

# South Hills Swim Club 2023 Newsletter

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## Opening Day – Coming Soon!

We have another great summer of fun planned at South Hills Swim Club. Our official **Opening Day is May 27**, so mark your calendars now for a great summer at the pool. We have hired an outstanding staff for the 2023 season, with many returning experienced guards to ensure our members' safety.

We will kick off the summer with a pre-opening night swim on Friday, **May 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** You may pay your dues that evening, sign up for swim team, grab a bite at the snack bar, or simply check out the pool and say hello to friends and neighbors. So, plan to stop by the pool on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for a sneak peek (and dip in the pool if you dare). Bring a friend and encourage new members to come out to meet our South Hills Swim Club family.

## Snack Bar Under New Management

The Board will be coordinating the snack bar this summer. We hope this will allow better coordination of staffing and hours of operation, and provide better service to you, our members. We hope to be able to offer online pre-payment of your snack bar account, and special meal deals throughout the summer. Please watch for details and support our snack bar!

## 2023 Capital Improvements & Dues Increase

Running the pool is a year-round process. Your Board works throughout the year to maintain a safe place for our members. Each year countless hours of work preparing the pool for the summer season are devoted to painting, cleaning, and maintaining this facility, as well as to the capital improvements we try to make annually.

This year, the Board decided to replace the filtration system. Our pool was built in 1956, and we were still utilizing much of the original equipment. While we have had a proactive maintenance program for the filters, pumps and other mechanical equipment, it was becoming impossible (and costly) to continue to use the out-of-date equipment.

We do maintain a Capital Reserve Fund that can be used to make improvements to the pool and is available for any major expenses. In the past we have used Capital Funds for upgrading the concession stand, improvements to the

men's and women's dressing rooms, expanding the concrete deck, relocating the fence line, and purchasing more pool furniture. This money was used for the replacement of the filtration system, but we have now nearly depleted our reserve. Along with increases in costs including, paint, chemicals, labor, utilities and insurance, the Board determined that it was necessary to increase the annual dues by \$50.00 to \$550.00 for the 2023 season.

We have surveyed the other community pools to make sure our Annual Fees are comparable. We feel that we are still providing excellent value to our members.

We hope this helps explain and provides rationale for the Annual Due increase. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact a member of the Board or attend any of our board meetings this summer.

Enclosed with this newsletter is your annual membership dues invoice. Your invoice also includes any outstanding fees. As a reminder, your annual dues and all membership fees must be paid before opening day.

Please mail checks to:

**South Hills Swim Club**  
**P.O. Box 75085**  
**Charleston, WV 25375**

You may also make payment online at [SouthHillsSwimClub@gmail.com](mailto:SouthHillsSwimClub@gmail.com). Payments online will have an added convenience fee.

**We currently have membership openings.** Please encourage your friends and neighbors who are not already members, to join the pool. New members pay a one-time membership fee (non-refundable), as well as annual dues. The new member application and membership information is posted on our website at [www.southhillsswimclub.com](http://www.southhillsswimclub.com).

**Employment Opportunities.** We are accepting applications for lifeguards and snack shack workers. Working at the pool is a great summer job! The Employment Application can be found on the website, or email [southhillsswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:southhillsswimclub@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our team.

**Important Reminder:** If you are no longer interested in being a member of the pool, you must submit in writing (or by email) your request to resign. Resignations should be sent to the pool's P.O. Box or email [southhillsswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:southhillsswimclub@gmail.com) or contact the Pool Secretary. Failure to submit your resignation may result in a reduction or loss of any refund.

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## Join the South Hills Sharks

The Sharks are looking forward to another great swim season! Our swim team is a great way to improve your strokes, represent our club, and have LOTS of fun! The swim team fee is \$75 and additional family member swimmers are \$25.00 per child. For more information and to register for the 2023 swim team, please visit <https://forms.gle/cekYXxt4rha3AZ5y9>.

A Parent Committee to help support the team is also being organized, chaired by our Board member, **Anne Moses**. We hope all swim team parents will participate and help support our Sharks.

### 2023 Sharks Swim Meet Schedule:

June 7th at 5pm - South Hills "Fun Meet" for SHSC swimmers only (Warm Up: 4:25 p.m.)  
June 14th at 5pm - Sharks VS Cross Lanes AT Cross Lanes (Warm Up: 4:25 p.m.)  
June 21st at 5pm - Sharks VS Windermere AT Windermere (Warm Up: 4:25 p.m.)  
June 28th at 5pm - Sharks VS Sleepy Hollow AT South Hills Swim Club (Warm Up: 4:00 p.m.)

### City Meet at YMCA

July 12th (6:30 p.m.; 5:15 p.m. Warm Up) - Ages 11-12  
July 13th (6:30 p.m.; 5:15 p.m. Warm Up) - Ages 9-10  
July 14th (6:30 p.m.; 5:15 p.m. Warm Up) - Ages 8-under  
July 15th (9:30 a.m.; 8:00 a.m. Warm Up) - Ages 13-over

## Young Swimmers: Join the Minnows

For children 4 years of age or older who can swim a little bit independently (or are comfortable in the water), but need more instruction with the basic swimming strokes, the Minnows is a great place to further their basic swimming skills. To help maintain proper instructor-swimmer ratio, we will be limiting the number of Minnow Team members. Cost is \$25.00 per swimmer. If you are interested in joining the Minnows, please sign-up to register at <https://forms.gle/cekYXxt4rha3AZ5y9>.

## More Summer Fun

We have planned lots of great activities throughout the summer. We will host three late night swims, with the pool remaining open until 11:00 p.m. Special games and activities will help us celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our annual Family Party Pig Roast is always a great event for the entire family. And, we will host an Adult End-of-Season Bash. There will be pop-up events throughout the summer as well, such as a visit from the Kona Ice Truck and more. Watch your email, check the website or Facebook, and look for information at the pool for more details on these and other pool events.

## Regular Pool Hours of Operation

Sunday 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m.  
Monday – Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

As a reminder, pool hours may vary from time to time, due to weather or other issues as determined by the Pool Board. In addition, the pool will close at 3:00 p.m. on days of home swim meets. . Updates on changes to pool hours will be posted on Facebook.

**Guests:** All guests must be signed in by an adult pool member unless prior arrangements have been communicated with the pool staff. Guests, age 6 and up, are \$5.00 per day, and payment **must be made at the time of entry**.

**Pavilion Parties:** The pool Pavilion may be reserved for a special event during regular pool hours. Costs for Pavilion Parties include a **\$50.00 deposit** (paid in advance) to reserve the Pavilion for two hours and guest fees due at the time of the party. Pool regulations regarding the diving area and swimming outside of the 3-foot swim area will be enforced for all party guests. **You must contact the Pool Manager to make reservations and sign the necessary forms to reserve the Pavilion for your event.**

**Private Parties:** Private parties may also be arranged with the Pool Manager by an adult member. Parties are scheduled **ONLY** when a signed contract and a **\$50.00 deposit** is received by the Manager. Rates for Private Parties are \$100.00 per hour for 100 or less people and \$125.00 per hour for 101 to 150 people.

### 2023 Pool Board

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**Keep up with your Pool:** Keep up to date on pool information, changes in hours of operation, activities and events by checking us out on Facebook. Information and updates on the pool can also be found on the web at **southhillsswimclub.com** and at the pool office.

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