

Dear Mt. Lookout Swim Club Members,

Welcome to the 2011 season at Mt. Lookout Swim Club. We are looking forward to another great Summer with the pool opening Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **SIGN UP SHEETS FOR ACTIVITIES ARE NOW ON THE INTERNET**

In order to cut down on our copying costs, postage, and general clutter, this year much of the information that you have received in the past as part of this package is now on the Internet. The website can be found at [www.mtlookoutswimclub.com](http://www.mtlookoutswimclub.com) or by searching for "Mt. Lookout Swim Club" on your internet search engine. Space is limited for some activities so I encourage you to sign up for your favorite activity as soon as possible.

### **MEMBERSHIP BOOKS**

You are probably also accustomed to receiving your Club booklet in this package. Again, in order to save the Club money, you will receive your 2011 Book containing the pool rules and membership directory at the front desk when you first sign in this year. The Board feels that this small change will result in a significant cost savings to the Club as it will save on postage on mailing hundreds of books to our members. The Board of Directors strives to run the Club in a cost effective manner.

### **MANAGEMENT**

We are pleased that SwimSafe Pool Management is back to manage the operations of the pool again this Summer. Cary Belyea, owner of SwimSafe, is very experienced in the field of pool management and offers a hands on approach to working with the pools he manages. SwimSafe will still provide all aspects of club management. SwimSafe Pool Management is providing competent and qualified employees to serve the pool as well as managing the snack bar and pool operations. We are excited to announce that Micah Innis will be joining us as the pool manager this year. Micah served the pool last year as an assistant manager. There will be some new faces as well as some familiar faces. Please take a second to introduce yourself, as they are all anxious to meet the members.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

All dues should have been paid at this point. Anyone who has not paid their dues and late fees by opening day will not be admitted to the pool.

The entrance will have an attendant positioned at the outdoor desk to insure that member and guest sign in occurs. This year, SwimSafe has hired an adult to manage the front desk during our peek hours. The front desk employee's responsibilities include looking at EVERYONE'S membership card and signing in all guests. All members are required to show their card for admittance - there are no exceptions. We are making an effort to crack down on uninvited guests at our pool and people who are trespassing on pool property. If you are aware of anyone who is on Club property who is not a member or a guest, please notify the manager on duty or a member of the Board of Directors immediately and action will be taken.

If you are a new member or have ordered new cards, the cards will be available at the front desk at the beginning of the season. If you have lost your cards, you can order replacements at the front desk or by calling the membership line 533-1307. Membership cards are \$5.00.

### **GUESTS**

Please make sure that you sign in your guests as the club belongs to the members and you only cheat yourself when allowing friends to use the pool without being a member or signing them in as a guest. Thank you for your respect of the rules. It is the members' responsibility to sign in all guests. As a reminder four or more guests at one time, per family, per day needs to be approved by the club manager.

**No person may be a guest of the club more than twice in any one calendar month, regardless of how many members may extend an invitation. Please help us to enforce this rule.**

**Families that are on the waiting list are entitled to be guests of the club only twice in the month of August on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, only.**

If you know of waiting list or member guest abuse or any other problems that you would like to report, please feel free to let a manager or a Board member know, or if you prefer you may leave a message on the membership line. We will also have a suggestion box at the front desk for your feedback-good and bad, which the Board will review.

### **GUESTS FEES**

**The fee is \$4.00 per guest. The houseguest fee is now \$7.50 per person.** All the same rules apply as stated above.

### **PARTIES**

Members wishing to entertain more than 4 guests must fill out a Party Form (available at the desk at least 2 weeks before the date of the event) and have it approved by the manager and/or Board of Trustees. A SwimSafe pool manager will meet with your guests to go over the club rules. Please make sure your group understands the rules, as you, the member, are responsible. For more information on parties, please see Section V of the Operating Rules in your membership book.

### **RULES**

Please take some time before the pool opens to review the rules in the membership book. The rules have been revamped and updated to reflect all current health and safety regulations warranted by the Board of Health and The Red Cross. It is your responsibility as a member to follow the rules for your safety as well as others. **Two rules that need to be reiterated are: 1) Children in diapers MUST wear rubber pants and a bathing suit in the pool. There will be rubber pants available at the front desk for purchase. 2) Children under the age of 3 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while in the pool.**

### **SIGNIFICANT RULE CHANGE FOR 2011**

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors has voted to change the rules regarding S tests. Section IV of the Rules dealing with unattended children will be amended. The previous rule permitted children between the ages of 8 and 12 to be at the pool without a parent or guardian provided the child could meet certain swimming requirements (the "S test"). This rule has been under review by the Board of Directors for several years. We were the only large private pool in Cincinnati that permitted children as young as 8 to be at the pool unattended. Most drownings occur to young children who are not properly supervised. Lifeguards are not babysitters. The Board of Directors has determined that the liability is too great to permit young children to be at the pool without a parent or guardian. Accordingly, starting this summer, Section IV.2 of the Rule Book will be amended to read:

Exception to rule IV.1 (above): children between ages of ten (10) and twelve (12) may be permitted to use the pool without caregiver supervision, provided they meet the following requirements. .

Members are on notice that the age limit will be increased next year to 11 and the exception will be eliminated entirely in two years. In this way, we hope to grandfather most of the children and parents who already enjoy this benefit, but eliminate the S test in the near future.

## GENERAL MATTERS

**POOL HOURS** - The pool will be open generally Sunday - Friday 11am - 9pm and Saturday 10am - 9pm. We will also be keeping the pool open a little longer after Labor Day, weather permitting. We will keep you posted as to what the extended schedule will be. **Members must leave the club at closing time. In the last few years, members and/or guests have made a habit of not leaving on time, this practice cannot continue. Anyone staying later than 9pm, will risk the loss of pool privileges.**

**WEBSITE** - The website will be updated with all of the current events and notices as well as sign up forms. Please feel free to check out our web site: [www.mtlookoutswimclub.com](http://www.mtlookoutswimclub.com) for calendars, tennis sign up forms and other information. Join a Clicshare group to get email updates on club activities. This is a great way to stay up on what is happening at the club.

**FACEBOOK** - We are on Facebook, look us up and become a fan. Information concerning the Club is posted on our Facebook page throughout the year.

**TENNIS** - We want to once again welcome David Leyland as our Club pro for the 2011 season. He has a lot of new things planned for the season. Please make sure you take a look at his agenda for this year as some things have changed. Tennis information is posted on our website.

We look forward to everyone having a safe and enjoyable Summer at the pool!

Sincerely,

The Trustees of the Mt. Lookout Swim Club

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