

**Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club  
P.O. Box 33  
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**September Newsletter**

**FALL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
4:00 PM, RAIN OR SHINE, CLUB GROUNDS**

**If you cannot attend, please send in your postage-paid proxy card.  
\*Remember to Sign your proxy card for it to be valid.**

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**President's Message – AJ Oskuie**

Alas, another beautiful summer has come to an end. I wanted to say thank you to the Vienna Woods staff, led by Nancy Wanzer, as the pool and grounds looked magnificent. SAFETY is paramount at the pool and we did another great job in making our pool enjoyable at the same time. The snack bar hummed along to the delight of the members; mega kudos to Dawn, as usual, for overseeing a terrific staff. The culinary delights were stellar and the compliments flowed from members to visitors all summer long. The swim, dive and tennis programs ran with equal success and I'm most appreciative of all of those who helped in making this a memorable summer. This pool is so lucky to be led by so many dedicated individuals that make Vienna Woods a magical place to raise your family year in and year out!

I want to personally thank Stan Smith for his leadership as President of this club for over the past ten years. Stan recently stepped down from the board after 13 years as a director. Stan is the very embodiment of what Vienna Woods Swim Club represents to its' core. He was raised just down the street from the pool and spent his youth swimming on the team. In his later teenage years, he was a leader for the team, a lifeguard and assistant swim coach. He was also recognized as the MVP of the swim team winning the H. Roy Fisk award in 1981. Then, he became the head coach for the swim team in the mid 80's leading Vienna Woods to back-to-back runner up finishes in Division 1. His leadership and his overall credibility are genuine and unique. On behalf of the board of directors and the collective membership, we say THANK YOU for your incredible dedication to this pool! It is because of your hard work and care that this pool remains a pillar in the community.

The Club's Fall Stockholders' Meeting will be held at the pool on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 4:00 PM, rain or shine.

BOARD NOMINATIONS - Board nominations are the only one item of new business on the agenda for this year's Fall Stockholders' Meeting. The Nominating Committee of the Board has recommended that the following slate of current Directors be re-elected and newly-elected at the Fall Stockholders' meeting for one term:

Doug MacCall (currently co-chair of the Tennis Committees)  
Niza Strike (currently chair of the Special Events Committee)  
Adam Knudsen  
Barb Forrest  
Kelly Wolfe

Adam Knudsen - was born and raised in Falls Church/Vienna. Adam attended Lemon Road Elementary, Kilmer Intermediate, Marshall High School, Virginia Tech (Undergraduate) and Marymount University (Graduate School). Adam is a Director at CGI Federal. His wife is Sarah and they have 5 year old twins Rose and Cooper. Adam has lived in Vienna since 1996 and has been a member at Vienna Woods since the late 90's. Adam and his family enjoy the pool very much and are committed to continuing the great tradition of Vienna Woods. Adam would be honored to be elected to the board and would work hard to serve the members of Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club.

Barbara Forrest - grew up in Vienna. The pool was her second home, while at the club; she participated in the swim team and was also a life guard too. With her 11 year old son, Tucker, they continue to enjoy the club.

Kelly Wolfe - growing up as an Army "brat", Kelly did not have many ties to communities as a child. When she moved to Vienna, however, that changed. In Vienna, Kelly has found a sense of community and unity that she

feels brings out the best in people. Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club is the perfect example of how the community comes together to socialize and support their kids in swimming, diving and tennis.

Kelly has lived in Vienna for over 10 years. She is married with one daughter who participates on the swim and dive teams. Along with “living” at the pool during the summer, Kelly holds a full time job in international public health. She is committed to helping less fortunate people domestically and in developing countries, especially women and vulnerable children.

Over the years, Kelly has served on other boards and held several volunteer positions, including Troop Leader for the Girl Scouts, Board member for Wheels to Africa, and volunteer in the U.S. Peace Corps. She likes to work with a group of people towards a common goal, and she would like to dedicate her time and effort over the next 3 years to make a difference at the Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club.

### **Treasurer – Dave Miller**

Before I focus on the financial matters I believe to be important to Vienna Woods, I want to make sure all members know that if they would like to review our Financial Statements, please contact Gina Womack and we will be glad to provide you with copies.

As of 7/26/17 Vienna Woods had \$385k of cash on hand compared to \$394k as of the same time last year. At just about every board meeting I emphasize to my fellow board members that it is important to focus on our cash balance at the end of September and at year end and not during the summer as timing differences for items like a payroll run or a couple of large invoices can make year over year comparison difficult. I am currently estimating our cash balance at the end of the year will be approximately \$120k versus \$140k last year. My cash management goal is to have a reserve of \$100k, so I view our free cash at \$20k. I anticipate we will be a little lower than last year due to spending a little more this spring on some capital items that Steve determined were necessary.

We are currently on track to pay off our \$450,000 pool improvement loan when it matures on June 10, 2020. The outstanding balance on the loan as of 7/26/17 was \$234k compared to the outstanding balance of \$307k as of 7/26/16, so you can see we are paying down principal at a good clip.

2017 has been a great summer for the Millers. We really enjoy watching kids return to the pool, always amazed how much they have grown and matured over the winter. I would like to close with a story I believe embodies everything that is wonderful about Vienna Woods. One evening in early July, Jenn and I were sitting beside the pool when we noticed a group of approximately 8 girls (ages 6 – 8) standing in the “Swim Team Area” of the pool (This is the area that faces the diving boards with the new peninsula to their right) with a couple of kids on the pool side of the fence and the balance on the grass side of the fence. Without any prompting by an adult, these young girls started doing Swim Team cheers. They didn’t do just one, but several, and I must admit, it made Jenn tear up and it sure made the goose bumps rise on my arm. It wasn’t so much that those kids were doing Swim Team cheers, it was that they were doing Vienna Woods cheers and those are the memories they will share with their children.....”I say Vienna, You say Woods....Vienna.....Woods!”

### **Membership – Linda Andress**

Selling your membership, if you are leaving the area and wish to sell your share, we are ready and willing to assist you in every way. Contact us as far in advance as possible, Visit our website: [www.viennawoods.org](http://www.viennawoods.org) – Membership page for information on selling, renting or buying a membership.

The August guest passes are offered to those on the waitlist, all 50 passes were sold within a few hours following the pass offering.

Membership stats: Waitlist has reached 887. Shares sold this Fiscal Year: 47 – which is on par with last year, also 47. If you’d like to see the monthly membership report, please email Gina Womack: [Gwomack@viennawoods.org](mailto:Gwomack@viennawoods.org)

### **Inside and Outside Maintenance – Steve Pearson**

Have you walked on the new gravel path between the pool parking lot and DeSale Street? Have you seen the ten new picnic tables in the grove? Both wonderful projects were designed and completed by two Vienna Woods Eagle Scouts and their troops.

The path was completed by Nick Ruskowski and Troop 1978 on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. They used over 65 landscape timbers, 73 pieces of rebar and 9 tons of gravel. The result is beautiful landscaping and no more tripping over tree roots! Vienna Woods would like to express its thanks and gratitude for a job well done. Thanks Nick and Troop 1978!

Ten picnic tables were constructed by Matthew Tutterow and Troop 987 on May 5th and 19th. They used over 98 pieces of lumber and 160 bolts/nuts/washers. The extra tables have made the grove more useable and have increased seating capacity. When you enjoy a meal in the Grove, remember that these nice tables were brought to us by Matt's project and Troop 987. Great work Matt and Troop 987!

For any aspiring Eagle Scouts--if you need a project idea, talk to Mr. Pearson. You can send him an email/text to discuss Eagle Scout projects at Vienna Woods.

During the "off-season" we held the first "Beautify the Woods" day on March 25th. Over 40 people volunteered, weeding, picking up trash, raking leaves, spreading mulch and more to clean up the "Woods". What a difference that made in getting the pool, tennis court, and surrounding areas looking nice for opening day. It was also a great opportunity for families to meet other Woods members and for students to earn Community Service Hours. Thanks to everyone who came out and lent a helping hand. We look forward to doing this again next year.

In addition to the wonderful volunteer projects, our facilities maintenance team installed a new bike rack with parking pad to alleviate over-crowding for bikers. Our electric pool motor required repairs so that the pool was ready for use. We've gotten great feedback about the netting for the ping pong area. More time is now spent playing ping-pong than chasing balls down the ramp. The installation of security cameras around the pool and grove was also completed this year.

### **Swim Team – Kellie Owens**

The Vienna Woods swim team enjoyed a great season competing in Division 4 this year. We won two meets and had some very exciting close races. We also hosted an all Vienna Individual Medley meet for the first time. In addition the swimmers had a lot of fun over the season with many social events including weekly pep rallies, pancake breakfast, laser tag, senior progressive dinner, age group cake contest and the Lip Sync exhibition. Vienna Woods was proud to send 7 relay teams and 10 individual swimmers to all stars. We saw two records broken this season: Sophia Brown in the 11/12 IM and Emily Daly in the 15-18 Freestyle. Once again we will be offering a winter swim program on Sunday evenings at Oak Marr to help our swimmers keep up with their skills during the off season.

### **Dive Team – Lisa Campbell**

Vienna Woods Divers had a great season! We dove in Division 1 this year and tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the division, our record was 3 wins and 2 losses. The NVSL elected to score the Divisional meets for the first time this year and we won our divisional meet by about 50 points.

We had some of our divers participate in the Wally Martin 3 meter and Synchro meet. Ivor Brown took 1<sup>st</sup> place for the freshman boys and Marleigh Dasilva took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the freshman girls. Nick and Noah Wanzer took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their synchro diving event. The judges loved how they were so synchronized!

We had 18 young, novice divers participate in the Cracker Jack Meet, which is a developmental dive meet. Coach Jenni calls this meet "The B Meet Championships of the World." We had two children win their events. Jayde Kalinock placed 1st in 7 year old girls and Jonah Cline placed 1st for 10 year old boys. Vienna Woods had 6 All Stars qualify this year! Marleigh Dasilva, Dylan Paci, Noah Wanzer, Reilly Blanton, Jessica Fritsch and Hunter Moss. Marleigh Dasilva tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place for Freshman girls and Dylan Paci placed 3rd! Reilly was an All Star in both swimming and diving. Noah, Hunter and Jessica participated in All Stars for the first time.

Congratulations to all of the Vienna Woods divers and their coaches, Jenni Brown, Reid Brown, Tierney Campbell, Tally Brown and Maddie Grosz.

### **Tennis – Tom Herman Pro**

I'd like to thank all of you that participated in our tennis programs this past spring and summer!! With over 200 kids and 80 adults participating on teams, clinics and camps, our numbers remain strong.

Congratulations to all of our teams for an outstanding season! Our mixed doubles team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division again! Our men's team qualified for the playoffs again with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the division. Our ladies day and night B teams were competitive in their respective leagues. Our boys and girls Our junior teams also had outstanding seasons with our girls and boys both finishing in the top 3 in the A Division.

Finally, I'd like to thank all those that volunteered their time to drive to matches and bring snacks to the games! Special thanks to our Captains, Mary Ellen Giuseppe, Sue Moulton, Jan Cassidy, Andy Ollis, Lisa Greenfield and Frank Nothaft who spent a lot of time lining up the matches and rescheduling rain make-ups (which happened a lot this year). Also let's all thank Doug MacCall and Alan Curran who serve as our representatives on the board. They do a great job of looking after the tennis community's interest!

If you are interested in participating in our fall programs, please refer to the web site for more detail or contact me at [ther222@aol.com](mailto:ther222@aol.com). Both Kenny Day and I will be teaching throughout the fall, so contact us if you're interested in lessons.

### **Snack Bar – George Biles**

The summer of 2017 saw some changes in the Snack Bar Operations. As previously noted, Beddie Decker who managed the Snack Bar for over 25 years retired at the end of 2016 and her daughter Dawn did a fantastic job taking the reigns. Dawn herself has been at the Vienna Woods Snack bar for over 15 years, and we are lucky to have her!!

Our snack bar is staffed mostly by members and renters kids who can start working at age 14. They learn a tremendous amount of life skills from arriving on time, to cleaning, to greeting customers to cooking, operating a cash register and working under pressure. We are proud to help these youngsters start their working lives off on the right foot and have fun at the same time.

The snack bar expanded the menu slightly to add a couple of vegetarian items, but at this point we are limited by dry, refrigerated and frozen storage capacity. We believe we have a great assortment of grilled, fried, fresh cut and handmade items including the ever popular cheese fries and ice cream!!

We encourage all members, renters and guests to try to stop by and give the snack bar a try. We know you will be pleasantly surprised and glad you did.

### **Special Events – Niza Strike**

As I sit down to write this piece, I can't help but wonder – where did summer go? You blink your eyes and it is but a memory. Fortunately, if you spent any time at the Woods this summer, you have some wonderful memories indeed!

All our social events were well attended this summer and we thank you for coming out and enjoying what the pool has to offer. From Picnic Under the Stars, July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Crab Feast, Family Fun Day, and the most important to the kids, the Patch Party, everyone had the opportunity to enjoy family and friends, music and games, food and laughter, fun and sun. The adult social, our new event at the beginning of the summer, was well attended so we plan on adding it to the annual calendar.

We provide many forums in which to plan for your attendance at these events – the pool website, Facebook pages, and bulletin boards. The schedule for the summer is typically posted on the website in February, and for those that don't know, most events occur the same day each summer – Picnic Under the Stars is always the third Saturday in June; the Patch Party is always the third Wednesday in July; the Crab Feast is always the third Saturday in July; Family Fun Day is always the first Saturday in August; and our last event, Picnic Under the Stars, is always the third Saturday in August. This year, for the first time, our last event fell on the Saturday before school started – a nice way to start the new school year.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments, and are already looking ahead to next summer!