

# Greenwyche Club Newsletter

Greenwyche Club Inc.

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May 2009

## Important Dates

**May 1** Membership dues (late after May 1)

**May 9** Pool Work Day, 9 a.m.

**May 17** Swim Team Kick Off Party, 2-4 p.m.

**May 18** Swim team practice begins

**May 22** Pool opens, 1 p.m.

**May 26** Swim team practice, regular hours begin

**May 27** Dive practice begins, 10 a.m.-Noon

**May 29** Summer Kick-off Party, 6 p.m.

**May 30** Swim team time trials, 8:30 a.m.

## President's Message

My calendar says that spring is here, but I am still not yet convinced. However, I am sure that by May 22, we will be fully immersed in sunshine with summer knocking at the door. I am very excited about this coming season. We have already started to prepare for the summer by cleaning out the pump house, something that was well overdue. We are continuing to work toward opening day with our annual work day at the pool. Please consider gathering up some gardening tools, brooms and enthusiasm on Sat., May 9, at 9 a.m. It is always fun to meet new members and extremely gratifying to see visible results of our labor. Please consider helping out, even if you can only make it for an hour or two. Many hands make the work day shorter for all.

Over the years there has been a recurring problem with unpaid dues, assessments and guest fees. We currently have \$3,200 in unpaid assessment fees. During any given year, we have had five to 10 instances of summer dues that either go unpaid or are paid well after the cut-off date of May 1. The board has spent many hours discussing how to minimize these problems. After much discussion, we have decided that this summer the pool will be instituting a new tag ID. Each family who has filled out their health forms, paid their summer dues, late fees and assessments will be is-

sued a Greenwyche ID tag. Tags will be issued for every member over age 7. Those who have been issued tags must have it displayed on their bag or clothing to enter the pool. Tags can be picked up in the office starting Mon., May 18 through May 21, from 5-7 p.m. After this date, families may pick them up during pool hours. We hope this procedure will help us collect all owed fees and make it fair to all of those who pay their dues and fees in a timely manner. I know it will take some training, and I admit that I or my children will probably be the first to have to make a trip back home, but just remember that we will all benefit the sooner we pay our new-pool loan. We welcome feedback on how to make this new program successful. Please don't forget the May 1 deadline for summer dues.

Gail Kimrey has been busy interviewing and hiring our pool staff. We will have a new pool manager, Rob Goss, who will be assisted by Coleman Wilson. Gail has put a great deal of thought and organization into the process, which will benefit both the staff and our members. She has clearly spelled out the duties and expectations for the staff and will work on training before opening day on May 22. We think you will be pleased with those who have been hired to keep our pool clean and safe. If you have any questions or concerns this summer, please take the time to share

them with the managers, Gail, or any board member. All board members' e-mails are available on our Web site, [www.greenwycheclub.com](http://www.greenwycheclub.com). As a parent of three teenagers, I take my hat off to Gail and know that this is a big undertaking. Thank you, Gail!

Our swim team is also gearing up with an earlier than usual practice start date. Please see the details below. Sarabeth Martinson, our swim team representative, and returning coach, Marvin Chou, are ready with their staff of coaches to help your child have a fun and rewarding swim team experience. Dive team is also ready to work with our divers, both new and returning, with Anna Wood as coach and Clay Flemming as her assistant.

We will be updating the membership directory this year, so please make sure that all your information is current on the health forms. Also note that we have a new section on this form for your e-mail address. Our ultimate goal is to have everyone's current e-mail address so we can notify you of important events between our newsletter mailings.

— Pam Harnden

## Membership News

As people have begun to look ahead to summer, there has been a great deal of interest in purchasing memberships. We would like to welcome several families to Greenwyche: Haught,

Coomer, Mailapur, Hargett, Lambert, Herrington, and Kattos families. While there are no longer any summer memberships available, there are still a limited number of full equity memberships.

Annual membership dues of \$425 are considered late after May 1. A late fee of \$25 will apply to all dues received after May 1. Senior dues (age 62 and older) are \$325. Please make your check payable to Greenwyche Club and mail to: Lynne Reynolds, Treasurer, P.O. Box 12808, Huntsville, AL 35815.

Please contact Laurel, 489-5184 or laurel.shockley@yahoo.com, with any questions about membership.

— Laurel Shockley

## Staff News

We're excited about the pool season getting started and the many new staff members who have come on board. Our objective is to provide a fun, clean and safe environment for our pool members to enjoy all summer. Many changes were made last year and more will be implemented this year to make Greenwyche Pool the best pool in the city!

Please familiarize your family with the pool rules that are there to maintain a secure environment. Lifeguards are required to enforce the rules by blowing their whistles often and regularly to make sure we have a safe environment at all times. All lifeguards are required to wear a uniform, which is a red swimsuit with special lifeguard T-shirts so that all the members know who they are. Please introduce yourself and get to know them. They are a fine group of teenagers who are working with the board to help you have a positive summer experience.

Our pool manager this year is Rob Goss, a sophomore at UAH majoring in mechanical engineering. He has experience at several pools in the area, including the YMCA, which is a challenging pool to guard because of their frequent

groups of daycare, etc. The assistant manager is Coleman Wilson, a new graduate of Grissom, who also has three years experience guarding and managing at Camelot Pool. The head lifeguard will be a familiar face — Rebecca Kimrey — who is in her fifth season at Greenwyche and helped us out last year managing sometimes.

One of these managers will always be on duty when the pool is open. If you have a question or a problem while at the pool, please don't hesitate to discuss it with them. If it cannot be answered by them, please feel free to contact Gail Kimrey or Pam Harnden for more assistance.

Members will be required to sign in each and every visit, and guests must be accompanied by a member and pay the \$2 guest fee. Lifeguards will be checking to make sure that everyone signs in and pays the appropriate fees. Greenwyche is a membership only pool and open only to members.

We believe all the changes made at Greenwyche this summer will enable all the members to have a safe and enjoyable summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone there very soon!

— Gail Kimrey

## Social News

Summer kick-off Party: Come celebrate the beginning of the summer season at the pool with a party, 6 p.m., Fri., May 29. Bring a covered dish to share and buy a hotdog or hamburger for \$2 each. RSVP at the pool (starting May 22) or online at social@greenwycheigators.com by May 28.

Introducing: Thursday Evening Dinners! Bring your own dinner (or have it delivered) to the pool every Thursday evening throughout the summer. Enjoy a sense of community and socializing with your neighbors from 5-ish until closing.

Schedule your party or event with Shelly, 650-6327.

## Swim Team News

Get ready for a great swim season 2009! We have a fantastic crew! Marvin Chou is returning as head coach. We have four aides who will be working with specific age groups: Steven Griffin, Jennifer Karigan, Rebecca Kimrey and Danielle Larsen. Please consider Early Bird swimming at the Natatorium. For more information visit [www.swimhsa.org](http://www.swimhsa.org).

Don't miss our Kick-Off Party on Sun., May 17, 2-4 p.m. Since the pool is not officially open, this will be a "dry" party to sign up, meet the staff, and purchase Gator gear. You can download the registration form at [www.greenwycheigators.com](http://www.greenwycheigators.com) and send it to Sarabeth Martinson, 1507 Toney Drive, 35802. The fee is \$45 per child.

We will have an abbreviated practice May 18-22 to get a jump start on the season. 6&U and 8&U will practice from 3:15-4:15, and the other age groups from 4:15-5:15. Regular swim practice times will start the following week:

9-9:45 a.m.	6&U
9-10 a.m.	8&U
10-11 a.m.	9&10, 11&12
11 a.m.-12 p.m.	12-17&U

Stroke practice is on Tuesday afternoons:

3-4 p.m.	8&U, 9&10
4-5 p.m.	11 & up

2009 swim team schedule:

May 17	2-4 p.m.	Kick-off party (dry)
May 18	3:15-5:15	Swim practice begins
May 26		Regular practice times
May 30	8:30 a.m.	* Time Trials
June 1		Registration fees due
June 3	6 p.m.	Jones Valley (home)
June 10	5:30 p.m.	Blossomwood (away)
June 17	5:30 p.m.	Camelot (away)
June 24	6 p.m.	Monte Sano (home)
June 27	8:30 a.m.	* M&M meet (home)
July 1	6 p.m.	Piedmont (home)
July 9	TBA	Practice at Natatorium
July 10-12		City Meet
July 12		Party/awards after city meet at Greenwyche

\*8:30 warm-ups; 9 a.m. start for M&M, time trials

We are looking for some key positions, such as head of concessions and computer (Bryant Malone will teach). Please call if interested. We would like to see some parents of younger swimmers participate in stroke and turn officiating, etc. Let me know if you are interested. Sarahbeth Martinson (881-3739) or Rosita Kari-gan (883-4325).

## Dive Team News

We welcome back Coach Anna Wood and Assistant Coach Clay Fleming again this year! Dive practice will begin on Wed., May 27, from 10 a.m.-Noon. As we see how many divers we have, the times may be split or adjusted into younger divers and older divers time. This will give each diver more board time and less waiting in line.

You can join the dive team by filling out a registration form, which is on the Greenwyche Web site. Please mail it to Susanne Bagwell, 1530 Chandler Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801, or bring it to the pool and give it to me there. I will also have the forms at practice for the first week or so of summer, if that is easier. The fee is \$25 per diver.

Not sure if diving is for you? Try it a week before signing up and let me or the coaches know what you are thinking and what experience you have. They will work with you to see if this is right for you.

Parents — be thinking about volunteering as a table worker or a judge. Either one gives you the best seats available and the more we have volunteer, the less each of us has to do! We need everyone to do a little. Dates for training and meets will be announced as soon as I get them.

— Susanne Bagwell

## Ball field news

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

## Tennis News

I hope many of you have been able to get out and enjoy the pretty weather on the tennis courts. The tennis courts are a valuable part of your tennis membership, providing you with somewhere to play beyond the summer season. This gives you courts to play on occasionally without needing a monthly membership at a racket club. They are maintained and the lights are provided with your summer dues, so I hope you get a chance to get out there and enjoy them. Remember to take good care of your facilities by turning off the lights, locking the gate, and keeping the area clean. Our courts are a convenient and nice place to pay year round and we all appreciate them being used properly. Proper attire should be worn on the courts. No rollerblades, skates, bikes, basketball games or anything harmful to the tennis courts or nets will be allowed. If you need a key, please contact me at 882-2454 or e-mail at tennis@greenwyche-gators.com.

Tennis Camps: Once again, we are continuing the tradition of tennis lessons at Greenwyche. Many kids have grown up taking tennis lessons in the summer. It is a fun and convenient way to learn a sport that is easy to play with just one friend. Rackets are sold at Target, Dick's and Wal-Mart, so it is easier for everyone to play. 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 break!

Leslie Bruton, a former member of the Huntsville High tennis team and currently a student at Auburn, will be conducting the camps. Leslie does a great job of keeping the kids moving and hydrated in the summer heat. Fun activities and games are used to teach. Beginning May 14, Leslie is available to work with kids if you want to contact her about private/small group/family lessons — brutolc@auburn.edu.

This year we are offering a special three-week option. Kids that are taking lessons this summer have more fun opportunities to practice and play with other Greenwyche kids. Some parents have requested a longer camp with more time to use the skills learned. You can choose one week or three weeks. Sign up starting Sun., May 17, 2-4 p.m. at the swim team kick-off or on the Web site at [www.greenwyche-gators.com](http://www.greenwyche-gators.com).

### Camp dates and times:

June 8-12;	June 15-19;	June 22-26
8-9 a.m.	8, 9, 10-year-olds	
9-10 a.m.	11, 12, 13, 14-year-olds	
10-11 a.m.	5, 6, 7-year-olds	

These times will not conflict with swim team. Cost is \$40 for one week of group lessons (paid on first day of camp). Or \$100 for three consecutive weeks of instruction (paid on first day).

Tennis lessons, supervised play among children, games, drills and special night events will be open to children participating in tennis camp. It will provide a scheduled chance to meet and play for the older kids. It is also an opportunity to improve a child's skills if they take lessons this summer or have taken in the past. Kids will learn the basics of the sport and practice the proper techniques, such as how to hold the racket, hit a forehand and backhand, and name the parts of the court. They will also work on strategy and playing games against others.

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 decide a time that is convenient. If these times don't work, but you are still interested, contact me at 882-2454 or brutolc@auburn.edu.

— Lisa Bruton

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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!**

