**2015 Events Committee Report**

**July 30, 2015**

The Greensboro Association continued its sponsorship of the Caspian Challenge in 2015. The Challenge consists of either a 5K run or walk, or a 6.4-mile lake loop run, held this year on Sunday, July 26. Despite the threat of thunderstorms, this year’s run saw 99 finishers. Sam Beech set a new course record, completing the lake loop in 38:18. The top 5K-finisher was David Lambert in 23:21. The top women were Richarda Ericson for the lake loop in 49:50 and Julie Gallivan-Parker for the 5K in 28:21. Proceeds from this year's run are designated for the food and gardening programs at the Lakeview Union Elementary School in Greensboro.

The first of two informal Sail Days occurred on July 25, although a lack of wind prevented many boats from attending. We encourage sailors to join us on the lake again on the afternoon of **Saturday, August 15** for another informal group sail from 2-5 PM.

The GA will continue to provide logistical support to the Caspian Open Water Swim. This year’s swim will be on **Sunday, August 16** at 9:00 AM. Orleans County and lake residents can register for the discounted fee of $50. Registration information is available at [www.kingdomswim.org](http://www.kingdomswim.org) or [www.kingdomgames.co](http://www.kingdomgames.co).

Those who witnessed the 2014 swim will remember the challenging conditions. A cold drizzle and fall-like temperatures teamed up with a strong and gusty westerly wind to make for a very wavy, inhospitable lake. None of this deterred the 21 swimmers participating, up from 15 in 2013. Perhaps the most inspiring moment for everyone was the finish of the full 3-mile circuit by a 10-year old from New Hampshire in less than 2 hours.

The Association will again host a lunch for swimmers and their support kayakers, as well as provide van transport back from the Lodge beach to the public beach for those ending their swim at Bathtub Rocks. **While all swimmers must have a kayaker, Kingdom Games also needs three to four motorboats to provide support for swimmers. If you or someone you know can help with this critical task, please contact Victoria Von Hessert at victoriavonhessert@gmail.com.**

These events are not possible without the help of volunteers, including:

Stew and Becky Arnold

The Ely Family

The Sowles Family

The Osterhout Family

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The Kehler Families

The Cook Family

Sarah Kasten

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Jim Flint

If you have suggestions or are interested in helping us in 2016, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Von Hessert