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President's Message

Summer is in FULL swing! I am thrilled to see so many families enjoying the club. Friday Bar nights have been packed! Please take a look and refresh yourself with some very important rules on page 7.

Bissonet is looking for a few good people to be on the board! Our amazing club does not run on its own. Please call or talk to me if you or some one you know who would be a great asset to our club.

Directory is almost finished. This is a great opportunity to get your name out there for a minimal cost. Please see page 5 for more information. Who do you know who has a business that could benefit from an ad? Contact Karla 887-9546 by July 6.

July Events-

We will be having a 4th of July Adult round robin on Saturday July 4th from 9-12. Cost is FREE. Please RSVP to Kerri Becker- kerribecker@cox.net or 453-5251.

Please join us for **Breakfast @ Wimbledon @ Bissonet** on Sunday July 5! It will be a BLAST! Register now! \$10 per Adult. Call Mike Rangel 914-3534

Bissonet is having an Adult Bunko night on July 18th. \$10 per person. 7pm. RSVP, kerribecker@cox.net or bissonetcountryc@bellsouth.net.

Tennis- Our junior JCCA tennis program has over 115 kids playing tennis this summer!!! Our Thursday Night Mixed has been packed and our Wednesday Round Robins have been doing great! I am excited to see so many people using the courts! More Tennis News on page 2.

Dues- It is the Board's decision if you are not current with your dues, you will be denied access to enter the facilities. You may either call Karla Farnet or me.

Teen Nights- Teen Swim night was a success! We will do it again in July. We would like to hear other feedback from the teens on what events we can put on for them. Please have your teen drop suggestions in the manager's office. July 9 & 23 are save the dates for teen events. We are waiting to hear from the teens to see what events they would like (sock hop or swim?)

Kerri Becker
President

DIVE NEWS

Our Dive team is having fun. Thanks to all the older kids who are lifeguards and have participated in this year's dive season. Thanks to the younger kids who have braved the board and joined this year.

Practice will still be held Wed thru Sat from 3-4 pm until the meet of Champs on Friday July 24th. Venue for meet of champs is yet to be announce, but coaches will contact dive team members to let them know where and what time the event will occur.

We only have one meet left on **July 13th away at Lakeside Country Club.**

Tennis News

Adult Tennis

Sunday, July 12,19,26 -Adult Beginner clinic from 5-6 PM with Craig Harrington (Bissonet Assistant Pro) \$5 per person. RSVP with Craig at 473-0853- to reserve a spot. *Size of group is limited!

Wednesday's - July 1,8,15,22,29, 2009 –

Wednesday DAY round robins- Open to all adults of all levels. From 9 AM-12 PM. Cost is \$5 & a

can 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

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 Debbie Kennedy at

kennedyda1@cox.net, or 669-3237 to

RSVP to play tennis.

If you need babysitting, please contact

Sarahbeth del Marmol 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

Swim News

Swim Practice Schedule:

May 18th – May 22nd (Monday – Friday) and May 26th – May 29th (Tuesday – Friday)

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 10 and under

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 11 and up

Monday, June 1st Summer Practice Begins (no practice on Wednesdays)

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 11 and up

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 7 & 8

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 6 & under (Group I)

Mondays and Thursdays ONLY

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 6 & under and 7 & 8

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. 9 & 10 and 11 & up

Meet Dates:

Tuesday, July 14th Home vs. Paradise Manor

Meet of Champs (Relay and Individual Events) will be held at a JCCA Club on Saturday and Sunday (July 25th and 26th).

THE AWARDS CEREMONY AND ICE CREAM/DESSERT PARTY FOR THE SWIM AND DIVE TEAMS WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH AT 4PM IN THE BIG ROOM. AFTER THE AWARDS ARE HANDED OUT THERE WILL BE A MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAY BAR FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY!

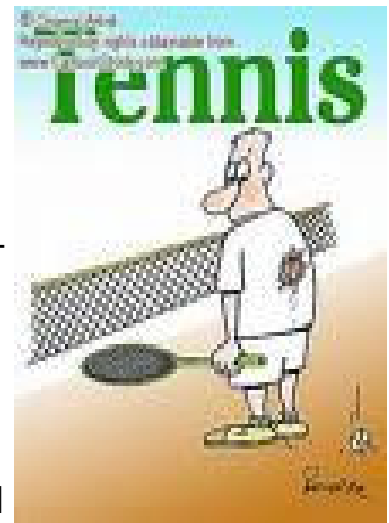
BOYS BRING A 2 LITER DRINK

GIRLS BRING A DESSERT

Passing Shots

by E. J. Barry

Hard to believe that five weeks of the tennis activity camp are over. This has been one of the most successful and enjoyable camps I have ever done. Thanks go to all those members who sent their children. It is not too early to begin thinking about the fall leagues. Remember to start looking for players for your roster of combo doubles. Good players get snatched up quickly. Due to the enormous volume of play, court reservations are mandatory. If you are trying to guarantee yourself the time feel free to call the tennis office or stop by the reservation book. Finally, congratulations to all the Bissonet teams which participated at the state playoffs recently. It is a pleasure to be associated at a club which has this much talent. See you at the courts! Thought for the Day- Remember to pause and refocus between points. Often players can become rushed and unraveled leading to consecutive loss of points.



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 Everyone,
The club has been well used this summer. It's nice to see everyone enjoying themselves.

The club operates using all the funds that are collected from the dues. It has been a problem this year with many, not all, members not paying their dues promptly. I was amazed when I took over this office last year after being a member for 10 years myself, how costly it is to run this club.

It is very important that all dues are paid on time. I put a notice in your bills about the board policy for overdue dues. It may seem harsh, but the reality it that it is unfair for people to use the facility when their dues are delinquent.

Please contact the office if you have a special need or circumstance. When good faith if made the club can work with families, but when bills are ignored, the policy will stand.

DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

Bissonet will be publishing a new membership directory this summer. We have not published one since 2006. Our membership is almost full, so now is a good time to make a new directory. As of this newsletter, previous advertisements, over a year old, have been deleted. We now wish to offer advertising in our membership directory. This directory will be distributed to all members, about 450 families. Members can advertise for the following costs, Nonmembers cost for advertising will be double these rates:

Business Card size ad	\$40.00
1/2 page ad	\$80.00
Full page ad	\$150.00

We will only publish our directory every two years, so these ads will remain active for two years for the above cost schedule.

So, if you have a business and would like to advertise it, call 887-9546, or send a copy of your business card or ad desired to the club office along with a check. We hope to publish the directory early in July, so the deadline for ads will be June 30, 2009. Thanks.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES BY THE POOL

Children's Craft Time

Do you like to paint, glue and play? Beginning on June 5 we will be having craft time on Fridays from 10:30 – 11:30. Each week will be different craft like necklaces, wind chimes, magnets etc. Come look for us at a table near the pool. No Craft time on July 3rd due to the Holiday.

Remaining Craft days will be July 10 and 17th.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Bourgeois at 889-2512 or Kathy Hamilton at 455-2296.

Schedule of Events

July 5th Breakfast at Wimbledon 8AM-noon

July 18th Bonko 7pm

August 14 Junior Tennis Team Awards

August 16 Swim/ Dive Team Awards



JULY

2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ladies Round Robin	2 Round Robin	3	4 FOURTH OF JULY
5 Wimbledon Breakfast	6 bye	7 bye	8 Ladies Round Robin	9 Round Robin Teen nt.	10	11
12 Beginner Tennis Clinic	13 Dive meet Sunrise	14 Paradise Manor at Home	15 Ladies Round Robin Board 7pm	16 Round Robin	17	18 BONKO PARTY 7PM
19 Beginner Tennis Clinic	20	21	22 Ladies Round Robin	2 Round Robin Teen nt	24	25
26 Beginner Tennis Clinic	27	28	29 Ladies Round Robin	30 Round Robin	31	

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—June Meeting

In attendance: Kerri Becker, Kay Boutte, Carolyn Hefner, Craig Berthelot, Eric Heidingsfelder, Dianne Ledet, Larry Falgoust, Karla Farnet

A motion was made and accepted to dispense with the reading of May's minutes.

1. Fountain Drink Machine – Approximate cost of a new machine is \$3000. A used/refurbished machine is available for \$1400. It was suggested to ask for a warranty. We discussed using another vendor, such as Pepsi or RC, because Coke is not accommodating our needs. They will not provide us with a fountain machine because we don't buy enough product. Some board members feel that membership favors Coke products and would not be happy with another. A machine to service tennis membership was placed in the pavilion, and a build out will be installed to deter vandalism. The following motion was accepted: Kerri Becker has the authority to negotiate the purchase price of the used fountain machine up to \$1400 with a 90 day warranty.
2. We have one directory ad so far.
3. A sign up sheet will be placed at the sign in desk to assure members are receiving monthly bulletins and news.
4. 105 children have registered for the Junior Tennis Program.
5. Teen Night – 6/11 – Carolyn Hefner is in charge. 6/25 will be a Pool Teen Night. The pool will close at 8 PM in preparation, and Teen Night will be from 8:30 – 11:30. We need an adult to volunteer to be in charge.
6. The pool will try to open at 10 AM on Wed. to accommodate Ladies Round Robin.
7. Hosts of Bar Nights can choose to have it as a Smoke Free event. The board passed the motion.
8. Kerri asked the all of the Board members to pitch in and help maintain the club. Right now the work is falling on the shoulders of a few and burnout is occurring. Volunteering to help keeps maintenance costs, and therefore, membership dues reasonable. It was stated that gone are the days when people had the desire and or time to help out, and we will have to pay to have the work done. It is unfortunate, but is a sign of the times. All programs offered (tennis, swimming, and diving) are not getting the support needed.

June Board meeting minutes continued

9. Bar maintenance – All members are responsible for keeping the bar clean. If the Bar continues to be left messy, it will be locked when a Bar tender is not on duty. An email will be sent requesting the donation of a TV to replace the one that is broken. After 2 weeks, a TV will be purchased. the motion was accepted to purchase 10 new bar stools and 2 high tops for the bar. the chairs will replace those that are broken.

10. 7 members who have ignored several mailings and phone calls regarding delinquent dues will have their balances turned over to a collection agency. Credit report agencies will be notified.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Bert and Dana Turner live in Metairie with their three children, Gavin, Liam and Elise. They are interested in swimming and social events around the club.

Gordon and Suzy Hyde live in Metairie with there children Spencer and Owen. They are interested in swimming, teen club, children's tennis, entertainment, and golf .

Teen Activities

July 9 & 23 are the next scheduled dates for July teen nights- Save the dates & tell your friends. We are taking suggestions up until July 3 in the Managers office.

Bissonet Maned Downs Country Club

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Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Office Phone: 504-887-9546

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.