

# Wedgwood Pool News

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## FROM THE MANAGER

Hello there everyone and welcome to spring! We made it through a most interesting and eventful off-season. I wish at this point I could say that things were ready to go for our scheduled opening date. At this time, however, timelines are tight and with ongoing construction of the new south retaining wall it's going to be a mad dash to get the pool ready for opening day, Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Because of the construction of the south wall and all the digging around our power lines, power was shut off completely to the pool facility. It has been off for a week now and it's looking like it might be another week, perhaps longer, before it will be restored.

The project itself was delayed in starting by nearly 2 weeks. Couple this with the power being shut off much longer than anticipated; I'm beginning to feel a bit uneasy about what needs to be done in the next few weeks.

Now, by itself having the power off wouldn't be a problem. However, without power other work lined up and ready to go for pool operations must be postponed. Things are piling up.

Normally by this time the pool is full of water, the filters are running and the last bits of work are being wrapped up. This year there won't be the wiggle room to deal with any major issues that might crop up. At this point, I am hopeful that things will come together smoothly and nothing major will come up. Be prepared, though, things might be look a little ragged around the edges.

There should be one more newsletter coming out just before the pool opens. Hopefully, I'll have a better idea of how things are shaping up. Until then, think good thoughts, keep your fingers crossed, start digging out your bathing suits and check the pool website for up-to-date schedule changes and information.

- Raab, Pool Manager

## It's a Girl!

Assistant Manager, Chris Matsumoto, and his wife Lisa are proud parents; Harper was born on April 25th. Congratulations to the family!

## New Member Meeting

All new members are invited to meet on Wedgwood Pool's opening day, May 19th, at 1 PM on the upper deck of the pool. Come and meet each other, pool staff and board members. Learn about the swim team, swim lessons, pool social events and more.

## Swim Team News

They may be having snow storms on the east coast, but we're thinking about summer here. The 2007 swim season is almost upon us. We hope that all eligible swimmers from age 5 to graduating seniors plan to be a part of the Wedgwood Swim Team. For families new to Wedgwood pool this season, it is never too late to join swim team! In fact, there is also an adult swim team to work those kinks out two evenings each week.

We feel very lucky to have most of our coaching staff returning to the pool this summer. Matt Miller will be continuing in his role as head coach, with his indispensable assistants Robert Sjoberg, III and Michael Matsumoto. We are sad to lose Katie Hathaway, but excited for her new opportunity with the Peace Corps in Nicaragua. Stepping up to fill out the team will be Jill Kripps. Jill was a Wedgwood swimmer for many years, and holds pool and league records. She graduates from Arizona State University this May, where she swam on their team all four years. We know she will be an excellent and enthusiastic addition, and we are very lucky to have her.

We are trying a new approach with registration this year. Everything you need to register for swim team, including registration forms and schedules for both workouts and meets, are now available on the Wedgwood Pool website. The registration forms will be posted by April 28. You can find links to the forms at the following location:

[http://www.wwpool.org/swim\\_team/swimteam.htm](http://www.wwpool.org/swim_team/swimteam.htm).

Please be sure to fill out the team registration, vacation schedule and have all swimmers and parents sign the

Code of Conduct. Mail all forms along with the registration fee as soon as possible to Kim Prestbo at 7707 – 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, 98115. Please try to send them in **before the parent meeting on May 21st** so that we can give the coaches an accurate list. Please remember, the registration form and Code of Conduct must be completed and team dues paid in full prior to participation in workouts and meets.

Also, don't forget to fill out the parent volunteer form. Volunteers are a vital part of our team and are a big part of what makes our team so great!

This season's Parent/Swimmer meeting and swimsuit sale (more below) will be on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30-8:00 PM at the pool. The Parent/Swimmer meeting starts at 7:00 PM. See you all there! Evening workouts start May 22nd.

- Swim Team Committee

### **Swim Team Suit Fitting** **Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

The votes are in and this year the swim team chose a new team suit. It's a TYR suit called "Zenith". It comes in both jammer and brief styles for boys. The team fitting and suit sale will be held at the pool from 5:30 to 8:00 PM on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the only opportunity to purchase the team suit and get the full team discount. Sylvia's Swim Shop will be there with suits to try on.

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 her at:

[rcbehrens@comcast.net](mailto:rcbehrens@comcast.net)

### **Wedgwood Hosting Northerns, Again!**

Back by popular demand, Wedgwood Pool will be hosting Northerns on August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. This is a great pool community event and we're going to need lots of help, so those of you with swimmers may be asked to pitch in!

### **Swim Team Schedule**

Monday, May 21	Parent/Swimmer Meeting
Tuesday, May 22	Evening Work-outs begin
Thursday, June 21	Wedg vs Wood Meet
Monday, June 25	Morning Work-outs begin
Tuesday, June 26	Wedgwood at Aqua Club
Thursday, June 28	Sandpoint at Wedgwood - <i>Tentative Picture Day</i>
Saturday, June 30	Swim Team Sleepover
Thursday, July 5	All Team Fun Day
Tuesday, July 10	Sheridan Beach at Wedgwood
Thursday, July 12	Wedgwood at Klahaya
Tuesday, July 17	Blue Ridge at Wedgwood
Thursday, July 19	Wedgwood at View Ridge
Friday, July 20	All Team Fun Day
Tuesday, July 24	Innis Arden at Wedgwood
Friday, July 27*	B Champs at Klahaya
Sunday, July 29	Practice for Prelim Qualifiers
Monday, July 30**	Girl's Prelims at Innis Arden
Tuesday, July 31**	Boy's Prelims at Blue Ridge
Thursday, August 2**	Northerns at Wedgwood
Saturday, August 4	Adult Meet at Sheridan Beach
Sunday, August 5	Practice for All City Qualifiers
Tuesday, August 7	All City Championship at Aqua Club
Wednesday, August 8	Wedgwood Swim Team End of Season Celebration

\* 9:00 AM start

\*\* 4:00 PM start

### **Wedgwood Adult Swim Team**

If the kids can do it, why not you! Come join the Adult Swim Team and get those old bones back in the water. Whether you're interested in learning the fundamentals, or you're a past record holder, there's a lane waiting for you! Great coaching at all levels, and a pleasant group of parents makes for an enjoyable way to get back in the water. If you choose, you can participate in the Adult Swim Meet at the end of the summer. Find out how much you've progressed by swimming against "like skilled" swimmers in a casually competitive setting. Details on the evening practice schedule will be forthcoming.

### **Landscape Committee**

At the time of this writing the south wall construction project is running behind schedule. It is uncertain that the area to be newly landscaped will be ready for the spring work party, scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to remain flexible and yet utilize all volunteer help, it looks like the spring work party will move to May 12<sup>th</sup> (9am till 4pm). Any volunteers who cannot make it on the 12<sup>th</sup> are welcome to come by on the 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - noon, for general landscape work. Please check the pool calendar, on the website ([www.wwpool.org](http://www.wwpool.org)), for the most current information, or give me a call at 915-1431.

- Pat Corr, Landscape Committee Chair

### **South Wall**

The construction of the South Wall Project kicked off on March 28<sup>th</sup> with a site meeting that included the City Inspector, the contractor Kirnail Virk of A1 Rockey Landscaping, civil engineer Erik Anderson of HWA and pool members Rick Lippold and Mark Snyder. Actual clearing and earthmoving began the second week of April under the full-time observation of HWA representatives, who are responsible for ensuring that excavation and backfill work meet engineering standards and are built properly.

The steep hillside and existing rock and railroad tie retaining walls were created when the pool was originally constructed in 1964. The current project will replace the failing wood wall portion with a new, two-tiered, geotextile-reinforced wall and rock facing. As of April 27<sup>th</sup>, the contractor completed the first, lower tier wall by first excavating down to native soil, installing a compacted gravel base, followed by layers

of fabric and basalt facing rocks. In the process, we are also lowering and replacing a portion of the main sewer, as well as rerouting power and telephone lines that were in the way of the new construction. Barring more rainy weather or any unusual underground conditions, the upper tier of the rockery should be completed by the end of the first week of May.

After the wall is completed, approximately 1,200 square-feet of new sod will be installed on the south side of the pool deck area, replacing what is now a failing concrete slab. A 6-foot high wood fence will be built along the top of the rockery wall. We will also be installing two new pole-mounted floodlights with new underground conduit and wiring for our security alarm and public address systems. An area of concrete paving for the storage of bleachers and barbecue grills will be installed along the new south fence.

After the contractor spreads topsoil and compost on the terraced portions south of the new fenceline, irrigation lines will be put in. This will be followed by trees, shrubs and other plants selected by landscape architect Diane Simpson, and installed by our own talented and hardworking pool volunteers. The City of Seattle Department of Transportation has agreed to allow Wedgwood Pool to extend our landscaping and grass into the right-of-way, provided that we maintain this area. We are still talking with the Parks Department, hoping to get permission to remove a portion of their Dahl Field blackberry patch adjacent to Pool property. Special thanks to Rick Lippold and Dale Hoff for their continued help with the construction work.

- Mark Snyder, Maintenance Committee Chair