

SPRINGFIELD SWIM CLUB E-NEWSLETTER

June 2015

SSC Members and Neighbors,

I am excited to be sending you our first monthly e-newsletter. My goal with it is to help keep you informed about a few noteworthy topics each month. Since I want this to be as useful to you as possible, I welcome your suggestions on how to make it more valuable. Please don't hesitate to email me your opinions.

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1. Photo IDs

Our migration to photo ID cards this season is nearly complete and we're excited about the level of access control and flexibility they bring to the club. There are however still a number of temporary cards being used by our members.

REMEMBER: Temporary Cards won't be honored after June 17th. Beginning June 18th members will be required to obtain photo IDs upon entry or during scheduled picture times before accessing the property.

Picture taking dates and times are posted on our Facebook page, at the Front Desk, or can be obtained by calling the pool at 610-544-7177. Here's what we have scheduled for photo sessions before the 18th:

Friday, June 12th	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday, June 13th	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sunday, June 14th	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 17th	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Please keep in mind that Photo IDs are a Board-mandated policy change that our Front Desk staff is being directed to enforce. *I will thank you in advance for your patience and respect with our desk attendants as they do their best to help you through your photo ID transition with the least amount of disruption possible.*

2. Policy Reminder – No Glass on the Pool Property

Broken glass is virtually invisible in water and once submerged there's really only two guaranteed ways to recover it: (1) from the bottom of a member's foot or (2) completely drain, professionally clean, and refill the pool at significant cost and inconvenience to our membership (the capacity of the main pool is about 250,000 gallons by the way).

Help us avoid a potentially dangerous, inconvenient, and expensive situation. **Leave all glass items and containers at home.** A few glass items we see throughout the year that make our staff extremely nervous include **drink containers, baby bottles, and your favorite casserole dish.**

3. Text Alerts, Facebook, and Web

The last couple of years have seen a shift to us relying more on electronic methods of communication. In some instances we update our **Facebook feed** daily with new information. The official calendar (printable version is attached) is maintained on our **website**. Our **Text Alert** system has proven to be an invaluable way to communicate weather related pool closings and other time-sensitive information to our members.

Text "join sscalerts" (no quotes) to 94033 and start receiving real time pool closings and event info

Like our Facebook feed at: <https://www.facebook.com/Springfieldswimclub>

Bookmark our website located at: <http://www.springfieldswimclub.com/> and visit it often.

4. Creek Crossing Caution

It's worth reminding our members at the beginning of each season that caution is sometimes required when crossing the two access road creeks – especially during and after periods of heavy rain. **You should never attempt to cross the creeks if the water level is abnormally high and fast-moving.**

A message from our text alert system indicating the pool is closed due to severe weather is usually the first signal that creek waters are on the rise. Although rare, if you're at the pool when a heavy storm rolls in and the water levels rise suddenly, please follow the staff's instructions and wait for the water level to subside before exiting the property.

5. Preparing for 2016 Board Nominations

Four of our Board Members will finish their terms of volunteer service at the end of this season. For those of us that know first-hand the level of year-round commitment required by the Board to ensure the pool is ready for opening day and remains a safe and enjoyable place for you and your family all summer long, they (and their families) have my sincere thanks. The Board meets at least once every month and it's not unusual for any Director to log more than 100 volunteer hours working throughout the course of the season.

June marks the start of our process to identify their replacements. I will be establishing a **nominations sub-committee** this month and asking it to assemble a list of nominees to be presented to the full Board for approval before ballots are mailed to our members in September. If you have interest in being considered for a Board position, please communicate that to one of your current Board members.

6. Upcoming Social Events and Sign-Ups

June will see two of our nine Member Social events:

Free Water ice on Father's Day, June 21st between 1:00 and 3:00 pm while supplies last.

4th – 8th Grade Splash Party on Monday, June 22nd. The Splash Party runs between 6:00 and 9:00 pm. Pizza, cookies, drinks, water slides, music, and more will be provided. There is a nominal fee of \$5.00 for all participants and non-member guests are welcome. Our social event volunteers receive complementary guest passes for helping out. Please consider signing up [HERE](#) especially if you're staying for the event.

7. Swim Team – Meets, Events, and Fundraisers

June is a busy month full of Swim Team meets, events, and fundraisers. I encourage all members to browse the Club's calendar and take note of the swim team-related activities and scheduled pool closings.

The Swim Team Boosters have put together an exciting lineup of events and fundraisers that I think you'll be interested in. They've assembled an impressive collection of raffle baskets made up of everything from **One Direction concert tickets** and a **Go Pro** to **complementary 2016 Swim Club Membership Dues**. Be on the lookout for the raffle baskets and support the swim team by taking a chance or ten.

Be sure to get your **Nelson's BBQ Family Dinner tickets** for the June 25th BBQ at the club. Flyers with additional information are posted around the grounds. Head down to the club with a few wet naps in your swim bag on the 25th for some great BBQ cooked right outside the gate! Eat in or take out.

You can also show your support by participating in the **June Spirit Night on Wednesday, June 17th (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm)** at **Chick-fil-A** located on Baltimore Pike in Springfield. Tell them you're there to support the Swim Team and a percentage of your bill is returned to the team!

8. 60TH Anniversary Tee Available for Purchase

To help celebrate the club's 60th anniversary, we've commissioned a commemorative tee to mark the occasion. The tees will be available in adult and children's sizes and sold during many of our scheduled social events. We'll also make them available at the front desk during off-peak hours. Stay tuned for more info on these soon.

9. SEPTA Bridge and Track Work Planned for this Summer

SEPTA will be performing track maintenance and repairs along the 101 line during July and August. Part of the maintenance will include the undercoating of the two trolley bridges located at the far ends of our parking lot. I don't expect us to deal with any unwanted annoyances like noise or odor but we could expect to see a few SEPTA maintenance vehicles staged in the parking lot, by the bridges throughout the summer. Please remind your children that construction vehicles don't need to be operating to be dangerous and that they shouldn't be considered Adult Swim attractions.