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# The Drift

## Beachcomber

### Newsletter – June 2010

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### *Welcome to Summer 2010!*

We are excited for **another great season**. Hopefully, you have been enjoying a lot of time at the club so far. We've been working hard throughout the winter and spring to complete more **enhancements to the property**. A list of these are provided for you in this newsletter. As you will also see, there are many **fun activities and events** planned again this summer.

We also wanted to introduce our **great management team** for this season. **Chas Fortescue** will be joining us as the **Club Manager & Aquatics Director**. He has been managing swim clubs in the area for the past 8 seasons. He was the manager at the Picket Post and Plymar Swim Clubs before joining us this season. He and his wife Kathy have three daughters. Chas grew up in the Blue Bell area and attended St. Helena and Bishop Kenrick. He teaches math at Radnor High School and has coached track, soccer, basketball, and softball for the past 18 years at various schools and local organizations. **Allison Galbally** is returning as our **Assistant Manager**. She graduated from Gwynedd Mercy Academy in 2008, and will be a junior this year at Fordham University in New York where she is majoring in Accounting. Allison loves to travel and has just returned home from a 4-month study abroad program in London, England. This is her 6th summer working at Beachcomber Swim Club.

If you have any questions about things going on at the club or for further membership information, please contact **Chrissy Koch, Membership Director**, at the office (484-680-9606) or by email [membership@beachcomberswimclub.org](mailto:membership@beachcomberswimclub.org).

Looking forward to meeting you and celebrating summer!

Sincerely,

**Bob Berardelli**  
*Owner*

### **2010 Events & Dates**

Saturday, June 19	Club opens full-time
Sunday, July 4	Fourth of July Festivities 1-4pm
Friday, August 20	Family Sleep Out (fee TBA)
Saturday, August 7	Club Social (fee TBA)
Saturday, Sept. 4	Labor Day Weekend Festivities
Monday, Sept. 6	Last day of the Season

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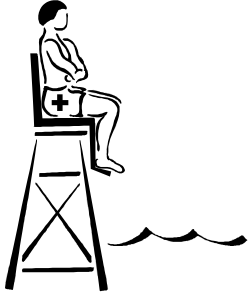
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## Meet our Staff for the 2010 season:

Chas Fortescue – Manager  
Allison Galbally – Assistant Manager

### Gate:

Jim Sheetz  
Allison Koch



### Lifeguards:

AJ Anderson  
Lindsay Anderson  
Cris Anton  
Karen Bernatavitz  
Kent Bourret  
Julie Clarke  
Maggie Fortescue  
Will Galbally  
Lori Jefferson  
Ben Johnson  
Brendan Koch  
Duy Nguyen  
Meg Royer  
Melissa Rudolph

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## Beachcomber Snack Bar - by Gidget's Catering

Thank you to all the members who have utilized the snack bar so far this year! After a couple of busy weekends, we have worked out the kinks and we are in full stride. It is our **goal to provide you with a quality product at a reasonable price**. We will try some new items to keep it fresh for those of you who are here every day or every weekend. Please **look for our daily lunch and dinner specials**. For Father's day, we had BBQ baby back ribs that were well received. We will do the same for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We are working on **small ready to cook BBQ packages for purchase**; these packages will consist of Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Ribs as well as a couple of salads. We can even supply the charcoal if you desire. Please allow 72 hours notice for these packages for pick up. We will have a couple of selections on paper order forms at the Snack Bar for you to order after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind we **plan on staying open later for the three home swim meets** scheduled.

If you are **planning a small birthday party or family gathering at the pool** please inquire about our custom catering packages. Also, please visit our website at [www.gidgetcatering.com](http://www.gidgetcatering.com).

If you have any questions or requests feel free to e-mail me at [ray@gidgetcatering.com](mailto:ray@gidgetcatering.com). Thanks again for your patronage and patience during the busy periods.

Ray Sowden

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## Guests are welcome to join you at the club:

Adults \$10    Children \$7

**Bulk Guest Passes at a Discount** - 10 packs are available  
at the Lifeguard Office or by emailing [membership@beachcomberswimclub.org](mailto:membership@beachcomberswimclub.org)  
Adult 10 pack - \$90    Child 10 pack - \$60

\*\*\*Please note that only passes from the 2009 or 2010 seasons are valid (passes from prior years may not be used).

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## Beachcomber Swim Team News

The 110 Beachcomber Frogs are jumping in for their **21<sup>st</sup> season!** The team is ***open to all members ages 5-18*** (by June 1<sup>st</sup> – no exceptions per league rules). Practices have been underway for the past few weeks and the meets begin on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The coaches would like to ***remind all swimmers to bring water bottles and sneakers*** to all practices! Swim meets will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Beachcomber or nearby clubs. Team **photos are on July 1<sup>st</sup>**. Here is this year's **meet schedule:**

June 29	Away vs. Markley Farms
July 1	Home vs. Mermaid Lake ☐
July 6	Home vs. Picket Post ☐
July 8	Away vs. Whitpain Greens ☐
July 13	Home vs. Glenhardie
July 17	Relay Champs
July 19	Jr. Champs-evening event ☐
July 24	Individual Champs

Please see the BSC website for the full season calendar and directions to away meets. **Parents run all meets - and all are expected to volunteer.**

Additionally, we would like to introduce our fantastic coaching staff! **Laurie Hug, Head Coach**, is currently also head coach of the boys/girls teams at Wissahickon High School - and Masters Swim Team Coach for Germantown Academy. **Jessica Stusnick, Assistant Coach**, is a collegiate swimmer for Shippensburg University and is a coach at the US Naval Academy summer swim camp. **Ian Smith**, Part-time Assistant Coach, swam for Wissahickon High School and attends the University of Pittsburgh. **Julie Clark**, Junior Volunteer Assistant, is a high school swimmer and former BSC Jr. Volunteer Assistant.

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## Swimming Lesson Information:

If your child is not ready for competitive swimming, we also offer group swimming lessons for ages 4-12. Fee is **\$40 per session (for 4 lessons)**. **Three sessions are available**. Each session will be **two weeks long with two lessons per week on Tuesday and Thursday**. Lessons run for **30 minutes**. Please see the times below for each level. Please check the lifeguard office for more detailed information and to sign up.

**Session I** – July 6-15  
**Session II** – July 20-29  
**Session III** – August 3-12

Beginners from 10:30-11:00 am  
Intermediate 11:00-11:30 am  
Advanced 11:30 am -12:00 pm

**Private lessons** are also available for **\$15 per half hour per child**. Sign ups are very flexible and also take place at the office.

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## Completed Projects for 2010

1. A new paver walkway was constructed from the main parking lot to the pavilion.
  2. A new stone parking area was created for lot number two.
  3. Twenty-four tons of sand was deposited onto the children's play area.
  4. Three acres of land (in front of the tennis courts) were cleared for future athletic field use.
  5. The diving tank filter house was removed and rebuilt (including a loft storage area).
  6. The main gate and dive tank fences were painted with aluminum paint.
  7. The heavy truck bridge was rebuilt and handrails were added.
  8. A new "Beachcomber" sign was installed at the entrance to the club.
  9. The Snack Bar has been completely rescreened.
  10. The garden in the main circle driveway has been cleared in preparation for future planting.
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## Tennis Anyone?

We are partnering with **Frog Hollow Tennis Club** this summer to provide **tennis instruction** to our members. Frog Hollow staff will be on-site at Beachcomber to organize a **weekly tennis camp** for children ages 4-16. **Half day and full day programs** are available each week throughout the summer. **More information and the registration form are available at the Lifeguard office or on the BSC website under the Activities page.** You may turn in the form at Beachcomber or call Frog Hollow to register over the phone. Visit the Frog Hollow website to learn more about their club programs/instructors at <http://www.frogtennis.com/>.

Frog Hollow will also schedule **adult weekend clinics** and is available for **private instruction for all ages.** More information to follow by email soon!

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### *Club Hours*

**Grounds** – 11:00 am until 8:30 pm

**Pool** – 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm (except during swim meets when the pool will close at 5:30; baby pool will remain open during these times)

**Snack Bar** - 12:00 pm until 7:00pm

# Special Activities



We have a fun weekly schedule of free children's activities for the summer. Be sure to check out the following:

**Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 Smart Art** (Some projects may require a \$1-2 material charge.) - Join us weekly for a story - some fiction, non-fiction, heroic tales, and fairy tales. We will read the best part of the story and discuss what it means to you. Then, we will finish with an art project that portrays your interpretation of the genre of the day.

**Monday 1:30 - 2:30 Music for Kids** - These classes are designed for children ages 1-6 and their parents/caregivers, but children/adults of all ages are welcome to attend and participate! Each week will incorporate a theme - and activities will include singing, dancing, and rhythm instruments. During the summer, the children will also get the opportunity to try larger instruments including drums, guitar, and keyboard. Come ready to move and sing along!

**Tuesday 12:00 - 3:00 Arts and Crafts** - This activity is offered to children ages 3 (with an adult, if desired) and up. The children will do a variety of craft activities with a wide range of artistic materials.

**Wednesday 3:00 - 5:00 Clay for Kids** (Lab fee of \$2/class covers clay, glazes & firing) – This activity develops creative skills while learning the basic working of clay and making a variety of sculpture/pottery projects. Projects may take several classes to complete.

**Thursday 3:00 - 5:00 Face Painting & Playdough** - This activity is for all ages/families. Handmade scented and colorful playdough is distributed to the children along with playdough toys. Art instruction is given to the children so that they can create fun projects to take home. At the same time, Fabulous Faces Face Painting will create whatever face or body design you can think of with professional, water based, hypoallergenic face paint, glitter, and gems. Ages 3 to adult are welcome to participate. Let's see....what do you want to be today?

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## Beachcomber is a great place to have a party this summer!

It's easy to set up – and you could also arrange food/beverage service with Ray, the Snack Bar manager, from Gidget's Catering.

1. Inform the office that you would like to have a party. Stop in or call.
2. Provide the date, time, party size and contact information.
3. Provide a guest list for the party before the date of the party.
4. We'll keep track of your guests based on your list. Members must be here before guests arrive. Your guests can check in at the gate.
5. Pay for your party at the office. Adult guests are \$10 and children are \$7. Discounts apply for bigger parties: Guest prices drop by \$1 if you have 10-19 people in your party. Guest prices drop by \$2 if you have more than 20.

***For the safety/convenience of all members...please remember the club rules. Thank you!***

### **Pool Rules**

- No running on the deck
- No toys in the main pool or dive tank
- No floatation device of any kind in the main pool or dive tank
- No diapers (regular or swimmy) in the main pool or dive tank
- Children under 13 must pass the deep water test to swim in the deep end and the dive tank
- Lap lane is only for LAP swimmers
- No diving or face first jumps in the shallow end
- No hanging on the lane lines
- No playing with the fill pipe or fountain
- No excessive splashing and rough play in the pool
- No pushing someone in to the pool
- Please use your discretion for safe jumps off the diving boards
- No chairs on the deck

### **Office Rules**

- No members in the office or equipment area
- No kids sitting on the counter
- A log will be kept for the sports equipment being used instead of turning in member cards.

### **Ground Rules**

- No playing in the creek
- No climbing on trees, fences or sheds
- The designated smoking area is by the fire pit in the picnic area only

## ***Deep Water Test***

**All swimmers under the age of 13 must pass a deep water test.** If they pass the test, they will be able to swim in any part of the Beachcomber facility. Children that are not able to pass the test will be asked to stay in the shallow area of the main pool only (they will not be allowed in the lanes or in the diving tank). The test will be administered by a Lifeguard. If they inform you that your child has passed, please take their membership card to the Office for the appropriate stamp. If the child doesn't pass, he/she may retake the test on a different day (every day, but only once per day). The test requires the following:

- One lap of comfortable freestyle (front crawl)
  - Arms over head
  - Face in the water (for the most part)
  - No touching the wall
- Tread water (keep head above water) for 15 seconds
- No goggles can be worn

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**We've created a new email database and are using a new system this year. If you have not received emails recently – and would like to be added to our database, please submit your email address to [membership@beachcomberswimclub.org](mailto:membership@beachcomberswimclub.org).**

**We will periodically be sending out** late breaking news, date changes, activity information, and also future editions of ***The Drift*** via email. Don't miss out!

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