



Pool Grounds

Planning for a bright future

Maintenance of the pool grounds is a constant battle of man vs. Mother Nature. For the 3 months that the pool is open and grass neatly trimmed each year, the elements have been hard at work for the other nine. Fallen trees, flooding banks, and continued exposure to snow, rain, and sometimes even man made disasters all take their toll on the pool grounds.

The maintenance committee of Mike McCullen, Mark Rooney, Barry Schwartz are responsible for the coordination for everything from bids to actual installation and construction of most of the pools landscape.

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This year Premium Landscape/Lawn will do the annual

Spring work on the property. They will cut in the beds, put down new mulch, trim back shrubs, trim up any low branches around the fence-line. They will also remove the bed around the corner sign and replace it with turf. Weeds have overtaken that area over the years and no matter how often they are pulled, them they come back stronger.

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Meet Your Pool Managers

Each year the DLSC board of directors and its personnel committee undertake the important and challenging task of hiring or re-hiring a complete staff of lifeguards and pool managers. All of DLSC's lifeguards are required to have passed swimming and lifesaving tests, and obtained appropriate certification before manning the stand. Many of our lifeguards have "grown up" at DLSC and many of those that have not quickly come to know it as their "second home" due in large part to the friendliness of you, our members.

We would like to introduce this years pool managers to the members. below is a brief bio of each of the 3 managers.

Michelle Parkhurst—Head Manager
I have grown up in Northern Virginia, and have been a member of Dunn Loring Swim Club ever since I was a baby. I swam on the Dunn Loring summer league team up until I was 18 and had so much fun being a member of the team! I graduated from Clemson University this May with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Education. During my time at Clemson, I competed on the Swimming and Diving Team, and I was the captain for

my senior year. I currently hold 3 individual school records and 4 relay records and 1 ACC record in the 200 freestyle. This past season at ACCs, I was the 200 freestyle champion, and went on to compete at NCAAs in College Station, TX. I am no longer competing in swimming, but will definitely continue swimming every now and then for exercise. Next year, I will attend Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina to earn my teaching certification and master's degree in elementary education. Upon completion of this program, I plan on finding a job as an elementary school teacher.

Lauren Parkhurst—Asst. Manager.
I have been a member of Dunn Loring Swim Club for my entire life, and I have enjoyed every summer. My favorite memories include the never ending spirit, and numerous victories at DL swim meets, as I was a member for 14 years. I have been a lifeguard at DL for four years, two of which I had manager experience in August, and I am very excited to be an Assistant Manager this summer. This fall, I will be a sophomore at Christopher Newport University, where I am currently studying Business

Administration and Economics.

Max Grant—Asst. Manager. I've been coming to Dunn Loring since 2006, and have been a guard for the past three years. I was one of the August managers the past two summers, and this year will be my first as an Assistant Manager. My favorite things about the pool would have to be the Snack Bar and the Volleyball Court, as the Biggs' epic collection of snacks and DL Volleyball tourneys are always highlights. I've swam for my NVSL team, Poplar Heights, since I was five, and have also played Water Polo since Freshman year. This fall, I will be attending the University of Virginia and plan to study Foreign Affairs & Spanish.

If you have any questions or concerns about pool rules or activities feel free to speak to a lifeguard, or pool manager directly.



Preparing for Another Season takes a lot of Work

Assuming that the rain ever ends, another fun summer is right around the corner! My family and I are looking forward to another great summer at our favorite home away from home. Our new front desk staff has been assembled, pool managers and lifeguards hired and we are almost ready to go!

As some of you may be aware, I have been elected President of the Board of Directors this past November at the Annual Meeting. Jenny Reinhart made the tough decision to step down from this post to spend more time with her family during the summer months. I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You Jenny" for all your time and effort over the last 10 years. You will be missed!

With that said, I am honored to have been asked to be your president and will do my best to maintain the high standards that we have all become used to over the past 10 years.



I have been a member of Dunn Loring since the summer of 1988 and there is not a job at the pool I have not done. As a member and a parent we share the same concerns about pool safety and supervision. Therefore, all my efforts will focus on continuing to make improvements to our beloved swim club and ensuring our members have a safe and fun filled summer.

The Board Members have been busy in the off-season planning improvements to both the facilities and grounds. This is a prime function of the board and requires consistent attention as we plan for both the short term and the years ahead. Among other things, to keep the training pool in its prime condition, this off-season, we had it white-coated. Improvements are done

constantly so that we can keep DLSC in tip top shape.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like me to address, please do not hesitate to contact me at nopenshaw@dlsc.net. I am looking forward to a great summer. Oh, and by the way, join me in the lap lanes for a swim....catch me if you can!

Nairn Openshaw

P.S. Don't forget your sunscreen!!

Pool News

Annual Dues Remain the Same!

Did you notice?! The annual dues did not go up at all this year! The Board is sensitive to the economy and your "tightening of the belts" at home. The Finance Committee of the Dunn Loring Swim Club board formulated the draft budget for the 2009 season in December of last year and it was approved at the February meeting by the entire board. We look forward to putting your money to good use and providing a safe, fun-filled environment for the 2009 pool season!

Schedule of 2009 Fees

Each year many questions come up regarding guest fees and seasonal passes. While we cannot cover all the possible fees in this space, details and additional information is available in the DLSC Policy Handbook and Directory.

Guest Pass: The cost of an one-day guest pass will remain at \$5.00 per individual, and \$20 per family. Please remember that guests must be

accompanied by a member age 12 or older. For more details, please refer to the DL Handbook.

Fourteen-day Extended House Guest Pass: \$50.00 per individual, \$100 per family. With an Extended Guest Pass, house guests age 21 or over may come to the pool without the member as long as a letter of permission from the member is on file in the office.

Seasonal House Guest Pass: \$200.00 per individual. A seasonal house guest must permanently reside outside a fifty mile radius of Dunn Loring Swim Club. Proof of residency must be provided. Seasonal house guests may not participate on swim or dive teams.

Babysitter Fee: (sitters bringing members' children) \$5.00 per day or \$100.00 per season.

For all other fees, please refer to the DL web site, the DL Handbook, or contact the membership secretary.

Activities

This year we are adding some new activities for adults. Every Sunday from 11 - 12 we will have an adult only raft

hour. On June 28, July 12 and August 30, we will reserve the pavilion for a Potluck at the Pool. Bring something to share and socialize with old and new pool friends. Kids can eat but following the potluck will be another adult raft hour from 7 - 8. A fantastic way to cap off your weekend. Lastly we have added Adult Water Volleyball on Thursday nights at 7:30. We hope you can join us at some of these fun events!

The pool is an outstanding way to meet your neighbors and develop friendships. But it also a great place to have a party for both adults or kids

Last years Margerita Party for adults was just such an event. Between the food, music and frozen margeritas it was a great time. This years Margerita party is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, July 11** so keep an eye out for the exact date on a flyer, or on our web site. Think Hawaiian shirt night or Sombrero night? All you need is an idea and a following. You would be surprised how quickly people will find a reason to get out and relax?

If you have an idea for a party email the club. We are open to suggestions!



Dolphins Move Up to Division III

Coaches set to handle a growing team

The weather is getting warmer (okay down right hot!) and I heard many people mention how nice it would have been to take a quick dip in the pool after the sporting events this past weekend! Well, it won't be long and we will all be poolside again and ramping up for another fabulous summer swim season.

Michelle and I are very excited to say that we have verbal commitments from all six of our coaches...yes, all SIX of our coaches. Due to the size of the swim team last year, we thought it would be best to increase the number of coaches on deck. This year, Peter Krawczyk has verbally accepted the head coaching position with Chris Parkhurst and Kristin Fimian also returning!

We will also have Sarah Biggs, David Bauernfeind, and Steven Krawczyk on board to carry on the Dolphin traditions that they have been a part of for many, many years! We will miss Casey and Katie very much and we wish them well in their new endeavors!

We are very excited about the upcoming season and competing in Division 3! We realize that we will have to work hard this summer, preparing for our Monday and Saturday meets. However, we will make sure that we have plenty of fun to make up for all the hard work! See you at registration on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00-2:00 ... at the pool!

Robin and Michelle

Dunn Loring Divers, Hot to Hit the Boards

Our Diving Dolphins are eager to get started. We have another exciting summer planned once again participating in Division 1. We are joined by Vienna Woods, Cardinal Hill, Sideburn Run, Pinecrest and Truro. We hope to have many returning divers to compete for the team and look forward to some new faces as well.

The Dive team is open to Dunn Loring members ages 6 – senior in high school. No experience is necessary, we take divers of all levels and abilities. We have meets for everyone to participate in, including 3 meter and developmental

meets. Our number one mission is fun and safety! As a dive team member, you are eligible to take part in all of the social events put on by the swim and dive team including potlucks, candy bingo and the infamous lock-in for those 11 and over!

If you are interested in joining the dive team, please see Valerie Taylor at the pool or call 703-573-8494. We would love to have you! To all other Dunn Loring members, please come cheer on our divers at one of our home meets on July 7 or July 21. We will also be hosting All-Stars again on Sunday August 2. Last year's event was outstanding as many of you will remember. Please come out to support the best of the NVSL – this will be the last time we host All-Stars for a long time! Good Luck DIVING DOLPHINS!

2009 Dive Team Schedule

- MON. JUNE 1**
Afternoon dive practice begins – times TBA
- FRI. JUNE 19**
Morning dive practice begins – times TBA
- TUES. JUNE 23**
Dive Meet at Truro at 6 PM
- TUES. JULY 30**
Dive Meet Dunn Loring at Pinecrest at 6 PM
- TUES. JULY 7**
Dive Meet at Dunn Loring (hosting Vienna Woods) at 6 PM
- THURS. JULY 9**
B Meet at Cardinal Hill – (tentative)
- SUN. JULY 12**
3 Meter Dive Meet at Oakmarr at 8 AM (select divers only)
- TUES. JULY 14**
Dive Meet Dunn Loring at Cardinal Hill at 6 PM
- SUN. JULY 19**
Crackerjack (Developmental)
Dive Meet at Truro at 9 AM
- TUES. JULY 21**
Dive Meet at Dunn Loring (hosting Sideburn Run) at 6 PM
- SUN. JULY 26**
Divisional Dive Meet at Sideburn Run (8:00 AM)
- TUES. JULY 28**
Awards Evening @ Dunn Loring (time TBA)
- SUN. AUGUST 2**
All-Star Dive Meet at Dunn Loring (8 AM)

New Front desk Administrators

This year the front office and operations will be managed by the team of Kathy Montes and Robin Atsaves.

Both are long time members who have experience managing people and families. **Kathy Montes** is born and raised in Northern Virginia and a member of DLSC since 1987. "My husband, Victor, and I have been married for 26 years and we have enjoyed renovating our 1938 'Sears' home for most of the 26 years. We have four children: Nicholas 24, Christopher 20, Daniel 18 and Megan 13." Kathy currently works as an Instructional Assistant in kindergarten at Stenwood Elementary. When not working on her home, Kathy enjoys gardening, reading and trips to the beach.

Robin Atsaves and her husband Alex have lived in Stonewall Manor for 18 years. They have 2 children, Erin 16, Nick 14, who will both be on the swim team this year and have been members since 2004.

Robin presently works as Safety & Security Officer at Thoreau Middle School and is in her 4th year working at the front desk at DLSC.

Robin has also previously worked at Parkwood Preschool so many members may recognize her from there as well.

The pool managers (Michelle Parkhurst, Lauren Parkhurst and Max Grant) will work together with the front desk administrators handling the daily operations as well as the lifeguarding responsibilities.

Dolphin Car Magnets On Sale

This year the Dunn Loring Swim Club is offering Car Magnets for sale to its members. The magnets are priced at \$5 each and will be available at the front desk or at swim /dive team registration. The proceeds will go to help offset printing, mailing, penny dive items and the many costs associated with the daily operation of the pool.





Pool Grounds cont'd

This is a year for tree work. We are getting estimates to have some trees cut back and for some to be cut down. The area behind the pump-house/cistern is overdue for a clean up and the committee would like to put down some pea gravel for a cleaner look. It has also been recommended that we place some

trash cans (two at the most) on the property, outside the fenced area.

Hopefully, if they are there for people to use all year round it will cut down on the amount of litter which seems to accumulate. Members have personally witnessed dog-walkers dispose of their dogs waste by throwing it onto DLSC

pool property. Sad but true.

NV Pools is handling the resurfacing and white-coating of the lap pool nearest the snackbar. This is a big project that requires the removal and reinstallation of all the lighting, and tiles that line the edge of the pool. After this is done approximately a half inch of the pools surface is removed and new concrete and whitecoating applied. Finally, the tiles and lights are reinstalled, sealed and tested.

These are the kinds of projects that are difficult for the board to anticipate. Through careful planning and allocation of dues money from past years, we have created enough of a surplus to pay for the big ticket items when they come up.

But there is a constant flow of new work. In the next few years the parking lot will have to be resurfaced and the dive pool will need extensive work.

Your dues and the Boards vigilance will make this possible and keep our pool in great shape now and for the future generations.

