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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members,

I hope you are getting as excited about the 2011 Summer Season at our Club as I am. Splashdown is right around the corner and will be here before you know it. I would like to take this opportunity to go over just a few items:

- **Commendations and thank you to all of the Club members who took time out of their schedules to work a couple of hours on one or both of the work days that were held on the weekend of May 16th.** Along with our Summer Managers and many of our seasonal staff, these members performed an enormous amount of work to prepare the Club for the Summer Season. Giving of your time in this manner shows true pride in ownership and makes our Club stronger. All members who participated are listed further in this bulletin. They and their families will receive an afternoon at the Club to swim, and a picnic meal provided by the Club on Sunday, May 15th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. If you worked and your name is not on the list, please give us a buzz to correct our error. Thank you again for your efforts.
- **We are looking for a volunteer(s) to coordinate activities for children and / or adults during Splashdown Weekend.** This does not mean that you will need to do all of the work; we are looking for a coordinator to help organize and get things going. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in helping out. We would like you to attend the next board meeting if at all possible.
- **The bar is in need of some updated furniture.** We would like to add a couple café height tables and the stools that go with them, replace the tops on the old normal height tables, and replace those chairs before they collapse with someone in them. Since we do not have adequate capital funding for this, we would like to revert back to the original method used to furnish the bar at its inception; **SPONSORSHIPS**. We are asking members to consider sponsoring new bar furniture by donating to the Club the amount of money needed to purchase each piece. Your name will be permanently affixed to any pieces that you provide for to honor your donation. We will begin taking donations on Splashdown Weekend in the bar according to the price schedule below:
- **Opening Night Crawfish Boil and Adult Swim:** As we did last year, the Club will host a crawfish boil on Friday night, May 27th of Splashdown Weekend. There will be a cost per person to attend, but you will be able to eat some good bugs and take a swim before the kids put pressure on the chlorine levels in the pool. This is an adult only event and more details will follow on our website, and in a separate email coming to you shortly.

Finally, but most importantly – a reminder that **Club bylaws dictate ANY indebtedness to the Club will result in suspension of privileges until that indebtedness is resolved. This policy will be strictly enforced and includes use of the pool, tennis courts, and attendance at Club functions.**

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Club - Larry Falgoust

MAY 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|----------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 RENTAL | 14 |
| 15 Work Day Appreciation Lunch & Swim 1pm—5pm | 16 Afternoon Swim Team Practice Starts | 17 RENTAL | 18 | 19 6:30 Staff Training | 20 RENTAL | 21 POOL OPEN 11am - 7pm |
| 22 POOL OPEN 11am - 7pm | 23 | 24 | 25 RENTAL | 26 6:30 Staff Training | 27 Crawfish Boil & Adult Swim 6:30pm | 28 SPLASH- DOWN POOL OPENS FOR SUMMER 10am - 10pm |
| 29 SPLASH- DOWN Pool open 12pm- 10pm | 30 SPLASH- DOWN Pool open 10am—9pm Memorial | 31 Pool Open Morning Swim Team Practice Starts | 1 Pool Open | 2 Pool Open | 3 Pool Open | 4 Pool Open |

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

SCOTT & DONNA APPERSON live in Kenner with their two children, Alyssa and Anna, They are interested in swimming, tennis and diving.

ALISON BROWN lives in Metairie with her three children, Kylie, Abigail and Ella. They are interested in swimming and tennis.

JIM & DIANA BERCAW live in Metairie and have 2 children, James and Louis. They are interested in swimming, tennis and table tennis.

MICHAEL DeLaCERDA & PHYLLIS JACOMET live in Metairie with their son David and are interested in swimming, tennis and teen activities.

JAY & NICOLE DUFOUR live in New Orleans and have one child, Paul Aime'. They are interested in swimming and tennis.

ARTHUR & KATHRYN GARITTY live in Metairie with their 4 children, Claire, Jack, Charlie and Caroline. They are interested in swimming, tennis and table tennis.

WILLIAM & DIANE HALE live in Metairie and have 2 children, Lily and Trey. They are interested in swimming and table tennis.

JOHN & SHANNON HELFFRICH live in Metairie with their son Evan. They are interested in tennis and table tennis.

JOEY & ANGELA HUNTER live in Metairie and have 3 children, Samuel, Luke and Savannah. They are interested in swimming.

SUSAN LOISEL lives in Metairie with her daughter Olivia. They are interested in swimming tennis and teen activities.

SIDNEY & MARTHA MCCANN live in Kenner and have 2 children, Isabella and Victoria. They are interested in swimming and tennis.

BRADY & LISA PERNICIARO live in Kenner with their three children, Ashley, Lauren and Nathan. They are interested in swimming and tennis.

JAMIE & PAIGE PITTS are returning members. They live in Mandeville and have 3 children, Bryce, Brennan and Blake.

DARIN & MARCELLE RALPH live in Metairie and have 2 children, Daniel and James. They are interested in swimming and tennis.

BOBBY & KIRSTEN RAMSEY live in Metairie with their 2 children, Jackson and Caroline. They are interested in swimming and tennis.

KEVIN AND LACY SAPP live in Metairie with their 2 children, Gracyn and Paxton. They are interested in swimming.

MICHELLE VALENCIA lives in Metairie with her 3 children, Isabella, Esteban and Gabriella. They are interested in swimming and tennis.

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Kerri's Korner

Bissonet-JCCA Junior Tennis Summer 2011 program Starting 1st week in June

Age/level categories:

Under 10 beginner Under 10 Intermediate
Under 16 beginner Under 16 Intermediate
Under 18 Intermediate/Advanced

There will be weekly clinics conducted by a Tennis Professional. These will be in the afternoons during the week. Each group will be assigned a clinic time for their age & level. We will also schedule round robins according to age & skill levels as well as matches against other clubs according to age & skill levels. Depending on how many sign up in each category, things may be moved around. The clinic will be Monday, Wednesday or Friday depending on your age and level. The times are either 4-5 pm or 5-6 pm. These time are subject to change but will be in the late afternoons.

In addition to this we will also set up matches against other clubs. Those times & days will vary.

Cost is \$40* 1st child, \$35* 2nd child, \$30* 3rd child, 4th child free*

*Each player must bring 2 cans of unopened balls to their first clinic

Registration form can be found on page 5. Please return to office with payment.

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Bissonet-JCCA Junior Tennis Summer 2011 program
Registration Form

Please Print

Player's Name _____ Age _____

Level (Please circle one) Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Parent's Names _____

Parent's Cell # _____

Email address to send tennis info _____

Other comments _____



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Financial Corner—May 2011

Solving the Retirement Puzzle

If you're considering retirement within the next five years or so, you're in the retirement "zone." This is a critical time period during which you'll be faced with a number of important choices, and the decisions you make can have long-lasting consequences. It's a period of transition: a shift from a mindset that's focused on accumulating assets for retirement to one that's focused on distributing wealth and drawing down resources. It can be confusing and chaotic, but it doesn't have to be. The key is to understand the underlying issues, and to recognize the long-term effects of the decisions you make today.

An important question that you should ask yourself is: "Am I ready to retire?" For many, the question isn't as easy to answer as it might seem and should be asked in two ways. Can you afford to retire; more specifically, can you afford the retirement you want? In the process of asking yourself these questions, you may wish to consider the following:

- *Estimate the income that you'll be able to rely on from Social Security and any benefits from a traditional employer pension, and compare the result with your projected retirement income need. The difference may need to be funded through your personal savings.
- *Take stock of your personal savings. Are your personal savings sufficient to provide you with the annual income that you'll need?
- *The longer the retirement period that you need to plan for, the greater the potential that inflation will eat away at your purchasing power. That means the earlier you retire, the more important it is to account for inflation in your overall plan.
- *You can begin receiving Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 62. However, your benefit may be as much as 20 to 30 percent less than if you waited until full retirement age (65 to 67, depending on the year you were born). Weigh your options, and choose the start date that makes the most sense for your individual financial circumstances.
- *You're not eligible for Medicare until you turn 65. Unless you'll be eligible for retiree health benefits through your employer (or have coverage through your spouse's plan), or you take another job that offers health insurance, you'll need to calculate the cost of paying for insurance or health care out-of-pocket, at least until you can receive Medicare coverage.

If you would like to learn more about retirement income solutions, **please join us on June 9th** at our next educational event entitled "**Solving the Retirement Puzzle**" detailed below:

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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111 Veterans Memorial Blvd., 18th Floor
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BISSONET BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM

Our goal is to instill a sense of accomplishment and pride in each swimmer while building friendships, experiencing success, and most importantly - having FUN!!! - Coach Jackie & Coach Katie

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

5/16 – 5/26: Mon. thru Thurs.
4:30 – 5:15: 10 & Under
5:15 – 6:00: 11 & up

5/31 (Summer Schedule) M, T, Th, F
9 -10: 11 & up
9:30 – 10:30: 10 & under
10 -10:30: 6 & under
Afternoon practice schedule TBA

2011 JCCA MEET SCHEDULE

Meets start @ 6:30pm

6/7 - @ Woodlake
6/14 – Lakeside @ Bissonet
6/21 – Green Acres @ Bissonet
6/28 – Paradise manor @ Bissonet
7/5 – Bye
7/ 12 - @Beach Club
7/19 - @Elmwood

Warm ups:
Home @ 5:30pm
Away @6:00pm

**Registration fee - \$40 first swimmer, \$35 second & third swimmers
Parents are required to work at the meets.
Registration form may be found on following page.**

**BISSONET
SWIM/DIVE REGISTRATION FORM**

Participant's Name _____ Paid: Cash _____

Age: _____ Birthday: _____ Check# _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact/ Phone: _____

List any allergies or medical problems that would be affected by this type of activity:

I know that the swim program is a potentially dangerous activity and that my child should not enter unless he/she is medically able. I agree with BMDCC concerning any decisions relative to my child's ability to safely participate in any event. I assume any risks associated with participation in these events. Having read this waiver and in consideration of accepting this entry, I myself, and on behalf of any minor, waive and release Bissonet Maned Downs Country Club from all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of my child's participation on the swim team.

I grant permission to BMDCC to use any photographs, recordings, or any other record of any event with BMDCC for any legitimate purpose.

Signature of Parent

Date

****Parents, please initial the following:**

_____ I understand that I am required to work 4 halves of the swim meets for the 2011 season

_____ If my child is selected to swim in the Meet of Champs, I will be required to work a shift at the Meet of Champs, in addition to the 4 halves of the regular swim meets.

_____ Meet of Champs qualifications: swimmer must participate in 3 dual meets and have 2 times in a stroke in order to swim that stroke in the Meet of Champs, AND the family must have worked at 4 halves of the dual meets.

Cathy Zito's "Treasury Note"

THIS LETTER WENT OUT TO ALL MEMBERS WITH BALANCES AS OF MAY 1ST:

Dear Member,

Enclosed is your most recent statement. It encompasses any and all outstanding balances owed as of May 1, 2011 and should be paid by May 15, 2011 to avoid any late fees.

Per the By-Laws, any indebtedness to BMDCC voids that member's privileges in regards to using any facilities of BMDCC. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of the tennis courts, the pool, and attendance at bar nights. This will be strictly enforced and any member of the family may be refused admittance or asked to leave BMDCC. Please do not put us or you in such an awkward position.

Furthermore, beginning Friday, May 6, 2011 a list will be posted of any member who has any indebtedness to BMDCC that is considered delinquent. This list will be updated weekly and reposted on Fridays. This practice is again outlined in the By-Laws.

Please do not hesitate to call Nikki Falgoust in the office at 887-9456 if you would like to discuss your particular situation or you think there may be an error on your statement. You may also contact me if you wish at 722-1254.

This letter may seem harsh; however as of May 1st the amount of unpaid dues by the membership is **\$38,361.00**. Any member would agree that is unfair to allow a member who is delinquent to have the same Club privileges as those who pay their financial obligations in a timely manner. We are a family club and we need all of our members for this Club to thrive and grow. In order for this Club to thrive it needs for the members to honor their financial obligations.

Very Truly Yours,
Cathy Zito
Treasurer

Bissonet Board Minutes April 13, 2011

In Attendance- Kerri Becker, Art Franz, Cheri Charvet, Brad Bradford, Chris Calogne, Kay Boute, Charlie Delmarmol, Richie Kernion, Cathy Zito

David Benoit- Sysco- discussion of food items- waiting on different registers to find out

Fran- Manager-
Physical plant- Fran, Tina Broen, Charlie have spray washers.

Cutting the grass- moving the day they cut to Friday's

Art made a motion to dispense of reading of the minutes- Richie- 2nd all in favor

Membership- 341 members - 9 resignations last month. 15 new members- an application A for discussion of membership. There were some past issues with Applicant A. Discussion of denying out right or pay for a year in full - passed to pay a year in full.

New applications - 5 new - all in favor of accepting

Resignations- Kim Aucoin, Allison Dupquair, Blaine Gahagan, Steven Vogt, David Watts, Scott & Jeannine Wegner, Jim Ledet,

Nikki- Lisette Martin- sent a thank you for the donation to Jesuit in honor of Logan

-drain in kitchen cleaned

-Kitchen getting steam cleaned on 5/9

-Posting out standing dues- Any amount will be posted except for tennis guest fees

-May- letter about the posting of dues owed- statement-

-enclosed is your statement- if you owe money you are not able to use the facility at all- no tennis,
no pool, no bar night.

-will be per the by laws come this October

-you can't even come as a guest

May bulletin- include about the wrist bands and the postings of dues on the bulletin boards

Summer hiring update-

Work Dates-

Work day appreciation party- May 15 - 1-5

Swim & Dive- see hand out by Kay- emailed to you

Voting on approved

G the coaches salary- all approved Kay's proposal -

Kay will continue to look into dive

Bar business- switching the beer to Southern Eagle - from Coors Light to Ultra on tap and switching out the Abita to a different beer.

Food- Art will meet with Dave Benoit - to coordinate

Splash Down- In need of a volunteer to be in charge of this event-

May 27 Friday night- Adult Swim & Crawfish Boil - Richie, Larry & Chris in charge

Applications for manager- 1 application from the outside, a repeat applicant and one from Nikki Falgoust. There were a few other applications but they were not qualified.

Tennis- Day USTA teams have not paid their court fees - Tracie Corales & Debbie Kennedy

- Junior tennis is set u for the summer

New manager- will be offered the same salary as what was given to the past manager.

Meeting adjourned

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Reminder:

**The Operating Rules and By-Laws of
Bissonet-Maned Downs Country Club
are posted in the Bulletin (Operating Rules) and Website
(By-Laws).**

**Club Hours and Events are posted on the Website and on
Facebook.**



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time to thank your
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for volunteering
their time to make
your Club a great
one!**