

Persimmon Creek Swim Club

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www.persimmoncreekswim.com



Welcome to Persimmon Creek Swim Club!

Message from the President: Jeff Filandro

Mark these dates on
your calendar!

March 30- Pay your
dues and earn 4 free
guest passes

April 14- Swim Team
registration

April 30- Pay your
dues and experience
no fee increase from
last year

May 7 and 14-
Tentative Cleanup Day

May 27- Pool Opens

June 5- Opening Party

As the snow falls, we look forward to the summertime for another successful year at Persimmon Creek Swim Club. Our Board has worked hard over the past year, and we expect 2011 to be another season of safe, family fun!

We have received and implemented several improvements to the pool over the past year. Pool safety is always our primary concern, so we removed several trees that were threatening our pool house and baby pool. Our pool management company has listened to our requests to staff "the creek" with quality guards and a seasoned pool manager.

We have purchased several new chairs for the pool deck. A few new BBQ grills and umbrellas will appear before the season starts. Friday night Happy Hours will return again, and hopefully a few new faces can join us for this fantastic new pool tradition.

I am pleased to report that 2011 will have no membership fee increases. Our pool board has a tremendous amount of responsibility to open and maintain the pool, and the opening of the pool is our most chaotic time. In order for the Board to budget appropriately, we need to know our membership numbers by

April 30th. We urge our members to pay as soon as possible as this can impact pool improvements.

In the past, some of our members have waited until opening weekend to pay membership dues. Please check the "tiered" payment schedule, and be advised that we must strictly adhere to this payment schedule.

Our web site is constantly under construction so if you have any questions or comments you can reach us online, at webmaster@persimmoncreekswim.com.

Thanks for a great 2010 season and let's get ready to start 2011!



Swim Team News: Judy Guidash and Beth Pagan



We are looking forward to another fun swim season with the Piranhas! With a new year, we are happy to announce Alex Hampel as our new Head Coach as well as several new assistants. If you're a Persimmon Creek member and have children interested in the team we would love to have them! Spread the word about the Piranhas and invite your friends to join!

Sign-ups for the team will be held at Glasgow High School on April 14, 2011 at 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We will be sending out a Swim Team Newsletter in the coming weeks with more detailed information including meet schedule, practice schedule, etc.

This season we will be needing help with important jobs at the meets. Please consider trying something new this season. We are in need of officials,

scorers, runners and clerk of course. Officials and scorers do need to attend a clinic while runners and clerk of course will learn at the meets. Information regarding clinics will be posted on our website when available.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information about these jobs please contact Judy or Beth. We would love to hear from you!

If you have any questions before sign-ups please feel free to contact us via e-mail
swimteam@persimmoncreekswim.com

Keep up to date on everything Piranhas....visit the swim team home page at
www.persimmoncreekswim.com

Social Events: Heidi Sigmund

Persimmon Creek's social calendar will kick off with the annual "Opening Day Party" on Sunday, June 5th. Bring a dish to share and just like last year, your guests are free! Friday night happy hours are back for the 2011 season. Watch for more information on dates, themes, and planned activities as details get finalized. Invitations will be shared on email, on the Persimmon Creek Facebook account, and postings on the pool's bulletin board.

If you have suggestions about a possible social event or would like to assist with the planning of events, please contact me at r23d1@aol.com. Get ready for a fun 2011 season!

Current Social Activities in the planning stages include the following:

- Three Movie Nights
- Two Band Nights
- Wiggle Worm Night- kids crafts, races, and activities
- Teen Night/Family Night- rafts, Rock Band, and revelry
- Themed Happy Hours on Fridays



Membership News: Ruthie Toole and Joe Bartel

This season we are introducing a tiered payment plan. It is very important to have membership numbers as early as possible in order to plan our spending for the season. This payment plan offers an incentive to pay your dues early – providing a lower rate and free guests! Please plan accordingly.

In order to process your swim club membership, please complete the attached Membership form and mail the form and payment to the address listed. Please see the chart below for costs for the 2011 season. **If you were a 2010 trial member, it is now time for you to begin paying your non-refundable \$300 certificate payment, along with your dues. This can either be done all at once when dues are paid, or \$150 at the time of registration and then \$150 due by August 1, 2011.**

| Membership Status | Dues postmarked by 3/30 (reward 4 free guest passes**) | Dues postmarked by 4/30 (No free passes) | Dues postmarked by 5/15 | Dues postmarked or turned in on opening day, 5/27 and beyond. |
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| Family | \$350 | \$350 | \$375 | \$400 |
| Couple | \$275 | \$275 | \$300 | \$325 |
| Single | \$200 | \$200 | \$225 | \$250 |

**These passes will be held at the pool in an envelope and will be good for the 2011 season only, so make sure you pick them up from one of the guards at the desk.

Please invite friends to join the pool. The first year is a trial year, and no certificate payment is due until the following season. Our “three for free” incentive program will still be in effect for this season. If you refer three families for membership and they join, your next season’s dues will be free. If someone you know is interested in joining, please have them contact Joe Bartel at newmembership@persimmoncreekswim.com regarding new membership and make sure we know you made the referral.

As always, guests will be welcome at PCSC. Guest fees for the 2011 pool year will be \$3.00 on weekdays and \$5.00 on weekends. Remember, you must accompany your guest with each visit to the swim club. There are also bulk guest passes available for purchase from a guard at the pool, which makes the cost always \$3.00.



Operation News: Bernie Gaglia and Steve Timmins

This year, Operations will continue to address improvements and repairs to ensure the enjoyment of the members. One issue that will be a priority is an upgrade to the pool's access road and parking lot.

It is the hope of the Board and operations committee that all members feel welcome, make suggestions and become involved in the operations of the pool. Getting involved helps you to learn more about the daily operation of the pool and helps you get acquainted with new friends, which makes for a more pleasant pool experience.

We have been working closely with the City of Newark to discuss a sewer project that will be impacting the Arbour Park area over the summer months. The main impact to the pool will be construction vehicles in the vicinity of the pool and traveling over the bridge. Based on the type of work being done, there will be no odors from the sewer project. We have been, and will continue to be communicating with the lead project manager. He has requested our pool hours of operation and swim team schedule in order to assist in causing as little disruption as possible to our pool

operations. The priorities of safety of our membership and providing a comfortable pool environment have been relayed to the project manager and we will continue our communications with those two priorities in mind.

Steve and Bernie request that you contact them if you have suggestions and/or can offer assistance in any capacity to better the pool and the property. Tentative volunteer cleanup dates are Saturday May 7 and Saturday May 14. More information will be posted on our website and sent out via e-mail as the cleanup dates get closer.

If you are interested in being a Life Guard or Manager for the 2011 Season we recommend that you apply with Progressive Pool Management at www.progressivepool.com and also forward your application to timmins@udel.edu and bgaglia1@verizon.net



Persimmon Creek Loves It's Snack Bar!

We are trying something new this year at the snack bar! No more loose change to bring to the pool. No worries if you leave your wallet at home! This year we are going to have a "debit-like" card system for purchasing snacks at the snack bar.

Here's how it will work.....

- Each family can purchase a snack card during registration. There will be an area on the yearly registration form where you can make your initial \$10.00 deposit to your card
- Deposits can be made in increments of \$10.00 up to July 31st during snack bar hours. Deposits of \$5.00 increments may be made in August only.
- Cards will be maintained by the swim team board, kept in the snack bar and handled by the life guards during the daily operation of the snack bar
- Items in the snack bar will be sold in increments of \$.50. Each time you "purchase" a snack, the correct amount will be deducted from the balance on your card.
- You can inquire about your balance at any time when the snack bar is open.
- The snacks will be sold during 15 minute increments of time: 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm.
- The life guards will be operating the snack bar during these times. It will be up to the discretion of the life guards to open or the close the snack bar.

More details about the snack bar can be found on the website. If you have any concerns regarding the operation of the snack bar or the changes we have implemented, please contact Judy or Beth at swimteam@persimmoncreekswim.com

As always, if anyone would like to be involved with managing the inventory or snack cards, please contact Judy or Beth, additional assistance is always welcome!

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