



Mainland Recreation Association

MAINLAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION Newsletter

2025 Letter from the President...

2025 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2024 was a very good year to be a member of the MRA! We continue to have a great and loyal membership base that has supported the club through the years. We are all part of the MRA family whether you are a first year member or have been a member for 50+ yrs (yes we have some members with that much history!).

Every year the board meets in the fall to set a budget for the following year. We plan for routine maintenance, updating older systems and a contingency for “unforeseen circumstances” that often happen with a 62 year old facility. The cost of maintaining the aging facility has increased over the years. Prices of everything from chemicals to new chairs to insurance/taxes all are increasing yearly. The board realizes everyone feels a tightening of our wallets and will continue to work to control the cost of membership. To that end we are holding off on renovating tennis courts 1 & 2 and will continue to look at the best use of the courts while maintaining the overall operating budget.

While the increased guest fees were a concern to some members last season, we had not previously increased guest fees in 30+ years (since last century at least). With the change in guest fees, we saw increased use of the club by our members with a reduced volume overall which lead to greater enjoyment by many members. However, we recognize that we may have overcorrected and will reduce the guest fees somewhat this summer. The club exists for the use and enjoyment of our members first and foremost but as members we should be able to occasionally bring extended family and friends to the club. The lowered guest fee should allow both of those goals to be attained, and we appreciated your feedback.

The MRA Swim team continues to be a huge draw to our members and is practically a “right of passage” for many of our youth! The team has grown bigger (and younger) over the years. Most members of the Board have had children on the team throughout the years and I strongly encourage all families with young children to consider joining the team. It is a great learning experience for the children and builds friendships and memories for a lifetime. There are very few experiences that match the fun of a mid week swim meet and enjoying the sunset of the lake while watching your child swim.

On behalf of the board, we are looking forward to another great year with our members at the MRA!

HOURS OF OPERATION

Pool will open Weekends

Starting,

May 24 2025

12pm-6pm

11am-12pm for seniors

Plus Memorial Day 12pm-6pm

**And 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for
all seniors, all weekends.**

Welcome Back !

Pool is open from

12pm to 6pm

May 24,25,& 26

May 31 & June 1

June 7 & 8 and June 14 &15

June 18th 12to6PM

**June 19th Open 12-5(MRHS
Graduation)**

June 20 -September 1 12pm -9 pm

(Senior hours 11am-12pm on all weekend days.)

(Weather Permitting)

Pool Hours

Open Full Time:

June 20th through

September 1st 12pm to 9pm

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.

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:

Wednesday, MAY 7TH

5PM TO 6PM.

Swimsuits, caps, goggles and other equipment will be available to order online. More details on that will be available at signups.

MRA offers a competitive swim



**Swim team will be
collecting an activity
fee of \$25 per swim-
mer or \$40 per family
collected at signups**



TENNIS & PICKLEBALL



Pickle-ball continues to be a fan favorite at MRA. While no major upgrades are planned this year, several new nets will be coming to the courts. The 8 pickle ball courts are available for use and we have provided 2-5 sets of nets depending on the time of year. Feel free to bring your own portable nets on an open pickle-ball court if all the sets are being used!

Given the popularity of pickle-ball, we have seen significant increase in use of our courts. Please remember that the club is for its members first and guests second. MRA guest fees apply to all non-members using the tennis courts all year long, 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.

While tennis/pickle-ball fees are on the honor system, we collected \$0 in guest fees for the entire winter and early spring.

These fees are necessary to continue buy new nets and contribute to the upkeep of the courts. If we do not see proper use of the courts we may have to rethink access outside of regular pool hours as the lack of payment has been an ongoing issue. Guest fees can be paid at the front desk during normal pool hours or placed in the lock box on the back of the tennis wall (courts 5&6) when the pool is closed and during the off season. Fees are \$10 during pool hours as guests will have full access to the club and \$5 during non-pool hours.

Please limit guests to 3 per member.

Keys will be available for purchase (\$15) starting Memorial Day weekend but until then, keys purchased last year will work this year.

For safety and insurance reasons, a contracted and approved tennis/pickle-ball pro is the only person authorized to give lessons.

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

SWIMMING LESSONS

Private Lessons are available!

PRIVATE LESSONS

You may request the instructor you prefer.

Private Lessons are \$35.00 per 1/2 hour session.

Arrangements are made directly with the instructor.



SNACK BAR



The Di Bartolo's and the crew at the Marlin Grill are excited to return for their 6th season. Our hours of operation will be 12-7 daily. We can always stay open longer if you are hosting an event and wish to utilize the grill. We can also assist you with special events such as birthday party's or special family celebrations. Just reach out to Angelo or Stephanie with your ideas and we will gladly help. We are looking forward to Memorial Day and kicking off yet another great season!!!!

GENERAL RULES

To make our daily operation enjoyable for all.

Should the facility be closed due to unforeseen circumstance, guest fees will be returned for any guest there for one hour or less.

All members and guests must observe the following:

1. All parents reinforce all rules with their children. Rules are posted at the facility.
2. Flotation devices, including arm swimmies, are not permitted in the main pool.
3. 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.
4. Children ten (10) and under are not to be left at the pool without adult supervision. An adult is someone 18 or over.
5. Any guests must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 18 may not be responsible for guests. Guests are the responsibility of adult members.
6. Children are not to be brought into the adult locker rooms. Adults can accompany children into the youth locker rooms when necessary.
7. The baby pool and infant play area are for the use of children 6 and under.
8. **All children under age three and/or not completely potty trained must wear sure seal plastic diapers in the baby pool.**
9. The tennis courts are to be used for tennis and pickle ball only.
10. Skateboarding, rollerblading, and the like are not permitted on the property.
11. 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!

PARTIES & BBQ

Party Rules and Reservation packets can be picked up at the front desk. Completed packets must be dropped off in advance to the front desk before the day of the party. Payment can be made day of party.



**** 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.



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 the pool manager. Dave Lamkin will be his assistant 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 Patrick Childs, Operations Manager. Suggestions to be acted upon, must be signed with your membership number.



Family Day

is scheduled for

**Saturday, June 21,
2025**

12:30-4:30

Rain Date: Sunday, June 22

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DUES

MAINLAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC. SCHEDULE OF DUES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 2025

1. CERTIFICATED MEMBERSHIP (BOND HOLDERS)

Basic Family	\$470.00
Each eligible Dependent	\$10.00
Inactive Status (Must declare and pay prior to June 1)	\$100.00

2. SEASONAL MEMBERSHIP

Basic Family	\$705.00
Each Eligible Dependent	\$10.00

3. GUEST FEES

The MEMBER is responsible for the payment of all the fees

Daily Guest Fee, Memorial Day through Labor Day, pool, tennis, picnic	\$10.00
OFF season, tennis use only, daily fee	\$5.00
Baby Sitter Charge, for the season. Limit 2/member	\$150.00
House Guest	\$150.00
Adult or minor for 7 consecutive days	\$75

4. OTHER – Tennis Gate Key \$15.00

Summer Bondholder Meeting

Thursday, July 31st at 7:00pm in the picnic area.

Light refreshments only.

The pool will remain open. Please join us.

“Alcohol is not permitted on or around the pool deck. Recently, the consumption of alcohol at the pool has become a significant issue. Be advised that the consequences of any Member or Guest found consuming alcohol on or around the pool deck will be significant, including suspension or revocation of your Membership privileges.”

Board of Trustees

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