitted on the Club premises; management reserves the right to confiscate any such glass.

Membership

Pam Geraghty



As I sit here writing this, I am looking out my window at another five inches of snow and temps in the low 20s...but in 68 days, 2 hours, 39 minutes and 4 seconds the POOL WILL BE OPEN!!! WOOHOO!!!

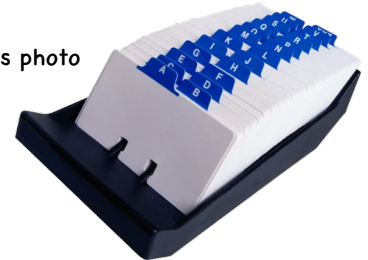
This is my busy time of year as I welcome 50-60 new families to Rock Spring Swim Club and process 475 Membership Information forms and update the pool's big check-in book and database. By the end of the summer, the check-in book has seen better days which is one reason we ask that a new form and family photo be submitted each year; children also change so much from year to year which is why recent family photos speed up the check-in process as they enable the Rock Spring staff to easily recognize members as they enter the pool. Annually updated forms also insure that we have your current contact information in order to keep you in-the-know about happenings at the pool.

As a special THANK YOU to all members who turn in their updated forms and photos before May 1st, each family will receive a guest pass, good for admittance of one guest free of charge during the 2014 season. The pass will be kept with your Membership Information sheet in the check-in book; please refer to the guest pass for restrictions regarding its use.

To take advantage of this special thank you, please go to the Membership page of the pool's website rockspringswim.com/membership and click on the link for Membership Update Form to complete the form online and then print it out. Before mailing, SECURELY ATTACH your family's photo to the form as I don't want to lose your family's picture or put it on the wrong form.

All forms should be mailed to the following address:

RSSC
P.O. Box 282
Forest Hill, MD 21050



Got Grandparents?? At the March RSSC Board of Directors meeting, the board voted on a change regarding the pool's policy on adding grandparents to the membership. In the past, only grandparents who were living with a member and were financially dependent on the member could be added to the membership provided appropriate tax documentation was supplied. Now members who have grandparents living with them that are not financially dependent on the member may add a grandparent to the membership for \$100 per grandparent for the season or \$150 for married grandparents for the season; the grandparent's official address must match that of the member in order to qualify for this option. If you are interested in pursuing this option, please refer to the policy listed on the front page of the website for more information.

One last reminder about pool dues--you must pay your yearly dues in full by March 1 to avoid accruing late fees as follows:

- If postmarked on or before March 1.....\$495
- If postmarked on or before April 1.....\$520
- If postmarked on or before May 1.....\$545
- ***If postmarked after May 1st.....\$595***

***Payments not postmarked by May 1st can result in an automatic termination of membership unless arrangements are made beforehand with Pam Geraghty to not terminate your membership and transfer it to an applicant on the waiting list. Please include the appropriate late fees with your payment so that your account will be noted as paid in full. ***

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any membership questions you may have. The recent changes in some of the pool's policies are a direct result of the feedback received from the survey sent out last fall as the RSSC Board of Directors works towards providing the membership with the best possible experience. I look forward to seeing all of you at the pool!

Rock Spring Racers



Swimmers... Step Up... Take Your Mark...

SIGN UP!

APRIL 27, 2014 6:00pm – 8:00pm

St. Margaret School Gym
205 Hickory Ave Bel Air, MD 21014

This is our only scheduled registration date.

A waiting list will be created for those swimmers who do not attend and register during this in person registration date, April 27, 2014.

Your Swim Team
Coordinators:

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Social News

Terry Snee & Dave Iampieri

The social committee would like to welcome all returning and new members to the 2014 season at Rock Spring Swim Club. We have some wonderful and exciting events planned this year.

We will continue to offer many favorite events such as teen social, bingo, O's night, movie night, pizza nights, raft nights, and adult socials. We will again have a crab feast.

We are adding taco night, water sports night, and a Rock Spring Fair day! The WOLO food truck will be back as well. We will have an opening weekend, special 40th birthday celebration for RSSC.

We are excited and hope you will be too. See you soon!



Communications

Gerri Mitchell



Rock Spring Swim Club was chosen as an All Star Winner by Constant Contact for 2013! Out of more than 500,000 organizations that use Constant Contact, RSSC was recognized for its consistently high open rates of email and low bounce rates. This is a status that only 10% of its customers receive. Thank you members for helping us achieve this award!



Stay in the loop all year long by bookmarking the website www.rockspringswim.com. Also be sure to add us to your address book to receive informative emails regarding emergency closings, social events, and policies & procedures.

You may also find updates on Facebook and Twitter, so be sure to follow us and friend us on FB.

This year the RSSC Board of Directors will be hosting "Chat and Chew with the Board." This event will enable all members to have face-time with members of the board of directors to discuss ideas and concerns.

**Feel free to join us on:
Tuesday, June 17 from 10-11 am
Thursday, July 17 from 7-8 pm
or Saturday, August 16 from 2-3 pm.
See you pool-side!**

Manager's Corner

Opening Day

summer, especially for RSSC's opening day, **Saturday, May 24th** (Memorial Day weekend). The staff and I are extremely excited about the summer of 2014!



After this snowy winter, I know that everyone is ready for

As in the past, we will operate on a part-time basis until Harford County Public Schools close for the summer break. As always, we look forward to a safe, fun and enjoyable season.

Part-time Hours

Monday-Thursday	1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12 p.m. - 9p.m.

Full-time Hours

Monday-Friday	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Please watch the calendar in the hallway for **special pool hours**. The calendar is updated daily. If you are unsure of pool hours, please call 410-879-3641 for confirmation **prior** to your pool visit.

No Guest Days for 2014

Due to historically extremely crowded conditions, the Board of Directors has designated three days as member only days:

Monday, May 26- Memorial Day

Friday, July 4

Monday, September 1- Labor Day



Summer Employment

RSSC will have a few part time positions open this summer. Any person considering summer employment at the club is encouraged to download an employment application from our website <http://www.rockspringswim.com>. Directions stating where to send the application can be found on the downloaded form. Please note that candidates that are qualified for positions at RSSC will have Lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid certificates that are valid the entire season. To be considered for an interview, applications must be received no later than March 29, 2014.

Lessons

Rock Spring Swim Club is pleased to once again be authorized by the *American Red Cross* to offer its *Learn to Swim Program*. Our classes will meet for two weeks, Monday through Friday, with enrollment limited to ten children per class. All of our instructors are fully certified by the Red Cross (CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding, and Water Safety Instructor) and utilize all current Red Cross standards, procedures and assessments. Our classes are designed to meet the swim needs of all children from 2 years – 15 years of age.

Back by popular demand, we will once again offer a competitive stroke clinic. This class is designed for current members of the Racer's swim team. This clinic will focus on the four competitive strokes, starts, turns, and racing techniques. Swim team coaches will work with swimmers to improve, refine, and enhance existing swimming performance.

We are lucky that Coach Drew will again offer tennis lessons. Tennis lessons are a great way for young athletes to have fun and learn the rules of tennis.

Please refer to the website for information relating to mail-in registration, fees, schedule of classes and exit skills information. **Take advantage of the \$15.00 discount by paying early and registering by mail before May 16, 2014.**

Safety Concerns



In the interest of safety and courtesy, items that shatter when broken will not be allowed at the club. **No glass of any kind** is allowed inside the fenced in area of the Club. Glass items include beverage bottles, baby food jars, condiment jars, salsa jars, nail polish and serving trays. Crockery and Pyrex are prohibited as well. In the event that broken glass gets in the pool, the pool would have to be drained, cleaned, re-filled, and balanced. This process could take up to ten days. Our staff reserves the right to check for glass in any coolers and bags within the fenced in area of our club. While phones and tablets are permitted within the pool grounds, they may

not be taken into the pool for any reason. Many of these devices have glass screens and components. Please show respect to other members and staff by refraining from bringing any sort of glass into the Club.

All children 12 and under, who wish to use the diving well must pass the pool test every year. Any child who has passed the pool test during the current season must display our wrist band when in the diving well. Pool tests will be given daily throughout the pool season for members and guests alike.

Furthermore, to ensure your child's safety, the only flotation devices permitted in the **main pool** are water wings and **U.S. Coast Guard approved** PFD's. Other flotation devices including bathing suits with built in floats are not permitted in the main pool. **Any child wearing a PFD or water wings must have an adult within an arm's reach of them. For the safety of our children, this policy will be strictly enforced.**



We will continue to follow the Department of Health policy and require all children non-potty trained or newly potty trained wear disposable swim diapers while in the pool and we asked that you use the changing table located in both restrooms. We are required to disinfect the pool for a minimum of two hours, or a maximum of eight hours, should there be a loose fecal contamination incident.

Children 5 years of age and younger **MUST be accompanied by an adult or babysitter (16 years or older) at all times when in the fenced area of the baby pool!**

A complete set of rules are available on the website and at the pool office. Pool rules are designed to ensure the safety of RSSC's members, guests, and staff. All rules will be strictly enforced. Please help us by familiarizing your family with the rules prior to Opening Day. Please talk with your children about safety while in the aquatics environment and monitor your child's behavior while at the club.

As with all safety related requests, the staff appreciates your cooperation in helping us provide the safest and cleanest facility possible.

Summer Fun Sneak Peek!



Sunday, April 27 Rock Spring Racer Swim Team Registration 6-8
St. Margaret's School Gym

Saturday, May 24 Opening Day (WOLO truck 12-5)

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day, Come celebrate RSSC's 40th
Birthday! Tikiz, 50/50, DJ! No guests, no exceptions.

Tuesday, May 27 RSSC Racers evening practice begins.

Thursday, May 29 RSSC Racers Mandatory Parent Meeting. Pavilion closes at 5:00.

Friday, June 6 Teen Social 7-10 (Pool closes to members at 6:00)

Saturday, June 14 Racers host Valleybrook. Pool opens at 1 PM.

Sunday, June 15 Father's Day! Corn Hole tournament 2:00, WOLO truck 12-4

Monday, June 16 Racer morning practice begins. Stroke Clinic Session I begins. School's Out, Let's
Shout! Celebration

Tuesday, June 17 Chat and Chew with Board of Directors 10-11

Wednesday, June 18 Racers host Fountain Green Swim Club. Pool closes at 4:00.

Monday, June 23 Swim/Tennis Lesson Session I begins. Stroke Clinic Session 2 begins.

Tuesday, June 24 Raft Night 6-9

Wednesday, June 25 Racers host Emmorton. Pool closes at 4:00.

Friday, June 27 Family Sip & Dip 6-10 Volleyball and Pizza

Monday, June 30 Baseball Night 6:00, \$1 Hotdogs

Friday, July 4 Fourth of July! Games, Rita's, DJ, 50/50. No guests, no exceptions.

Monday, July 7 Swim Lesson Session 2 begins. Racer's Blue and White Meet

Tuesday, July 8 Raft Night 6-9 Tacos

Wednesday, July 9 Racers host Maryland Golf and Country Club. Pool closes at 4:00.

Monday, July 14 Racer's Swim-A-Thon

Thursday, July 17 Chat and Chew with Board of Directors 7-8

Saturday, July 19 Racers swim at Championships at Aberdeen.

Sunday, July 20 Racers swim at Championships at Fountain Green. Racer
Celebration, Pavilion and Grills close at 3:00.

Monday, July 21 Swim Lesson Session 3 begins.



Summer Fun Sneak Peek cont.

Wednesday, July 23 Bingo Night 7-9. Pavilion closes at 6:00.

Friday, July 25 Family Sip and Dip, Grill, Relays, Volleyball

Saturday, August 9 Crab Feast 6-9 BYOB

Tuesday, August 12 Raft Night 6-9

Wednesday, August 13 Bingo 7-9 Pavilion closes at 6:00

Saturday, August 16 Chat and Chew with Board of Directors 2-3

Sunday, August 17 Fair Day

Sunday, August 22 Adult Sip and Dip 9-11

Friday, August 29 Family Movie Night 8:00-end of movie

Sunday, August 31 WOLO truck, (12-4) 50/50

Monday, September 1 Labor Day, No guests, no exceptions. Pool closes for season.



Celebrating 40 years of fun
in the Sun!

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th from 10 am to 7 pm

No Guests/No Exceptions

DJ, 50/50, Tikiz

