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Summer Greetings!

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A letter from your volunteer board:

Your volunteer board wanted to take this last opportunity to write an open letter to the membership as the swim season winds down. We can't believe how quickly the summer is passing. School and limited hours begin in a few days, and then summer officially comes to an end. Please note one small change to the pool hours for September 6th, 7th, and 8th only – we will open at 5PM rather than 3PM to allow the Highline High School & Evergreen High School swim teams to practice while the Evergreen Pool is being repaired.

At our monthly board meetings (which any member is welcomed to attend), our topics range widely from maintenance questions to membership and financial discussions. For example, did you know the state has changed regulations on chain link fencing? The openings in the fence surrounding our pool are now too large...large enough for small feet and hands to climb over. The regulation takes effect in 2008, so we will take this off season to see about replacing the fence material.

As we wind down this season (and as a reminder for next year) we would like you to please keep yourself and your family members safe while on the club property. It is critical that the entire membership be as responsible as can be. We have had a couple of accidents this summer involving serious injury when children have been misusing the tennis courts and practice backboard (on the basketball court). A member's guest may have permanent loss of vision in one eye as a result of horseplay on the basketball court. The tennis courts are for tennis only, and the basketball court and tennis practice backboard are designed for a specific use. Parents, please be responsible for your children's activities while on our property. We cannot stress this enough. The lifeguards and staff are solely responsible for your families' safety in and around the pool...not on other unwatched, out-of-sight areas. Small children should not be dropped off unsupervised at the pool unless it is for team events such as practice or competitions. There are too many instances of very young children being unsupervised while at the pool.

We also ask you to report every injury as soon as it happens. The staff is trained in the proper emergency medical response, and can take the right steps to ensure immediate medical care is given. It is also important for liability and insurance follow-up to have full information and a report on file. This was an important lesson we learned last year. Without that critical information we cannot accurately represent the facts should the need arise at a later date.

Our final work day is scheduled for Sunday, September the 17th from 10 am to 4 pm. If you still owe maintenance hours, this will be your last opportunity. The pool's last day of operation is set for Saturday the 16th. We will again be grilling hot dogs from noon until 2:00 pm, unless we run out sooner.

The Annual Meeting will be held sometime in November as we end the fiscal year. Remember, we are looking for volunteer board members to run for President, Secretary and Snack Shack positions. Please consider serving your neighborhood club.

For the board at GSSC,

Larry Wu
Your Outgoing Board President