



## WCRA Spring 2014 Newsletter

### Message from WCRA President- Cary Vu

Continual snow and ice only encourage a greater appreciation and anticipation of the fast approaching wonderful, warm summer at the WCRA!

**Volunteers:** A huge THANK YOU to a wonderful board for their dedication and commitment! THANK YOU to our new volunteers: Jae Yoo Ko, Operations; Shelley Hartmann, Membership; Beth Grabo, Webmaster; Melissa Fabrizio, Hill Reservations; Patrick Smith, Social Treasurer. And thank you to the folks that jump in with smaller tasks that make a big difference: Camille Stern, signs; Karen Fuentes, typing assistance.

**CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at the WCRA:** Clean-Up Days, Carpentry Help, Painting Help, Grill cleaners NEEDED or no grills to use, social event coordinators and assistants; volunteer auditor. Please JUMP IN!

**GREAT NEWS for 2014 Clean Up Days: NO MORE WEEDING!**

**LOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING NEW ITEMS:**

- NEW Door Locks/codes
- Automatic Chlorinating system
- Pressure Regulator for lower water pressure!
- Front office renovations
- Updated security system and cameras
- Revamped PA system.

**We're *Almost* Paperless:** This will be our only PRINTED NEWSLETTER each year ... all other news, updates and information will be e-mailed and posted on the website, so please be sure to have your most updated e-mail information on file with WCRA.

**Coming Soon ... Fantastic New Community Projects:**

The Gormley Family will organize and host a Sprint Triathlon Race for the fun and benefit of the WCRA. Look for more information later in the season! Chris Chaisson, Quarter Charge resident and WCRA member is organizing *The History of the WCRA* ... details in the Activities section.

**Form 990/ Audit:**

Thanks to our Treasurer, Jeff Champagne, the Form 990 for IRS nonprofit recording is filed. At the general membership meeting in December 2013, a member asked about an audit per the Bylaws. There had been an audit by a volunteer member many years ago, and the WCRA Board voted to follow this precedent in asking for a volunteer to audit the books due to the cost of a professional audit (starting at \$15,000). All financial statements are available to any member.

**Age Policy:**

Parents, please remember to review the age policy and complete the code of conduct form which can be found on the WCRA website. These policies will be enforced during the 2014 season.

**Board Meetings:**

The WCRA Board meets the first Monday of each month 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the President's residence off-season and at the pool in season. Standard agenda will be posted on the web site. Any member is welcomed,

if a member wishes to be on the agenda, 1-week notice is required.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful volunteer organization, as hiring a professional service would potentially double our dues. Please be considerate of your volunteer neighbors and friends and offer constructive comments with solutions ... anticipating that official e-mail correspondence could be published. Please reference the rules/ procedures on the web site, and contact board members with comments or questions using the contact information found on the WCRA website. Thank you all for your involvement, patience and consideration.

EVERYTHING is on our web site: [www.wakefieldchapelrec.org](http://www.wakefieldchapelrec.org)  
Please make sure your e-mail information is up to date!

AS a community, let's make it a great 2014 Summer Season at WCRA!

## **Membership Shelley Hartmann**

Join WCRA and have lots of fun. You can renew your membership and pay your dues online at [www.wakefieldchapelrec.org](http://www.wakefieldchapelrec.org). It is a fast, easy and convenient way to pay your dues. There is a small convenience fee to cover the cost of this service. Pay on time and avoid the late fee of \$62 if dues are not paid on time. **Please note that late fees must be paid if dues are not paid by May 14, 2014. If you do not pay all the fees you will not be granted access to the pool until you have fully paid and additionally if you are a member of any of the teams you will not be allowed to participate in those activities.** Please provide us with changes to your contact information and household members. Make sure to provide your email address to ensure you receive WCRA news updates on events and activities. You can also pay via check. Checks can be made payable to WCRA and mailed to WCRA, P.O. Box 1248 Springfield, VA 22151.

### **Front Desk Check-in**

Each member is required to have a photo on file at the pool as part of your membership. Family members should know their pool ID number to enter the pool. (Ask the kids if you forget your number!) Your photo will be checked against your membership information when you check in.

### **Open House/ Picture Day May 18 3-6 pm**

Come take a tour of the pool/tennis facilities, get your picture taken and learn about the fun WCRA teams, activities and social events!

### **Guest Passes**

Buy up to 25 guest passes before the season starts for \$1 per pass. These virtual passes are credited to your account and then deducted as they are used. Once the season begins passes are \$5 each. You will need guest passes for any planned birthday or sports parties. Are you expecting visits from friends or relatives this summer? Remember you will need a guest pass for anyone who is not a member of your immediate household. Purchase now and save!

### **Sale of Membership**

If you want to sell your membership, you must provide a written request to WCRA signed by all owners of the membership. Once received, you will be placed on a waiting list by order that your request was received. Please note that the bylaws prescribe that you are responsible for paying annual dues until the membership is sold.

### **Contact**

If you have questions or need further information, please contact us on email at [membership@wakefieldchapelrec.org](mailto:membership@wakefieldchapelrec.org) or at 703.425.4686.

## Operations- Jae Yoo Ko

Old Man Winter has really been hanging on this year ... but let's officially send him packing and welcome in warmer weather by getting the pool, tennis courts and surrounding areas ready for Spring and a busy Summer!

To start sprucing up the grounds we are kicking the season off with our annual **Community Clean-up Days on April 5, April 26-27 and May 10** . We will have a final Clean-up day, if needed, on **May 17**. Mark your calendars, grab your gloves, rakes and leaf blowers and come lend a hand!

**This year, we have assigned the best job - weeding - to our landscape contractor, so Clean-Up Days Volunteers will focus on general clean up: leaves, branches, pine needles, trimming of brush, and other odd jobs.**

These community days also provide our younger members with great volunteer opportunities that can count toward service project hours. If anyone in your family is in need of service hours, please have them contact us at [operations@wakefieldchapelrec.org](mailto:operations@wakefieldchapelrec.org) to work out a schedule.

We are also looking for team of Handy Helpers to volunteer for other specific fix-it tasks this season, including:

- Carpenter(s) to fix and mend some of the fences around the pool
- Painter(s) for some touch ups to the facility
- Griller(s) to clean and prep the WCRA grills for the season's use

We always welcome feedback from our members, so please e-mail [operations@wakefieldchapelrec.org](mailto:operations@wakefieldchapelrec.org) with your constructive comments and suggestions to help keep our Association the best in Northern Virginia. Looking forward to another great summer season at WCRA.

## Snack Bar Julie and Dave Lafferty

The Snack Bar adds enjoyment to our members and their guests by offering a wide variety of snacks and drinks during pool operating hours, in a clean and friendly environment. Each year the snack bar grows in popularity, and requires a group of hardworking teens to run and oversee the operation.

Snack bar employment provides a great opportunity for teens to get work experience, learn responsibility, and take pride in earning a paycheck. If your teen is hired for a position at the snack bar, part of the agreement is that your family becomes a part of the snack bar team. Your family will help maintain the snack bar through weekly cleanings. Each family will be required to sign up for one deep cleaning session at the end of one of your child's shifts, to assist in keeping the snack bar looking great all summer.

The snack bar will be accepting applications for this year's summer employment until May 1. No applications will be processed after this date. Once we have received all of the applications, we will schedule interviews to learn more about each applicant and their summer availability. Our goal is to give each worker a reasonable amount of hours, and we will hire accordingly.

Teens having previous experience as staff (or substitutes) at the WCRA snack bar will be given priority. The qualifications are:

1. 14 years of age by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are hired at age 14, you will need to get a work permit, which is available at your high school.
2. Member in Good standing
3. Be comfortable handling money
4. Ability to prepare snacks and handle food
5. Perform cleaning
6. Be dependable, punctual, and submit application on time

**How to apply** Go to the WCRA website and click on Documents. Download application and fill out completely. Mail or drop off application by May 1 to:

Dave Lafferty  
4603 Quarter Charge Drive  
Annandale, VA. 22003

Contact info: Dave or Julia Lafferty at 703-503-0380.

## **SWIM TEAM Shawn Mansfield, Rob Gaskins, and Rick Rickter**

Due to the hard work and great swimming of the Wahoos last year, NVSL has given us the honor of swimming in Division 1 of the NVSL against Chesterbrook, Highlands Swim, McLean, Overlee and Tuckahoe. This will be a great experience and opportunity for the Wakefield Chapel Community to represent what it means to be a Wahoo at the highest levels of competition. Our Monday night meets will include Fairfax Station, Oakton, Little Rocky Run, and at least one other team to be determined. Our preliminary swim and social schedule will be posted on the website soon.

We encourage you to check the website often as dates and times may change. In addition to swim meets, we continue to offer all of our great Wahoo social activities, like the team picnic, pasta dinner, ice cream socials, pancake breakfasts, and pep rallies. Our theme this year is **“Winning Spirit that Never Loses”**.

The Team Representatives this summer are Shawn Mansfield, Rob Gaskins and Rick Richter. Steve Menard is returning as the Head Coach. Joyce Schaefer returns in her role as team treasurer. Kerry Grannis is serving as team registrar.

Practices start on Tuesday, May 27 in the afternoon and moves to mornings on Tuesday, June 24. These dates may change if school attendance dates change. We will have the following changes to practice age groups and times for this coming summer:

Age Group	Afternoon (PM)	Morning (AM)
11 & over	3:30 – 4:30	7:30 – 9:00
7-10 year olds	4:30 – 5:30	9:00 – 10:00
6 & under	5:30 – 6:15	10:00 – 11:00

During the afternoon practices, swimmers should attempt to make it to their assigned practice. For those swimmers that are not able to make it to their assigned practice (Ex. 11- 12 year olds) due to school release times should attend the next practice closest to their age.

### **Meet Schedule**

May 27:	First day of practice	July 12:	WC @ McLean 9:00 a.m.
June 14:	Time Trials 8:30 a.m. @ WCRA	July 14:	Oakton @ WCRA 6:00 p.m.
June 21:	Tuckahoe @ WCRA 9:00 a.m.	July 16:	All-Star Relays @ Hunt Valley 4:00 p.m.
June 23:	WC @ Fairfax Station 6:00 p.m.	July 19:	Highlands @ WCRA; Senior Day
June 28:	WC @ Chesterbrook 9:00 a.m.	July 21:	Blue and Orange Meet at WCRA 6:00 p.m.
June 30:	LRR @ WC 6:00 p.m.	July 23:	Developmental Relay Carnival
July 5:	Overlee @ WCRA 9:00 a.m.	July 26:	Divisionals @ Tuckahoe 9:00 a.m.; Wahoo Banquet @ 4:30
July 7:	WC @ Little Rocky Run 6:00 p.m.	August 2:	Individual All-Stars @ Annandale 9:00 a.m.
July 9:	Divisional Relay Carnival @ Overlee 6:30 p.m.		

### **SwimTeam Registration & Fees**

Swim team registration will begin March 30. We encourage you to check the website often as new information, dates and times will be posted soon. In the NVSL, a swimmer is considered to be the same age that the swimmer is on June 1 of that year. The swim team registration form will be available at [www.wakefieldchapelrec.org](http://www.wakefieldchapelrec.org). To register, you must use the online site and pay with a credit card. Swim team registration for this year will be:

\$150.00 for one swimmer

\$275.00 for two swimmers

\$395.00 for three or more swimmers

The age group for each swimmer is determined by the age of the swimmer as of June 1. To be eligible to participate on the swim team, a child must be between the ages of 4 and 18 as of June 1, 2014.

The Minnow Program fee is an additional \$60.00 per swimmer (see the website for more information). All 4 and 5 year old swim team swimmers are required to register for the Minnow Program. Six year olds with limited swim ability – those that cannot swim safely and independently for more than one 25 meter lap (one length of the pool) at a time -- should also join the Minnow Program. If a swimmer does not join the Minnow Program initially and a coach later recommends that the swimmer should be placed in the Minnow Program, we will need to move the swimmer into the Minnow Program and charge the family the extra Minnow fee. If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Kerry Grannis.

**Team T-shirts and Caps** Please register by May 9 to guarantee your requested t-shirt size. If in doubt regarding the t-shirt size, size up for best fit! If you are registering more than 3 swimmers there will be a fee of \$5.00 per extra swimmer for the t-shirt. The team is having a new cap designed this year by Cathy Moore. The new cap will be available for order during the registration process. The silicone caps with names are sold in sets of 2 for \$30.00. The price for latex without the name will be available during registration. The new cap is not a requirement. Swimmers can still use any Wahoo cap they choose or a plain cap with no logo or writing.

**Team Suit and Spirit Wear** For this summer, the Wahoos will continue to use last summer's Nike Foil Skin suit. The girls' suits and the boys' briefs are orange; the boys' jammers are blue. The girls' suits come in two strap options: the "fast back tank" or the "cut-out tank." Team suits are optional, not mandatory. Team suits will be available for purchase from SuitUp Water Sports in Fairfax beginning April 1, 2014. The Wahoos have some great spirit wear available. Item photos and descriptions can be viewed on the WCRA website at the WCRA Store.

**Coaches** We have many coaches returning this year as well as some new faces on the deck.

Head Coach	Steve	Menard
Stroke/Turn Coach	Emily	Menard
Asst Coach	Meghan	Lynn
Asst Coach	Nathan	Hackfeld
Senior Lane Coach	James	Barker
Senior Lane Coach	Josh	Keller

The Lane Coaches will be announced in future correspondence.

**Volunteering** The Wahoos cannot operate without the help of our volunteers. The registration process this year will include a complete list of the volunteer committees. Selection of one of the committees will be required to complete the registration process. Please consider how you would like to help your child have a great swim team summer and sign up.

I welcome your questions and suggestions, and am looking forward to a great season! Go Wahoos!

## **Dive Team – Jennifer Cassata and Anne Carey**

Welcome to Wahoo Diving for 2013! Wakefield Chapel will remain in NVSL Division 4 after finishing with a 3-2 record last year. The dive team is open to anyone ages 5-18. No experience is necessary. Even our most experienced divers and coaches started out as newcomers on the WCRA team. The only requirements are for divers to be comfortable in deep water and to be able to swim the length of the dive well.

The second diving board was approved by the WCRA membership in December and should be installed before the season starts. That is great news. We are so appreciative of the support of the WCRA Board and

General Membership! We will do another car wash during Opening Weekend to raise more funds to help offset the costs. Stay tuned for details.

### **Dive Team Registration Fees**

Team dues will be \$120 per diver, \$210 for two divers, \$270 for three children, and \$330 for four or more. Registration is available online at [www.wakefieldchapelrec.org](http://www.wakefieldchapelrec.org). The online registration must be paid by credit card and is done through a secure site. If you prefer paper registration, just let Jennifer know, and she will email a form to you.

### **Coaches**

Patrick McCann, our terrific head coach for the past two years, is returning for the 2014 season. Pat graduated from Annandale High School in 2012 and just completed his second season diving for the University of Delaware. Paul Helfgott is returning as an assistant coach. Paul just completed his first year at George Mason University, where he competed on the dive team as well.

### **Meet Schedule (complete schedule available online)**

June 24 – A meet at Ravensworth	July 15 – A meet at Highlands Swim
June 26 – B meet TBD	July 20 – Cracker Jack meet
July 1 – A meet at Hamlet	July 22 – Home A meet vs. Oakton
July 3 – Home B meet vs. Walden Glen	July 24 – Blue and Orange Meet
July 8 – Home A meet vs. Highland Park	July 27 – Divisionals
July 10 – B meet at Ilda	August 3 – All-Stars at Lee Graham
July 13 – Wally Martin 3M meet at Oak Marr	

### **Practices (Please Note Changes in Practice Times from Previous Years)**

Practices start on May 27 in the afternoon. Divers 11 and over will practice from 4:30-5:30 and divers 10 and under will practice from 5:30-6:30. Once school lets out, practices will move to the mornings (10:00-11:00 for 11 and over and 11:00-12:00 for 10 and under). We will also offer some afternoon/evening practice options (on nights when there are no swim or dive meets - Wednesdays and Fridays). These practices will probably be at 5:30, but the actual time could change slightly.

### **We Need Volunteers!**

To run a successful team, it truly takes a village. The Dive Team is asking for your help. We need to provide judges and table workers for each meet. We also need certified referees. Families are required to volunteer in some capacity. For those interested in learning to judge or referee, here are some dates for clinics. They are quick and painless and you learn A LOT about diving! No experience is required and you do not need to register in advance. They are free and all are located close to WCRA!

#### **Judging Clinics**

June 8 at 9:30 am at Lee Graham  
June 17 at 6:30 pm at Sleepy Hollow Rec.  
June 25 at 6:30 pm at Sleepy Hollow Bath

#### **Referee Clinics**

June 10 at 6:30 pm at Mantua  
June 19 at 6:30 pm at Truro

Jennifer Cassata: [jencstevenc@verizon.net](mailto:jencstevenc@verizon.net); 703-425-5283 (Home), 703-585-3823 (Cell)  
Anne Carey: [anne.carey1@verizon.net](mailto:anne.carey1@verizon.net); 703-426-0293 (Home), 703-795-0240 (Cell)

## **Tennis Program Julia Kurtz**

Despite the snowy winter, outdoor tennis season is right around the corner! It's time to dust off the tennis racquet and get ready for another fun and exciting year of Wakefield Chapel Tennis! RJ Tennis® will lead our adult and junior programs again this year starting very soon. Our spring classes begin in late April and run through early June. Class dates and times will be posted on the website by early April.

The five-week summer junior program begins the week of June 23. As always, our pre-team tennis players ages 8 & under will practice on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. All levels are welcome! Kids 9 and up will play on our Wakefield Chapel boys and girls NVTL teams. Matches are Wednesdays and team players practice three days a week. We need more girls on the team this year! The tennis team is fun, social, and an easy way to get some exercise. So, if you enjoy tennis, come out and play for Wakefield Chapel this summer!

If adult competitive tennis is your thing, our women's evening league begins Tuesdays the week of May 6. Our adult mixed doubles team begins play on Sunday afternoons the week of June 1. Look for information regarding social tennis events, team details, and class registration on the website soon! For more information or to volunteer to help with any of our tennis programs, contact Julia Kurtz at (703) 635-2121 or [jjkurtz@gmail.com](mailto:jjkurtz@gmail.com).

## **Social Activities- Jennifer Horowitz**

In keeping with WCRA custom, we will be kicking off the season with the Opening Day picnic on Memorial Day weekend. It will be the first of many fun events.

### **Activities\*...**

Sunday May 25 - Opening Day Picnic

Friday May 20 – Wine Down

Friday June 13 – Wine Down

Saturday June 21 – Ladies Night

Thursday June 26 – 5 – 8 Year Old Party

Thursday June 26 – Tween Party

Saturday June 28 – Teen Party

Sunday June 29 – Preschooler Party

Saturday July 12 – Adult Party

Friday August 1 – Wine Down

Friday August 15 – Wine Down

Sunday August 31 – Closing Day Picnic

*\*Dates are subject to change, so please check the Website*

**Call for Hosts** We need hosts and to make these fun events happen. Anyone interested in hosting or assisting in way with these events should please contact Jennifer Horowitz at 703-449-0754 or [Jennifer.horowitz@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.horowitz@gmail.com).

**Call for New Ideas-** Every year our membership comes up with great ideas for new fun events. Please send your ideas to [Jennifer.horowitz@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.horowitz@gmail.com).

## **Activities- Lisa Fasold**

Boot Camp starts April 21 with a 2 week mini- camp (Apr 21- May 2). Meet at the WCRA tennis courts 6:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. on M / W/ F Cost \$96.

Wahoo's Tri Harder (WTH) 1st Annual Sprint Triathlon will be a fun event demonstrating a healthy lifestyle, family bonding and neighborly collaboration in the name of promoting the community and spirit that is WCRA. WTH will be held on Sunday, August 31st from 8:00am - 11:00am. The registration area will be open at 6:30am and the pre-race meeting will be held at 7:30am. The first wave of swimmers will start at 8:00am.

WCRA History Project- WCRA is almost 50 years old but its spirit is timeless! We're going to try to bring you stories of the early history of WCRA, building the pool and tennis courts and first swim, dive and tennis teams. A "History" page will be built on our web site. Plans are to load it with facts, stories, photos...whatever we can assemble. We'd love to include "oral histories", pictures, videos, etc. If you have any photos or remembrances about those early years, or can refer us to an original member, we'd love to hear from you. Chris Chaisson will lead an "informal" committee to get this accomplished and welcomes any help or advice! 703-978-6962 and [ChaissonInc@cox.net](mailto:ChaissonInc@cox.net) , 4610 Quarter Charge Drive

# Membership Dues Invoice inside this Newsletter

## We Need Your REPLY!

Please verify/Update your Information and return  
INVOICE and Payment to: WCRA, P.O. Box 1248  
Springfield, VA 22151

**WCRA Annual  
Membership Payment  
Due May 14, 2014**

### **IMPORTANT Dates:**

Clean Up Days- April 5, 26,27 and May 10

Open House- May 18 3-6 p.m.

Opening Day- May 24

Dive Team Car Wash Fund Raiser- May 24

Opening Day Picnic- May 24



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