

Queens Lake Club



A Message From the President

A strong argument can be made that Summer is the very best season at Queen's Lake. True, the glorious colors of Azaleas and Dogwoods make a powerful case for the Spring when life and beauty emerge once again from the ashen specter of March. And it must be admitted that the cascades of red and gold exhibited by the Maples, White Oaks and Poplars around the lake and alongside Queen's Creek can take one's breath away in the late Fall. But Summer is special, the time of robust life for everyone. The chill is gone from the water; the deep green hues of our trees, lawns and fields return, along with the dapple shade of great, mature trees towering over our community. Warm breezes begin to sweep softly up from the river and down the lake. We can hear again the "wick-er-chee" call of Towhees, commanding us to rise, greet the day, and get busy.

Of course, everything begins to happen! The Bass in the lake rise with the temperatures. Already, last weekend, my son, Chris, landed his sixth trophy fish. I have a grand total of one. She was a 24-incher, bulging with eggs. He quickly released her to tend to the coming brood.

Have you seen the swans? The resident mated pair have set what I believe is a record – eight greyish, fuzzy cygnets swimming in proud column behind their parents. Last year, of seven hatched, five survived to adulthood. We will do even better this year.

The pool opens and the sounds of Summer erupt. The splash of the fountain jets and divers hitting the water. Entreaties of parents and life guards not to run. The squeal of laughter. Urgent cheers and encouragement as the swim team begins another series of meets. The "whock" of tennis balls at our newly lighted courts. And, of course, the steady rumble of boats in the marina, getting ready to meet the Croaker and Cobia returning to the river and bay.

May I suggest that you undertake to do everything there is this Summer? Really – do everything! Swim in the pool. Enjoy the great view down the creek's sawgrass meadow. Fish in the lake from one of our member-access docks. Big ones can be caught right from the docks. Fish also from the marina dock for a change of pace. Often, a good dinner can be caught during an afternoon in July, and there are few better fish dinners than Croaker baked in seasoned lemon juice with a little butter. Hit a tennis ball – at night, if you like. Make your garden truly beautiful this summer. Walk in the soft evenings. Talk to people. Enjoy the sound of wind in the trees. This is a great place.

With very mixed feelings, I will be away until August, teaching at the University of San Diego - and while southern California is a very nice place, I will very much miss Queens Lake and everything that will be happening here. The duties of President will be undertaken by our Veep, Chris Hailey. He has already designed a marvelous Queen's Lake Day, made more so by the involvement of a legion of volunteers. It will be a terrific time. Enjoy it. Next year, I return with boomerangs in hand!

Don Tortorice
President



Adopt-a-Highway Update

A BIG thank you to the wonderful group of faithful folk who pick up the litter on Lakeshead Drive and the Hubbard Lane/West Queen's Drive approach. In 2002 thirty-three large orange bags of trash were collected representing thirty-five volunteer hours. Please remember to thank your neighbors who volunteer to keep these roads looking good for all of us. Our Adopt-a-Highway volunteers are: Ward and Jane Bourn, Ellen Cloyed, Bob and Nancy Dutro, Ray and Linda Ingleson, Robert and Diane Laabs, Phil and Jean Lien, Herb and Maureen Moss, Gary Ruhland, and Helen Cardman. Most of these folks have been working hard for several years now and we'd love some reinforcements. Please call me if you can help out. The commitment is a few hours one month each year.



Pool committee news

Both pools are up and running. The new filtration system in the adult pool has been installed and started right up. A big thanks to Hawes Helwig and Craig Marcusson who did yeoman's work and saved the club big bucks.

Thanks go to the dozens of folks who helped during clean-up Saturday 10 May. More than 40 club members accomplished two weeks worth of work in one day: cleaning furniture, planting, and removing both pool covers. Special thanks to pool committee member Mrs. Ann Duff for organizing our volunteer workforce and to Mrs. Kate Helwig for leading the landscaping efforts. Also all that were working want to thank Mrs. Barbara Hager and her husband Harry for supplying food and drink to keep the energy level up. All in all it was a great effort, sprinkled with the fun of getting to see old and new friends and neighbors.

Up coming events for Pool Members and QL Club Members

25 May — Pool Opening Pot Luck, 6 PM . Bring your best recipes — open to all QL Club members.

14 June — Pool Membership Cocktail Party.

28 June — QL Day. Pools open to all QL members and paid guests.

Please welcome our lifeguard staff, led by Ms. Mary Adams, head guard, with Ms. Ashley Harris, Ms. Susan Helfrich, Ms. Christine Barthelemy, Mr. Thomas Barthelemy, Ms. Kelly Jo Engbersen, Ms. Elizabeth DiMattia, and Ms. Michelle Hennick.

Watch for sign-up at the pool for adult lessons, children's lessons, and water aerobics.

Hope to see you at the Pool!

You Are Invited to Attend...



Queens Lake Club Pool-Side Membership Reception

Saturday, June 14

7:30-9:00 PM

at the Pool Complex

✂hors d'oeuvres ✂wine ✂

✂beer ✂soda ✂

- Cocktail attire suggested-

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SWIM TEAM NEWS

Mary Louise Gerdes, coordinator 229-3655

Patrice Sadler, coordinator 220-4683

OOPS! TIME TO CHANGE THE CALENDARS!

VPSU made changes to meet schedules for several teams, including ours.

We now have three home and three away meets. The FINAL meet schedule is as follows:

6/16 @ Windsor Forest
6/23 HOME MEET- Village Green
6/30 @ Poquoson
7/ 7 HOME MEET- Ford's Colony
7/14 @ Robinson-Bruton
7/21 HOME MEET- Williamsburg Community

We invite everyone to come and enjoy the swimming and concessions.

WE WELCOME BACK COACHES *MATT SALERNO* AND *JAMES THOMAS* AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON UNDER THEIR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

5/21 First Day of Practice: 10 and under, 5-6 PM/ 11 and older, 6-7 PM

5/23 Meet the Coaches/ Swimsuit and apparel fitting/ Pizza Party

6/13 Trial Meet—PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IS VITAL!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2003 SPONSORS: Domino's Pizza/ Dr. John P. Doley/ John M. Sadler, Esq./ Middle Peninsula Insurance Agency/ Just Plumbing.

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Queens Lake Day Information

It's just a few weeks away! June 28 promises to be a Queens Lake Day to remember, full of fun, fellowship, and food. Here are a few details to help make it a great day.

- ?? Please do not park on the residential side of East Queens Drive. All the better if you can walk or ride a bike to the club area.
- ?? If you'd like to take part in dinner, remember that you can bring your own delicious picnic or enjoy our exciting Mexican Fiesta. You may bring your own table or borrow one from the clubhouse. Tickets for the dinner must be reserved and paid for at the clubhouse before Queens Lake Day. **No dinner tickets will be sold on the day of the event.**
- ?? Take note of the new Pet Parade (rather than the traditional bike parade) for pet lovers of all ages. (Though this is listed among the kids events, it is open to all!) Dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, reptiles, any friendly pet that can be controlled by the owner is welcome. Costumes and adornments are encouraged but not required. Awards will include "Most Adorable", "Best Pet Costume", and "Best Behaved". Call Mary Louise Gerdes at 229-3655 if you have questions.
- ?? If you're wondering what you can do to help there are plenty of opportunities. We still need a coordinator for the Fun Run. Goodies for the breakfast and for the cakewalk are always in demand. Most of all, we need small amounts of help for specific periods during the day. The breakfast, lunch, and dinner all have to be set up and cleaned up. The old adage that "many hands make light work" is never more true than on Queens Lake Day. The reverse is also true. If lots of good folks don't offer a bit of their time and energy, it falls to a very few people to work awfully hard to make the day a success. Want to volunteer? E-mail Chris Hailey at cbhailey@cox.net.

4th Annual Queens Lake Golf Tournament

When: Friday, June 27
Where: Kiskiack
What: Lunch 12pm
Golf 1pm
Cost: \$45

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\$12.00 per child

Table Decorating Contest!!

Whether you take part in the Mexican Feast or bring your own dinner, you can go all out to decorate your table with any theme you like. There will be some great prizes for the best table décor, including gift certificates from The Trellis, The Cheese Shop, and The Fireside Chop House.

Need Help Around the House or Yard? If you'd like to get a list of babysitters, plant-sitters, and yard-workers, call the clubhouse for a list.

PET SITTING SERVICE

Lisa Carmine is a life-long resident of Williamsburg and 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 one's pets. With her husband of 18 years, they believe "Pets are children covered with fur!"



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A Note from the President About Membership and Finances

At last year's Annual Meeting, I made a point of discussing membership dues, their relationship with capital replacement and a probable need for some increase in the foreseeable future. We have not had a recent adjustment to annual dues and, in accord with the policy adopted at the Annual Meeting, will not address the issue until a year from November. Although inflation has not been pronounced, some expenses, such as insurance, have increased markedly. In addition, we are reviewing projected needs for replacement of capital items, something that has not been fully incorporated in the present dues structure. At present, the Finance Committee projects that we will have an income shortfall of about \$10,000 for the year. This will, of course, change with changes in membership during the balance of the year. At the last Annual Meeting, the membership approved a dues variation between regular and deed restricted membership which I believe is a fair incentive to deed restriction which should be constant. We also are encouraged by the rate of new residents applying for membership and have just begun a program of direct solicitation of non-members. When capital replacement estimates are completed and when we know the results of our new member drives, we will then be in a position to know what level of dues adjustment, if any, will be necessary. It would be wonderful if the number of new members would obviate a need for dues adjustment, but we cannot assume that to be the case. Remember - the dues adopted will be set by us, the members. Secondly, we should plan and operate our Club as frugally and responsibly as we can.

Keep this foremost in mind - the best way to avoid a dues increase is to increase membership; thus we are all well advised to become member solicitors. Talk to every neighbor who isn't a member and sign them up. It will help us and it will be favor to them as well. Forms are available at the office – or have them call Julia Morris at 229-0973.



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Beautification Committee News

Nancy Dutro, Chair, Beautification and Maintenance



A spring clean up was held on April 26 and with the hard work of a small group of people, we spruced up the area. Thanks go to George McKenzie, JoAnn Sunell, Gale Roberts, Helen Cardman, Susan and Lee Dexter, Diane and Rob Laabs. Abe Lauer continues to keep the pyracantha pruned artistically and Nancy Tortorice selected the plants for the pots on the terrace. We are going to need people to water during the summer, usually twice a week. If you can donate a week or two, we can keep our shrubs and flowers healthy. Call Nancy Dutro to volunteer. Thanks!



Membership Committee News

The Membership Committee welcomes the following new Queens Lake Club Members:

Max and Kathleen Pock	261 Kings Court
Carolyn and Thomas Pilson	169 West Queens
Laura and Darren Emery	104 Little John
Burton and Jane James	132 Hunter Lane
Forrest and Stacy Harris	105 Friars Court

Sing for Our Veterans!

Do you sing? Then you are needed to help us celebrate Veterans Day this fall. Tentative plans include singing and honoring all Queens Lake Veterans at an official Club event on November 8. If you're a military veteran this will be your day to share moments of memories. Singers are asked to call the clubhouse (229-0973) to sign up. Practice times to be determined at a later date.

Lake Boat Registrations Due!

by Bob Caven, Lake Committee Chair

Did you forget? The deadline to register your lake boat is June 1st. All boats used on Queens Lake or Princess Pond that are not registered may be auctioned off. Registration forms are available from the clubhouse (229-0973). Please register your boat even if you store it on your property, since to use it you must use the Club's property.

Summer Help Wanted

I am looking for a summer helper to come 2 - 3 days per week to just orchestrate my boys - they have lots of camps, etc. but the person would have to have a car - we could be flexible on which days each week as my schedule is flexible. I will pay \$10.00 per hr. cash. I prefer a Senior (just graduated) or a Junior. Perhaps you know someone from school. (They could have another job also and this be extra \$. The hours can be flexible, but I am thinking 9 or 10 until 4-4:30 2-3 days per week. Call Dawn Griggs at 253-0721.

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Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Name

Phone #

Relationship

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Relationship

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

NAME

DOB

Medical Conditions/Allergies/Disabilities/

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 \$** _____

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Date: _____

Member Signature: _____ **Spouse Signature:** _____

Legal Guardian Signature (if necessary): _____

Queens Lake Day 2003

The 35th Annual



EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Saturday, June 28

Queens Lake Day is planned primarily for members of Queens Lake Club. Members may bring guests, but Queens Lake homeowners who are non-members are also invited to participate in order to see some of the wonderful benefits that club membership brings. The cost to non-members and guests is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

Gather at the clubhouse for wonderful breakfast treats. Call Julia Morris at 229-0959 to help or to donate goodies.

9:00 AM Pet Parade

Meet at East Queens and Will Scarlet to join the fire engines for a parade to the clubhouse. Awards for "Most Adorable", "Best Pet Costume", and "Best Behaved", among others.

9:15 AM Opening Ceremonies

8:00 AM-10:00 PM **Queens Lake Garden Club Bake Sale** to benefit Beautification— clubhouse

11:00 AM Pool Opens

Beverage carts open. Soda and water available to all. According to Virginia ABC laws beer will only be served to persons over 21.

11:30 AM Lunch with the Lindas — poolside

Enjoy the finest in grilled items from the Grillmeisters. Hamburgers \$2.00, hotdogs \$1.50.

6:30 PM A Mexican Fajita Feast hosted by Dawn and Steve Griggs

See the reverse of this sheet for details. The price including margaritas is \$20. Space is limited and **no dinner tickets will be sold on Queens Lake Day**. Call the clubhouse to make your reservation. Followed by a DJ, dancing and other musical surprises 'til who knows when.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Friday, June 27

6:00-7:30PM Children's Fishing Tournament

Children to 15 years. Bring your own equipment (cane poles, worms) to the dam on Little John. Oh, the fish stories to be told!

7:30-10:30 PM Poolside Teenage Dance

Disc jockey and snacks. Rising 6th through 9th graders. Bring a friend and rock all night. Cost is \$3.00 per person.

Saturday, June 28

9:30 AM Cakewalk

Call Rebecca Cho at 565-7050 to donate treats.

10:00 AM Field Games

Games for children 2-10 on the field by the playground.

10:15-11:45 PM Mural Painting —poolside

12:15 PM Bubbles the Clown

1:30 PM Pool Relays and games for kids

2:30 PM Kid's Softball Game

A new tradition? Kids approximately 6 and up can show their elders how it's done.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Thursday, June 26

6:30-8:30PM Soccer

Meet at Queens Lake Middle School.

Women and men are invited to have a kick in the grass.

Friday, June 27

12:00 AM Golf at Kiskiack

Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter

Saturday, June 28

7:00 AM Fun Run

3 mile and 1 mile run for children, women, and men. Starting point is the tennis court parking lot area.

11:00 AM Horseshoe Tournament —poolside

2:00 PM Pool relays for adults

3:30 PM Adult Softball Game

East v. West: Men and women ages 16 and

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