

**ANNAPOLIS ROYAL COMMUNITY POOL
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

I. Who/what is FAPS?

FAPS is the Friends of Annapolis Pool Society. We are a small volunteer board with a larger pool of volunteers who are responsible for the running of the pool. We hire staff, organize maintenance, prepare the pool schedule and fundraise.

The present board is made up of the following people:

Christine Igot - President

Lynn Longmire - Secretary

Pierre Igot - Treasurer

Board Members: Sue Bonnington, Donna Godfrey-Conyers, Starr Cardwell

II. Who runs this pool?

FAPS owns and runs the pool. We have a memorandum of understanding with the Town. We hire a pool manager in the summer to be an on-site supervisor.

III. How is this pool funded?

The pool is funded partly by selling swimming lessons and passes. However, these do not totally support the pool as we keep our prices for passes and swimming lessons as low as possible.

We would not be able to open this pool without the generous financial support of our sponsors. These include:

- The Town of Annapolis Royal
- Annapolis County Recreation and the THRIVE! grant
- Summer Student grant from the Province of Nova Scotia
- Summer Student grant from the federal government
- Scotiabank - Annapolis Royal
- Royal Bank - Annapolis Royal
- Individual donors in our community

Other precious in-kind help comes from the following:

- Annapolis Royal Home Hardware Building Centre
- Hutchins Pharmacy
- AWEC and the O2 programme students

IV. How can I help out?

FAPS is constantly organizing fund-raising activities. If you would like to be a part of our larger group of volunteers, please contact FAPS president Christine Igot at: christine@laxtext.com

V. I can't volunteer but can I donate money?

Yes, please!

As a registered charity, FAPS can provide a tax receipt for any donation over \$20.

We are grateful for all donations.

VI. When is the next fundraiser?

FAPS is hosting its second annual Mother's Day family brunch at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, 2016. We hope you will enjoy a great brunch in support of the pool.

VII. When will the pool open this summer?

The pool will officially open on Friday, July 1, 2016 with our annual FREE Canada Day swim in the afternoon.

VIII. Can anyone come and swim?

Our pool is a community pool. We welcome everyone during our open swim, lane swim and Aquafit activities.

IX. How much is a season pass?

Our prices have NOT increased in 2016.

A family season pass is \$170 (family of 6 maximum)

An individual season pass is \$105

A senior's season pass is \$60 (60 years or older)

A 10 swim pass is \$35

A day pass is \$7

If you do not buy a season pass or a day pass, public swims, lane swims and Aquafit classes are \$4 each.

Wednesday night swims from 6:30 to 7:30 are FREE thanks to THRIVE!

X. What does my season pass allow me to do?

Your pass allows you to swim in the pool every day and have access to all activities except for swimming lessons and the Friday night evening swims.

XI. What is not covered by my pass?

Swimming lessons and the Friday Night evening swims (\$4) are the only things NOT covered by your season pass.

XII. Do you have a splash pool?

Yes, we have a splash pool which the young children adore.

XIII. What is Aquafit?

Aquafit is a 45 minute to 1 hour fitness programme in the pool and is open to everyone. Exercises take place in both the shallow and the deep ends. If you are not a strong swimmer, there are life-jackets available.

XIV. Can my children come while I am doing Aquafit?

Yes, there is an open swim at the same time and the splash pool will also be running.

XV. What is the Moms and Tots swim?

This is a quiet time in the pool when moms and young children can be together. Parents must be **IN** the water with their young children. Older children can be present as long as they play quietly. This time is to encourage the very young to be in the water.

XVI. Do you offer private swimming lessons in the evenings?

We aim to accommodate all those who wish to learn to swim. Please contact the Pool Manager at the beginning of the season to work out possibilities for private swimming lessons.

XVII. Can I come and swim before work in the morning?

Yes, you can. We have an early morning lane swim between 8 am and 9 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

XVIII. Can we organize a pool party for our group?

Absolutely. Private pool parties are possible on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Pool rental is \$85/hour. This includes Lifeguard supervision and the use of our gas BBQ. Book early as there are only so many weekends during July and August!

XIX. Who are the lifeguards and instructors?

Every year, we hire an excellent team of lifeguards and instructors. These young people work very hard to become qualified. All the credentials of our staff are available for review at the pool office.

We also hire a Pool Manager to oversee the staff.

XX. How can I become a lifeguard?

Check out information available about requirements and courses on the Red Cross website: <http://www.redcross.ca/training-and-certification/course-descriptions/swimming-and-water-safety-courses/lifeguarding>.

You can also check out the Lifesaving Society for information at: www.lifesavingsociety.ns.ca

XXI. Where can I find the 2016 Schedule?

There are draft schedules available on our website at www.annapolipool.ca and on our Facebook page.

Schedules will also be available at:

- The Visitor's Information Centre
- The Annapolis Royal Town Hall
- The Annapolis Royal Town Website
- The Recreation Office at ARRA
- The Pool

For information about the 2016 schedule, please contact Christine Igot at: Christine@lertext.com or at 902-532-7978