

Wedgwood Pool News

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Important Dates

Saturday, April 30	Annual Dues Deadline
Saturday, April 30, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Spring Landscaping Work Party
Sunday, May 15	Swim Team Registration Deadline
Sunday, May 15, 3:00-5:30 PM	Swim Team Suit Fitting & Parent Meeting
Friday, May 20	Directory Cover Contest Deadline
Saturday, May 21	Opening Day – hours 12-7pm
Saturday, May 21, 12:00 PM	New Member Orientation
Monday, May 23	Evening Swim Team Workouts Begin
Saturday, June 18	Time Trials
Tuesday, June 21	Wedg vs. Wood Meet
Wednesday, June 22	All Team Fun Night
Wednesday, June 22, 6:30-8:30 PM	Member Registration, Session I
Monday, June 27	Adult Swim Team Practice Begins

President's Note

By Steve Fihn, President

Opening day is less than three weeks off and unless it warms up, Raab and the guards will be chipping the ice off. Seriously, the pool is being readied and we are all looking forward to warmer weather. Renovations are underway. New stairs and a storage shed are being installed. You can inspect the progress at the annual Spring Landscaping Work Party scheduled for this Saturday, April 30. Please plan on participating, as there is much to do to complete Phase 2 of our masterplan. Landscaping Chair Mary Ramaley, with help from Peter Brunner, has plans to make certain our grounds continue to look spectacular.

In addition, also add to your calendar the New Member Orientation and Barbeque at noon on Opening Day, Saturday, May 21st. We have several new members who have waited years to join, so let's be certain to extend a warm welcome.

It is events like the work party and new member welcome that typify the warmth and camaraderie shared by members of the pool. For many, it is actually the social interaction that draws them as much or more than the pool itself. Our treasurer, Bill Leak, is not a swimmer but is a regular fixture and has devoted countless volunteer hours.

For our younger members, in particular, friendships formed at the pool are life-long. When they go off to college or start working full-time, they stay in close touch with frequent reunions and through Facebook. Many have told me over the years that their Wedgwood friends are like

family. Few Wedgwood members have been more a part of that family than the Sjobergs. For two decades the swim team always had a least one Sjoberg and usually several. They have been lifeguards and coaches. Muriel was the announcer for the swim team for several years. Thus, it was with great sadness that we recently learned of the death of Joe Sjoberg. We have lost a member of our Wedgwood family and our hearts go out to the Sjoberg family. He will certainly be missed.

From the Manager

By Raab Parker

Oh my goodness has it ever been a lousy spring. I am really hoping things turn around soon as we all could use some better weather. My family and I were fortunate enough to have had some really nice weather on spring break this past week in Washington DC. I might even dare say I got a little taste of what summer could be. Whether or not we get to see such a thing around here has yet to be seen but one thing is certain and that is that the pool is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, May 21st at noon. I'm sure looking forward to it, be it sweaters or swimsuits.

Now you may have noticed that we are in sort of a transition period with our club communications. It's our hope that this will make things more relevant and timely for you but also easier to manage for us as well. It's going to take some time and it's going to be a tad different but again in the end our hope is that this will be a better way to do things. Thank you for your patience and understanding in advance.

One thing we did transition to a couple of years ago was using Google Calendar on our club website. For the most part we've found it to be a wonderful tool. We still plan out most of the summer on the calendar just like we used to but now we are able to update it and can add, delete or modify events and activities. Currently much of the summer pool hours and events have already been posted; please check it out. One thing not on the calendar yet is early morning lap swim. We're figuring out a start date and I anticipate that coming shortly.

Nominating Committee

The WWP Board Nominating Committee is looking for people interested in serving on the pool's Board of Directors. Elections will be held in November and a three-year term of office will start in January 2012. This is a terrific way to get more involved in maintaining and improving the pool and to give something back to this wonderful place that we are all so lucky to have access to. Board members have the opportunity to get involved in landscaping, special events, pool maintenance decisions, communications with members, and/or swim team. If you think you might be interested and would like more information, contact any of the following current Board members:

Jessa Van Dyk jessavandyk@gmail.com

Todd McCollough tbgje@comcast.net

Bill Leak wcleak@hotmail.com

Susie Dade duzies@comcast.net

Finance

By Bill Leak, Treasurer

It's early in the season, but dues and fees are the pool's most stable revenue source. Swim lessons are also a strong revenue source, but influenced by weather conditions. Let's hope for a season of consistent 75-80 degree weather.

We have an experienced finance committee largely of past and present presidents and treasurers, and guided with input from Wedgwood's favorite accountant, Ron Espiritu.

Our annual budget evolves from the most recent year's financial activity and our rolling 10-year plan. The board then provides it's own input, makes any desired changes, and formally approves the new year's budget at the January meeting.

Our frugal and careful management over the years has enabled us to keep the pool in great physical shape and pay cash for major facility repairs and improvements in a scheduled and planned manner ... sans assessments.

Our archives project is proceeding slowly, methodically, and organically. We've largely digitized the 1992 clubhouse remodel plans and manuals, articles of incorporation, bylaws, last year's financials, 2005 and 2009 pool review/audit, the past 5 years of newsletters. We're queuing up the bulk of past newsletters, and more. Much of this information will be uploaded to the website.

If you have interest in helping with the archives project, please contact Bill Leak. Skills include a passion for WW Pool's history, organized thinking, and comfort with paper/photo/digital records.

Landscaping

By Mary Ramaley, Landscaping Committee Chair

Our spring Landscaping Party will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Help out with either the morning (9:00 AM to 12:30 PM) or afternoon shift (12:30 PM to 4:00 PM). Bring wheelbarrows, gloves, rake, shovel and any other tools you would like to use.

Pool Maintenance

By Jerry Morin, Maintenance Committee Chair

Pre 2011 season maintenance work is underway with following budgeted projects, with completion expected by opening day:

- Boiler upgrades - new boiler burners and new ventilation
- Replacement of both stair cases (structure and treads)
- New storage room under the bridge

Pool Membership

By Caryn Hopkins, Membership Chair/Near Neighbor Liaison

As of printing, we have 27 new members joining the pool this year. Eleven of the membership openings are due to members switching to senior status and the remaining were sales of memberships. We have gone through approximately 60 numbers on the waiting list to get the 27 new members.

Nine members requested leaves of absence for this summer and these summer memberships have been offered those to those on the wait list after all sales have been processed.

Welcome to our new members!

- Lynda & Chris Dowell
- Christine & David Langley
- Kathy Gadbois & Trevor Pierce
- Pam Simpson
- Mindi & Jim Bohrer
- Sean & Kristen Lundquist
- H. Joe McCrea & Cosette LeCiel
- Darby DuComb & Steve Festor
- Clark & Leilani Landis
- Andrea & Brad Axel
- Michael & Kristin Stewart
- Dawson Nichols & Jennifer Stewart
- Kirsten Hulett & Steve Heuring
- Christine & Eric Larsen
- Pam & Al Taylor
- Jonathan & Beth Singer
- Jeff & Liz Haven
- Nancy & Tony Grega
- Ken Howard & Mary O'Connor
- Allen Carter & Anne Tuominen
- Brian & Stacy Swanson
- Jenny Leak
- Sherrie Brown
- William & Cynthia Wilcock
- Pam McGaffin & Mark Funk
- Laura & Robert Nicholson
- Lauren & Dan Bernard

New Member Orientation

All new members are invited to meet at Wedgwood Pool's on Opening Day, May 21 at noon. Plan to come and meet each other, pool staff and board members. This is great opportunity to learn about the swim team, swim lessons, pool social events and more.

2011 Directory Cover Contest

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, POBox 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 Struckoff, Swim Team Committee

On Sunday, May 15, join us from 3:00-5:30 for swim team suit fitting and swim team parent meeting. Suit fitting with Sylvia’s Swimwear and in-person swim team registration will take place on upper deck of pool from 3:00-5:00. The parent meeting will begin at 5:00.

The last day to hand in registration is, May 15; after that a late fee is incurred.

Evening practices start May 23. Check the Wedgwood website for registration materials, information on how to register, list of meets, and training schedule.

Call Patty Cannon at 206-524-4641 with any questions. We want you!

Adult Swim Team

Who:	Adults ages 18-99
What:	Swim workouts for the beginning to advanced swimmer
Where:	Wedgwood pool
When:	Mondays and Wednesdays June 27 – July 27 8:00-9:00pm
Cost:	Free!

Join Coaches Mary and Karin for this fun, social, and healthy activity! The season will end with the Northern Division Adult Swim meet on Saturday morning, July 30th, at Sheridan Beach Swim Club (participation optional) and our fun end of year potluck (date to be determined).

Special Events

By Todd McCollough, Special Events Chair

Reconnect with your summer friends over free hot dogs and soda on Opening Day, Saturday, May 21st.

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
Kari Monsen**

**Susie Dade
Jerri Morin
Mary Ramaley
Jessa VanDyk
Beth Struckoff**

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