



Club Security

By Ron Reinsel, Commodore

As previously reported to the Club by email, over the Memorial Day weekend we experienced a rather significant uncompensated loss from the Club's beer lockers. After investigation, we have concluded that the loss most likely occurred as a result of unauthorized access by non-members or under-aged individuals (either member or non-member).

We have contained the loss and, thanks to the efforts of our Beer Fairy, we will not have to raise the prices of adult beverages. We have, however, changed the combinations to the beer lockers. See either the Beer Fairy or one of the Club Officers if you need the new numbers. The incident does, however, make us mindful of the need to be vigilant in maintaining the security of the Club. This is particularly true during the summer months when there is so much activity, and so many visitors to the Pool and Club House.

Last year we spent a significant amount of Club funds to upgrade our computerized security access system; however that system does not work without the cooperation of all the Members. As a reminder to all:

Adult Club Members are responsible for all actions of their guests and dependent children.

Only adult Club Members are authorized to use the full access computerized security cards to enter the main part of the House. Fobs which limit access to the pool area and grounds may be obtained for the use of dependents.

Under no circumstances may Club Members give or lend their full access security cards to dependents or non-members.

Guests and dependents may enter the House only when accompanied by their adult Club Member sponsors or parents.

Beer lockers may be accessed only by adult Club Members and Club Members may not disseminate the combinations to the beer lockers to dependents or non-members.

The House may not be accessed from the pool area through the second floor sliding glass doors and those doors should remain locked when no adult Club Members are present on the balcony.

On Your Mark

By Juliette Clark and Sherry Catron, Swim Team Reps

The sun is out. The pool is chilly. The water is a crystalline blue. Memorial Day has officially kicked off summer, and the MVYC Dolphins have begun practicing their stroke techniques in hopes of ribbons and trophies in our 2012 season. We appear to have a few new swimmers on the team this year. More are welcome... it's not too late to join the team and have a summer of fun and fitness.

We have six dual meets, a relay carnival, All Stars, and our famous Fourth of July pool party ahead. Club members... please check out our schedule and stop by a home meet for a hot dog and to cheer on the team. Local sports are the best sports, and you can't get more local than the MVYC Dolphins.

Just when you have become addicted to our fabulous concessions, you will be able to feed your inner beast again on the Fourth of July. Join us at the pool, starting at Noon, for a family-friendly celebration that includes pool games for all ages, and food and drink all day. Who will win the notorious Pain Dive? Will we be able to revive the tube races of yore? Will we forget to do the Coin Toss like last year? Will the girls be victorious in the greased watermelon contest? Yes, the suspense is unbearable, so come to the pool party to see how our drama unfolds.

The Dolphins are also known far and wide for their Splash Parties. If you are new to the club, or have never been to a Splash Party, watch for the email announcements over the summer and come join the fun. Like all good parties, we just "decide" to have one and put out an announcement a few days ahead. We typically have these parties on Saturday evenings, and they are no-fuss affairs. We order pizza, some people bring some snacks and desserts to share, and sometimes Margarita Man is inspired to mix up a few pitchers for the adults.

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Upcoming Meetings...



Membership Meetings

Suspended
for June, July & August

Board Meetings

July 16
August
at 7:30 pm
3rd Mon of the month

Social Committee Meetings

July 9
August
at 7:30 pm
2nd Mon of the month

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The kids are busy swimming and stuffing their faces, so the adults have plenty of time to hang out and catch up. Evenings by the pool, with our beautiful view and great weather, add up to great times!

If you are interested in more information about our Dolphins swim season, please contact Juliette Clark at jclarkva@yahoo.com or Sherry Catron at sacatron@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing all of you at the pool this summer. Go Dolphins!



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| Wednesday, July 4th | Fourth of July Party at the Pool! |
| Saturday, July 7th | Home Meet 4 vs. Hidden Creek Country Club |
| Saturday, July 14th | Home Meet 5 vs. Springfield Golf & Country Club |
| Sunday, July 15th | Relay Carnival at the Country Club of Fairfax |
| Tuesday, July 17th | King's Dominion Day! |
| Saturday July 21st | Away Meet 6 vs. International Country Club |
| Saturday, July 28th | All Star Qualifiers at Springfield Country Club
AM – Boys / PM – Girls |
| Sunday, July 29th | All Star Finals at Westwood Country Club |
| Sunday, July 29th | Awards Banquet at the MVYC Clubhouse |

MVYC Ships Store

Attention Members - Every effort will be made to have the ship store available during home swim meets. Come on down to the pool to cheer on your resident Dolphins, and pick from a variety of items to show your Club spirit. Whether it be a hat, shirt, bag or jacket, it is fun to see the Club's logo and name out and about.

Check your summer attire and see if there is something you would like to add to your closet from the Ships Store. Orders can be made anytime.

Generally, please allow two weeks for the order to be filled. And don't forget gifts for family and/or friends! Remember you can add a name for yourself or your boat on any order for an additional \$5. Proceeds from all sales help to offset some Club expenses associated with the swim team.

Might you be interested in a small MVYC volunteer opportunity? If you'd like to serve as the Ship Store assistant, please contact Harriett Singleton at HESCS@verizon.net or via cell # 703-966-1778.



HOUSE REPORT

From the House Guy, Don Basham

The Women's Room on the first floor is again a concern for the membership. This particular toilet has been an ongoing problem. I find either (1) the toilet coming loose at the base, and/or (2) the toilet paper holder ripped from the wall. I have reinforced the toilet paper holder and it should not be a problem; but constant stress on the two bolts that secure the toilet to the floor are constantly becoming loose. Please discuss with your children that rocking on the toilet is not acceptable, and can cause serious damage to the toilet base. We cannot tighten the bolts too tight because the base of the bowl may fracture.

Both shower room ceilings have been painted but may not be up to snuff for many members. If you would like to volunteer to paint, I will provide the required paint. All volunteers will be greatly appreciated. I will repeat a former article in the Beacon concerning the use of the TV in the bar area. A few complaints have been received about using the DVD player in the 2nd Floor Bar area. To use the DVD player, select the AV-1 for input to the TV, then use the DVD player to play your DVD. The selection buttons are on the right side of the TV. Please return the input selector it to Component-1 after using the TV to watch a DVD.

Please call 703-799-7777 with problems or email me at bashamd@ix.netcom.com.

Celebrate the Fourth of July at MVYC! Check Out Our Day Full of Fun!

10AM-Noon

Grist Mill Park Pick Up Softball Game

Bring gloves, bats, balls and refreshments



Noon-4PM

Games and Food At the Pool

\$7.00/person for lunch

Evening

On the Point - Watch Ft. Belvoir Fireworks!



Toon Fleet News

By Bart Hewitt, Whistler Of Happy Toons

There is very little Toon Fleet news. This is largely because our Toon is geschlumpt (German for "dead"). There seems to be some little problem with the engine, because it won't start. I goose the choke a bit, hit the starter, and nothing but a noise that reminds me of - I can't say it here. Anyway, we are Dead In The Water. Mr Drury says he can fix it. We are saving up.

Misty, the beloved puppy of Bart and Evelyn Hewitt, passed away on June 18th. She was nearly fifteen years old, and had given us a lifetime of love and affection. We sorely miss her. Misty - We Love You Forever

FOR SALE - TOGETHER

Chuck & Anita Manka have placed their Nordic Tug 32 "TOGETHER" for sale with the broker Annapolis Sail Yard in Annapolis. Inquiries should be directed to them at their home number (see MVYC Directory).

Proposed Change to the Pet Rule

By Ron Reinsel, Commodore

A number of Members have requested that the Board consider adopting a modification to Rule 1.5 of the MVYC Rules and Procedures so as to permit Members to have dogs on the Club grounds off leash (particularly at the Point) under certain restricted conditions. At present the Board takes no position on the request. Recognizing that various Club Members have voiced strong sentiments (both for and against) this subject in the past, before considering the merits of the proposal the Board wishes to solicit the input of the Membership and the proposal will be an agenda item at our next Membership Meeting in September. In the meanwhile, please feel free to contact any Board member to discuss your views concerning the proposal.

As a reminder to all, unless and until any modification is approved by the Board, the existing Rule stands as it is presently written.

Existing Rule

MVYC Rule 1.5 Pets shall be leashed at all times. Owners shall clean up after pets. With the exception of service animals such as guide dogs, no pets are allowed in the Clubhouse.

Proposed Rule

MVYC Rule 1.5 Pets shall be under the Owner/Handler's direct control at all times and shall be leashed at all times during club events or at the request of any other member(s). Owners must clean up after pets. With the exception of service animals such as guide dogs, no pets are allowed in the Clubhouse or (except during Club sponsored pet-specific events) in pool area.

Pet owners or handlers may allow pets off leash only under the following guidelines:

If other MVYC members are using the grounds, Owners/Handlers must first obtain permission of the other members(s) to allow pet(s) off leash. Pets are not allowed off-leash when small children are present.

- All pets must be under the Owner/Handler's direct control at all times
- Pets must be on leash or in a vehicle when entering and exiting MVYC grounds
- Owners/Handlers must have leash in hand at all times
- Owners/Handlers must keep pets in close proximity at all times
- Owners/Handlers must keep unleashed pets out of the parking lots and driveways and off of docks and piers, except when they are accompanied by and are under the direct control of their Owner/Handler
- Owners/Handlers may not permit pets to bark incessantly or to the annoyance of MVYC members or guests
- Owners/Handlers must leash pets at the request of any member
- Aggressive pets, defined as a pet acting in a threatening or annoying manner toward humans or other pets, are not allowed at any time
- Owners/Handlers are legally responsible for pets and any injury or damages to people, pets, or facilities caused by them.



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Don Basham, bashamd@ix.netcom.com or 703-799-7777.





July 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 AM Closed for Cleaning	3 9 am Yoga Class 5-10 pm MVYC Parade of Lights		5 8:30 am Yacht Haven Garden Club	6 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	7 9 am - 1 pm Dolphins Home Swim Meet
8	9 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	10 9 am Yoga Class	11	12	13 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	14 9 am - 1 pm Dolphins Home Swim Meet
15	16 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm MVYC Board Mtg	17 9 am Yoga Class	18	19 7:30 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	20 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	21 11 am PRYCA Float In →
22 →	23 AM Closed for Cleaning	24 9 am Yoga Class	25	26 7:30 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	27 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	28
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Please note:
Per MVYC tradition, there will be no Beacon published in August.



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