

Rock Spring Swim Club

President's Corner

Megan Houston

“Is it summer yet?!” How many times have you asked yourself that very question this LONG, COLD winter? Fortunately, summer is right around the corner, and I am pleased that you have chosen to spend your family time at Rock Spring Swim Club. Many of our members enjoyed their summers at RSSC during their childhood and are now creating lasting memories with their own children at the pool! I would like to welcome our new members, returning members, and “legacy” members to RSSC this year. The Board of Directors has been hard at work preparing and planning for Summer 2015 in effort to make this season enjoyable, relaxing, and safe for all of our members.

The end of season survey and chat and chews provided important member feedback; the Board members appreciate your suggestions and input and hope to hear from you again this year. We have taken your concerns and input to heart and will be implementing some of those suggestions throughout the summer and around the Club. The Board is dedicated to our members and creating the best summer experience for them and their guests.

For the safety of our members, ball playing will ONLY be allowed in the grassy area by the main (lower) pavilion, the basketball courts, and the tennis courts. Ball playing will not be permitted in the upper pool area. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this matter.

Also, in response to our member feedback, we will evaluate the option of remaining open during the weekdays once school is in session in August/September. At this time we are unsure of our ability to operate, since the staff hiring process is not complete—we need to ensure that the facility can be appropriately staffed due to the school and after-school commitments of our employees. We will keep you informed of the outcome as the summer gets closer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kirk Warner (Treasurer), Rick Swartz (Swim Team), and Terry Snee (Social) for their service and dedication to RSSC over the past several years. We appreciate your hard work and commitment to the families of RSSC. In addition, we would also like to introduce and welcome the new members of the Board: DJ Floyd (Social) and Jeff Dwyer (Treasurer). Congratulations and thank you for volunteering to support the Rock Spring community.

A lot of time and work goes on behind the scenes during the winter and spring months. The management and staff are busy preparing the pool and its facilities, hiring and training new employees, and completing all the necessary tasks to have the swim club in operating order for our members and guests. Rock Spring Swim Club is fortunate to have Dana Novotny and Tiffany Diepold return to their management positions for this summer.

Here's hoping to warm and sunny days in the months ahead. I hope you enjoy your summer at Rock Spring Swim Club!



Save the Date!

Swim Team
Sign ups!
Sunday, April
19th from 6-8
pm

Swim Lesson
early bird
registration for
members
By May 19th

Opening Day!
Saturday, May
23rd 12 – 9 pm



Rock Spring Swim Club

Mission Statement

Rock Spring Swim Club is a family – oriented facility dedicated to providing a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing environment for its members and guests. We are committed to maintaining a sense of community by setting a predetermined number of memberships, creating a variety of fun social events for members of all ages, and fostering a family-friendly atmosphere. Our fully certified staff understands the importance of patron safety and is dedicated to continuously developing and refining our professional skills to prevent and respond to emergencies while providing a pleasurable experience for our members.



Do you have a special skill or talent that could be utilized by RSSC for future projects and events (plumbing, electrical, contractor, marketing, food service, etc.)? Please send your contact information and expertise/skill to Tina Folmer (tinafolmer@yahoo.com).

We would like to consider our members for potential projects and endeavors.

NO GLASS OF ANY KIND



The following items will not be permitted on the Club premises: beverage bottles, crockery, baby food jars, salsa jars, Pyrex, finger nail polish bottles, serving trays, compacts, etc.). Management reserves the right to confiscate any such glass.

While phones and tablets are permitted within the pool grounds, they may not be taken into the pool for any reason.

Membership

Pam Geraghty



Can you believe in 68 days, 2 hours, 39 minutes and 4 seconds the POOL WILL BE OPEN and the cold winds, sleet and snow of this winter will only be a distant memory??? My family and I are eagerly looking forward to enjoying the warmth of the sun with friends poolside this summer!!!

This is my busy time of year as I welcome 50-60 new families to Rock Spring Swim Club and process 475 Membership Information forms and update the pool's big check-in book and database. By the end of the summer, the check-in book has seen better days which is one reason we ask that a new form and family photo be submitted each year; children also change so much from year to year which is why recent family photos speed up the check-in process as they enable the Rock Spring staff to easily recognize members as they enter the pool. Annually updated forms also insure that we have your current contact information in order to keep you in-the-know about happenings at the pool through Constant Contact emails.

Please follow this link to go directly to the membership form on the pool's website [RSSC Membership Update Form](#). After printing the form, SECURELY ATTACH your family's photo to it in the space provided as I don't want to lose your family's picture or put it on the wrong form. All forms should be mailed to the following address:

RSSC - P.O. Box 282 - Forest Hill, MD 21050



This season, RSSC is introducing a referral program for its current members. Any current member who refers a new family to the pool who becomes a member in the 2015 season will receive 5 guest passes (a \$50 value) as a thank you for spreading the word about Rock Spring. New families should note on their application, if a current member has referred them to the pool, and I will mail the member the guest passes once the new family has completed the membership process. Please email me if you have already referred a family for membership this season so that I can insure you receive your guest pass thank you.

Many members contact me about adding a babysitter to their membership so that their children can enjoy the pool when parents are at work. Please email me if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity so that we can add your babysitter to your membership before the pool season begins on May 23, 2015.

One last reminder about pool dues--you must pay your yearly dues in full by March 1 to avoid accruing late fees as follows:

- If postmarked on or before March 1.....\$520
- If postmarked on or before April 1.....\$545
- If postmarked on or before May 1.....\$570
- ***If postmarked after May 1st\$620***

***Payments not postmarked by May 1st can result in an automatic termination of membership unless arrangements are made beforehand with Pam Geraghty to not terminate your membership and transfer it to an applicant on the waiting list. Please include the appropriate late fees with your payment so that your account will be noted as paid in full. ***

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any membership questions you may have. I look forward to seeing all of you at the pool!

Rock Spring Racers



Swimmers... Step Up... Take Your Mark...

SIGN UP!

APRIL 19, 2015 6:00pm – 8:00pm

St. Margaret School Gym
205 Hickory Ave Bel Air, MD 21014

This is our only scheduled registration date.

A waiting list will be created for those swimmers who do not attend and register during this in person registration date - April 19, 2015.

Your Swim Team
Coordinators:

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dpron44@gmail.com

Jeff Rittershofer
jrittershofer@hotmail.com



Social News

Dave Iampieri & DJ Floyd

The social committee would like to welcome all returning and new members to the 2015 season at Rock Spring Swim Club. We have some wonderful and exciting events planned this year.

We will continue to offer many favorite events such as the bingo, movie night, raft nights, and adult socials.

We will celebrate Father's Day and a fun family event. Memorial Day has many fun events planned for the whole family, so we hope to see you there!

We are excited and hope you will be too. See you soon!



Radio Schedule!

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following radio schedule, which will be used at the Club this summer! *(Depending on reception)* Please note that the radio may not be played during lesson times or during times of extreme crowd.

Monday: Country in the Sun

Tuesday: Back in Time 70's/80's

Wednesday: Pop Music

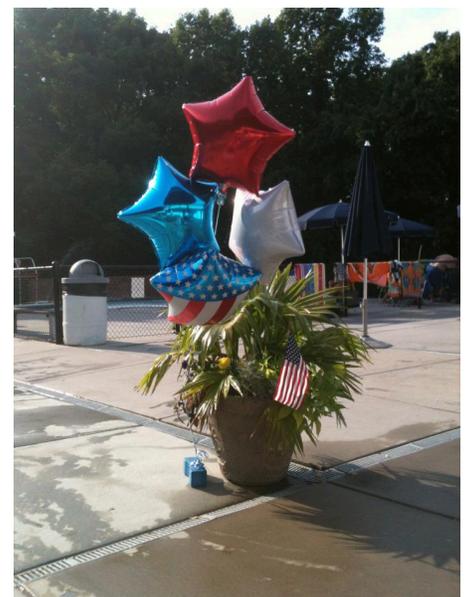
Thursday: Cool Down with Classic Rock

Friday: Relax in the Pool with Adult Contemporary

Saturday: Open-4 PM Country 4 PM-Close Pop Mix

Sunday: Open – 4pm 70's/80's 4 PM– Close Classic Rock

*The Orioles baseball game will be broadcast during "baseball social events".



Rock Spring Swim Club is a smoke free environment.

Those who wish to smoke must do so in the designated spot outside the fenced in pool area.

Communications

Gerri Mitchell



For the second year in a row, Constant Contact chose Rock Spring Swim Club as an All Star Winner once again for 2014! Thank you members for helping us achieve this award!



Stay in the loop all year long by bookmarking the website www.rockspringswim.com. Also be sure to add us to your address book to receive informative emails regarding emergency closings, social events, and policies & procedures.

You may also find updates on Facebook.

This year the RSSC Board of Directors will be hosting "Chat and Chew with the Board." This event will enable all members to have face-time with members of the board of directors to discuss ideas and concerns.

**Feel free to join us on:
Tuesday, June 30 from 10-11 am
Thursday, July 23 from 7-8 pm
or Saturday, August 15 from 2-3 pm.
See you poolside!**

Manager's Corner

Dana Novotny

After this very cold winter, I know that everyone is ready for summer, especially for RSSC's opening day, Saturday, May 23rd (Memorial Day weekend).



The staff and I are extremely excited about the summer of 2015!

As in the past, we will operate on a part-time basis until Harford County Public Schools close for the summer break. As always, we look forward to a safe, fun and enjoyable season.

Part-time Hours

Monday-Thursday	1 pm – 7 pm
Friday	1 pm – 9 pm
Saturday-Sunday	12 pm – 9 pm



Full-time Hours

Monday – Friday	10 am – 9 pm
Saturday – Sunday	12 pm – 9 pm

*Please watch the calendar at the entryway for **special pool hours**. The calendar is updated daily. If you are unsure of pool hours, please call 410-879-3641 for confirmation **prior** to your pool visit.

No Guest Days for 2015

Due to historically extremely crowded conditions, the Board of Directors has designated three days as member only days:

Monday, May 25- Memorial Day * Saturday, July 4 * Monday, September 7- Labor Day

Summer Employment

RSSC will have a few part time positions open this summer. Any person considering summer employment at the club is encouraged to download an employment application from our website www.rockspringswim.com. Directions stating where to send the application can be found on the downloaded form. Please note that candidates that are qualified for positions at RSSC will have Lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid certificates that are valid the entire season. To be considered for an interview, applications must be received no later than March 30, 2015.

Lessons

Rock Spring Swim Club is pleased to once again be authorized by the *American Red Cross* to offer its *Learn to Swim Program*. Our classes will meet for two weeks, Monday through Friday, with enrollment limited to ten children per class. All of our instructors are fully certified by the Red Cross (CPR, First Aid, Lifeguarding, and Water Safety Instructor) and utilize all current Red Cross standards, procedures and assessments. Our classes are designed to meet the swim needs of all children from 2 years – 15 years of age.

We will once again offer a competitive stroke clinic. This class is designed for current members of the Racer's swim team. This clinic will focus on the four competitive strokes, starts, turns, and racing techniques. Swim team coaches will work with swimmers to improve, refine, and enhance existing swimming performance.

We are lucky that Coach Drew will again offer tennis lessons. Tennis lessons are a great way for young athletes to have fun and learn the rules of tennis

Please refer to the swim and tennis lesson links that include information relating to mail-in registration, fees, schedule of classes and exit skills information or access the information on the lessons page of our website. **Take advantage of the \$15.00 discount by paying early and registering by mail before May 19, 2015.**

[Links here for Swim Lesson Packet](#)

Safety Concerns

In the interest of safety and courtesy, items that shatter when broken will not be allowed at the club. **No glass of any kind** is allowed inside the fenced in area of the Club. Glass items include beverage bottles, baby food jars, condiment jars, salsa jars, nail polish and serving trays. Crockery and Pyrex are prohibited as well. In the event that broken glass gets in the pool, the pool would have to be drained, cleaned, re-filled, and balanced. This process could take up to ten days. Our staff reserves the right to check for glass in any coolers and bags within the fenced in area of our club. While phones and tablets are permitted within the pool grounds, they may not be taken into the pool for any reason. Many of these devices have glass screens and components. Please show respect to other members and staff by refraining from bringing any sort of glass into the Club.



All children 12 and under, who wish to use the diving well must pass the pool test every year. Any child who has passed the pool test during the current season must display our wristband when in the diving well. Pool tests will be given daily throughout the pool season for members and guests alike.

Furthermore, to ensure your child's safety, the only flotation devices permitted in the **main pool** are water wings and **U.S. Coast Guard approved** PFD's. Other flotation devices including bathing suits with built in floats are not permitted in the main pool. **Any child wearing a PFD or water wings must have an adult within an arm's reach of them. For the safety of our children, this policy will be strictly enforced.**



We will continue to follow the Department of Health policy and require all children non-potty trained or newly potty trained wear disposable swim diapers while in the pool and we asked that you use the changing table located in both restrooms. We are required to disinfect the pool for a minimum of two hours, or a maximum of eight hours, should there be a loose fecal contamination incident.

Children 5 years of age and younger **MUST be accompanied by an adult or babysitter (16 years or older) at all times when in the fenced area of the baby pool!**

A complete set of rules are available on the website and at the pool office. Pool rules are designed to ensure the safety of RSSC's members, guests, and staff. All rules will be strictly enforced. Please help us by familiarizing your family with the rules prior to Opening Day. Please talk with your children about safety while in the aquatics environment and monitor your child's behavior while at the club.

As with all safety related requests, the staff appreciates your cooperation in helping us provide the safest and cleanest facility possible.

Summer Fun Sneak Peek!

Summer Fun Sneak Peek! A preliminary look at our 2015 Calendar of Events (Please check calendar posted in the Club entrance for any updates/revisions to this calendar)

Sunday, April 19 Rock Spring Racer Swim Team Registration
6-8 pm St. Margaret's School Gym.

Saturday, May 23 Opening Day 12 pm – 9 pm.

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day, Tikiz, Corn Hole contest, Splash Contest, water balloons. No guests, no exceptions. 10 am – 7 pm.

Tuesday, May 26 RSSC Racers evening practice begins.

Sunday, June 7 O's game 1:10 pm, hot dog special.

Saturday, June 20 RSSC Racers to host Joppatowne. Pool opens at 1 pm.

Sunday, June 21-Father's Day: pit beef 11-2, corn hole, Orioles game at 1:07 pm.

Monday, June 22 Dollar Night, \$1 guest fees 5-9 pm. Max number of 7 guests per membership.

Tuesday, June 23 Raft Night 5-9 pm, \$1.50 pizza slices.

Saturday, June 27 RSSC Racers to host Aqua Culture. Pool opens at 1 pm.

Sunday, June 28 Family event: Exploring Art with Exploration Arts School 2-4 pm, Tikiz.

Tuesday, June 30 Chat and Chew with the Board of Directors 10-11am,
and Dollar Night, \$1 guest fees 5-9 pm. Max number of 7 guests per membership.

Wednesday, July 1 RSSC Racers to host Maryland Golf and Country Club. Pool to close at 4 pm.

Saturday, July 4: 50/50 raffle, corn hole, Tikiz. No guests, No exceptions.

Sunday, July 5 O's game 2:10 pm. hot dog special.

Tuesday, July 7 Raft Night: Taco in a bag \$3. 5-9 pm.

Saturday, July 11 RSSC Racers to host Belcamp. Pool to open at 1 pm.

Thursday, July 16 Candy bar Bingo night: 7-9 pm.

Sunday, July 19 O's game 1:08 pm hot dog special.



Summer Fun Sneak Peek cont.

Tuesday, July 21 Raft Night: 5-9 pm, \$1.50 pizza slices.

Thursday, July 23 Chat and Chew with the Board of Directors 7-8 pm.

Saturday, July 25 HSL Championships

Sunday, July 26 HSL Championships. Racers Celebration, Pavilion and Grills close at 3 pm.

Friday, July 31 Adult Sip and Dip: 9-11 pm.

Tuesday, August 4 Raft Night: 5-9 pm, \$1.50 pizza slices.

Sunday, August 9 Family Event: Fair Food Day: dunk booth, Tikiz, cotton candy.

Tuesday, August 11 Dollar Night: \$1 guest fees 5-9 pm. Max number of 7 guests per membership.

Thursday August 13 Bingo: 7-9 pm.

Saturday, August 15 Chat and Chew with the Board of Directors 2-3 pm.

Tuesday, August 18 Raft Night: 5-9 pm, \$1.50 pizza slices.

Sunday, August 23 Family Event: Sports Day, Tikiz.

Friday, August 28 Movie night at dusk with popcorn.

Sunday, August 30 O's game 3:05 pm, hot dog special.

Sunday, September 6 O's game 1:07 pm, hot dog special.

Monday, September 7 Labor Day 10 am – 7 pm, No guests, No exceptions. Scavenger Hunt, 50/50 raffle, corn hole. Pool closes for season.

Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 25th from 10 am to 7 pm

No Guests/No Exceptions

DJ, 50/50, splash contest, water balloons, corn hole, Tikiz

