

Wedgwood Pool News ~ 45th Year

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Newsletter Going GREEN & PAPERLESS May 2009



Newsletter submittals & member tips deadline is the 15th each month

Newsletters are posted to www.wwpool.org, by the 5th each month. Set your online calendar reminder, and download your copy.

Snail mail will end with the April 2009 newsletter. Office copies to be available when the pool is open.

To download the latest or archived Newsletters click <http://www.wwpool.org/>

Each monthly News Letter will be posted on the Pool lobby bulletin board.

The board, and member survey, strongly supports the notion to act more sustainably, thus the move toward digital media.

Digital also allows for unlimited material copy, color flexibility, and hyperlinks.

Prep, production, and mail time and costs are greatly reduced from the 2008 average total cost of \$415 per issue (for prox 400 full members and senior associates).

UPSP just raised postage costs, taking our mail costs alone to \$175 per each monthly issue.

Those few members who do not have internet access, please contact the editor if you need to continue receiving the newsletter through the US mail.

If we don't hear from you, we will assume that you can access the newsletter via your computer beginning in May 2009.

*Bill Leak, April Editor, handing off to
Suzie Dade, Editor May 2009*

ANNUAL MEETING BRIEF

58 Ballots were received, 50 in favor of the "15 set aside near memberships", 8 opposed.

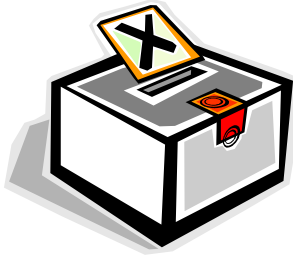
The 4 new Board Directors are elected by a simple majority, whereas the by-law changes require 2/3 of ballots cast.

In this case, of the 58 ballots cast, 39 were needed to change the by-laws, the 50 in favor of the by-law change easily met that requirement.

Also there were 9 members in attendance, plus 10 of the current/outgoing board members.

The attendance by the membership very well could have been impacted by the weather situation that evening.

Jan Winchell, Board Secretary



The bylaws language was contained in the January Newsletter, available at www.wwpool.org

19.6% of full members cast ballots at the annual meeting.



BBQ May 16th

Opening Day & New Member Orientation

May 16th, at 1 PM on the upper deck of the pool clubhouse. All new members are invited to meet at Wedgwood Pool's opening day,

Come and meet each other, pool staff and board members. Learn about the swim team, swim lessons, pool social events and more.

Membership & Dues Update

As of printing, we have 17 new members joining the pool this year. Five of the membership openings are due to members switching to senior status and the remaining were sales of memberships. We went through approximately 32 numbers on the waiting list to get the 15 new members.

Six members requested leaves of absence for this summer. We will offer those summer memberships to those on the wait list after most sales have been processed. More details about our new members will be in the next newsletter.

Reminder: ALL dues deadline was March 1st. If you have not yet paid, you must include the \$60.00 late fee with your dues or your request for status change, such as Leave of Absence or Conversion to Senior Status.

Member dues:

- Full member dues are \$700.00
- Full members also pay the 2009 Landscape fee of \$25.00, which can be waived if you work for 3 hours at the spring landscape party scheduled for Saturday, April 25th.
- Senior associated dues are \$175.00 (25% of full annual dues)

Reminder regarding late fees:

- The late fee increases to \$100.00 for any payment postmarked after May 1st.
- The late fee increases to \$100.00 for any request for status change postmarked after April 15th.

This statement was sent via postal mail with the January newsletter.

If you do not have your 2009 dues statement readily available, contact Caryn Hopkins (membership@wwpool.org, 206.361.0473).

All payments and change requests are to be sent to: Wedgwood Pool - Attn: Membership, PO Box 15104, Seattle, WA 98115.

For those using electronic bill payment services, please adjust your vendor information to reflect this. We have had some dues sent to past Membership Chairs' personal addresses.

2009 Directory cover contest

Wedgwood Pool ~ 45th Anniversary

In an effort to have the pool directory available earlier this year, we are requesting families with children (ages 5-18) to encourage them 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 2009 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 "2009" in your design.

- The theme is 45th Anniversary of Wedgwood Pool
- 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, Attention Directory Contest, PO Box 15104, Seattle, WA 98115, **by May 1st** .

Questions? Contact Caryn Hopkins (membership@wwpool.org, 206.361.0473)

Swim Team News

Despite the snow flurries and frigid temperatures, the 2009 swim team season is just around the corner! We're looking forward to seeing all our swimmers back, along with some new faces, this summer for another fun-packed season. We are fortunate to have another wonderful group of coaches with Matt Miller, Jill Kripps, and Michael Matsumoto returning and Peter Hoff joining! All swimmers, from age 5 to graduating seniors, are welcome to be part of the Wedgwood Swim Team. For those of you beyond high school, there is always the adult swim team!

REGISTRATION

We'd like to maintain our "green" philosophy by providing everything you need to register for the swim team, including registration forms, schedules for both workouts and meets, and the team handbook on the Wedgwood Pool website. The registration forms will be posted the first week in April. You can find links to the forms at the following location: http://www.wwpool.org/swim_team/swimteam.htm.

Please be sure to fill out all four pieces of the registration materials:

- swim team registration form
- swimmer and parent Code of Conduct form.
- vacation/absence plans form
- family volunteer form

Mail all the materials along with the registration fee (\$65/swimmer) as soon as possible to Jacque Ives at 6823 – 27th Ave. NE, Seattle 98115. Please try to send them in **before the parent meeting on Monday May 18th** so that we can give the coaches an accurate list of swimmers.

Please remember, the registration and Code of Conduct forms must be completed and team dues paid in full prior to participation in workouts and meets. Also, don't forget to fill out the family volunteer form. Volunteers are a vital part of our team and are a big part of what makes our team so great!

We still a volunteer to video tape and put together the end of season slide show as well as a volunteer for sweats sales. If you are interested in stepping forward for either one of these opportunities, please contact:

Carolyn Bernhard at 206-527-3092
carodan77@msn.com

SPRING 2009 EVENING WORKOUTS

Evening workouts start **Tuesday, May 19th** and will continue Monday through Thursday nights through June 19th. Practice times for age groups are:

- 8 and under swimmers 7:00–7:30 pm
- 9-10 swimmers 7:30-8:00 pm
- 11-13 swimmers 8:00–8:45 pm
- 14 and up swimmers 8:45–9:30 pm

SUMMER 2009 WORKOUT SCHEDULE

Morning practices will begin on **Monday, June 22nd**, after school ends for the Seattle Public Schools. As a reminder, practice times for age groups will be:

- 15 – 18 swimmers 7:00-7:50 am
- 13 – 14 swimmers 7:50-8:40 am
- 11 – 12 swimmers 8:40-9:30 am
- 9 – 10 swimmers 9:30-10:15 am
- 8 and under swimmers noon–12:45 pm

MEET 2009 SCHEDULE

A detailed calendar of meets and other swim team events will be included in the swim team handbook and in future newsletters and emails but just in case you're trying to make summer plans, here's a preliminary meet schedule:

- Tuesday, June 23 – Wedg vs. Wood
- Thursday, June 25 – WW at View Ridge
- Tuesday, June 30 – Innis Arden at WW
- Tuesday, July 7 – WW at Aqua Club
- Thursday, July 9 – WW at Sand Point
- Tuesday, July 14 – Sheridan Beach at WW
- Thursday, July 16 – WW at Klahaya
- Tuesday, July 21 – Blue Ridge at WW
- Friday, July 24 – B Champs
- Monday, July 27 – Girls' Prelims
- Tuesday, July 28 Boys' Prelims
- Thursday, July 30 – Northerns
- Tuesday, August 4 – All Cities

*Carolyn Bernhard, Jacque Ives and Erin Manca
Swim Team Committee*

SWIM TEAM SUIT FITTING

Monday, May 18th

We made an executive decision and decided to keep the same general suit design this year (i.e., black suit with the Super W). The suits are made by Speedo (and not TYR) and the girls' suits will have a slightly different cut than last year's.

Sylvia's Swim Shop will have suits to try on. The team fitting and suit sale will be held at the pool from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on Monday, May 18th. This is the **only opportunity** to purchase the team suit and get the full team discount.

If you cannot make it to this fitting you might want to go to Sylvia's and try on the suit prior to the fitting date and send your money and size with a friend to the meeting so you can take advantage of the discount.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Cheryl Behrens at 526-0493 or e-mail at: rcbehrens@comcast.net

Spring Landscape Party April 25th

The 2009 spring landscape party is scheduled this year for Saturday, **April 25th**, from 9 AM to 4 PM, rain or shine.

We will install a few new plants, apply mulch to the east bank and generally clean things up.

For those with wheelbarrows, we will have approximately 10 yards of mulch to distribute. We promise loads of fun for all! So bring your favorite weeding and pruning tools, shovels, rakes, brooms, gloves, wheelbarrow and etcetera.

Coffee and yummy treats will be provided. **Did I mention to bring your own tools?** See you there!

The Pool requires either 3-hours of landscape party participation or a \$25.00 payment.

Peter Brunner, Landscape Committee Chair

Pool's club house deck work

The deck project is well under way.

The new roof membrane and drainage channels have been installed, and the concrete pavers are being finalized this week (03/09/09).

The next task is the bridge to the parking lot. The anticipated completion date is the week of March 24th.

The goal of this project was to ensure that we get another 20 years of carefree use of the upper deck area, as well as protect the original structure to ensure its longevity for successive generations of pool membership.

Tom Lambright, 2008 Maintenance Chair

Fair well, the Wedgwood Elm Tree

The cold and windy weather this winter took its toll on the large Siberian elm tree, located to the north of the club house. This tree sustained substantial damage during the storms that we had in the first week of January. Several large portions of the tree fell onto the club house and the pool grounds.

After the storm, the Board brought in an arborist to evaluate the tree. He found other damage to the tree, including a large crack in the remaining large branch that was overhanging the clubhouse. The Board discussed different options, including trying to salvage what remained of the tree or taking the tree down.

The City's regulations on removal of trees on private properties were consulted. It was determined that there were no regulations that prevented removing this tree. The characteristics of the Siberian elm trees were also researched. Literature indicates that Siberian elm trees have brittle wood and a short life-span.

It was not a quick or easy decision, but in the interest of safety and preventing further damage, the Board opted to remove the tree.

While we will miss the old elm, removing the tree does present new opportunities. There will now be more sunlight in this area, and the grass should do better.

Best of all, Seattle chapter members of the American Association of Woodturners are going to enjoy working with the wood from the tree.

Visit www.woodturner.org/

Peter Brunner, VP & 2008-09 Landscape Chair



*Elm tree removal photo credits: C&J Findley
Full set of 9 pics at www.wwpool.com if possible.*

Public Pools Initiatives Update (The year-round-water world)

IN SPITE of recent economic circumstances public pool initiatives [slog on](#).

To succeed they need your help with an ongoing stream of letters of support and testimony before electeds .

Subscribe to appropriate listserves, and recruit others to do so, to be reachable.

Numbers count, you can make a difference.

Seattle: www.seattlepools.org

Christine Larsen (aka Dahl playfield lady, and on the WWP waitlist) is actively involved in this organization and is seeking likeminded citizen volunteers to help educate the public and rally critical mass.

NE Coordinator: christine@seattlepools.org

Bellevue: <http://www.splashforall.org/>

Northshore Pools status:

http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Support_Northshore_Aquatics/

Northshore PRSA 2008 Aquatic study
<http://www.cityofkenmore.com/Page.aspx?nid=279>

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