

LANE LINES

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

THANK YOU!

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Although snow STILL covers the ground, the Northville Swim Club is getting ready for a fantastic 2009 season. The board envisions warm, sunny days with the pools filled with members having a great time. Along with the usual winter activities to get the club ready for 2009, the board is spending extra effort for some special events. We are working to improve the women's locker room, generating ideas for more activities and investigating updates to our pool heaters and pump systems. With a number of our ideas for more activities (who remembers the road rally?) we will need volunteers to organize and run the events. We are confident that our members will step up to make the club more fun and exciting.

With the current economic climate and rising energy and water costs, our NSC

budget is receiving additional attention this winter. We are looking for ways to continue the great programs at NSC without jeopardizing our financial health. We are keeping dues at the same level as the last few years.

At the annual meeting last September, we said goodbye to four outgoing board members and welcomed four new board members for their three year terms. Thanks to Steve Cheaney, Cindy Sheppard, Pete Talbot and Ralph DiFazio. The four newly elected NSC Board of Directors are: Nancy Zurawski, Mary Schwyn-Jensen, Tiffany Chiado and Jon Kipke. Welcome!

David Wagner
NSC President

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This past September we had over thirty volunteers help close down the club from a very successful 2008 season, THANK YOU! All volunteers earned guest passes for the 2009 season.

Many tasks must be accomplished to close the club starting with putting away the chairs in the locker room. This year, some of our younger members put away all the chairs in the least amount of space in the locker rooms than in years past—great job. Other tasks included: taking down our new umbrellas, the volleyball nets and all the signs, cleaning the grills (wow, what a job), washing all the refrigerators and freezers, cleaning and closing down the office, trimming the lilies and bushes, and finally covering the diving boards. It takes tons of effort to close down the club and the volunteers had fun working together on all the important jobs.

All the volunteer hours saved the club thousands of dollars. Thanks for showing your pride in the closing the club.

REMINDER:

PLEASE PAY YOUR WINTER DUES BY 2/28/09 TO AVOID LATE FEES.....



Penguins Winter Swimming!!!!!!

SWIM TEAM NEWS



SWIM TEAM CALENDAR

6/13 Parent Meeting/ Suit Fitting (11AM)	7/9 at Colony
6/16 Inter squad meet	7/14 bye
6/18 Fairway Farms	7/16 at Fairway Farms
6/23 bye	7/21 Colony
6/25 Newburgh	7/23 at Burton Hollow
6/30 Burton Hollow	7/28 LEAGUE MEET at Newburgh
7/2 bye	Home Meets in BOLD

NEWSLETTER TO GO ONLINE ONLY IN 2009

Last year we started emailing this newsletter and we are happy to report it has been a huge success. At this time, we have a majority of our members receiving this newsletter electronically. Thanks goes to all of the members who have provided their email address. It represents a significant saving, not only in production and mailing cost, but also in the manual effort it takes to get the newsletter distributed.

Like any organization today, we are really trying hard to watch our expenses. One way we can do this, is through minimizing the number of hard copy mailings we do as a club, relying more on email as well as updates to our websites to communicate club information.

With that in mind, we are going to be eliminating

the mailing of this newsletter this summer. To those not on email, we plan to mail out the May edition which provides all of the numerous updates for the upcoming season along with the summer calendar. After that, we will only send this newsletter electronically.

What does all of this mean???? **IF THIS NEWSLETTER WAS MAILED TO YOU, WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE TIMELY UPDATES AND CLUB NEWS. Send your updated email address to contactus@northvilleswimclub.com.** If we do not have an email for you, the newsletter will be posted on our website for you to print OR hard copies can be picked up at the front desk. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

BOARD UPDATE

THANK YOU TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Cheaney (Treasurer) Steve and Janet Cheaney worked tirelessly throughout the last three years taking care of the NSC money. They tracked and projected all our expenses, wrote seemingly millions of checks, improved our insurance coverage at lower rates and cleared up countless billing snafus with Detroit Edison. Additionally, they left the NSC books, budget projections and all the instructions in beautiful shape for our new Treasurer. Thank you for making the financial side of NSC a smooth operation.

Cindy Sheppard (Aquatics) Cindy Sheppard worked as social director her first two years on the board improving the snack shack and all the activities. For the past year Cindy ran the swim lessons and helped with all the work surrounding our large swim team. Cindy expanded lessons to include adult lessons and water aerobics. Always willing to lend a hand at whatever NSC needed, Cindy devoted countless hours to the club.



Pete Talbot (Aquatics) Pete Talbot ran our swim team for all of his nine years on the board. He saw us through 72 dual meets, nine League Meets, two at Northville, and hundreds of coaches meals. Pete introduced competitive swimming over a thousand kids, WOW! Pete guided the swim team to its primary goals of making swimming fun for kids and a way to learn competitive stroke technique. Pete succeeded in getting as many kids as possible to become strong and confident in the water. Thank you Pete for guiding our swim team for all these years and for keeping the team and club true to the vision of fun summer swimming.

Ralph DiFazio (President) Ralph served as social director when he joined the board nine years ago. For the last seven years, Ralph has been NSC President. Ralph guided all the board committees to make the swim club the great place it is today. Ralph improved the club with the snack shack and cabana building project, balanced our needs for fiscal responsibility with the desires for capital improvements and helped increase the social activities. Ralph also worked tirelessly, quietly and confidentially with the many difficult issues of memberships, staffing, finances and liability of running the club. Ralph made sure the club ran smoothly without many folks knowing all the difficult decisions and hard work that it takes.

Thank you Ralph for your guidance to our youth and also your fellow board members.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Zurawski (Treasurer) Nancy grew up in Northville and has lived in Northville almost ten years. She and her family have been members of the club since 2006. She has three children who all enjoy the club. She has been an accountant since 1990.

Tiffany Chiado (Aquatics) Tiffany and her husband have lived in Northville for 16 years and they have been members of the Club for 8 years. Their children, Maddie (13) and Sophia (11), have grown up at the pool.

Mary Schwyn-Jensen (Aquatics) Mary and her family have enjoyed being members of the Northville Swim Club since 2005. As a former swimmer and coach, Mary hopes to use some of her experience to teach kids at the NSC to love the sport of swimming.

Jon Kipke (Building and Grounds) John has had many years as an independent Heating and Air Conditioning contractor as well as experience in many home renovations. As a member of the club for two years, John and his family have really enjoyed their membership.

WELCOME ABOARD!!!!!!!



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