

LANE LINES

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The summer has come to an end and the club has been put to sleep for a winter nap. Now the planning starts for next season. The Board will work over the winter on lessons learned from last season. We will focus on improvements for the coming year and what facilities need to be upgraded depending on



our budget. We have formed a five year planning committee to look at capital improvements and long term maintenance for the facilities. I hope the winter is short and good to us at the club and there are now major issues when we open next spring.

The annual meeting was held October 2, 2007 and as a result four new board members have been elected. Please welcome Michele Carmona, Rebecca Fielden, Jennie Patterson and Bill Young to the NSC Board of Directors.

Now a BIG THANK YOU to our outgoing Board members:

Jeannine Moehle (Membership Director) Jeannine worked very hard on keeping the membership directory accurate and the waitlist in check. This is not an easy task,

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Fall / Winter at the pool !

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NEWS BITS

Opening the **WAITLIST** for two weeks in October generated **42** new applications. These 42 new families were added to the previous 268 families on the NSC waitlist. There are now a total of **310** families on the NSC waitlist.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONT)

especially when we closed the waitlist for awhile to bring it down to a manageable list. Thank you Jeannine for making this a smooth operation.

Ken Netti (Building and Grounds) Ken was always available to handle the emergencies that came up on a daily basis before, during, and after the club was closed. You can't put a price on this. Ken worked with many of our contractors on the major projects that were accomplished at the club. Thank you Ken for the "whatever it takes to get the job done" attitude.

Kate Courtney (Aquatics) Kate was responsible for the swim lessons program for the passed three years. During that time, she was able to streamline the registration process and work with our instructors to improve our lessons program. We were also able under her direction to open lessons to our waitlist families. Kate also worked with the swim team and the coaches at our meets. Thank you Kate for the hours and effort devoted to our kids.

Cheryl Jones (VP and Director of Personnel) Cheryl served the NSC on the Board for six years as my right hand (VP) and brought her experience of youth Psychology from her practice to work for the betterment of the club. Cheryl was responsible for the hiring of the staff including the managers and working with them on a daily basis. You can only imagine the number of questions and on the job issues that come up with a staff the majority of which are 14-18 years old, a thankless job which she handled in a very professional manner. You made my job much easier.

Thank you Cheryl for all of your guidance to our youth and also to your fellow board members. Thank you most of all keeping me level.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the club for years to come. Thank you again for all your years of hard work.

Ralph DiFazio, President



IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Do you have ideas of improvements you would like to see at NSC? Send your ideas to Bill Young and Dave Wagner at: building1@northvilleswimclub.com

FALL WORKDAY SUCCESS

The Club closed on time this past Labor Day weekend with great weather allowing full use of the pool right up to the last day. After closing, the maintenance crew came in immediately to close the pool and cover it. The following weekend was our traditional work day was held. A big turnout of volunteers earning guest passes for the 2008 season made quick work of our closing tasks.

The big job of moving all the deck chairs into the clubhouse was attacked right away by the early birds who arrived right at 8:00. Other high priority jobs like taking down the volleyball nets, cleaning and packing up the grills, and cleaning out the food storage area came next. With the strong turnout the crews quickly accomplished all the crucial jobs and then moved on to cut down the lily beds, trim the bushes and clean all of the flower beds. This great effort made closing day a fun event and had us wrapping up by noon.

A big thanks to everyone who took the time to make help!

SEPTEMBER B & G IMPROVEMENTS

New Faucets and Shower Heads After the pool was closed, our Buildings and Grounds 2007 team arranged for new faucets and shower heads to be installed in all the locker rooms and washrooms. Also, the pump area is now (slightly) heated to help reduce trouble over the winter. Thanks to Ken Netti and Bill Schaumann for a great 2007 season!

JANAURY ICE & WIND DAMAGE

During the ice and wind storm in late January, the electric line to the clubhouse was damaged by falling branches. Thanks to Bill Young who worked with Detroit Edison and our electrician to get the power restored.



E-MAIL AND WEBSITE

NSC is pushing towards reducing mailing costs and paper associated with newsletters. Please include your **email address** with your dues renewal at end of February. Let us know if you will forego receiving a paper, US-Mail, version of the newsletter .

You can also send your email address to Jennie Patterson at: contactus@northvilleswimclub.com

We plan to send more frequent email updates in 2008 between newsletters.

2007 ANNUAL MEETING

WWW.NORTHVILLESWIMCLUB.COM

The NSC Annual Meeting was held on October 2nd at Northville Library. Four new members were elected to serve three year positions on the NSC Board.

Michele Carmona and her family have lived in Northville for seven years. Michele sees the club as a great community with fun activities for every member of the family. Michele will be organizing social activities for 2008.

Rebecca Fielden has been a member of NSC for four years. The four Fielden boys enjoy the swim team (check the record board). NSC is a major part of the family's summer with swim team and all the social activities. Rebecca is responsible for membership.

Jennie Patterson has also been a member at NSC for four years. She has enjoyed watching her kids learn to swim through NSC. Jennie began swimming competitively at age six and still swims to keep fit. Jennie will lead communications for NSC in 2008.

Bill Young and family have been members of NSC for ten years. Bill, Susan Paul and Taylor spend tons of time at NSC all summer with Paul life guarding and Taylor on the swim team. Bill will be working on building and ground in 2008.

At the Annual Meeting concerns on pool water quality led into a discussion of how to enforce the shower rule for everyone entering the pool. Along with being required by health regulations, showering each time before entering the pool removes dirt, sand, and sun tan products that all add to cloudy water. The chlorine and other pool chemical keep the water sanitary but the filters cannot keep up with high loads of sun tan lotion, dirt and sand on a busy weekend afternoon.

The Board will work with the managers and guards to enforce the shower rules for everyone every time they enter the pool.

Members' safety is always the top responsibility of the guards and staff. Keeping the pool clean will be a close second priority for 2008. Do your part by always showering.

The Social Committee had good response through the web site and email system to staff volunteers for Coney night. Submit your email address with your dues to keep up to date with all the social activities and volunteer opportunities.

The swim team had 170 member in 2007. Over 320 kids participated in swim lessons. Approximately 20 kids took diving lessons and 10 members joined water aerobics.

SWIM TEAM SCHEDULE

Here is the Swim Team meet schedule for 2008. All swim team members should plan to attend the League Meet on July 26th.

6/19	vs. Newburgh	HOME
6/24	bye	
6/26	vs. Colony	AWAY
7/1	vs. Burton Hollow	HOME
7/3	bye	Happy Fourth of July!
7/8	vs. Fairway Farms	HOME
7/10	vs. Newburgh	AWAY
7/15	bye	
7/17	vs. Fairway Farms	AWAY
7/22	vs. Colony	HOME
7/24	vs. Burton Hollow	AWAY
7/26	League Meet at Fairway Farms	

The next newsletter will contain the swim team sign-up information, the practice schedule, suit day and lots more...

TREASURER NEEDED 2009-2011

Swim Club Treasurer Needed for 2009-2011 Seasons

For the past three years, the club has greatly benefited from the services of Steve Cheaney and his wife Janet. Together, they have diligently and effectively performed the very important and critical role of Northville Swim Club Treasurer.

Next year, Steve plans to step down as Treasurer. We are looking for any member who is interested in filling the Treasurer role on the Board. Interested parties can discuss with Steve the duties. Aside from a regular review of the financial records and NSC budget, the Treasurer must be available to pay the club's monthly bills and approve requests for use of club funds. A financial background as well as experience using financial book-keeping software called **One-Write Plus** (similar to Quicken) would be beneficial but is not necessary.

OPEN SWIMS

Open Swim and Lap Swim are sponsored at HILLSIDE by Northville Parks and Recreation. The fee is \$3 for Open Swim and \$2 for Laps. Check for additional swim classes and any schedule changes— <http://www.northvilleparksandrec.org/>.

Open Family Swim – Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30 PM and
Saturday 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

Lap Swim — Saturday 12:15 – 1:00 PM

Schoolcraft College also has open swim Sunday 1:00 – 4:30 PM and Adult Lap Swim on Thursday 8:00 – 9:30 PM.

We are on the Web@

www.northvilleswimclub.com

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BOARD MEETING

The Board meets all winter to keep the club running smoothly. The meetings are the second Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 PM. During the winter months the Board meets at the First United Methodist Church basement meeting room. The Church is located on Eight Mile Road, just a little ways away from NSC. Contact the President or Secretary for the agenda or just drop by to any meeting.

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vicepresident@northvilleswimclub.com

IMPORTANT DATES !!!

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT DUE

February 29th regular and senior dues for 2008.
After February 29th, add late fee of \$50 extra.

APRIL and MAY WORK DAYS:

Come help Open the Club for Spring!
Saturday April 26th 8AM to 3PM
Saturday May 3rd 8AM to 2PM

OPENING DAY (First Day of Swimming):

Friday, May 23rd 4-8 pm

LEAGUE MEET at Fairway Farms (Swim Team):

Saturday, July 26th do not miss the fun, Go PENGUINS!