

President's Message

Hello Everyone,
Can you believe it is August! There is a lot going on at the club.

We are going to be open through the weekend of September 13th, weather permitting! Please check out our August/September schedule for club times.

Bar Nights have been Rockin! Thank YOU to all who have hosted a bar night this summer!

Thank YOU to Theresa & David Disalvo for hosting the Bonko at Bissonet this past month! It was a fun time for all.

Saturday August 18- The LUAU will be an Adult Seafood Delight social. This is an event you do not want to miss! Please see Page 6 for more information.

Please make plans to play in the Bissonet softball match for men, Sunday August 23, 2009. This will be a fun filled day for the whole family! For more information please go to page 6.

Fall Tennis- There is a lot of tennis that will be happening this fall. Please see page 3 for more tennis info.

Do you have an idea/Event that would be fun to do at Bissonet for the members. Please share. We are looking for ideas for the Adults as well as the teens.

Board Members needed- Bissonet really does need YOU! Please, please call me to discuss being a board member. It comes with great benefits!!!! Call me TODAY!!!!

Kerri Becker

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DIVE NEWS

Our Dive Team consisted of 13 members this summer, which was an improvement over last year. For such a small group, they performed well and had a great time. Mallory Gilbert and Azby Farnet coached the team to a 3rd place finish in the Dual Meets, and a 4th place finish in the Meet of Champs.

Mallory Gilbert has been a diver at Bissonet for many years and, since she is now 18 years old, this was her final season diving for our club. Congratulations Mallory on your summer diving career and we are proud of your accomplishments. Mallory received a Gold Medal at the Dive Meet of Champs.

Team members, be sure to come to the Dive Ice Cream Party and Awards Ceremony on August 16th. @ 4pm at the Club.

Tennis News

Adult Tennis

Thursday Night Mixed round robins-

Every Thursday night until end of August.
From 6:30-till. - Open to all adults of all levels.
Cost is \$2 & a can of balls. The bar is OPEN!
Please RSVP to kerribecker@cox.net, or
669-3237 to RSVP to play tennis.
If you need babysitting, please contact
Sarahbeth del Marmol at 504-442-1163.

Wednesday's - Aug, 2009 –

Wednesday DAY round robins- Open to all
adults of all levels. From 9 AM-12 PM. Cost is \$5
& ac an of balls. This includes lunch.
To RSVP to play tennis (we need a head count)
Kathleen Allen at mallen50@cox.net or 887-
3707
If you need babysitting, please contact
Sarahbeth del Marmol(age 19) at 504-442-1163

Junior JCCA Tennis Summer 2009

Monday's

4-5 PM (8-12- Intermediate players)

5-6 PM (12-up Intermediate players)

Wednesday's

4-5 PM (8-10 Beginners)

5-6 PM (11-13 Beginners)

Friday's

4-5 PM (7-8 year old beginners)

5-6 PM (5-6 year old Beginners)

Thursday's & Saturday's will be round robins.

Ages & levels will rotate all summer.

Thursday's 4-6 & Saturday's 10:30-12

Also, JCCA matches against other clubs-
varies. Any questions please call

Kerri Becker 453-5251

Friday, August 14– Junior Tennis
Awards & Ice Cream Party 6-8 PM

FALL TENNIS NEWS/WRAP UP

Adult Tennis Information

Ladies Tennis Information- Contact Kerri Becker 453-5251

Day Tennis

JCCA- A- 4.0-3.5 play every other Wednesday

JCCA-B-2.5-3.0 play every other Wednesday

Magnolia- all levels- Every other Thursday

Night Tennis- Thursday Nights

TNT- Connie Cassreino-888-4965

TNT- Sheryl Abrams-455-2766

Men's JCCA- Tennis Information

Red Team- 4.5-4.0- Chuck Harrington-415-5394

White Team-4.0-3.5-Mike Lockhart 723-0477

Gold Team- 3.5-3.0- Mike Kleamenakis-913-8477

Blue Team-3.0- 2.5- Kevin Landry-952-8452

Any questions regarding Men's tennis please call
Craig Harrington (504)-473-0853

Junior Tennis

WOW!!!! The Junior JCCA tennis program this summer was OUTSTANDING!!!!

Kids in program (6 categories) - 117 total participants!!!!

Intermediate – 8-12 years old- 15 kids (7 girls, 8 boys)

Intermediate- 13 & up- 16 kids (10 boys, 6 girls)

Beginner- 11 & up- 17 kids (13 boys, 4 girls)

Beginner-9-10 year olds- 27 kids (14 boys, 13 girls)

Beginner- 7-8 year olds-19 kids (4 girls, 15 boys)

Beginner 5-6 year olds-23 kids (17 girls, 6 boys)

Bissonet was able to get a donation from USTA for the junior tennis program at Bissonet. We received 6 junior rackets, low compression balls (2 cases) & 2 portable nets.

We will have a junior program for this fall. For more information please contact Kerribecker@cox.net or Craig Harrington 473-0853



SWIM NEWS

Congratulations to the Bissonet Swim Team for another successful season and for their 3rd Place finish in the "B" events at the Meet of Champs.

Congratulations also to **Allison Jones** for receiving the **Everhardt Award** for the outstanding JCCA female swimmer.

The following swimmers are "swimming out" of swim team this year and Bissonet thanks them for their many years of participation: Allison Jones, Mallory Gilbert, Kaitlyn Ducote, Marcus Allen and Gregory Tobin.

**END OF THE YEAR DESSERT /ICE CREAM PARTY AND
AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT BISSONET ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16,2009 AT 4PM
IN THE BIG ROOM**

MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAYS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE AWARDS

Boys bring a 2 liter drink, girls bring a dessert

Passing Shots

by E. J. Barry

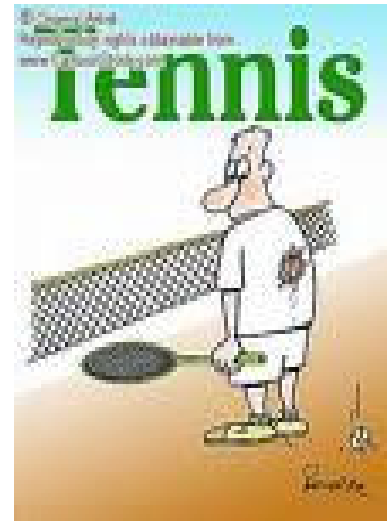
Fall is fast approaching which means league play will soon be here. Will all captains of both day and night leagues, including USTA, JCCA, TNT, and Magnolia please remember to forward your court schedules when you receive them.

The net has been replaced on court one and once the storm season has passed, we will be replacing some of the wind screens. Also, we have ordered new padding for the light poles to insure safety of tennis players.

See you at the courts. — E. J.

Tennis thought for the day:

Remember, try not to be a one shot wonder. Strive to be able to duplicate your solid strokes



Babysitters

The following members have requested that their names and numbers be listed as available for babysitting other members children:

Madison Granito h-885-5732 c-352-7456 (age 16)

Taylor Granito h-885-5732 c- 352-5827 (age 16)

Nicole Robert h-889-1472 c-430-0763 (age 18)

Stephanie Sommers h-466-5285 (age 14)

Kimberly Watts h-304-9307 c-481-1995 (age19)

Please give them a call if you need child care.

Manager's Corner

Hello Members,

Summer is dwindling away and things have been quieter around the club. We will continue to be open for members to enjoy the pool through the second weekend in September. Be sure to check the calendar for part time hour changes starting Aug. 10th. This is due to the beginning of school registrations and book days..

Plan to come by the club in those first few weeks of school just to take a quick dip and cool off at the end of a hot school or work day. Karla Farnet

Entertainment

Aug 22– Luau Seafood Feast - Boiled Crabs, Fried Fish, Raw and Grilled Oysters, Salad and Dessert. Price to be determined, hopefully Around \$20/pp adults only. Helpers? Call Larry 231-9363 Please call the office to sign up by August 18th so seafood can be ordered.

Aug 23—Softball Game-interested players please e-mail Eric Heidingsfelder- ehaid@cox.net

BISSONET MANED DOWNS 2009 DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who advertised in the directory.

I received the proof of the directory today and have been informed that the finished product should be here within the next two weeks.

We plan to have the directories available at the front gate (one per family) once they arrive. An E-mail notification will be sent to all members as well as signs posted when the directory is available for pick up.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES BY THE POOL

THANK YOU TO BARBARA BOURGEOIS AND KATHY HAMILTON FOR ORGANIZING AND RUNNING CHILDREN'S CRAFTS AT THE POOL ON FRIDAY'S THIS SUMMER. THEY PROVIDED MANY MEMBERS' CHILDREN WITH A FUN ACTIVITY AFTER SWIM PRACTICE ON FRIDAY MORNINGS THIS SUMMER. THE BOARD AND STAFF APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE A SERVICE FOR OTHER MEMBERS.

Schedule of Events **Sept. 7 Labor Day**
August 14 Junior Tennis
 Team Awards
August 16 Swim/Dive
 Team Awards
August 22 Seafood Boil

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Weekend hrs 10am-10pm
2 Weekend hrs. 11am-9pm	3	4	5	6 Round Robin Tennis	7	8 Weekend hrs 10am-10pm
9 Weekend hrs. 11am- 9pm	10 Weekday Part-time hours Begin 2-9pm	11	12	13 Round Robin Tennis	14 Jr. JCCA Ice Cream Party 6-8 pm Hours 2-10pm	15 Weekend hrs 10am-10pm
16 Weekend hrs. 11am- 9pm Swim/Dive Ice Cream Party 4pm	17 Weekday Part-time hours Begin 5-9pm	18	19	20 Round Robin Tennis	21 Hours 5-10pm	22 Weekend hrs 10am-10pm Seafood Feast 7pm
23 Weekend hrs. 11am- 9pm	24 Weekday Part-time hours Begin 5-9pm	25	26	27 Round Robin Tennis	28 Hours 5-10pm	29 Weekend hrs 10am-10pm
30 Weekend hrs. 11am- 9pm	31 Weekday Part-time hours Begin 5-9pm	September begins			Hours 5-10pm	LABOR DAY WEEKEND 10am-10pm

CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- All children using the baby pool must be accompanied by a person 13 years of age or older.
- The 10 minute break for the big pool is reserved for people at least 18 years of age and those holding or immediately supervising a child two (2) years of age or younger.
- Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers or a diaper with rubber pants under their swimsuit.
- **Glass is not permitted outside in any area/Do not bring glass out of bar.**
- NO running at any time in the pool area.
- NO one shall be permitted in the pool when lifeguards are not on duty.
- NO pets of any type are permitted on club property.
- Talking to lifeguards or loitering at the lifeguard stands is strictly prohibited Only children 5 years old or younger may use the baby pool.
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- Ball playing in the pool area is at the discretion of the lifeguards on duty. NO WATER BALLOONS.
- No eating or drinking in the pools.
- Guests must be signed in by the sponsoring member when entering the club/facility. Guests must leave the club when the sponsoring member departs.
- All injuries, no matter how minor, must be reported to the Manager on duty.
- Children who are 9 years old or younger must be supervised by a person at least 13 years of age when using the pool facilities prior to 6:00 p.m.
- Children who are 10 through 12 years of age may use the pool unattended (prior to 6:00 p.m.) when they successfully pass the swim test provided by the pool manager and/or staff. The swim test will consist of:
 - Jumping in the shallow water feet first
 - Swim the length of the pool (25 yards) free style.
 - Float on back for one (1) minute.
 - Tread water for one (1) minute.
- All children 12 years of age or younger must leave the club at 6:00 p.m. unless accompanied by an adult.
- **TEEN ROOM: You must be at least 10 years of age or older to be in the game room from club opening time until 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. you must be at least 12 years of age to be in the game room. WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OF AGE TO BE IN THE GAME ROOM.**
- **DIVING BOARDS:** Only one person at a time is permitted on the diving boards. Children who require a flotation device must be accompanied by a person at least 13 years of age.
- **SLIDE:** Children must be at least 48" inches tall to use the slide alone. Children less than 48" inches or who require flotation devices must be accompanied by a person at least 13 years of age.
- The front door of the clubhouse will remain locked at all times, all members and guests must enter through the gatekeeper.
- **All tennis guests must check in with the gatekeeper and pay a \$5 guest fee. In the off season, guest slips can be put in the box and fees will be charged to their account in the quarterly bills beginning with the October 1, 2009 billing cycle. Members caught bringing guests using the courts without paying guest fees will be charged \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and suspension from the club on the third.**
- **We are a family club and want to maintain a family environment. Please dress accordingly when coming to swim and/or sunbathe on the club grounds. Management reserves the right to ask anyone dressed inappropriately to cover up or exit the grounds.**
- Play equipment is not supervised by Bissonet personnel. Parents are required to supervise their children on the play equipment. All activity is Play at Your Own Risk.

Board Minutes- July Meeting

BISSONET MINUTES – JULY

Present: Kerri Becker, Kay Boutte, Traci Giacone, Eric Heidingsfelder, Ritchie Kernion, Larry Falgoust

Motion was made and accepted to dispense with reading of the June minutes.

Tennis Pavillion: The Board was introduced to Nofie Alfonso, a licensed Architect & Contractor. His daughter, Kay Boutte, is a current member. He was asked by the board to evaluate the Tennis Pavillion, plans, and other documents and give his advice as to what steps should be taken to bring the building up to code. After walking the Pavillion and reviewing the plans, several serious errors were noted. The stairs were not drawn nor built to code, hence the current wear and safety issue. He suggested that we send a letter through an attorney asking Roy Carubba (the contractor) to fix the stairs and electrical system (water problem) at no charge. The perimeter framing member is not allowing sufficient, if any at all, drainage of collected water on the roof. The roof does not seem to be constructed following standard practices. Mr. Alfonso provided his services at no charge to the club. (current bids to fix the building are coming in at approx. \$10,000) We are grateful for his services.

The second floor will remain locked until safety issues are corrected.

Teen Night: Pool Teen Night was a great success. The next Teen Night is scheduled for 7/23, 7/28, and 8/5, provided an adult will step up and be in charge.

Junior Tennis: 115 children enrolled; Craig Harrington is the Jr. Tennis Pro. EJ gave Bissonet a check for \$770 from the Tennis camps. This included a \$5 guest fee for non member participants and a \$5 fee for supplies furnished by the club. The Board asked if EJ has given a new retirement date.

Senior Tennis: A USTA men's team expressed interest in playing out of Bissonet, because some of the current teams have not been welcoming of new but experienced players, creating one of the teams to become overloaded with players. The Board suggested re-establishing the challenge board with EJ and Craig maintaining it, and calling a meeting of current JCCA Captains and setting ground rules. No team should have "exclusive membership".

Manager Evaluations: will take place at the end of the season; notes will be taken from the round table discussion so that future boards will have a clear understanding of what their jobs entail. A motion was made and accepted to raise Fran Huggin's salary so that is equal to Kelly MCGeehan's. Fran is taking on more responsibility and should be fairly compensated. The motion was carried and will take effect next pay period.

Cash Balance: We are \$7,000 short in receivables (as compared to this time last year)

Party Fees: a member suggested paying a flat fee for pavillion rentals. The Board reaffirmed the current rule: All nonmembers attending weekend parties pay a \$5 guest fee. Swimming nonmembers pay a \$5 guest fee during the week. (normal rules apply)

The security system is being upgraded.

The Board approved the Back to School Pool Schedule. It will be posted in the newsletter and at the sign in desk.

Bissonet Softball: Girard will accommodate us on a Sunday afternoon; a game is scheduled for 8/23. The bar will provide pre and post liquid nourishment.



BMDCC PART TIME POOL HOURS

SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 10TH!!!

**2 P.M. – 9 P.M. MONDAYS-THURSDAYS
(NO HOT FOOD)**

2 P.M. - 10 P.M. FRIDAYS

10 A.M. -10 P.M. SATURDAYS

11 A.M. - 9 P.M. SUNDAYS

SCHEDULE BEGINNING AUGUST 17TH!!!

**5 P.M. – 9 P.M. MONDAYS-THURSDAYS
(NO HOT FOOD)**

5 P.M. - 10 P.M. FRIDAYS

10 A.M. -10 P.M. SATURDAYS

11 A.M. - 9 P.M. SUNDAYS

SEPTEMBER:

LABOR DAY 10 A.M. – 9 P.M.

SATURDAY 5TH 10 A.M. – 10 P.M., SUNDAY 6TH 11 A.M. – 9 P.M.

SATURDAY 12TH 10 A.M. - 10 P.M., SUNDAY 13TH 11 A.M. - 9 P.M.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mickey and Michele Ural live in Metairie with their two children, Patrick and Caroline. They are interested in Children's Tennis, and Teen Club. They joined July 2, 2009.

Bissonet Maned Downs Country Club

5400 Irving Street

Metairie, Louisiana 70003

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Gate: 504-887-0797

Tennis Courts: 504-887-3107

Bar: 504-887-9552

Fax: 504-887-9866

All the way with Bissonet!

Important Announcements

The Club now has wireless internet available in the bar and around the pool. If you wish to use your laptop while at the club, see the gatekeeper for the Access code.

Gatekeepers will have a list of members with outstanding balances and will check the list before allowing entrance into the club.

Your Board

Managers for Summer 2009

Kelly McGeehan (Head Manager)

Fran Huggins

Millie Hutton

Melissa Pollet

Please feel free to approach any of the managers on duty while at the club.