

Wedgwood Pool News

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Pool Opens May 21!!!

April 2005

New Member Orientation To Be Announced

Wedgwood Pool Goals for 2005

Each year the Wedgwood Pool Board sets some modest goals for the coming season. In 2005 our financial picture is stable, our experienced Pool and Swim Team staffs are in place, and we're set for a great season.

So what more do we want to accomplish?

- ❑ **The South Wall!** This is the year. Either this Spring or (more likely) in the Fall, we expect to proceed with reconstruction of the south embankment together with a southward expansion of the space available for sunbathing, picnics and bleachers. Board member Mark Snyder is the lead, with Dale Hoff's and Rick Lippold's continued aid and counsel. So long as the City of Seattle is sufficiently cooperative in granting permits, we should finally get this job done.
- ❑ **New, Improved Website.** Kevin Majeau is spearheading a big improvement in the look, feel and function of the Pool website. The goal is to make it much more accessible and useful for members—whether you want to communicate with a swim coach, determine when the facility is available sign up for a party, or do some business. If you have specific ideas concerning how the website can be more useful for you, please let Kevin know at (Majeau@hotmail.com).
- ❑ **Organizing the Archives.** This one is not exciting, but it is important. Over the years, many Pool files and historical records have come to reside with various officers, and they are handed down from one responsible person to the next. We hope to consolidate our archives in one place (perhaps a fireproof cabinet) so that they are easily accessible.
- ❑ **Encourage Swim Team Participation.** For many Wedgwood Pool kids, Swim Team is an important part of their growing up. The teamwork, commitment, friendships and just plain fun is something that young people will never forget. We want to encourage kids of all ages and abilities to join and enjoy Swim Team.
- ❑ **Have fun!** As always, the Pool is a community that aims to provide a friendly and safe environment for **all** family members. In addition to providing a swimming pool, we have activities for **everyone**: parties, kids and adult swim teams, and morning lap swim, just to name a few. Don't forget that the ping pong table, the BBQ grills and the hoop are available to all.
- ❑ **And next year...**We don't want to bite off too much at one time. A goal that we aim to carry out in 2006, in connection with dues collection, is a much more careful census of the membership. We'd like to know the ages of family members and their interests so that

we can more effectively match programs and facilities to specific needs.

If you have additional things that you'd like to see, including things you think the Pool can do better, just let us know. Have a great 2005 season at the pool.

Hugh Spitzer, President
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Swim Team News!!

We are preparing for the 2005 summer swim season and hope all eligible swimmers from age 5 to graduating seniors plan to be a part of the Wedgwood Swim Team. We are pleased to announce that Matt Miller will be our new head coach. He has many exciting things planned so we are looking forward to a great season. He will be assisted by Katie Hathaway and Robert Sjoberg, III.

In this newsletter you will find everything you need to get ready for swim team including registration forms and schedules for both workouts and meets. Please check **both sides of all forms**.

Fill out the team registration, volunteer forms, vacation schedule, and have all swimmers and parents sign the Code of Conduct. Mail all forms in as soon as possible. Please try to send them in **before the parent meeting on May 23rd** so that we can give the coaches an accurate list. Please remember, registration forms 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 23rd from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the pool. The Parent/Swimmer meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. See you all there!

Swim Team Committee

And There's More...

Swim Team Suit Fitting Monday, May 23

The votes are in and this year the swim team chose the Speedo Sublime in blue/black as this year's team suit. 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 8:30 on Monday, May 23. 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 at: rcbehrens@comcast.net

And More...

GET READY FOR SWIM TEAM

That first week of Wedgwood swim team practice can be a real killer if you haven't been in the pool for a few months or a year. You can get into shape, and refine your stroke, starts and turns with one of the programs offered by the year-round swim teams in the Seattle area. Names of some of these clubs, the Seattle pools where they swim, key contact people, and phone numbers are listed below.

Salmon Bay; Ballard, Queen Anne & Madison Pools; Doug Rusk - head coach; 206.362.3277

Cascade; Evans and Madison Pools; Steve Witcher - head coach; 206.376.9069

Swim Seattle; Connolly & Rainier Beach Pools; Charlie Root - head coach; 206.575.0808

Excel; Meadowbrook Pool; Tom Lindy - head coach; 206.781-0790

GP BRUNNER

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And Still More...

It's not too early...well maybe just a little, but who's counting?... to plan for post-season meets. Wedgwood will be hosting Northerns on July 28th. We're going to need lots of help, so those of you with swimmers may be asked to pitch in!

The other post-season meets are as follows:

B-champs - July 22nd at Klahaya

Girl's prelims - July 25th at View Ridge

Boy's prelims - July 26th at Sandpoint

All City's - August 2nd at Blue Ridge

And, for those of you who are interested, the Adult Meet will be Saturday, July 30th at Sheridan Beach.

Thank you,
Martha

Membership

Your dues statement was mailed in March. General dues are \$650 this year. Some of you found additional charges added for past unpaid late fees, landscape obligations, etc. Senior and Golden membership dues are \$162.50 (25% of the full member dues). Payments postmarked after *May 2* will be subject to a \$35 late fee. Members will not be allowed to use the facility until dues and any additional charges are paid in full.

Leave of Absence

Full or Senior members may apply for a temporary leave leave-of-absence for the entire season. Leave fee is \$100 (amended in 2005).

Membership Transfer

Members wishing to transfer (sell) their membership should have notified Cindy Loudon by April 1. You relinquish all rights to the Pool and receive \$650???. Transfers usually take 4-6 weeks to complete, so early notification is important. To avoid paying dues and assessments for 2005, start the process early enough to complete the transfer before the pool opens in May.

Conversion to Senior Status

To be eligible for Senior status, you must have been a full member in good standing for at least 12 years (amended from 15). You give your membership back to the Pool, but receive no money for it. In exchange, you will be given 50 swims per season for 25% of the full annual dues. Senior dues must be paid each season to maintain senior status, unless arrangements are made for a Leave of Absence. You may contact me for a Senior Application.

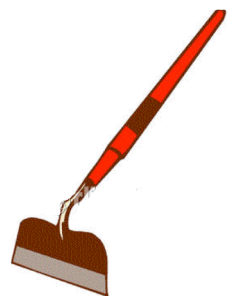
Please contact me with any questions.

Cindy Loudon, Membership Chair

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Landscape Committee

We will be approaching the landscape work party a little differently this year. There will be two work parties, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. **The Spring work party is scheduled for May 7th from 9-2**, so mark your calendar. **The Fall work party will be scheduled at a later time.** Thanks to the efforts of Raab Parker we have hired a landscape maintenance company that will be providing year round service. As a result of the year round service the "landscape" work will be reduced but Raab has indicated there are a number of other projects around the pool that will need attending to (i.e., painting the fence, work on the lane dividers, etc.). Let's hope for good weather on the 7th, we'll see you then! **Each family is still obliged to contribute 4 hours of labor or donate \$25.**



See you in a few weeks.

Pat Corr

From Raab.....Swimming Lessons this Season

Swim Lesson Session Dates

- 1 - June 27th - July 8th
- 2 - July 11th - July 22nd
- 3 - July 25th - Aug 5th
- 4 - Aug 8th - Aug 19th
- 5 - Aug 22nd - Sept 2nd

Member registration is on the Thursday preceding the start of the session. For example session 1 registration for members will be Thursday, June 23rd. Details about lessons can be found on the club website. Raab promises MUCH more in May, so stay tuned!

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