

North Springfield Swim Club

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WELCOME!

March 2017

President's Message

Dana Cibulski

Hello my summer friends! Welcome to our 60th pool season. We did it. Our new bath house was built last season, after years of planning and fundraising. This was a huge accomplishment.

Why are permanent members and shares so important?

One of the reasons we had the confidence to move forward is our tradition of selling shares and having permanent members. Our swim club is unique in Northern Virginia in that regard. We know that our permanent members will be back each year and we can count on your support. Other swim clubs in our area are very transitional; members stay a short time and leave. We have many long-time (over 20 years!) members and newer members who have invested in our community. This sense of ownership and belonging is what gives our pool that close-knit, friendly, 'family' atmosphere that other pools lack.

I want to encourage those of you who are temporary members to consider this year, becoming a shareholder in our swim club. See inside this newsletter the rates and numbers. Yes, the initial investment is larger, but you make the money back, so to speak, in three years.

Other improvements we have been able to make—because of you—are the new dive boards, a security and camera system and this summer, a new sound system and improved drainage for our bath house floors.

Who is joining and leaving the Board of Directors?

I want to give a huge show of appreciation to the Board of Directors. I am always amazed at their loyalty and hard work. WE are your friends and neighbors and like to speak to our fellow members. Please note the proposed changes in the Board of Directors (see box on p.2). These officers will be voted on at our annual members meeting Wednesday, April 26 (see details to right). I want to welcome Jennifer Porter as our new Vice President, Patti Brockmeier as Supervisor of Grounds, Kristin Balbuena as Social Events Coordinator, and Samantha Batko as Swim Team Representative.

We need to say good bye to board members who are leaving their roles on the board, but thank goodness not leaving our club! Steve Slough has left as Treasurer, Bob Sweeney has left as Head of the Renovation Committee (also President for over 10 years) and Grace Neary as Swim Team Rep. This will be the last summer for Amy Williams as Dive Team Rep and Alicia Ward's last year as Membership Director. Amy will be overlapping with Bernadette Reilly, who will be dive rep next summer; and Alicia is working with Stephanie Southwick who will take over membership in 2018.

I so look forward to seeing you around the pool decks soon. It brings me such joy observing how our club and children have grown. Last summer, I saw babies with their floaties and this summer they are joining Little Flippers; last season's Little Flippers are joining the swim and dive team this year; our 'tweens volunteering in the snack shack will now be working as front desk staff; this summer's life guards were once swimming in the baby pool; and our long-time members returning with their grandchildren. I love it!

Thanks for investing in our community! We have invested in you! I sign off with visions of warm, clear water swimming in my mind,

Dana Cibulski, President

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703-642-0375

MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 26 APRIL

The annual spring membership meeting has been scheduled for 7:00pm, Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at North Springfield Elementary School, in the Library.

NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING?

Then please fill out the enclosed proxy included with the newsletter and return it prior to the meeting to:

7122 Dalhousie St c/o S. Frey

or email it to merenkulku@yahoo.com. We require 40 members to be represented in person or by proxy for a meeting to be official. (PERMANENT MEMBERS ONLY) Temporary members are welcome to attend and participate, other than when voting.



Community Open House

Invite your neighbors on Saturday, May 27, 11am - 3pm. Free entry during these hours. Family fun, food for sale at reasonable prices, and swimming, of course!

Questions: Kathy Dannholz: shamblz@verizon.net

New This Year!

- Credit card payments are now being accepted at NSSC.
- Pay your dues and activity fees on line with a credit card.
- Buy your snacks at the Snack Shack with a credit card (2nd year now).

Any questions, contact our Treasurer Renate Thompson at NSSC@thtcpa.net

Dues

The pool reserves the right to request proof of residency for anyone listed on the gate control card.

Family memberships include 2 adults and your children residing in your house. If there is another family residing with you they must purchase their own family membership. For questions contact membership chair Alicia Ward at membershipNSSC@gmail.com or 703-333-5084

Dues may be paid by check or by credit card (additional processing fee) in 2017. Credit card payments will be accepted on the website NS-SC.org beginning April 1, 2017

The dues for 2017 are:

- **Permanent Family Membership** (pool shareholders): \$450
- **Senior Membership Fee** (70+ max 2 people per membership / must be a permanent member): \$300
- **Couples Membership Fee** (For households of 2 people/must be a permanent member): \$350
- **New Permanent Family Membership** (Share purchase of \$225 plus dues of \$450) : \$675

Cleanup Fee: \$25 for current permanent members who do not participate in at least one cleanup day.

Membership may reward extra cleanup time with complimentary guest passes.

Payment of dues must be made by May 15, 2017 to avoid a late charge for CURRENT PERMANENT MEMBERS ONLY. The late charge is \$65. The late charge will be applied to all memberships that have not paid the annual dues as of the May 15, 2017 deadline.

Failure to pay dues will also result in the withholding of **PERMANENT membership** cards and denial of access to the facilities. Each shareholder is responsible for the annual dues whether they use the facilities or not, and whether the share is owned individually or joint.

Temporary Family Membership Fee: \$525

Temporary members - Do you want to help the pool look amazing for opening day. Work a minimum of 4 hours during any clean-up day and receive a guest pass with 10 punches.

Dues cover our taxes, insurance, utilities and staffing costs.

Each shareowner is responsible for notifying the Club of any change of physical or email address. This is the only way that the Club can provide timely mailings of Club information to members.

2017 Board of Directors and Advisors

President	Dana Cibulski	703-642-0375
Vice President	Jennifer Porter	703-863-4886
Treasurer	Renate Thompson	703-941-8981
Secretary	Stephen Frey	202-460-1380
Operations	Mike Dannholz	703-941-9250
Membership 2017	Alicia Ward	703-333-5084
Membership 2018	Stephanie Southwick	
Staff Manager	Lisa Pritt	703-399-5490
Swim Team Rep.	Samantha Batko	703-283-3458
Dive Team Rep.	Amy Williams	703-362-9146
Tennis Team Rep.	Jason Parker	571-276-5772
Social Events Director	Kristin Balbuena	410-274-5315
Member-At-Large	Skip Pirozzi	703-354-3571
Grounds Supervisor	Patti Brockmeier	703-941-1558
Website and IT	Angelo Cruz	703-354-9636

Advisors and Committee Heads

Asst. Swim Team Rep	Vacant	
Asst. Dive Team Rep	Alison Dalsimer	703-868-1513
Little Flippers Rep	Kathy Ayers	
	Laurell Wiersma	703-898-7160
Snack Shack	Alyssa Getsey	703-864-3202
Swim & Dive Meet Concessions:		
	Celeste Leyhe	
	Rheanna Bernard	916-792-9401
Food Truck Coor.	Anne Goodwin	703-256-3065
Community Outreach	Grace Neary	703-304-8290

New! Membership Referral Program

Please spread the word about our wonderful, cozy, shady, friendly, community-minded swim club.

Have new neighbors? Made new friends this past year? New families moved into your children's school?

If you refer a new membership to our club, you will receive \$25 Dolphin dollars that can be used at our Snack Shack.

- You need to be a current member, with dues paid, and in good standing.
- The new member cannot be a member in the previous 3 summers.
- Make sure they mention your name on their membership forms.



Contact: Alicia Ward & Stephanie Southwick, membership: membershipNSSC@gmail.com

Guest Corner

Guests are subject to the same rules and regulations as are Club members. All guests must register at the sign-in desk and be accompanied by a member during their visit to the facilities.

The guest fee rate is:

- \$6 per person regardless of age 7 days a week.

Note: The pool does not accept cash at the gate. The shareowner will be billed at the end of the swim season (Oct.) for all guest fees. All fees must be paid by December 31, 2017 to avoid a 20% (\$1.00 minimum) penalty charge.

GUEST PASSES

Each "Guest Pass" contains ten (10) admissions to the pool for any day of the week. Cost \$35.00 per pass if you order before June 15, 2017. *This is the lowest rate you'll see all year.* It is recommended that you purchase them now, because after June 15, 2017 the cost jumps to \$45.00. All passes are non-refundable.

Clean Up Day (Temporary and Permanent Members)

All permanent members are asked to volunteer a minimum 4 hours (per membership, must be 15 years or older) or pay a cleanup fee of \$25. **We would love to see everyone help get our member-run pool ready for the season!** Temporary members will earn 10 guest passes.

The annual "spring" clean-up will be held as follows (Weather permitting): March 25 (8AM-2PM) *pruning, raking and blowing leaves* - April 22 (8AM-2PM) *spreading mulch, work on sand of volleyball court* - April (8AM-2PM) *tennis court area clean-up, volley ball court* - May 6 (8AM-2PM) *spreading mulch, volleyball court, sandbox, plantings* - May 13 (8AM-2PM) *complete yard work and clean chairs* - May 20 (8AM-2PM) *Completion of pool set-up*. Please check emails the night before for changes of dates and times due to weather.

We ask that you bring appropriate tools and if you have specific skills, volunteer for one of the many projects that will be ongoing. Suggested tools list: *broom rakes, rakes, shovels, spades, pitch forks, wheelbarrows, brush clippers for sticker bushes and kudzu vines (adults-chainsaws gas brush cutters, skid steers etc.)*

Please take appropriate precautions for poison ivy and sticker bushes if working on cleanup outside of the pools fenced area. **PLEASE** mark your equipment so it can be returned to you. YES, you can attend more than one cleanup day. It is a great way to earn guest passes.

For more info, **Contact:** Patti Brockmeier, Grounds Supervisor pbrockmeier@juno.com



Share Sale Proceeds

Anyone wishing to sell his or her share should notify **Alicia Ward** (membershipNSSC@gmail.com), our Membership Chairperson in writing. Notification of a desire to sell DOES NOT relieve the shareowner of their responsibility to pay annual dues.

Gate Control Cards

For 2017, we will provide new gate control cards to each family member authorized entry to the Club. **An ID Card is required for entry to the facility.** Every effort will be made to have cards available at the pool on opening day to those who have paid by May 15. It is the responsibility of each shareowner to return the enclosed gate control card with their annual dues payment by the deadline so that ID cards can be prepared in time for opening day. The cost of replacing lost or stolen cards will remain \$3 per card.

Babysitters & Providers

A babysitter must be an adult (18 or older) unless accompanied by an adult member. A permission slip from the parent that includes the name of the child/children, the name and signature of the babysitter, and emergency phone number must be completed and provided to the Club.

Fees for a babysitter are as follows:

Babysitter is not a member but child is a member: A \$50.00 charge for the babysitter is assessed for the swim season. The babysitter is allowed at the pool only when babysitting.

Babysitter is a member but the child is not a member: If the child is 5 years of age or older, then a \$50.00 charge is assessed for the season. The child is allowed at the pool only with the babysitter.

Snack Shack

Thank you for supporting another record-breaking year in the Snack Shack! We added additional items, based on requests from members and this year will be serving hot coffee, nuts, and fresh fruit. We will continue selling and using the Dolphin Dollars (\$5 punch card) this season. They don't expire, so carry over the same cards from last year. We will also continue to accept debit and credit cards as payments. Note that the 3% convenience fee will likely be in place all season.

Snack Shack was open more hours last season, and was available during social events as well. Many families took advantage of purchasing dinner at the pool, whether it was a cheeseburger, corn dog, Hot Pocket, Mac & cheese, or Cup Noodles. There will be two swim meets, and two dive meets this season. The Shack and "Hut" will be open during these events.

While we are "fully staffed" with volunteers for the Shack this season, we will be looking for families who would like to volunteer on our busiest night of the week --Friday nights. At least one adult will need to be present at all times, but this will allow more kids the opportunity to "help out". The family will be "rewarded" with Dolphin Dollars as a thank you. For details or any other questions or concerns, **contact:** Alyssa Getsey: getsey@verizon.net

NSSC SUMMER TENNIS SEASON - 2017

Summer Tennis is Back on Court! LESSONS BEGIN JUNE 13 and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

We will work on basic skill improvement, court etiquette, tennis knowledge, and good sportsmanship. Classes are divided by skill level and within each level the players will have opportunities to challenge each other on match-play days.

Tennis is open to players of any skill level between 7 and 18 years of age.

If you are interested in signing up and haven't already filled out an activity form for tennis, please download an activity form, or ask for one at the Front Desk, and bring it to the first practice. The activity fee for summer tennis lessons is \$85.00 per child for pool members. Also, per tradition, please bring one can of tennis balls (new or used) to the first practice to donate to the team. The season begins June 13 and ends August 3. Practices are held unless inclement weather forbids. If the pool is closed due to inclement weather, then the tennis courts are also closed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jason Parker at dcparkers@verizon.net (571-276-5772).

Swim Team Information

Swim Team Representative Samantha Batko, sbatko@gmail.com, 703-283-3458

Hello returning and perspective swim team parents! We are excited to be getting ready for the upcoming North Springfield Dolphins swim season! We will be in Division 17 again this summer. We've also joined a B-Meet league which means your swimmers will have more opportunities to race different strokes. An A-meet schedule is available on the swim team page. The B-meet schedule will be posted imminently.

As always, we are looking forward to a fun swim season full of great races and events! **But, we cannot do it without YOU!** We are looking for parent volunteers who are interested in taking on roles during swim meets such as stroke and turn judges, referee, timers, table workers, among others. Some of these roles require training prior to the start of the swim season. If you have volunteered for a position in the past and will continue to do so or, if you are interested in volunteering for a position, please contact Sam Batko (swim team representative) at sbatko@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about swim team, team representatives will be at the general membership meeting held prior to the pool opening and will be hosting a parent information meeting in the first weeks the pool is open. Please send any swim team related questions to sbatko@gmail.com.

Dolphins Dive Team Information

Dive Team Representative: Amy Williams, amywilliams2011@gmail.com, 703-362-9146

Assistant Dive Team Representative: Alison Dalsimer, aldal@live.com, 703-868-1513

The Dive Team is gearing up for a new and improved season! This year, our award winning team faces a new challenge in Division 6. All members under 18 at any skill level are encouraged to join, as long as they can swim across the pool. We will have both morning and evening practices this year, with 2 home meets and 3 away meets.

Please join us at the general membership meeting for more information about volunteering, uniforms, and meets. You can also email the team reps with questions.

Little Flippers

Little Flippers is our developmental swim program designed to prepare young swimmers for the Swim Team. The program is open to children ages 4 to 8 who are willing to get in the water without parental assistance. No swimming experience necessary! The program will begin after public school ends and will run about 4 weeks. The classes are in the evenings. The cost is \$50 per child..

Youth Coaches for Little Flippers Needed:

We hope all our coaches from last year will participate again this year and we are looking for a few more. Youth Coaches for Little Flippers are volunteer, must be 12 years or older, family must be member of the pool, coaches must be members of the swim team. A coaching clinic will be held to offer training to coaches. If you are interested in Coaching Little Flippers or having your child participate in Little Flippers, please email the coordinators: Kathy Ayers kaayers@fcps.edu and Laurell Wiersma lwiersma@cycleconsulting.com

Activity Fees

Permanent and Temporary Members:

- \$85 for each Activity
- Little Flippers Activity Fee is \$50 per child



In Memoriam

Our club lost two members recently.



Tom Cummings passed away December 2016 unexpectedly and suddenly at the age of 57. He helped a great deal each year during the spring clean-up days, especially with using his 2 power washers and his small loader tractor in helping to haul sand to the volleyball courts. He loved machines! He was often seen at many social events, the chili cook off, beer tasting, sharing his always smiling and happy demeanor. Always at his side were Mashid, his wife, and Kiara, his daughter. Mashid often helped with social events especially the kids' crafts and Kiara, his daughter, was on the dive team.



Doug Johnson passed away from a year-long fight against cancer in August 2015 at the age of 52. He was a creative, avid gardener and shared this love with the swim club. He helped to create and landscape some of the new garden beds around the pool—especially the one behind the dive well that now holds our precious 30-year old butterfly bush. We will miss his good humor, hearty laugh, and warm Georgia drawl. We still have his family! Alison Dalsimer, his wife, is the Assistant Dive Team Rep; Kyle, his son, is on the swim and dive teams; Isabel, his daughter, is one of the top divers on our dive team.

Shout Out Section

We, the members and Board of Directors, want to give a huge THANKS to those that donated to our pool last year.

North Springfield Civic Association donated the black and chrome bench that sits near the front desk to our pool last year. It gets used all the time—especially for young people waiting for rides home. Thanks NSCA! If you are not a member of the civic association, please contact them: nsca@nscivic.org.

Ray Kruse, a neighbor, pool member and owner of the contracting company Trubilt, designed and constructed for our pool the sign post at the entrance. Thanks Ray! Contact Trubilt at www.truebilt.com

James Moore, a neighbor, pool member, and local designer and builder, planned and constructed our new front desk. Thanks James!

Steve Bowes, a current neighborhood resident and pool member (starting in 1975 when his parents joined!), donated the partitioned changing rooms in our new bath house last year. Steve is the Managing Partner of Phoenix Home Services and supervisor of the bath house renovation. Thanks Phoenix and Steve! Contact: Steve Bowes, Phoenix Home Services at www.phoenixmason.com

RSMediaOne is an audio-visual company that provides high quality AV services for special events of all kinds. They have donated equipment for Dolphins home swim meets. Their team of professional sound engineers provided full audio sound reinforcement that made these meets a complete success. For more information, contact Romel Simon and visit www.rsmediaone.com

Farewell to Board Members

We would like to show our appreciation for the Board members who are stepping down from 'active duty' on the Board, but they are not leaving us as active volunteers on the teams, other roles, or pool members. Thank goodness!

Stephen Slough has stepped down as Treasurer (2014-16). He and his entire family were very active on the swim team. Steve was a timer and then marshal from 2001-2013, Stroke & turn judge 2006-2013, and eventually took on the very valuable position as Referee 2010-2013. He was also part of the initial, early-phase building committee in 2013, which of course led to our final product of a renovated bath house last year.

His daughter, Sarah, was on the Dolphins swim team from 2000-2012. His son, Mark was on the Dolphins swim from 2002-2013. Emily, his wife volunteered as a Timer (one or two years as head timer) from 2001-2013. The Slough family moved to North Springfield in May 1998, and their pool member share transferred with the house title, so they have been members since 1998.

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POOL OPENS SATURDAY MAY 27, 2017

Social Calendar 2017

The Social Committee is gearing up to make sure NSSC is the place to be this summer. From adult only events to opportunities for kids to have some organized play, we can't wait to hang out and have our members meet each other.

Please take a moment and fill out our survey about what you'd like to do and see this summer: <https://tinyurl.com/NSSC2017Survey>. All responses received by Sunday, March 26 will be entered to win 10 Dolphin Dollars for this season at the Snack Shack.

Of course lots of activities means we need lots of volunteers. Whether you'd like to help with one event this season or one a month, we'd love to have you join our committee. Please contact Kristy Balbuena (kristybalbuena@gmail.com) to help out!

Some early season events include:

Saturday, May 20: Adult Luau -- Clean up the pool in the morning, then clean up yourself and join us before the pool season starts. This 21+ event is a great way to celebrate the start of the season. We will be preordering barbecue, and bring a side or dessert and a beverage to share. We'll hit up the blender as we mix drinks at this members only mixer. Be on the lookout for more details and preorder forms. Cost TBD.

Saturday, May 27: Opening Day of the Pool -- Come kick-off summer with the BIG SPLASH at 11 a.m., followed by a community social from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. When the lifeguards blow the first whistle opening the pool, kids of all ages jump into the pool for the first big splash of the season. Bring noisemakers or horns or clap your hands to mark the official start of the pool season. There will be hot dogs, lemonade, sno cones, popcorn, games, crafts, and swimming.

Saturday, June 3: Chili Cook Off and Beer Tasting -- Bring your home-cooked chili and/or your home brew or favorite store-bought beer and find out what the judges think. Both tastings will have "fun" winners in several categories. Cost TBD.

Friday, June 9: Free Guest Night -- Do you have a neighboring family that is trying to decide if they should join NSSC? We all know the answer is of course "yes," but help them decide by bringing them to the pool for the evening. All guests will need to sign in with a member family and all children must be accompanied by an adult; current members will not be charged this evening for their guests.

Sunday, June 18: Sundaes on Sunday -- Celebrate Father's Day with an ice cream treat.

Friday, June 23: End of School Ice Cream Social -- Celebrate the end of the school year with our annual ice cream treat.

Sunday, June 25: Ladies' Brunch -- Join us for a quiet hour before the pool opens for a Sunday potluck brunch.

2017 Pool Season Hours

May 27 – June 22

Monday-Friday 4pm - 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 11am - 8pm

Memorial Day: May 29 11am - 8pm

June 23 3pm - 9:30pm

June 24 - Aug. 27 11am - 9:30pm

Aug 28 – Sept 1 4pm - 8pm

Sept 2 & 3 11am - 9:30pm

Labor Day: Sept 4 11am - 7pm

Sept. 9 & 10 11am - 7pm

Pool hours may change due to weather, swim or dive meets. Please check pool website before going to the pool.

Employment Opportunities

Lifeguard and front desk staff needed for 2017 season. Join the team! Have fun! Make money! Enjoy fun in the sun at the coolest pool on the block! SPEND YOUR SUMMER ENJOYING YOUR WORK! Applications and forms needed by 30 April: www.ns-sc.org

Lifeguards can take the test at age 15 (See below); Front desk staff must be at least 14 years old with a work permit signed by parents. Work permit info link ('Click here' in the center of the webpage for employment certificate forms):

[Virginia.gov – Child Labor Law & Forms](#)

LIFEGUARD / RECERTIFICATION / OPERATOR COURSES

Get your lifeguard training early so you can be a member of the lifesaving team this summer.

Lifeguard classes with Fairfax County Parks are \$359; Available for the college and HS spring break weeks, as well as some weekends:

Fairfaxcounty.gov [American Red Cross Lifeguard](#)

Online Class at American Lifeguard (www.americanlifeguard.com) The in-water test is done at the Jewish Community Center.

Lifeguard is \$355; Recertification is \$255 Operator is \$245; Operator Challenge exam is \$75.

Questions?

Contact Lisa Pritt: lisasehpritt@gmail.com

Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/North.Springfield.Swim.Club/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/@nssc_pool