

# Spring 2019 Newsletter



# A word from our new President, Alecia Hoy

Hello everyone! My name is Alecia Hoy, and I am the new president this year. I joined the pool in 2011 and have been a Swim Mom for four years and a member of the Board of Directors for five years. My boys both are on the swim team and have been for many years. Among all the things that I love about our pool, I am especially proud of the fact that we are member owned and run. To that end, I would love to see as many of you as possible at the pool as frequently as possible and getting as involved in our operations as much as you can. It takes more than most people think to keep everything running smoothly at MSC, and every one of our members has knowledge and skills that can benefit the club. Please know that everything we do on the Board of Directors has the objective of trying to make the club better and more exciting every year. We are dedicated to making the best decisions that we can, and we can't do that without your ongoing ideas and support. Please make sure to say hi and to ask me any questions that you might have. I can't wait to see everyone at the pool for 2019 season!



### A word from our Vice- President Dave Hull

Having served on the MSC Board of Directors in various capacities for the past four years, I had the opportunity to "retire" in September. I opted not to do so. My motivation to remain on the board and to stay active in the decision-making of MSC is rooted both in my fondness for the club — specifically, what this club means to my family — and in my ongoing appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the current members of this board. It's important for me to articulate how specifically and (often) passionately the individuals who comprise this board advocate on behalf of you, the members. There is a genuine commitment to giving voice to many different perspectives during the process of planning and decision-making, and the well-being of the membership always is at the core of these discussions and debates. The best interests of a member-owned club, by definition, should be the best interests of the members of that club. As we seek to meet these best interests, we value your input, we respect your opinions, and we welcome whatever contributions you can offer. I'll see you at the pool!



# Tennis and Fundraising Update by Cara Zahn

At the moment, we are consulting with some outside professionals to work on getting our courts playable for this summer. We will have more specifics on this process within the next two months.

Please stay tuned to the club website, emails, and social media for announcements regarding tennis clinics for this summer.

We plan to have a club merchandise fundraiser in late June. We are looking to offer some new items, so please get ready to buy some MSC gear!

We will also be doing a banner project with the swim team this spring. Stay tuned!



# A Membership Update by Christin Munkittrick

We had a great year for membership last season, due to a new payment plan, as well as an end-of-the-year deal. In 2018, we gained a total of 37 people. Sadly, 60 members resigned. Please remember to spread the word to your friends about how wonderful our pool is! For each family you refer, you will be given 5 guest passes as a token of our appreciation. Our membership application is on our website, and potential members are always welcome to contact me at mscmembership16@gmail.com.

Although we never want to lose our members, if you do wish to resign, all adult members listed on your bond must sign the back of the bond, and then the bond can be mailed to me, Christin Munkittrick, at 3321 Hermar Ct, Murrysville, PA 15668.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the pool for the upcoming season!



# A Webmaster Update by Kristen Bost

Hello MSC members. I am thrilled to be back for my second season as your webmaster. I know my family is looking forward to some warm sunshine and long days spent at the pool. No rain, please! I am currently working on a few upgrades to the webpage, the biggest being a Members Only login. When you visit the site now, you will notice a login icon at the top right of each page. Once you click this button, you will be prompted to create a login for MSC. The Board and I would like to ensure that all members have access to as much information as possible, while keeping our main web page accessible to the community and those who may be interested and joining. We plan to utilize this Members Only page for detailed information about socials and fundraising and for posting notes from our monthly board meetings. As always, we are open to suggestions and feedback. Summer is right around the corner. I look forward to seeing you all very soon.



# Party Options and Policy review by Kirstin Vinton



# Looking to have a party or gathering for your social group?

Enhance your party or social gathering by hosting it at MSC! Our party policy allows members to host not only birthday parties, but a fun outing for any social group! Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, MOPs, sports teams, dance teams, family reunions, and graduation parties are all welcome to host their gatherings at MSC. Your event will be the talk of the summer with sun, fun, and swimming at MSC!

See the front desk to schedule your party.



# **MSC Party Policy**

\$25.00 non-refundable facilities fee for 25 or fewer guests

\$50.00 non-refundable facilities fee for 26-50 guests

Parties of more than 50 guests can be scheduled through the pool manager.

\*\$5.00 charge (or one guest pass) for each non-member guest swimmer



# Financial update from our Treasurer, Tom Vincent

Hello Members! I'm excited to be stepping into the Treasurer role this year. I'm an MSC "lifer," having spent the first 18 years of my life at the club. I want my children, Blake (8) and Adriana (6), to have the wonderful memories and experiences that I still cherish today. I'm a CPA and a Certified Fraud Examiner, so you can trust that the finances of the pool are in good hands. I take my fiduciary responsibility as your treasurer very seriously.

From a financial health perspective, we have some work to do. The club profited just under \$1,500 last year, which is substantially attributed to our social and fundraising activities. In order to keep our almost 60-year-old pool living its best life, it is imperative that we continue to realize profits that we can reinvest into our infrastructure and facilities. My message to you is this: Please continue to support our fundraising efforts so that we can continue to keep our pool running!

Accompanying this message are our summarized comparative financial results for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Should you have any questions, or if you would like a copy of our detailed financial statements, please feel free to reach out to me. In just a few months, we'll be up and running! See you at the pool!

For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	2017
Revenue		
Membership & Guest Revenue	\$ 108,553	\$ 109,431
Fundraising and Other Revenue	2,448	918
Total Revenue	\$ 111,001	\$ 110,349
Expenses		
Salary Expense	\$ 54,236	\$ 55,653
Operations & Maintenance	31,052	29,217
Utilities	10,858	11,466
Taxes and Insurance	12,014	11,832
Other Expenses	1,350	2,920
Total Expenses	109,510	111,088
Net Income (loss)	\$ 1,491	\$ (739)



# Social Update by Ashley Hoy

We had an exciting and productive year of social events at MSC in 2018. Among these were a new member sip 'n dip, two movie nights and an end of the year luau celebration. The pool raised \$758.38 from raffles and concessions! There are many members whom I'd like to recognize for their significant contributions to these events: Andrea Tomasic, Alecia Hoy, Jeannine Brentzel, Cara Zahn, Kelly Sadler, and Kirstin and Steve Vinton.

We plan to build on last year's success, so don't miss out on the family fun events in 2019! At the moment, we are finalizing plans and scheduling for several more social events for this summer. Stay tuned to the website, emails, and social media and be sure to mark your calendars as plans and dates become final!

If you would like to help volunteer for the 2019 socials or have suggestions for upcoming socials, please contact me at 724-575-0336 or <a href="mailto:Ashley2510@gmail.com">Ashley2510@gmail.com</a>.





# Swim Team Information from our Swim Moms-Julie, Nicole, & Rhonda

We are looking forward to beginning the 2019 summer swim season! Thanks to all of our MSC swimmers who made the 2018 season a memorable one. We took 1st place in the Eastern Swim Association (ESA) Division 1 and placed 2nd at Champs! We appreciate all of the dedication and support that was given to make 2018 a fantastic swim season. Also, a special thanks to all of the parent volunteers, coaches, pool manager, and lifeguards who all helped to make the swim team run smoothly.

The MSC Swim Team consists of 9 weeks of swim instruction focused on friendly competition, team spirit and lots of fun. Swim team dues also include participation in dual meets, an intrasquad meet, the annual Pancake Breakfast, pizza parties, stroke clinics, dry land exercises, and an end of the season swim banquet. As the swim season progresses, you will see your children create special friendships and memories that will be long lasting. We encourage all new swimmers who are eligible to join the team and look forward to seeing returning swimmers back on the blocks and in the water!

#### **Coaches:**

We are very excited to announce that our coaching staff will be returning this year! Mark Spinola will be returning for his fifth season as head coach, along with Megan Remaley, and Tyler Stevenson. We are working to finalize the full coaching staff in the coming weeks.

#### **Registration:**

All registration will be completed online at murrysville.swimtopia.com. We will be accepting registrations from May 11th through June 1st. It is important to register within this time frame so that your child(ren) receive(s) a team shirt. After June 1st, a late fee will be assessed and a team shirt is not guaranteed.

#### Registration Fees:

- 1 swimmer= \$60.00
- Additional swimmer \$45.00 each
- Online registration, which will include volunteer registration, fees and insurance information, must be completed before swimmers can participate.
- Each family will need to fulfill a minimum amount of volunteer hours. Volunteer jobs will be filled during online registration on a first come, first served basis.
- After April 1st, please visit murrysville.swimtopia.com and click on the "Team" tab to view Frequently Asked Questions for important information regarding the season.
- Many parents like to have MSC apparel to wear at meets. During the registration process, you will have the opportunity to order online.



#### **Committee Chair Needed**

Co -Chair Concessions (This position fulfills all of your volunteer requirements for the season.) This is a very important position to fill as our popular concession stand helps to fund our team during our home meets. In this position you will help to coordinate efforts of volunteers and make sure that we have all that we need to make the concessions run smoothly.

\*New swimmers must pass a deep water swim test at the first practice.

\*Calendar with meet dates and practice times will be available online beginning May 11th. Evening practices will be held May 28-June 7, and day practices will begin June 10th.

\*We are in need of stroke and turn judges. If interested, please attend an official's meeting on Saturday, June 8th at 10am at Park Swim Club in Monroeville.

Your Swim Team Moms,

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\*\*\*Looking for an opportunity to advertise your business? We have sponsorship levels at \$100, \$175, and \$350 available until May 31st. Contact Rhonda Kvocak for more information at rkvocak@comcast.net.

\*Follow our swim team on Instagram mscswimteam





# Member Spotlight

The Marsic Family- Drew, Morgan, Andrew (7), & Patrick (6)



Morgan is originally from Connellsville, PA and Drew is from Richland, PA. Both Andrew & Patrick attend Newlonsburg Elementary School. Andrew is currently in 2nd grade and Pat is in kindergarten. Drew works as a Project Manager for a local General Contractor-Landau Building Company. Morgan works in Leader Development for ADP. They have been members of MSC for 4 years.

"We love heading to the pool after work in the summer. It is such a great place to relax at the end of the day. The boys are headed into their 2nd season with the MSC swim team and they can't be more excited to get back in the pool with all their friends"

The Marsic Family enjoys vacationing in the Outer Banks and Deep Creek Lake. We thank them for sharing a little about themselves by participating in our Member Spotlight.



# **Grounds and Mechanical Operations**

Garrett Smith and Penny Toniolo are the directors for Grounds and Mechanical Operations, respectively. With the help of Pool Manager Vic Santoro and pool "lifer" Mark Stickel, we keep the pool running and looking great.

Taking care of the pool is similar to caring for your own home and pool. Each fall, the pool is drained and the structures/machinery are all winterized. In the spring, we will clean up all of winter's "surprises," fill the pool, and get the club running again. Trees have fallen, and leaves and other debris from winter must be removed before the pool can be painted and then filled with water. All of the plumbing, electrical, and other machinery must be tested and repaired.

Nearly all of this prep for opening can be performed by the average person...

Do you have a chainsaw? Come help us remove some trees!

Do you have experience in electrical, plumbing, mechanical? Come help us do repairs!

Can you hold a paintbrush? Come help us paint things!

Do you like to build things? Come help us repair or build decks, chairs, walls, and patios!

Remember that six hours of work in total done by a member or members (16 years of age or older) on a given membership results in the refund of the \$100 workday assessment. The primary focuses for this year are the pools (as always) and also the slide in the diving well, the railroad ties in the elevated seating area, painting the bathrooms, taking care of the main sign, upkeep on the deck, and eliminating some of the potholes.

In addition to workday volunteers, we are in need of members with specialized skills and/or equipment. If you have unique skills and want to help out, please contact Alecia Hoy at 412-327-0370 or aleciahoy@gmail.com. Any hours put in during special work jobs outside the workdays also count toward the refund of the workday assessment.

After Opening Day, we perform all the regular upkeep and maintenance (landscaping, fixing toilets, you name it!). Help throughout the summer by members is welcome and needed.

Remember... everything you volunteer to do keeps it running! Helping to perform repairs at the pool counts toward your workday allowance, too. Contact any of the officers to find out more about how you can help! Scheduled work day details are on the next page.

An update on some of our work requests: The dead trees lining the drive have been removed by some of our generous volunteers (thanks, Chris and Dean!). On March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, work was done to update and improve much of the electrical components in the pump room.



#### **NEW Summer Pool Hours!**

**WEEKDAYS 12:30-8PM** 

**WEEKENDS 11:30AM-8PM** 

MSC CLOSES EARLY FOR HOME SWIM MEETS.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!

#### Spring Work Days

MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> 8AM-2PM

APRIL  $5^{TH}$  12PM-6PM

APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-2PM

MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-2PM

MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> 8AM-2PM

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# Doggie Swim





Labor Day 2018



# Pancake Breakfast 2018







2018 Sip N Dips







# Save the Date for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sip N Dip of the 2019 Season! Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter. I hope the information is helpful, looking forward to seeing you all at the pool this summer!

~Roberta Elchik