

Mirrmont Country Club

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010

Fellow MCC Members,

Well, our long awaited summer is finally here, and I am sure you have noticed all the changes at the pool. As a member like you, I truly enjoy having access to a pool and clubhouse with little of the daily hassle of having my own backyard pool. But, it is easy to overlook all the time and effort put into maintaining the pool, yard, and clubhouse. We have so many members to thank for all their efforts. Kelly Allen did a great job organizing the spring clean up work party and we appreciate all those members who pitched in to get the club ready for the summer season. Cathy Morgan has been planting new flowers in the pouring rain of early June storms. Dave Stucky has worked year round to repair the fences, keep us up on fire code regulations, and so much more. Lisa van Brero made multiple trips to purchase and deliver the new and much needed lounge chairs, and Cheryl Reilly has brought us into the 21st century with a new website so that we can keep you better informed on news and events of the club. Mary Stively has been on the verge of a heart attack as she manages the budget and writes checks to pay for it all. It goes without saying that we hope you enjoy the improvements that have been made to the pool as it has been a year of significant changes. Not only do we have a smooth and clean surface from the recent replastering, but we are also now compliant with the Virginia Graeme Baker law, having made improvements to our drainage system. Some things you may not be able to "see" at the pool include a new heater that has been installed, and many updates have been made to the pump room and pool plumbing. Having said that, when you see Mary Nelson at the pool each day, I hope you will stop and thank her for her tireless efforts in overseeing this enormous project by researching companies, meeting contractors, constantly covering and uncovering the pool throughout the process, grouting the tiles, begging for the rain to stop during the replastering, and so much more. And, did I mention that she got it all done On Time and Under Budget? She's in her second year as the VP of the Pool, and while it has been a steep learning curve, Mary has always approached the job with a positive attitude. She has gone above and beyond in her efforts to make the pool a safe and fun environment for all of us to enjoy with our families. If you don't know Mary, just watch the pump room door while you are up at the pool as she is coming and going several times throughout the day to check the chemical balance, the heater, water levels, etc. We might need to put a bed in the pump room for the amount of time Mary has spent tending to the pool, or at least dedicate one of the new lounge chairs in her name.

Having said all that, it has also been frustrating to open the pool this year because of numerous complaints of damage, safety concerns and general rule-breaking during non lifeguarded hours and after pool hours. We have had multiple incidents of damage and general disrespect for the club including damage to the barbed wire fence, graffiti on the primer stage of the pool replastering, damage to the men's room exterior doors, wet puddles and messes left in the locker rooms, as well as evidence of food fights, project messes left behind, and soap and water fights in the restroom. Unfortunately as our children get older, we cannot monitor them constantly. Therefore, it is critical that you go over the rules with them each year when we issue new handbooks and make sure they are aware of the rules for themselves and their guests, and that they abide by them. Their use of the pool is a privilege we have granted to them, and there will be consequences for those who do not respect that the Club is under ALL of our ownership. If we want to be able to make improvements and keep the dues low, we need their participation in maintaining the facility as best we can, rather than spending our dues making repairs. For these reasons, we will be reviewing the rules for minors at the pool, as well as adding additional security cameras. Your suggestions are welcome.

While we all enjoy the benefits of having a pool with little of the day to day responsibility, it's important to remember that several key members and board members have made a big difference in their dedication and service to the club, and we truly owe these individuals our deepest appreciation. If you are like me, you realize what a special community Mirrmont truly is and the role that the Country Club plays as an integral part of drawing our community together. Without member participation, the club just wouldn't be the same, and dues would certainly skyrocket. I feel lucky to be a part of it all, and look forward to seeing you and meeting you, my friends and neighbors, at the pool this summer.

Erin Metcalf
MCC President

Welcome Tennis Trustee David Bradbury!

After having a vacant tennis trustee position since the beginning of the year, we are pleased to introduce David Bradbury as our newest member of the MCC Board. He is interested in creating a program for adults and/or kids, if we can get enough interest to create a tennis program again. So, if you play tennis or want to learn, David would like to hear from you. Please contact him at david.bradbury@comcast.net.

YOGA IN MIRRORMONT

Yoga is a 5,000-year-old form of exercise and meditation that brings strength, flexibility, and balance to the body, mind, and spirit. Bonnie Dike, Certified Yoga Instructor, offers weekly donation-based yoga classes at the Clubhouse. Check www.joyandserenity.blogspot.com for additional information. Find grace and dignity in every moment with yoga!

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www.mirrormontcountryclub.org

Check out the web site for club rentals, pool updates, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities, and more!

SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Swim classes are mostly full! Even though the weather has not been the best, the pool is warm and the kids are having fun learning to swim. Just a few spots are available for the next two sessions in August. The 9 am time slot is available for adults or older swimmers that want to improve their strokes, burn calories, or just get fit. To inquire about lessons or sign up, contact Ruby Cacchione at rubicacchione@hotmail.com.

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- If you have any concerns about the MCC, please contact the board and/or attend the monthly meetings. A suggestion box has been placed inside the Clubhouse. All suggestions will be addressed as part of the monthly board meetings (generally the 2nd Tues of every month).
- The MCC Newsletter is published quarterly. To receive email of the monthly board meeting minutes, agendas, and newsletters, please send your request to Stephanie Nored, psnored@comcast.net. A printed copy of the meeting minutes is available in the Clubhouse on the kitchen counter.
- Online copy of this newsletter is available at <http://www.mirrormontcountryclub.org>.

NEXT MCC BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH AT 7:00PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE