

# the Splasher

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Newsletter for the Shadow Brook Swim Club

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## Spring Meeting

**Tuesday, April 26, 2005 7:00 P.M.**

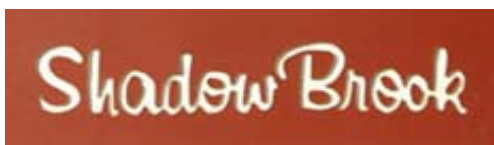
**Almaden Country School 6835 Trinidad Drive**

### President's Message

The Spring General Meeting is approaching fast and I would like to encourage each of you to attend and be part of the budget review process and hear about what's planned for this year. This is always a good time to reacquaint yourselves with your neighbors and meet the Board and ACC members.

After the last *Splasher* hit our doorsteps I was pleasantly surprised to receive about a half dozen offers from neighbors stepping forward to volunteer for the ACC. I am happy to announce that we now have an ACC, pending final Board approval. Thank you one and all. I would like to ask everyone to help keep Shadow Brook a friendly community and make the ACC's job easy.

Warren Begas



### Calling All Veterans & Relatives of Veterans

Memorial Day is not just an excuse for a BBQ. It is also a time for us to remember those who served or are serving our country. If you or your loved one(s) have served in the armed forces or are currently serving in the armed forces, please e-mail [Splasher@Shadowbrook.org](mailto:Splasher@Shadowbrook.org). Give us the name of the veteran, relationship if it is a relative, and the branch of service. If you leave a voicemail, please leave your name and phone number in case we need to verify the spelling. We will print their names in next month's *Splasher*.

### Introducing Your ACC

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is now fully staffed. After the last *Splasher* we had several people volunteer for this important committee. The new ACC members are Don Hale, Bill Helms and Richard Kohl. Thanks goes out to these three volunteers.

### ACC Report

Spring is finally here and a lot of us are now outside walking through the neighborhood enjoying the sun. The new ACC is also walking around responding to the few issues that exist. One issue that we all need to be aware of is working on cars in driveways and in the street. Be aware that the San Jose city code prohibits doing any work on any car other than oil changes and "minor" repairs. In addition, this same code prohibits keeping a non-operating vehicle in the driveway or in the street for more than 72 hours. The city can levy fines of up to \$2500 per day for any violation. Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhood clean and avoid any problems with the city.

**REMEMBER:** If you are changing the appearance of the exterior of your home, including roofing, remodeling, painting or siding — contact the ACC at [acc@shadowbrook.org](mailto:acc@shadowbrook.org) to obtain written approval. Roof color must be approved when re-roofing. [acc@shadowbrook.org](http://acc@shadowbrook.org)

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### Help Wanted: Lifeguards



Come join our lifeguard team!

New and returning lifeguards

contact Monique at  
[viceprspool@shadowbrook.org](mailto:viceprspool@shadowbrook.org)

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Always check our [www.shadowbrook.org](http://www.shadowbrook.org) for the latest information on our neighborhood

## Shadow Brook Sharks Swim Team

### Sharks are in the water!

The first week of practice saw both beach weather and a return to the cold, wet days of winter, but the Sharks are in the water and loving it!



Between Registration and sign-ups through the first week, we currently have more than 110 swimmers on this season's roster. We have welcomed back many 'old', familiar faces and quite a few new ones too. Registration will remain open until May 6<sup>th</sup>, so for anyone still deliberating, there is still plenty of time to sign-up. Remember, children and grandchildren aged 18 years and younger of Members or Associate Members are eligible to join the swim team. See the Shadow Brook website for additional information and forms.

Picture Day 2005 has been scheduled for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar, and plan for some fun free-swim time and Bring Your Own dinner afterwards!

**Swim team** : [swimteam@shadowbrook.org](mailto:swimteam@shadowbrook.org)

### Help Wanted: Pool Manager

Wonderful opportunity to be a part of a neighborhood cabana pool in Almaden Valley.



We are looking for someone who:

- ✓ Is a certified Lifeguard and has been trained as a Water Safety Instructor
- ✓ Has a First Aid certificate
- ✓ Has practical experience in maintaining a pool
- ✓ Enjoys working with children

As the manager, you would:

- ✓ Run the facility, maintaining a safe and fun environment from April through September
- ✓ Organize and coordinate affiliated summer programs (i.e. swim lessons)
- ✓ Work closely with swim team coach
- ✓ Manage staff of lifeguards
- ✓ Maintain a positive relationship between pool staff and association members

Email resumes to [viceprespool@shadowbrook.org](mailto:viceprespool@shadowbrook.org)

### 2005 Meet Schedule & Events:

Mar 20	Registration / Apparel Orders
Apr 4	Afternoon practice begins.
May 15	Pool Day for Shark Families (12 – 5pm)
May 21	Time Trials (Crossgates @ Shadow Brook)
May 26	Team Pictures / free swim & BYO Dinner
May 28	No Meet – Happy Memorial Day!
Jun 3	Kick-off rally at Shadow Brook
Jun 4	Shadow Brook @ Creekside
Jun 11	Shadow Brook @ Pinehurst
Jun 11	Sharks' Luau at the Pool (5:30-9:30pm)
Jun 16	Practice switches to mornings
Jun 18	Santa Teresa @ Shadow Brook
Jun 25	Shadow Brook @ Crossgates
Jun 30	Raging Waters Day (10 – 6 pm)
Jul 2	No Meet – Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!
Jul 8	Sharks / Dolphins Rally Dinner @ Almaden
Jul 9	Almaden @ Shadow Brook
Jul 16	CHAMPS @ Gunderson High School
Jul 17	Awards Night – "Swim Under the Stars"

### Babysitters for Hire

**Notice:** If you wish to add your name to this list, please email [splasher@shadowbrook.org](mailto:splasher@shadowbrook.org).

For a list of available babysitters contact [splasher@shadowbrook.org](mailto:splasher@shadowbrook.org)

**ADVERTISING:** We are offering business card ads for \$35.00 per issue (paid at the time of placement of the ad). Advertising is open only to businesses affiliated with members or the immediate 95120 business community. Kids' ads (35 words or less) and non-profit ads can run free of charge. General community notices also continue to run for free. No political endorsements please.

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## The Shadow Brook Welcoming Committee

*As a new feature in the Splasher we will focus on a specific committee, function or group in each issue to enable members to have a better understanding of how volunteers in Shadow Brook make this a better place to live. This month we are focusing on the Welcoming Committee.*

If you have moved to Shadow Brook in the past 5 years I hope you have met the Welcoming Committee, or at least received a gift basket if we missed you at home. The Welcoming Committee has been active off and on over the years in Shadow Brook but they have mostly tried to be "on" for the past 5. The committee is Laura Olson, Cindy Feldman, Sue Monahan, Cleda Zucchero, Lori Yang and Jody Tempel.

Laura Olson headed this committee from 2000-2003 and she pioneered the idea of bringing each new neighbor a "basket of goodies" to welcome them. Each basket contains a letter of introduction and welcome, some past Splashers, Shark Swim Team information, Shadow Brook travel mugs and some food treats. Our new neighbors really seem to like the baskets!

Cindy Feldman joined soon after Laura and has become our expert at designing the party invitations that we send out to all our new neighbors annually. The Newcomer's Party was an idea from Sue Monahan and she hosts this fun get-together at her home each Fall with her husband Chris. Sue and Chris also have developed a fun Almaden Valley trivia game that we all play each year. It helps our neighbors learn some interesting facts about their new home.

Cleda Zucchero joined the committee soon after she moved here in 2001 and attended the Newcomer's Party. So did Lori Yang. So did Jody Tempel. When Laura Olson invites you to a Newcomer's Party, watch out! She can be very persuasive. Jody took over from Laura in 2003 and has really enjoyed working with these ladies and greeting all our new neighbors. In 2004 they delivered about 14 baskets to new neighbors! That must be a record!

If you think that this sounds like a fun committee to join someday, think carefully. Both Cindy Feldman and Lori Yang gave birth to their 2<sup>nd</sup> child while on this committee!

Our committee is currently working with Jordan Wong, who is in charge of title transfers for Shadow Brook, to make sure that no new neighbor goes un-welcomed. You can help by sending an email to [welcome@shadowbrook.org](mailto:welcome@shadowbrook.org) if a house close to you

sells. We don't want to miss anyone! Additionally, if you have a business or service to provide that you think any of our new families could benefit from knowing about, let us know. If you have a coupon, calendar, refrigerator magnet or another marketing treats please contact Jody at [welcome@shadowbrook.org](mailto:welcome@shadowbrook.org) and she will see about getting your item included in the welcome baskets.

Cindy Feldman says "We are a little community surrounded by everything big and grand. A little neighborly visit might be just what a new homeowner needs to feel connected". Our committee hopes to be making that connection for a long time to come.



### Pool News

VIP Pool Service takes care of our pool. The owner, Dan Scadero, is an Almaden resident and has serviced our pool and the equipment for the last 10 years and has done a wonderful job. He also has an assistant, Chris Tucker, who comes in after hours (anywhere from **9pm – 1am**) to do the actual pool cleaning. So please do not be alarmed if one night you drive by the pool and see an old white van in front of the pool and someone inside the pool area. He's legit!

We have decided to postpone the parking lot paving until the fall, after the pool closes.

The pool clean-up will happen on Saturday May 7 so the pool can be ready for the beginning of the season on Memorial Day Weekend. Bring rubber gloves and a great attitude. See you all there.

The kitchen and pool policies are being updated right now so be sure to check the website for current information. Hopefully these changes should make most of you happy and comfortable at the pool.

The new season is quickly approaching. I'm looking forward to a fun and warm summer at the pool!

Your pool gal, Monique

## Board and Committee Phone Numbers

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Don Hale, Bill Helms, Richard Kohl

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[welcome@shadowbrook.org](mailto:welcome@shadowbrook.org)

Swim Team: *swimteam@shadowbrook.org*  
Mary Nicholson, Mary Bachmeier, Mary Johnson

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## The Social Connection

Our first Adult Social will take place this year on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Be sure to attend this fun event, especially if you are new to the neighborhood or if you have never been to an Adult Social before. Associate Members, we would love to see you there as well! Our theme for the evening is Cinco de Mayo. In keeping with this, we will provide Margaritas as well as beer, water and soda. Bring \$5 per person and a small appetizer or dessert. If you would like to help with this event or if you have a theme idea for a future Adult Social please contact Jody Tempel at [social@shadowbrook.org](mailto:social@shadowbrook.org) or 268-4892.

Wednesday Night Socials will begin this year on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am looking for some motivated people to host again this year. Last summer we enjoyed a wide variety of delicious meals every Wednesday and I am hoping for the same thing this year. If you are interested in hosting and want to reserve your preferred date, please be in touch with me.

Charlotte Ferree has graciously accepted the hosting challenge for our season kick-off, Memorial Day.

### Social Schedule

May 7: Adult Social 7:30 PM  
May 30: Memorial Day BBQ, time tba  
June 4: Adult Social 7:30 PM  
June 22: Wednesday Night Social 5:30 PM  
June 26: Sunday Afternoon at the Pool 1:00 PM,  
June 29: Wednesday Night Social 5:30 PM  
July 2: Adult Social 7:30 PM  
July 4: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, all day  
July 13: Wednesday Night Social 5:30 PM  
July 20: Wednesday Night Social 5:30 PM  
July 24: Sunday Afternoon at the Pool 1:00 PM,  
July 27: Wednesday Night Social 5:30 PM  
Aug 6: Adult Social 7:30 PM  
Aug 28: Sunday Afternoon at the Pool 1:00 PM,  
Sep 4: Labor Day BBQ, time tba  
Sep 10: Adult Social 7:30 PM  
Sep 17: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 7:30 PM

## Memorial Day BBQ Monday, May 30, 2005

Plans are underway for the annual Shadow Brook Memorial Day BBQ. Please mark your calendars and join us at the pool for eating, swimming, kicking back, getting reacquainted with people we haven't since the pool closed last Fall and meeting new neighbors and associates.

At lunchtime we will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage and Chinese Chicken Salad. The dinner menu will be a Hawaiian-style plate: teriyaki chicken, scoop of rice, and macaroni salad - if I can get my aunty to share her authentic Hawaiian-style macaroni salad recipe. There will also be hamburgers, hotdogs and sausage. And, if I can get volunteers to do the baking, there will also be an ono (delicious) Hawaiian-style desert on the desert menu! I will provide most of the ingredients for the dessert. Are you a Vegetarian? Please let me know ahead of time (see below for contact information) and I will whip up a tofu sukiyaki for you. See the May Splasher for more details.

We will also have our dinner-time pot-luck. So start thinking about your delectable family favorite dish to bring to the pool.

Please kokua (help) by volunteering to do some night before food prep (chopping veggies, baking, cooking & shredding chickens for the salad), BBQing, and/or helping in the kitchen on Monday. I will share my recipes with volunteers. If you are a new neighbor or associate, this is a fun way to get to know people. As we say in Hawaii, come "talk story" with us and lend a helping hand. Please e-mail: [Splasher@Shadowbrook.org](mailto:Splasher@Shadowbrook.org).

Mahalo!  
Charlotte Ferree