

January 4th, 2012

From the President's corner...

It is that time of year again. The Board of Directors and I are preparing the mailing for the 2012 season. On days like today, the coldest day of the year to this point, it is a breath of warmth and sunshine to be thinking about getting things going at the swim club. It feels like we just shut down the grounds for the winter and now we are getting set to focus on the spring and the summer. Flowers and bees all a buzz, tennis balls and kick boards, lawn mowing and tree trimming, crystal clear swimming pools and playgrounds full of smiling faces come to mind as I think about the upcoming summer. I know that 2012 will be as fruitful as 2011 and that SSTC will continue to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to places to rest in the dog days of summer.

We have not taken any rest in our pursuits to improve our home away from home. We have added a permanent shade structure in the sand box. It is very much like the one that we put in down at the tennis courts. As a result of a water leak last season, a section of the sitting area near the kiddie pool was closed off. We have remedied the problem and have again loamed and seeded the area. It will be ready to go by the time you pick up your packets in June. The recreation hall was in need of some sprucing up. We have replaced all of the screening and will be painting both inside and outside in the spring. The most important project of the off season will be putting in a new pump system on the pool. Most of you know that during the last few years we have experienced many electrical problems with our pumps due to an overheating issue. We dealt with the problem all season with no inconvenience to our membership. In order to correct the problem, we are removing the existing pumps and replacing them with variable speed drive motors. This should alleviate the problems we have been dealing with and make life easier in the pump room.

We have a full social calendar for 2012. An SSTC staple is returning as Bill Harley will be playing in the month of July. Bill always puts on a wonderful show for members and guests alike. The Toe Jam Band will be back for another engagement as well as Dave Marchetti who hosts our Animal Experience. Our court side event was a hit last summer and so we are bringing it back in 2012. There will also be movie nights for the kids, the sand castle festival as well as kids games. Hi Lo Jack night, Wine and Cheese and Family Day are all scheduled. Please make sure to check out the fun family events we have on our calendar.

I know that I write every year to get your applications and deposits in as soon as possible and that holds true for this year also. I am sure that you are well aware that some long standing bond holders were turned away last summer because our membership sold out so quickly. It will be very important again this season to put your paper work and the \$125 non-refundable deposit in as soon as possible. Bond holders are guaranteed a spot until March 15th and then all positions are released to the general public. I am sure that this season will sell out quicker than last as I had requests for applications in October of last year!! Please make sure an application accompanies any deposit as no money will be accepted without the proper paperwork. Opening day is Saturday June 9th and all membership cards will be available that day. I look forward to seeing all of you in 2012. As always if you need any other information or are affiliated with an organization that would like to rent out the pool club prior to opening day feel free to email me, seekonkswimclub@gmail.com or nadined5@yahoo.com.

Enjoy the snow if it ever comes!

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