

# Wedgwood Pool News

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## Town Hall Meeting Debrief

July 13, 2008

Wedgwood Pool's 2008 Town Hall meeting successfully drew 50-60 attendees to the grass at the south end of the pool. Full members, senior status, near neighbor, and summer members were represented.

President Pete Kelly opened the meeting with introductions of the current board members. A show of hands indicated that many past board members came to participate as well.

With audio support from our new portable PA system, many questions, answers, comments, and ideas emerged during the course of 90 minutes. At the time this newsletter was being assembled the minutes of the meeting were still being transcribed from two sets of notes that were taken.

Key points that the board wanted published in the August newsletter are as follows:

- A lot of discussion focused on **whether members should be able to give or sell their membership to one of their children**, and how the issue should be presented at the next annual meeting. Look for more about this topic in future newsletters.
- The **question of boundaries** came up several times. There is NO board or member initiative favoring the establishment of pool-member boundaries.
- As promised at the February '08 annual meeting, **the board has established additional venues** for greater communication between members and between the board and members, the Town Hall meeting and the WWPoolTalk blog.
- The board is **asking members to provide their ideas, stories, and comments in writing, as sort of "letters to the editor."** We will publish parts of these in the newsletter and/or post them to the website or blog (with your prior approval).
- The **board is working to pull together statistics** on member zip codes, demographics, pool usage, and other information to help inform the discussions about membership.

Much of this information will be shared in the future by way of the news letter, the website, and WWPoolTalk, and perhaps all three.

[www.wwpool.org](http://www.wwpool.org) homepage LINK or

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

Collectively, we appreciated the strong member turnout.

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**Saturday, September 20  
Autumn Landscape Party**

Thanks again to all of you who helped out at the spring landscape party. Because of your contribution, the grounds are doing well. We would like to get your help again for one last landscape party on Saturday, September 20 between 9 AM and 4 PM.

We will plant a few new plants, apply mulch to the east bank and generally clean things up. Remember to bring your garden tools from home; something to transport mulch would be useful, such as buckets and wheelbarrows.

I would love to see you even if you can only join us for a short while. Many hands make light work! Let's prepare the grounds for the off-season; the pay off next year will be big. There will be baked goods and coffee for the morning crew and cookies in the afternoon. Please RSVP your intention to attend.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Friday ~ August 8<sup>TH</sup> Party  
21 CLUB CANCELLED and MOVED TO**

**A NEW DATE!**

**Saturday ~ August 16<sup>TH</sup> Party  
21 CLUB REVIVAL**

Because of a busy and hectic week, **we cancelled August 8 – OVER 21 Club** and moved it to the following weekend - **Saturday Night, August 16<sup>th</sup>**. So make sure you swing on over to the upper deck of the pool and enjoy some scrumptious fruit drinks both "spiked" and "unspiked"

Attendees at the August 16<sup>th</sup> club will be given at least one clue for answers for the contest at the Adult End of the Year Party. So get a leg up and be in competition for the end of the year prizes.....

**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
from 7:30 to 9:30**

**END OF THE YEAR ADULT PARTY  
& THE LAST CLUB 21**

Come and commiserate the closing of the pool.

Celebrate the culmination of another wonderful summer.

There will be libations, food, contests and prizes!

**Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2008 Water SHOW**

It's not too late to sign up for the Water show! It's **open to ALL kids of all ages** and groups will start practicing August 16<sup>th</sup> and run through the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a rehearsal on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at dusk and the big show on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at about 8:30pm.

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.

### **From the Manager**

Having to write things for the newsletter for the past umpteen years has not always been an easy thing for me to do. Sometimes I find that I am repeating myself, and indeed I probably do from time to time. But as our membership continually turns over, repetition is probably a good thing as it's got to be new to somebody. It's coming up with something to write about that's both informative and pertinent that I find challenging. So without being repetitive and perhaps just a bit informative here we go.

A conversation with one of my staff members several weeks ago prompted me into thinking about what I appreciate about the people that now work and that have worked for me while I've been Manager of this club. So I thought before summer ends and the staff start heading back to school I would like to acknowledge them and their efforts.

One of the things about working for Wedgwood is you really become part of a

team, and I would even go as far to say a family of sorts when you work here. Each and every one of these "family members" plays a part in helping this club function. It's like the swim team cheer, got a lot of motivation, dedication... I'm both very lucky and happy to have such a good team of guards on board. To all of them, thank you, very much.

In addition to all of the fantastic guards, Chris Matsumoto, my Assistant Manager, has been integral in helping me keep things going. 2008 marks Chris's 20<sup>th</sup> year working for the club, quite a milestone as far as club history goes. While I don't know for sure, I'd bet Chris has probably been employed longer than any other pool employee. Congratulations, and thank you for the 20 years Chris!

Now of course there is one more person that has definitely had a big role around the club and that would be Jessa, formerly Wilkins-Haigh and now Van-Dyk.

This marks Jessa's 15<sup>th</sup> year at the club and I don't know how many as Lesson Coordinator. One thing is certain and that is since Jessa took over as lesson coordinator the program has flourished. Now I know Jessa would say that her instructors deserve the credit, but it's been Jessa's leadership and personal touch that has really made our lesson program one of, if not the best, in the city. A big thank you Jessa, as my kids have personally benefited from your efforts!

As I mentioned I was prompted a bit into thinking about all of this because of a conversation with a staff member. That staff member was Jessa. And I would like to share with all of you that Jessa has decided that this will be her last year working at the pool. And while I am sad about the fact that Jessa's moving on, I also respect if not envy her just a bit.

Now many of you may not even remember the pool without Chris, Jessa and myself at the helm. In fact the three of us have often talked amongst ourselves as to what would happen if one of us decided to do something other than work at Wedgwood Pool during the summer. I guess we will find out next season. And while we will all miss Jessa a great deal she's only #69 on the wait list so we shall likely see her and her family for a long time to come around the pool.

One of our beloved swim coaches is also moving onward in the world. Robert Sjoberg will be moving to New York right after the end of the swim team season. Robert has worked for the club for 10 years. We will certainly all miss his spirited presence around the pool. Good luck Robert!

### **Staff Appreciation Week August 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

So as we put a wrap on this summer and as we say our goodbyes. I would like to start a new tradition this year, Staff Appreciation Week. A week of showering the staff with notes, flowers, pictures. Some cookies! Anything really, because while it's a job, it's more than a job to your pool staff.

### **LABOR DAY!**

Biathlon at 10:00am (more information and sign-up to be posted at pool).

Games at 2pm

Lost and Found Auction TBD

### **Water Polo**

Peter Hoff is the go to guy for water polo this year. He was putting together information but unfortunately was too late for this newsletter. Water polo should

probably be starting the first week of August. Please check at the pool or on the website for more information.

### **Dog Owners**

Thank you to all of the dog owners that are now tying up their four legged friends in less traveled areas of the club. Your efforts are appreciated.

### **Cake Bake Results July 19th**

The Almvig Family + Noah cake took the overall prize at the Cake Bake with their "take the plunge (at Wedgwood Pool)" wedding cake.



**McCollough Family Cake Entry**

## Parking

Did you know that the spots on the west side of the parking lot are wider than those on the east?

Yep! Regardless of size it's helpful if everyone could stay in only one

slot when parking. So perhaps if you are still driving that SUV and you have a choice of which side to park on, the west might be better!

Also remember our neighbors when parking on the street in the neighborhood, it's 5 ft from a driveway and 15ft from a fire hydrant.

*-Raab, the Manager*

## Swim Team News

The Wedgwood Swim Team is completing another successful season with the All City Championships on August 5<sup>th</sup> and the **Swim Team End-of-Season Celebration on Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Come to the Celebration for a potluck dinner at 6 PM, awards and ceremony at 7 PM.

The theme this year is the 60's! In addition to the fantastic swimming of all swim team members, some of the highlights of swim team this year were two All Team Fun Days,

Swim Team Sleepover, mini swim clinics, the ever popular Tie Dye Day, and hosting Boys Prelims.

The swim team committee would like to extend our gratitude to everyone involved with swim team this year.

A huge thank you to our enthusiastic coaching staff of Matt Miller, Robert Sjoberg III, Michael Matsumoto and Jill Kripps. Of course the scores of dedicated volunteers made it all possible. We would like to give special recognition to the Concessions Committee who provided delicious meals and snacks at all our home meets.

Kelly Crow and Lenee Arnett were the hard working co-chairs; they received a tremendous amount of help from Diana Black, an expert at recruiting volunteers, and from Kari Monson and Hillary Stevens who did all the shopping.

Thanks for a memorable season!

Your Swim Team Committee

*Kim Prestbo, Jacque Ives, Carolyn Bernhard*

# August 2008

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

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	<b>1</b> 12-7  Biathlon warm-up 9:30am  Games 2:30-3:30pm  Lost & Found Auction 4pm	<b>2</b> 1-7	<b>3</b> 3-7	<b>4</b> 3-7	<b>5</b> 3-7	<b>6</b> 12-7  End of year adult party 7:30-9:30pm
<b>7</b> 12-7	<b>8</b> 3-7	<b>9</b> 3-7	<b>10</b> 3-7	<b>11</b> 3-7	<b>12</b> 3-7	<b>13</b> 12-7
<b>14</b> 12-5  Last Day						

## '08 Beijing Olympics One Seattle Connection



Carole Ann Wald (CAW) Memorial Pool at Saint Edward State Park, in Kenmore, is the home pool for Seattle Synchrono .

Jillian Penner has been a member of the Kenmore based organization and moved to California for her senior year in high school ('03) to begin training for the 08 Olympics.

[http://www.seattlesynchro.com/news\\_event\\_s.html](http://www.seattlesynchro.com/news_event_s.html)

(In 1984 the synchro duo Ruiz-Costie, for whom the Northshore Pool in Bothell, is named, won Olympic Gold).

Wedgwood swimmers and staffers Shayne

and Jessa Wilkens-Haigh were also active in the Seattle Synchro program at CAW.

## PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AWARENESS

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](http://www.seattlepools.org)

Bellevue – [www.splash4all.org](http://www.splash4all.org)

Kenmore-Bothell-Woodinville (study underway)

[http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Support\\_Northshore\\_Aquatics/links](http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Support_Northshore_Aquatics/links)

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- Snail mail will continue through 2008

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