

Chanticleer

Spring 2011



warm welcome

The board, general manager Liz Sherer, and pool manager Doug Hesser are thrilled to *welcome* back old members and a big hello to new members! We are excited to have you all as part of the BACA family. We look forward to working with all of you for a fun and safe summer at BACA! This newsletter will focus on what you need to know before May 15 when the summer newsletter hits the website.

BACA clubhouse was built in 1959. It was created as a *community* center member-owned and member run. But guess what? If you missed the **March 1 deadline**, you aren't a member yet. Don't forget to get those payments in the mail based on the fee schedule sent in January. We gotta pay the man too!

Bon Air village was conceived in the late 1870s. By the 1880s folks vacationing in this Victorian paradise were dancing. And they were dancing on Court 1. Except back then Court 1 was a lovely wooden filigreed pavilion. It was used for all kinds of social gatherings in the early days when Bon Air was Richmond's summer playground. Some things stay the same. And speaking of staying the same....

same old, same old

Yep, it's the same old here at BACA. The same super fun neighborhood friends, the same

super clean and super safe pools. What more can you ask for this summer? More you say? Okay, we have the champion Blue Streaks swimming and dive teams, many of the same well-trained and friendly lifeguards you remember from years past, the same Friday grill and float nights, the same annual 4th of July party with DJ and games, the same rec room and clubhouse with reasonable rental rates for your next party. More? Okay, we have the snack bar with goodies that motivate the kids out of the gate, swim lessons for kids and adults, awesome giant tanning steps and Wi-Fi available around the pool. Our 9 tennis courts are here for recreational and competitive play.

www.bonairca.com

the place to go to be in the know

Go to our website for all your forms, calendars and last minute information including closings.

Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

embership at BACA

You can't beat BACA for a fun, affordable, clean, safe and convenient pool and gathering spot. We have *three* pools as well as *nine* tennis courts. New members pay the yearly fee based on the number in their family just as renewing members always have done. **All families must have at least one adult on the membership.** Our capacity is 570 families and we would love to meet capacity. Payment plans are available for any family needing to spread the cost over a few weeks or months.

sponsor a new member— get a reward!

Any family who sponsors a family who joins for the full season will receive either a book of pool passes valued at \$25 or a credit of \$25 towards their membership fees. You must sign the application of the new family and indicate which option you choose.

To foster our community spirit new members are assigned a *Hospitality Buddy*. Your buddy can be your sponsor family or we will introduce you to a Buddy from the Social Committee. Your buddy can help you meet new friends and find what you need to make BACA a fun and comfortable place to spend your summer. Of course our manager, Liz Sherer, has been here for 37 years and probably knows the answer to any question you could dream up.

Membership Benefits

Clubhouse & Pool Scheduling

As members, we have a great resource in the pool and clubhouse. To plan *any* BACA event please contact Liz Sherer who maintains the *Master Calendar*. Your event will be considered official only after it has been approved and added to the Master Calendar. The facility books quickly so plan your party now!

overheard:

what our members are saying

“My favorite thing about Bon Air pool?
Hands down—the people.”

“It's so close and easy to get in and out.”

“It is truly a nice, easy going family pool.”

“One of the few larger pools in the area
that you can really swim laps and play in—”

“Great swim and dive teams—
the meets are so organized.”

“The swim team is the best. It's a true
neighborhood pool where our kids can play
with other kids from the neighborhood.”

Over and over members mention friends, the swim team and cleanliness as being reasons they come back each year.

We really appreciate our members and we hope to meet new people this year. Invite your friends and extended family to join. It will be more fun for you and give us more resources for the Association.

back to pool party: saturday march 19th, 7 until midnight

Let's get summer started early! See all your BACA friends, enjoy refreshments and *Archie and the Clam Band!* You are welcome to BYOB and BYOFriend, even non-members. Especially friends you want to see at the pool this year! The band plays rock, funk and jazz. We will have a keg, sodas and appetizers. The cost is only \$10 a person. **For information go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/back82> or call Jeni Moss 272-2599.** This is a fundraiser to get the party started and a chance to meet and greet. *P.S. Adults only!*

volunteers needed: saturday, may 14th 9am-1pm sunday, may 15th 1pm-5pm

We love volunteers! Come join your friends at BACA to get our pool spiffed up for our May 28 opening! We will be on the courts and at the pool. Bring a cup of coffee and a donut and wear your work clothes or your bathing suit if you need to. We will be cleaning, painting and doing minor repairs so the pool will be looking good on May 28th. Have a suggestion as to something that needs attention? Let Liz know (272-8745 or lizbaca@verizon.net). If you can, let Liz know you plan to come help and if you have special talents we can put to use. But feel free to drop in and get to work even if for a short time.

social memberships oops—we goofed!

When we designed our new form for both renewal and new applications we neglected to include charges for those persons wanting just a social membership and those who want to be inactive for this year. Inactive members do not have use of any of the facilities but their name remains in our file so they receive all communications and know what is happening at BACA. By paying the appropriate fee they can activate the membership and begin to use the pools and the courts. Social memberships are \$10 per year and those going inactive pay \$30 a year. We apologize to all of you we missed and hope you will send your appropriate fee to **BACA, P.O. Box 3523, Richmond, VA 23235**, so we can keep in touch with you.

Summer Art Classes

Keep your eyes online for summer art classes at BACA. You won't want your kids to miss this opportunity!

Lifeguarding Class 2011

AT BON AIR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Sunday, May 8	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Sunday, May 15	9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Monday, May 16	3:30 – 10:00 pm
Sunday, May 22	9:00 am until finish

\$225 fee includes: pocket mask, book, first aid, CPR for the professional rescuer, and lifeguarding certification.

**TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT SEND A \$100 DEPOSIT BY APRIL 25TH TO
Tom Robertson | 111 West Pennsylvania Ave. | Crewe, VA 23930**

ALSO BEING TAUGHT

Lifeguard Recertification: \$115

Saturday, May 21st | 10:00am – 6:00pm

CPR for Professional Rescuer Recertification: \$45

Saturday, May 21st | 8:00am – 10:00am for BACA Members

10:00am – 12:00 noon for non-members

CONTACT TOM ROBERTSON

434.645.9870

Thomas_Robertson@ccpsnet.net

*Call for more information
or to sign up!*

early morning adult lap swim & instruction

Training for a triathlon? Like to swim laps? Enjoy watching the sun rise over the pool? Then you won't want to miss the Early Morning Adult Swim. The early swim is a great opportunity to hone your swimming skills, get instruction from one of our awesome swim coaches or follow a coach's workout if you so choose. Swim at your own pace and ability.

The sessions are on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings, from 6:00–7:30am. They will begin on Memorial Day (May 30th) and run throughout the summer.

The fee for this program is \$60 payable to BACA to pay for our coaches getting up super early to train us. Feel free to come out and try it—you will love it! We've had a great time with this program and we're looking forward to another summer in the water. If you want to join us or have questions, **contact Ed Parnell at 323-0080 or ej.baca.parnell@gmail.com.**

EARLY MORNING SWIM FOR ADULTS

Send to: Ed Parnell, 1528 Tudor Lane, Richmond, VA 23235

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

guests: bring a friend! or two! you can even bring four!

We welcome guests at BACA. **The fee is only \$5 for either tennis or pool usage.** For junior tennis players (age 18 and younger), guest fees are \$2. *Tennis fees must be paid to Liz directly or via the snack bar attendants. Pool guest fees go directly to the gate attendant only.* Everyone please welcome guests and encourage membership to local folks! We would love to welcome more friends at our pool! Local guests are limited to 3 visits a season, but out of town guests are not limited.

did you know...

...that our own general manager, Liz Sherer, has been on all 7 continents, to 31 different countries, 40 states, and hiked in 34 US National Parks? She swims half a mile every day when the pool is open and walks 4 miles a day when not. This mother of two boys and grandmother of 2 boys and a girl likes to read novels and travel magazines, bake, especially cookies and pies, spend time with family, and is always ready to go anyplace any time. She says: "My suitcase gets tired!" Liz and Pete have been married 53 years. Sounds like we could get some good advice on a lot of things from Liz! About her years at BACA, Liz says she "considers this the best job in the world."

Teens, need some cash? Parents, need a night out?

In our May newsletter, we will place classified ads from teenagers looking for summer work (such as babysitting, lawn mowing, etc.) and from member families looking for teenaged employees. This is a **FREE** service to our members. We hope this will assist both our youth and our families. If you want to place an ad, get the **written** information to Liz by April 1st. Send to BACA, Box 3523, Richmond, 23235 or lizbaca@verizon.net.

AQUATIC TEAM NEWS



All information on **summer aquatics lessons** will be in our May issue, which will be available online around **May 15th.**

Whooo hoo! The Force is Back! **Barbie Gregory**, with assistants **Jeff Einhaus** and **Raleigh Heckel** return to coach swimming. **Mason Laine** and assistant **Will Kennedy** will again be coaching diving. We bid au revoir to Rachel Parnell who will have her nose in text books this summer as she works on her degree to teach special education. All of our coaches have extensive experience that produces results. Get your Blue Streaks, especially those cute Goldfish, ready to be wowed by the swimming coaches!

swim & dive team registration: may 4th, 5:00–7:00pm in the clubhouse

We are delighted to welcome back **Maribeth Cowen** in her role as Team Parent. Swim team runs weekday mornings for swimmers who are 4 years through high school. This is a great opportunity for your children to become better swimmers and for you to visit with friends!

Did you know we usually have 85 cheerful and cheering volunteers working home meets and 55 at away meets? No wonder the meets are so organized and fun! **We need each family to volunteer for 3 slots**—but don't hesitate to sign up for more. We love help! Volunteer opportunities include training for referee, starter, strokes/turns, working swim meets, and helping at swim team social events. There are jobs that can be done from home so get to the sign up and grab your 3 top choice volunteer slots *before you register*.

swimsuits

Female (all sizes)	\$50.99 + tax
Male jammers (all sizes)	\$28.99 + tax

The girls suit was discontinued, so a new suit was selected. The boys suits will remain plain navy. If your last year's suit still works, you may still wear it. Disco Sports will be at the meeting selling suits or you can buy directly from them on your own time.

what to bring with you to registration

Registration forms
(available April 1st at www.bonairca.com)

Check payable to BACA

Family Calendar

Your swimmer and/or diver

registration costs

1 child	\$85
2 children	\$170
3 children	\$205
4 or more children	\$225
Dive team only <i>For any child who is a member of the dive team but not the swim team.</i>	\$100/child

For children on both swim & dive teams:
additional \$35 per child



Please refer any **registration questions to Leslie Pankey** at 562-9943 and **volunteer questions to Maribeth Cowan** at 272-5113 or mbcowan2@comcast.net.

dive team parents

The Blue Streaks Diving team is pleased to have **Jill Brishke** and **Michelle Jepson** returning as team parents. Even if you are registering your child for swim team, *please* bring separate forms for dive registration. (We will have some extras available if needed.) Dive team members **must be registered and be insured** with AAU, and all forms must be signed by a parent.

We have the most generous and amazing families helping us make the meets, fun days, awards ceremony a success. We are asking dive families to sign up to volunteer for 3 events throughout the dive season. We will have many options and will work around your scheduling conflicts. **For dive team questions contact Jill Brishke at 320-6947 or jbrishke@hotmail.com or call or email Michelle Jepson at 304-4195 or mjepson@adventurholics.com.**

chedules

Practice will begin on **Monday, May 23** for both the swim and dive team. The season should end with the awards ceremony on **Wednesday, July 27**. The swim championships will again be at our pool and are scheduled for **Monday, July 25** for Mites and Midgets and **Tuesday, July 26** for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors.

2011 swim meet schedule

Friday, June 17	Woodlake at Bon Air
Tuesday, June 21	Granite at Bon Air
Tuesday, June 28	Bon Air at ACAC
Tuesday, July 5	ACAC at Bon Air
Tuesday, July 12	Bon Air at Woodlake
Monday, July 18	Bon Air at Granite
Monday, July 26	10 & under championships at Bon Air
Tuesday, July 27	11 & over championships at Bon Air

* We do not have a diving team schedule as of yet.

welcome to BACA tennis! The tennis at BACA represents one of the best value tennis opportunities in Richmond. There are a total of 9 tennis courts including 3 lit courts resurfaced in 2011! And if that doesn't make you want to hit some balls, the friendly atmosphere in the unique Bon Air community makes you feel right at home for all ages and tennis skill levels. There are special tennis events throughout the tennis seasons to suit all levels of players from social to competitive play. There simply is no other feeling like being on the court or watching matches court-side at "Good Ole Bon Air". — *Your Friendly Tennis Director, Tay Egres*

women's teams

suburban ladies league

B-7 Matches Wed. Mornings
Bonnie Cima
 512-2767 | jcima2@verizon.net

women's USTA 3.0 weekday

Matches Thurs. Mornings
Barbara Lucord
 740-3478 | TheLucords@aol.com

men's teams

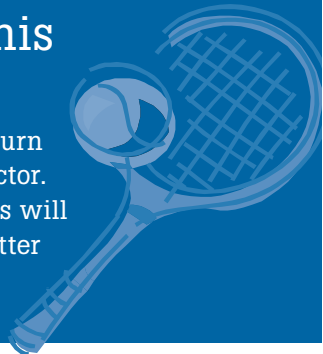
USTA 4.0 Sunday night

youth programs

Robin Balsamo 272-9222

summer tennis instructor

Davis Tombes will return as our summer instructor. Information on lessons will be in the May newsletter and online.



new to BACA or just getting back into tennis? questions about teams, pick-up matches, being matched up with other tennis members or getting on the tennis email list? concerns about court conditions or playing times?

contact tay egres
bonairtay@gmail.com

tennis court rules

updated 2011

1. Tennis courts are to be used for tennis only. Bikes, go-carts, mini-bikes, rollerblades, skate boards, unicycles and skates of any kind are not allowed on the tennis courts even if you can play tennis on wheels.
2. Tennis shoes without black soles should be worn on courts 1, 2, 3. Shirts must be worn.
3. Court reservations may be made 2 days in advance and for one court a day and for 1.5 hours. If you are not present within 15 minutes after the time, your reservation is forfeited.
4. See guest rules.
5. Court 4 is reserved for junior players (<18). The Tennis Chair reserves the right to alter this rule.

2011 bon air tennis tournaments

join in the fun!

Our tournaments are run by volunteer tournament directors and we would love more volunteers! In addition to the tournaments set below, in recent history we have had additional tournaments such as the Ladies & Men's Draw, Round Robins, and Up & Coming/Over the Hill. Let's get some tournament directors and offer *more tournament fun* this year! **Please contact Tay at bonairtay@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.** Check the bulletin board near Court 1, www.bonairca.com or get on the Tennis Email List for date/time confirmation. Contact Tay!

4th of July Mixed Member-Member

July 4th week

Labor Day Mixed Member-Member

late August

Mixed Member /Guest

mid-September

ow BACA management works

BACA is a non-profit organization that was created by and for the members. It is run by a Board of Trustees. Sadly we lost two trustees this year: president, Cal Majors, and John Wray. We appreciate their long service to our community. The trustees are in charge of and hold title to the property itself. The Board of Directors are under the Trustees and are the part of the corporation that is responsible for the day-to-day operation.

The BACA Board meets three times a year when needed. Board meetings will be posted on the website and bulletin board. If you are interested in serving please talk to anyone on the Board or Liz. Our Board members have been generous to donate their time and talents for several years. Trustee and Board Members are listed on the web and in the directory. Liz Sherer is the General Manager and is in charge of the snack bar and staff as well as renting the clubhouse,

finances, and all Association business. Doug Hesser is pool manager and is in charge of pool staff and general pool rules, etc. Members are welcome to come to board meetings if the agenda is not about personnel. Four subcommittees have also been established: Social/Fundraising, IT/Communication, Membership/Corporate Sponsorship and Pool Enhancements. Committee chairs and their board member representative will be posted on the bulletin board and online. Contact them if you want to be part of the action—all are welcome!

Every year there are questions about the bathroom facilities. BACA is limited by the property (septic), the original pool design (drainage pipes under pool) and zoning as to updating the facilities further at this time. We would love to have a fancy shower facility, hope that it will be feasible in the future and are sorry that we are unable to do that now.



pool rules

1. All members and guests must register at the gate when entering pool area.
2. Glass is not permitted.
3. Food may be consumed outside the fenced in area on the patio or in the snack bar, but not within the pool area.
4. Non-swimmers under 6 may use the baby pool under supervision. The wading pool is not attended by lifeguards. Please notify a lifeguard of a sanitary accident.
5. Non-swimmers must have a responsible party in attendance at all times.
6. Inflatable objects are permitted in the shallow end of the medium pool. Or if the medium pool is being used for lessons, in the large pool by small children accompanied by a parent/responsible party. No inflatables may be used on the diving board. Rafts and inflatable balls are not permitted in the pools.
7. Use of the diving board or slide is permitted for those who can swim to the ladders to exit.
8. Face masks and snorkels are not permitted. Flippers may only be used during lap swims.
9. No running, rough play, pushing, dunking or cannonballing.
10. Swim suits are required for anyone using the pool. Swimming diapers are permitted if covered by a bathing suit.
11. Showers are recommended before entering pools especially after exercise.
12. No children under age 10 are to be left on the BACA grounds without a parent or guardian. Please have a plan in place for sudden weather changes.
13. Except in emergencies, all conversations with lifeguards should be restricted to "off duty" time.
14. BACA cannot be held responsible for personal belongings. Any BACA property willfully damaged by any member or guest will be repaired or replaced at their expense.
15. BACA kickboards are only for lap lane use or for swim team.
16. No skateboards or rollerblades are allowed to be ridden on BACA property.
17. When thunder is heard, or lightning seen, the pool and surrounding areas must be completely evacuated for a period of 30 minutes.
18. Diving rules are posted by the boards. Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board. No small children are allowed on the diving board unattended. No eyewear, including goggles, is allowed on the diving board.
19. Slide rules are posted near the slide. Only one person at a time on the slide.
20. The pool will not be open if the air temperature is under 70 degrees.
21. Smoking in designated areas only.
22. Pool Management reserves the right to ensure member's safety as they see fit.

rules & regulations

We know, we know. BACA is known as the "rule pool." But for good reason! We can boast a safe clean pool experience. Ever visit one of those *other* pools? The ones with the clumps of hair and gum and dollops of peanut butter all around the edges? Yuck! We don't want that. But, by popular request and, frankly, some begging, the first Friday of the month we'll be eating poolside during float night as long as the pool area stays clean. Please clean up behind your family so our friends the yellow jackets don't do the job the next day. Ouch!