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# In the Swim

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Jones Valley Recreational Association News

February 2009

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

## Dates to Remember:

- *General Membership meeting- March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 Location: TBA on JVRA website*
- *Annual Dues due-April 1st*
- *Pool Opens-May 22 @1:00*
- *Spring Work Days -TBA*

**2009 Dues \$450.00\***

**Due April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Mail to:**

**JVRA**

**P.O. Box 13142**

**Huntsville, AL 35802**

**\*\$25.00 Refund**

**Upon work day attendance**

## President's Report

Dwayne Wiginton [wigintonfamily@knology.net](mailto:wigintonfamily@knology.net)

As hard as it may be to believe, it won't be long before school is out and another summer pool season begins – **the pool will open May 22nd**. While the 2008 JVRA pool year was a huge success, we're also expecting great things this coming year and have already begun preparing for the upcoming 2009 season. As we turn the page on 2008 let me point out just a few JVRA highlights of last season:

- *New pool manager and staff did an excellent job* – Jimmy and his team did

an excellent job and we're expecting most back in 2009

- *Pool operations went great* – thanks in large part to JVRA board members Bobby Davis and Carol Joiner JVRA's operations ran very smoothly this past season. The pool ran very efficiently last year, from both a mechanical and personnel standpoint.
- *Another JVRA city championship* – the JVRA boys and girls won another City Championship. Thanks to the coaches and Swim Director, Kelli Vest, our swim team continues to dominate local competition.
- *Safe and successful season* – 2008 was free of any major injuries and no MAJOR financial roadblocks were incurred. With an aging pool it's not uncommon to encounter some hefty expenses that can take a serious bite out of your budget. A successful 2008 allows us to put some money back in case those expenses arise next season.

As I wrap up my final month as board president I want to note a few items that are important to a successful 2009 season – and beyond:

- **Pool Opens** – May 22<sup>nd</sup>!
- **Can YOU Help?** – as with any organization JVRA is always looking for folks to help and volunteer their time. Whether it's a pool "Work Day", helping drain the pool, or serving on the board, there's something we can ALL do.

- **Remember Your Dues** – JVRA members have a great track record of paying their dues on time. Please keep in mind that annual dues are due April 1<sup>st</sup> and become late after May 1<sup>st</sup> (after which a \$50 late fee is incurred). Please keep in mind that JVRA incurs many operational expenses prior to the pool opening, so PLEASE get your 2009 dues in on time.
- **Update Your Family Records** – please go online to [www.jonesvalleypool.com](http://www.jonesvalleypool.com) update your 2009 family form and email in to Susan Duncan (her email address can be found on the JVRA website).
- **Help Recruit New Members** – if you know of any families who may be interested in joining the pool please advise them to contact our membership director via the JVRA website.
- **Don't Forget Tennis!** – JVRA is currently in the process of planning our 2009 tennis program. We'll be doing some new and exciting things with tennis this year so sign your kids up early in order to insure a spot.

Thanks everyone – see you all pool side before long☺

Dwayne

## Operations Report

Bobby Davis, 882-1203 [rbd2@bellsouth.net](mailto:rbd2@bellsouth.net)  
 Carol Joiner [cjoiner@knology.net](mailto:cjoiner@knology.net)

We had a great year for 2008 and hopefully all will continue well for the summer of 2009. With a little luck, we hopefully will have Jimmy Bedsole coming back for his second summer as Manager. Jimmy did a wonderful job and I know was well received by everyone in 2008. Thankfully, the pool operation went well for our equipment and facility. As you all know this is a 40 year old facility that still needs much maintenance, care and repair. We plan to drain

the pool again this spring and clean it thoroughly with bleach and pressure washers. With help from the weather, this project will give the pool a great start for the summer season. We all look forward to a fun summer season at JVRA. Please remember that this is our pool and it takes great effort to run this facility. Please volunteer and chip in to help when you can. It will make a difference.

For the upcoming 2009 season, included is a staff application for life guarding, swim, and/or dive positions available. Please fill out and mail to the appropriate address listed at the bottom of the application. Deadline is March 31. If you are applying for the first time or need to renew your CPR card, please make sure to sign up ASAP through the Red Cross website, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) Classes fill up quickly and it's much harder to fit classes in at the last minute close to the end of school. If you wait too late and can only get a late May/June class, you are still eligible for sending in your staff application, as long as it is received by March, 31. Your interview information/ application can be kept on hold until your classes are completed. Interviews will be in April. Staff applications will also be available online at [www.jonesvalleypool.com](http://www.jonesvalleypool.com)

## Treasurer Report

Todd Williamson  
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Financially, the JVRA is on solid ground. We have enough money to get through until dues checks are due in April. Your Board has worked hard this past year to make sure that we can keep dues at \$450 for the 2009 season. We currently owe about \$127,300 in the form of a promissory note. That is my biggest concern right now. Although it was paid down significantly this year, continuing to retire the debt should be our main financial priority.

The best way for you to help ensure JVRA remains in financial health is to bring in new members. Ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to join and refer them to the membership chair (contact information in this newsletter).

One last reminder, it is very important that dues are received by April. Dues are our main source of income and it helps us set our expenses for the rest of the year.

If you have any questions on JVRA's financial status please don't hesitate to email me.

## Membership

Susan Duncan

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Currently, we have only 15 memberships to sell. I would LOVE to sell all of these memberships before the opening of the pool this summer. To help accomplish this, the Board has decided to offer an extra incentive to buyers. We are going to waive the \$150 transfer fee to all buyers who purchase their pool membership before the May 1<sup>st</sup> dues deadline. If you know of someone interested in buying a JVRA membership, please have them email me or tell them to visit our website. Spread the word to new neighbors and friends about how GREAT Jones Valley pool is. Now is a great time to buy!

**All applications and registration forms for the 2009 season will be posted soon to the JVRA web site.**

**[www.jonesvalleypool.com](http://www.jonesvalleypool.com)**

**Pool Opens May 22  
At 1:00 !!!!**

## Swim Team

Camille Barker [camilleebarker@me.com](mailto:camilleebarker@me.com)

It's time to get ready! The Wave will need to get started early this summer.....there isn't much time between the end of school and the first meet. I'm looking forward to being the new Swim Team Mom. Brendan Prince will be back as our Head Coach. He did a great job last year and we are thrilled to have him back. I will give you more details concerning our coaching staff as we finalize those positions.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- ⇒ Parents Meeting will be Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the pool. Please make every effort to attend. We share our concerns, give out pertinent information and sign up for the season. Practice schedules and Meet schedules will be handed out.
- ⇒ Practice will begin on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 3:30 and practice until 5:00. We will do this for four days. Friday we will not meet due to after-school parties. We will resume on Monday morning and begin our regular summer practice schedule.
- ⇒ Children that are 6 & under and need "beginner" lessons will begin Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. These lessons will run through Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you want to swim in the City Meet, you will practice with the team through the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ Time Trials will tentatively be held on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ Our first Swim Meet will be Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ⇒ City Meet will be held July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The banquet will be the following Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you interested in swimming lessons only for your 6 and unders, swim team is for you!!! Please note the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet above. It's five days a week for five weeks. This is a great deal and a fun way to develop your child's swimming ability.

The team suits will not change this year. You can purchase them at 1<sup>st</sup> Place. We have swim caps for sale –see Camille Barker or Kelli Vest.

Our team NEEDS YOU!!! We still have positions that need to be filled. We need a person or persons to be in charge of cookouts.

## Tennis

We are in the process of reorganizing tennis lessons. Check the website during April for the specifics and sign ups.

## Dive Team

(Toni Roth, 656-2910, troth@knology.net)

I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming Dive Season—it's just right around the corner! I look forward to seeing all of last year's divers, as well as lots of new faces.

Our practices will be on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from (9 am until 11am beginning Wed., May 27<sup>th</sup>). The Dive Meet Schedule and coaching staff information will be posted at the pool and on our website as soon as they are finalized. Please return a completed registration form and your fee ASAP. Keep in mind that no dive experience is necessary. We look forward to a fun and successful Dive Season. Go Blue Wave!

## Building and Grounds

dvest@knology.net

### 2009 Work Days

This spring JVRA will hold 2 workday events in which members can participate (dates posted soon on the JVRA website). Only an hour or so of your time is requested and to promote member turnout, JVRA will refund \$25 of your 2009 pool dues per family that participates. Once the dates have been announced, please email David Vest to select the day you wish to help.

### 2009 JVRA Board

President – Position Open  
Treasurer-Todd Williamson  
Secretary & Newsletter – Barbara Holbrook  
Membership – Susan Duncan  
Buildings & Grounds – David Vest  
Operations – Bobby Davis  
Asst. Operations – Position Open  
Swim Team – Camille Barker  
Dive Team – Toni Roth  
Tennis Team – Position Open  
Webmaster-Jan Toomey

## Important! Family Membership Information Form

It is imperative to complete the 2009 Family Membership Information form. The form is available via the JVRA website and the information is kept in the pool office for the staff to use in case of any type of emergency. Please print, fill out and send in the updated form with your dues payment.

