

Wedgwood Pool News

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From the Manager

Well, the season is right around the corner. This has been a very busy off-season for my family and me. In October we welcomed a new addition, little Charlie Parker (actually he's really not that little).



Spring has sprung and I have been spending a bit more time at the pool getting things ready to go. Things are shaping up nicely but I will likely need the remaining month before opening day to get things in ship shape.

You will see a lot of familiar faces on staff this summer; there was only one new hire in the off-season. One change is that Jessa had to get a real job of sorts; one that provides benefits beyond the fun family atmosphere of Wedgwood. Thankfully, she will be returning to run our lesson program, though you probably won't see her much beyond that. Besides, she has a wedding to plan!

Chris Matsumoto will be returning in the role of assistant manager. Chris has been an integral part of running the pool since I took over as manager in 1995. In anticipation of my increasing parental commitments Chris and I have been doing a bit of schedule juggling. Chris has agreed to take on a bit more so that I can be a dad and pool manager at the same time! Thank you Chris!

This is the fortieth year that the pool has been open. Last season we were tossing around ideas for phrases to recognize the anniversary. "Forty years of family fun!" sort of rose to the top, but another suggestion by the lifeguards was "What a long

strange trip it's been". This will be my fourteenth year working at the pool in some capacity and at times it indeed has been strange, but most of all it has been fun!

See you at the pool!

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2004 Dates to Remember:

May 1	Landscape work party #2
May 3	Dues due
May 22	Pool opens at noon!
May 24	Swim Team suit sale 5:30 PM Parent/swimmer Meeting 7 PM
May 25	Swim team evening workouts begin
June 6	Directory cover entries due
June 17	Lesson session 1 registration
June 18	Out of school swim 8-10 PM
June 19	Time trials
June 21	Morning workouts begin Lesson session 1 begins Adult team workouts begin
June 22	Pool closes at 4 PM for WvW meet Team picture day
June 24	Home meet vs KL - 4 PM close
June 27	Almost anything goes 12-2 PM
July 1	Home meet vs VR - 4 PM close
July 5	Lesson Session 2 begins
July 13	home meet vs AC - 4 PM close
July 15	home meet vs SP - 4 PM close
July 18	Almost anything goes 12-2 PM
July 19	Lesson Session 3 begins
July 30	Adult meet @ SP ? (evening?)
August 2	Lesson Session 4 begins
August 4	Swim team end-of-season celeb.
August 16	Lesson Session 5 begins
August 28	Water Show
Sept 1	Biathlon & Labor Day Games Lost & Found Auction



Landscape Work Party # 2
Saturday, May 1 9AM – 4PM
Questions? contact Steve Fihn
sfihn@u.washington.edu

Membership

Dues notices should have been received in early March. "Thank you" to those who have already sent in their dues or given notice of their desire to sell (transfer) their membership, change to senior status, or take a leave of absence. It is much easier to handle these matters prior to the May rush. A membership transfer can take 4-6 weeks to complete. If you give notice for a change in membership status after April 5, there is no guarantee that you won't be charged for a portion of your dues.

Dues must be postmarked by Monday, May 3 to avoid a \$35 late fee!

If you have any questions, please call or email:

Cindy Loudon, Membership Chair
cloudon@u.washington.edu

2004 Directory Cover Contest

Enter the 13th Annual Directory Cover Design Contest! Winning designs will appear on the 2004 Wedgwood Membership Directory front and back covers.

- ◆ Members age 5-18 may enter.
- ◆ Entries must be drawn in black ink on white paper
- ◆ Fold an 8½ by 11" sheet of paper in half, draw on one side. (Look at last year's directory or wait until pool opens and see the sample there.)
- ◆ Design should include the words "*Wedgwood Swim Pool Directory*" and year "*2004*".
- ◆ Print your name and age on the back of your entry.
- ◆ Turn in your entries to the pool office by Sunday, June 6.

Questions? contact Pat Hegarty
pat.hegarty@shorelineschools.org

Water Polo

Some of you may remember when, several years ago, Wedgwood had a water polo team. Though popular among participants, an official league was lacking and a substantial amount of pool time was required. As such, the decision was made to discontinue the sport until the league became more organized and our facility would not have to bear the majority of the meet schedule burden.

Subsequently, water polo has spread to nearly every north end pool in the SSSL. There is a now a more organized league, and scheduling issues seem to have been mostly worked out.

Water polo is structured much like swim team for kids 8-18, with practices and meets. Most of the season is in August. Last year we dabbled a bit with recreational water polo to gauge interest. Chris Holland (Head Coach extraordinaire) volunteered some of his time with this endeavor. Considering the last minute nature of the effort we had a surprisingly good turnout.

The opportunity for Wedgwood to bring water polo back is here, but it will take some commitment on the part of our membership to make it a reality. As with swim team, volunteers will be needed to make this happen. We are in the process of looking for a coach and have been meeting with the league about the logistics of participation. If you are interesting in helping to bring water polo back to Wedgwood Pool, please contact the pool via email at: wwpool@comcast.net

-The Water Polo Committee

The 2004 Board

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Please feel free to call on any of us if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions.

We welcome new board member Carolyn D'Albora, who has agreed to fill a vacancy for the last year of a 3-year term.

WWP News Contributions

If you have a news item or notice that needs to appear in the newsletter, please email your submission to glongton@fhrc.org

Swim Team News

We are preparing for the 2004 summer season and hope that all eligible swimmers from age 5 to graduating seniors plan to be a part of the team! Enclosed in this newsletter you will find all the needed registration and planning materials, including schedules for workouts and meets.

Please fill out the team registration, volunteer form, and vacation schedule. Parents and swimmers, please read, sign, and return the Code of Conduct. Mail all forms in as soon as possible and before the May 24th parent meeting so that we can give the coaches an accurate roster. Registration forms must be completed and dues paid prior to participation in workouts and meets.

Don't forget to fill out the parent volunteer form. Volunteers are a vital part of the team, and key to the continued success of summer league swimming at Wedgwood!

This season's Parent/Swimmer meeting will be held on *Monday May 24 at 7 PM*, following the team swimsuit sale. Sylvia's will have suits to try on and purchase starting at 5:30. See you all there!

Swim Team Committee

Team Suit Fitting

Mon, May 24 5:30 PM

The Swim Team suit fitting will be prior to the annual parent meeting. We have a new suit this year – "Frequency" by TYR. This is a different brand than we've had in the past, so it is important to try the suit on before buying it!

To get the team discount, you must purchase the suit at the fitting. If you know you won't be able to attend, go to Sylvia's for a fitting, then send your check with a friend. Prices will be posted on the Swim Team bulletin board when the pool opens. Please add the 8.8% sales tax to the posted price.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me.

Mary Lippold
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May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 12-7 open at noon
23 12-7	24 3:30-7 team/parent meeting suit sales	25 3:30-7	26 3:30-7	27 3:30-7	28 3:30-7	29 12-8
30 12-8	31 12-7					