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Town Hall Meeting **July 13, 5pm**

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

Time to Speak Up

At the last annual membership meeting, two issues were put to a membership vote (see "Proposed Bylaws Changes"). Both changes failed to pass. Both had plenty of supporters, though, and the board heard plenty of feedback that the members didn't have enough time to ask questions, discuss and thoroughly understand the issues.

The 2008 board has created two new ways for members to voice their opinions and listen to what others think. Of course, the old established ways—talking at poolside, calling people on the phone, or more recently sending email—are still available.

First, the board is hosting a town hall type meeting at the pool on Sunday, July 13,

starting at 5:00 pm. At the meeting, members can discuss the two bylaws changes, which will be on the ballot again in Feb 2009, and other pool matters.

-Depending on weather and how many people show up, we'll gather on the bleachers on the south side of the pool, under the trees on the north side of the clubhouse, or on the upstairs deck. After brief opening remarks, we'll have an open mike discussion.

The second way to share ideas and concerns is by joining the new online discussion group, named WWPoolTalk, set up by Bill Leak earlier this year. The group is open to all pool members. It takes just a few minutes to sign up and there are several options for keeping up. I like getting an email summary of new postings, or you can get an email announcing every new post or no email at all, just go to the website when you want to catch up. For more information or to sign up, follow the link on the Wedgwood home page at

www.wwpool.org.

2008 Proposed Bylaws Changes

At the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting in Feb, two changes to the organization bylaws were put before the membership for a vote. Both proposals failed to get enough votes to pass. Both drew a lot of discussion at the meeting and since then. The current board decided the issues deserved more discussion among the members prior to a second balloting at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

The **first issue** is allowing a member to sell their membership to a direct descendant. The idea has been around for a long time.

However, the bylaws (Section 6.2) explicitly state the only option for transferring membership is through the waitlist. The proposal would amend the bylaws to permit this exception.

The **second issue** is allowing the sale of a membership with the sale of the member's house, which conflicts with the same section of the bylaws. The second ballot proposal would permit this exception.

Both proposals came about as a result of the 2007 board's initiative to capture all our membership policies and procedures in one document. Until last year, that information was scattered—some covered by the bylaws, some in board meeting minutes dating back 10-15 years, and some in oral tradition among the membership. When we wrote everything down, we encountered the two cases where membership procedure was in conflict with the bylaws.

Since the bylaws were not amended earlier this year, the two options have been discontinued. Both proposals will be on the ballot next year. Whatever the membership decides, we expect the board will set policies consistent with the bylaws.

Members Discussion Forum " WWPoolTalk"

Recent topics:

- *February 2008 bylaws vote*
- *Leaves of absence/summer memberships*
- *Alternate member category*
- *Blog privacy ~ email matchup*

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

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 stuff.

Access protocol instructions:

www.wwpool.org homepage LINK or

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Club 21 – July 11 and August 8

Enjoy a beverage with your pool friends. Pool will remain open for swimming while the adults can gather and have a libation and sit down with new and old friends. Look for the posting of the dates on the pool board.

End of the Year Adult Party

We're looking for a volunteer to help with the trivia contest and the "can you identify that photo" contest. After Labor Day, we'll enjoy the waning hours of the pool and get a chance to say goodbye to everyone for the summer. Look for posted date on pool board.

~ Muriel Sjoberg, Special Events

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Cake Bake - Saturday, July 19th

After weeks of meditation and deep thought, our research and development team still has yet to choose the theme for this year's Cake Bake. We ask that you check back at the pool for that information as the team was close at press time but no firm decision had been made.

What we do know is that the event will be on Saturday evening, July 19th. Mark down the date now as you surely won't want to miss out. Cakes will be on display starting as early as 7pm and will be judged at 8pm. If you plan to take on the challenge of baking up a real beauty be sure to plan accordingly and get it to the pool in time.

After judging, the cakes will be cut and served up with ice cream. Everyone present will be able to enjoy cake and ice cream to their heart's desire. Prizes this year will be awarded by the following groups: 8 and under, 9-12, the teen years, 20 and up, mixed ages, and the family affair.

It will also be *Almost Anything Goes* in the pool from 8-10pm during the event, so you can bring your air mattress, inner tube, or other crazy devices. ("Almost" means that you must be ready to stop any dangerous activity. Please listen to the guards.) Also please note that the lap lanes will not be in the pool during this event.

See you on the 19th!

~ *The Cake Bake Committee*

2008 Water show ~ Saturday, August 23rd

The Water show has its origins in the early days of the club. For those of you that don't know, the Water show is a fun filled hour of almost synchronized swimming to music.

Groups of kids and sometimes even adults perform a variety of entertaining and occasionally off- the-wall routines at this annual rite of summer.

So, are you looking for something to help keep the kids busy after swim team? The Water show is a low key way for them to practice all of those other strokes that they didn't work on while at workout, like the side stroke, the leg in the air underwater somersault and even the slippery salmon.

Being a swim team member is not a requirement for participation nor is super strong swimming skills. This event is open to EVERYONE willing to endure the fun and camaraderie of preparation for the big show. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the pool toward the middle of July. Groups will be formed from the lists and practices will be held at various times August 15th-22nd culminating with a rehearsal on the 22nd and the big show on Saturday, August 23rd

Fall 2008 Landscape work party

Thanks to all of you who helped out at the late spring landscape work party. We were blessed with wonderful weather and made significant progress on the grounds before the pool opening. Your participation is an invaluable contribution to the pool.

Due to ongoing needs, we will hold a second work party in the autumn. This party will focus on general clean up and mulching. The date is TBD.

For those of you, who want to work off your landscape obligation on your own schedule, don't hesitate to call me and I would be happy to make special arrangements. Or for those of you, who would just enjoy working in the pool garden, please contact me as well. We can determine sometimes/tasks together.

- *Peter Brunner, Landscape Committee*

FROM THE MANAGER

Well I just received the gas bill for the first month the pool was open and to no one's surprise it was a biggie. Perhaps this will be remembered as the woolen summer. Hopefully by the time this newsletter goes to print we will be enjoying both sunnier skies and warmer weather. But even if it doesn't, keep in mind that the pool is 84 degrees nearly every day. I know, getting in and out is the hard part!

I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that this is your pool. It belongs to you and your children. In order to ensure that your pool stays both safe and clean the staff needs your continued assistance. Be it following the rules, picking up after yourselves, or bringing items to the attention of the staff that need to be addressed. These are a few ways in which you can help to keep Wedgwood Pool such a great place to swim and to spend time.

Thank you and enjoy that water! -Raab

Driving and parking

Our club sits in the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood so please be considerate of our neighbors. Drive carefully and slowly. When coming early in the morning or leaving in the evening, please do so quietly. Also remember the 5ft rule when you are parking next to a driveway.

Water Aerobics

Water aerobics is a happening on Monday and Wednesdays, noon-1pm and Thursday 8-9am.

Water Wings?

We have had the policy not to allow the use of water wings or the use of tube suits because the use of floatation devices tends to give both the children using them and the parents a false sense of security.

Having your child experience the water and learn where it is safe to be for them without the aid of added floatation is an important skill to acquire. Wedgwood is a fantastic environment for children, where even the little ones can gain skills and build confidence in the water. The uniqueness of having very shallow water makes all the difference in the world. Small children do have somewhere that they can touch.

Of course on those Sundays where we have almost anything goes we do bend the rules a bit. Floatation devices of all kinds are a must during these special-swimming times. Please feel free to bring what you wish, we just ask that you keep it within reason. Hence the "almost" in anything goes.

Cell Phone Policy

With the prevalence of cell phones equipped with cameras, we would like to remind members and their guests not to use cell phones in the locker rooms. If you encounter someone using his/her cell phone in the locker room we ask your help in reminding them of this policy and/or bringing it to the attention of the pool staff.

WW POOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Patrons at Wedgwood Swim Pool are expected to behave in a manner which

- shows respect for other patrons and staff,
- shows respect and care for property,
- is non-violent and non-threatening,
- maintains the safety of themselves, other patrons, and the staff and
- allows the staff to perform their duties and maintain a safe environment.

The managers have the authority to penalize patrons who willfully violate this code.

Penalties may include warnings, or temporary suspension of pool privileges.

Serious or repeated violations may result in consideration by the pool Board for longer term suspension of pool privileges or termination of membership (Bylaws sections 5.7 and 5.8).

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AWARENESS

**Seattle Times Pacific Magazine
June 11, 2008**

The Power of the Pool: Issues of class, culture and political priorities swirl

.....the city, even though they charge between \$2,000 and \$25,000 in membership fees. There's a 12-year wait list at **Wedgwood Swim Club**, five years at Sand Point Country Club. If the city does consider building another swimming facility, the study

search key word: Wedgwood

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

Bellevue – www.splash4all.org

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

University of Washington – Varsity swimming status
http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/othersports/261199_uswim01.html

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

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

South Whidbey and Snoqualmie Valley efforts are emerging.

(Compiled by Bill Leak, Editor)

Correction of June Newsletter

Membership Mix ~ Season 2008

Full Members (mis-stated as 295)	288
Summer members (Leave of absence) Near Neighbors	7
Managers	3
Senior/Golden	110
TOTAL (mis-stated as 415)	408

Full & LOA always = 295 max

Bill Leak, Editor

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1-4 Home Meet vs AC	2 12-9 Adult Team	3 1-9	4 12-9 Lap Swim 10:30-Noon Family 4th Activities	5 12-9
6 12-9 Almost Anything Goes 12-2	7 1-9 Lesson Session 2 begins Adult Team	8 1-4 Home Meet vs SP	9 1-9 Adult Team	10 1-9 Away Meet @ SB	11 1-10 Friday Night Family Fun Float 8-10pm (no lap lanes after 8pm)	12 12-9 Overnighter
13 12-9 Members Townhall	14 1-9 Adult Team	15 1-4 Home Meet vs KL	16 1-9 Adult Team	17 1-9 Away Meet @ BR	18 1-9	19 12-10 CAKE BAKE
20 12-9 Almost Anything Goes 12-2	21 1-9 Lesson Session 3 begins Adult Team	22 1-4 Home Meet vs VR	23 1-9 Adult Team	24 1-9	25 1-9 B-Champs @ SP	26 12-9
27 12-9	28 1-9 Girls' Prelims @ IA Adult Team	29 Pool Closed Boys' Prelims @ WW	30 1-9 Adult Team	31 1-9 Northerns @ VR	Family Swim, 5:30-7pm M-F Teen Swim, Daily after 7pm 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.	

August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1-9	2 12-9 Adult Meet @
3 12-9 Almost Anything Goes 12-2 Adult Team Potluck	4 1-9 Lesson Session 4 Begins	5 1-9 All City Meet @	6 1-4 Swim Team Awards	7 1-9	8 1-10 Friday Night Family Fun Float 8-10pm (no lap lanes after 8pm)	9 12-9
10 12-9	11 1-9	12 1-9	13 1-9	14 1-9 Member Lesson Reg 9am	15 1-9	16 12-9
					<i>Watershow Practices Week</i>	
17 12-9 Almost Anything Goes 12-2	18 1-9 Lesson Session 5 Begins	19 1-9	20 1-9	21 1-9	22 1-7 Watershow Rehearsal 8pm	23 12-7 Watershow at dusk.
<i>Watershow Practice Week Groups and Times TBD</i>						
24 12-9	25 1-9	26 1-9	27 1-9	28 1-9	29 1-9 Last day for early morning lap swim.	30 12-9
31 12-9						

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Newsletter Delivery Paths ~ 2008

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

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