

Wedgwood Pool News

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Swimmers, take your mark!

Gearing Up – 2008 Key Dates

April 26th, Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm
Landscape work party

May 17th, Saturday, 1 pm – 4 pm
Opening Day & BBQ

May 19th, Monday, 5:30 – 8 pm
Swim team meeting
5:30 – 8 pm, swim suit sale
7 pm, Parent/Swimmer kickoff meeting

May 20th, Tuesday, evening workouts begin

July 13th, Sunday, 4 pm
Town Hall meeting

Calendars will follow in May and online.

“Many hands make light work”.

Landscape work party

Sat., April 26, 9 am – 4 pm

The Wedgwood Pool grounds have awakened from winter's slumber and need tending. Rain or shine, bring your favorite weeding and pruning tools, shovels, rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. We need all the help we can get!

Remember: Wedgwood membership requires three hours of participation at a work party or a payment of \$25 to Wedgwood Pool.

Senior/Golden memberships are not required to contribute time or money to landscaping. However, we are happy to extend the invitation, as many of you have expressed an interest in helping us care for the grounds.

Contact Peter Brunner, the landscape committee chair, with questions at 527-1669 or by e-mail at gpbrunner5@msn.com.

WW birth notice

March 14 – Congratulations to our lesson coordinator, Jessa (Wilkins-Haigh) and Joe Van Dyk on the birth of their baby Dashell “Dash” Clay Van Dyk! He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Everyone is happy and healthy. Watch for Dash in 2013 as an 8 & Under on swim team!

Town Hall Meeting Sunday, July 13, 4 pm

The board is scheduling this midseason Town Hall meeting (before August vacations) to provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas about subjects of importance to the membership.

This includes the February 2008 by-laws proposed changes and votes, which the board will revisit in February 2009, thereby allowing the membership greater notice for consideration and informed decision making.

Our by-laws, which govern the board, are posted on the Web site. Please take time to familiarize yourself with them prior to the Town Hall meeting.

We encourage your comments and involvement.

board@wwpool.org or president@wwpool.org

Swim Team news

The days are getting longer; the crocuses are showing their colors and its time to start thinking about swim team! We are looking forward to all of our swimmers returning and meeting some new faces this summer for another fun-packed season. Our team is lucky to have the entire coaching staff with us again. Matt Miller will continue his role as head coach, assisted by Robert Sjoberg, Michael Matsumoto and Jill Kripps. All swimmers, from age 5 to graduating seniors, are welcome to join

the Wedgwood Swim Team. For those of you beyond high school, there is always adult swim team!

Evening workouts begin Tues., May 20.

Registration

We would like to maintain our “green” philosophy by providing everything you need to register for swim team, including forms, schedules for workouts and meets, and the team handbook on Wedgwood’s Web site.

Look for registration forms the first week in April. Find links to the forms at:
http://www.wwpool.org/swim_team/swimteam.htm

Please complete all four pieces of the registration materials:

- Swim team registration form
- Swimmer and parent Code of Conduct
- Vacation/absence plans form
- Family volunteer form

Mail all materials, including the registration fee (\$65 per swimmer) as soon as possible to Jacque Ives at:

6823 – 27th Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Please try to send these forms before the meeting on Mon., May 19, so the coaches will have accurate list of swimmers.

Remember: the registration and Code of Conduct forms must be complete and team dues paid in full prior to participation in workouts and meets.

Volunteers are a vital part of our team and are a big part of what makes our team so great and successful – don’t forget to fill out the family volunteer forms!

Concessions

We need two to four people to step up and take the lead with concessions. You may have received an e-mail about this important topic already. This is a huge job, which has been performed by one or two people in the past. Former leads, Hilary and Kari, offered to continue to do the shopping, but we still need a team (or two) to head up the volunteers and run concessions at home meets. If you already plan to volunteer for concessions, please grab a friend and fill these important shoes! If the job is shared, it should be an easy commitment to make.

Stroke & turn judges

We need more stroke and turn judges. This is a great job for parents who have older kids (12+) who no longer need parental help during meets. Training will be provided and you are guaranteed a front row spot on the deck during every race. Please indicate your interest on the family volunteer form.

Communication

E-mails have been an important tool for getting information to the team quickly. Thanks to Raab Parker, we are now able to route our e-mail communications through the pool Web site. Once we are set up, future e-mails will come from swimteam@wwpool.org . Stay tuned for more information.

Swim Team Committee

Jacque Ives, Kim Prestbo & Carolyn Bernhard

Swim Team suit fitting

Monday, May 19, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

We made an executive decision and decided to add the Wedgwood “W” to our suits this year. The suits will be TYR brand polyester in black. The women’s will have the Wedgwood “W” on the chest and jammers will have the “W” on the front hip. The team fitting and suit sale will be held at the pool from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on Monday, May 19, and **this is the only opportunity to purchase the team suit and get the full team discount.** Sylvia’s Swim Shop will be there with suits for trying on.

If you cannot make it to this fitting, suits are available at Sylvia’s to try on prior to the fitting date. Send your order, including money and size, with a friend to the meeting to take advantage of the discount.

Call or e-mail Cheryl Behrens with questions at 526-0493 and rcbehrens@comcast.net.

Adult Swim Team news

Welcome back to all of our Adult Team members! Even though it is too early to think about our workouts (which will start near the end of June when school gets out), it is not too early to think about team suits! The swim team this year is going with a basic black suit with the Wedgwood

logo. We thought this would be a good suit for the adults to get as well. We encourage our adult swimmers to purchase this year's WW team suit. Just imagine how great we will look at the Adult Meet!

Since this is a specially-made suit, you must order it during the swim team suit fitting on Monday, May 19, at the pool.

Questions? Call or e-mail Mary Lippold, 365-8805 or mandrlippold@comcast.net, and Karin Fosberg, 524-2941 or majeau@hotmail.com.

Seattle Summer Swim League Post Season Meet Schedule

B-Champs – July 25, Sand Point
Girls' Prelims – July 28, Innis Arden
Boys' Prelims – July 29, Wedgwood
Northern Division Finals – July 31, View Ridge
All City Championship – August 5, Kent
Adult Swim Meet – August 2, Sheridan Beach

Watch the Web site and upcoming newsletters for the dual meet schedule and other swim team events.

Special events

In addition to the BBQ on Opening Day, Wedgwood has some \$1 BBQs planned for Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day holiday weekends.

*Opening Day BBQ
Sat., May 17, 1 pm – 4 pm*

Celebrate the Summer 2008 opening of the pool, meet new members and greet old members. As always, the BBQ will happen rain or shine, so add it to your calendars now!

An hour of your time behind the grill is an easy way to get back into the swing of summer, and we could use a few volunteers to man the spatulas and dish up food.

Call Muriel Sjoberg at 523-4492 or e-mail thesjobergs@comcast.net .

Membership

As of printing, we have 26 new members joining the pool this year. Twelve of the membership openings were due to members switching to senior status and the remaining were sales of memberships. We went through approximately 72 numbers on the waiting list to get the 26 new members.

Four members requested leaves of absence for this summer. We will offer those summer memberships first to the designated Near Neighbors most impacted by the pool. More details about our new members will be in the next newsletter.

We will also have a complete breakdown by zip code of the entire 2008 membership. In light of recent by-laws restricting sales of memberships, we are in the process of gathering other data as requested by members.

We will post all the data on the bulletin board at the pool once we complete the sales of the memberships.

Janet Cairns & Caryn Hopkins
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Website & E-mail ~ news & events

We look forward to the idea of minimizing our environmental impact (paper use) and maximizing our pool website by using members' emails to deliver the Wedgwood newsletter, swim team information, events by listserv subscription.

Currently, when snail mail goes out, we also post the newsletters to www.wwpool.org , for easy on demand access.

As a work in progress, we hope to develop greater website/email capabilities.

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Newsletter submittals due by the 15th of each month

Public swimming pools awareness

Concerned about the growing need for more public pools? Check out the following Web sites about existing public pools in our area and grassroots organizations who love swimming as well!

Seattle – www.seattlepools.org (meeting April 2008)

Bellevue – www.splash4all.org (study in progress)

Kenmore-Bothell-Woodinville (study underway)
http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Support_North_shore_Aquatics/links

University of Washington – Varsity swimming status
http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/othersports/261199_u_swim01.html

City of Seattle – www.seattle.gov/Parks/Pools.asp

King County – www.metrokc.gov/parks/pools/

South Whidbey and Snoqualmie Valley efforts are emerging.

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