

Queens Lake Club



A Message From the President

Balmy days recently have served to remind that springtime is imminent in Queens Lake, and with it, the promise of wondrous things surpassed nowhere else. First, there will be the veritable blizzard of white Dogwood blossoms that line East Queens Drive. At the recent candle light dinner, Timothy Seaman, the celebrated hammer dulcimer player, noted that in his newly released CD, *Sycamore Rapids*, one of the tracks is entitled "Running through the Dogwoods" which refers to those same trees and blossoms that are pictured in the Newsletter section of the Club's website at www.queenslake.net. Take a look and be proud that one of our streets merits the immortality of a beautiful instrumental paean of a noted local artist whose wife comes to Queens Lake every spring to run through the explosion of pink and white dogwood blooms. Then, of course, there will come the cruising cars and buses to see the veritable riot of azalea colors - red, pink, lavender, and white, all framed against the dark green backdrop of loblolly and white pines, interrupted from place to place with Japanese maples, red tipped fothergilla and golden forsythia. We also will anticipate the results of the labors of the Beautification committee around the clubhouse - will a thousand flowers bloom? Of course, on the lake, new life begins in the form of Wood Duck and Mallard ducklings mixed with Canada goslings and a new flotilla of cygnets from our resident and dependably fecund swans. Within the bird sanctuary that is our entire community, songs and calls will return from nesting cardinals, robins, house wrens, and Carolina chickadees. We will hear again the pathos of mourning doves and with the repetitive "wick-er-chee" calls of male towhees, we will know fully that a new season of warmth has begun.

Then, of course, if spring comes, can summer be far behind? Already the planning for summer activity is underway to plan beautification work days, to further the on-going appointments to the marina facilities, to get a new filter for the "old pool" in place, to map out a strategic plan for the lake and to continue needed maintenance to the tennis courts. There has been an encouraging increase in volunteers for the various committees but there always is a benefit in greater involvement of more members in every phase of community activity. The best and healthiest of organizations are those with greater participation from all members. After all, we run the organization - no one else can and no one else will.

The membership campaign is also beginning a new and crucial phase - the attraction of new members. A series of informational pieces and invitations will be sent to everyone who lives in Queens Lake but does not belong to the Club. It is a very important time in defining the future of the Club and the success of the plan to attract new members who will not have to pay the \$1,000 fee to join the Club. To this end, I ask that you stop and think of someone who lives here but does not belong to the Club. Then, give them a call or stop by and talk to them about becoming a contributing member to the community. They will know that this is a special place and they will probably feel a true and appropriate need to participate in this organization that promotes the attractiveness and value of their property. Now is the time for them to join. The initiation fee is removed for those who will commit their properties to the future of the Club, just as more than 110 of our neighbors already have. We are bound to this place, like it or not, and will make it even more special if we are all in it. Make a call or a couple of calls. It will make our futures better. And, let's have a great spring!

Don Tortorice
Queens Lake President

Save Time and Money: Get Your Newsletter On the Web!

Again this month, you can find the Queens Lake Club newsletter on the internet at <http://www.queenslake.net>. Just click on "Newsletter" and follow the link. If you'd like to receive your newsletter electronically, just drop us an e-mail at qlclub@widomaker.com or call Julia Morris at 229-0973 and let us know to take you off the mailing list. When a newsletter is published you'll be notified by e-mail. Thanks for helping us use your resources wisely.

Chris Hailey
Queens Lake Vice-President

Queens Lake - The First Fifty Years

We are continuing to gather information about Queens Lake - The First Fifty Years for the history that is being drafted. We recently received from Alaska, from the daughter-in-law of Joseph and Joyce Curtis, the minutes of early annual meetings as well as the original deed for the property where the pools and clubhouse are situated. If any one has anecdotes they think will add to the story we want to tell about our neighborhood, please call Linda Bowe or Joan Swanson.

Tennis News

The number of individuals/families who have paid the \$10 key fee for tennis court access this year under the new guidelines is approximately double the number which paid the full fee last year. Sensing this to be an indication of increased use, the Board has authorized various upgrades affecting the courts' serviceability and appearance. In order to stretch the funding available, most of the work will need to be done by all those potential users of the courts, During the Spring the committee will set up a work day (days) to do the following:

- ?? Install 2 new nets and center straps
- ?? Refill the roller dryers
- ?? Paint the practice board
- ?? Clean algae off south side of courts 2, 3, 4.
- ?? Replace and paint damaged wood in benches
- ?? Patch damaged spots on courts
- ?? Paint the fences (Need lots of labor)
- ?? Relamp the lights (to be done by others)

A work date will be set as soon as materials can be procured. The committee will call all key holders for their help. Others are certainly welcomed.



Pool Committee News

Summer is rapidly approaching and it is time to join our great pool complex. Here are some dates you should put on your calendar. Some events are limited to pool members and others are open to the community.

There are two scheduled work weekends to get the pool ready, May 10, 9:00 am until finished and May 17, 9:00 am until finished. Please come out and support this effort. There are many small but important projects that need your assistance.

Every Sunday evening pool members are invited to bring food to grill and to enjoy the social at the pool starting at 6:00 and extending until closing. There will be food aplenty and good fun with the pool staff and other pool members. Please join in.

May 24	Pool Opening 2003 Swimming Season
May 25	Pool Opening Pot Luck — All of the community is invited, bring your best recipe and share in the great view and good fellowship. Drinks provided by the pool committee.
June 14	Annual Pool Membership Cocktail Party, poolside. More info to come.
June 28	Queens Lake Day. Pool open to all QL Club members all day. Bring your family.
July 4	Hot Dog Special — Many types of hot dogs will be available for pool members. Have good food and fellowship and enjoy the sunset. More to follow in next month's newsletter.
July 18	Float and Movie Night — Pool members will enjoy a great movie while floating around the pool. Light refreshments provided.
August 17	Annual Pool Members Sunday Brunch and Pot Luck. More information to follow.
Sept 1	Pool closing Pot Luck, Pool members will celebrate a great summer of fun around the pool.
Sept 6	Work weekend to close up the pool. Volunteers are needed.

The Pool Committee will shortly be advertising for Lifeguards. If you have contacts with someone with the proper credentials who is interested, please have them contact Lee Dexter at 565-5864 for an application and interview.

The Pool Committee is still looking for a few good members. If you have some time and interest in supporting our great pool complex, please call Lee. If you have program and activity ideas, let Lee or any of the pool committee members know your thoughts.

Need Help Around the House or Yard?

***Call the clubhouse for a copy of the list of babysitters, pet sitters, plant sitters, yard workers, and other good help that can be found among the young people in our community.

PET SITTING SERVICE

Lisa Carmine has been a life-long resident of Williamsburg And was a 1981 graduate of Bruton High School in York County. After working 18 years in the banking and mortgage industry she decided to pursue her dream of working with animals. She was given the opportunity to try the pet sitting experience by Alice Wilson who owns Williamsburg Pet & House Sitting. Mrs. Wilson became her mentor for almost 2 years and helped her get started "out on her own" when she realized this is what she loves to do. Having 12 dogs of her own she knows the importance of caring for ones pets. With her husband of 18 years. They believe "Pets are children covered with fur!"



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Queens Lake without Queens Lake?

At its inception, the developers of Queens Lake realized that for the community to endure, with its unique beauty and lifestyle, an organizing body would be necessary to ensure the maintenance of its many natural and manmade resources. Through the years, Queens Lake Club has developed many amenities and taken on additional responsibilities, but has always placed a high priority on the preservation and maintenance of the natural resources that truly set the Queens Lake community apart from other communities.

Of course, Queens Lake is not really a natural resource, in that it was man made. As such, it truly could not exist, in the long term, without a structured group or organization to oversee its care and maintenance.

Certainly the most poignant illustration of this occurred on August 18, 1989, when a sudden storm dumped 12 inches of rain in 4 hours. This deluge caused a torrential flood across the dam weir that holds back the waters of the lake – that maintains the lake level. The lake filled to the point that water filled the sluice and ran over the bridge. The storm washed out lateral supports to the lake drains that then began to leak. Without immediate action from Queens Lake Club, those leaks would have drained the lake. The resulting structural damage to the dam had to be evaluated through extensive, and very expensive testing. Repairs and improvements were necessary to make the dam and the bridge safe and prevent a similar future problem. The entire process took two years and cost Queens Lake Club almost \$40,000. Of course, since both the lake and the dam containing it are owned by Queens Lake Club, the evaluation and the resultant repairs were clearly the responsibility of the club. It is equally clear that without Queens Lake Club, the lake, the dam and the road that encircles our community would no longer be functional, or indeed even exist.

While dealing with the crisis of 1991 is certainly the most dramatic example, it is but one of many ways in which Queens Lake Club functions to keep our lake beautiful and healthy. Care of the lake is a continuing task. Understanding the optimal ways to accomplish the many tasks is a necessity. Through the years the club has gathered reference materials from various sources to enable its members to properly maintain the lake and dam. By continuing to utilize up-to-date information on the most effective and environmentally friendly care and maintenance techniques, club members assure the long-term preservation of this priceless asset. Methods have been employed to reduce algae, without causing harm to the fish in the lake. Study has been done to determine how to best keep tree roots from causing damage to the structure of the dam, which trees to take out, and which should remain. A study is currently under way to determine the feasibility of building a sluice to allow York River eels to once again spawn in the lake. These are but a few examples of the continuing tasks, big things and little things, all of which are important to the preservation of the lake and its fascinating natural inhabitants.



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Beautification Committee News

Nancy Dutro, Chair, Beautification and Maintenance



We are looking for two or three volunteer painters who will refurbish the redwood Queens Lake entrance signs. Years of wear and weather have taken their toll. We have a bid from a professional sign company but could save the Club some money if a few members can do the painting. Call Nancy Dutro, 229-0725 if you can help with the painting.

Catch the spirit of Queens Lake pride. Show up on Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. to help the Beautification Committee clean up the common areas around the clubhouse, playground and pool parking lot. We will be raking, weeding, planting, mulching, and picking up debris. Bring your own tools to help with this neighborhood effort.

How about those daffodils!



2003 QUEENS LAKE EAGLES SWIM TEAM

It is already time to think about summer fun!! Enclosed is an application for your child(ren) to register to become a 'Queens Lake Eagle' and be a part of our neighborhood swim team. You can also find a copy of the application on the queens lake club website (www.queenslake.net). Please return applications to the clubhouse.

Many of the same wonderful, tireless volunteers are returning to support the team, but help is always needed. Please call Patrice Sadler (220-4683) or Mary Louise Gerdes (229-3655) if you are interested in lending a hand.

Please mark your calendars for the following meet dates:

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| 6/16 | Home Meet | Windsor Forest |
| 6/23 | @ | Village Green |
| 6/30 | Home Meet | Poquoson |
| 7/07 | Home Meet | Fords Colony |
| 7/14 | @ | Robinson Bruton |
| 7/21 | Home Meet | Williamsburg Community |
| 7/26 | Mini Meets | |
| 8/02 | Championship Meet | |

We look forward to a great season!!!!!! Go Eagles!!!!!!

Easter Activities

The Easter Egg Hunt has been a wonderful success over the past three years, but this year we are in need of an energizer bunny to take over this event!! If interested in this "eggs-cellent" opportunity to help, then please call Julia at the clubhouse.

Tired of Seeing Lingering Piles of Debris?

If you are tired of seeing your neighbor's yard debris (fallen limbs, branches, sticks, etc.) stacked by the roadside, call and ask them if you can add to their pile and split the cost (\$10) of having York County haul it away. Then call 890-3780 to arrange for pick up.

Every Queens Lake homeowner has the responsibility of keeping their frontage presentable. Spring and the dogwood season are almost here. Many visitors look forward to driving around our neighborhood to admire the blooming trees and azaleas. After the cold, dark, dismal winter we have experienced, let's do our part to make this a most beautiful spring.





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Senior Council Activities Team

The Senior Council is making plans to join the York Senior Center for a trip to Baltimore May 6-7. The trip includes dinner theater (*Fiddler on the Roof*) luncheon cruise of Baltimore harbor, tour of the Star Spangled Banner House, and leisure time in the Inner Harbor. All meals, lodging, and transportation are included. Cost per person is \$212.00 single occupancy and \$172.00 double. If enough Queens Lake people sign up, the tour will stop at James-York. Deadline for payment is April 4. All seniors are invited. Please contact any SCAT member for more details.

Bob Long 259-9559
Betty Rogers 229-3779
Harry Hager 229-2710
John Shoosmith 229-9646
George and Dona McKenzie 564-8572

York Senior Center 898-3807



Notice

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Directors on April 2, 2003 at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse, called for the purpose of considering Club policy and action to be taken with respect to the Dennis Drive access to Queens Creek.



Queens Lake Day

Plans are well underway for our annual community celebration. Be sure to mark your calendar for June 28 so that your family can be a part of this summer celebration. Look forward to plenty of old favorite activities like a delicious breakfast, bike parade, Fun Run, softball, cookout, children's games, and a dinner and dance. There will be a few new twists, including boat rides hosted by the Marina Committee. If you'd like to help make Queens Lake Day a success, call Chris Hailey at 220-3280. Please don't wait until June to make plans to be a part of the excitement. There are lots of opportunities to make it happen.

Calendar of Events

April 2	Special Board Meeting (see note on left)
April 5	Lake Committee work day
May 6	Senior Council trip to Baltimore
May 10	Marina Member Cookout
May 24	Pools open
June 7	Fishing Tournament and Cookout (open to all members)
June 28	Queens Lake Day!!

Lake Committee News

The Lake Committee met on March 4. A work date is planned for Saturday, April 5 at 2 PM to make improvements to the West Queens/Holcomb lake access. Volunteers are needed to remove old fencing, remove or cover the old steps, level a path to the left of the old steps, and replace boards on the dock. Rain date will be Saturday, April 12. at 2 PM

Volunteers are urgently needed for this important activity. Call Bob Caven at 258-1270 for more information.



A Word of Caution

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Club Member Name:_____

Address:_____

Home Phone:_____ Work Phone:_____

Emergency Contact:_____

Name Phone # Relationship

Emergency Contact:_____

Name Phone # Relationship

Please list all family members who plan to swim on this membership.

NAME	DOB	Medical Conditions/Allergies/Disabilities/
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QLC MEMBER RATES: Please Indicate Membership Level

? \$195 Single ? \$175 Senior Single (age 65 or older)

? \$230 Couple ? \$210 Senior Couple (one spouse age 65 or older)

? \$300 Family **Ck#:**_____ **Total Enclosed \$** _____

The undersigned agree to hold harmless Queens Lake Club, Inc. and its assignees from any claim or demand by any person listed heron, and any guest sponsored by any person listed heron, on account of any action taken in good faith by Queens Lake Club, employees, members and volunteers in response to an emergency situation. Any licensed physician or hospital is hereby authorized to admit and give medical and surgical care to any of the above listed persons as is necessary and appropriate, and the undersigned agree to be jointly and severally liable for proper charges for any services extended and supplies devoted thereto.

Date:_____

Member Signature:_____ Spouse Signature:_____

Legal Guardian Signature (if necessary):_____

Queens Lake

Eagles Swim Team!!!!!!

BE A PART OF THE FUN!

Come join the gang! Hang out, play games, have fun, and, yes, SWIM!!!
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Parent or Guardian Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Names of Swimmers

1. _____	DOB _____ AGE _____	M/F
2. _____	DOB _____ AGE _____	M/F
3. _____	DOB _____ AGE _____	M/F

DUES PER FAMILY

\$45.00 1st Swimmer
\$40.00 2nd Swimmer
\$25.00 3rd Swimmer

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PARENTS

Please indicate on the line below which area you are willing to help with (we need each family to volunteer to help make this a great season).

Stroke and Turn, Lineup, Scoring and Ribbons, Timing, Sweep Judge, Concessions, Setup, Cleanup, Event Planning, Donations

Team Coordinators- Mary Louise Gerdes(229-3655) and Patrice Sadler(220-4683)

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April 15, 2003

Dear Boat, Kayak, Paddle Boat, and Canoe Owners:

The Queens Lake Club requires all vessels used on Queens Lake or Princess Pond to be registered with the Club. Even if your vessel is not stored at one of the access landings, it must have a decal and registration number if used on the lake or pond.

Please answer the questions below to update your vessel registration. Be sure your decal number is displayed on your craft and that the vessel is in "floating" shape.

If you have no numbered decal, please fill out this form and return to the Club office and a decal will be issued to you.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Type of Boat(s) _____ **Decal #** _____

_____ **Decal #** _____

Please Indicate Where the Vessel is Stored:

? West Queens Drive Access near the dam

? West Queens Drive Access near Holcomb Drive

? On Princess Pond Dam (Little John or Will Scarlet Accesses)

? At home

Please return this questionnaire to the Clubhouse promptly. Any boat, canoe, etc. located on Queens Lake Club property without a registration number by June 1, 2003 will be removed and sold. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Clubhouse at 229-0973.

Thank You,

**Bob Caven
Lake Committee Chairperson**

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Leisure Activity Interest Registration

Queens Lake Club members are widely varied in their leisure time pursuits. Often members are looking for others of similar interests. Looking for a tennis doubles match? How about a partner for golf? A bridge game? In all likelihood there is a member or members of Queens Lake Club who would love to join you. Wouldn't it be nice to have a list of those kindred spirits? Our purpose is to facilitate members getting together to pursue their favorite Pastimes.

WHAT TO DO

Just fill out this form and mail, fax or hand deliver it to the Queens Lake Club Office. Each person should fill out a separate form. We will put together a list of members with similar interests and make it available to you. If you need additional forms, they are available at the Queens Lake Club office

Name: _____ Phone _____

Email _____

I am (circle one): Actively employed Retired

Check if Interested

_____ GOLF my handicap is (circle one):

Under 15 16-25 26-36 Over 36

_____ TENNIS my skill level is (circle one):

Beginner Intermediate Advanced

I would like to play (circle one or both):

Singles Doubles

_____ CARDS I am interested in (circle all that apply):

Bridge
Poker
Cribbage
Canasta
Other: _____

_____ SAILING My situation is (circle all that apply):

I own a sailboat and am looking for crew
I own a sailboat and will take riders
I would like to crew
I would just like to ride along

(continue on reverse)

_____ FISHING

I would like company to go fishing (circle all that apply):

In Queens Lake
In Queens Creek
In the York River
In Chesapeake Bay
In the Atlantic Ocean

My situation is (circle all that apply):

I have a long-range boat and would like company
I have a small boat and would like company
I have no long-range boat
I have no small boat

I would be willing to share expenses (e.g. gasoline)

_____ POOL

I would like company to play pool (circle all that apply):

In my own home (I have a pool table)
In someone's home who has a table
At a local pool hall

_____ BOOK CLUB

_____ ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP

_____ BINGO NIGHT

I would be interested in participating in the following single day bus outings (check all that apply):

_____ Museums
_____ Historic Sites
_____ Shopping Malls (e.g. Tyson Corners)
_____ Professional Sporting Events
_____ UVA Sporting Events
_____ W&M Away Games
_____ Theatre
_____ Opera
_____ Symphony
_____ Other trip ideas: _____

What other activities would you like to see listed so that you could find neighbors with whom to participate?

While most of these activities require no formal organizing, group activities, such as bus trips, bingo games and book clubs, do require planning. Would you be willing to assist in the organizing of any such activities?

_____ Yes, I can help

_____ No, I can't help at this time

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