

Wedgwood Pool News

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Important Dates

Please note this is a list of highlights gleaned from the Wedgwood Pool online calendar. It is not exhaustive. Please see the attached May and June calendars for pool hours and events. Check the lobby of the pool or our online calendar (<http://wwpool.org/admin/calendar/googlecalendar.html>) for the most up-to-date schedule.

Friday, May 20, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, May 21

Saturday, May 21, 12:00 PM

Monday, May 23

Tuesday, May 31, 6:00-7:00 AM

Saturday, June 4, 2:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, June 18

Tuesday, June 21

Wednesday, June 22

Wednesday, June 22, 6:30-8:30 PM

Monday, June 27

Monday, July 4

Friday, July 15

Saturday, July 16

Friday, August 26

Mulch Spreading Work Party

Opening Day

New Member Orientation

Free Hot Dogs and Soda

Evening Swim Team Workouts Begin

Early Morning Lap Swim Begins

Adjusted Pool Hours

Time Trials

Wedg vs. Wood Meet

All Team Fun Night

Member Registration, Session I

Adult Swim Team Practice Begins

Games

\$1 Hot Dogs and Sodas

Apple Pie Contest

Adult Party #1

Cake Bake Contest and Potluck

Adult Party #2

From the Manager

By Raab Parker

Somewhere someplace there's gotta be some sun. We certainly all deserve some of those blessed rays of warmth. With opening day less than a week away now, the five-day forecast is actually looking pretty good! My fingers are crossed.

We again will be using the computer to sign in when you come to the pool this year. The system, although not perfect, has been pretty effective in helping us figure out how many people have been using the pool over the last couple of years. 2009 was a very busy summer, with 14,958 sign-ins, while in 2010 there were 11,894 sign-ins. That was a pretty big drop year to year but for us to really learn anything from these numbers were going to need several more years of data. And while this data can give us the number of people swimming and what day and time they come in, it doesn't tell us how people are using the facility or the length of their visit. One thing the data also lacks is a weather component. It's pretty obvious how weather affects the number of swimmers, though. Remember 2009 and the +100-degree days?

Please remember to sign in all members of your family when you come to the pool with "<first name> space <last name>". Whether you actually swim, are just in for sun bathing or even just popping in for a shower, all are considered a use of the facility and thus we ask that you sign in. The kids don't need to sign in for lessons or swim team, though. And for our senior associates, we also need you to sign in, but we still need to mark your senior card, too. We'll also assist you with guests at the time you sign in.

With opening day right around the corner, it would also be appreciated if you would take the time to familiarize yourself and your family members with our pool rules. They are posted both online and at the pool. The pool staff will be happy to assist you or answer with any of your questions.

Finally, on Saturday, June 4th the pool will be opening at 2pm instead of noon so that the members of our staff have the opportunity to attend the memorial service for Joe Sjoberg. Joe was a member of our staff family and both Chris Matsumoto and I felt it was important for us and our staff to have the opportunity to attend. Thank you for your understanding

Early morning lap swim will begin on Tuesday, May 31 and run weekdays from 6:00-7:00 AM.

Swimming Lessons: Registration and Volunteers

By Raab Parker, Manager

Mark the date: member lesson registration for the first session of lessons will be on Wednesday, June 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm.

To help us better manage both the number and flow of our lesson volunteers this summer we are requesting that you contact us via email at: swimlessons@wwpool.org. Please indicate "Lesson Volunteer" in the subject line and we'll reply back to you with a form you can fill out and return.

Finance

By Bill Leak, Treasurer

Hoping for warm, sunny weather conducive to a strong swim lesson program.

2011 and 2012 will see several maintenance and capital projects - it's great that we've planned accordingly with an appropriate reserve fund.

The professional resources within the club's membership are remarkable, deep, and very much appreciated - accounting, finance, law, governance, insurance/risk management, construction, engineering, architecture to mention a few.

Archives Project

By Bill Leak, Treasurer

Kitty Mabbatt has come on board, with an eye toward reviewing of our photo history. This project is being triaged and will proceed methodically and organically.

I'm still looking for help and expertise from a few folks with library/records/archive/HR backgrounds and a passion (or obsession) for organization. Anybody out there with legal records indexing experience?

Landscaping

By Mary Ramaley, Landscaping Committee Chair

There was a strong turnout for the Spring Landscaping Party. If you missed it and can lend a hand (or wheelbarrow), please help spread mulch on Friday, May 20 from 9:00-5:00 (or whenever the job is completed).

Pool Maintenance

By Jerry Morin, Maintenance Committee Chair

On Opening Day, be sure to check out our newly completed building projects around the pool: the entry stairs, stairs to the upper deck, and the storage shed under the entry walkway.

2011 Directory Cover Contest

By Caryn Hopkins, Membership Chair/Near Neighbor Liaison

Once again, we are looking for pool member's children (ages 5-18) to submit art that will be used for the Directory cover.

Those selected will have their entries printed on either the front or back cover of the 2011 WW Pool Membership Directory.

To enter

- Use an 8 ½ by 11" white blank sheet of paper and fold it in half the hamburger way (landscape format folded in half)
- Draw on one side of the paper. (The entry will be 8 1/2 high by 5" wide)
- Use black ink and white paper.
- Include the words: "Wedgwood Swim Pool Directory" and "2011" in your design.
- Write your name and age on the back of the drawing.

- All kids between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible to enter.

Mail in your entry to Wedgwood Pool-Directory, PO Box 15104, Seattle, WA 98115-0104, by May 20. Questions? Contact Caryn Hopkins (membership@wwpool.org, 206.361.0473)

Swim Team

By Erin Manca, Patty Cannon, & Beth Struckhoff, Swim Team Committee

Sunday May 15th, despite cold and rainy weather, lots of optimistic people came to the pool to register for the swim team, and buy a suit for the summer swim league season. Suits are still available to try on for size, and order at Sylvia's at Northgate or online at Sylvia's.

If you were unable to register then, it's not too late. There is a slight fee, but please continue to feel welcome to register by checking the website.

If you are a family that has newly been welcomed to the pool from the wait list, you will not incur a fee by late registering. We'd love to see you try us out.

Evening swim team practices start on Monday May 23rd. See the website for time for your age group. Day practices start Thursday June 23rd. On June 21st is our first meet, a practice meet, Wedg vs. Wood, with only Wedgwood swimmers. It's a fun way to for swimmers and volunteers to get accustomed to the process of a meet. Looking forward to seeing you there. Remember to arrive by 5:00 for warm-ups for home meets; 5:30, at the latest, for away meets.

The first away meet is June 23rd, at Sand Point, which has great concessions and a great view!

Picture day is June 28th, not June 29. There was a typo in the handbook. It is on the day of a home meet against Blue Ridge, and we will let you know what time your age group's pictures will be taken. Smile!

Special Events

By Todd McCollough, Special Events Chair

Please join us for the following activities:

Monday, July 4	July 4th Games, Hot Dogs and Sodas for \$1.00 and the famous Apple Pie contest
Friday, July 15	Adult Party #1 Join us for snacks and adult drinks upstairs while the pool is open for your children
Saturday, July 16	Cake Bake Contest and Pot Luck (maybe chili feed).
Friday, August 26	Adult Party #2 Join us for snacks and adult drinks upstairs while the pool is open for your children.

As always, watch for posters at the pool and email communications for reminders and updates to these activities.

2011 WW Pool Board Members

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