Welcome to the 2021 pool season! As we continue the slow return to normalcy, we are pleased to mark the return of the annual newsletter. Last year it was lost in the chaos of the delayed opening due to the pandemic. We greatly appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding during last year’s pool season as we dealt with a myriad of new rules and restrictions in order to keep our members as safe as possible.

As we announced on the pool’s Facebook page last weekend, we are pleased to report that there are no longer restrictions on the pool’s capacity this summer and the wearing of face masks is optional. This also means that we will be allowing guests this year.

However, we will continue with some practices from last year including having the guards clean more frequently. We will also provide disinfectant wipes and spray bottles located on a table between the snack shack and storage room for members to use anytime.

The most noticeable improvement this year is the implementation of Member Splash, our new membership database and front gate check-in system. Member Splash allows members to update their personal data, pay dues, and purchase guest passes. This will greatly reduce the workload of the Board members going forward. But as with any transition to new software, there are sure to be glitches along the way, so please bear with us! (We were attempting to roll out Member Splash last summer, but we got a little sidetracked due to the pandemic.)

Member Splash will also be used to check in members at the gate…key tags will no longer be needed! The gate guard will ask members for their name and admit them based on the photo that is in the database. Therefore it is crucial that all members have a valid photo uploaded to their account!

Pool Board members will again meet with the pool management company weekly during the pool season. These meetings provide opportunities for us to address issues early. If you have any concerns or complaints regarding the pool or the staff, please let a board member know with specific details so that we can address them at our weekly meetings with the pool management company.
There have been a few departures on the Pool Board and among the volunteers who keep the Club running smoothly. Kate Hopkins has retired after eight years, serving as Secretary for the last seven years and as Social Chair for one year prior to that. The Secretary’s role is a year-round position filled with nonstop member correspondence and never-ending admin duties, she will be missed! Also leaving is Chris Montante who has been helping out the Social committee and managing the pavilion reservations for the last two years. Many thanks to both of them for their time!

After serving as Treasurer for the past seven years, Debbie Albert has graciously taken over as Secretary. We also welcome back former president Rob Talcovitz who has returned from a well-timed yearlong sabbatical to take over the Treasurer position. I am very pleased to report that Sid Polish is still Vice President.

Since the last newsletter Paul Stutz has joined the cast of volunteers. Paul was instrumental in implementing our transition to Member Splash over the last 18 months. I am also glad to welcome Ruth Heffes this year. Ruth will be managing the pavilion reservations and any other tasks that we can throw her way.

The following committee chairpersons have returned as well: Laurie Cappello in charge of Tennis, Jaime Feldmaier in charge of the Clubhouse, Lori Hill in charge of Social (and the Snack Shack!), and Tracy Winters in charge of Facilities. And special thanks to Darren Vican who is our “go to guy” for any and all audio/visual/internet/wifi issues. And more thanks to Niki Slater and Kara Stutz for managing the Swim Team.

Many if not all of these volunteers work year-round even though the pool is open a few months out of the year. We are constantly striving to make the Club the best it can be. Without these dedicated volunteers the Club would not be one of the nicest pools in the area. So please thank them when you see them at the pool this summer!

Finally, please take a few moments to review the 2021 rules which can be found on the pool website (click here for Pool Rules). The purpose of the rules is to make sure all members and their guest have a safe and enjoyable visit at the Club. Be sure to look for the weekly email blasts with upcoming events and important last-minute information.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer. See you at the pool!

Bill Bast, President

POOL NEWS
By Tracy Winters

We are very excited to announce that we will keep the early opening hours on weekdays for the pool this summer! Beginning on Monday, June 21st, the pool will be opening at 10am on weekdays. So yes, the lower pool will be open during the second half of swim team practices. The early hours will continue throughout the summer until Labor Day.
weekend. And we will also again stay open for the additional weekend in September.

There are no major improvements to the pool to report this year, just some general maintenance issues that have been taken care of, like painting the mushroom. We have also purchased quite a bit of new furniture this offseason. Any chair that tipped backwards or had bent legs was tossed, so hopefully this will alleviate the concerns over safety issues.

American Pool will be managing the pool again this year and we will be instructing the lifeguards to be more assertive in enforcing the pool rules and in keeping the pool area and restrooms clean. Please feel free to alert the manager on duty if you see an issue that needs to be addressed. They will be using Ellis Lifeguard Training instead of Red Cross this year.

Let’s make this summer amazing!

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### Hours of Operation:

**Pool Hours**

- **Monday-Friday:** Opens 11am until June 18th
- **Monday-Friday:** Opens 10am beginning June 21st
- **Saturday-Sunday:** Opens 11am Closes at 9pm except Friday and Saturday (10pm)

**Sept Bonus Weekend:** Sept 10-12th

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### TENNIS NEWS

**By Laurie Cappello**

The courts have been busy this season already! With the addition of pickle ball lines on all four courts, members are enjoying our courts more than ever!

We are pleased that Coach Brendan O’Connell will be returning for his 12th year as our tennis director. We are 12 years lucky!

Here are a few dates to take note of:

- **Tennis Camp -**
  - Session 1 - June 21-24
  - Session 2 - late July-final date TBA

- **Tennis Team -**
  - June 17 - first tennis team practice
  - July 8 - first tennis team match
  - July29/30 - Patapsco Tournament

For more information on camps and clinics Coach Brendan can be reached at: [brendan.oconnell5@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.oconnell5@gmail.com)

Look for sign-ups for adult drop-in lessons starting June 29th: 6pm for beginners and 7pm for intermediate.

Please be mindful when others are waiting to use the tennis courts; singles play time is limited to 1 hour, while doubles play is limited to 1½ hours.

We’re looking forward to another great tennis and pickleball season for members of all ages this summer!
SWIM TEAM NEWS
By Nikki Slater and Kara Stutz

Welcome to the 2021 Summer Swim Team season! We are excited to welcome back our returning Dolphins as well as new swimmers to the team. Swim team runs from mid-June through the end of July and is open to bondholder children (age 5 by August 31, 2021) that can swim the length of the pool unassisted (or come close).

The summer swim season this year will be “virtual” meaning all meets will be swum at our own pool and only with our swimmers. Times will be sent to the opposing teams in our division and results will be tabulated and emailed out to the swim team families. Events will take place at 8:00 am on Saturday mornings: Time Trials June 19; Tri-Meet #1 - June 26; Tri-Meet #2: July 10; and Tri-Meet #3: July 24.

Practices will run during the week and swimmers will be grouped by age. In addition to becoming amazing swimmers, the kids will also enjoy fun social events such as the Pizza Party, Fun Fridays, Spirit Week, and the End of Season Banquet.

The Shipley’s Choice Dolphins will swim in Division IV of the Central Maryland Swim League (CMSL). Colleen Cahoon is back as Head Coach and will be alongside Lead Assistant Coach, Jack Maloy. We are also excited to have back as Assistant Coaches Patrick Damanti, Eliza Patty, Nathan Damanti, and Mary Feliz, as well as our Junior Coaches Tess Donegan, Luke Byerly and Keelie Begin.

Team communication will be sent out through Team Unify and you will receive emails soon for general team and meet information. We also have a Facebook page which we post updates to regularly, search “Shipley’s Choice Dolphins Swim Team” to join.

If you have any questions, please email us at shipleysdolphinsteammgr@gmail.com. We are looking forward to a great (virtual) season! GO DOLPHINS!!!

SOCIAL NEWS
By Lori Hill

We are looking forward to an on-time, "normal" opening this season and hoping to plan many exciting events for all members at the pool this summer! For Opening Day, we have scheduled fabulous food trucks for dinner/dessert - mark your calendar for opening weekend:

- Saturday, May 29th: Kommi Pig food truck 4-8 pm & Mike's Gelato truck 5-7 pm
- Sunday, May 30th: Kona Ice Truck 2-4 pm & Truck of Deliciousness 5-7 pm
- Monday, May 31st: Hot Dog Hideout 2-6 pm!

The Social Committee is always open to new ideas and suggestions for our social events! Please contact us at social@shipleyspool.com. We will continue to keep you up to date on our events throughout the summer and hope you will all come out and join us for these FUN activities!
**Pavilion Reservations**

We are resuming pavilion reservations this season! Thanks to our retiring social co-chair Chris Montante, we will continue to use the pavilion availability calendar he implemented for reference when requesting reservations, please see the pool website for more details.

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**Snack Shack**

The Snack Shack will be open and serving snowballs, drinks, snacks, ice cream and candy for your convenience. Please see the hours posted on the Snack Shack window.

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**CLUBHOUSE NEWS**

By Jaime Feldmaier

The clubhouse is starting to rent again after the COVID restrictions have been lifted. Please know that the clubhouse is available for a variety of rentals (i.e., showers, receptions, fundraisers, birthday parties). We also have several different community organizations that use the clubhouse on a regular basis, such as the HOA, Garden Club, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

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**CLUBHOUSE RENTALS**

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, please send an email to the clubhouse chair, Jaime Feldmaier at clubhousechr@shipleyspool.com. When inquiring please be sure to include your name, date, and the time that you are interested in reserving the clubhouse. You will be contacted within 3 business days.

Clubhouse inquiries are NOT available through Facebook; please make sure to go through the website. The clubhouse contract and inspection check out sheet are posted at www.shipleyspool.com under the Clubhouse section. Starting in February we no longer require a liquor license for events, however it is recommended to obtain a one-day event license (optional)

***Please note that the clubhouse rental does not include use of the pool. If you are looking to use the pool with your party, please contact pavilionrental@shipleyspool.com instead.

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**SECRETARY NEWS**

By Debbie Albert

I am happy to be back again as one of your executive board officers. I have transitioned from Treasurer to Secretary. As Secretary, I get the special privilege of welcoming our newest members to the club. I also handle questions about adding a member/email/phone number to your pool bond, and purchasing guest passes. So, if you need a nanny pass, short term houseguest pass or need to pre-purchase guest passes that get electronically stored on your account and never expire, you can email secretary@shipleyspool.com and I’d be happy to help!

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**Guest/Season Pass Information:**

- Every bond receives 5 complimentary guest passes from the club each year. They can be used any day and are “use it or lose it” passes and do not carry over to the following season.
Guest fees are $5 per guest. Guest fees must be **prepurchased** through your Member Splash account. If purchased with a credit card, they are automatically added to the account. Check payment requires a board member to receive your check before they are added to your account. **No cash or checks will be accepted at the gate.**

- Do you have a grandchild, mother-in-law, or other family member coming to stay for part of the summer? **Houseguest passes can be purchased at a cost of $15 per guest per week.** The houseguest will be added to the gate system under your bond, and they can use the pool without you present, unlike normal guest passes. The house guest cannot bring a guest.

- Nanny passes for daycare providers can be purchased for $80 for the summer. The daycare provider can only come to the pool with the children in her care and cannot bring guests.

**Moving/Pool Bonds FAQ**

- Moving within the neighborhood and already have a pool bond? The pool bond will simply move with you, so all you need to do is submit a change of address, which can be found on our website [www.shipleyspool.com](http://www.shipleyspool.com) under the “Member Services” → “Change Bond Ownership Information”.

- Moving out of the neighborhood and have a non-transferrable bond? You will turn your bond back in by submitting the form found on our website “Member Services” → “Terminate Membership” It will then be offered to the next family on the waitlist, and we will issue a check for your pool bond’s value.

- Moving out of the neighborhood and have a transferrable bond? Your bond will transfer at closing to the buyers. You need to complete the “Bond Transfer Request” form and submit 2 weeks prior to closing so that we may process all the paperwork. The form can be found on our website under “Member Services” → “Transfer Bond at Home Sale”.

Finally, if you need to make any changes or updates to your membership email me at [secretary@shipleyspool.com](mailto:secretary@shipleyspool.com) and I will be happy to help. It’s going to be another great summer, see everyone at the pool!

**Rules most frequently broken**

- No glass containers are allowed at the pool.
- Children with diapers are NOT allowed in the main upper pool or the lower mushroom pool.
- Wading pools are restricted to children ages 5 and under and must be supervised. They are NOT to be used by older children during adult swim.
- Children must be at least 12 years old to be admitted without being accompanied by an adult.
- The recycling trash cans should only be used for recyclable items (plastic, aluminum, and paper).