

Wedgwood Pool News

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Thanks for Your Efforts

It is that time of year when we want to give our thanks to the many people who keep Wedgwood Pool programs afloat and successful. It is impossible to list every person who contributes, because so many people do. However, several individuals deserve special mention for their contributions. So hats off to.....

Our Wedgwood Pool Staff, Managers: Rob Parker, Chris Matsumoto, and Jessa Van Dyk, who fix leaks, paint out graffiti, oversee boilers, plumbing, diving boards, staffing and lessons and keep us safe. Our guards and instructors who take their job very seriously. Our Swim Team Coaches, Matt Miller, Joe Sjoberg, Katie Hathaway, and Michael Matsumoto who keep practices fun and productive.

Ron Espiritu, our bookkeeper, is essential to our pool finances, payroll, and budgeting. Carolyn Leak keeps our wait list up to date and adds historical knowledge for our Board and Membership.

Our Board members who volunteer their time and energy to manage our club. Martha Layzer, Carolyn D'Albora, and Kim Prestbo for the fabulous job they did this year in organizing the Swim Team. It has been a fun and competitive year. Janet Cairns for taking on the membership chair duties, this is a huge job and takes hours and hours to complete, you have been amazing.

Pat Corr for the wonderful job he has done on the grounds and lining up a landscape designer, in addition to his great reasoning skills and contribution to our Board discussions. Kevin Majeau who's ability to clarify our discussions into something that I can understand are amazing--along with his web site ideas. Mark Snyder has been the driver this year in getting our plans, tests, permits, and bids to complete our South Wall, which will be under construction this fall. Muriel Sjoberg for the fun Special Events: Family Fourth, Cake Bake and Wine and Cheese Party. Pat Hegarty for working with our Near Neighbors and Leslie Nieman for the directory-nice job. Pete Kelly for learning the Treasurer duties and keeping us on track financially. Peter Houck thanks for the Newsletters, through rain and sleet!

Karin Fosberg plays a special role for swim meets, tabulating race and meet results. Mary Lippold teams up with Karin to coach the Adult Swim Team. The Adult Team simply wouldn't exist without their leadership and skill. JoEllen Hathaway provides special assistance to the Swim Team Committee with her knowledge of meets. Miles Lippold for stepping in as director/photographer/producer of our Swim Team video. Thanks for forging a brave new frontier.

These are just a few of the individuals we depend on for such a great Pool and great community. To these and to the many others who volunteer their time and effort: THANKS!

--Cindy Loudon, Board President

From the Manager

What a wonderful summer it has been thus far. We have been blessed with some fabulous weather. Hard to believe that we are on the downward side of the season and (sorry kids) heading back towards school.

After more than 10 years as manager I find it difficult to come up with new things for the newsletter. I've come to the conclusion though that because we've had so many new members join over the years what's old to some is new to them. That being said, I thought we would bring back the following article:

"B" Aware!

Help us to keep the pool clean and safe to swim in by being specifically aware of the following:

Bowel Movements: Small children will often use the pool as a bathroom. Have your child use the bathroom prior to entering the pool and encourage periodic bathroom breaks/diaper checks. Children who are not yet toilet trained must wear a swim diaper. Cloth and disposable diapers just don't work in the water. People with diarrhea must not go into the water. Up comes the next "B"...

Barf: This "B" is the second most common reason for closing the pool. Young children will sometimes

swallow large amounts of pool water, occasionally resulting in spontaneous regurgitation. Please watch your children – especially the young ones – very carefully, and tell them to not drink pool water.

Blood: Incidents involving blood have the potential to close some part of the facility until it has been cleaned and sanitized. If you or your children sustain an injury that is bleeding and/or requires first aid please come to the office for assistance. That leads to the next “B”....

Band Aids: For many years now we have mounted a hard fought campaign against Band-Aids in the pool. If the wound underneath really warrants a Band-Aid, the swimmer should probably not be in the pool. Band-Aids inevitably come off and end up in the pool or lying on the deck. Please remember to remove Band-Aids before getting into the pool. If you find yourself already in the water peeling one off, please just slip it into one of the slots in the gutter where it will be gone for good. Finally our fifth “B”...

Body Lotion: Sunscreen and water don't mix. When applying sunscreens remember to really be effective, most sunscreens need to be applied on dry skin at least 15 minutes prior to getting in the pool. Please do not goop yourself or your children up and jump right into the pool. This will be a tremendous help in preventing our filtration system from becoming prematurely clogged and a ring from forming around the pool.

*Thank you,
Raab*

Other Important Stuff...

Water Show - August 26th

Sign ups have been up for a while and we would like to get a whole bunch of people swimming semi synchronized this summer. Being a strong swim team member is not a requirement for Water Show participation, nor is super strong swimming skill. This event is open to EVERYONE willing to have a little bit of fun in practice and preparation for the big show.

There has been a decline in the number of participants and last year the number was so low that this long time Wedgwood tradition is in jeopardy of disappearing.

We need you to help save the Water Show! Sign up today if you haven't already done so!

Drawing Contest

Want a good way to win some cool back to school supplies? All you have to do is get out your pens, pencils and whatever else you draw with and draw your best interpretation of summer fun at Wedgwood Pool. The contest is now open through August 13th. Entries will be posted at the pool as they come in. Please include a name and age on the drawing and limit yourself to one entry on 8.5”x11” paper. Prizes will be awarded by age groups.

Mini Swim Team

Mini Swim Team will run Monday, August 7th through Friday, August 18th. MST is designed for kids who have never been on swim team before. If you have a child that wasn't quite ready or able to swim a length of the pool, 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. The “season” ends with a Mini Meet and a Pizza Party on the last day of 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 3rd at 9am.

Early Morning Lap Swim

When the swim team season ends in early August, EMLS will run from 6-7:30am through September 1st.

Lost and Found

Missing any vital pieces of clothing? They might be in our lost and found and we want you to leave them there this year so we can sell them all off at the annual Labor Day lost and found auction. In fact, we ask that you bring down some of your better stuff so we can have a real rocking auction. All kidding aside, please and retrieve your items because come Labor Day they might belong to someone else.

IOUs

We have been known to extend the courtesy of credit to a member without checkbook or cash when a guest fee or lesson payment was needed. If you have not yet paid for an IOU, please do so on your next visit to the pool. Thank you!

Swim Team News

Post Season Meets

It has been a great season so far and we look forward to more success at Northern and All City. Northern will be held at Wedgwood again this year and will start at 4:00 p.m. All City will be held at Olympic View at 4:00 p.m. Please check your email and the bulletin board at the pool for warm-up times and more detailed information regarding these meets.

Wedgwood is hosting the Northern Division Finals and it takes many volunteers to make the meet a success. We need extra volunteers for concessions, t-shirt sales and program sales. If you are interested in helping please contact Martha Layzer at mmlayzer@earthlink.net or look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

End of Season Celebration

The date listed in the handbook is incorrect. The correct date for the **End of Season Celebration is Wednesday, August 2nd**. More information and the time will be announced shortly. It is a wonderful event and a great way to end the season. You don't want to miss the video, so please mark your calendar!

Graduating Seniors

We have seven young people who will be wrapping up their Wedgwood Swim Team careers this year. Please congratulate the following swimmers the next time you see them:

- Anna Almgvig
- Alison Cantor
- Jessica Freedman
- Rachel Longton
- Claire McCann
- Mandy McFerran
- Joseph Sjoberg

These swimmers have been team members for many years contributing to Wedgwood's success, and most importantly, contributing to the team's spirit. They have helped lead the younger kids by acting as buddies and wonderful role models. We will miss their spirit and enthusiasm, but we can look forward to their participation in the Adult Swim Team in future summers! Congratulations to all of you!

South Wall Finances

Long-time pool members remember the bad old days when expensive projects required a bank loan, then a special assessment to pay off the loan. After the last loan was retired, the board decided to avoid assessments. Long-range financial planning resulted in a cash fund for big ticket repairs. We're reaping the benefits this year as we have enough money to pay for the south wall improvements without a bank loan. Thanks to High Spitzer, Dale Hoff, and Raab Parker for getting this program going in 2003-2004.

South Wall Update

The replacement of a slowly failing retaining wall at the south boundary of the pool property is proceeding. In addition to the two bids we got last spring, we are expecting to receive a third bid from "Rockworks", and hopefully, another bid from "Creative Rockeries" before the end of July. The building permit should be issued by mid-August, after we jump through one more hoop with the Parks Department. Construction is expected to start as soon as the pool closes and should take around a month to complete the basic earthmoving and rockery. Fencing, paving, irrigation, electrical and landscaping will be completed during the winter and spring. At our July meeting, the Board reviewed two conceptual design proposals from landscape architect Diane Simpson, who was directed to further develop one of the two schemes. We expect to have design drawings posted in the lobby soon, for review and comment by pool members and interested neighbors.

Landscape Committee

Thanks again to everyone who helped out during the Spring work party. The grounds continue to look great! We are planning on a work party in late September to install all the new plants and shrubs for the south wall project. More specifics to come.

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