

Wedgwood Pool News

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Only 4 Months to Go Until the 2011 Swim Season – Yippee!!

The Wedgwood Pool had its 2010 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, November 9. This newsletter will re-cap some of the highlights of that meeting, with a summary of news from 2010. Make sure to read below about pool membership and important dates for dues payment!

Wedgwood Pool Board of Directors – Changes in Leadership

The Board of Directors said goodbye and thanks to three GREAT board members: **Bill Leak, Jacque Ives, and Greg Miller**. Bill Leak has had his hands in everything over the past three years, including, maintenance, record archiving, pool blog, and most recently, board chair. Bill has contributed an enormous amount to the pool! Jacque has been a terrific leader and a “force to be reckoned with” in terms of making things happen for the Wedgwood Swim Team! Greg has served as both treasurer and vice president, bringing great organizational skills and legal advice to the work of the Board. Many thanks to Bill, Jacque and Greg!

Surena Khatir had to resign his board position early due to personal reasons. Bill Leak has offered to continue for another year, under Board appointment, to fill the vacancy if a replacement isn't identified.

Caryn Hopkins was elected to serve a second three-year term on the Board and will continue in her role as Membership Chair. Thanks Caryn – it's great to have the continuity in this important role!

Jessa VanDyk (2011 newsletter editor) and **Mary Ramaley** (loves gardening and landscape) were each newly elected to three-year terms in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Welcome!!

One of the four positions was left vacant at the time of the 2010 Annual Meeting, due to a shortage of willing candidates. The board has been recruiting through the holidays, and in early January circulated an email seeking interested candidates.

Think About Joining a Volunteer Committee!

Committees play an important role in the successful and smooth operation of the club. Looking ahead to the 2011 season, please offer to lend your time and expertise in these areas:

- Swim Team (seasonal effort on many, many levels)
- Maintenance (evaluating capital projects and maintenance, feasibility, planning, qualifying subs/suppliers/consultants, etc)
- Nominating (year round search for future governance and leaders)
- Audit (annual look at operations and processes)
- Archives, a new work in progress (establishing our process, digitizing, and maintaining)
- Finance (current and past presidents/treasurers meet once a year with management to update the rolling ten year projections)



2010 Treasurers Report

The 2011 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee was approved at the December 13, 2010 meeting of the Board. Many thanks to Tony Neupert who has been a driving force on this committee for many years and all the rest of the committee, including Hugh Spitzer, Bruce Winchell, Tom Lambright, Pete Kelly, Steve Fihn, Bill Leak and Greg Miller plus Ron Espiritu and Raab Parker.

Financially the pool is stable, with \$100,000 in reserves. Because we are financially stable at this time, the board decided to postpone any scheduled dues increase for 2011.

Many of our budgeted big expenses for 2010 will extend into 2011, including: boiler burner assembly, work on the trellis, and stair replacement.

The ten-year maintenance/capital budget plan makes these kinds of project needs fundable without a need for additional assessments to the members.



Landscaping

Last year the Board adopted a master plan for landscaping and through the hard work of membership, the plan was nearly half-way completed by the spring work party. A very successful autumn work party was held on October 25th and great progress was made in preparing the new plantings for winter and tearing out old plants in anticipation of additional plantings in the spring. The dates for the 2011 spring work party will be announced during the next few weeks. The pool grounds are looking fabulous and will be even better by opening day in May 2011.



Pool Maintenance

In 2010, the Board considered energy efficiency and possible options for the pool. Three companies looked at our energy efficiency and provided suggestions and rough estimates. The Board determined that it didn't make sense to make big changes at this time based on return on investment.

Looking ahead to 2011, we will be planning for and/or executing the following maintenance:

- Virginia Graham Baker Act re: drain systems mandated
- Likely upgrade the boiler burners and controls
- Stair stringers replacement (wood rot)
- Secured storage under the bridge
- Trellis replacement
- Structured shade solutions/structures



Pool Membership

2011 Membership dues statements will be in the mail mid-January -- be on the look-out for yours! Good news this year: 2011 Membership dues will be the same as in 2010, \$700 for Full members and \$175 for Senior Associates.

Important: March 1st is the due date for all dues & membership status changes (sale, leave of absence, or conversion to Senior Associate). Dues & status change requests received **AFTER March 1st will incur the late fee of \$100**. After three years of providing a grace period with a lower late fee, the board feels that the membership should now be used to planning for the March 1st deadline.

Based on approval of the proposed bylaws amendment, membership is now subject to involuntary termination if full payment of annual dues and any delinquent fee is not received **prior to April 30th** for that season. Any requests for special consideration must be received by the board in writing **prior to April 30th**.

Membership Highlights - 2010

We have 295 Full Members, including 16 new members. We had 20 Summer Memberships, including 13 Near Neighbor Summer memberships and seven LOA Summer memberships.

Wait List Summary

- Total number of waiting families: 986 (approximate 14 year wait)
- 47 families were notified in 2010 via phone calls or emails of possible membership offers
- 85 new families were added to the waitlist with confirmations sent
- 35 were removed from wait list either by accepting a membership or attrition
- 13 families using Near Neighbor Summer membership while on wait list

And thanks to Carolyn Leak who continues to do an excellent job of managing the wait list and contacting families regarding membership.



Wedgwood Teams - Highlights

- 191 swimmers (ranging in age from 5 to 18) participated in the WW swim team in 2010. Of the 191 swimmers, 16 were graduating seniors and 29 were new to the team.
- In addition to the many weekday practices (mid-May through July), we hosted 4 dual meets, the adult swim meet, 2 all-team fun days, 2 mini-clinic/private lesson days, a swim team sleepover, multiple post-meet pizza parties, and an amazing end-of-season celebration.
- Wedgwood placed third out of eight teams at the Northern Division Championship Meet and fifth out of 16 teams at the All City Championship Meet this year.
- The water polo team continues to grow. We had over 50 players this year ranging in age from 6 to 18. We entered four teams in the Seattle Summer Water Polo Championship Tournament and three of them made it to the finals! The 13-14 coed team won the ultimate prize and were crowned the champions.

2011 WW Pool Board Members

Additional Board appointments (two vacant) and positions to be determined in January 2011.

**Patty Cannon
Steve Fihn
Caryn Hopkins
Erin Manca
Todd McCollough**

**Susie Dade
Kari Monsen
Jerri Morin
Mary Ramaley
Jessa VanDyk**

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