



July 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 have arrived, and the old ones have been 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.

New guest pass cards are in use. These will 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.

A GSSC web site is under construction. Special thanks to Greg Burkhart for the site development. Greg has offered to keep it updated for us in the future. Look for it to be up and running later this summer at <http://www.gregoryseahurst.com>

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 that 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 barbeque 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 houseguest privilege cannot be shared with other non-member children who share your sitter. Daily passes must be used by them. Guests must be accompanied by a member **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.

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.

Staff Introductions

Did you know we employ 31 people over the summer? These are your coaches, instructors, lifeguards, office staff, maintenance workers and snack shack people. The coaches are directed by the Youth Coordinator (Wendy Frandle) and the other paid staff is under the leadership of Lori Box, our pool manager. We would like to introduce you to some of our key people: the coaches and the senior lifeguards.

Team Coaches

Tennis

Xxx young players on this year's tennis team. Kevin Kniedstadt is our head coach for the Tennis Team. Kevin has held this position since xxxx. When Kevin isn't spending the summers with us, he is a full-time student at xxxxxxxx, majoring in xxxxxxxx.

Our assistant tennis coach is Kevin Engelhardt, a 2000 graduate of Highline High School. When the summer is over, his is heading to the University of Arizona, where he plans on majoring in xxxxxxxx and joining the track team there. Kevin grew up on the swim and tennis teams and has been the assistant tennis coach for two years.

Both Kevins' families have been long-standing members of the pool and team members since their childhood. The Kevins are also our tennis instructors this year.

Dive

Our new dive instructor and coach is Mike Wallick. Mike comes to us as a 2000 graduate of Highline High School where he was a member of the HHS Dive team for four years placing at State. Mike will be attending the Seattle Art Institute in the fall studying web design. His small but mighty team of xxx kids competes with other South End pools. Their meets are on Friday nights.

Swimming

Approximately 150 swimmers compete Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the summer. Mike Fosberg leads the swim coaching staff. Mike has held this position for more years than many of us have been members, starting in 1984. In that time, he has become a teacher and now a Principal at Madrona elementary in the Highline School District. Mike is married to Ashley, with a one-year old son Finn. Mike is highly respected by the children on the team and the parents who meet him.

Mike has two assistants: Lori Box and Adam Besagno.

Lori has been coaching at GSSC since 1986. She grew up at the pool, with her family being members since 1959 – her grandpa was a founding member and helped to build it. Lori is also an English teacher at Auburn Riverside High School and our pool manager since 1998. Lori is married to Rick, with their son Benji turning two in December. Lori has done an outstanding job as both a coach and manager – teaching many of our young members the responsibilities attached to a “real job”.

Adam Besagno is their new assistant this year. Adam was on the GSSC swim team since 19xxx, and was a competitive swimmer throughout high school. He is entering his sophomore year at Gonzaga, with a planned major of xxxx.

Senior Lifeguards

The Senior Guards are the ones “in charge” most of the time. We currently have 6 of them:

Alyssa Newby – A senior at Highline High School.

Michelle Goheen – 2000 graduate of Highline High School. Attending the UW this fall.

Adam Besagno - Entering his sophomore year at Gonzaga.

Andrea Smith – A sophomore at Whitman College.

Cecily Bailey – A senior at Highline High School.

Mike Baisch - Graduated from Highline High School and will attend Gonzaga in the fall.

Events to Remember:

All Teams Pancake Breakfast and Pictures July 11 Watch for times and picture envelopes in the office.

Adult Party - Saturday, July 22th, 6:30 – 11:30 the cost is \$35 per couple or \$17.50 per person. We have added some games and “special events” to the party this year. If you have any suggestions or want to help with the event, please call Poppy Arvan at 244-8036.

Awards Evening – August 2th for the swimming, diving and tennis teams will be held.

End of Season Member Barbeque New this year! The board will be hosting a barbeque for all members on the last Saturday of the season. A time to say “See ya later” to your summer friends.

Summer Board Meetings, July 31 and August 28 GSSC Board Meetings will be held at the pool. All members are welcome to participate.

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.

Please note the early pool closures for home swim and dive meets. Your Swim Club has an agreement with the Normandy Park Swim Club that allows you to use their facilities during the early pool closures. The Normandy Park Swim club is located at 17655 12th SW., phone number (206) 244-0700.

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.

Please refer to the attached schedules for the practice schedules, meetings, and for the pool hours. The GSSC bylaws and the 2000 membership roster will be available in the pool office.

GSSC Board,
 Manny Jimenez, President
 Jan Reynolds, Secretary

2000 Board Members

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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

June 23 though August 18

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	6:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Lap Swim
Monday - Friday	8:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Swim Team
	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lessons
	1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Adult Swim
	1:30 - 5:00 p.m.	General Swim
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Family Swim
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Lap Swim
	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	General Swim
Friday	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Adult Swim
	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Teen Swim
Saturday & Sunday	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Adult Swim
	11:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	General Swim
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Family Swim
	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	General Swim

Early pool Closures:

The pool will close at 4pm for the SSSL swim meets on 7/6, 7/18, and at 3:30pm on 7/7 and 7/14 for SSSL dive meet. Also, the pool closes at 3pm on 7/24 for the SSSL Girls Preliminaries. The pool will close at 3:30 for the remaining social events: Adult Party (7/22), and the Awards banquet (8/2).

August 19th through September 4th

Monday - Friday	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Adult Swim
	12:00 - 5:00 p.m.	General Swim
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Family Swim
	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Lap Swim
	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	General Swim
Saturday & Sunday	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Adult Swim
	11:00a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	General Swim
	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Family Swim
	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	General Swim

Swim-Team Workouts

Monday through Friday	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	13 and older
	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	9 - 12 years
	9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	8 years and younger

Tennis-Team Workouts

Monday through Friday	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	12 and under
	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	13 and older

Dive-Team Workouts

Monday through Friday		13 and older
		9 - 12 years
		8 years and younger

Lesson Program

Session	Dates	Registration Begins	
		<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-members</u>
Session 2	July 10 - July 21	Check for availability	Check for availability
Session 3	July 24 – Aug 4	July 17, 6:00 p.m.	July 19, 10:00 a.m.
Session 4	TBD based on demand		