

# Wedgwood Pool News

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**Hooray!**  
**Summer is here (well . . . almost here)**  
**and Wedgwood Pool is OPEN!**



## Special Events to Mark on Your Calendar

- July 4** – Apple Pie Contest with Hot Dogs and Sodas for \$1.00
- July 9** – Adult Party on the Deck, 8- 10 pm
- July 24** – Wedgwood Pool Cake Bake and Potluck, Late Afternoon  
This year's cake bake theme: 'Video Games'!
- August 28** – Adult Party on the Deck, 8- 10 pm



### **A Word from 'The Boss'** **(Our Pool Manager, Raab)**

The beginning of the swim season is here! It's been a long off-season for me. These past eight months have really dragged along. Perhaps it was the weather, I don't know. What I do know though is that the pool is warm and ready to go.

From what we've been hearing in the news, swimming pools/programs either are or may become a scarce commodity in this city. It's really a pretty sad state of affairs. The bright side is that we have this wonderful swim club. That's a good thing! So, I probably don't need to remind you that it belongs

**to and your children. We need your help to ensure that you have the safest and best possible experience while at the pool. Please familiarize yourselves with our pool rules. Pool rules are posted at the club and on the website. If you have questions about these rules by all means ask a staff member about them and/or feel free to contact me**

**In addition to following the rules we also ask for your assistance. Wedgwood is not a country club - it's a community swim club. We need your help to keep the facility both clean and safe. Please assist us by picking up after yourselves and bringing items that need attention to the staff.**

**The pool will operate on an early season reduced schedule until Seattle Public Schools are out. The starting date for early morning lap swim is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

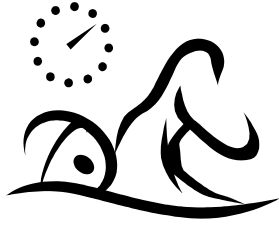
**I close with a friendly reminder about signing in. This will be our second season using the computer to sign in. Remember, type in first name, space, last name. The system seemed to work pretty well last season and it gave us some good data on when our members were swimming. Senior members also must sign in and additionally let us know how many swims they are using as we still have to mark those off manually on the card.**

**And you'd think with this sign-in system, I would have figured out a better method of tracking how many guests are using the pool each day. For now we use a tally and while it's definitely old school, the information is pretty important as there are days where the guests get pretty close to outnumbering the pool members. Many of you might remember last summer when we had the record 100+ heat. We did ask for your assistance in not bringing guests to the pool as we just about maxed out on our bather load. If it does get really warm again this summer we may have to do that again.**

**Finally, please remember when you bring guests to the pool, pool members are to remain on site while their guest(s) are using the facility.**

**See you at the pool!**

**Raab**



## **Wedgwood Swim Team News–June**

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### **Swimmers, take your mark!**

**Hey! The swim team season has begun! Kids who have never before swum competitively are speeding up and down the pool getting ready to compete. What will be your favorite event? Will your relay make a prelim time? Will you be down at the end of the pool screaming your head off for your teammates, squinting your eyes in the blazing sun as you watch your friend pull ahead at the last minute? Or are you an old timer who's looking to have some fun with your summer friends and get in shape? Who knows what fun awaits you in the Summer Swim League-thrilling victories, dramatic improvements in your times, laughing all night during the overnight! Now's the time to get in the pool and swim like a shark is chasing you! And our beloved coaches will be there helping you to do your best and have fun doing it. Here are some reminders to keep parents and swimmers on task.**

### **Morning Workouts**

**Attention all swim team members... morning workouts will begin Wednesday, June 23rd and will continue Monday through Friday after that. Practice times for age groups are:**

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

### **Competitive Stroke Class**

**Every summer, our coaches provide a very popular competitive stroke class, which is held during the first couple of sessions of swim lessons. These classes are intended for developing swim team members to allow the coaches to focus on technique in a smaller group setting. The classes are usually divided among the swim team age groups, based on enrollment. If you are interested in this class, please talk with the coaches to determine what would be the best fit.**

## **Time Trials**

**Time trials will be held on Saturday, June 19th. Warm-ups are at 10 a.m. and the time trials will begin at 10:30 a.m. This is an opportunity to swim some of your events prior to the first meet. It also gives the coaches a sense of each swimmer's times. It is run very quickly and is usually over within a couple of hours.**

## **Picture Day**

**Please join your teammates for individual, age group and entire team pictures on Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> prior to the View Ridge at Wedgwood meet. More details will follow (via email and on the bulletin board) about the specific schedule for the photos, package options, how to order photos, costs, etc. Please contact Ann McKee with questions (525-2720).**

## **Wedg vs. Wood Meet**

**Our first meet of the season is an intra-squad event on Tuesday, June 22nd. This meet gives new swimmers and volunteers an opportunity to learn the ropes and ask questions.**

**Remember the medley relay swims in alphabetical order: that's back, breast, fly then free! But the individual medley is butterfly, back, breaststroke then free. Don't forget the two-hand touch in the breaststroke and butterfly when you're turning! And if by chance you get disqualified, you get a rainbow ribbon! Get on that block and dive in when you hear the buzzer. And parents, get your cameras out, and get ready to cheer.**

## **Vacation Notices**

**Please let the coaches know as soon as possible if you are going to be away or unavailable 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. You can send them an email (see the team handbook on the pool website for their addresses) or leave a note in the coaches' box in the pool office.**

## **Volunteers**

**The committee chairs are busy filling the 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 at the pool for concessions, timing, and other committee needs. It is a lot easier for the committee chairs to have volunteers sign up for a shift than to call people to schedule shifts.**

## Regular Season Swim Team Dates in June and July

June 17	Thurs	All Team Fun Day in the evening! (7-8:30 pm)
June 19	Sat	Time Trials – Be there by 10:00 am
June 22	Tues	Wedg vs Wood Meet
June 23	Wed	Morning workouts Begin
June 24	Thurs	Wedgwood at Innis Arden
June 26	Fri	Swim Team Sleepover
June 29	Tues	View Ridge at Wedgwood – <i>Picture Day</i>
July 1	Thurs	Wedgwood at Sheridan Beach
July 8	Thurs	Sand Point at Wedgwood
July 10	Sat	Private lesson day
July 13	Tues	Wedgwood at Blue Ridge
July 15	Thurs	Klahaya at Wedgwood
July 16	Fri	All Team Fun Day
July 20	Tues	Aqua Club at Wedgwood

For more information:

*Patty Cannon, Jacque Ives, and Erin Manca ~ Swim Team Committee*

[swimteam@wwpool.org](mailto:swimteam@wwpool.org)

## Ordering Wedgwood Gear

**This year, we are offering Wedgwood Gear for sale and ordering is done on-line. You can go to [www.kotisdesign.com/wedgwoodswim](http://www.kotisdesign.com/wedgwoodswim) and shop around. There are regular t-shirts and collared polo shirts, in the WW colors of white, royal and black, and some heather grey. The polo shirts are embroidered but everything else is silk-screened. The logo is the Superman W with Wedgwood Swim Club written around it. This year, we have added fleece vests and a variety of shorts!**

**You can make the first round of ordering by putting in your order by May 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a second round of ordering with a June 30 deadline.**

**Duffels and ball caps will also be available but not on-line. Carolyn D'Albora will be organizing a way to order these items with sign-up at the pool and via email.**

**For more information, contact Carolyn: [cdalbora@seanet.com](mailto:cdalbora@seanet.com)**



## Hey . . . Swim Team Ain't Just for Kids!

### **WEDGWOOD ADULT SWIM TEAM! June 23 – July 28**

**Who:** Adults ages 18-99

**What:** Swim workouts for the beginning to advanced swimmer

**Where:** Wedgwood pool

**When:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00pm

**Cost:** Free!

Join us for this fun, social, and healthy activity! The season will end with the Northern Division Adult Swim meet on Saturday morning, July 31st at Wedgwood Swim Club (participation optional) and our fun end of year potluck (date to be determined).

**Questions? Call Coaches Karin Fosberg 524-2941 or Mary Lippold 365-8805**



## **Come on Out and Try Out Water Aerobics!**

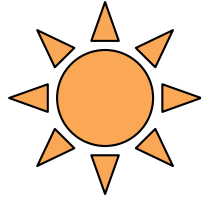
**Water Aerobics will begin on Monday, June 28th. It will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:00 - 12:55pm and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 9:00 am.**

**This year we are hoping to begin the process of purchasing some new equipment for the aerobics classes. As a result there will be a charge for the classes and the fees will be as follows:**

**Members \$1/session or a season's pass for \$10**

**Non Members \$4/session or a seasons pass for \$40**

## **“Pool Tidbits”**



### **Guests**

- **Prepaid guest fees not used last year will be carried over for this season. Guest fees are \$3 each for the first 20; additional guests are \$5 each.**
- **Member's children cared for by a babysitter must register their sitter at the office. The Sitter is allowed to use the pool only when supervising those children. Non-Members being baby sat by a member are treated as a guest of the member and regular guest fees apply.**
- **Houseguests must be from out of town and living at member's home. Register at the office with beginning and ending dates of stay. One-time fee during stay: \$3/person.**
- **Teens can bring up to three guests after 7pm any day of the week for a \$1/guest. These do not count against the guest allotment.**

### **Parties**

**Parties for groups of up to 12 people can be held during regular pool hours. Parties need to be pre-arranged with the office and are discouraged on weekends. Cost is \$3 per person, and does not count against the 20. If prior arrangements are not made, party-goers will be counted as regular pool guests. To lessen the impact of parties on other pool members, we only schedule one party during any given time and we ask that parties be limited to two hours. We also ask for your cooperation in sticking to your arranged time as we often book parties back to back. Lastly, please note that parties will not be scheduled when there are pool events going on.**

### **Rentals**

**The pool is available for rent on Friday and Saturday nights after the pool closes and also on Saturday and Sunday morning before the pool opens. The pool is also available for rental for school parties before full time summer hours begin; however, because of our younger-than-usual staff still being in school themselves again this year, we may not be able to accommodate larger groups like we have in past years. Rates depend on the size of the group and times vary, so contact the office if you are interested in finding out more.**

# **What You Always Wanted to Know!**

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Is Wedgwood Pool private or public?** Wedgwood Pool, also known as Wedgwood Swim Club, is a private swim club.

**How long has the pool been here?** The pool has been open since 1964.

**What is your operating season?** The pool is open from the week before Memorial Day to a week after Labor Day.

**How big is Wedgwood Pool?** The pool is quite large. It holds 215,000 gallons of water and ranges in depth from 7"- 12'.

**Is the pool heated?** Yes, 84 degrees + or - depending on the weather.

**Are you open for swimming in the rain?** This is Seattle... of course it's open. You're already wet when you're in the water. The only time we aren't open is when thundershowers are in the area.

**Do you offer anything other than the pool?** Just the pool...no tennis or golf but we do have ping-pong!

**What is the wait list like these days?** In 2009, people waited a full ten years before getting into the pool. Membership sales vary from year to year. People getting on the list now are likely to wait longer than 10 years before being offered pool membership.

**Are there any geographic boundaries for joining the club?** No, those were eliminated a little more than 25 years ago to, believe it or not, help boost membership numbers.

**How many memberships are there?** 295

**Any thought on increasing that number?** It has been talked about, but it's not really feasible. First, the club and the near neighbors have an agreement to cap the membership at 295. Second, the pool reaches capacity on the hotter summer days. Also think about if you were a neighbor or a pool member, would you want to add to the traffic and crowds that already exists?

## **Wedgwood Pool Membership News**

### **Welcome to our New 2010 Members!**

**Nancy Casey (Sr. Re-joining)**

**Robin & John Gemza**

**Teresa (Teri) & Daniel Thompson**

**Brad & Peggy Smith**

**David & Wendy Schwartz**

**Heidi & Eric Kiersky**

**Kathi & Perry Falcone**

**Jessa & Joe VanDyk**

**Terri W. Green**

**Elizabeth Norville & Peter Schwartz**

**Joby & Patrick Welch**

**Gretchen & Joel Lubin**

**Andrea & Richard Korry**

**Gail Herman & Dan Berg**

**Ann Bellan-Mann & Roy Mann**

### **Welcome to our Near Neighbors Summer Members!**

**Tony & Nancy Grega**

**Jonathan & Beth Singer**

**Linda Bushnell**

**Donald & Andrea Baumgarten**

**William & Kelly Crow**

**Doug & Lenee Arnett**

**Caroline & David Webster**

**Jana Dilley & Chris Holstrom**

**Dagmar & Michael Jacobs**

**Megan Johnson & Steve Scavotto**

**Belinda Newman-Prince & Dean Prince**

**Chris Lagerberg**

### **Welcome to our Summer Members!**

**Kathy Gadbois & Trevor Pierce**

**Susan L. Fox**

**Darcy DuComb & Steve Festor**

**Dave & Christine Langley**

**Lynda & Chris Dowell**

**Cosette LeCiel & H. Joe McCrea**

## **2010 WW Pool Board Members**

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