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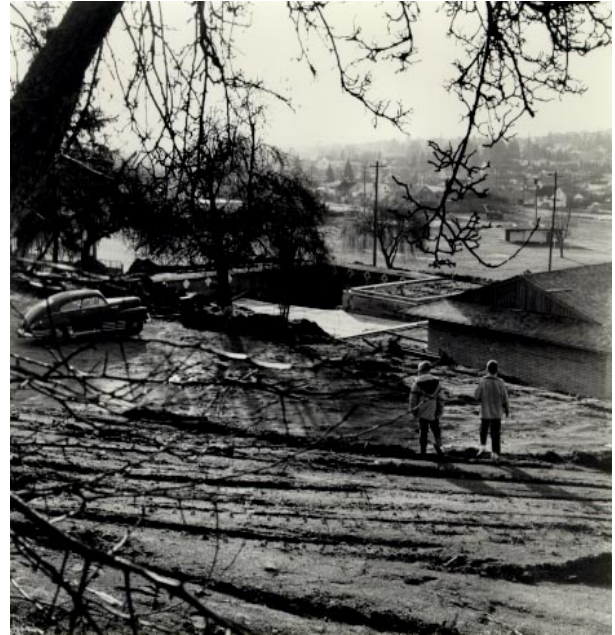
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Welcome to our new members!
Orientation May 17th noon

Spencer & Elaine Bahner
Christy & Bruce Baker
Jack & Elizabeth Black
Robert Brown/Laura Dean
Jessie & Geoff Compeau
Mary Dugan & Mike Spry
Paula Gooding family
Gary & Daniele Hansen
Bruce Hevly & Allison Fitzgerald
Kurt & Katherine Laird
Patrick & Amy Lanfear
Michelle Lirette/Steve Gustaveson
Nancy Lomenth & Mark T. Boyd
Terry Meersman & Carmen De La Hoz
Theresa Miller
Betsy Payn & David Bradshaw
Patricia & Leif Pearson
Ed & Debora Rifkin
Linda Shaw & Carl Christofferson
Amee & Michael Sherer
Dan & Meghan Sheridan
Mary Strasser
Cathy Tuttle
James & Tyger Rasmussen
Janice Varr & Sheldon White



Remember the easy work parties?
“Many hands make light work”

www.wwpool.org archives

From the Manager

It's snowing outside as I write this and truly hard to believe that in only four short weeks the pool will open for the season. Hopefully La Niña will give us a break by then.

Included in this mailing is a calendar listing general hours as well as shortened hours and special events. As in past years the pool will be open on a shortened schedule until the public schools let out. Please note that this calendar is as accurate as possible, however, any necessary updates will be posted at the pool and on the pool web site.

At the time of writing, start dates for early morning lap swim and water aerobics have

yet to be determined but I expect to have this information available soon. Please check at the pool or online for updates.

Speaking of the pool web site. It has been up and running now for ten years. While it's not the fanciest site and hasn't changed much since its inception, we hope it has been a useful means for you to get information and updates.

One thing we are currently testing is a more secure member area where you would have to log in with a password to access certain types of information. One example of this type of information is our pool board minutes.

Currently these are available in both the open and more secure area, but ideally the minutes will only be available in the secure area in the future. You can give it a try by clicking on the "member" tab on the website menu, and entering "blank" when prompted for the password.

In addition to the member area, a new discussion forum has been established and described later in this newsletter.

I look forward meeting our new members and to seeing the rest of you in the near future. In the meantime and hopefully prior to coming to the pool, please take a minute to review the short list of rules included in this newsletter. The complete list of rules will be posted at the pool and the staff will also be happy to provide you with a copy of the pool rules upon request.

Now go dig out those old pool towels, swim suits and maybe even the sunscreen because come rain, shine or whatever on Saturday, May 17th, the pool opens at noon! So, come on down and jump in as we kick off the summer swim season!

Pool Rules – the short list

- ALL SWIMMERS MUST TAKE A CLEANSING SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL.
- Pool areas both inside and out can be slippery; please remember to walk.
- Glass containers are not allowed.
- The use of alcohol is not permitted at the club.
- Smoking is not permitted on club property.
- To prevent head and neck injuries, diving is only permitted in the "deep end."
- The lifeguard has full authority at all times.

Please, CHECK YOUR VALUABLES!

Ask the office for a receipt for cash transactions.

In addition, remember common pool etiquette:

- No food or chewing gum past the roped off area.
- No shoes past the roped off area.
- Do not use the pool if you have an open wound. *No Band-Aids or bandages allowed.*

Driving & parking

Did you know that the posted speed limit north of the pool is **15mph on 28th Avenue?** That's pretty slow going, and just how it should be when you are driving to and from the pool.

Please consider our neighbors that live around the club and remember to park in such a way that you are not infringing on their driveways, encroaching into intersections or blocking fire hydrants.

Guests

Prepaid guest fees not used last year will be carried over for this season. Guest fees are \$3 each for the first 20; additional guests are \$5 each.

Member's children cared for by a babysitter must register their sitter at the office. Sitter is allowed to use the pool only when supervising those children.

Houseguests must be from out of town and living at member's home. Register at the office with beginning and ending dates of stay. One-time fee during stay: \$3/person or \$5/family.

Senior Members should contact the office to register those individuals other than themselves who might be using their swims.

Teens can bring up to three guests after 7pm any day of the week for a \$1/guest. These do not count against the guest allotment.

The complete guest policy is posted at the pool and on the web site.

Parties

Parties for groups of up to 12 people can be held during regular pool hours. Parties need to be pre-arranged with the office and are discouraged on weekends.

Cost is \$3 per person, and does not count against the 20. If prior arrangements are not made, party-goers will be counted as regular pool guests. To lessen the impact of parties on other pool members, we only schedule one party during any given time and we ask that parties be limited to two hours. We also ask for your cooperation in sticking to your arranged time as we often book parties back to back. Lastly, please

note that parties will not be scheduled when there are pool events going on.

Rentals

The pool is available for rent on Friday and Saturday nights after the pool closes and also on Saturday and Sunday morning before the pool opens.

The pool is also available for rental for school parties before full time summer hours begin; however, because of our younger-than-usual staff still being in school themselves this year, we may not be able to accommodate larger groups like we have in past years.

Rates depend on the size of the group and times vary, so contact the office if you are interested in finding out more.

See you at the pool,

Raab

Head Coach report

Wedgwood Swimmers:

Allow me to welcome you all to the 2008 edition of the Wedgwood Swim Team.

This will be my fourth year as head coach and eighth year as a member of the coaching staff here at Wedgwood. As coaches, we are always looking to improve upon previous years' goals and successes.

Since my first year as head coach, the coaching staff has tried to focus on more of a 'team' dynamic that immerses the swimmers in much more of a group mentality than the individuality that the sport of swimming is prone to producing. I feel this has been one of the major successes from the past several years and hope this idea and mentality continues to circulate throughout the swimmers again this year.

This summer, we will continue to make teamwork, sportsmanship, improvement and fun our main priorities and will focus our time and energy on making this summer a positive and beneficial experience for your youngsters on the swim team. As a coaching staff, we continue to brainstorm new ideas to reinforce our points of emphasis and have a couple of new plans that we will attempt to incorporate this summer.

I am nothing but pleased to have the best group of assistant coaches joining me again this year. Robbie, Mike and Jill are all very excited about this upcoming season and the anticipation is palpable every time we talk or email.

With the amount of experience accumulated between the four of us, we are very confident your swimmers will improve their strokes, improve their times and have an absolute blast while being members of the Wedgwood Swim Team.

I am thrilled to begin another great season with you all and am looking forward another great summer.

Matt Miller ~ Head Coach

Swim team news

Swim team registration is underway! You can find links to the forms at http://www.wwpool.org/swim_team/swimteam.htm

Please complete all four pieces of the registration and mail all of them, along with the registration fee (\$65 per swimmer) to:

Jacque Ives
6832 27th Ave NE
Seattle WA 98115

Remember your registration forms must be completed and team dues paid prior to participation in workouts.

Monday, May 19

Parent/swimmer meeting & swimsuit fitting

The kickoff meeting starts at 7pm. The swimsuit fitting is from 5:30 to 8:30pm. This will be 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. Call or e-mail Cheryl Behrens with any questions regarding the suits at 526-0493 or cbehrens@comcast.net

Swim team pizza parties will be at Pizzeria Fondi, 5001 25th Ave NE, this year. Plan to meet the team there after home meets, beginning July 1st!

Workout schedule

May 20 (Tuesday) - June 17

Evening workouts begin May 20th and will continue **Monday through Thursday** nights through June 17th.

We realize many swimmers are still busy with school and other sports, and may not be able to attend every workout. Please come to workouts when you can because these first four weeks will help swimmers get into condition and be ready for a successful first meet. The following schedule applies for the age groups:

8 & under swimmers	7 – 7:30pm
9-10 swimmers	7:30 – 8 pm
11-13 swimmers	8 – 8:45pm
14 & up swimmers	8:45 – 9:30pm

Saturday, June 7 & July 26

Mini-Clinic / Private lesson day

Saturday, June 21 - Time Trials

Warm-up at 10am; Time Trials at 10:30am

Wednesday, June 18

Morning workouts begin. (Monday-Friday)
Practice times for age groups are:

15-18 swimmers	7am – 7:50am
13-14 swimmers	7:50am – 8:40am
11-12 swimmers	8:40am – 9:30am
9-10 swimmers	9:30am – 10:15am
8&Unders	Noon – 12:45pm

(A lane will be available for older swimmers during the 8&Under's workout for those who miss practice earlier in the day.)

Other important dates to remember:

Friday, June 27 & July 18
All Team Fun Day 8 – 10am

Saturday, July 12
Swim Team Sleepover

Meet Schedule

All dual meets, including Wedg vs. Wood begin at 6pm. Preliminaries, Northerns and All-City begin at 4pm (unless otherwise noted). Directions to other pools are included at the back of the handbook.

Tuesday, June 24
Wedg vs Wood Picture Day

Thursday, June 26
Wedgwood at Innis Arden

Friday, June 27
All Team Fun Day

Tuesday, July 1 **Sunday, August 1**
Aqua Club at Wedgwood

Tuesday, July 8
Sand Point at Wedgwood

Thursday, July 10
Wedgwood at Sheridan Beach

Saturday, July 12
Swim Team Sleepover

Tuesday, July 15
Klahaya at Wedgwood

Thursday, July 17
Wedgwood at Blue Ridge

Friday, July 18
All Team Fun Day

Tuesday, July 22
View Ridge at Wedgwood

Friday, July 25
B Champs at Sand Point
(Boys and girls events, starting at 9am)

Saturday, July 26
Mini-Clinic for swimmers going to Prelims

Sunday, July 27
Practice 10am – noon for swimmers going to Prelims

Monday, July 28
Girls' Prelims at Innis Arden, 4pm start

Tuesday, July 29
Boys' Prelims at Wedgwood, 4pm start

Thursday, July 31
Northern Division Finals at View Ridge, 4pm start

Saturday, August 2
Adult Swim Meet at Sheridan Beach, in the morning

Practice 11am – noon for swimmers going to All City

Tuesday, August 5
All City Championship at Kent, 4pm start

Wednesday, August 6
Wedgwood Swim Team End-of-Season Celebration

Jacque Ives, Kim Prestbo, and Carolyn Bernhard ~ Swim Team Committee
swimteam@wwpool.org

Eat, meet & greet

Opening Day barbecue ~ May 17th

Rain, snow or shine 1 – 4pm

Hamburgers, hot dogs, relish and more!
Stop by the pool between 1 and 4 to eat,
meet and greet!

New members, old members, senior
members and staff – everyone passes
through on Opening Day.

Memorial Day Hot Dogs

For \$1, come get your hot dog and soda!
Step back in time for this great deal; we're
barbecuing hot dogs from 1 – 4pm.
Volunteers needed – guaranteed a place in
the shade (or an umbrella in the rain).

Bask in sun by the pool as you await
upcoming events of the summer.

June awakenings

Friday night, June 20th

Family Night – Experience the joys of
smoothies, root beer floats and more as the
pool stays open for late night play with the
official end of the school year. Come to the
pool for games and treats! Cheryl is
looking for a few “blenders” to
accommodate the multitude of requests for
Cheryl Behrens' non-alcoholic smoothies.

Muriel Sjoberg ~ Special Events
thesjobergs@comcast.net

Swimming Lessons

Lesson Session 1 will begin Monday, June
23rd, and registration for pool members will
be on Thursday, June 19th, from noon until
3pm.

Member registration will end at 3pm. If you
are unable to be present during registration
hours, the best options are below:

1. You may have another person (i.e.,
family member, nanny, neighbor, etc.)
register for you. This can be another family
that is also registering, so long as they are
registering no more than their children plus
your children.

2. You may give your class preferences and
information (child's name, age, address and
phone) to the Lesson Coordinator BEFORE
the specified time and date.

These requests will be processed at 3pm
on Thursday, June 19th. Please be aware
that availability of lesson times and levels
may be limited.

For more information please check the
lesson page on the club website.

Jessa Van Dyk, Lessons

Membership Census Database

Thank you to all members who completed
the census part of your dues statement.
The membership list has been updated
based on changes marked on the dues
form. This information will be included in the
2008 directory.

If you did not complete this section, please
drop by the office, after the pool opens,
Saturday, May 17th and check your
membership card.

It has all members of your household listed.
If there are any corrections, please let the
office know by June 6th, when the directory
is going to go to print.

Thank you. Janet Cairns and Caryn
Hopkins, Membership

membership@wwpool.org

2008 Directory cover contest

It's time for the Directory cover contest! The winners will have their entries printed on the front and back cover of the 2008 WW Pool Membership Directory.

- To enter, take an 8 ½ by 11" sheet of blank white paper and fold it in half the hamburger way. Draw on one side of the paper. (The entry will be 8 1/2 by 5")
- Use black ink and white paper.
- Include the words: "Wedgwood Swim Pool Directory" and "2008" in your design.
- The theme is "Why we love Wedgwood."
- Please write your name and age on the back of the drawing.
- All kids between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible to enter.
- Hand in your entry to the **pool office by Friday, June 6th**.

Questions? Contact Caryn Hopkins or Janet Cairns at membership@wwpool.org

Members Discussion Forum

" WWPoolTalk"

To complement the suggestion box, written communication with the board, and the Town Hall meeting, a secure, private discussion area is available at:

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/WWPoolTalk/>

The board's thought is that this forum would be another way for our membership to connect, communicate and share ideas with each other about important WW pool issues.

Access protocol instructions on the WWPoolTalk homepage

Newsletter Delivery Plans ~ 2008

- These are posted, when launched, at www.wwpool.org prox 5th each month.
- Set your calendar reminder, and download your copy.
- An email listserve is being developed for virtual delivery.
- Snail mail will continue through 2008.

2008 WW Pool Board Members

board@wwpool.org

Pete Kelly ~ President
president@wwpool.org

Peter Brunner ~ VP/Landscape
Greg Miller ~ Treasurer
Jan Winchell ~ Secretary
Tom Lambright ~ Maintenance

Janet Cairns & Caryn Hopkins
Membership/Near Neighbor Liaison
membership@wwpool.org

Kim Prestbo, Jacque Ives & Carolyn Bernhard
Swim Team Committee
swimteam@wwpool.org

Muriel Sjoberg ~ Special Events
thesjobergs@comcast.net

Bill Leak ~ Newsletter Editor
wcleak@hotmail.com

Newsletter Submittals deadline
15th each month

May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						17 12-7 New Member Meeting @ noon Opening day BBQ 1-4pm Pool Opens!
18 12-7	19 3:30-7 Suit Sale 5:30-8pm Team Parent Meeting 7pm	20 3:30-7 Evening workouts begin.	21 3:30-7	22 3:30-7	23 3:30-7	24 12-7
25 12-7	26 12-7 Hot diggity \$1 dogs 1-4pm	27 3:30-7	28 3:30-7	29 3:30-7	30 3:30-7	31 12-7

Random Pool “at large” trivial ~ 2008

- Which, where, when was the most recent outdoor Seattle public pool built?
- What is the current name of the 1990 Goodwill Games pool and where is it?
- Where is the pool which is named after Ruiz-Costie, a local pair of Olympian synchro swimmers?
- Name the local synchro swimmer who will compete in Beijing in 2007. What pool and program did she emerge from?
- Where do the University of Washington varsity swim teams compete locally and why.

Answers archived at ~ http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Support_Northshore_Aquatics/

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12-7	2 3:30-7	3 3:30-7	4 3:30-7	5 3:30-7	6 3:30-8	7 12-8 Coach Clinic
8 12-7 Almost Anything Goes 12- 2	9 3-7	10 3-7	11 3-7	12 3-7	13 3-8	14 12-8
15 12-7	16 3-7	17 3-7 last evening swim team workout	18 1-9 morning swim team workouts begin Summer Hours Begin	19 1-9 member lesson reg. session 1, Noon-3pm	20 1-10:30 Friday Night Family Fun Float 8- 10:30pm (no lap lanes after 8pm)	21 12-9 Time Trials 10:30am, warm-up @10am
22 12-9 Almost Anything Goes 12- 2	23 1-9 Lesson Session 1 begins Adult Team	24 1-4 Home Meet Wedg vs Wood (picture day)	25 1-9 Adult Team	26 1-9 Away Meet @ IA	27 1-9 Swim Team Fun Day	28 12-9
29 12-9	30 1-9 Adult Team	<p>Please note: The first day for both Family and Teen Swims will be Wednesday, June 18th.</p> <p>Family Swim 5:30-7pm - Swimmers under 16 must have an adult family member with them.</p> <p>Teen Swim - Teens can bring up to three guests per visit in after 7pm for \$1.</p> <p>Note: The Adult Team on Monday and Wednesdays from 8-9pm closes the six east west configured lap lanes of the pool for their workout.</p>				

Incorporated: December, 1962

"Wedgewood Swim Pool, Inc."

(now spelled "Wedgwood")

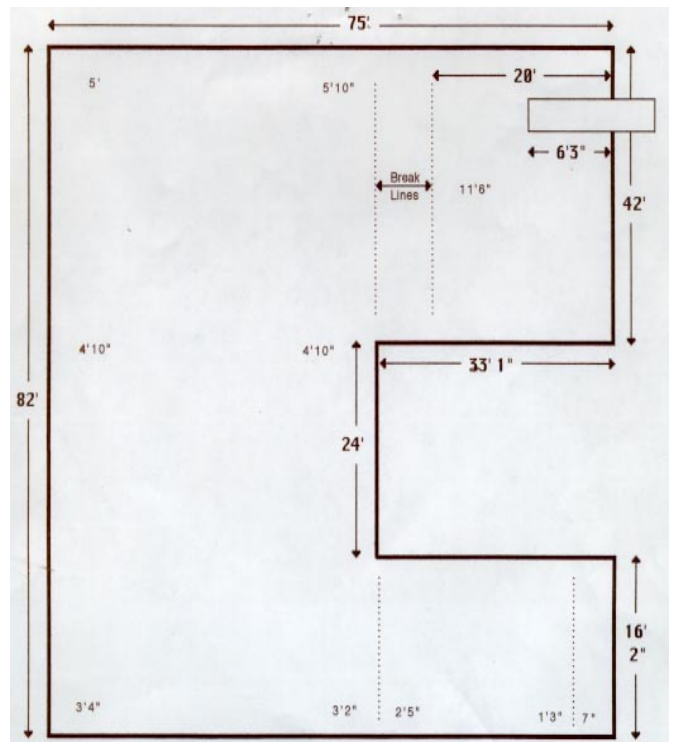
Opened: May 16, 1964

Volume: 210,745 gallons

Size: 4,850 square feet (or 536 square yards)

**In 2007 people waited 9.75 years
before being offered membership.
Membership sales vary from
year to year**

www.wwpool.org ~ "about Wedgwood Pool"



Wedgwood Swim Pool
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Seattle, Washington 98115

Address Label
By WWP