

# Wedgwood Pool News

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## President's Message

Greetings~

After several years of preparation we are optimistic we will begin construction on the south wall this October. Mark Snyder has done everything possible to assist the City in issuing a permit and we have obtained new bids from contractors due to the increase in material prices over the summer. Construction is limited to October and must be completed by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Pat Corr, our Landscape Chairman, assisted in retaining the services of Dianne Simpson to design the landscape; hopefully you were able to check out the plans on the pool office window. Our fall landscape work party will be critical to the plantings.

Pete Kelly, our treasurer, has organized the first Financial Planning Committee. Inaugural members include: Hugh Spitzer, Curt Clausen, J Loux, Tony Neupert, Pete Kelly, myself and Ron Espiritu, our bookkeeper. The first meeting was quite productive and we will use the information we obtain to make decisions on how to better invest our capital project funds, rather than leaving them in our low interest checking account. The Committee will prepare a report for our Annual Membership Meeting this coming February. We would like to thank the Committee for its expertise and assistance. In addition to the Planning Committee, we will be performing an audit on the 2005 financial records in October. Our financial forecast is on target.

We are testing Membership Software this fall and winter, to explore moving our database from an Excel format to one which is designed for non-profit clubs. It could give us more flexibility in invoicing, entering member expertise, and listing member's interests.

Temple Beth Am requested the use of our parking lot while they are doing some construction of their own. The Temple has been very generous with us in allowing the use of their lots for swim meet parking. The Board wanted to return the favor and voted unanimously to allow this use and to thank them for being such good neighbors.

Enjoy your Fall~ Cindy Loudon

**In Recognition of Jan Kavados**

Last August we recognized many people for their contributions in making our pool a community. One of the persons we omitted and would like to thank now is Jan Kavados. We see Jan at almost every home meet as a stroke and turn official or timer. Since the 1960's, she has been a pool member, volunteer, and was even a Wedgwood Pool manager one summer. Stroke and turn officials are in short supply and Jan is always ready to step up. The shiny purple "Oops" Ribbons are sought after by many of the youngest swimmers, but the real value Jan gives is her feedback and expertise which lasts long after the summer ends. In addition to her role with the Summer Swim League, she is also an Official for the Edmonds School District and Masters Swim Programs. To top it off, she also officiates at high school, college, and masters track events. Thank you Jan, for your years of commitment and valuable service. We are very fortunate to have Jan on our team.

*Cindy Loudon, Board President*

## Membership News

Fall is here, the leaves are changing colors; it is time to think about your pool membership. Was your membership rarely used this summer? If so, you might want to consider a change in membership status.

Senior Status: After 12 years active full membership, members may convert to senior status. They receive no money, as the membership is given back to the pool, but are given 50 swims per season for 25% of the annual dues. Senior members may purchase an additional 25 Early Lap Swims for \$75.00

Membership Transfer: When members transfer or sell their membership they receive \$650.00. If members decide to sell now, this money can be received by the holidays. Selling a membership takes a few weeks, as families on the wait list need to be contacted.

Questions about your membership or to make any changes to your membership, please contact Janet Cairns at: [cairns7@integrity.com](mailto:cairns7@integrity.com).

**Landscape Fees?**

Work parties? What are these all about? Every Fall and Spring, the Landscape Committee hosts a work party that all members are invited to attend. At this event, members work on the grounds. This is a fun time to get work done and to chat with new/old members.

Every year there is a \$25.00 fee charged to each membership to cover part of the cost of upkeep of the pool grounds. The fee is waived for every family who works at the landscape party.

For questions about the Landscape Work Parties, contact Pat Corr at: [pcorr@windermere.com](mailto:pcorr@windermere.com)  
And for questions about the \$25.00 Landscape fee contact Janet Cairns at: [cairns7@integrity.com](mailto:cairns7@integrity.com)

### **Landscape Committee – Fall Work Party**

We anticipate the City issuing the building permit for the south wall anytime now. The construction of the new south wall will take a few weeks. **The Fall work party is now scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9am till the work is complete.** During the work party we will be planting all the new plants and spreading mulch. Bring you shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, gloves and any other tools you think might help. Please call me to let me know if you will be attending 206-522-0081.  
See you then – *Pat Corr*

### **Special Events for 2007**

Mark those busy calendars now. Be sure and stay in town for the holidays at the pool. Schedule so far is:

Opening Day Barbeque: The first day the pool opens in May, we'll have a barbecue for one and all. Chance to meet the new members, greet old summer friends and have a hot dog, hamburger. Come say hi to everyone and hopefully see the new south wall.

Over 21 Club: In June, July and August of 2007 we'll establish three nights that the pool will remain open till 10 for swimming for all, but the over 21 club will be open in the balcony for the adults. Dates will depend on the swim meet schedule. Look for the calendar in the Spring. Look for Root Beer Floats at least one of those days.....

Fourth of July: Hot Dog and Soda's for \$1.00. We'll continue the theme and feed everyone as they attempt the challenges of the Fourth of July games.

Labor Day: Stoke up after the Biathlon have another hot dog/soda for \$1.00. Gear up for the auction in which you have the opportunity to buy back all the clothes you never recovered from lost and found. Great time to pick up those back to school sales.

Memorial Day: Currently thinking of having some chili for that usually cold day. Let me know if you think you'll be interested! Thinking of the famous chili cook-off with impartial judges

Contact Muriel Sjoberg at [thesjobergs@comcast.net](mailto:thesjobergs@comcast.net) if you have any other thoughts or desires!

### **2006 Wedgwood Water Polo Highlights**

When your child comes home from the pool using new slang words such as "egg beater", "getting rolled" and "man up"...don't be alarmed. It's not dangerous code talk...they're just getting hooked on Wedgwood water polo.

Thirty-five participants of all ages jumped into the pool at 8AM during the month of August to learn the sport of Water Polo. Coached by Scott Cuthbert, Brynn Lydum and Peter Hoff, the players developed their skills, learned the game, and competed in the Seattle Summer Water Polo League. And compete they did! The 8 – 11 year olds joined other teams for game play, and put on quite a show on Friday mornings. The 12 – 14 year olds gathered together a team of about 10 players and made it to the final four, while our 15- 18 year olds made it all the way to the championship game, only to lose to Innis Arden in a hard fought battle.

The team looks forward to fun season of water polo next summer and would like to encourage and invite anyone age 6-18 to consider trying it. There are both coed and girls only teams. In order to get enough players to field teams in each age group, non-members are welcome too. You too can learn how to master the "egg beater" and try not to "get rolled"!

### **Swim Team...Koach's Korner**

Another fantastic swim season has come to a close and we must make due with the many fond memories for the next eight months. I am always very sad at the end of any sports season and especially at the end of swim season here at Wedgwood. It might be because I know I won't be able to see most of your youngsters for over half a year or it might be because it makes me feel old when I realize the next time I see them they will be three inches taller. But either way, I treasure the moments spent with them.

Growing up, I never really knew if the coaches knew who I was or not. I never really understood why they were there for us every single day. It wasn't until I became a coach that I realized what truly goes into being an effective coach. In my mind, it takes passion, respect (for the kids and parents) and a willingness to do all that's in our power to help your kids. There is passion to teach, passion to learn, passion to improve as a team and passion to improve your children individually. Luckily, we have coaches at this pool who are overflowing with passion. This is where all the fun comes from, this is where all the unity comes from, and this is where a lot of Robbie's wardrobe comes from. We all have a passion for life, passion for swimming and passion for fun.

Respect has always been an enormous deal to me. We try to highlight respect as an automatic part of the equation here at Wedgwood. We attempt to treat every single swimmer as exactly what they are: an individual. We try to focus on teamwork, team unity and sportsmanship. We have coaches here who have been through the life and times at Wedgwood Pool and have seen just about all there is to see. We try to coach in that fashion and learn more and more.

And finally, we have the willingness to do all that's in our power to help your kids. It can become exhausting to work the ins and outs of a swimming season with nearly 200 swimmers on the team. But what makes our willingness easier is your kids' willingness to listen and be coached. We have the best kids in the league on this team and it stems from the attention they give to us as coaches and the time they put in to improve their swimming. Our time and effort as coaches is never lost on your kids, they take full advantage and it couldn't be more appreciated.

The 2006 season was the most fun I've had in six years of coaching in this league. There was plenty of passion, plenty of respect and an overall willingness to

improve as a team and as individuals. I can't say enough about my assistant coaches and I can't say enough about the support I had from the parents. But your kids make this whole thing worthwhile for everybody involved, and I appreciate them greatly. I will truly miss them over the next several months. In closing, I would like to thank Martha Layzer as the swim team head and my second mother for the last couple of years. She has done an outstanding job. When you see her next summer she will look much more relaxed (cause she won't have to deal with me as much) and you should all go thank her for her countless hours of work. Thank you Martha, you will be sorely missed by me, by the other coaches, by the swim team parents and by my email inbox. Thank you again to everybody for a great summer and I am already looking forward to next summer.

### Swim Team News

It's hard to believe the 2006 swim season is already behind us – and what a fantastic season it was! There was one cold and wet meet at Innis Arden; otherwise the sun was shining down on us! There were 189 registered swimmers this year, with at about 25 of them new to the team. It is always nice to have new faces on the team, especially when they join us in the older age groups. At the start of the season the coaches were a bit apprehensive about some of our dual meets, but the swimmers rose to the challenge, posting a 7-1 dual meet season, and placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Northern Division Finals. Our All City swimmers concluded the season with a very impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the All City Championship, giving Aqua Club a run for their money during the final relay events! Congratulations to all Wedgwood Swimmers!

Much of the swim team's success this year was due to the enthusiasm and dedication of our coaches. They spent countless hours working on the line-ups for each meet and were frequently in the pool working on strokes with the younger kids. They showed guts, humility, confidence, patience, and led by example. And, who wouldn't want to swim well for a coach decked out in a pink outfit?! Thank you Matt, Katie, Robert and Michael – you're the best!

-- *Swim Team Committee*

**Thank You Volunteers!**

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it takes ALL of you to run a successful swim team. And you did. We, your swim team committee, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved with swim team this year. It was a very successful and exciting season thanks to our enthusiastic coaching staff, our fabulous pool staff, our tireless volunteers, and of course, our fantastic swimmers. We once again enjoyed a successful overnigher and tie dye day - it's so fun to see all those tie dye shirts around the pool! The private lesson days were also very popular as the coaches competed to see whose slots would fill first. Lastly, we hosted yet another successful and well run Northern Division Championship.

While we sincerely hope all of our volunteers know how grateful and appreciative we are, we would like to extend a special thanks to a few individuals. We are so fortunate to have Raab Parker and Chris Matsumoto as our pool management staff. They provide invaluable support to the team and make sure our meets run smoothly. In fact, because of our team of well-tuned staff and volunteers we continue to set the standard for well managed swim meets. Thank you to Karin Fosberg, a.k.a. the "data queen," who quietly and efficiently manages all our swim team data and meet entries, and is also a valuable resource to the coaches. Also, the swim team committee is forever indebted to JoEllen Hathaway. Without her wisdom and expertise, we could not host such a successful Northern Division meet. And, what would a swim meet be without concessions? Thank you to Kari Monsen and Hilary Stephens for stepping and taking on the enormous job of running concessions. Miles Lippold met the challenge of creating a wonderful and memorable video for the team and we are so grateful. Lastly, we would like to thank Carol Merry for another amazing End of Season Celebration. Her energy and creativity are endless!

Thank you again to **all** our volunteers. We could not have done it without all of you and we are grateful to everyone for your commitment to the swim team. We're looking forward to next year!

-- *Martha, Carolyn and Kim*

### **World Champions in our Midst!**

While the rest of us were packing up to go on vacation in August, Mary Lippold and Jan Kavadas headed to San Francisco to compete in the XI FINA World

Master's Championships held at the Avery Aquatics Center at Stanford. This was a long course event held in a 50 meter pool. The meet included swimming, water polo, diving and synchronized swimming. For more information about the meet, visit their website: [www.2006finamaster.org](http://www.2006finamaster.org).

Mary, age 50, competed in the: 800 free – 4<sup>th</sup> place, 200 free – 4<sup>th</sup> place, 100 free – 5<sup>th</sup> place, 50 free – 6<sup>th</sup> place and 100 fly – 4<sup>th</sup> place. She also swam on the 200 free relay for the 200+ age group (in long course, they add everyone's ages together) and **set a World Record!!** The other members of the relay were Lisa Dahl, Debbie Glassman, and Charlotte Davis.

Jan Kavadas, age 75, competed in the: 100 back – 8<sup>th</sup> place, 200 back – 5<sup>th</sup> place 100 breast – 14<sup>th</sup> place, and 200 breast – 9<sup>th</sup> place. When Jan wasn't swimming, she was an official – mostly stroke and turn. Her daughter, Dana, and her granddaughter accompanied her and they enjoyed a few Oakland A's baseball games on her days off.

Congratulations Mary and Jan! We are proud to have you as members of the Wedgwood Pool and you are an inspiration to all of us!!

-- *Martha Layzer*

### **Wedgwood Adult Swim Team**

Congratulations to all Adult Team members! We again filled up all six lanes Monday and Wednesday nights. It's always a kick to see so many of our adult pool members get together for some hard work, stroke technique and just plain socializing! It's always great to see new faces every summer, too!

We came away with another 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the annual SSSL Adult Swim Meet. We won by over 300 points more than 2<sup>nd</sup> place View Ridge. We had by far the most participants of any other club there – way to go WW adults! Of course, it isn't about getting 1<sup>st</sup> place, it's more about team spirit and community – which we seem to have in abundance!

We really enjoy coaching the adult team – besides being a lot of fun, it's a great way to meet other members. Have a great winter, and see you in the pool next summer!

*Karin and Mary*

