**Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club**

**P.O. Box 33**

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**September 2022 Newsletter**

**FALL STOCKHOLDERS’ MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

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

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

**Presidents Message**

As we close down another fantastic summer at Vienna Woods, I would like to thank the managers and staff of the pool, snack bar and tennis.  We had amazing weather throughout the summer and the efforts of these teams enabled all of us to enjoy these segments to their maximum potential.  On behalf of the entire board and membership, we thank you Nancy, Dawn, and Tom for your efforts throughout the summer!

As we have learned during the course of 2022, inflation has been as hot as the temps we incurred during the warmer stretches this summer.  Last summer, the board of directors increased the stock price from $1600 to $1700.  Normally, we mirror this increase with an annual dues increase at the same time, but we chose to wait a year and see how finances looked post Covid. Now, we have decided to propose an increase in the annual dues and other fees across the board.   The table below shows all of the increases set forth for the upcoming 2023 season:

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| **Item** | **From** | **To** | **Increase** |
| Annual Dues | $575 | $695 | $120 |
| Rental Fee | $825 | $895 | $70 |
| Initiation Fee | $75 | $125 | $50 |
| Waitlist Fee | $25 | $100 | $75 |
| Transfer Fee | $30 | $75 | $45 |
| Tennis Key Replacement | $10 | $25 | $15 |

Now, these increases are a direct result of inflation as well our desire to increase the wages of our staff personnel across the board.  For instance, pool chemicals, most notably chlorine, have more than doubled in prices within the past year.  Additionally, our wage for our guards, snack bar and tennis folks needed a sizable bump to compete with the rising wages that employers are now providing.  The board did not take these increases lightly, but we also hope that we can remove the baby pool completely and open this area to be used for other activities by next season.  We are still fielding ideas for the future of this space, with the leader currently to fill in the area, providing more deck area while also incorporating a shuffleboard court. Lastly, the increases to the other fees have not been increased in over 15 years, so they needed to be adjusted to reflect the price increases that we have incurred in that timeframe.

The board of directors appreciates our members and even with this proposed annual dues increase, we are directly in line with our neighboring pools.  We also offer much more in terms of overall pool space (a high dive!), the best snack bar and tennis facilities in the area and an events calendar that is simply amazing.  We hope to see you all at the stockholders meeting on Saturday, September 24th at 4 pm to review the increases and to answer your questions/concerns.

Thank you once again for making Vienna Woods a magical place to raise our families in a safe, fun environment.

AJ Oskuie

President

Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club

**Treasurer’s Message – Dave Miller**

As many of you know, this is a time of the year I view with mixed emotions. I am sad to see another season at Vienna Woods draw to a close, but I am happy to see our staff and kids I have watched grow over the summer embark on a new school year and all the excitement that it brings.

In many ways, I feel like this has been our first “normal”, whatever that means anymore, summer since the COVID pandemic. Both tennis and the pool have experienced great attendance this summer and I believe the snack bar set a couple of single day records for food sales. All of these statistics tell me, Vienna Woods is a great place to spend the summer, something all of us already know.

Our cash balance was $324,000 as of 7/31/22 and the outstanding loan balance was $413,000 as of 7/31/22. I anticipate our cash balance will be approximately $175,000 as of our fiscal year end of 9/30/22.

As a board, we have agreed to a proposed dues increase for next year. Please see the President’s Message for the exact amounts.

The purpose of the dues increase will be to fund repayment of our loan, capital improvement projects and to give our staff a raise next summer.

As always, the list of capital projects at the pool is greater than the funds available, so we prioritize our capital projects. Here is a partial list of some of our off-season capital priorities. 1. Solution for the baby pool area. All of the solutions for this area are very costly. The boards’ goal is to maximize members experience for this area in a cost-effective manner. 2. Tree removal: As you may have noticed, some of our mature Oak trees are dying from Oak blight. These trees are very expensive to remove but must be removed for safety reasons. In an effort to save money, you may notice when we remove these trees, we leave “tall” stumps. 3. Pool sand filters: We noticed this summer sand collecting in the bottom of the pump room. We believe this was caused by a break in the collector pipes within one of the sand filters. We have been able to continue through the summer, but this will need to be addressed in the off-season. 4. Gates at either end of the gravel road. These were damaged by vandals over last winter and will be addressed this off season.

A little farther out, we know we need to address the parking lot and the pool house will need to be refreshed as it has been quite some time since that occurred. I am quite certain I have forgotten some capital items but wanted to give you at least a short list of some of the items your dues increase will go towards.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the pool or on the pickleball courts as our family got paddles for Christmas!

**Pool Manager’s Update – Nancy Wanzer**

It’s been another fun summer in the woods. As college guards returned to school, we had three younger guards step up to help manage the pool by obtaining their pool ops license. Many thanks to Jude Adler, Harlan Jackson, and John Williamson! Additionally, with Fairfax County Public Schools starting well before Labor Day, we appreciate the lifeguards who continued to work while managing heavy class loads, homework, sports, and other commitments.

Thank you, Vienna Woods members for your generous donations to the food drive! 30 bgs of groceries were collected for the food insecure in our area.

See you next season!   
  
**Snack Bar – George Biles**

What a Summer!!  Hoping all our members and renters were able to make it to our amazing snack bar, which is so ably run by our Manager Dawn Dzruilla and all of our dedicated staff!   Almost all of our staff are the kids of our membership which makes for a very fun work environment. I am very proud of all of the Snack Bar staff as they learn to work as a team, be consistent, neat, and friendly.

The Snack Bar staff work very hard for our membership.  In addition to the daily hours, they staff for swim and dive meets, special events and cater parties in the grove.  Did you know that in the 90 days of the pool season, we processed nearly 17,000 transactions!  Ice cream was our top seller this year with over 6,400 items purchased.  The ever popular french fries were ordered 2,300 times as standalone item.  Over 1100 Chicken Tender meal deals were purchased too.  My favorites, Little Debbies, saw nearly 450 cross the pickup counter!  People also liked the fruit cup (450), BLT (675), Garden Salad with Chicken (290) and the famous Bacon, Egg and Cheese Croissant served at home A meets sold over 250 times.

We could not do any of the above without all of our hard working and dedicated staff.  Please give them a Thank You when you seem them!  Until next summer!!

**Maintenance – Mark Wilson and Sean O’Connell**

The cost of maintenance and upkeep of the pool continues to increase. Three significant projects this past year were the repair of the pool’s whitecoat (8–10-year lifespan), replacement of the steel beams supporting the concrete slab roof over the pump room, and replacement of the well pump electrical board. Plumbing and electrical repairs continue to increase every year. This year was no exception, we had two major water line repairs, replacement of a water heater, and several emergency plumbing and electrical calls.

**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 is 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 and girls teams were crowned **League Champions this summer**! Thank you to all our parents who drove to the away matches. Special thanks to Coaches Kenny Day, Evan Stolburg 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 9 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 November. Courts 4 and 5 have the inlayed pickle ball courts. We hope to be holding a pickleball clinic in the near future which will be advertised on the VW web page.

We wish the all the best to our graduating senior, David Bourdelis as they head off to college this fall.

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

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**Swim Team – Tom Peterson**

The Vienna Woods swim team had a wonderful summer where we had a ton of fast swims and a lot of fun. We had a lot of transition this summer, with a new Head Coach, Dan Jacobs and new Head Assistant Coach with Dylan Cudahy as well as a lot of new Junior Coaches and members of our Leadership Team. Our priorities for the summer were to focus on development and love of the sport, as well as overall performance and to be viewed as a leader across the league for our spirit and sportsmanship. We feel we achieved this across the board! While our official record was 1-4 in Division 3, we got better all summer long and ended up as one of the fastest teams in the Division when we were at full strength. We had over 60% of our mini-stars and 90+% of our older swimmers attend B Meets. Overall, our swimmers improved their times by over 7% this summer, which is significantly better than last year. Lastly, we won the Sportsmanship Award for our Division! We want to thank all of our coaches and parents for all of the time spent making this the Best Six Weeks of Summer and to our wonderful Leadership Team for all of their hard work all year! See you next Summer!

**Dive Team – Rachel Paci**

The Vienna Woods Dive Team ended the season with a 3-2 record in NVSL’s Division 1 led by our Head Coach, Bo Bloomer and Assistant Coach, Laura O’Brien, plus our 4 Junior Coaches.

There were many Divisional Superstars and All-star Qualifiers this season:

Tyler Brown – 1st place Freshman boys

Jayde Kalinock – 2nd place Junior girls

Everett Weedman – 1st place Junior boys

Luke Lauretti – 3rd place Junior boys

Marleigh DaSilva – 1st place Intermediate girls

Ivor Brown – 1st place Intermediate boys

Nick Wanzer – 2nd place Senior boys

Marleigh DaSilva also broke the Intermediate record for highest score in our meet against Oakton with a score of 207.20. What an amazing season!

**Special Events – Sada Guixens**

We had such a fun and successful social summer at the pool this year! So thankful for all of the support every one of our events receives from our members. We could not have done it without the energetic and hardworking snack bar and lifeguard staff – Thank you! From our first ever ladies night, rodeo themed family fun day, ever popular annual crab feast, picnic under the stars (where lifeguards made over 200 s’mores!), Sunday adult swims, patch party and middle school night – something for everyone all summer!

**Membership – Barbara Forrest**

Vienna Woods continues to maintain a large waitlist of over 1000 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 first 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, please 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, 2023. 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 2023 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!

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**The Nominating Committee of the Board has recommended the following slate of current Directors be re-elected at the Fall 2022 Stockholders’ meeting for new three-year terms**:

**George Biles (Snack Bar) –** George Biles has been affiliated with Vienna Woods for nearly 20 years and can often be seen in the Snack Bar or sitting over by the slide with his wife Midge and other members as they enjoy the later afternoons and evenings at Vienna Woods.  His children had a great run at Vienna Woods on the Swim Team and Dive Team as well as working in the Snack Bar and also as lifeguard as well as coaches on the swim and dive teams.  George has been in charge of the Snack Bar as a board member since about 2005 and is very proud of the service, menu, and reputation that the Snack bar has achieved.  He credits the Snack Bar Manager (Dawn Dzruilla) and her staff for such a great benefit to members that the snack bar provides.  He is again wishing to run the snack bar for the next term and hopes to help further improve everyone's positive experiences at our facility.

**Dave Miller** (**Treasurer) –** Dave and his family have been active members within the Vienna Woods community for more than 15 years. Dave has served several terms as Board Treasurer and both he and his wife were active volunteers with the swim team throughout their many summer seasons supporting their 3 kids who grew up swimming for Vienna Woods and working at the pool over the years.

**Rachel Paci (Dive Team)** - Rachel and her family have been members of the pool for the last 10 years (and were renters for several years before that)! Rachel works as a coach for Orangetheory Fitness in Dunn Loring and McLean. Rachel lives in downtown Vienna with her husband, Noah, two kids, Ella and Dylan and dog Maggie. Rachel looks forward to serving on the board again as the representative for the Dive team.

**Tom Peterson (Swim Team) –** Tom Peterson grew up swimming in Massachusetts in a swim and tennis club very much like Vienna Woods. He represented Harvard University as a NCAA Division 1 All American and is an Olympic Trials Qualifier, who spent much of the first 25 years of his life as a swimmer and then coach. Later in life, he went on to co-found Evolent Health, a healthcare technology services business, which eventually went public. He now serves as Executive Chair and CEO of Blackbird Health, a pediatric and adolescent mental health company and serves as an Advisor and Board Member for several healthcare companies. He and his wife, Gretchen have 5 children from ages 4-21, all of whom are either currently swimming or have swum for Vienna Woods swim team.

**Chris Oskuie (IT) –** Chris and Robyn moved “back” to Vienna in 2008.  Chris swam and was a lifeguard at Vienna Woods during his formative years. Since graduating from Virginia Tech, he has worked in the technology industry.  While he has helped on a number of IT projects at the pool over the years, this would be his first time on the board.

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**Annual Stockholder Meeting**

**September 24, 2022**

**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)).