

Wedgwood Pool News

ADULT PARTY: JULY 16!!

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ADULT PARTY

Save July 16 for "THE" event of the summer. The annual adult party will occur JULY 16 from 5-10 pm. Hard to say just what will happen, but if past events are any indication, then...well, use your imagination. More information to follow.

TEN THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT THE POOL!

There are lots of wonderful things about Wedgwood Pool, and there are also some interesting things many people don't know. The following aren't in the category of "Ten things you wanted to know but were afraid to ask." But maybe you never thought to ask! Here goes:

1. Wedgwood Swim Pool, Inc. was incorporated on December 4, 1962.
2. Until 20 years ago, there was no waiting list. In fact, it was hard to get families to join in the early 1980's. There was even a \$50 bounty paid to members who brought in new blood.
3. The Pool doesn't run itself. Raab Parker and Chris Matsumoto are the Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively. They are indispensable. Raab reports to a 12-person Board, and Board members serve 3-year terms.
4. Raab and Chris are teachers. So is former Head Coach Chris Holland, current Head Coach Matt Miller and guard/instructor Katherine Sjoberg.. Lesson Co-Coordinator Jessa Wilkins-Haigh is in the process of obtaining her teaching credential, and Lesson Co-Coordinator Leigh Ellison heads to Hawaii in August to get hers as well. Hiring educators is not in the Articles of Incorporation, but it could be!
5. Chris Matsumoto has been swimming at the Pool for 23 years. He has been a staff member for 17 years, non-stop. There's no secret to becoming a staff member (e.g., a lifeguard). Young people who are interested in serving in that capacity should alert Raab or Chris a year or two ahead to get briefed on the prerequisites. Selection is competitive. Older people interested in serving on the Board should alert the current or past President. The only prerequisite is a willingness to chip in and help.
6. The showers in the women's locker room have handles to turn the water on, and the showers in the men's locker room (except one) have buttons instead. But the water temperature is preset and cannot be increased by turning the handles or pressing harder on the buttons.
7. The locker rooms have heated floors (except when the thermostat batteries go out and/or the boiler malfunctions, which happens occasionally).
8. The Pool water and electricity bills total about \$14,000 per year and the annual gas bill is roughly \$10,000. Water requires ongoing

replenishment because of evaporation and splashing. But the heavy blue pool covers save us thousands of dollars in heating and water because of energy conservation and the reduction in evaporation.

9. The parking spaces in the lot are a little bit wider on the west side of the lot than on the east side: between 8' 5" and 9' 4" on the west, and 7' 6" on the east. (That's why it's suggested that vans and trucks park on the west.)
10. The club website: wwpool.org has been online for seven years now. It's getting better all the time.

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Hugh Spitzer, Board President

From the Manager:

Well the season is off and running and all seems to be going quite smoothly. I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that this is your pool. It belongs to you and your children. In order to ensure that your pool stays both safe and clean we need your continued assistance. Be it following the rules, picking up after yourselves, or bringing items to the attention of the staff that need to be addressed. These are a few of the details which will help to keep Wedgwood Pool such a great place to swim and to spend time.

As of May 20, 2005, the day before the pool opened, the band-aid count was only 2 and those were carry-overs from last season. While I haven't been actively counting lately there has certainly been a fair number of band-aids in the gutters and on the pool deck. Please remember to remove those bandages prior to entering the pool! And at the very least don't just stick them onto the side of the pool somewhere. Instead, make the effort to throw them away in the. Anything is better than leaving them sticking around waiting for someone new to come along for them to stick to though.

PLEASE think ahead when using sunscreen. Remember to apply it well in advance of getting into the water. Sunscreen needs time to dry and become effective. Slathering on sunscreen and then jumping right into the water really cuts down on its effectiveness as well as creates a serious problem with the pool filtration system.

Thank you and enjoy that water! -Raab

LAP LANE ETIQUETTE

We now have two lanes for swimming laps during open hours. It can be a bit crowded. We have tried to mark the lanes as "faster" and "slower." We are trying to accommodate more people by designating the lanes, but we're not trying to "label" you. Most swimmers are aware of the standard rules of the lap lanes and do a good job of sharing them:

- Swim counterclockwise, staying to the right of the center of the lane.
- Turn in the middle of the lane at the wall and then move to the right.
- Make sure you are in the correct lane.
- If you are lapping people in the slower lane, consider moving to the faster lane.
- If you are being lapped in the faster lane, consider moving to the slower lane.
- Tap the toes of the swimmer in front of you if you would like to pass that person.
- Understand that a toe tap is okay and allow that swimmer to move ahead of you.
- If your toes have been tapped, stop at the wall and let that person pass. If you are the tapper, make sure there is a large gap between the next 2 swimmers.... Sometimes people can only go as fast as the person in front of them.
- Leave 5 seconds minimum between you and the swimmer in front of you.
- If you pull over or sit out a lap, move to the right side of the lane on the wall, so that you are out of the way of swimmers turning.
- Be aware where others are in your lane.
- Don't push off in front of someone about to turn.

These were compiled from the January issue of the Oregon Master's Swimming newsletter.

CELL PHONE POLICY

With the prevalence of cell phones equipped with cameras, we are asking members and their guests not to use cell phones in the locker rooms. If you encounter someone using his/her cell phone in the locker room we ask your help in reminding them of this policy and/or bringing it to the attention of the pool staff.

DRIVING AND PARKING

Our club sits in the middle of a quiet residential neighborhood so please be considerate of our neighbors. Drive carefully and slowly. When leaving in the evening, please do so quietly.

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics should have started by the time this is mailed. Please check at the pool or on the web site for more information.

WATER POLO

Al Burgess-Hull will again coach and coordinate water polo. The season will run for the month of August. Water polo is open to Wedgwood members ages 9-18 (kids under 9 are welcome but must be able to swim 25 yards in 18 seconds or less). Look for more information posted at the pool and on the website. Sign up in the office after July 15th, there is a fee of \$25.

WATER WINGS?

We have had the policy not to allow the use of water wings or the use of tube suits because the use of floatation devices tends to give both the children using them and the parents a false sense of security.

Having your child experience the water and learn where it is safe to be for them without the aid of added floatation is an important skill to acquire. Wedgwood is a fantastic environment for children, where even the little ones can gain skills and build confidence in the water. The uniqueness of having very shallow water makes all the difference in the world. Small children do have somewhere that they can touch.

Of course on those Sundays where we have almost anything goes we do bend the rules a bit. Floatation devices of all kinds are a must during these special-swimming times. Please feel free to bring what you wish, we just ask that you keep it within reason. Hence the "almost" in anything goes.

WEDGWOOD POOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Patrons at Wedgwood Swim Pool are expected to behave in a manner which

- shows respect for other patrons and staff,
- shows respect and care for property,
- is non-violent and non-threatening,
- maintains the safety of themselves, other patrons, and the staff and
- allows the staff to perform their duties and maintain a safe environment.

The pool managers have the authority to penalize patrons who willfully violate this code. Penalties may include warnings or temporary suspension of pool privileges. Serious or repeated violations may result in consideration by the pool Board for longer-term suspension of pool privileges or termination of membership (Bylaws sections 5.7 and 5.8).

Cake Bake—Friday, July 22

After hours of meditation and deep thought our research and development team has chosen the theme for this year's Cake Bake. It is: *The Wonderful World of Disney*.

This event will be on Friday evening, July 22nd. Mark the date now as you surely won't want to miss out. Cakes will be on display starting as early as 7pm and will be judged at 8pm. If you plan to take on the challenge of baking up a real beauty be sure to plan accordingly and get it to the pool in time.

After judging the cakes will be cut and served up with ice cream. Everyone present will be able to enjoy cake and ice cream to their heart's desire. There are never enough cake cutters, spatulas or knives for cutting cakes, so bring one or two with you. Be sure to mark them clearly and pick them up afterwards. Prizes this year will be awarded by the following groups: 8 and under, 9-12, the teen years, 20 and up, mixed ages, and the family affair.

It will also be *Almost Anything Goes* in the pool from 8-10pm during the event, so you can bring your air mattress, inner tube, or other crazy devices. ("Almost"

means that you must be ready to stop any dangerous activity. Please listen to the guards.) Also please note that the lap lanes will not be in the pool during this event.

See you on the 22nd! - *The Cake Bake Committee*

2005 Water Show—Saturday, August 27^h

This rite of summer should not be missed by anyone! Being a part of the Water Show is open to Wedgwood Pool members of all ages. Sign up sheets will be posted at the pool toward the middle of July. Groups will be formed from the lists and practices will then begin in early August.

Swim Team News

MORNING WORKOUTS

Attention all Swim Team Members! Starting **Wednesday, June 22nd**, workouts will be Monday – Friday in the morning. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Time</u>
15-18	7:00 – 7:50 a.m.
13-14	7:50 – 8:40 a.m.
11-12	8:40 – 9:30 a.m.
9 -10	9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
8 & Under	Noon – 12:45 p.m.

TEAM PICTURE DAY

Team picture day is **Thursday, June 30th**. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Age group</u>	<u>Time</u>
13-14	2:30 p.m.
11-12	2:50 p.m.
9-10	3:10 p.m.
8 & Under	3:30 p.m.
15-18	3:50 p.m.
ENTIRE TEAM	4:00 p.m.

Order forms/envelopes will be available at the pool office the week of pictures and also the day of pictures. If you have any questions, please call Ann McKee at 525-2720 or annmckee2720@msn.com.

VACATION NOTICES

Please let the coaches know as soon as possible if you are going to be away for a meet. They spend many hours preparing the line-up for each meet, so it is difficult if they find out at the last minute that a swimmer will not be at the meet that day.

VOLUNTEERS

The committee chairs are busy filling the many jobs for the upcoming swim meets. Even if you have turned in your volunteer form, look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for concessions, timing and other committees. It is a lot easier for the committee chairs to have volunteers sign up for a shift than to call every individual to schedule. If you did not receive a volunteer form, please pick up a copy in the pool office or print one from the pool website. Thank you!

Questions about swim team? Call Martha Layzer at 523-7390 or email at mmlayzer@earthlink.net.

SWIM TEAM DATES TO REMEMBER

June 21	Tues	Wedg vs. Wood Meet
June 23	Thurs	Sheridan Beach @ WW
June 28	Tues	WW @ Klahaya
June 30	Thurs	Blue Ridge @ WW Picture Day
July 1	Fri	All Team Fun Day
July 7	Thurs	WW @ View Ridge
July 12	Tues	Innis Arden @ WW
July 14	Thurs	WW @ Aqua Club
July 15	Fri	All Team Fun Day
July 19	Tues	WW @ Sand Point
July 22	Fri	B Champs @ Klahaya 9AM
July 24	Sun	Practice for Prelim qualifiers
July 25	Mon	Girl’s Prelims @ View Ridge 4 PM
July 26	Tues	Boy’s Prelims @ Sand Point 4 PM
July 28	Thurs	Northern Division Finals @ WW
July 31	Sun	Practice for All City qualifiers
Aug 2	Tues	All City Champions @ Blue Ridge
Aug 3	Wed	End of Season Celebration

Congratulations Time!

Congratulations to Mary Lippold! When Mary isn’t coaching Wedgwood’s Adult Swim Team, she’s in the pool training. In late May she traveled to Ft. Lauderdale to compete in the US Masters Swimming Short Course Nationals. She placed in the top six in all six of her events! Her hard work all winter paid off and she swam some amazing races. For you swimmers out there, here are her events, times, and places: 50 free – 26.37 – 3rd; 100 free – 57.99 – 4th, 200 free – 2:07.76 – 4th, 1000 free – 11:49.94 – 4th, 100 fly – 1:04.75 – 6th, and 200 fly – 2:32.10 – 6th.

Keep up the good work Mary – you are an inspiration to all of us!

Welcome New Members!!!!

Near Neighbors

Tony and Nancy	Grega
Johnny & Catherine	Stine
Johnathan and Elizabeth	Singer
Bill & Kelly	Crow
Lenee and Doug	Arnett
Don & Andrea	Baumgarten
Linda Bushnell & Gandis	Mazeika

New Members

Ellen & Bob	Bollard
Paula Becker and Barry	Brown
Elizabeth and Kevin	Cain
Michael Galloway & Nancy	Cannon
Christine & Otto Kruse	Davidson
Dave & Sara	Halbett
Roger Turner & Linda	Hallock
Marilyn & Daniel	Harris
Jodie Wohl & Richard	Hert
Brian & Jacque	Ives
Beth & Gweneth	Kunde
Suzanne Dade and Ken	Kunze
Maria & Tom	Lambright
Donna Basiliere & Mark	Laviolette
Joanie Warner & Robert Mahler	Mahler
Dick and Ruthanne	McPhaden
Susan Praeger & Charles	Mehring
Kari & John	Monsen
Alice Boytz & David Parker	Parker
Rose Palmer and Geoff	Pfander
Ellen Goldblatt & Bob	Rothstein
Dana Standish and Noah	Seixas
David & Natalie	Steiner
Joanne Lipson & Jim	Turner
Roger & Jeanna	VanOosten
Merilee Conway & James	Young
Katherine Pelz & Steve	Shor

New Members-Late 2004 Season

Lynn McMurdie & David	Battisti
Lyle & Julie	Margulies
Joanne & Jeffrey	Rodd

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