



# Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club Spring 2025 Newsletter

The CWSC Board and Sponsors welcome you to the 2025 swim season!

We are so excited for the coming season! The Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club (CWSC) Pool Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to serve this community through the ongoing planning and preparation for our next incredible summer. For us, the 2025 pool season is already well underway!



During the off-season, the Board met monthly to ensure our facilities, communication, and budget would be all set for the coming year. We reviewed the results of the member survey and have incorporated your feedback into our plans for 2025.

We want to extend a big thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Budget Approval Meeting on Tuesday, March 25th. With an excellent turnout, we were honored to share about the new and exciting improvements for our pool.

The highlights include:

- A new user-friendly website and membership system!
- Tennis court resurfacing and the addition of **pickleball lines!**

The Board continues to work hard to prepare for Opening Day and we hope that you are as excited as we are. **Thank you for your continued support of our community pool!**

To continue providing a safe and enjoyable space each summer, **we need all members to pay their membership dues as soon as possible. Payment ensures that we will be able to meet the ongoing financial obligations that keep the pool running for the coming months *and* into the future.**

Pool dues are vital for the long-term health of our pool and community. Dues cover:

- Operating costs
- Lifeguards
- Equipment and maintenance (ex. new chairs, tables, and umbrellas)
- Repairs
- Improvements (bathrooms, tennis courts)
- Sustaining a vibrant, highly sought-after neighborhood in the metro-DC area.

Dues and payments contribute to both the short-term fun and long-term viability of our community pool. **For bond-holders:** you are a co-owner of the facility and obligated to pay either Active or Inactive Member Dues each year. Please follow this [link](#) to get started if you haven't already paid. More information on dues can be found below.

**It takes all of us!** Aside from our pool management company, our pool is run by volunteers. We need everyone to help keep the pool in good shape and create an engaging and welcoming place for all within our community.

Ways to get involved:

- Pre-season clean-up days (April 26th / May 17th)
- Organize or help with social events
- Be a "guest bartender" at Friday night wine downs

**There's something for everyone!** No matter what you're into, there will be something going on at the pool just for you. Thank you for your continued support of all of our community centered events! All of this info is on our new website!

Food trucks - Community dinners - Wine downs - Birthday parties  
Beer tasting - CW market - Movie night

**The pool is great! Why not work here?** Our pool management company, Atlantic Pool Service, Inc., is seeking to fill Lifeguard positions for the upcoming season. For applications and information regarding discounted certification, please call 703-941-1000 or email at [atlanticpoolinc@aol.com](mailto:atlanticpoolinc@aol.com). More information can be found online here <http://www.atlanticpoolservice.net/lifeguards/>.

\*\*\*Lifeguard certifications **are not** required at time of hire.\*\*\*

## **Pool Operating Hours**

School in Session: May 24 - June 11, 2025 || August 18 - September 1, 2025

Monday – Thursday 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday 1:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday 12 Noon - 8:00 pm (closing at 9:00pm on May 25 and August 31)

### **Summer Hours**

Monday – Saturday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday 12 Noon - 9:00 pm

Holidays 11:30 am - 9:00 pm (closing at 8:00pm on May 26 and September 1)

## **Pool Board**

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board. Just send an email to: [cwscpool@gmail.com](mailto:cwscpool@gmail.com) or fill out a Contact form on our new website. These nine board members serve for a term of three years.

President - Katie Bishop  
Vice President - Andy Impens  
Treasurer - Mitch Bruce  
Secretary - Sonya Spillmann  
Membership - Melissa Zisler

Operations - Mike Saunders  
Maintenance - Eric Kaliber  
Fundraising/Social - Erin Nicole Graf  
Website/At-Large - Michelle Simmons

## **CWSC Communications - [We have a new website!](#)**

We're thrilled to announce that everything you need to know about the pool is now housed on our new website: [www.CanterburyWoodsPool.com](http://www.CanterburyWoodsPool.com). All announcements will continue to be sent through email - but our website will have everything in ONE PLACE - including a digital copy of this newsletter!

In addition, the website will have:

- General announcements
- Real-time closure updates
- Swim team information
- Social events calendar
- Tennis activities

Notices will also be posted at the pool and on our Facebook page, but the website and e-mails will be our primary means of communication. Please make sure that your spam and junk mail settings allow for e-mails from our primary email address ([cwscpool@gmail.com](mailto:cwscpool@gmail.com)), and our website ([noreply@CanterburyWoodsPool.com](mailto:noreply@CanterburyWoodsPool.com)).

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**Budget** — Our treasurer, Mitch Bruce, presented the 2025 operating budget at the March member's meeting and it was approved by member vote. If you have any questions about the budget please contact the Board.

**Capital Improvements** — With a pool as old as ours, one of the major roles of the Board is to approve a budget that anticipates annual capital improvements. We want all aspects of the pool to remain usable for our members for many years to come. Last year, we improved the bathroom facilities. This year we are focused on getting the tennis courts back into shape.

Our budget currently includes funding to resurface both courts **with the addition of pickleball lines!**

As part of our budgeting process, the Board has also identified recurring long-term capital improvements (the building and pavilion roof, pool whitecoat, future tennis court resurfacing, etc.) and will be setting aside funds in reserve annually for these future improvements. Again, thank you for paying your dues in order to make this happen.

## **Membership Information**

We ask that **all members please update their membership profile** via the new websites. This will allow us to maintain an up to date pool membership database. To login, use this [link](#).

With updated and accurate information, we can target email communications related to social activities, tennis programs, the triathlon, and swim team. For those members who do not have ready access to email or the Internet, we will continue to post notices of upcoming events at the pool.

**Pay online with no service charges!** Dues may be paid online via a secure credit card processing service when you register. You may also pay by check through the mail, but unlike past years, there is no price difference when paying by check. For payment security and administrative reasons, we encourage members to use the online payment system.

If you have family members, other visitors that stay for an extended time, or long-term care providers, please contact the Membership Director at [cwscpool@gmail.com](mailto:cwscpool@gmail.com) to make arrangements for pool usage during their visit.

## **Membership Dues**

After considering budget estimates to keep the pool running, maintenance, and capital fund requirements, the Board presents the below fee structure for the 2025 season.

Dues increased this year primarily as a result of an increase in our management fees, which have increased due to several factors — namely inflation and an increase in the Virginia state minimum wage (ex. \$7.25 in 2020 to \$15 in 2025). After evaluating our surrounding community pool rates, the Board determined that our rates remain competitive. Please see the website for further information concerning membership levels and fees.

<b>Member type</b>	<b>Early Bird</b> (received/postmarked on or before April 30, 2025)	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Late</b> (on or after May 24, 2025)
Bond-holding members	\$670	\$700	\$725
Active Duty Military (non-bond holding)****	n/a	\$700	\$700
Summer Trial Membership (non-bond holding - 1 year only)	n/a	\$700	\$700
Inactive	\$150	\$150	\$150
Seniors (bond-holding only)	\$570	\$600	\$625
Water aerobics only	\$325	\$325	\$325

\*\*\*\*Active duty military who are **temporarily assigned** to the area may join as non-bond holding members for no more than four (4) years and are encouraged to become bond holders to participate in early-bird seasonal dues.

### **Want to be a member? Come join us!**

There is no waiting list for new members! A membership bond is required when you join the pool, which is a one-time fee of \$300 in addition to the annual membership dues. Membership bonds can be transferred or sold privately, when the \$100 transfer fee is paid to the club and the bond is in good standing.

### **Guest Passes**

Each active bond-holding member family receives 10 complimentary guest passes if full payment is received before May 24, 2025. Each family's Guest Pass allotment is maintained at the front gate. You must notify the guards in the pool office when you wish to use any of your guest passes. After the free passes are used, guest fees for the 2025 season are:

- Daily usage fee: \$10.00 / visit paid to the Lifeguard on duty (cash only)
- A package of 10 additional guest passes may be purchased online by both bond-holding and non-bondholding active members for \$100 by emailing the Membership Director at [cwscpool@gmail.com](mailto:cwscpool@gmail.com) or purchasing through your member dashboard on the website.

## Pool Maintenance

The Board again contracted with Atlantic Pool Services to manage and operate our pool this season. During the off-season, our pool's main pump was pulled and tested, as it is every year, and it was found that the motor bearings were bad and the pump seal was leaking. Fortunately, this was discovered in the spring and it will be repaired in time for opening day.

**Clean up days!** This year we will be hosting two Spring Cleanup days from 8am-12p.

- **Saturday, April 26** - will focus on the parking lot and other areas that will be used during the CW Market.
- **Saturday, May 17** - clean up the landscaping surrounding the pool and other areas. Sunday of each weekend is the rain date. More information will be shared soon.

**WiFi** — WiFi service continues to be provided to enhance the member experience at the pool, especially for the stay-at-home/work-from-home parents and guardians. Required access credentials will be posted at the pool.

## Fundraising Updates

After a successful renovation of our bathrooms, we are working on a plan to raise funds for future capital improvements. With a pool as old as ours, it will continue needing repairs and significant investments in infrastructure. This year's fundraising will go toward replenishing our capital improvement fund after paying to resurface the tennis courts and setting our sights on future long-term improvements (the parking lot and other facility updates).

## 5th Annual CW Spring Market

Mark your calendars for the highly anticipated **5th Annual CW Spring Market** on **Saturday, May 3rd**, from **10 AM to 4 PM!** Coordinated by Erin Nicole Graf and Angela Hughes.

Vendor spaces are filling up fast, but there's still room for a few more creative individuals to join in on the fun. If you or someone you know is crafty and interested in showcasing their work, now's the time to sign up! For vendor inquiries, please contact Erin Nicole at [C WoodsMarket@gmail.com](mailto:CWoodsMarket@gmail.com).

In addition to the amazing array of local artisans, attendees can also enjoy a **Beer & Wine Garden** in the afternoon. More details on the opening hours and beverage selections will be available soon, so stay tuned!

**Online Auction!** This year, we're also excited to introduce our **first-ever Online Auction**. If you have any business connections or would like to donate items such as sports tickets, services, or other exciting offerings, please reach out to Erin Nicole at [CWSCsilentauktion@gmail.com](mailto:CWSCsilentauktion@gmail.com).

Whether you're looking to shop, volunteer, or support the auction, the **5th Annual CW Spring Market** is an event you won't want to miss. We hope to see you there!

We would like to take a moment to thank those who supported our **Super Bowl Squares** fundraiser in February. Congratulations to our winners Zoe Bishop, John Gethins, and Andrew Schiffman!

Thursday night **Raft Night dinners** (either a food truck or a volunteer-led dinner service) are being scheduled now! Special thanks to Kristi Craig, our Food Truck and Volunteer Dinner Coordinator! If you would like to prepare and serve a Volunteer Dinner, contact her at [kzcc1990@aol.com](mailto:kzcc1990@aol.com) or (703) 403-1462.

Looking for a way to get more fresh fruits and veggies into your meals? **Seasonal Roots Produce** delivers right to your door! Use the link below to set up a service that fits your schedule and budget! <https://www.seasonalroots.com/cwsc/>. Still have questions? Seasonal Roots will be at the CW Market on May 3, so swing by to get all the info you need!

## **Mark your calendars - The Crawl is back!**

Last year's **Pool Opening and Canterbury Crawl** was such a huge success, we are going to do it again! On **Friday, May 23**, a family-friendly Canterbury Crawl through the neighborhood will start at 5:30pm. Pool board members will host stops at select locations, offering both adult and kid beverages (and maybe snacks) along several progressive-style routes all ending at the pool.

Once at the pool, there will be a **Polar Plunge** for anyone interested! Hot cocoa and wine down fare will be available for purchase. Prepaid **Wine Down** cards will also be available for purchase and use. (And guess what? You can buy Wine Down cards on the new website!)

The cost for the Crawl is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, or \$30 per member household. Tickets include beverages along the crawl, plus your first drink once you arrive at the pool. All members are welcome at the pool for the Polar Plunge and may pay-as-you-go for drinks. Pit stop locations and purchase info will be shared closer to the event date.

## **Social Events**

Starting May 30th, join us every Friday evening for **Wine Down**, a low-key adult-only social event in the grassy area behind the baby pool. Beer and wine available for purchase, must be 21 or over to partake.

**Are you an idea person?** The Board is looking for ways to help coordinate the School's Out party, Adult Swim and/ or the Pool Closing party. And we're open to your suggestions for other events - if you have them, please let us know! There is no commitment necessary when sharing a great idea!



**Interested in helping support the pool?** Consider hosting a fundraising event. The Board will help you to make it a success!

**Need service hours? Want to do something for the community as a family?** We need volunteers for all of our events. We ask every family to do their part to make the pool-wide events happen. If interested, please reach out to Erin Nicole Graf at [erinngraf@gmail.com](mailto:erinngraf@gmail.com). A little help goes a long way!

## **Private Party Guidelines**

The pool will continue to host Private Parties, which can be booked on the website [here](#). Dates are available on a first come, first serve basis. The cost for hosting a party at the pool will be \$75 for 1-30 guests using the grass area or \$150 for 1-30 guests using the pavilion.

The guidelines for private parties are:

- Private parties may use the pavilion and grills (see grill rules below) Monday through Wednesday.
- The pavilion and grills may not be available on Thursday and Friday evenings due to Raft Night Dinners and Swim Team Pep Rallies.
- When the swim team season is over, the pavilion will be available on Friday evenings.
- The pavilion may be used for private parties on the weekends.
- For grass area parties, there is a canopy available that the host or hostess may borrow for use in the grassy area outside the pool deck. Please request it from the guard on duty when you arrive.
- The host or hostess of the party is responsible for payment prior to the party for non-members attending the event that exceed the 30 guest passes.
- The host or hostess of the party is responsible for setting up before and cleaning up after the party.

## **Grills**

A propane grill and a Blackstone flat-top in the pavilion are available for member use. These items are NOT available for general member use during Swim Team Pep Rallies on Friday evenings or when a private party has reserved the pavilion. **Please do not use the Blackstone or propane tanks designated for the swim team as these belong to an individual pool member and are used for swim team concessions only.**

Members using the member grill or Blackstone must follow the posted rules, to include cleaning the grill grates and Blackstone surface, removing all trash and food waste, covering the grill after it cools and contacting the Board at [cwscpool@gmail.com](mailto:cwscpool@gmail.com) if propane is used up.



## 2025 Swim Team Update - Come join the fun!

There is no better way for kids to spend their summer days than swimming with the C-Serpents! Whether you are new to swimming or are an experienced club team swimmer, if you are between the ages of 5 and 18 then we have a place for you on our team!



Joining the C-Serpents is a great way to connect with neighborhood kids! We have social activities, pep rallies, and an engaged buddy program. Come fill your summer with friends, fun, and swimming! The season starts **May 27th and goes through July 26th.**

**Practices:** begin on Wednesday, May 29th

- 5-6 pm: ages 11 & under
- 6-7 pm: ages 12 & up

Beginning June 13th, morning practices will be:

- 7:30-8:30 am for 12 & up
- 8:30-9:30 am for 11 & under

Evening practices will also be available 5-6 pm Tuesday through Thursday.

In addition to practice options five days a week, there are:

- Pep Rallies on Friday evenings
- competitive "A" meets on Saturday mornings
- Non-competitive "B" meets on Monday evenings

**Super Serpents:** The Swim Team also includes a developmental group for our younger swimmers – the Super Serpents! Practices start **June 13th from 9:30-10:15 am** and go until the Lollipop Meet (where everyone gets a lolly!) in mid-July.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact our Swim Team Representatives: Elizabeth Bauernshub and Georgia Saunders at [cswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:cswimteam@gmail.com). You can also visit the Swim Team website: <https://cserpents.swimtopia.com> which can also be accessed through the new website.

## 2025 Tennis Program

We are pleased to have Samir Sahgal returning as Tennis Director this year. The program with RJ Tennis the past few years has been a hit and we are all excited to see the offerings for 2025. Rob Caraval, head of RJ Tennis, will have more information for us in the coming months.

**New this year - Reservations!** With the new website and member system, members will be able to reserve tennis and/or pickleball courts for specific time slots. Walk-up play is still permitted, but reservations will take priority. We encourage everyone to make reservations when possible in order for the board to track usage of the courts.

**\*Members Only!\*** Each member in good standing will be given the combination to the new locks on the court gates. The combination will also be available on the pool website after you

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log into your member account. Please remember to relock the gates after play and do not give the combination to others. We will be changing the combination periodically to ensure security for our club and will notify the members when we do so.

We want to protect the investment made in the new courts that all of us have paid for. And we want our paying members to enjoy the benefit of these new courts. Pets, bikes, scooters or similar items are NOT permitted on the courts. Appropriate non-marking footwear must be worn at all times.

**PICKLEBALL!** With the addition of pickleball lines on the courts, if you are interested in organizing pickleball-specific activities (tournaments, pick-up game times, etc.), please email the pool at [cwscpool@gmail.com](mailto:cwscpool@gmail.com) and we can work with you to publicize and coordinate.

### **Water Aerobics — a fun, challenging, and joint-friendly workout for everyone!**

Stay fit and have fun at the same time! Water Aerobics is not limited to Seniors! Any over-18yo CWSC member is welcome to join the water exercise/aerobics group — no matter your skill level — at no charge. Feel free to attend any session on a drop-in basis. And bring your friends! A \$10 fee (or guest pass use) will be charged for any non-pool member participant.

Join in at 10:30 - 11:30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Are you interested in water aerobics but not in joining the pool? We continue to offer a “Water Aerobics Only” membership at a reduced rate. For more information, contact Jeanne Sclater: [jeanne.sclater@verizon.net](mailto:jeanne.sclater@verizon.net) or 703-323-9690.

### **16th Annual Triathlon - Sunday August 17!**

CWSC will be co-sponsoring a Modified Sprint Triathlon again this summer! We will have a variety of distances for kids and adults. Individual and team entries are accepted. For more information, please contact the Board and keep your eyes on the web site. If you would like to be added as a sponsor for this event please contact Beth Byron at [beth.byron@yahoo.com](mailto:beth.byron@yahoo.com)

### **Operating Rules and Regulations**

A complete set of **Operating Rules and Regulations** are posted at the pool in the lifeguards' office and on our website at [www.CanterburyWoodsPool.com](http://www.CanterburyWoodsPool.com). We urge all members to familiarize themselves with these rules and regulations and for **\*\*parents to discuss them with their children.\*\***

*These rules are for everyone's **safety**.* Some highlights:

- Admission shall only be granted by the lifeguard staff after verifying the member's good standing against the membership list maintained at the front entrance.
- Diving Board and Water Slides: Only **one person** is permitted on the diving board ladder at a time. Only one person is permitted on either of the slides or the ladders at a

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time. The diving board cannot be used while the backstroke swim flags are up. The water slide in the shallow end is for children only.

- Children **under the age of 16 years old** are not allowed in the pool during break periods (10 minutes each hour). This also means that kids are not allowed to sit on the side of the pool with their feet in the water, even at the shallow end steps.
- The pavilion and grills are available for use by members' families anytime there is no private party or pool event scheduled. Please clean the grills after use.
- No Smoking/Vaping. Smoking of any tobacco products (cigarette, pipe, and cigar) and Vaping or use of e-cigarettes is **prohibited** anywhere within the fence-line of the pool and lawn, or within the fence of the tennis courts. Smokers are responsible for the proper disposal of cigarette/cigar butts and ashes.

We are grateful for this community and for the commitment you have to making our pool and summer season so enjoyable! See you on the pool deck soon!