



# Palisades Bulletin

Palisades Swimming Pool Association  
P.O. Box 636, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812

January 2007

We hope that your fall and winter seasons have been happy, healthy, and safe ones. While for the bulk of you the pool and sunscreen are a distant memory, the Board continues to review the summer's events, critique the facilities and operations in an effort to continually enhance the Palisades experience. The swim and dive team both had very successful seasons last summer and we look forward to continued success and strong participation in the future.

We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful facility to enjoy in the summertime. Our facility is now 37 years old and in the past five years we have renovated the parking lot, the pool house, and tennis courts. We also added a sports court.

The shade structures are approximately 16 years old and if you looked closely this past summer you saw the extensive damage done by carpenter bees.



The shade structures were replaced this Fall and new vines are

being trained to grow to provide shade cover. A shade cloth will be installed to cover the top of the structures to provide interim shade until the vines mature.

A major renovation of the pools will be necessary in approximately three to five years and will be quite extensive and costly. This renovation would include replacing the 37 year old plumbing and electrical systems that go from the pump room and around each of the

pools. The decks, lights, guard chairs, coping stone, tiles, and pool coating would all be replaced at the same time. The board has decided that we need to lay out a financial plan to fund this renovation which is projected to cost at least \$750,000.00. Financing may include an assessment to each bondholder, sale of an asset, increased fees, or bank loans. The annual meeting will be an opportunity for every member to hear the discussion and express an opinion.

While we have the nicest facilities for an organization of our kind in the area, the greatest asset lies not with brick, mortar and chlorine but with the legion of dedicated volunteers who continually take the extra leap to become activists/participants on behalf on Palisades. We thank all the volunteers for what you have done to benefit the pool and programs.

Our annual meeting is set for **Thursday, January 25, 2007** at the Concord St. Andrews Church at the corner of River and Goldsboro Roads in Bethesda. The meeting will be held in the social hall starting at 8 p.m. The election for Officers and other Board of Directors seats will take place at the meeting as well as the approval of the 2007 budget. The meeting is open to all permanent bondholding members of the Swimming Pool Association and we encourage everyone to attend.

*The Board of Directors  
Palisades Swimming Pool Association*

## 2007 Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, January 25, 2007

### Time:

7:30 pm Registration & Refreshments

8 pm Meeting

Place: Concord-St. Andrews Methodist Church  
River and Goldsboro Road  
Bethesda, Maryland

Note: Snow Date (conforming with Montgomery School System):

February 1, 2007

### Notice:

*In the event there is no quorum on January 25, 2007, notice is hereby given of a Special Meeting on that date, at the same location, at 8:15 p.m. pursuant to Article VI, Section 4 (a) of the Bylaws, called for the purpose of conducting the business specified in the agenda, on page two. Should the meeting of January 25, 2007 be postponed because of snow, notice is hereby given that the meeting of February 1, 2007 also will be considered a Special Meeting in the absence of a quorum. Commencing at 8:15 pm. at the same location.*

### Agenda

2007 Annual Membership Meeting  
January 25, 2007

1. Minutes of the 2006 Meeting
2. Financial Reports:
  - 2006 Financial Statements
  - 2007 Proposed Budget
3. Proposed Dues Structure
4. Report of the Nominating Committee
5. Election of New Officers & Directors
6. Financing of Pool Renovation
7. General Discussion

# Report from the Board of Directors

## Membership News

A winter with ten snow days - prized by kids

A year of good health - valued by parents

A membership to Palisades -  
PRICELESS!

Happy 2007! This is the time of year when you might be dreaming about summer weather and of course, your seasonal membership to Palisades. The annual dues notices will be mailed on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board voted to increase the membership fees this season by \$25 for single memberships and \$50 for family memberships. Therefore, bondholders will pay \$400 for a family membership and \$275 for a single. Temporary members will pay \$500 for families and \$375 for singles. The timeline for membership is as follows:

**February 1:** Dues notices mailed to all current permanent and temporary members

**March 1:** Dues payments must be post-marked by this date for membership this summer. Payment after March 1st must be accompanied by a late fee of \$25.

**April 1:** As of this date, late fees increase to \$50 and membership for the season is granted only if space is available.

### Facts to know:

1. It is the responsibility of Palisades members to notify Membership if you have a change of address, or other contact information
2. If you have not received your dues statement by February 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact the membership chair for a dupli-

cate notice

3. All late fees must be paid before membership is activated
4. Members have the option to pay a \$20 inactivity fee if they do not plan to use the club this season. This retains their membership and they will be offered membership again next year.
5. Any bondholders who are no longer using the pool are encouraged to surrender their bond so that others may purchase a bond.

The pool website, [www.palisadespool.org](http://www.palisadespool.org) has an email link to Membership and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about membership and bonds. Best to email the membership chair directly at [palisadesswimasoc@yahoo.com](mailto:palisadesswimasoc@yahoo.com) for any membership questions. The membership voicemail box will not be in service until the summer season begins.

## Adult Programs

The **Water Aerobics** program once again had a great summer in 2006. Lonie Landfield, a very popular instructor, has been running this program for Palisades for five years now. Classes met three days a week from June through August and attendance averaged 14-15 per class, up again from the prior year. Lonie reports she even got some of our swim coaches to come to water aerobics; she also expressed many thanks to



the life guards and pool manager who were very helpful. Water aerobics is terrific, but gentle, exercise; even better, the classes are lots of fun. Plan to join us this coming summer when we expect the schedule will be similar to 2006.

Palisades continued to offer **Early Bird Swim** lane swimming from 6:30 to 8:30 am three days a week during the swim team season. This program continues to draw a small but dedicated group of early risers. There is plenty of room for more swimmers, so mark your calendar for next summer and come swim with the "early birds".

## Tennis Program

The summer Junior Tennis Program had kids of all ages and ability out on the courts mornings and afternoons hitting tons of balls, going through tennis drills, learning technique tips from the pros, and having lots of fun. The attendance in the Junior Tennis Program was up again this year

Georgetown Prep Tennis Club also ran very successful Ladies' and Men's Clinics. The Ladies' Clinic had a hard-core group of women and the Men's Clinic had members who met weekly for tennis instruction from the pro. They learned stroke technique and court strategy for both singles and doubles games.



Palisades very own Ladies Tennis Team continued to play in the spring and fall in the Greater Washington Tennis Association, where we competed with other Swim and Tennis clubs throughout the area. Last year our team finished second in our division. Our Ladies Doubles Team will be back on the courts this Spring, and we are always looking for new players. We have a lot of fun every Tuesday morning during the matches, and if the tennis isn't enough, the refreshments are always first-rate. If you are interested in playing in the Spring of 2007, please call Christine Henck at 301-320-2159. Hope to see you on the courts.

As always, the tennis courts are available for members' use year round.

# Report from the Board of Directors

Please be sure to lock the gate behind you.

## Palisades Day Camp

Back by popular demand, the Palisades Summer Day Camp is filled with lots of fun! The focus of the camp is on making life long pool friends while participating in sports, swimming, crafts and games. Once again, Montgomery Sports Association (MSA) will be providing the counselors and equipment. The camp is open to children who have **completed** kindergarten to age 11. Children 12 and over may apply to be volunteers to the camp and receive community service credit.

Palisades Day Camp will dovetail off of the morning swimming and tennis programs but you are **not** required to participate in either swimming or tennis to attend the sports camp. The camp is a four hour camp from 11–3. The camp will vary each day but may include games such as basketball, soccer, volley ball, dodge ball, kickball, water polo, swimming, ping pong, street hockey, water balloons, shuffleboard, board games, and arts & crafts. The camp will provide a snack each day in the afternoon plus, every Friday, there will be a special lunch such as pizza or barbeque included in the camp fee.



Camp will run from June 18th through August 3rd; if there is enough interest, we will extend the camp one week longer than last year into August. You must sign up for any **two consecutive weeks** after which you may sign up for any other week(s). The price of the camp is \$150 per week. There is no camp on July 4th and the price that week will be \$120. This year, we are offering a discount to families that enroll more than one child. In addition, we are encouraging signing up for

more than two week, and if you do, your family will receive a discount. If you sign up for more than two weeks, your rate will be reduced to \$125 for each **additional week**. For families that enroll more than one child, the first child pays \$150 for the first two weeks and the second (and any additional) child pays \$125 per child per week. If you have two or more children enrolled for more than two weeks each child pays \$125 for any additional week.

So for example, if you have three children, you pay \$150 for the first child, \$125 for the second child, and \$125 for the third child for the first two week they are signed up for camp. If they sign up for three to five more weeks, you will pay \$125 for the first child, \$125 for the second child and \$125 for the third child for any additional weeks. If you only enroll one child, you will pay \$150 for the first two weeks and \$125 for any additional weeks.

Camp space is limited. In order to be guaranteed a space, you may preregister by downloading the registration form on our website ([www.palisadespool.org](http://www.palisadespool.org)) and sending the form along with your check made out to Palisades Swimming Pool Association. Camp is only open to members of Palisades Pool. Rain policy: we play in light sprinkles but cancel for thunder and lightning.

## Social

The social committee hosted two very successful summer events and the weather cooperated for both events! At the **pool opening party**, members enjoyed burgers, salads, and listened to jazz music while the children were delighted with the moon bounce and face painting.

Many families turned out for **Family**

**Fun Night** to sample light snacks, ice cream, brownies, and other refreshments. A spectacular water slide was the hit of evening for the kids.

## Dive Team

The Palisades Dive Team is a great way to learn to dive, improve your diving, or perfect what you already can do. Diving teaches kids body control, acrobatic skills, mental focus and competitiveness. It's also a lot of fun!



The team was led by Head coach, Ben Blotner, who was assisted by Tom Wells. We had many new divers join the team and

had great success at dual meets and sent a great roster of divers to the Divisional and All-Star meets.

In dual meets, 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons were awarded to: Abbey Furlong, Gabriella Saccocio, Katherine Novey, Jameson Davis, Sam Danish, Henry Furlong, Nathaniel Remez, Mackenzie Adelberg, Linn Bumpers, Cassie Rabner, Marissa Mizroch, , Marisa Remez, Harrison Holt, Jeremy Cohen, Neils Verhoeven, Shelby Holt,, Olivia Grinker, Daan Verhoeven, Jake Berk, Nick Kraut and Ben Blotner.

Palisades was represented at the Division V meet by: Abbey Furlong (1st), Katherine Novey (5th), Henry Furlong (1st), Linn Bumpers (6th), Mackenzie Adelberg (8th), Harrison Holt (5th), Jameson Davis (8th), Marissa Mizroch(7th), Daan Verhoeven (6th), Shelby Holt (3rd), and Ben Blotner (1st)

# Reports from the Board of Directors

Divers who competed at the All-Star meet were: Olivia Grinker, Shelby Holt, and Ben Blotner. Olivia placed 1st in the 11/12 age group. Way to go divers!

The Dive team could not function without the help and support of the families of Palisades divers. We want to thank all parents who volunteered to do table work, judging, concessions, and refereeing. Thank you for all the support for a successful season of diving. We will see all of you next summer by the diving well.

## Swimming

The Palisades Porpoises, led by Head Coach Catherine Pitcher, had a terrific 2006 season. Our summer swimmers were awesome competitors with several notable individual and team successes. Almost all swimmers achieved "personal bests" at the meets, and every swimmer strived to contribute to the Palisades Swim Team and to fulfill a personal goal.



Palisades is proud of all of the Porpoise swimmers.

Whether participants are learning to swim or polishing skills, racing for a personal best or attempting a record, cheering on teammates or participating in social activities, they have fun. Swimmers who participated in the program this past season competed in either the Saturday morning "A" meets, the Wednesday evening "B" Meets, or some of both.

Beginners and veterans alike attended most of the meets and few missed the pizza pep rally, the spaghetti dinner, the pancake breakfast, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clare Schmidt Swim-a-Thon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the team's trip to Kings Dominion.

While our Porpoises had loads of fun, our coaches worked to improve swimmers' skills and conditioning.

Numerous parent volunteers and our fine coaching staff, including Ian Wander, Carolyn Peters, Natalie Pitcher, Chelsea Bryan, and Wyatt Minami, put in countless hours to ensure a supportive and rewarding environment for the swimmers.

At its final home meet of the season, Palisades honored 18 year old graduates Natalie Pitcher and Carolyn Peters for their swimming excellence and leadership of the team. Natalie ends her legendary career as a Palisades' swimmer holding numerous team and pool records, and attends the University of Pennsylvania. Carolyn has been a standout swimmer on the Palisades swim team since age 5, and attends Syracuse University. We wish Natalie and Carolyn all the best, and hope that they will return and continue to coach the team in the future.

Even though all of the team members had an excellent summer, a few were accorded special recognition at the team's annual banquet for their outstanding performance or contribution. The boy's and girl's overall high point awards were given to Michael Ledecy and Natalie Pitcher, respectively. The age group high point awardees were as follows: Wyatt Minami (boys 15-18), Michelle Klontz (girls 13-14), Thomas Pritchard (boys 13-14), Lauren Levy (girls 11-12), Katie Ledecy (girls 9-10), Ben Bouvier (boys 9-10), Catherine Gregory (girls 8 & under), and Gabe Cohen (boys 8 & under). The Erin DeVeau award for outstanding contribution to the Palisades Swim Team was presented to John Wolfe. The Kate McKay award, which is given to an 8 & under who demonstrates all the qualities we look for in a Palisades swimmer - dedication, hard work, sportsmanship, and a love of the team -- was given to Catherine Gregory. Coaches' Improvement Trophies were awarded to Sarah

Lieberman and Andrew Kunk.

The Palisades relay teams won an incredible seven out of eight relay races in which they participated at this season's MCSL All-Star Relay Carnival for Section II. Swimmers qualifying for and having outstanding swims at the MCSL Individual All-Star swim meet included Natalie Pitcher, Michael Ledecy, Ben Bouvier, Grant Goddard, Katie Ledecy, and Michelle Barry. Congratulations also to several Palisades swimmers and relay teams that broke team and/or pool records this past season. Our Palisades record board has been updated, so look for some new names on it.

This coming summer, the 37th season for the Palisades Swim Team, we hope to see many members of our excellent coaching staff return for another season. The MCSL's computer swim-off, based on this past season's success, has moved Palisades up to a tougher Section and Division, Division G in Section I, along with the following five teams: Tally-Ho, Lake Marion, Regency Estates, Daleview and Glenwood. We will, of course, have a full schedule of "B" meets with neighboring pools. We urge Palisades families with swimmers at all levels of experience to come out for the team next summer. There is a place for anyone who wants to participate in swimming and social activities with the Porpoises next summer.

This season, the team's parent league representatives will include Mary Gen Ledecy, Bill Pritchard and Kelly Levy.

Running a swim team is an enormous labor-intensive undertaking. We cannot do it without a strong base of parental support. Put the 2007 Palisades Swim Team on your family calendar and look forward to a great summer!

# Nominating Committee Report for 2007

## Officers

### President

**RAY BOUVIER**  
7204 Honeywell Lane  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Will serve a second year as president

### Vice President

**JOHN MIZROCH**  
4825 V St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Will serve as vice president

### Secretary

**HEIDI BUMPERS**  
6906 Seven Locks Road  
Cabin John, Maryland 20818

Will serve an eighth year as secretary

### Treasurer

**ALLEN BEACH**  
3342 Stuyvesant Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20015

A past president and charter member of Palisades. Has served twenty-nine terms as Treasurer.

## Directors

**NANCY BARRY**  
7522 Cayuga Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20817

Served as Tennis Liaison for two years and will serve a eighth year as **Publications Director**.

**JOYCE CHUNG**  
6610 Seven Locks Road  
Cabin John, MD 20818

Served two years as Dive Team Liaison and will serve a fourth year as **Membership Director**

**CHRISTINE HENCK**  
6514 Wiscasset Rd  
Bethesda, MD 20816

Will serve a fourth year as **Tennis Liaison**

**CHRISTINE RICHARDSON**  
5222 41st St, NW  
Washington, DC 20015

Will serve a seventh year as **Social Co-Chair**

**LOIS BURLEIGH**  
6713 Loring Court  
Bethesda, MD 20817

Will serve a seventh year as Program Director

**MARLEIGH DOVER**  
6805 Carlynn Court  
Bethesda, MD 20817

Will serve a eighth year as **Swim Team Liaison**.

**BRENDA HOLT**  
7525 Royal Dominion Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20817

Will serve a third year as **Dive Team Liaison**

**BENNO SCHMIDT**  
7607 Arden Road  
Cabin John, MD 20818

Will serve as Facilities Director

**ANITA SELINE**  
4307 Ellicott St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

Will serve a third year as **Social Co-Chair**

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# Financial Statements

Palisades Swimming Pool Assn., Inc.  
Balance Sheet  
October 31, 2006

<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets			
	General checking	7,455.24	
	Payroll checking	3,354.52	
	General savings	6,044.95	
	Money Market	228,030.23	
	Accounts receivable	19,515.00	
	Total current assets		264,399.94
Property and Equipment			
	Land	87,265.00	
	Pool and buildings	643,687.50	
	Tennis Courts	131,552.43	
	Equipment	57,052.61	
	Landscaping	139,468.36	
	Sport Court	37,139.00	
	Accum depreciation-pool	(230,322.41)	
	Accum depreciation-tennis ct	(75,000.00)	
	Accum depreciation-equip	(57,052.61)	
	Accum depreciation- Sports Ct	(3,000.00)	
	Total Property and equipment		730,789.88
Total assets			995,189.82
<b>Liabilities and Capital</b>			
Current liabilities			
	Waitinglist deposits	16,060.00	
	Swim team fund		
	Total current liabilities		16,060.00
Capital			
	Bond account	553,780.00	
	Discount on bonds	1,805.00	
	Surplus	397,994.61	
	Net income	25,550.21	
	Total capital		979,129.82
Total liabilities and Capital			995,189.82

# Financial Statements

Palisades Swimming Pool Assn., Inc.

Fiscal Year 2007 (Nov 06 - Oct 07)

Receipts		Budget 06	Actual 06	Budget 07	Rate	Units 07	Units 06
Dues							
	Family	141,750	132,650	152,00	400	380	379
	Single	26,250	26,820	28,875	275	105	107
	Rental-Family	108,00	119,270	132,500	500	265	265
	Rental-Single	3,000	2,700	3,250	325	10	9
	Associate	1,000	1,025	1,000			
	Admin. fee	3,000	3,274	3,000			
	Late fee	2,500	2,850	2,500			
	Guest fee	5,000	4,706	5,000			
	Interest	1,750	2,295	2,000			
	Tennis Reserve.	1,000	1,020	1,000			
	Wait List Dep. Forfeit	2,000	20	400			
	Tennis Key	250	790	750			
	Swim Team	13,000	12,367	13,000			
	Dive Team	1,000	880	1,000			
	Tennis Program	0	0	0			
	Sport Camp	7,500	14,202	14,000			
	Misc.	2,000	5	50			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>319,000</b>	<b>324,874</b>	<b>360,325</b>		<b>760</b>	<b>760</b>
Expenses							
	Administration	21,000	23,124	23,000			
	Maint & repairs	45,000	46,954	49,200			
	Trash removal	700	672	700			
	Night security	0	0	0			
	Utilities	17,500	21,630	21,700			
	Swim Team	14,000	12,000	13,000			
	Dive Team	7,300	4,975	6,000			
	Adult programs	500	0	500			
	Sport Camp	7,500	11,516	14,000			
	Tennis	2,000	3,098	3,000			
	Insurance	38,000	38,574	38,000			
	Mgt. contract	92,000	99,100	102,000			
	Taxes	22,000	7,759	6,000			
	Social	6,750	5,534	6,000			
	Depreciation	22,500	22,500	25,500			
	Exp equip	4,000	1,857	2,000			
	Other	0	31	0			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>300,750</b>	<b>299,324</b>	<b>310,600</b>			
Capital Account							
	Income						
	Bond sales	3,000	(3,390)	3,000			
	Assessment	0	0	0			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>(3,390)</b>	<b>3,000</b>			
	Expenses						
	Landscaping	0	0	0			
	Middle pool	0	0	0			
	Facilities Imp.	30,000	24,000	12,300			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>12,300</b>			
Cash Summary							
	Operating net	18,250	25,550	49,725			
	Depreciation	22,500	22,500	25,500			
	Capital	(27,000)	(27,390)	(9,300)			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>20,660</b>	<b>65,925</b>			



[www.georgetownaquatics.com](http://www.georgetownaquatics.com)

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## **Summer Employment at Palisades**

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