



60th Anniversary

President's Message

Happy spring to everyone, and I trust you are preparing for the summer and looking forward to spending special time with your family and friends. The Board and volunteers are working feverishly to have the Club ready for opening day on Saturday, May 27th (Memorial Day weekend). The Main Pool has been repaired and cleaned and is now filled with water and awaiting our first swimmers for 2017. You will also notice improved landscaping and plantings, new benches on the basketball court, repaired sandbox, new lighting and electrical outlets around the tennis courts, upgraded Wifi system, new sound/public address system, many new tables, chairs and umbrellas, and repairs and painting to the Club House.

We are pleased to have Hawk's Deli, a Wenonah favorite, back for another season as our Snack Bar operator. Our weekly activity schedule and calendar are updated and include many great activities for 2017, such as camp-outs, bonfires, 2nd Annual Evening Under the Stars Fundraiser, raft night, soccer games, volleyball, basketball games, GaGa pit, music night, beach ball day, Fourth of July potluck and games, table tennis tournaments, swim lessons, swim and dive meets, horse shoe tournaments, Labor Day weekend games, Splash Night and wiffle ball games.

And what makes 2017 extra special??..... Our 60th Anniversary! Imagine 60 years ago, a group of courageous Wenonah residents canvassing our town door-to-door getting a petition signed, which would eventually inspire Town Council to support the establishment of a community Swim Club. And Wenonah Swim Club will be hosting the 2017 Tri-County Swim Championships on August 5th and 6th. Not only is this an opportunity to showcase our Club to the 36 member clubs that make up the organization, but it is also an opportunity to raise thousands of much-needed dollars that can be used to keep our annual dues in check and also support Club improvements, such as re-plastering our swimming pool and re-surfacing our tennis courts.

We are excited for the 2017 season and look forward to sharing fun times and “making memories” with our family and friends. With your continued support, we can sustain a strong, thriving Club. And remember, we rely on volunteers for many of the great activities and improvements you see around the Club, so please join in where and when your busy schedule will permit. If you are interested in helping our efforts, have any suggestions or would like to inquire about membership, please contact us at membership@wenonahswimclub.org. Wishing you all the best for the 2017 season.

Ben Hetzer, President

Buildings

We prepared for the 2017 season with a huge push to wrap-up the long list of needed repairs which we face annually as we work to have all projects completed before opening day. This year was especially satisfying as we had some new volunteers to help out. New volunteers always arrive with great energy and fresh ideas, attributes which ensure our facilities have the look of being well kept.

Some of the improvements made during the winter include:

- new landscaping and plantings around the Club entranceway;
- painting and concrete repairs to the Club house;
- new lighting and electrical outlets around the tennis courts;
- repaired benches and backboards for the basketball court;
- upgraded Wifi system;
- new sound and public address systems; and
- repaired gates for the kiddie pool.

Ben Hetzer, Buildings

Pool Report

The Swim Club is soon to open for the 2017 season, and the pool hasn't looked this good in years! Thanks to the many volunteer hours that were spent whitening the pool walls and grouting lane lines, the pool is pristine. The volunteers saved the Club thousands of dollars by opening the pool and grouting the tile ourselves. It was a huge job and could not have been done without our dedicated volunteers. I would like to send a personal thank you to those who helped and sent food for your dedication to making the pool look tremendous to start the season.



**Some recent
pictures of our
pool looking ready
for summer.
Bring on the
swimmers!**

Todd DeAngelis, Pool

Grounds

Improvements to the Club's grounds this year will be noticeable as soon as you enter the parking lot. Donations by some very generous members have made projects a reality. One unwelcomed project, however, in the form of a winter ice storm, left the Club in rough shape this season. Thank you to the Board members and volunteers who spent days clearing trees and branches. Led by the efforts of Ed Moy and an excellent machine operator (who poses as a doctor during the day), we filled the parking lot with debris, which resulted in "no expense" to the Club.

Lots of plantings and flowers galore around the Club, orchestrated by Carin Crowley and her helpers, will add some color around the pool. This year, we've continued to keep the Club's expenses on grounds to a minimum and, in some areas decreased spending on yearly maintenance and upkeep, by performing many of these tasks "in house."

The grass is green, the mulch is spread, the flowers are blooming ... all we need now is another fun summer!



Clint Moore, Grounds

Activities and Furniture

Our 60th Summer of Fun is only weeks away! The Club opens Saturday, May 27! Open Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day Weekend from 10-9.

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Memorial Day, Monday, May 29 will feature holiday games for the kids starting at around noon, the first annual ping pong tournament around 3 PM, and the third annual horseshoe tourney around 5 PM. Potluck Dinner at the picnic tables around 4 PM. Enjoy it all from one of the 19 shiny new table tops we were able to replace this winter.

The Second Annual Evening Under the Stars Fundraiser will be held at the Club on Friday, June 9th, from 7-11 p.m. Line up a babysitter (this event is adults only), grab some friends (guests are welcomed) and come wine and dine under the stars with catering by Carolina Blue's Baby Blue Rolling Kitchen and Devour Desserts, live music by pool members and friends, and terrific auction and raffle items! Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and available for purchase at www.shop.wenonahswimclub.com. Tickets will also be sold at Swim and Dive Team Registration on Saturday, May 13th, from 10-2. Don't miss this terrific evening! All proceeds will go to improvement of our Club.

Remember, the pool is only open weekends for the first few weeks of the season - the pool will be open weekdays beginning Monday, June 19. First Raft Night of the summer is Thursday, June 22! Be sure to check the club calendar to keep up with everything going on this summer: <http://wenonahswimclub.com/specialevents.html>

Have an activity you'd like to see at the pool? Let me know! Email rich@actionwheels.com

Can't wait to see everyone!

Rich Daniluk, Activities & Furniture

Swim and Dive Teams

The Swim & Dive team once again swam and dove with the top teams in Tri-County in 2016. The swim team placed second in the Tri-County Championships, third in Tri-County's "A" Division and won Peach Bowl!!!! In addition to all the new team records, the team's spirit and sportsmanship were outstanding for a seventh year in a row. No coincidence that our coaches led the way. The three pillars of our coaching staff, Head Swim Coach Chris Dalsey, Head Dive Coach Bob Tender, and Asst Swim Coach Skyler Lindsey, will be back to make the club's 60th year the best team in club history! This will be HC Chris Dalsey's eighth year at Wenonah, and the team he has built has become a powerhouse and perennial contender in TriCounty and Peach Bowl. Assistant Coach Skyler Lindsey has helped Coach Dalsey develop the team over the past six seasons and has really molded our Little Waves program into a great AAA farm team for the

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Gloucester County Champion Waverunners.

Head Dive Coach Bob Tender has grown the dive team into one of the best dive teams in South Jersey in six short years! The number of divers that qualified for the championships is a testament to Coach Tender's skills and commitment to our kids. Assistant Dive Coach Emily Drees helped Coach Tender develop our divers as they worked throughout the season to improve their dives. All of the swimmers and divers worked hard all summer and improved greatly throughout the year. With all of our coaches returning for 2017, another phenomenal season is right around the corner!

We have been getting into full swing during the off-season as Wenonah is hosting the 2017 Burt German Tri-County Championships on August 5th & 6th. We are requiring every team family to commit twenty (20) volunteer hours to the event, as it will be the only fundraising event of the season and is critical to the financial health of the team. Many have already volunteered to lead committees and help in a variety of ways. Our volunteer committee will gladly find some committee or job that fits your schedule or interests. Please let us know what job or committee you are interested in and if you have any ideas of how we can make 2017 even more successful than 2016! I would like to thank our many volunteers for their hard work, selfless dedication, and time that they gave over the past season. To all of those who volunteered throughout the year, thank you for giving your time to the kids. Aside from our coaches, we are all unpaid volunteers, so the more the merrier! Communication is the key to making each year a memorable and enjoyable one for our kids. Email me to be sure you are on the team email distribution list and watch for emails, which I will be sending out on a regular basis from wenonahswimming@gmail.com.

Please email me with any questions, comments or concerns. Get ready for the best season ever!

Dave McNamara, Swim & Dive Team Rep.

Membership

The 2017 summer season at Wenonah Swim Club is upon us. This summer will be extra special as we celebrate the club's 60th anniversary. The pool opens on Saturday May 27th @ 10am for the season. We will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE that afternoon from 3:00-5:00pm for anyone interested in joining the Club. Please invite your friends and family to this event. They will learn about our activities for the summer and see our beautiful club grounds.

Our spring membership drive is in full swing. We have once again implemented these marketing

strategies: displaying yard signs; school fliers; and posting on social media. We also advertised in the MONEY MAILER of Gloucester County, reaching 20,000 households in the surrounding towns. As an incentive to new members who join by June 1st... we will waive their \$50 application fee.

So, please tell your friends what a wonderful oasis Wenonah Swim Club is tucked away in our idyllic small town.

Liz Hetzer, Membership

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