

Summer  
2021

# MRA Newsletter

## Mainland Recreation Association

### *Letter from the President...*

Spring is finally here and preparations are underway for the 2021 season. Navigating the 2020 season was challenging but in many ways it was one of the best seasons in recent memory. We had a healthy influx of new members join the MRA family last year. The MRA became a stay-cation destination of sorts for families, reminding everyone that good clean family fun can be had right here at home.

The MRA is beginning its 58<sup>th</sup> year of operation so maintenance repairs are a top priority. In addition to the routine maintenance on the pool systems and amenities, this year's focus will be placed on the tennis courts and the tennis wall area, as well as the snack bar area. A new well is planned to replace an older existing well that has begun to fail. Updated locker systems are planned for the bathrooms and we will be replacing a portion of the older chairs, tables, and umbrellas.

Thanks to a strong 2019 season, the Association remains fiscally sound. We will continue to strive to maintain and deliver the standard of service that our members have come to expect, while keeping the MRA experience as affordable as possible. Even with the continued increases in operating expenses, upkeep, taxes, and insurance, the 2021 dues structure will remain the same.

Back by popular demand: Angelo and the rest of the Marlin Café team have agreed to return for another year! I think we can all agree that Angelo's positive energy and his focus on delivering value and a good member experience was transformative. We look forward to seeing how he builds on last year's success.

The new weekend senior swim hour from 11AM to 12Noon was a big hit last year. The plan is to continue the program this year. Swim team and swim lesson programs will be similar to last year. Check our website for updates.

The targeted opening date is Memorial Day weekend. We will continue to monitor and adjust our Covid protocols to conform to the latest NJ State and local health guidelines. Please use the complex in a safe and responsible manner. Remember, safety starts with you. We are all looking forward to the upcoming season and the opportunity meet up with old friends, make new friends, and build fond memories.

For up to date information regarding opening day and hours of operation or to provide suggestions, please visit our website at [www.mraswimclub.org](http://www.mraswimclub.org). Make sure we have your current email address, as we will be communicating important information via email.

Todd Gordon #1276

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# HOURS OF OPERATION

Pool will open

Saturday,

May 29, 2021

12pm-6pm

11am-12pm for seniors

Welcome Back !

Pool is open from

12pm to 6pm

May 30 & 31

June 5 & 6

June 12 & 13

(Senior hours 11am-12pm On all Weekend days.  
Weather Permitting)

## Pool Hours

June 18: 12pm to 9pm

We open full time 12pm to 9pm

thru to September 6th

when the season closes

## SWIM TEAM

MRA offers a competitive swim team

MRA offers a competitive swim team for boys and girls in age groups from 6 years old and under, to age 18 years old. Membership on the team is open to all children of MRA members. To join the team swimmers MUST be able to swim 25 meters free style, otherwise, lessons are available from the pool staff.

**TEAM SIGN UPS ARE SCHEDULED FOR: TUESDAY, MAY 11TH FROM 6PM TO 7PM.** Please wear a mask, stay socially distanced, and act responsibly when you are at the pool for sign ups. Swimsuits, caps, goggles and other equipment will be available to order online. More details on that will be available at sign-ups.



The Swim Team will be collecting an activity fee of \$15 per swimmer or \$25 per family this year. That fee will be collected at sign-ups on May 11th.

# TENNIS PROGRAM

Private and group lessons will be available

We are continuing to work on the courts this year. While the appearance of Courts 1 & 2 greatly improved last year the “playability” of the courts did not improve to the level we anticipated. We are having some additional work done on Courts 1 & 2 to make them “play” as good as they look! We are also working on Courts 3 & 4 this year as we continue to invest in our tennis infrastructure. While it may not be obvious to the casual bystander our tennis wall will also be undergoing some much needed renovation. MRA guest fees apply to all non-member using the tennis courts even if they are not using the pool area and all non-members must be accompanied by a member in order to use the courts. For safety and insurance reasons, a contracted and approved tennis pro is the only person authorized to give tennis lessons. If/when permitted by health and safety guidelines all borrowed tennis equipment must be returned to the receptionist desk.



Proper tennis shoes must be worn on the tennis and basketball courts at all times.

# PICKLEBALL

Courts 5 & 6 are now lined as pickleball courts. The coming of summer means another pickleball season is upon us. The game is easy to learn, its good exercise, and its fun. A word of caution, it can also become addictive. Paddles and balls are available in the lifeguard office whenever the pool is open. If you have questions about the game google pickleball and check out the videos. Any suggestions, or if you want to hit some, give me a call any time.

Lee Bergen (609) 927-5640.



# SWIMMING LESSONS

Group & Private Lessons are available!

## **GROUP LESSONS—Monday thru Thursday - \$75.00 per child**

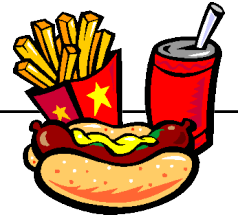
Friday is used as a make-up day. Group lessons are broken down by 1/2 hour sessions. First session begins at 10:00 am and ends at 10:30am. Second session begins at 10:30 and ends at 11:00am. Sign up and pay for groups with the receptionist. GROUP lessons must be prepaid. *Checks are to be made payable to: MRA.*

**PRIVATE LESSONS** — For private lessons you may request the instructor you prefer.. Private Lessons are \$30.00 per 1/2 hour session. Arrangements are made directly with the instructor.



# SNACK BAR

The Marlin Grill will return for their second year. We can't thank the members enough for their support. We look forward to another great season!



# GENERAL RULES

To make our daily operation enjoyable for all.

## All members and guests must observe the following:

1. Should the facility be closed due to unforeseen circumstances, guest fees will be returned for any guests there for 1 hour or less.
2. All parents reinforce all rules with their children. Rules are posted at the facility.
3. Flotation devices, including arm swimmies, are not permitted in the main pool.
4. Food and beverage are to be confined to the snack bar area and the picnic area. Do not consume any food or drink at poolside. The only exception to this rule is water in a clear plastic water bottle at your table.
5. Children ten (10) and under are not to be left at the pool without adult supervision. An adult is someone 18 or over.
6. Any guests must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 18 may not be responsible for guests. Guests are the responsibility of adult members.
7. Children are not to be brought into the adult locker rooms. Adults can accompany children into the youth locker rooms when necessary.
8. The baby pool and infant play area are for the use of children 6 and under.
9. **All children under age three and/or not completely potty trained must wear sure seal plastic diapers in the baby pool.**
10. Seniors who are guests and active users of the facility will be charged a \$2.00 guest fee.
11. The tennis courts are to be used for tennis and pickle ball only.
12. Skateboarding, rollerblading, and the like are not permitted on the property.
13. Sneakers must be worn on basketball and tennis courts

**Violations of the above may result in suspension of pool privileges. Safe guard your property - LOCK YOUR BIKES!**

**\*\* Sunscreens and oils in the water create circulation problems with our pool filter. Please allow 10-15 minutes between application and use of the pool.**

## Summer Bondholder Meeting

**Thursday, August 5th at 7:00pm in the picnic area.**

**Light refreshments only. The pool will remain open. Please join us.**

# **PARTIES**

**Please note the following policy governing children's parties.**

If at all possible, The Board hopes to allow Birthday Parties this year. We await additional guidance from the state and local health authorities in this regard. Updates will be posted on the website as information becomes available.

**If/as birthday parties resume the following rules obtain:**

1. Private parties can be scheduled any day of the week. The Fourth of July and Labor Day are exceptions and parties cannot be scheduled.
2. Parties will be limited to (12) people per party.
3. The receptionist will schedule no more than four parties in one day.
4. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
5. Make reservations with the receptionist and pay on the day of the party.



**MRA is not responsible for lost or stolen property.**

# PICNIC TABLES

Tables are available for 2 hour segments.

You may reserve a table for any date the pool is open by registering with the receptionist. Please remember others, as there are only 12 tables and 12 grills available. When you use the picnic area keep it clean and recycle.

**Contact the receptionist for details.**



# GENERAL INFORMATION

Chris Meade will be joined by Tiffany Monroe as co-pool managers. One of them will be on call during the daytime hours. The Chief Receptionist will be Tara Booth. The card system will again be used for access to the premises during normal operating hours. Cards will be available opening day. Please use them dutifully. A replacement fee of \$5.00 will be charged for lost pass cards. Wristbands will be given to guests upon payment of the guest fee. The bands will be dated and valid for the date(s) recorded. All guests must be accompanied by an adult member who is 18 years old or older.

## SUGGESTION BOX

The operations committee will be pleased to hear from you. The suggestion box is located in the main entrance area and members are encouraged to submit their recommendations. Your notes will be received by Harry Franks, Operations Manager. Suggestions to be acted upon, must be signed with your membership number.



## Family Day

Look for notice at the pool and on our website. This will part depend on COVID guidance from the State.

# **NOTEWORTHY RULE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19**

1. All Members and Guests shall enter the property through the Main Entrance. Everyone shall leave through the gate near the Diving Well.

2. It is recommended that everyone Social Distance on the pool deck and in the Pool. Masks are not permitted in the Pools.

3. There will be no Shuffleboard at this time. There will also be no equipment available at the front desk. Everyone must bring their own toys, tennis rackets, balls etc.

4. Foot coverings are required in the Restrooms/showers and occupancy is limited in those areas.

5. There will be no Birthday parties this year unless all social distancing requirements are lifted.

6. Sanitary wipe stations are set up around the property to use to wipe down tables and chairs before use. Hand sanitizer stations have also been installed.

7. Be alert for fever or other signs of illness. If you or your children do not feel well, stay at home.

8. The Pool hours will be 12pm-9:00pm daily. There will also be an additional hour for Senior Citizens from 11:00 am until Noon on weekends. This will be for Seniors only, and will only utilize the Main Pool. As a result, there will be no 1:00 pm Adult Swim on weekends.