

Greenwyche Club Newsletter

Greenwyche Club Inc.

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February 2009

Important Dates

March 7

Pool Work Day, 9 a.m.

April 1

Membership dues (considered late after May 1)

May 9

Pool work day, 9 a.m.

May 17

Swim Team Kick Off, 2-4 p.m.

May 22

Pool opens

President's Message

It has been quite a cold winter and I'm sure you are all just as anxious as I am to see the buds of spring grace the trees. We had a great season last summer with quite a few new members and pool staff. We anticipate that this coming year will also bring some new neighbors to the pool and lots of fun activities for the summer.

Even though we do not open for a few more months, our Board has been busy at work and meeting since November. We have been working on our budget and looking at ways that we can conserve, while at the same time create a safe and pleasant environment. Consequently, the board asked the membership to support an increase in summer membership dues and this request was voted on and passed Feb. 9. Starting this summer, dues will increase to \$425 and are due April 1 and considered late after May 1. This increase will help us meet the increased costs of maintaining the pools, paying the minimum wage increase that was mandated last year, and installing the new safety drain covers — also mandated by the federal government. In addition, we are still carrying a \$144,000 balance on the loan for rebuilding the old pool that lifted out of the ground. It obviously is to our advantage to pay down this loan as soon as possible in order to reduce our interest payments.

Along this same line we still have a large number of members who have not paid their assessments from last year. Please look for those notices and send in your assessments if this applies to you. Dues and assessments must be paid in full in order to use the facilities. If you have any questions regarding your obligation please feel free to call either Lynne Reynolds, treasurer, at 883-2703 or myself at 883-4115.

We were recently approached by Randolph School regarding renting our tennis courts. The board felt that this would be a good opportunity to raise our revenues with limited impact to the members. Therefore the board agreed to allow Randolph School to rent our tennis courts for 20 afternoons from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. approximately four days per week until the week of April 20. Please go to the Web site for the specific dates.

We are thrilled to have such a great neighborhood pool and a fabulous membership. Please know that you are welcome to contact any of your board members with questions or concerns. Also check out our website www.greenwycheclub.com for the most recent news, budget and newsletters.

We are looking forward to a fantastic season of swimming and fun at the pool this summer!

— Pam Harnden

Social News

We're looking forward to a fantastic summer of social activities at the pool. We'll have some fun pool activities throughout the summer. If you are willing to help with some of our events, or have any other ideas for summer fun at Greenwyche, please contact me at 650-6327 or caramanians@aol.com. We will need lots of help from our members! If you are planning on having a party at Greenwyche this summer, please contact me for available dates, rules and fees. Copies of the party reservation forms will be in the pool office, but Greenwyche staff members cannot schedule parties. Remember, the pavilion area may be reserved by a member for their party for up to two hours and exclusive use of the facilities is prohibited.

Looking forward to an awesome summer at Greenwyche!

— Shelly Caramanian

Membership News

Please contact Laurel Shockley, membership chair, 489-5184 or laurel.shockley@yahoo.com, if you are interested in selling your membership. A limited number of summer memberships will be offered this year. A summer membership is \$525 for the summer. A family purchasing a summer membership must purchase a full equity membership the following year to

maintain membership (if full equity memberships are available). If a full equity membership is purchased the second year, \$100 of the summer membership fee will be applied to the equity. Annual membership dues of \$425 should be paid by April 1, and are considered late on May 1. The \$25 late fee will apply to all late payments. Senior dues (age 62 and older) are \$325 Please make your checks payable to Greenwyche Club and mail to: Lynne Reynolds, P.O. Box 12802, 35815. Updated directories will be published this year. Please send any address and phone number changes to Laurel via e-mail.

— Laurel Shockley

Swim Team News

We are already hard at work getting ready for a fabulous season of Gator swimming. We are thrilled that Marvin Chou will be returning from last year to be our head coach. Marvin is currently a member of the Randolph School faculty and serves as Randolph's high school swim team coach. He brings to us a wealth of expertise and knowledge. Please plan to come to the swim team Kick-off Sun., May 17 from 2-4 p.m. This will be a "dry-land" party but a great opportunity to sign up, see some old friends and meet Coach Chou. We will be selling some Gator gear with a new addition of Gator swim caps in both latex and silicone. You can download your registration form and submit at any time to Sarabeth Martinson, 1507 Toney Dr., Huntsville 35802, or bring to the kick-off. Swimsuits are the same as last year and they are at First Place Athletics. First Place is ready to help outfit your swimmer to get the perfect fit. This suit cannot be special ordered. There are plenty sizes available so you may want to go ahead and purchase your suit for the season. Consider some Early Bird clinics at the

Natatorium. They are a great way to get a head start for the season. Our first meet is tentatively with Jones Valley pool at Greenwyche on June 3 which will be here before we know it! We will start practice early this year with some after-school swimming starting the week of May 18. Both 6 & U and 8 & U will practice from 3:15-4:15, and all other age groups from 4:15-5:15.

Remember the key to a successful swim meet is the volunteers. There are many, many more volunteers needed for concessions, officials, timers, socials and young swimmer round-up.

GO GATORS!!!!!!

— Sarabeth Martinson & Rosita Karigan

Staff News

We hope you liked the changes that were made last year regarding the pool, staff and facilities. We are continually working to educate our staff to make them the best lifeguards in Huntsville! Please introduce yourself to our staff so that they can get to know you and your family. And please don't hesitate to discuss a concern with the pool manager on staff. If you need additional help, feel free to contact Gail Kimrey (personnel) or Pam Harnden (president) with any of your concerns. This is your pool and we want to provide a fun, safe environment for your family to enjoy.

We are now taking applications for lifeguards, managers and swim team aides for full- and part-time positions. Part time is a minimum of two (6 hour) shifts a week. All lifeguards must have their Red Cross certification for lifeguarding. Certification is good for three years, though the CPR for the Professional Rescuer must be renewed each year. A CPR recertification class will be taught at the pool in May for all returning lifeguards. Applications are available online at www.greenwychegators.com and are due

Feb. 28. Lifeguard classes are taught at Dublin Park in Madison, 772-2560, UAH Fitness Center, 683-0709, and Oakwood College, 726-7315.

Questions? Gail Kimrey 882-9145 or Kimrey6@comcast.net.

Tennis News

Many kids have grown up taking tennis lessons in the summer at the pool. It is a fun and convenient way to learn a sport that is easy to play with just one friend. The times will work around swim team practices. Kids can move from one sport to the next. That way, moms, dads, grandparents and babysitters can have a two-hour break! Many parents have commented that their kids can learn a skill for the same price as a sitter. Consider enrolling your child in one of the tennis camps. Private lessons are also available and are booked on an individual basis from early May to mid-August.

We are excited that Leslie Bruton, a former member of the Huntsville High tennis team and currently a student at Auburn University, will be conducting the camps. Leslie does a great job keeping the kids moving and hydrated in the summer heat. Fun activities and games are used to teach the basics. If returning students are interested, more advanced play will be introduced. Many kids choose private lessons with friends.

Camp dates and times:

Each Camp is one week long for one hour each day. Beginning and Intermediate. Once the pool opens there will be sign ups on the board in the breezeway. May 25 – 29 (This is a nice cool week to play.) June – There will be several weeks to sign up. E-mail your preference! Final dates will be posted on the Web site.

8:30-9:30 a.m.	9 -12 years, beginner
10-11 a.m.	5 to 8 year olds
11-Noon	9 yrs. & up intermediate

These times are subject to change if

swim team changes practice times. If you have younger or older children than the ages above, call and we can talk about forming more classes. Also, if enough kids are interested in a night camp, that is fun, too! Cost: \$ 40, due on the first day of camp.

The Beginning Camp is for those who want to learn to play tennis, to learn the basics, and practice the proper techniques. Do you know how to properly hold the racket, hit a forehand and back-hand? Can you name the parts of the tennis court? If not, then the beginning camp is for you.

The Intermediate Tennis Camp is a good choice for those who think they understand the basics, but need to work on strategy, technique and play more matches with others. Put those basic skills into some active games.

Hey, moms and dads, do you want to

play tennis with your kids or friends but don't understand the sport? Come learn the basics that beginners need (including the confusing scoring and rules). This was lots of fun last year. A few couples took lessons together or with the kids. We can find a time that is convenient.

Do you want to play before the kids get out of school? I am available day and night in May, June, July, or August to work with adults or kids. If these times don't work for you, but you are still interested, call me at 882-2454 or e-mail Leslie at brutolc@auburn.edu and I'll see if I can find a time that fits in your schedule.

— Leslie Bruton

Ball field news

To schedule the ball field, call Tom DeLay at 880-8321.

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Please feel free to contact one of us if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We are all here to serve you.

Go Gators!



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