

Wynterhall Swim and Tennis Club

April 2009 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **KEN YOKELSON**

2009 seems to be the year for change. As the new president for the Wynterhall Swim & Tennis Club, I hope that this year the members will see some changes in the facility. As I start my tenure as your president, I have heard in the past from members about items that they would like to see done. While some of their wish list was a little extreme at times and out of reach, some items were needed and more than possible. With the current conditions in the economy affecting even our club, the board decided to be cautious in proceeding with certain improvements to the facility. With that in mind, we have made what we think were necessary and the most desired improvements. Most of them may seem little, but I think the overall membership will be more than pleased with what has been put in place. I don't want to give anything away, so you're just going to have to come to the clean-up weekend for a sneak preview or wait till the pool opens for the season.

As the season is approaching, please check the pool calendar, review the rules of the pool, sign the kids up for swim or dive team, and above all else, come out and enjoy this coming summer.

As your new president, please feel free to contact me with any problems or concerns (or maybe praise) that you may have.

Have a fun 2009 summer.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE **JIM BLAKELY**

WSTC started 2009 in great shape with approximately \$80,000 cash on hand. The 2009 budget has been approved by the board; WSTC is expected to end the year with net income of \$12,000 (see attached insert for 2009 WSTC Annual Budget).

While these figures are great, please keep in mind that keeping up our club can be expensive. Over the past 5 years, we have spent approximately \$100,000 in improvements. Please contact Jim Blakely if you have any questions.

GROUNDS' NEWS: BOB DIAL

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL WSTC GROUNDS DAY – APRIL 18TH

This year Cary Miller has joined the Grounds Team. He replaces Scott Brown, who I thank for his fine work. Fortunately, Cary is a self-proclaimed toilet/bathroom/sanitation expert so please forward any and all concerns to him. Cary would love to take your call, night or day, to address any issues you have with the bathrooms. **Three Cheers for Cary!!!**

We have been busy this winter/spring giving some much needed updating to our facilities. Those that play tennis frequently will have noticed the new benches and bulletin board.

As I write this we are in the process of upgrading our bathrooms. Items included: New toilets, hardware, fans, lights, tile/wood trim repair, paint, mirrors etc. Additionally substantial tree/shrub/landscaping work will take place prior to the opening of the pool in May. All in all, over \$10,000 in facilities improvement will occur during the 2008-2009 timeframe.

I ask everyone to join us on April 18th (even you accountants can make this date) for our annual clean up day. I'd like to get some staining and painting completed in the tennis court and picnic bench area. So if you are ambitious and really want to go the extra mile, wear some old rags, as my wife says I always do anyways, and come by. As always, call with any concerns (404-840-8380).

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POOL NEWS: CURT MOREY

Welcome to another exciting year at the Wynterhall pool. First, I would like to thank Lex Sheehan for his past service as pool chairman. There were many positive changes with his leadership; and, I promise that there are many more positive changes to come over the next two years.

Opening Day is scheduled for May 9th (weekends only, until Memorial Day weekend). Sears Pool Management Company will be returning this year for the operations of our pool. I have been in contact with Craig Sears over the past few months to ensure a smooth pool season. In December 2007, the federal government enacted the Virginia Graeme Baker act which affected all public pools. The VGB act was designed to make pools safer by minimizing the risk of entrapment underwater at certain points in the pool. We are VGB compliant thanks to Craig's team of professionals.

As pool patrons, we have an important role in making the 2009 season as good if not better than past years. We can do this by following the pool rules. The complete list is in the Wynterhall directory, but I'll mention a few here.

- No glass anything at the pool for safety reasons.
- The baby pool is for children age 5 and under.
- Swim diapers are required for all untrained children.
- The lifeguards do not monitor the baby pool, so any child in the baby pool must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Watch out for the new drain covers in the bottom of the baby pool (part of VGB compliance).
- Pets are not allowed at the pool for sanitary reasons.
- When using water toys, keep the water in the pool and not on the people poolside.
- Children must be at least 10 years old and able to pass a swimming test before

being allowed to stay at the pool by him/herself.

- Noodles are okay, but pool floats are not.
- The lifeguards are on break for 15 minutes each hour from _:45 until the top of the hour. Please respect their break time.
- No one under the age of 18 may be in the pool during their break, not even on the steps or sitting on the side of the pool.
- Please dress appropriately while at the pool.
- Anyone wanting a pool party must schedule it with the social chairperson. This is so we can arrange appropriate lifeguard coverage for our guests.

Good luck to our Wynterhall Warriors swim and dive teams. For other information about upcoming events, please see our website, www.wynterhall.com. I wish everyone a fun and safe season at our pool.

SWIM & DIVE TEAM NEWS TAMMY ANDERSON

Hey All You Swimmers out there!

Swim and Dive Team Sign Ups were held on March 29th at WSTC pool. A warm thank you to everyone who braved the icy chill and long lines! We were thrilled with the turn out! Over 100 swimmers are currently registered to swim this season at WSTC. We want to say a special thank you to two of our coaches, Matt Kiser and Annie Lashinsky. Thanks for pitching in and helping with the process!

If you haven't done so already, please remember to register at ASA (Atlanta Swim Association) online. **Go to www.atlantaswimming.com for the link to register. It is \$17.00 to register at ASA plus a \$1.50 processing fee (15 & Over will receive a Voucher to eat free at Home Swim Meets to make-up this cost).** Please note that ASA will have incremental

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late fees added to the above fee if you register after April 20th.

If you missed the fitting for a swimsuit...You may be sized and order directly from one of Kastaway's 4 Locations (listed below). Let them know you are with Wynterhall to receive the team discount (plus tax).

2550 Sandy Plains Rd.
Phone: (770) 579-1908
Fax: (770) 579-1803

Dynamo Swim Center - Chamblee
Phone: (770) 457-7946

Dynamo Swim Center – Alpharetta
Phone: (770) 667-3933

Bethesda Walk Shopping Center
3059 Lawrenceville Highway
Suite L
Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Phone: (770) 338-1488

WSTC Swim Caps were given to every swimmer who registered on March 29th. They are now \$5.00 a piece to anyone interested in purchasing them.

Also, swimmers voted on the new 2-year Swim & Dive Team t-shirts! We will announce the winner first day of practice!

Swim Team afternoon practices begin May 11th. Check out the WSTC site for what time your age group starts practice. Looking forward to a great Swim Season!

If you haven't registered your swimmer yet, you can e-mail Kate or Tammy and we will send you the forms. If you have any questions please call or e-mail us.

Tammy Anderson (770-396-4622 or thornanderson@netscape.net)
Kate Lee (770-395-1933 or katelee@earthlink.net)

TENNIS NEWS: PEG KOEPKE

The spring ALTA season is now in full SWING despite all the rained out and rescheduled matches. With two Women's teams, four Men's teams and four Junior teams playing out of Wynterhall, the courts have been very busy this past month, especially during the weekends (see below listing of teams & captains). Lots of players generate lots of trash so as a courtesy to your fellow members please empty overflowing trash cans into the proper receptacles. Remember that WSTC is a volunteer club and that we all depend upon each other to keep the courts clean and clutter free. Also, a blue Dekalb County recycling bag has been placed at the courts; please deposit all soda cans and plastic bottles into this bag.

Spring 2009 ALTA Captains:

Dana Gaines - B Women
Marcy Cooper - C Women
John Koepke - A Men
Russell Foster - B Men
Bob Duffy - C Men
Pat Noto - 14 U Girls
Sue Swensen - 10 U Girls
Ann Hewatt - 12 U Boys
Marcy Cooper - 10 U Boys

P.S. Keep an eye out for future emails detailing FUN summer Junior clinics put on by Wendall Troy and Tony Farnum!

SOCIAL NEWS: MICHELE NORWOOD & GEORGIA CONNELL

Get ready to have some fun at the pool this summer! While the board is still finalizing dates for all of our parties this summer, mark your calendar now for our first event...our annual *Memorial Day Party!* It will be held this year on **Saturday, May 23rd at noon**. A flyer with all the details will be coming in the beginning of May. This initial event is a great way to kick off the season, and mingle with friends, new and old.

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Planning a pool party? Please schedule your party with us at least one week in advance by emailing social@wynterhall.com. We will keep a master calendar of all events and can confirm with you that the date is open. Please note there is a \$25 party fee for all private parties at the pool.

Enjoy your Spring and see you soon!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: ANN HEWATT

Wow! It is hard to believe April is here and pool season is just around the corner. The days until the pool opens are being marked off on the Hewatt calendar. We are so fortunate to have great facilities to enjoy all year long. I know it is great because of the long wait list we have for membership. I receive emails continually from prospective members who have heard how great we are. We have approximately a 2-year wait for membership and people patiently wait it out. Even with other area clubs advertising for members we have a wait. Be on the lookout at the pool and tennis courts for new faces. We have 15 new families joining us this year for the first time. Some are new with young children and some have come back to enjoy with grandchildren. If you know of any prospective members please have them contact me, the status of the waitlist changes often. Have a great summer!