

## Budget Update

Why did my dues increase this year you might ask?

The Dunn Loring Pool Board develops a budget each year which projects expected revenues and expenses for the upcoming season.

Part of this budget attempts to recognize the need to have the reserves necessary to address more long-term needs and projects. But, pumps, tables, chairs, diving boards and umbrellas all need to be replaced regularly to ensure that our pool and swim club remain operational and an enjoyable place for all of our members.

Our major source of revenues is the dues paid by our members. We try to keep these low while still meeting the swim club's short and long-term needs.

With over 600 members the pool facility gets a huge amount traffic for the few months that it is open each year. Swim and Dive meets, events and activities and the normal wear and tear that

our pool goes through every day all take their toll on the systems necessary for ongoing operation. Add to this the fact that the pool house itself is over 40 years old, and the reality is that a renovation cannot be far off.

As you might expect, the largest expense is for staffing the pool from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The staff includes the lifeguards that keep our pool safe, front desk personnel, and management. These consist of full and part time employees as well as the technology expenses for payroll and entry systems.

There are big ticket items as well as the occasional leaky toilet or broken tiles that need to be repaired. And everything costs more each year.

Just the cost of keeping the grass cut and the grounds maintained each year can run in excess of \$14,000. These expenses for grounds include items such as removing limbs and trees hit by last

year's lightning.

Other substantial expenses include pool chemicals, utilities, maintenance, and grounds. Maintenance includes fixing pumps that break or plumbing issues that arise.

This year, the Pool Board reserved \$20,000 for future capital improvements and \$10,000 for white coating, which needs to be done every few years.

While the amounts reserved are less than 10 percent of the budget, the amount reserved will build each year and earn interest so that the Dunn Loring Swim Club is better positioned if and when we are faced with an unexpected emergency or want to undertake a renovation or enhancement of our swim club.

We are lucky to have a group of dedicated volunteers who contribute a lot of their time and skills to addressing everyday issues that arise. Without these folks and their efforts our expenses would be even higher.

Thanks and enjoy the pool!

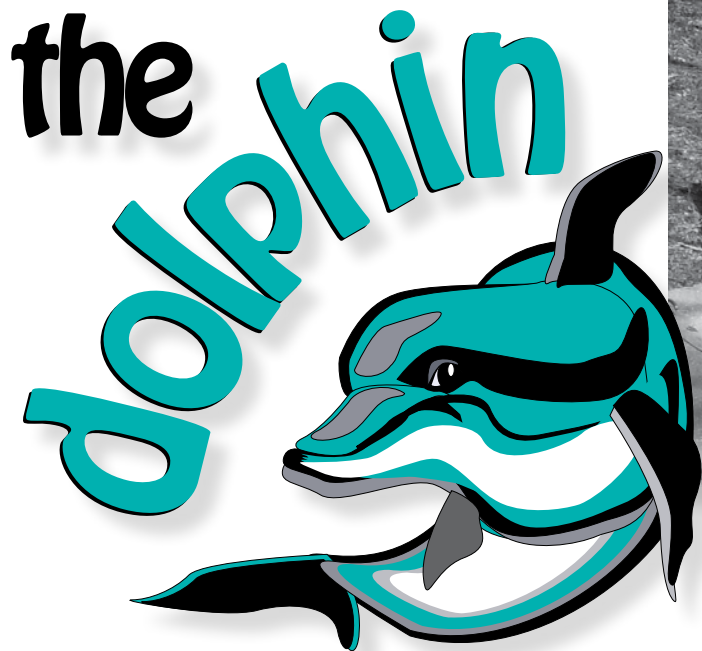
## Snack Bar

This year the DL Snack Bar will be volunteer co-managed by Julie Hirka and Jen McCullen. The Snack Bar is run by the DL swim and dive team for the convenience of the membership. We strive to provide a first job experience for swim and dive team members and inexpensive snacks for the membership. Any profit we make is used to pay the young employees and buy extras like diving boards and lane lines for

the DL pools.

If you are planning on swimming or diving for the team this year and are 13 years old or will be during the summer (you must have completed 7th grade) and would like to work at the snack bar please go to the website and download the application. Applications can be submitted online to [hirkas5@juno.com](mailto:hirkas5@juno.com). This year we will not accept applications after the pool opens.





## Facilities

### *Meet Gena Kuhblank*

Hello Dunn Loring Friends and Neighbors! My name is **Gena Kuhblank** and I will be the Facilities Manager of Dunn Loring Swim Club this summer.

Many of you will know me from Thoreau Middle School, where I am a Physical Education Teacher. I have been teaching Physical Education and Health for twenty years in Fairfax County. As a native Northern Virginian, I grew up in Fairfax, attending Robinson High School, and went on to run Track at George Mason University. Many of you will know my two children, Ryann and Bo Kuhblank. Ryann, my daughter, is a third grade student at Cunningham Park and Bo, my son is a first grade student. We reside in Dunn Loring Woods and spend much of our time on playing fields and in gyms around Vienna.

As a self-described "pool rat" I grew up at the pool! My family belonged to



Lakeview Swim Club in Fairfax, where my Mother served as Team Rep for the swim team, and my Father was the Pool Treasurer and also the NVSL Treasurer for many years.

I began my career as a Lifeguard at age 15 when I began to work for NV Pools, Inc. I went on to manage Old Keene Mill Swim and Racquet Club for over 11 years. After taking a break from working at pools to raise my children, I got back into pool management when my sister's community pool found itself without a pool management company and in danger of closing. I took over the pool in every aspect. I hired and trained the lifeguards, prepared the facility for opening, directed

the swim lesson program, and oversaw the daily operation of the pool. I truly enjoy spending time at the pool, supporting the Lifeguards and ensuring a safe and pleasant environment for the pool members.

## Stuff Happens

### *Maintenance of the DLSC Property is a Full Time Job*

The Maintenance and Grounds team of **Kevin Williams** and **Brian Kennealy** take care of the ongoing issues that arise during the year round maintenance and operation of the club. Along with support from **Mark Rooney** and a host of volunteers they keep our grounds safe and looking good.

Just about anything and everything that you can imagine happens to our grounds over the course of the year. Picture having a really big yard that has a couple of hundred guests over every day, and you start to get the idea.

Two years ago during a storm a large tree came down and landed partially in the lap pool, damaging the chain link fence and the electrical connection to the Snack Bar. This year the Drexel bridge was showing signs of structural damage and needed substantial repairs. In the past one of our basketball backboards needed to be replaced and the support post wrapped to conform to an insurance company request.

This gives you an idea of some of the issues that can arise—and need to be addressed—sometimes immediately.

The Pool Maintenance Committee is always looking for volunteers for help



## Life Goes On

About 13 years ago when my wife and I were expecting our first child we didn't spend much time at the pool. We had been members for 5 years but didn't visit the pool much except for weekends and holidays. That summer though, my wife Joanne, sought refuge from an especially hot summer and the last few weeks of pregnancy in the cooling waters of our club pool.

As luck would have it she met several other soon-to-be mothers and they made fast friends.

As the babies grew and play dates became commonplace, the dads, who were thrust together— as dads often are in these situations— became friends too.

There were basketball and baseball leagues, school events or dance lessons, kids birthdays, barbecues, swim and dive teams and the weekly Penny Dive.

But always it was the summer and the pool that brought us all back together. The pool is where we meet our neighbors and develop friendships that can last a lifetime. It's a place where you can see old



friends, catch up or make plans for the future. It's the hub of our neighborhood and many of our members have been going to the pool since they were kids.

As time went on more kids came and that original play group grew to include brothers, sisters and friends.

Through it all, there was the pool.

This year marks the return of the Kids Party— which ran for many years at the club and was well attended by many in the area. One of our new Board Members, **Allison Garrett** is in charge of the social committee and will look for suggestions and help from you to organize ideas that sound good.

Personally, I'm looking forward to meeting at the pool after work and just ordering pizza. And especially the hourly

## Social events you don't want to miss...

We have exciting plans this year to cool down our hot summer nights. The social committee is planning some great festivities including a Margarita party, BYOB's, Movie nights, pot luck & a fantastic kid's party with moon bounces, clowns & much more!

Mark your calendars for a few dates to kick off the season...

**BYOB & Potluck – Saturday May, 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Margarita Party Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Kid's Party – Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**More to come...**

If you would like to be a part of planning our summer events please contact:

**Allison Garrett** at  
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703-864-5890.

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whistle that means— all kids out of the water. It's the best 10 minutes of the day.

See you at the pool.

*Les McCarty*

## Grounds cont'd

with small projects around the pool area. This year they are also looking to have a Spring Grounds Care Day to take care of basic upkeep in and around the pool and attend to smaller projects that need to get done.

The Maintenance and Grounds volunteers fill the gaps between our professionally managed contracts and what needs to get done. If you have a willingness to help, please send an e-mail to [briankenney@yahoo.com](mailto:briankenney@yahoo.com) or [kwilliams900@gmail.com](mailto:kwilliams900@gmail.com). They will add you to our distribution list of volunteers for upcoming projects. "We have some terrific building professionals on the committee says Williams, so some of you may learn a few tricks of the trade."

Also, if you are a student, this is a good



way to earn volunteer service hours. If you sign up they will send out a request for help and if you can make it, great, otherwise, we'll see you next time. It's a good way to learn some handy skills and give back to the pool.

Some of the upcoming projects include: repairing the picnic tables, refinishing the covered terrace (pavilion) and refinishing the pool deck, etc.

This past year, the committee had a successful fall Ground Care Day with help from the following members: **Patrick Via, Charlie Via, Mike Trivisonno, Michael Trivisonno, Patrick McVerry, Connor McGrath, Joey Williams, Bobby Williams, Tommy Williams and Kevin Williams.**

Thanks for the great work.

## Facilities cont'd

I am excited to bring my management experience to the Dunn Loring Swim Club family and I am looking forward to many great summers at the pool with all of you.

Together with **Lauren Parkhurst**, who will return as Head Manager, the pool looks to have an experienced team in place for the upcoming season

Lauren is a rising senior at Christopher Newport University. She is currently studying Business Management and will graduate in May of 2012. Lauren is a Student Ambassador for CNU, and is also a sister of Alpha Phi. This summer will be Lauren's 7th year as a Dunn Loring lifeguard, and she is very excited to take on the role of head manager!

Our Asst Manager for this season will be **Sam Hagopian**. Sam is a sophomore at Penn State University.



# New Ranking, New Division for 2011

## *Dolphins recognized for 2010 Sportsmanship*

The summer of 2010 for the Dunn Loring Dolphins was filled with exciting swim meets, broken pool records, fun filled activities and a very well deserved award presented to the entire swim team.

The Dolphins swam hard in Division 3 and their efforts resulted in close races, close meet scores and even a (rarely seen) tie!! Individual swimmers who broke Dunn Loring pool records included John McClorey and Neal McElhattan. The relay team of George Hirka, John McClorey, Neal McElhattan, and Alexander Tosi ended the season on a winning note by breaking the 18 and under 200 Freestyle Relay record at the very last meet!! Way to go boys!!

The highlight of our summer was the Divisional Meet at Donaldson Run, where it was announced that Dunn Loring was chosen as the winner of the Division 3



Sportsmanship Award!! This award was voted on by all the swimmers, coaches and team reps from all the teams in the division. What a huge honor!! We were so very proud of all of our swimmers and their dedication to exhibiting good principles of sportsmanship all season long!

We are already in the process of making plans for the 2011 swim season! This summer we are ranked number one in Division 4. We are looking forward to seeing all our returning and new swim-

**Swim & Dive team registration will be on May 7th at DL POOL - rain or shine from 12-2 PM. A representative from Sport Fair will be there to sell suits and goggles.**

mers at the first swim team practice on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The cut-off for swim team registration this year will be Friday, June 10. Please get in the water, practice, get your patch and register with the team reps by this date.

We are thrilled to announce that we will once again be participating in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Relays! This long standing tradition is a fun way to start off your holiday celebration! If you are in town, please plan on joining us at Vienna Aquatics for a great morning of swimming!! Other fun activities planned for this summer include Pasta Parties, Bingo, Lazer Tag, Donut Fridays, the Lock-In and the exciting and competitive Boy vs. Girl Meet!!

We are counting down the days to the first practice when all the fun begins!! We hope you are, too!! See you on deck!!

Fondly,  
*Robin and Michelle*

## Division 3 Champs are Moving Up!

The Dolphin divers completed a perfect season in division 3 winning all five meets. With a very balanced line up including senior expertise and leadership, junior and intermediate depth, and numerous emerging freshman, the Dolphins turned several anticipated close competitions into dominating victories. We also had five divers qualify for the All Star meet. Also, thank you to the terrific, willing, and pleasant volunteers for all the judging, tallying, announcing, and

selling of pizzas. Way to go Dolphins!

As a result, the dolphins move up to Division 1 with Truro, Vienna Woods, SHBR, Mansion House, and Pinecrest.



All of our divers are returning, so we look forward to the new challenges. With our team being almost ninety divers strong last year, the second largest in the NVSL, we have added a second B meet this year plus the ever eventful springboard that is Crackerjack to allow all our divers opportunities to compete. Look for the Dolphin divers at any of our four home meets and come cheer us on.

See you on deck, *Pat*

**2011 Dive Team Schedule**  
June 28: DL @ Pinecrest @6PM  
July 5: Vienna Woods @ DL @ 6PM  
July 7: B meet @ DL @ 6 PM  
July 12: DL @ Truro @ 6PM  
July 14: B meet @ Vienna Woods @ 6 PM  
July 17: 3-meter Meet @ OakMarr @ 8 AM  
July 19: Mansion House @ DL @ 6 PM  
July 24: Crackerjack @ CH @ 8 AM  
July 26: SHBR @ DL @ 6PM  
July 31: Divisionals @ Pinecrest  
Aug 7: All Stars @ Fairfax

**2010 All-Star Divers:**  
Katherine Van Winkle, Kelly Corish, Sean Ryan, Greg Duncan, David Tecala  
**2010 Awards:**  
**Most Improved:**  
Neal McElhattan, Annie Cowman  
**Coaches Awards:**  
Casey McCullen, Avery Burke  
**Sportsmanship Award:**  
Mikey Briody, Annika Dirkse  
**Most Inspirational:**  
Katherine VanWinkle