

# Roycefield Swim Club

"Celebrating Fifty Years of Family Swimming and Recreation!"



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## From the President's Desk

Hello Roycefield Owners and Members,

The 2015 summer season at Roycefield is set to begin on Saturday, May 23. As we all endured another bitterly cold winter, the Board of Trustees has been planning another fun season of sun and family fun as we enjoy the refreshing water and the company of friends.

As you may recall from my previous correspondence, membership has been on the decline since 2009. This year, for the first time since the 1970s, we've had more families leave Roycefield than new families have joined. We believe this is a measure of the difficult economic times we are still enduring. While some swim clubs in our area have closed their doors, the Board of Trustees has been working to find ways to economize in expenses. We have not increased fees for most membership options, including full family ownership. We have taken measures to reduce our budget by reducing staff to a minimum without compromising safety, while still addressing necessary repairs and improvements. Rest assured that the club still maintains a cash reserve to address the most serious circumstance, so your summer fun will not be interrupted.

To entice new members, we've embarked on an aggressive yet cost-effective advertising campaign that targets specific groups, especially families with younger children to ensure prolonged memberships. The Board has also refined the membership options to make them affordable and flexible, making Roycefield the best swim club option in central Jersey. I encourage you to talk to friends and neighbors about the benefits of membership at Roycefield. Direct them to our newly redesigned website (Roycefield.org), thanks to the hard work of Greg Scillitani, our webmaster and manager. There they can see all the benefits of membership and experience a photo tour of the club.

As always, the Board is open to suggestions. We encourage you to attend the monthly meetings and especially the Annual Meeting in January when owners can vote on the budget and elect the club's Board of Trustees. We also have positions open on the Board, and attending a meeting is the best way to become familiar with how the Board and club operate.

In closing, I want to remind you that it is always the goal of the Board of Trustees to make Roycefield an enjoyable, family-friendly place for you and your family. I hope we achieved that goal and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

John Beggiano  
Board President  
[president@roycefield.org](mailto:president@roycefield.org)

## 2015 Season Schedule



Only **23** days until  
Opening Day!

### Pre-Season and Late Season

(May 23 – June 18 and September 2 - 7)

- Weekday (must be at least 75° by 2 pm)  
Monday-Thursday: 4:00 - 7:30 pm  
Friday: 4:00 – 9:00 pm
- Weekend Saturday: 12:30 – 9:00 pm  
Sunday: 12:30 – 7:30 pm
- Memorial Day (May 25): 11:00 am - 7:30 pm
- Labor Day 11:00 am – 7:30 pm

### Regular Season 1 Schedule

(June 19 – July 31)

- Weekdays & Weekends 12:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Fourth of July 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

### Regular Season 2 Schedule

(August 1 – September 1)

- Sunday-Thursday 12:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Friday-Saturday 12:30 pm – 9:00 pm



## Social Committee

The Social Committee is looking forward to a great summer and wonderful weather all season. Please let us know if you had a favorite activity from last year that you might like to see return and offer up any suggestions. We welcome your feedback, so please reach out to us at [social@roycefield.org](mailto:social@roycefield.org).

Social activities will also be posted on the white board at the pool. We will do everything to make sure information on the calendar is current and up-to-date, but email if you have any questions.

The Social Committee will once again be utilizing [www.Volunteerspot.com](http://www.Volunteerspot.com) for work bond opportunities and we hope to have all events posted in the next few weeks. Each job listing will include a detailed explanation of what that job entails along with the work bond credit (four credits are required to satisfy the bond). If you help out with a Social Event, please remember to keep all receipts for any purchases made to run the event. Expense reimbursement can only be given with a receipt. It is the owner's responsibility to obtain and submit an Expense Reimbursement Form and a Work Bond Form, both found in the "Forms" section of the website, after they complete a job.

Once the pool opens we will start booking parties so please look at dates as they can book up quickly. Also, there have been some changes to the party guidelines so make sure to visit the website and familiarize yourself with them.

I hope to see everyone at the pool and let's have a great summer!

### **The Junior Activity Coordinators are back!**

We are excited to have four new Junior Activities Coordinators (JACs) again this season to assist the Social Committee with the weekly activities. The JACs will be working hard to keep the younger RSC

members entertained with a variety of activities. They will be hosting our weekly Game Days and Craft Days. The JACs will be kicking off the summer season with the Annual Tie Dye Day. Please watch for information on that coming soon. Please Note: Parents must remain on-site while children participate in Game Day and Craft Day activities with the JACs.

### **2015 Summer Activities**

*The following activities will occur on a weekly basis:*

- ❖ Tuesdays will be "Dinner Night" from 5-7 pm. Sign up soon to host a dinner night on [www.VolunteerSpot.com](http://www.VolunteerSpot.com) for work bond credits.
- ❖ Wednesdays are Game Days from 2-4 pm and are coordinated by our JACs.
- ❖ JACs will be running Craft Days on Thursdays from 2-4 pm. For a nominal fee, kids can make a beautiful craft item...check the board for details. Please note the rain date for craft day is Friday.

*The following Special Events are being planned:*

The Fourth of July and Labor Day parties are big events at Roycefield. DJ Dave is returning to provide party entertainment and games (and prizes) for young and old. Hamburgers and hot dogs are grilled and partygoers bring sides and desserts to share. These parties are a great time for all!

- ❖ Our annual Fourth of July Party is scheduled for Saturday, July 4 from 3:00-8:00 pm (Rain Date Sunday, July 5, 2:00 – 7:00 pm).
- ❖ The Labor Day Party is scheduled for Saturday, September 5 from 1:00-6:00 pm (Rain Date Sunday, September 6, 1:00-6:00 pm).
- ❖ Information about the Fourth of July and Labor Day parties will be made available on the website as these dates approach. Again, all party jobs along with what they entail will be listed on [www.Volunteerspot.com](http://www.Volunteerspot.com). The Sign-up Form to attend these parties will also be posted on the website under the "Forms" tab.
- ❖ Tween and Pre-Teen Nights will be held again this year. These parties are intended to give the younger pool members a chance to have a night of fun with their friends and without their parents! Last year we had big group parties and lots of fun! For a small fee, pizza is provided and parents send desserts to share. Parent chaperones are needed to help during these events.

As always, if you are interested in helping the Social Committee in any capacity, please email us! We are always looking for new ideas and new people to come on board!

Looking forward to seeing you poolside!  
Mark Hands  
Social Committee  
[social@roycefield.org](mailto:social@roycefield.org)



## Pool and Grounds

Saturday, April 25, 2015 saw a whole slew of owners working their buns off (how else can we get in shape for bathing suite season?) for our Opening Work Day!! As always, we got the furniture out, cleaned, and mostly set up. The grounds were policed and every tiny morsel of paper and schmutz was picked up and discarded into the nearest trash bin. The picnic tables have been laid out and the BBQ grills have been set on the patio. Let's rock this joint, huh?

Since we started tackling the undergrowth that borders the volleyball court, it only makes sense to continue our hard work. We already have a delivery of wood chips to spread in the area and will see how far they go. It is our hope that we will not lose as many volleyballs this year.

In order to whet your appetites just a little more, since we are less than a month away from actual swim time, I wanted to let you know that the pool chemicals have been delivered!!

Have no fear, however, if you who were not able to perform your work bonds on our first work day. There will be MANY more opportunities during the season. Keep your eyes on the website for future projects.

I welcome any and all ideas on improvements we can make to the club—immediate or even long-term. I can be reached via email or stop by and see me when we are all basking in the sun.

Thank you all for the work you do to make our club a fun, safe, and friendly place to spend the summer!

I look forward to another great year!

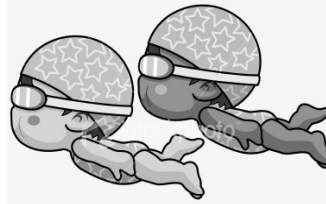
Keith Hook

Vice President, Pool & Grounds

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## Managers and Swim Lessons



The lifeguards and swim instructors are gearing up for an amazing summer of fun and sun! Greg Scillitani will be returning as our Pool Manager this summer. In addition, there will be three senior

guards functioning in the Assistant Manager role: Brendan Lynch, Cassidy Delaney and Ryan Kenny.

This year's swim lessons will be offered one week at a time, six times throughout the summer. Each lesson will be 45 minutes long, with two sessions available each day. Sessions will run Monday through Friday. Each lesson will have three levels of competency available and focus on basic swim skills. One of the weeks will be offered in the evening for those who cannot make it during the day. We will be offering private lessons again this year. Please see the website for dates and times for all lessons. So get your goggles and swim towels together for an awesome summer. Registration forms are available on the website at [http://roycefield.org/Swim\\_Lessons.html](http://roycefield.org/Swim_Lessons.html).

Ellen Kenny

Vice President, Administration, [vpadmin@roycefield.org](mailto:vpadmin@roycefield.org)

## Membership

This year we have accepted 22 new families to the pool, as well as a handful of August members that have taken the plunge to full family ownership. Our Wait List is currently down to ZERO families. That means anyone applying will get full membership this summer! If any of your friends are thinking of joining the pool, now's the time to apply. Tell your friends to list you as the REFERRING FAMILY and you will get **FOUR FREE GUEST PASSES** good for the 2015 season. Please check out our current membership options and fees:

Membership Type	Annual Maintenance Fee	Owner-ship Share	Work Service Fee
Family-full season	\$700	\$1000	\$120
Couple-full season	\$550	<b>None</b>	\$120
Single-full season	\$360	<b>None</b>	\$120
Senior Couple (55+) full season	\$550	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
Senior Single (55+) full season	\$360	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
August Family *NEW* (Aug 1-Labor Day)	\$450	\$500	\$60

## Membership (continued)

If you have babysitters or grandparents watching your children at the pool over the summer, please send us their names so they will be on the gatekeeper list. Remember to send any changes in your contact info – especially e-mail addresses! All invoicing is done by e-mail so it's important to keep current.

Adrienne Matrulli & Diane Massi  
Membership & Advertising Co-Chairpersons  
[membership@roycefield.org](mailto:membership@roycefield.org)

## Roycefield Board of Trustees, 2015

Please feel free to contact any Board member with questions or suggestions. Your Trustees and roles for this year are:

President	John Beggiato
Treasurer	Allen Zdroik
Secretary	Lorraine Soisson
VP, Admin	Ellen Kenny
VP, Pool & Grounds	Keith Hook
Social Chairperson	Mark Hands
Membership & Advertising Co-Chairpersons	Diane Massi Adrienne Matrulli
Swim Team Liaison	Adele Morgan
Pool & Grounds Committee	Ellen Karan Mike Lynch Jim Temple

All members are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Regular meetings are usually held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of month in the Health Conference Room at the Hillsborough Municipal Building. The Annual Meeting is usually the morning of the last Saturday in January. Our remaining meetings for the year are:

Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015  
Tuesday, August 11, 2015  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016  
Saturday, January 23, 2016 – ANNUAL MEETING

## Roycefield Website

Check out our NEW redesigned website for updates and important information at [www.roycefield.org](http://www.roycefield.org). We welcome feedback about the site; please email [webmaster@roycefield.org](mailto:webmaster@roycefield.org) with your thoughts and suggestions. We also have a suggestion box on the website!



## Roycefield Rapids Swim Team

Expect another season of fun and competition with the Roycefield Rapids during the summer of 2015!

**\*\*\* Swim Team registration using our online system closes on May 5.** (Late fees apply after that.)

Members ages 5-18 are eligible and encouraged to join the swim team. Practices begin the Tuesday after Memorial Day (on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) and continue through the end of July. Preseason practices are between 3:30 and 7pm and separately by school with high school first, then elementary and then intermediate and middle schools. Summer practices are between 7:30 and 11 am.

Swim meets are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning June 17 and end the last week in July. We finish the season with a banquet celebration the evening of Thursday, July 30 (rain date July 31).

The Rapids welcome our 2015 Coaching Staff:

Head Coach	Joe Mehrtens
Assistant Coach	Emma Kohlenstein
Junior Coaches	Hanna Soisson Jacob Gonzalez
Novice Coaches	Kristina Choe Alyssa Cseh Alex Gonzalez Ryan Morgan Kian O'Brien

Parent Volunteers are a key ingredient to the success of the program! Jobs include timing, officiating, 50/50 and food sales. The meets are a lot of fun!

We also have our weekly Ribbon Races, a Roycefield tradition, for all members of the club and their guests. These are held on four Wednesday mornings beginning June 24. Stroke instruction is provided by the older members on the team and everyone gets a ribbon.

More detailed information about the team and a link to the registration site can be found on the website. A parent letter will be sent to all registrants by May 10.

Looking forward to a great season!

Lorraine Soisson  
Booster Club President

Adele Morgan  
Parent Coordinator  
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