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Dear Member:

We regret that it is necessary to announce that the swimming pool can not be completed in time for use this summer. We know that this will come as a deep disappointment to you and your family, as it has to your Board of Directors.

You will recall our jubilation at the meeting held on March 29, at which time we were able to reveal that, after 2 years of intensive property-searching and long hours of negotiating with officials of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors had accepted the Club's offer to purchase some 9½ acres of prime land in an unusually attractive area of Potomac Hills, McLean. Certainly, this was an achievement of high order.

After that meeting, the Board continued to exert the most diligent effort to meet the deadline date of the Fourth of July for the start of pool operations. We engaged a highly reputable architect-engineering company to prepare the overall site plan and to design an attractive bath-house; we completed preliminary negotiations with a top-notch pool builder, were able to obtain very favorable financing, and conducted the Club's second successful membership drive.

But time ran out. We found that pool designers and builders are exceptionally busy people and, in this era of prosperity and affluence, have more work than they can possibly accomodate. Additionally, the task of converting the existing structures to pool facilities raised unique engineering problems which no one could have foreseen. Finally, maneuvering the site plan through the lengthy, involved County procedures (through the Health Department, the Sanitation Department, the Public Works Department, etc. etc.) in order to obtain the all-important building permit

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(we already have the necessary zoning) is proving to be the organization's most frustrating task so far.

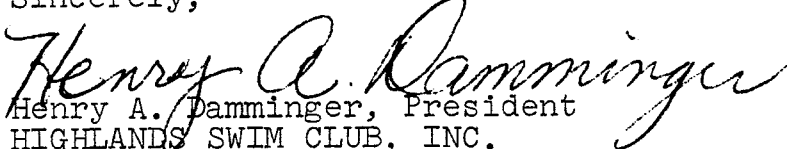
Despite these many road-blocks, with your understanding and support, we'll continue to push forward so that construction can begin as soon as possible. The Board of Directors is now more firm than ever to make the Highland Swim Club the most outstanding community swim club on the East Coast.

The unavoidable delay in the scheduled opening date may raise questions in your mind which are not answered in this letter. Consequently, we plan to hold a "Question and Answer Meeting" on Tuesday, June 8 at 8:00 P. M. in the Chesterbrook School. No agenda has been arranged, since the primary purpose of the meeting is to answer any questions you desire to raise, and to discuss frankly with you, any and all facets of this project which is of interest. We hope the meeting will spare everyone the trouble of telephoning to obtain individual answers.

Whether or not you come to this meeting, you will receive a report of those questions and answers which were of prime interest. We'll also send to you, throughout the summer, reports of progress on the building program.

The Board of Directors is deeply appreciative of your understanding.

Sincerely,


Henry A. Damminger, President
HIGHLANDS SWIM CLUB, INC.

P. S. We now have 300 members and applications are still being received and processed at the \$425 rate. Very shortly, it will be necessary to discontinue accepting additional applications at this rate. When the pool opens, the membership fee is expected to be set at \$500.