**Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club**

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**September 2021 Newsletter**

**FALL STOCKHOLDERS’ MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

**4:00 PM, RAIN OR SHINE, CLUB GROUNDS**

**If you cannot attend, please send in your postage-paid proxy card.**

**Presidents Message**

Vienna Woods Family –

Wow, what a truly amazing summer we enjoyed!! It was certainly hot, but it was amazing, what a relief the pool brought to all of us. Attendance was through the roof and everyone was ready to shake off the previous COVID summer.

Massive appreciation to Nancy Wanzer and her dedicated staff for navigating and providing us with a great, safe pool environment.

Mega kudos to Dawn, Jim and their snack bar staff as the snack bar was beyond packed and they did a magnificent job managing the crowds.

Additionally, swim, dive and tennis teams thrived throughout the summer and I know we made some tremendous memories for all of the kids that enjoyed these programs. Lastly, thank you to Sarah Guixens for providing some fantastic social events that both the kids and adults enjoyed throughout the summer.

All in all, we had an outstanding summer that went by way too fast and I cannot wait to start it up again next Memorial Day weekend. Stay safe during the school year and we hope to see everyone at the pool come May 2022!

AJ Oskuie

President, Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club

**The Nominating Committee of the Board has recommended the following slate of current Directors be re-elected at the Fall 2021 Stockholders’ meeting for new three-year terms**:

**A.J. Oskuie (President) –**

AJ currently serves as our President, and has worked closely with our pool manager, Nancy Wanzer, and other areas of the pool, such as outside maintenance. He is also one of our longest-tenured Board members and grew up at Vienna Woods.  He has been a pool member since 1977.

Fun facts provided by A.J.: According to Vienna Woods swim team lore, AJ was one of the more dynamic swimmers in VW history.  He was innovative in creating long lasting cheers that are still used today..."Maple Avenue, 123, you swam a good meet, now go home and be free!"  A.J. also noted he may be remembered as being one of the worst lifeguards ever to grace the stands at Vienna Woods.....

**Mark Wilson (Inside/Outside Maintenance)** – Mark and Alea have lived in Vienna since 2004. They have three kids who all grew up at Vienna Woods participating in both the swim and tennis programs. Alea is a member of the Vienna Woods women’s tennis team and a preschool teacher in Vienna. Mark has worked for the federal government for 31 years. He joined the Vienna Woods board in 2018.

**Sean O’Connell (Inside/Outside Maintenance)** -  Sean O’Connell has lived in Vienna for the last 22 years with his wife Coco.  Their two children grew up at VW.   They were on the swim team and then worked as lifeguards for many summers.  This summer their son Aidan was an assistant manager at the pool.   Sean has served on the board since 2018.  He shares maintenance duties for the pool and grounds with Mark Wilson.  When not at the pool, Sean is a Senior Director of Technology in the Telecom industry.

**Mary Burrows (Swim Team) –** Mary and her husband Ed joined Vienna Woods in 2006.  Their son Eddie joined the swim team when he was 6 and thus began a long and happy relationship with the swim team family.  Eddie was a graduating senior in 2021.  Over the
years Mary and Ed became more and more involved in the swim team and Vienna
Woods.  Mary volunteered for many positions such as marshal, timer, clerk of course, working the scoring table and eventually Assistant Team Representative.  From there she was a Team Representative for 3 years before joining the Board as the Swim Team Representative succeeding Kelly Owens. She is a certified swim official for USA Swimming, the Virginia HS Leagues and the Northern Virginia Swim League.  Her favorite part of the swim team
and VW is getting to know new members and families to welcome them to the best pool ever!

Mary is originally from NJ but is a proud Hokie and has lived in the Vienna/Oakton area for almost 30 years.  Vienna Woods has been a summer home away from home for her family and VW has been the source of many wonderful family memories.  She would be honored to again be part of the Board and the continued excellence that is Vienna Woods.

**Sarah Guixens (Social Activities) –** Sarah has been on the Board since 2018 and is looking forward to serving a second 3-year term as the social events chair. She and her family love spending time at the pool over the summer and look forward to the next summer full of fun social and special events for all members to enjoy.

**Beth Grim (Tennis) -** Beth has lived in Vienna since middle school and graduated from Madison High School. She left Vienna for college and graduate school and a short stint in Alexandria but found her way back to Vienna once she had children. Beth has three children and since they were young, Vienna Woods has been a summertime staple. She has a son on the swim team and a daughter on the junior tennis team. Her oldest has graduated from junior tennis but continues to take clinics at “the woods” and has started practicing with the men’s team. He also plays tennis socially at college. Beth works for herself as a graphic designer and joined the tennis team after watching her children enjoy the program. She plays on the women’s and mixed teams. Beth loves the casual feel at the pool and the BLTs at the snack bar. She served on the board during the tennis court renovations and is looking forward to enjoying the new tennis and pickleball courts and continuing to serve on the board.

**Treasurer’s Message – Dave Miller**

 In the spring we moved our banking relationship from United Bank to John Marshall Bank (JMB). We did this for two reasons: 1. We were not getting the kind of one on one attention from United Bank that we needed. 2. Our old loan officer from the Business Bank has moved to JMB. He was very good to work with the last time we borrowed money, so we decided to follow him to JMB. So far, we have been very pleased with our new banking institution. The folks at the Tysons Branch have been very helpful working through the issues that arise with a group of volunteers and a business that for 9 months has almost no activity and then for 3 months is frantic with activity. This spring we also closed a $450k loan with JMB for renovation of the tennis courts. The loan amortizes over its 10-year term, bears interest at 3.5%. Doug MacCall did an incredible job managing the tennis court renovation, bringing the project in on time and under budget. We fully drew the loan in July and will use the additional funds (approximately $40k) along with cash on hand to put a new white coat on the pool next spring (cost approximately $100k).

As you no doubt noticed, we did not open the baby pool this summer or last. The estimated cost to repair the pump system in the baby pool is approximately $30k. As such, we decided not to open it and explore some options with that space. Unfortunately, all of the options are pretty expensive. As of the end of July, we had approximately $400k on hand. I estimate our cash balance will be approximately $350k by the end of the summer with $250k really available as we will need $100k for the white coat. As always, there are lots of capital projects that need to be addressed at the pool and our job is to balance those projects with our cash on hand. Some capital projects in the future include pump room renovation, additional tree trimming, ongoing pool furniture replacement, well room roof replacement, parking lot repaving and of course what to do with the baby pool to name a few.

I would like to utilize the balance of my space this year to say THANKS. As many of you know, one of our sources of pride is that we are self-managed. The kids in the snack bar, the guards in the chairs and the youth swim and tennis instructors are our children; they grew up at Vienna Woods. Last summer, they faced a daunting task of managing our facility under COVID restrictions. This summer they faced an equally daunting task as all of us wanted EVERYTHING from Vienna Woods. We wanted it all and we wanted it NOW! We all wanted our steak and cheese and fries, we all wanted to come to the pool, and everyone wanted on those new courts…. EVERYDAY! Which lead to the staff working LOTS of extra hours, so, THANK YOU staff. Because last summer was so unique, we had many staff in the Snack Bar, the Pool and the courts who did not have a “busy” summer of experience under their belt, as a result, this put a lot of extra strain on Nancy, Dawn, Jim and Tom. These folks work huge hours in a normal summer, this summer they were literally at Vienna Woods every day. So, THANK YOU Nancy, Dawn, Jim and Tom. Finally, I wanted to thank all of you, the members. I would like to think we were kinder toward each other this summer, yes it was a busy summer, the lines at the snack bar were long and the pool was always busy, and everyone wanted to play tennis on those new courts. But Vienna Woods is still the sanctuary all of us have come to love and look forward to every summer. So, THANK YOU members for being kind to the staff and to each other.

**Tennis Program – Doug MacCall and Beth Grim**

As the summer season comes to end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our team captains (Mary Ellen Guiseppe, Cindy Weinberg, Kristin Skelton, Jan Cassidy, Andy Ollis, Frank Nothaft and Lisa Greenfield) for their time and commitment to the tennis program! Their efforts in coordinating the adult team matches each week are much appreciated!

Congratulations to our girl’s and boy’s junior teams for another excellent season! Both teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship and were competitive in every match. The boys team finished with an impressive 3 and 2 record, while the girl’s team were crowned **League Champions** finishing with 5 wins and 0 losses! Thank you to all our parents who drove to the away matches. Special thanks to Coaches Kenny Day and Mary Ellen Potter for coaching the teams and organizing the matches each week!

Note that our fall season is just around the corner. Most of our fall clinics are full, but if you are interested in private lessons contact me. There will be one more mixed doubles social on Friday, September 10 from 6:30 to 8:30. To sign-up for these contact Tom or Gretchen Herman.

The sign-up sheet for court reservations will be put up each week through October. Courts 4 and 5 have the inlayed pickle ball courts. We hope to be holding a pickleball clinic in the near future and will be advertised on the VW web page.

We wish all the best to our graduating seniors, Jack Schoeb, Mitchell Herman and Ella Stux as they head off to college this fall. Also, congrats to Allie Potter, one of our junior instructors a recent graduate of UVA! Former VW junior player Max Hammock and Mitchell Herman will be teaming up this fall on the Randolph Macon tennis team! Good luck!

If you have any questions, please contact me at ther222@aol.com. We hope to see you at the courts this fall! Tom Herman, Director of Tennis

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**Special Events – Sarah Guixens**

The summer of 2021 saw the happy return of all of the Vienna Woods summer favorites like the beloved Crab Feast, very popular Middle school party, patch party and Fourth of July celebration. In addition, a few new special events were added to the summer fun: the “See Ya’ Cicada Party”, a Caribbean Night and Senior Sundays. We appreciate the strong support our members provide by turning out for each and every social event on the calendar!

**Swim Team – Mary Burrows**

The Vienna Woods swim team was up and running again this summer as the NVSL reinstated a full season of competition!  The coaches, team reps and swimmers shook off the cobwebs and got ready for an awesome summer.  Over 240 swimmers/divers registered for the team and we had 40+ new families join the team this year.  VW remained in Division 3 and went 1-3-1 this season with many meets coming down to the relays. After a year off due to COVID the team was full of enthusiasm and fast swimming.  Spectators were back and the cheering was greatly appreciated by the team.

It was a record-breaking year for Vienna Woods as the Denman-Grimm brothers broke every team record for the 15-18 year old boys.  Ben Denman-Grimm broke records for the 50 Free, 50 Back, 50 Butterfly and the 100 IM.  Andrew broke the team record for the 50 Breast.  In addition, several relay records were broken including the boys 15-18 Medley relay and the 15-18 girls Medley Relay.  Vienna Woods also qualified 7 swimmers for the Individual All-Star Meet at the end of the season.

In addition to the fast swimming, the team enjoyed many fun activities including Friday afternoon Pep Rallies, Senior Progressive dinner, Pancake breakfast, Picture day and Pizza Bingo.  The Mini Star program was back in full swing as well.

Special thanks to our Saturday Team Reps Molly Allred and Tom Peterson and our new Monday Team Reps Joel and Nancy Cline who crushed it this season organizing and running our meets.  Many thanks to all of our wonderful parents, volunteers and coaches for their dedication and support this season.  We could not have done it without you!

Once again we are offering a winter swim program on Sunday evenings from 7-8 pm at OakMarr  Recreation Center to help our swimmers retain and improve their skills during the off season.  Registration is currently full at this time.

**Dive Team – Rachel Paci**

Vienna Woods competed in Division 1 this summer. We ended the season with a record of 2-2-1 as we continue to rebuild the team after the pandemic. We hosted Divisionals at Vienna Woods where 14 VW divers competed. Nick Wanzer placed 1st at Divisionals for Senior Boys, and so many other divers qualified for All-Stars. Zack Wigglesworth, Jayde and Dylan Kalinock competed, while some of our divers went to the USA Diving Junior Nationals 2021. Congrats to Marleigh DaSilva (placed 5th on 1M and 3M events) and Nick and Noah Wanzer (Noah-top 30 in the country on his events, Nick top 7 and top 10 in the country on his events).

**Snack Bar – George Biles**

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| I want to thank you all for another great season at our Vienna Woods Snack Bar! I would actually say we are way beyond just a “snack bar” with a full menu that includes fruit cups, tuna melts, chicken tenders, salads and more. Indeed, we sold over 7000 ice creams. With 750 memberships that’s nearly 10 per membership this summer! If you want to know what else is popular, over 3800 airheads and 3500 orders of french fries were sold. We had over 830 Grilled Cheese, 675 BLTs, 525 fruit cups, 400 salads and my favorites, Little Debbies sold over 300 items. When you add all things up, over 35,000 items crossed our snack bar serving window in just three months!!  Amazing!!We could not do all of this without our dedicated snack bar staff. I am especially grateful to Dawn - our Snack Bar Manager who along with her husband Jim are very dedicated to our snack bar, our club and serving our membership. She has been with Vienna Woods for over 17 years and loves to help train and guide all of our young staff in the operation of a very busy and health regulated facility.  Thank you Dawn! If you have recognized any of our workers, you would be right!    We staff mostly from children of our members many of whom started at age 14. They learn to work as a team, clean, keep to a schedule and work consistently in very busy operation. I’m very proud of them all. I am also very, very thankful for our young assistant managers who have many responsibilities. From opening and closing, managing the cash drawer, making bank deposits, taking inventory and ordering food as well as coming in early before the pool opens to receive the food trucks. They also have to know the temperatures food has to be stored as well as what shelves on the refrigerator they need to be on - as well as proper water temperature to wash dishes and much, much more. There is a lot that goes in to running our snack bar and our kids are knocking it out of the park - We couldn’t do it without them! Please give a hand to our more senior workers—**Assistant Mangaers:**Kathleen Troy - Virginia Tech (Asst Mgr)Martin Troy- Indiana (Asst Mgr)Megan Rourke-Fairfield (Asst Mgr)**College Bound:**Walker Hubbard- JMUThomas Kaminski- JMUPJ Milton- Rochester I’m sad that the season is ending - but I know that I will be coming up next year for lunch and dinner throughout the summer. I hope you do too. We have a gem here in the middle of Vienna and I hope ya’ll take advantage of it. See ya around the woods!!**Membership – Barbara Forrest**Vienna Woods continues to maintain a large waitlist of over 900 families and our annual turnover of new memberships is approximately 5% of the 750 memberships. If you are thinking of selling your membership, or have membership questions, please visit the Membership page of the Vienna Woods website for information on selling, renting, or buying a membership. Members are encouraged to consider selling their membership back through the club waitlist – this will help create movement on the wait list. Reminder - Club By-Laws permit a member to sell their memberships directly only to the purchaser of their home or to an immediate family member. When this situation applies, the member must contact the Club's business office (email gwomack@viennawoods.org or phone at 703-938-0005) to obtain the necessary paperwork for this transaction.Please note that annual dues are due March 5, 2022. A late fee is applied when the payment has not been received by the due date. For more information, dues statements will be mailed out in early 2022 outlining the due date, fees and the process to rent your share. This information can also be found on the Vienna Woods website at www.viennawoods.org.I would like to add my many thanks to Gina Womack for the amazing support she provides to manage the daily business operations of our club! **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Annual Stockholder Meeting****September 25, 2021****Vienna Woods Pool (Rain or Shine)****4:00 pm**If you have any questions about the upcoming annual fall meeting, or about the Board nominees list and their qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact the club.  The best way to contact the club is to send an email with “ATTENTION: President” in the subject line, addressed to our Club Administrator and Webmaster, Gina Womack ([gwomack@viennawoods.org](http://us-mg6.mail.yahoo.com/compose?to=gwomack@viennawoods.org)).  |

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