



## August 2000 News

### **Greetings**

We hope all our members are enjoying the pool and tennis courts this season.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff and volunteer members, the facility and grounds are being kept in great shape. Remember that there continues to be maintenance requirements, which will fill your four-hour commitment. If you are interested, please get in touch with Scott Gordon. Scott will let you know what needs to be done.

### **What's New for 2000?**

The new bleachers arrived, and the old ones were disposed of. No more splinters! Thanks to the Gordon, Baisch and Besagno families for volunteering to construct the new ones and help remove the old ones.

The new tee shirts and sweatshirts are available for purchase by all pool members. They are sold through the office and snack shack.

Parent handbooks are available in the office. This is a great reference source for information on our various teams and contains directions to the other pools. Let us know what we can add for next year to make this an even more useful tool.

New guest pass cards are in use. These fit in your wallet and look like a punch card instead of tear away tickets.

New lifeguard chairs are in place. We now have a chair on each side of the pool. This helps the guards have visibility of the entire pool.

The GSSC web site is up and running. Special thanks to Greg Burkhart for the site development. Greg has offered to keep it updated for us in the future. You will even see this newsletter posted there! (<http://www.gregoryseahurst.com>)

### **5 Year Plan**

We accomplished many things this past season, and now it's time to plan for our future. Mark Allen has agreed to lead a 5-Year planning team to focus and prioritize the facility needs and the membership suggestions. The results of the 5-Year Plan will be integrated into the annual budget planning process. Your suggestions and involvement are needed to make this a valuable and relevant effort. If you are interested in participating, please leave a message at the pool for Mark Allen, or send an e-mail to Jan Reynolds. Any suggestions you would like considered for the Plan can be sent to the Gregory Seahurst Post Office Box, or to Jan Reynolds via e-mail for summarization by Mark Allen. Please be sure and include your name and number in case there are any questions.

## Events to Remember:

**Last Day of the Season** The last day for usage for the 2000 season will be **September 17**.

**End of Season Member Barbecue** New this year! The board will be hosting a barbecue for all members on the last day of the season, **September 17**. A time to say "See ya later" to your summer friends. Join us from 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. for food and refreshments.

**End of Season Work Party** Still have maintenance hours to fill? Also on the last day of the season, we will have a closing work party from 5 P.M. until 9 P.M. – or until we are ready to close up for the winter. Here's the ideal day to enjoy using the pool, feast at the barbecue and help put it all away! We need to clean out the concession area, store the furniture, scrub, weed, and clean the grounds. Lots of things for everyone. If you are uncertain of your maintenance status, please contact Susie Castonguay.

**Winter Membership Meeting** No date is set, but start thinking of things you would like considered for the budget planning process and any modifications to the bylaws you suggest. If you have observations, please send them to the GSSC Post Office Box, or send an e-mail to our webmaster or Jan Reynolds.

## Membership Update

The board has received an unusually high volume of comments about the behavior of our membership. Unfortunately, the conduct of a few negatively impacts the reputation of our broader population, and impacts the enjoyment all our members should experience. A reminder is included in this newsletter for all of us to consider:

Most of our staff are youths of our membership. They been given instruction on the responsibilities of their positions, and understand they face consequences that may include termination if they do not follow through with their responsibilities. Please do not ask or expect a staff member to break/bend or ignore a pool rule for you. Things like:

"I forgot my checkbook. Just let me and my guests in and I'll buy the guest passes tomorrow."

"Give me the lesson sign-up book so I can sign my family and neighbors up early. I can't be here to stand in line."

" Little seven-year old Johnny is on the swim team. I just need to run to the store for a few minutes. He will be fine. Just keep an eye on him."

"Of course these four children are living with me for the summer. I'll use house guest passes for them."

"I don't need passes for my baseball team's parents. They won't be going in the pool."

While each of these examples seems improbable to most of us, they are real experiences. Each of these could result in suspension for the staff who allowed the occurrence and suspension or termination for the member. Members of GSSC have some responsibilities in

addition to the privileges associated with membership. We would like to remind you of the following:

☺ “Property broken or damaged by a member or their guests shall be promptly paid for by such member” (Section 3.6.01 of GSSC bylaws). This includes cleaning up after your parties and barbecue use. All trash must be removed from the grounds and may be placed in the dumpsters in the parking lot. The trashcans inside the facility are for casual use only (they don’t hold pizza boxes).

☺ Guest passes may only be purchased by GSSC members. Houseguests must be able to prove occupancy. Examples of proof include custodial papers for minors, or envelopes addressed to the guest, which include the cancelled stamp. The only exception to the occupancy requirement is for paid childcare providers of members. Proof in this case would be a cancelled check proving paid employment. This house guest privilege cannot be shared with other non-member children who share your sitter. They must use daily passes. A member must accompany guests **at all times** the guest is on the premises.

☺ “The Board of Trustees shall have the power to suspend the membership privileges of any member or expel any member for conduct considered to be contrary to the best interests of the Club, violation of the bylaws, or rules of the Club” (Section 3.4.01 or our bylaws)

☺ No intoxicating liquors shall be brought on the Club premises except with permission of the Board (Section 3.6.04 of the bylaws)

☺ All members are asked to help monitor the rules of the pool. Any questions should be referred to the Senior Lifeguard, the Pool Manager or any Board Member.

☺ We STILL have over 60 anxious families on the waiting list for membership. We welcomed 10 new members this year. This just goes to show what a great swim club GSSC is in our community. If you are interested in selling your membership, or are interested in the Distinguished Honorary Membership, please contact Yvonne Burkhart via e-mail: [yvonneb@oz.net](mailto:yvonneb@oz.net).

**No Tolerance Policy:** All members should please remember the “no tolerance policy” for any vandalism to swim club facilities and grounds. This includes the dressing and restroom facilities. We have experienced several cases of items (tennis balls, underwear, etc.) being forced down the toilets. Any person found responsible will be assessed the maintenance costs associated with the repairs. Please keep in mind that these types of repairs are not considered in the pool budget. If these expenses continue, membership dues will need to be increased. The pool also strictly prohibits alcoholic beverages and glass containers at the pool at all times, unless provided at a pool-sponsored event (not private parties). All offenders will be held responsible to the highest degree by law.

## A Little History of Gregory Seahurst Swim Club

The Club was formed in November, 1958, as the result of a suggestion of Mr. Gordon Setterlund, who sent a letter to a few of his friends and acquaintances to ascertain their interest in forming a club to build a swimming pool for the enjoyment of the members and their children. Although no site was known to be available and very little definite information was at hand at the first meeting, approximately 80 people living in the Gregory-Seahurst area indicated their desire to help with the project and contributed \$5.00 apiece to provide a small fund to cover the necessary expenses of getting the club started. The first officers of the club were:

G.L. Hollingsworth	President
Gordon Setterlund	Vice-President
Lucy Lord	Treasurer
Frank Monzon-Aguirre	Secretary

The club was incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington as a non-profit corporation and was governed by the before-named Board of Directors and three directors-at-large: Fred G. Folsom, Claude Baker, Wallace J. Reed.

The first activity of the corporation was to select a Site Committee to search for a suitable location on which the pool could be built. After examining many sites, all of which were unsuitable for one reason or another, the committee was able to make tentative satisfactory arrangements for the piece of property that the pool now occupies. An application for a Use and Occupancy Permit was filed with the King County Planning Commission, and the public hearing was scheduled to be held on January 27, 1959.

Although engineering estimates were not yet complete, it was estimated that membership in the club would cost between \$300-\$350 per family. The operation of the club was to be paid for by means of monthly dues which was to be adjusted so as to exactly cover expenses, and was expected to be between \$4.00 and \$5.00 a month. Specific rules for operation of the club were not adopted until they could be proposed to the actual members. It was certain, however, that a paid manager and a qualified lifeguard would be on duty at all times that the pool was open.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on January 6, 1959, it was decided that membership in the club would be offered to the property owners living in the area immediately adjacent to the pool. Initial offers of membership beyond the 80 charter members originally mentioned was made to property owners whose property lies south of SW 165th, north of SW 170th, east of 21st Ave SW and west of 16th Ave SW. If insufficient members were obtained from this area, it was to be expanded uniformly for additional canvassing.

If events went forward as planned, they expected to have the pool in operation in time for swimming in the summer of 1959, with the hope that all the residents in this neighborhood would be able to enjoy this new recreational opportunity.

Indeed, all plans went forward as planned. Construction of the pool began in May 1959, and the pool officially opened in July 1959.

The schedule for the remaining of the Swim Season is:

**Pool Schedule**

**May 13 through June 22 AND September 5 through pool closure**

Monday - Friday:	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.	General Swim
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Lap Swim
	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	General Swim
Saturday & Sunday	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Adult Swim
	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	General Swim
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Family Swim
	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	General Swim

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Manny Jimenez, President

Jan Reynolds, Secretary

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