



President's Message

Dave Sabat, President
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As you read through the updates in this newsletter, our mild winter days will be becoming warmer and longer. That extra sunshine and warmth will lead to more time outside doing your favorite outdoor activities, firing up the grill, getting crabbing and fishing gear ready, and the start of the 2020 pool season! Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner.

Your Cape St. Claire Swim Club (CSCSC) Board has been hard at work throughout the fall and winter making plans for the upcoming season. I'm not going to lie, it is weird wearing winter coats and hats while meeting to discuss pool activities. However, I think the Board was incredibly productive in making improvements—both visible and behind-the-scenes.

The Board, in my opinion, are highly committed and have the same goals as the membership we represent. We all want a pool that is safe for our families to enjoy, clean and neat looking, and fun for every member. Here are a few of the improvements we have made in preparation for the upcoming season:

- In response to suggestions at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting, a communications chairperson on the Board was designated. This Board member will be primarily responsible for making sure that pool information is communicated to members both electronically and posted at the pool. Jeff Haines, in his first year on the

Board, has already put together creative plans for keeping everyone in the know.

- New software was tested over the winter to improve how pool leases and memberships are processed with the intent to reduce paper forms.
- After researching several companies and reviewing proposals, a new two-year contract was signed with Ace Aquatics to remain as our pool management company. The contract keeps intact all of our current opening and closing times and the number of lifeguards working.
- Additional funds were allocated to a capital improvement fund in our budget. This fund allows the Board to plan for anticipated costs of making physical improvements to the pool and buildings proactively, instead of when they break. The fund supported the new pool deck last year and will be used for planned electrical improvements this year.

It's time to start picking out your favorite swimsuit. The 2020 pool season will kick off Memorial Day weekend and *it's going to be a great pool season! See you at the pool!*



Policies and Management Changes

Joe Keckler, Vice President
(vp@capepool.com)

The CSCSC Board would like to welcome all our members to another fun-filled summer at our wonderful facility. We are excited to see everyone again!

As we get ready to open the pool, I would like to take a minute to explain what took place during the off-season and point out some important policy reminders.

The team has been busy reviewing, communicating, and researching members' concerns and ways of improving our facilities. One such endeavor was the review of our pool management contract. After months of talks and contract negotiations with several companies, we are excited to inform you that we will continue our partnership with Ace Aquatics (formerly DRD). They have worked with us to revamp their service and save us over ten thousand dollars over the next two years, without compromising our needs and requirements. We appreciated their patience and willingness to work with us in providing the best experience and service to our members.

Policy Reminders

- The pool will open Saturday, May 23, and hold daily swimming hours from 11 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. (patrons will be asked to exit the pool 15 minutes prior to closing at 9 p.m.).
- The pool is private property and there is no entry outside of posted hours.
- Please be respectful to the guards and follow their guidance. If you have a concern with a guard, please bring it to the attention of a Board member, or contact us at info@capepool.com.

- All persons using the pool agree to abide by the regulations listed, and any additional rules posted and administered by the manager/staff. They further agree to accept the penalties for the infraction of those rules and regulations.
- No abusive/profane language or breach of the peace will be tolerated.
- Please make sure you clean up your areas before departing.
- Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children when using the pool facilities.
- In the diving well, general swimming and game playing is permitted only when the diving board is not in use.

The full rules are posted on our website at capepool.com/rules. These rules will also be posted at the entrance of the pool.

Again, looking forward to seeing everyone!

Latest Facility Improvements

Jim Harvey, Buildings and Grounds Chair
(bg@capepool.com)

Over the past year, we've updated and enhanced many aspects of your facility. Additional amenities and updates are planned for later this year.

Recent Improvements

- Replaced pool deck and added drains, alleviating standing water
- Installed new well pressure tank
- Replaced baby pool filter system and filter shed
- New septic system
- Replaced bathroom screen walls

- Removed dead trees and trimmed overgrowth
- Added safety railing to swim team house and repaired doors
- New refrigerator for swim team and social use donated by Tom Moreland of Atlantis

Planned 2020 Projects

- Improvements to guard shack and bathrooms
- Enhanced Wi-Fi
- Repainting the retaining wall
- Repairs to pool vacuum robot
- Updated electric wiring
- More to come!

Membership Updates

Katie Hicks, Membership Chair
(membership@capepool.com)

To meet the needs and scale of our membership in 2020, all dues and payments have been transitioned online to our secure payment site, Member Splash, linked from the navigation at capepool.com under Membership, and then Member Login. A ~3.5% service fee is added to all online payments.

Following is an updated summary of dues requirements and membership options. For complete information, visit capepool.com/join.

Pay Your Dues Online before April 1

Club bylaws require your household's annual dues of \$600 to be remitted online on or before April 1, 2020. After April 10, 2020, a late fee of \$50 will be assessed, as well as an additional fee of \$50 on the first day of each subsequent month that your dues have not been paid.

To pay, simply:

1. Visit capepool.com
2. Select **Membership** from the navigation, and then **Member Login**
3. Use your email of record and password to log in to Member Splash, our secure payment site
4. Please review (and update if necessary) your family information before you make your payment
5. You should see a banner that says, "Your account is not paid..." Click the **HERE** link to proceed
6. Select the \$600 dues payment. You may also purchase guest passes or a babysitter card
7. Select the payment method radio button, and click **Next**
8. Fill out your payment information, and click Submit order
9. You will receive a .pdf invoice as a record of your payment at your email address of record

If you have any questions about your membership or the online dues payment process, please contact the board at info@capepool.com.

Guest and Babysitter Passes

Guest passes are \$5 each. Each guest between the ages of 2 and 60 requires one pass per visit.

Members under 10 years of age who are not otherwise accompanied and supervised by a member or leasee age 13 or older or a guest grandparent will only be admitted with a babysitter who must be at least 13 years old. A babysitter pass is required for the admittance of non-member babysitters, and may be shared amongst multiple babysitters. Only one babysitter will be admitted per membership per visit. A babysitter pass is \$35.

To order guest passes or a babysitter pass:

1. Visit capepool.com
2. Select **Membership** from the navigation, and then **Member Login**
3. Use your email of record and password to log in to Member Splash, our secure payment site
4. Select **Make a Payment** from the menu and complete the proper payment process

Available Memberships & Leases

CSCSC has a handful of outstanding membership bonds available. If you know someone who is interested in purchasing a bond or leasing a membership, please contact info@capepool.com. They will need to complete the appropriate forms, available at capepool.com/join.

Leasing Your Membership

You must pay your 2020 dues online before leasing your membership. To get started:

1. View detailed instructions and download the Membership Lease Agreement (MLA) at capepool.com/join
2. Locate a lessee and negotiate your lease price
3. Print and complete **Part 1B** of the MLA
4. Have the lessee complete the rest of the MLA, provide a written recommendation from a current CSCSC bondholder other than you that is in good standing, and attach their recommendation letter
5. Mail the completed MLA and letter to the CSCSC
6. No lease is official until approved by the CSCSC Board. The MLA and recommendation will be reviewed before or at the next regularly-scheduled Board

meeting after the agreement is received and a representative will notify you and the lessee of the Board's decision by email. The Board makes every effort to review MLAs as soon as possible.

7. Once approved by the Board, the lessee must submit the \$250 leasing fee online.

Selling Your Membership Bond

We're sorry to see you go! You must pay your 2020 dues online before selling your bond. To get started:

1. View detailed instructions and download the Membership Sale Agreement (MSA) at capepool.com/join
2. Locate a buyer and negotiate your sale price
3. Print and complete Part 1 of the MSA
4. Have the buyer complete Part 2 of the MSA, provide a written recommendation from a current CSCSC bondholder other than you that is in good standing, and attach their recommendation letter
5. Mail the completed MSA and letter to the CSCSC
6. No sale is official until approved by the CSCSC Board. The MSA and recommendation will be reviewed before or at the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting after the agreement is received and a representative will notify you and the buyer of the Board's decision by email. The Board makes every effort to review MSAs as soon as possible.

You may also request that the Board sell your bond for you at the current market rate less sale fees. More information is available at capepool.com/join or by contacting membership@capepool.com.

2020 Aquatics Programs

Leslie Dougherty and **Cheryl Gorman**,
Aquatics Co-Chairs
(aquatics@capepool.com)

Cape St. Claire Swim Club offers a variety of Aquatics Services to meet the needs of new and experienced swimmers alike. From our competitive swim program to our beginners' swim class, CSCSC has something for everyone!

Swim Team

The Cape St. Claire Dolphins compete in Division 2 of the Greater Annapolis Swim League (swimgasl.org).

- The season begins right after Memorial Day and runs through the end of July
- Practices are held every weekday, and meets take place Saturday mornings
- Open to member and non-member children 5–18 who meet all eligibility requirements
- Run by a dedicated senior coaching staff with over a decade of coaching experience at CSCSC
- Our **Big Fish, Little Fish Program** is a voluntary program that pairs novice and intermediate swimmers to encourage growth, confidence, and team unity
- A volunteer commitment is required of each family who wishes for their child to compete
- All swimmers must attend a swimsuit fitting, date and time to be announced

For more information regarding swimmer eligibility, volunteer commitment, schedules, and fees, please visit capepool.com.

Try It!

Not sure if your child is ready to join the Dolphins? Our new, Try It! program might be just what you're looking for. Previously known as our pre-competitive group, Try It! allows swimmers and their families to try swim team without making the full commitment.

- Participants attend the first two weeks of team practice where they will learn through participation and gain a broader understanding of the program
- Upon completion, swimmers may sign up to join the team for the remainder of the season pending the coach's approval
- Available to member and non-member swimmers ages 8 and under
- Try It! swimmers do not participate in meets

Learn to Swim!

CSCSC is proud to have offered summer swim lessons to the community for over 20 years at a reasonable price in a convenient location. Lessons feature:

- Experienced instructor-led lessons, supported by members of our swim team, encourage confidence and address skills based on student need
- No more than four students per instructor
- Students grouped by skill level based on an evaluation prior to lessons
- Open to members and non-members
- Five Monday–Thursday weekly sessions, sign-up for one or all twenty at a discounted rate

For more information about Learn to Swim! eligibility, schedule, and pricing, visit capepool.com.

Masters Swimming

Do you want to get fit? Revisit an old interest? Or, participate in a sport you love? Masters Swimming at CSCSC might be for you.

- The schedule for Masters Swimming is based on interest and participant and instructor availability
- Open to members and non-members 16 years and older
- All abilities welcome

To see last year's schedule and to find more information about pricing, visit capepool.com.

Water Aerobics

Cape Pool is happy to offer water aerobics again this summer!

- Traditionally held on Monday and Wednesday evenings—2020 dates will be announced
- Taught by a certified instructor offering a range of movements to accommodate all skill levels
- Open to members and non-members free of charge (a guest pass is required for non-member pool entrance)
- Flotation equipment provided



Social and Calendar

At-a-Glance

Candace Decker, Social Chair (social@capepool.com) and **Jeff Haines**, Communications Chair (communications@capepool.com)

Prepare to enjoy fun and relaxing times with your family, friends, and neighbors this summer at CSCSC! The social calendar is shaping up nicely, filled with a variety of activities—from the informal, like joining a volleyball game on the poolside sand court or swinging and playing tetherball under the shade trees—to planned events like potluck meals, water aerobics, tie-dye, pirate day, paint nite, and more.

A major Board goal for 2020 is to improve communication. We're reviving *The Waterlog*, with *this* print newsletter to kick off the year, and a *weekly issue* each Thursday from May 21st through September 3rd to be posted to the pool bulletin board and distributed digitally (via emails from info@capepool.com and posts on Facebook at facebook.com/capepool).

Don't forget—CSCSC is a *great* place to host a swim party! See the Social tab on the navigation at capepool.com for details.

We need your help! Please send ideas for social events, theme nights, potlucks, and classes to social@capepool.com.

Important Dates

- **April 1** –
 - *Last day to submit annual dues online without a late fee*
 - Swim Team registration opens for members and returning swimmers
 - Learn to Swim! lessons registration opens for members and non-members
- **April 10** – Swim Team registration opens for non-members
- **May 16** (May 17 rain date) – Facility clean-up day with CSCSC membership—please join us!
- **May 23** – *Opening day*
- **June 13** – Swim meet: Cape at Chase Creek
- **June 20** – Swim meet: Ulmstead at Cape
- **June 27** – Swim meet: Indian Hills at Cape
- **July 11** – Swim meet: Cape at Evergreen
- **July 18** – Swim meet: Cape at Harting Farm
- **July 26** – Pool closed to general membership from 6–9 p.m. for Swim Team Banquet



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