

Wedgwood Pool News

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From the Manager:

As I write this the swim season has reached the halfway point, but there is still plenty of time to enjoy the happenings down at the pool. Enclosed in this newsletter is a copy of the August calendar. Please note some early closures for the month as well as some areas of the pool that will be busy with activities while the pool remains open.

We have been getting inquiries about guests and parties at the pool office from member and non-member alike. The club guest policy allows for each full member family 20 guests per season at \$3 each. After the first 20, additional guests are \$5 each. All guests must be registered at the pool office when you bring them in and must be accompanied by the member while using the facility.

In addition to the "regular" guests there are special guest categories as well, those are for care-givers/sitters and houseguests. Pool members who have children cared for by a babysitter at the pool during open swim hours must register their sitter at the office. No guest fee will be charged for the sitter. The sitter is allowed to use the pool only when responsible for those children. Occasionally a sitter will have his/her own child(ren) come to the pool while caring for the member's child(ren), in that case the sitter's child(ren) would be considered a guest of the member and would be charged \$3 and recorded on the guest card. If you have someone staying with you from out of town this is considered a houseguest. Register them at the office with the beginning and ending dates of the stay. There is a one-time fee for houseguests: \$3/person or \$5 family.

For our Senior Members the guest situation works a bit differently. Senior Members have 50 swims per summer and may allow others to use their swims. Guests are checked off of the card rather than paid for separately. Unlike the regular pool members Senior Members need not accompany their guests. Senior Members should contact the office to register those individuals other than themselves who might be using their swims.

Having and hosting a party is a privilege of membership. That means you must be a pool member in order to have a party at the pool and the member(s) hosting the party must be in attendance at the party as well. Parties are for 6 to 12 people and must be arranged through the pool office. Held during regular open hours, the cost is \$3 per guest, and does not count against the family's 20-guest allotment. We encourage you to make your party reservation in advance and we only book one party at a time so planning ahead is always a good idea. If prior arrangements are not made, partygoers will be counted as regular pool guests.

The pool is also available for rent when not regularly open on Friday and Saturday nights and on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We are also able to accommodate groups at the beginning and at the end of the season on weekdays before the pool opens

during the day. Pool rentals are only available to members and we can accommodate groups up to 75 people. Rates and times vary; contact the office if you are interested in finding out more.

See you at the pool - Raab

Almost Anything Goes

Mark your calendars and get the inflatable whale ready for Almost Anything Goes on July 31st, August 14th and 28th from Noon-2pm. Please remember this is an "Almost" Anything Goes – let's keep it safe! Swimming suits are not optional equipment at these events ☺

The Adult Meet

Saturday July 30th is the annual Adult Meet – this year being held at Sheridan Beach. GO WW! Later that evening at Wedgwood the Adult Swim Team will gather for a potluck dinner from 6-8pm. The potluck is for all Adult Team participants; you don't need to swim in the meet to attend this event. Bring a potluck dish for 12, your own beverage, dishware and family!

Recycling

When is it good to have a green pool? When you help the environment by recycling when at the club. Not only does it do a world of good it also save us some money on our garbage bill. Please take the time to recycle your recyclables (cans, empty plastic bottles and clean paper) and put your garbage (soiled paper, napkins and all the other stuff not mentioned above) in the garbage.

Early Morning Lap Swim

Starting on August 1st, early morning lap swim will be extended 30 minutes longer to 7:30am. You'll be able to sleep in a bit longer and still get that entire morning workout in. EMLS will end on Friday, September 2nd.

Water Polo

Al Burgess-Hull has enthusiastically agreed to take on the role of coach and coordinator again this year. This will be the second year for WW being officially part of the SSSL Water Polo League. In 2004 turn out was better than expected and indications are that this season will see even more participants. This is important because at the end of this season a determination as to what the future of Water Polo at Wedgwood will be. A good size turn out is the best way to ensure the return of water polo in 2006.

The activity is open to Wedgwood members from ages 9-18 (kids under 9 are welcome but must be able to swim 25 yards in 18 seconds or less). The season will run for the month of August. There is more information on the pool web site regarding practice

and match schedules. Sign up in the office; there is a fee of \$20.

Mini Swim Team

MINI SWIM TEAM will begin Monday, August 8th and run through Friday, August 19th. MST is open to all kids who have never been on swim team before. If you have a child that wasn't quite able to swim a length of the pool or perhaps a bit apprehensive about being on the swim team then doing the MST might be a good option. MST is a great way for those 8 and unders to learn some of the basics about the competition strokes while having a good time. The "season" ends with a Mini Meet and a Pizza Party on the last day of the class. MST is open to both member and non-members; sign up is through the swimming lesson program. Member sign up for MST will be on Thursday, August 4th at 9am.

2005 Watershow Saturday, August 27th

The Watershow has its origins in the early days of the club. For those of you that don't know, the Watershow is a fun filled hour of almost synchronized swimming to music. Groups of kids and sometimes even adults perform a variety of entertaining and occasionally off-the-wall routines at this annual rite of summer.

So, are you looking for something to help keep the kids busy after swim team? The Watershow is a low key way for them to practice all of those other strokes that they didn't work on while at workout, like the side stroke, the leg in the air underwater somersault and the flying out of the water flipperoo.

Being a swim team member is not a requirement for participation nor is super strong swimming skills. This event is open to EVERYONE willing to endure the fun and camaraderie of preparation for the big show. We are in the process of forming groups now and we encourage all interested in participating to sign up at the pool. Groups will be formed from the lists and practices will then begin in early August.

FLOW Freestyle Stroke Technique Workshop

Sign ups are underway for an adult swim clinic to be held on Sunday, August 28th from 9am-1pm. Utilizing an easy-to-learn technique progression combined with underwater videotaping, you will learn to be balanced and hydrodynamic in the water. As a result, you'll swim farther, easier, and emerge from the water with more energy! Great for recreational swimmers and triathletes! Half-day workshop includes underwater videotaping, individualized analysis of swim stroke, and drill progressions. Workshop limited to 10 participants. Taught by Michelle StanWiens – USA Triathlon Level 2 Coach. There is a minimum number of participants for the class so sign up today. Clinic Cost: \$75. Questions – email Michelle: michelle@performancehigh.com

Fun Float Movie

You won't want to miss this year's Fun Float Movie on Sunday, August 28th at 8:30pm. This year we're aiming for a more mature audience so please keep that in mind when deciding whether or not to attend. Go pump up those air mattresses and get ready for JAWS!

Digital Photos Wanted

Our web site has been online for seven years now and we are looking to add just a bit more pizzazz to it. If you have any digital pictures taken at the club that you are willing to share with the world please consider sending them to us. Pictures should reflect the fun family atmosphere found at our pool. Please include the photographer and approximate month and year of the photo as well as the name of people pictured in the photo if it a small group or individual shot. Email the photos to: wwpool@comcast.net

Lost and Found

Missing any vital pieces of clothing? They might be in our lost and found. Located around the corner by the boiler room on the west side of the building, we feature the finest in attire and accessories. Remember, it all goes up for auction on Labor Day.

Labor Day Weekend

The schedule's been set and the Biathlon will be at 9am on Labor Day, games will be at 2pm and the lost and found auction will be at 4pm.

Dates to remember:

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| July 28 th | Northern Division Meet – Pool Closed |
| July 30 th | Adult Meet @ Sheridan Beach |
| August 1 st | Early Morning Lap Swim hours extend to 7:30am |
| August 3 rd | Swim Team Awards – Closes at 4pm
Note: this will be the only showing for the swim team video. |
| August 11 th | Water Polo Match 4pm (Deep end of pool closed - no lap lanes) |
| August 14 th | Almost Anything Goes 12-2 |
| August 26 th | Water Show Rehearsal – Closes 7pm |
| August 27 th | Water Show at Dusk – Closes at 7pm |
| August 28 th | Almost Anything Goes 12-2, Pool Closes at 8pm, Fun Float Movie "Jaws" at 8:30 |
| September 5 th | Biathlon, Labor Day Games and the Lost and Found Auction |

PICK UP YOUR 2005 DIRECTORY

Swim Team News

Post Season Meets

It's hard to believe that the dual meet season is coming to an end! It has been a fun and exciting swim season so far, and we look forward to more success at the post season meets. The post season meet schedule is as follows:

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
B Champs	Klahaya	Friday 7/22	10:00am
Girls Prelims	View Ridge	Monday 7/25	4:00
Boys Prelims	Sand Point	Tuesday 7/26	4:00
Northern's	Wedgwood	Thursday 7/28	4:00
All City's	Blue Ridge	Tuesday 8/2	2:00

Please check the bulletin board at the pool and your email for warm-up times and more detailed information regarding a specific meet.

Volunteers Needed

For B Champs and Prelims we need to provide timers. Ideally we will have enough timers at each meet so you only have to work half the meet. If you are interested in timing at these meets, please contact Martha Layzer at 523-7390 or by email at: mmlayzer@earthlink.net. Please specify which meet and whether you prefer the first or second half of the meet.

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Swim Team Committee

Wedgwood Swimmers and Families,

The post season meets are rapidly approaching, and we need some volunteers! For B-Champs, Girls Prelims and Boys Prelims we need to provide timers. Ideally we will have enough timers for each meet that you only have to work half the meet. If you are interested in timing at these meets, please contact Martha Layzer at 523-7390 or by email at: mmlayzer@earthlink.net. Please specify which meet and whether you prefer the first or second half of the meet.

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Team Seniors

We have nine young people who wrapping up their Swim Team careers this year as recently-graduated high school seniors:

- Jim Cairns
- Marcus Gladden
- Andrew Hale
- Kathleen Hall
- Kim K
- Michael Matsumoto
- Nichole Shema
- Claudia Spitzer
- Johanna Spitzer

All nine of these seniors have been Team members for years, contributing to Wedgwood's success, and most importantly, contributing to the Team's spirit and helping lead the younger kids for whom these high school students serve as role models. We are losing some top flight swimmers in this group, but we can look forward to their participation in Adult Swim Team in future summers!

Website Website Website !

That's: www.wwpool.org

A random trip around the website reveals any number of interesting and useful things. Under "Calendar" you can quickly determine whether the Pool opens at noon or at 1 pm, or whether it's about to close early for a special event so you have already lost your chance for a swim today. Click on "News and Events" and you can find recent newsletters, Board minutes, and upcoming special classes and activities.

Under "Swim Team" you may discover answers to longstanding and mysterious questions, such as how to find Klahaya Pool (but remember to continue straight on NE 205th across Aurora, and don't veer right toward downtown Edmonds!) You can also print out registration forms, personal record sheets and the Swim Team Handbook.

The Swim Team site also has, under "SSSL Operating Plan," the key to how many points are awarded to each place in each event, individual and relay. You can print out the scoring guide and stick it in your pocket. When you're asked at a meet whether third place gets 1, 2, 4 or 8 points, you can sneak a look and then sound like a real pro! (The answer is that third place gets either 1, 2, 4 or 8 points depending on whether the event is individual or relay, dual meet or a championship, respectively.)

The website also has useful information such as the Pool Guest Policy, and registration forms for lessons. The lesson site has made our lesson program even more visible to non-members, and contributed to the expanding popularity of Wedgwood lessons. According to Manager Raab Parker, 92% of the lesson enrollees are in non-member families (many of them on the waiting list).

Do you have Pool Records?

We have found that old Board minutes, construction drawings, financial and insurance records and historical treasures are being stored in members' closets, attics and garages. We would like to assemble all of those records, cull them and store them properly in a fire-proof file. *If you have old Pool records or memorabilia, please contact Hugh Spitzer at 524-7599 or spitzerscales@comcast.net.*

How to Apply for a Job at Wedgwood Swim Pool

Applications

In order to be considered for a position at Wedgwood Swim Pool, you need to complete a New Employee Application. Applications are usually available in August and can be picked up in the office or downloaded from the web page (www.wwpool.org). The application includes contact information, certifications, work and volunteer experience, references, essay questions, and scheduling information (i.e., when school ends, vacations, etc.). Submission deadlines are listed at the bottom of the application on the last page.

Interviews

After applications have been submitted, the manager and assistant manager may offer some applicants an interview based on the needs of the pools and qualifications of the applicant.

Decisions

Decisions about hiring are based on a number of factors including, but not limited to staffing needs, experience, application essays, references, interviews, availability and other considerations. Each element of the hiring process is scored according to standards and rubrics developed by Wedgwood Swim Pool management. Applicants with the highest scores are offered positions.

Number of Positions

The number of positions offered is based on a number of factors. The size of the staff can change from year to year based on the experience of the staff as a whole. The number of positions is also impacted by the plans of current staff members who either commit or decline employment by mid January.

General Timeline

- Pick up applications: Early August
- Submit Applications: November 1st
- Interviews: Either Winter Break or Mid-Winter Break
- Announcements: Early March

Mid-Season Hiring

Mid-Season hiring occurs for two reasons. First there are times when staff schedules change and we need to hire during the season. Second, when staff members inform us that they do not plan to return next season we may choose to hire staff mid-summer so that training can occur at the end of the current season. When mid-season hiring occurs procedures and timelines will be posted at the pool.

Questions

If you have questions about the hiring process please contact Chris Matsumoto at Wedgwood Swim Pool at (206) 523-8211 or stop by the office.

MID-SEASON HIRING FOR 2005 SEASON

Wedgwood Swim Pool will be hiring a select number of new staff members on a trial basis during August. These new staff members will work limited hours and will be evaluated by management in order to determine if they would be good candidates for permanent positions during the 2006 season. Applications will be available in the office.

Interested in Serving on the Board?

If you are interested in serving on the Pool Board in a future year, let Hugh Spitzer or any current Board member know. The Board is a low-key and friendly bunch. responsibilities and assignments are allocated based on peoples' special experience and skills.

--Hugh Spitzer, Board President

Landscape Committee

Thanks again to all who participated in the Spring work party. For those of you who missed out, you still have a chance to help at the Fall work party. The Fall work party is tentatively scheduled for the second or third Saturday in October, depending upon when the construction of the south wall is complete. The Fall work party will focus on landscaping the south part of the property, once the wall is finished.

Pat Corr

Swim Team End-of-Season Gala

Everybody's a star Wednesday, August 3, when the Wedgwood Swim Team has its End of Season Celebration and Awards Ceremony. All swim team members and their families are welcome! The theme is "Hooray for Hollywood" and every swim team member will get the "star" treatment. Come in your best pool-side gala attire, just add a little "glitz" to your everyday wear, or come as you are!

At 6:00 the festivities will kick-off with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish according to last name:

A – G Salad
H – O Main Dish
P – Z Dessert

Beverages, plates and utensils will be provided.

At 7:00 will be the official "red carpet" awards ceremony and Salute to the Seniors, followed by the famous team movie (produced by Mike Schirmer).

Mark your calendar now so you won't miss this gala extravaganza!

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