

**Monte Sano Club – March 2015 Newsletter**  
**Glenn Carr, President (3.1.15)**

*Please check the website for updates as this will be our main form of communication to the membership. Feel free to contact us by email.*

***[www.montesano.org/msc](http://www.montesano.org/msc)***

Welcome members! The board is preparing for the summer 2015 season. We have several projects underway and I wanted to update the membership on a few issues:

- 1. Good News!** The cold weather has not caused any pipe damage!
- 2. Our new board is in place.** (you can find all these addresses on the website.)

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Vice President - John Kvatch (msc.vicepresident@montesano.org)

Secretary – Peggy Sammon (msc.secretary@montesano.org)

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Parliamentarian – John Ehinger (msc.parliamentarian@montesano.org)

Operations: Jackie Roche & Peggy Sammon (msc.operations@montesano.org)

Social – Aletha Howie (msc.social@montesano.org)

Child Social – Stacey Condon & Jackie Roche (msc.youthsocial@montesano.org)

Maintenance – Clay Terry & Tim Burke (msc.maintenance@montesano.org)

- 3. We welcome back Coach B** (Kat Brennan) as our Pool manager. Over the next few months, she will coordinate life guard interviews and hiring.

- 4. Survey Results:** Last summer we conducted a survey of the membership on two important issues. Those areas that you felt needed improvement, and the facilities used by your families. Thank you to the 141 members who responded. Your feedback is very important and your responses help determine the focus of the board's energy. A summary of the responses is attached.

**5. Pre-season projects:** The Board has reviewed these results and will address several of the items near the top of the list, and, thus, there are currently several projects that have begun that will be concluded by Opening Day.

First, we will repair the Bluff Deck in front of the tennis courts so that the bluff deck extends across our entire rim. This project will require extensive repair work on that old concrete deck, plus fence & rail replacement & repair. However, the end result will be an additional 125 linear feet of very good Deck space.

Second, we are completing the land prep of an additional 5000 sq feet of area that was gained when the old damaged fence on the north side of the property was replaced. This will give the membership a heavily shaded area to retreat to for those who wish to relax and enjoy the sounds of the nearby creek and waterfall.

We also plan to have the deck railing painted and the bluff light fixtures repaired prior to Opening Day. Be on the lookout for a pre-season work day!

**6. Modest Dues Increase:** During the February Board Meeting, the Board carefully reviewed the expenses of all the improvements made to the Club over the past 10 years. These improvements, and the projects being performed this spring have all been completed with funds from operations, not requiring any debt. By contrast, many of the swim clubs in Huntsville have substantial debt.

However, the current board predicts that the concrete structure that houses the pool, the pump room and the pool deck will need repairs and resurfacing in the next several years. The pool structure is now 53 years old. In order to allow future boards the funds necessary to make these improvements without assessments or debt, our current Board has recommended and approved a modest increase to summer dues of **\$25**. This represents the first dues increase in 5 years, and will help build a reserve for the anticipated work over the next several years.

The 10 year financial summary that we reviewed is available to members. Please email the Treasurer ([msc.treasurer@montesano.org](mailto:msc.treasurer@montesano.org)) if you would like a copy.

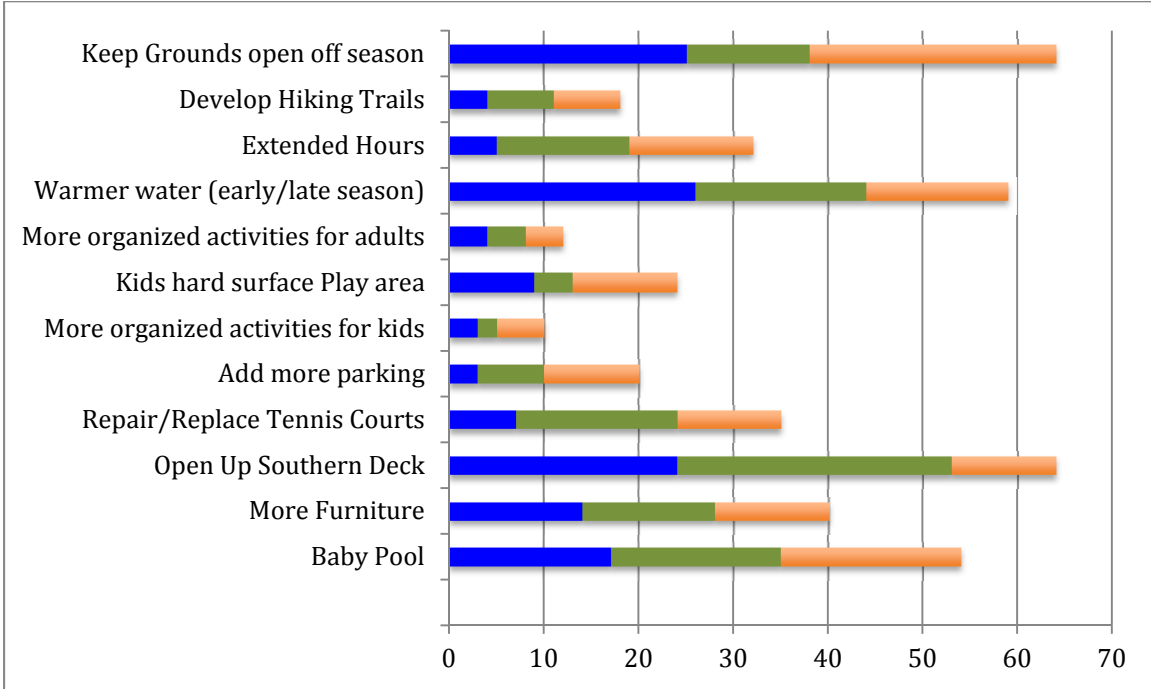
In the next few weeks, you will receive your statement for 2015.

Be on the lookout for monthly newsletters and please continue to check the website for updates. See the survey results on the next page.

*Glenn Carr*  
*Monte Sano Club President*

**Monte Sano Club – Results of Summer 2014 survey (141 responses)**

**List the top 3 improvement areas that you think need attention if funds were available.  
(#1 in blue, #2 in green, #3 in orange)**



**List all the facilities at Monte Sano Club that are important to your family:**

