

## **Welcome Back!**

Following is a comprehensive list of all the NSJ programs for summer 2017. Any changes will be communicated by email and Facebook. Please make sure we have the most current email address on file. You can follow us on Facebook at *North St. John's Swim and Tennis Club* and *NSJ Blue Marlins* where information and emails are posted.

## **NSJ Spring Membership Meeting**

**Sunday, May 21 @ 7:00 pm under the Blue Marlin Pavilion**

All NSJ members are invited to attend this general membership meeting. Please join us and meet the NSJ Board Members, Managers and our Management Company Representative. We will review improvements made over the winter and discuss the events at NSJ this summer. You can purchase Guest Passes at this meeting.

## **Hours of Operation**

**General Hours of Operation:**

**Weekdays:** 12 pm to 8 pm on school nights; 12 pm to 9 pm thereafter

**Friday and Saturday:** 12 pm to 10 pm

**Sunday:** 11 am to 9 pm

- The pool officially opens on Memorial Day weekend which is **Saturday, May 27, 2017**.
- The pool will be open during the week following Memorial Day weekend starting at 3 pm.
- As of **Monday, June 12, 2017** the pool will open at 12 pm weekdays.
- Weekly emails that outline the upcoming week are sent out on Thursday morning.
- We have a Facebook page, **North St. John's Swim and Tennis Club**, along with a **Google Calendar** which will complement the weekly emails and provide updates.
- Additional emails are sent regarding Swim and Dive Teams, Special Events and any NSJ activities.
- If you are not receiving emails from NSJ please contact Susan Walker at [jandswalker@comcast.net](mailto:jandswalker@comcast.net).
- If your contact information changed, please contact Cindy McNemar at [cdmc425@verizon.net](mailto:cdmc425@verizon.net).

Remember to check your weekly emails, Facebook page or the NSJ website at [www.nsjswim-tennis.org](http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org) for a complete listing of events, Swim and Dive Team information, Camp, party reservations, membership information and policies.

The **Google Calendar** is available to view and always has the most current information including opening and closing times.

## **2017 Staff**

We are thrilled to have so many returning managers and lifeguards. There will be many familiar faces to help you all summer!

## **History and Facility Update**

The North St. John's Swim and Tennis Club was established in 1964 at the end of Marydell Road in Ellicott City, Maryland. The eight acres of land was a gift by surrounding neighbors to start a local swim club. NSJ celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014 and has continued to maintain the original appeal of the club.

NSJ is run by volunteers that consist of the Board of Directors. There are five Executive Board positions and eight Directors. In 2011, we hired Continental Pools Inc., a pool management company, to oversee the facility maintenance, staffing and training of employees.

The club is a high-usage facility during the months of May through September. To retain membership and a wait list, we need to constantly maintain the pool, club house, tennis courts and grounds. We have consistent membership retention and primarily draw from the immediate Ellicott City area which includes 5 elementary schools (Hollifield, St. John's Lane, Waverly, West Friendship and Manor Woods), 2 middle schools (Patapsco and Mount View), 2 high schools (Mt. Hebron and Marriott's Ridge) and 1 private school (Resurrection). We are honored to have some founding members and their younger generations as part of the NSJ family.

Over the last five years we started an initiative to build and retain a wait list. We've partnered with Howard County to promote our club through the Recreation & Parks website; we advertised through Howard Magazine, in conjunction with our pool management company, to elevate our presence in the community and increase our visibility to those families moving to Howard County; and we continue to partner with our supporting schools through their fundraising efforts.

Over the last ten years the pool and surrounding grounds have been maintained and upgraded as funding permits. We first renovated the club house to include a full-service snack bar, ADA accessible restrooms, an office and front desk/check-in area. Following the club house renovation, the pool and surrounding deck area were updated for the 2011 season. Most of the renovations have been done in phases because a loan was necessary to fund the expenditures.

NSJ continues to maintain a five-year plan for necessary projects to improve our facility as well as utilize all available resources. We have applied once again for the Private Community Pool Grants for FY 18 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018).

### **Grant Money Received**

**2013:** The Grant money received from 2013 was instrumental in making NSJ ADA compliant. We updated our Lifeguard Equipment and added an ADA Lift. We were also able to purchase additional safety items that otherwise would not have been added.

**2014:** The Grant money from 2014 was used to purchase pool covers for both the main and wading pools.

**2015:** The Grant money from 2015 helped defer the costs of purchasing two new diving boards.

**2016:** The Grant money from 2016 was used to upgrade the main pool and wading pool plumbing.

Over the last eight months we've been busy behind the scenes! Some of the projects include replacing the roof on the shed and the grilling gazebo, repainting the club house, installing lighting for the lower area, along with renovating tennis courts 1 and 2, refinishing the basketball court and cleaning/repairing courts 3 and 4. We're excited for everyone to join us opening weekend!

NSJ accepts **credit cards** at the front desk and the snack bar. Members have the option of paying for guest fees, parties and events with cash, check or credit.

The **Blue Marlin Grill** will be operated by Ralph Santucci, owner of **Vocelli's**. Information will be sent out before the pool opens so you can plan your meals accordingly. Vocelli's has been a strong supporter of NSJ and our events; they donate back to NSJ a percentage earned during the summer.

## **2017 Inclement Weather Policy**

In the event of inclement weather which presents thunder or lightning, within the visual or auditory vicinity of North St. John's Swim and Tennis Club, the following protocol will be enforced:

**Thunder:** Upon hearing thunder, the pool and grounds shall be closed for thirty (30) minutes. The pavilion and Blue Marlin Grill may be used as acceptable areas to maintain shelter. If no additional thunder is heard for the thirty-minute period, guests may re-enter the pool and resume usage of the surrounding grounds. If within any thirty-minute closure period, thunder is heard again, the thirty-minute period will reset, regardless of previously elapsed time from the last observation of thunder.

**Lightning:** Upon the sighting of lightning, all pool members and their respective guests must leave the premises for a period of thirty (30) minutes during which no additional lightning is observed. If no additional lightning is observed for the thirty-minute period, guests may re-enter the facility and resume usage of the surrounding grounds. If within any thirty-minute closure period, lightning is observed again, the thirty-minute period will reset, regardless of previously elapsed time from the last observation of lightning. Minors that are approved to remain unsupervised by a parent or guardian at the facility must immediately contact their respective parent or guardian in the event that guests are required to vacate the premises. Minors without a cell phone will be permitted to use the landline phone within the guard office to contact their parent or guardian.

If the pool has not opened by 4:00 PM, due to inclement weather, the facility will remain closed, regardless of weather conditions, until the next scheduled day of operation. In the event of inclement weather which arrives after 6:00 PM, the pool shall be closed for the remainder of the evening.

Members and their respective guests of the North St. John's Swim and Tennis Club agree not to pursue any avenue of compensation for damages or injury resulting from thunder or lightning within the vicinity of the facility. Members or guests that refuse to comply with the aforementioned thunder and lightning safety clauses are subject to indefinite suspension from the facility.

### **2017 Swim Team Information**

NSJ offers your children an opportunity to join the Swim Team! We practice weekdays and have meets with local pools on Saturday mornings. NSJ also attends novice and championship meets during the season.

We are happy to welcome back our head coach, **Steve Wishnies**. We are pleased to announce that **Elisa Santoni, Abbi Santoni** and **Deanna Parsons** will also be returning to the coaching staff this year.

The NSJ Swim Team Directors, **Eric Schickler** and **Jeremy and Michelle Reed** are excited for another great swim season! There are lots of fun activities planned!

If you have any questions, please contact: **Michelle Reed** ([mchll.reed@yahoo.com](mailto:mchll.reed@yahoo.com)); **Jeremy Reed** ([jrroc23@yahoo.com](mailto:jrroc23@yahoo.com)); or **Eric Schickler** ([eschickler@verizon.net](mailto:eschickler@verizon.net)). They can also be reached at [nsjswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:nsjswimteam@gmail.com).

**Swim Team is open to all members (up through age 18, as of May 30, 2017)** of the North St. John's Swim and Tennis Club. If after two weeks, it appears your child cannot swim the length of the pool your registration fee will be returned minus the AAU fee. This for the safety of each child along with the ability of the coaches to effectively coach.

### **2017 Dive Team Information**

The NSJ Dive Team encourages fun, safety and courage. Divers compete on an age based system with kids of all ability levels. The older divers provide great role models while younger divers provide energy and excitement. The large number of new and experienced divers provides a fun environment where all divers are continuously learning and pushing each other to new levels. In addition, these young athletes are guaranteed to build courage as they stand alone atop the diving board, not to mention the opportunity to learn some new, cool pool tricks!

We are happy to announce that **Sean Kelly** and **Grace Kelly** will be our new NSJ Head Coaches for this season! Grace has been an Assistant Coach for the past two seasons and has done a great job preparing our divers for competition. Sean has been an Assistant Coach for one season and a NSJ Lifeguard and Manager. Joining them as an Assistant Coach is **Peyton Fuller**, a very successful collegiate diver. All the coaches are former or current NSJ divers and we are thrilled to have them back!

The NSJ Dive Team Directors, **Jenny Vaxmonsky** and **Kirsten Willging** are excited for another great dive season! Kirsten and Jenny are looking for one or two dive team families to shadow them for this summer. They will be stepping down as the Directors of the team after this season. Please contact them at **Jenny Vaxmonsky** ([jennyvax@verizon.net](mailto:jennyvax@verizon.net)) or **Kirsten Willging** ([kwillging@gmail.com](mailto:kwillging@gmail.com)) if you are interested or have any questions regarding the position.

**Dive Team is open to all members (up through age 18, as of May 30, 2017)** of the North St. John's Swim and Tennis Club. Your child must be 5 years old before January 1, 2017 to register.

**Learn to Dive Program Summer 2017**

If you are not sure about joining the dive team, but still want to learn how to do some new and cool pool tricks, please think about signing up for any of our five "Learn to Dive" sessions offered at NSJ with our very own NSJ Dive Coaches. These sessions will be offered during the following weeks:

<b>Session</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>
<b>Session 1: Pre-School (3+ years old)</b>	June 12 – 15	11:30 am – 12:10 pm
<b>Session 2: Evening Session</b>	June 19 – 22	6:30 pm – 7:10 pm
<b>Session 3: Morning Session</b>	June 26 – 29	11:50 am – 12:30 pm
<b>Session 4: Morning Session</b>	July 10 – 13	11:50 am – 12:30 pm
<b>Session 5: Morning Session</b>	July 17 – 20	11:50 am – 12:30 pm

Session is 4 times per week (Monday – Thursday) for 40 minutes.  
Friday may be used as a rain make-up date.

This summer we are once again offering a **Pre-School Learn to Dive** session for pre-schoolers ages 3 - 5 years old. The one-week session will be taught by a NSJ Dive Coach and focus on deep water skills and becoming more comfortable on the diving boards. The pre-school divers must be able to swim to the side of the pool independently.

We have also added an evening session.

**Cost:**

**NSJ Member – \$60 per child / per week**

**Wait List Members – \$85 per child / per week**

## **Learn to Swim Program Summer 2017**

We are looking forward to another great season at NSJ! For those of you returning to swim lessons, they are remaining the way that they were organized last year. The lessons will remain as 25 minutes for every day of the week. If lessons need to be made up due to inclement weather or other cancellations, time will be added on to the remaining lessons.

We are pleased to continue offering an early session of lessons, the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>, for our preschool members. This summer, we will be offering Levels 1 and 2 during the preschool session. **Level 1** is for those who are getting comfortable in the water and **Level 2** is for those who can swim a little bit by themselves. Each level will be offered at 11:00 AM and 11:25 AM. All students enrolled in swim lessons **MUST** be potty-trained. Swim diapers are **NOT** allowed in the main pool.

### **Pre-school Sessions:**

**Session** - June 12 - June 16

Levels 1 and 2 will be offered Monday - Friday from 11:00 - 11:25 AM

Levels 1 and 2 will be offered Monday - Friday from 11:25 - 11:50 AM

### **Cost**

\$25 for members per week

\$30 for wait list per week

### **Lesson Dates are as follows:**

**Session 1** - June 19 – June 30

**Session 2** - July 3 – July 14

**Session 3** – July 17 – July 28

### **The lesson times will be as follows:**

#### **Morning Lessons**

Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be offered Monday - Friday from 11:00 - 11:25 AM

Levels 1, 2, 3, and 5 will be offered Monday - Friday from 11:25 - 11:50 AM

#### **Evening Lessons**

Levels 1, 2, and 5 will be offered Monday - Friday from 6:00 - 6:25 PM

Levels 2, 3, and 4 will be offered Monday - Friday from 6:25 - 6:50 PM

### **Cost:**

**\$50 for members per session**

**\$60 for wait list per session**

All lesson level descriptions can be found on the NSJ website at:

<http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/lessons/swim/>

We do offer **Private Swim Lessons** for both children and adults. Please contact Victoria Stagg, or visit the NSJ Front Desk once the pool is open, for a list of available instructors.

Please note, the sign-up process is the same as last year.

All registration will be done via email: [swimlessons@continentalpools.com](mailto:swimlessons@continentalpools.com).

In your email please provide:

- your child's name
- age
- session
- lesson level
- lesson time

When paying for this summer's swim lessons, please do the following:

1. **Wait** for a confirmation email from [swimlessons@continentalpools.com](mailto:swimlessons@continentalpools.com) saying that your child is enrolled in the lesson.
2. To pay for swim lessons, go to [Paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and follow the instructions on the website.
3. Enter the email [swimlessons@continentalpools.com](mailto:swimlessons@continentalpools.com).
  - For members, each session of swim lessons costs \$50. If you are paying for more than one session, multiply \$50 by the number sessions you are paying for. If you have more than one child, you will need to do this for each child.
  - For non-members, each session costs \$60.
4. Sign in to pay from your PayPal account. If you do not already have one, you will need to register.

Please use the following link:

<https://www.paypal.com/webapps/mpp/send-money-online>

This year, we are offering payment via check as a second payment option. *Checks should be made out to Continental Pools Inc.* and must be given to Victoria Stagg on the first day of swim lessons.

- For members, each session of swim lessons costs \$50. If you are paying for more than one session, multiply \$50 by the number sessions you are paying for. If you have more than one child, you will need to do this for each child.
- For non-members, each session costs \$60.
- If you choose to pay via check, please email [swimlessons@continentalpools.com](mailto:swimlessons@continentalpools.com) saying that is how you are paying for NSJ Swim Lessons.

If payment is not received by the first day of lessons, your child will not be allowed to participate in swim lessons until payment is received. Any questions regarding swim lessons may be addressed to Victoria Stagg at [swimlessons@continentalpools.com](mailto:swimlessons@continentalpools.com).

**Adult Swim Program Summer 2017**

Megan Mackey, a club and collegiate swimmer, will conduct an Adult Swim Program twice per week. The program, similar to the USMS program, will be structured so all abilities do the same sets but varying yardage thereby putting swimmers of about same skill level in similar lanes.

The 12-week program, starting the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>, is designed so adults of all ages and abilities can participate:

- Monday morning 6 am – 7 am
- Thursday evening 7 pm – 8 pm

**Cost:****\$40 for the full summer program****\$5 drop-in rate per day**

Please contact Megan Mackey at [megan\\_mackey@hotmail.com](mailto:megan_mackey@hotmail.com) with any additional questions.

**NSJ Sports Camp****Week of 7/17– 7/20 (12:30 pm – 3:30 pm)****Week of 7/24 – 7/27 (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)**

This 4-day camp is designed for kids 5 through 9 year olds. The activities include swimming, diving, and tennis, along with arts & crafts and other sports. Contact Debbi Holihan at [Deborah\\_holihan@hcpss.org](mailto:Deborah_holihan@hcpss.org) to register or for more information.

- Monday to Thursday – for NSJ Members and Waitlist only
- Friday to be a make-up day in the event of inclement weather
- Open to children ages 5 – 9
- 2 groups: 5 and 6 year olds, 7 – 9 year olds
- Snack provided by NSJ
- Rotating among Tennis, Swim and Dive lessons, along other activities and arts & crafts
- Children should bring swim suits, towels, and a tennis racquet if they have one. Please apply sunscreen before camp; with your permission, we will apply additional sunscreen if necessary.

**Cost:****\$155 per week****\$40 per day drop-in**

## **Tennis Information**

Work will be starting soon to make the tennis courts shine in time for the NSJ season opener May 27. Tennis courts may, however, be used at any time. Please contact Tennis Co-directors Dana Arthurs at [danaarthurs52369@gmail.com](mailto:danaarthurs52369@gmail.com) or Caroline Bodziak at [cbodziak@aol.com](mailto:cbodziak@aol.com), or any NSJ Board Member, for the lock combination to access the courts or tennis shed outside the regular pool season or normal hours of operation. A leaf blower is stored in the shed for member use to clear the court if desired.

Starting in April, weather permitting, a contractor will begin power washing all four tennis courts and repairing the fence on Courts 1 and 2, the courts closest to the pavilion. Courts 1 and 2 will be resurfaced the following week, damaged wind screens will be replaced on all courts.

### **About our Pro/Lessons:**

David Gardner, our resident Tennis Pro, will be giving **Adult and Youth Lessons** on NSJ's court #3 all season. To book lessons with David please contact him by email, [davbgardner@yahoo.com](mailto:davbgardner@yahoo.com), or phone at (410) 782-9430 or check out his website at <http://www.gardnertennisacademy.com/>.

David's Spring Clinics began March 30 but contact him directly if you'd like to join mid-session.

### **Events:**

The pool season will kick off with a **Wooden Racquet Tournament** on June 4, the first Family Fun Day – more information to come!

### **For Beginners:**

From opening day through Labor Day, join us Friday nights for co-ed adult Beginner's Social Tennis. We will meet on the courts to play 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

**Men's Drop-in Tennis** is scheduled during the Memorial Day through Labor Day pool season. You'll be matched up according to rating level and play with a different partner each time, but please ask if you'd like to play with someone in particular. Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm is intermediate to competitive play and Thursday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm is beginner to intermediate.

**Women's Drop-in Tennis** is 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Wednesdays starting in early June.

Men's and Women's Drop-ins are socials open to both NSJ members and guests, so please pass the word if you have non-member friends who'd like to play. All Drop-ins end with **ice-cold refreshments**. Contact [Director of Tennis Dana Arthurs](#).

Get all the latest information on activities at NSJ, including Tennis, on the NSJ website:

<http://www.nsjswim-tennis.org/>. See you on the courts!

### Special Events, Teen Nights and Adult Nights

Events are subject to change based on the weather.  
All cancellations and rain dates will be communicated.

#### Family Fun Days

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm with Wooden Racquet Tennis Tournament**

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm with Family Tennis Day**

Come celebrate the beginning, middle and end of summer with fun activities for the entire family! Michael Birmingham from Bristol Sounds will be hosting an afternoon of games, contests, prizes and FUN during our Family Fun Day events!

**Cost: FREE**

#### Family Night

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm with Virgil Cain - NEW**

<http://virgilcainmusic.com/>

Virgil is a performer with over a decade of recording sessions and live performances that appeal to all audiences. Bring a picnic dinner and join us for a great evening of music!

#### July 4<sup>th</sup>/Member Appreciation Day

**Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

This annual celebration is a blast! There will be a DJ, games, events and our grill masters and volunteers will be serving up lunch. Please bring an appetizer or your favorite dish to share.

**Cost: FREE**

**Teen Nights**

**Wednesday, June 21 from 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm; Rain date: Thursday, June 22**

**Wednesday, July 26 from 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm; Rain date: Thursday, July 27**

**Wednesday, August 30 from 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm; Rain date: Thursday, August 31**

Middle schooler's (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through graduated 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will have three opportunities to get together with their friends this summer for this special evening event just for them. There will be a DJ playing their favorite music, dancing, swimming, plus pizza and snacks for sale. This is a popular event so when the time comes, sign up early! Please note that if we need to go to a rain date and then event is rained out, the event is then canceled. Once the event is started there will be **no refunds**.

**Cost: \$5 members and \$8 guests**

## Adult Nights

### **Band Night**

July 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Live Band Night

[www.misspentyouth.com](http://www.misspentyouth.com)

**MISSPENT YOUTH** will be back at NSJ for an incredible night of music and dancing. Their wide range of music from the '80s to current favorites, will have everyone on the dance floor under the Pavilion.

Please bring an appetizer or your favorite dish to share.

**Cost: TBD**

### **Crab Feast**

August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Crab Feast

The **CRAB FEAST** will have bushels of #1 crabs steamed on site and served al fresco under the NSJ Pavilion. Later in the evening a DJ will be playing your favorite music under the pavilion!

**Cost: TBD**

**Both adult events are BYOB.**

**Members are welcome to invite guests to share in the fun.**

**Ticket prices to be determined.**

**Please check the website for updates.**

## Additional Events

**Ladies Night – under the Blue Marlin Pavilion, dates and times to be determined**

**Men's Poker – under the Blue Marlin Pavilion; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**

**Men's Basketball – Wednesday nights**