

2009 BWBC Newsletter



BWBC NEWS

As we begin 2009 and get ready to open the pool, I am very excited for all our members to see the changes to the club house. The first phase of the renovation is complete – the bathrooms, foyer, kitchen, and storage areas all have been updated. A special thanks goes out to past president Tom Branch and member's Jim McAuliffe and Phil Murff for all of their hard work to make the renovation a success.

When will the rest of the club house be renovated? That's the most frequent question I receive from members. While no decision has been made as of yet, the first step will be to solicit quotes for the work. From there, the board will address key decisions such as what to do with the current parquet floor. One of the top priorities of the board is to determine what club improvements are most important to our members. To that end, you will be receiving an email survey that will give you a chance to tell us how to make the club better. As part of that endeavor, the board will also put together a five year capital improvement plan.

Vandalism and crime incidents always seem to rise as the weather turns warmer. I would like all members to notify a board member if you witness any crimes on club property. Vandalism increases our expenses and all of us as members end up paying for these property crimes. A pattern that emerged last summer, was teenagers and young adults driving to the club and committing crimes late at night. Officer Jenny Miller of the DeKalb County Police Department assessed our situation and her top recommendation was installing a gate to block access to the parking lot. This presents problems in terms of opening and closing the gate on a daily basis. At this point in time, we will revisit the use of a gate if vandalism picks up during the summer.

Finally, I would like to thank all the board members who finished their three year terms in December. We were lucky to have a number of board members that served a second three year term. Their experience is invaluable. We also have a number of board members that are new to the club and are bringing new ideas.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Work Day on April 18th and on the courts and at the pool this summer. With the economy still suffering, there's no better way to save money than by taking advantage of all the club has to offer.

Mike Gilbert
Board President

And the 2009 BWBC Board is....

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Building and Grounds

WORK DAY:

Saturday, April 18th, 2009

9 am to 4 pm

If April 18th is completely rained out we will try for April 19th from 1-5 pm

Jobs will include hauling mulch and debris, pruning, painting, hardware replacement, and cleaning. Providing a good effort (about 4 hours for the household) earns the member a refund of the \$50 work day fee. Please feel free to send willing workers to stand in for you!

Please contact Arthur Ebbs (arthurebbs@hotmail.com) or Ethan James (ethanjames@mindspring.com) if you can bring a pressure washer, wheel barrows and shovels etc, to express interest in specific jobs or with any questions.

Thanks go to all of you who so generously give your skills and time for the Club.

Communications

Please add the website www.bwbc.net to your "favorites". It's a great way to keep up to date with what's going on. Thanks to Lukasz Arendt for keeping it up to date! Please visit the site and add your email address or send an email to Stephanie Hull at bw.beachclub@gmail.com. If you did not receive an electronic version of this newsletter, then we don't have you on the email list! Over 95% of the members are on the email list.....

We will continue to send email "blasts" throughout the year to remind you and notify you of important events. Note: your email address will be kept private and the "blast" will only be used for BWBC-related news.

Advertising Opportunities

We have had several community-based businesses contact us to inquire about advertising opportunities. Here are the advertising options. Please contact Stephanie Hull at bw.beachclub@gmail.com if you are interested.

- Event Sponsorship – **\$100** - includes ads on event promotion and right to display a banner at event (provided by advertiser)
- Email Package – \$25 per Constant Contact email; or annual rate of \$200 for inclusion in all Constant Contact email.
- Annual Newsletter - \$75
- Website – Annual logo listing \$50
- Swim team sponsor – adding email option of \$100; increasing season sponsor to \$800
- Gold sponsor – everything but swim team \$500
- Platinum sponsor – everything including swim team \$1150

Exclusions:

- **No advertiser specific emails; must be added to content already planned**
- **Applies to constant contact emails only; not bw.beachclub@gmail.com**
- **We reserve the right to cap it to a number of advertisers**
- **Advertisers subject to Board approval**



Pool News

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Hours

The pool will be open for the general membership:

- Sat May 16 and Sun May 17 (12 – 9 PM)
- Closed May 18-21 Swim team only
- Open for the season beginning Friday May 22 (4 – 9 PM)
- June, July and August (10-9 PM) regular hours thru August 9
- Mon – Thurs August 10 – 13 (4 – 8 PM) Friday Aug 14 (4-9 PM)
- Aug 17 thru Sept 4 Pool open Mon, Wed, Friday at (M, W 4 PM -7, F close 9 PM)
- Labor Day party Mon Sept 7 Pool open Friday Sept 11 (4-9 PM)
- Sat and Sunday August weekends thru September 13 open (10-9 PM) Closes for good Sept 13

Guest Fees Please have your guests pay \$3 or pay it for them. We cannot afford to be a free pool. Give the guest fees to either the gate worker, pool manager or put the fees in the white box. Please be honorable if no one is working the gate and leave the guest fees in the box. This year we would like you to sign your guests in so we can have a clear record of the guest fees. We do not bill for guest fees so please be prepared to pay. All guests are welcome - we just ask that they pay the daily \$3 fee or the holiday party fee of \$5. Sign in your guests and pay!

Code Brown First and foremost, when poop happens: EVERYBODY OUT OF THE POOL!

Please go to the www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming and read up on the dangers of pooping in the pool. Please discuss this with your children. It is very inconvenient to the membership to have to close the pool for 24 hours and shock the pool for a code brown incident. The water must run through the filter system for 24 hours and receive a heavy blast of Chlorine. Children that are not potty trained should wear a diaper and rubber pants and please keep to the baby pool only. We have had a number of bathroom accidents in which the pool was then used to “wash off”. Please tell your children to get a lifeguard, adult, pool manager and solve the bathroom problem, accidents happen but do not bring the fecal matter into the pool. You may use Sagamore pool in the event of a code brown but it would be great to avoid such incidents. Please have a code brown conversation with your kids!

Grills Please DO NOT begin cooking on the grills after 7:30 PM. The pool should empty out at 8:50 PM and the lifeguards are to lock up at 9 PM. Please leave the gates at 9 PM. Please clean the grills if you use them and wash the utensils. Do not bring glass items inside the pool fence.

Snack Bar The snack bar will be operated by Mary Dickerson (winndicker@comcast.net) this season. If you purchase items from the snack bar please pick up your trash. Please ask your children to pick up after themselves, remind them that “their mother does not work at the BWBC.” We recycle plastic bottles and cans.

Pool Manager Mrs. Chrys Randolph will be the 2009 pool manager. She will come on duty May 22. Many of you know her as the former Lakeside swim team coach and a current Dynamo coach. To make arrangements for parties and pavilion rentals, check the website www.BWBC.net calendar first and email bwbcpoolmanager@yahoo.com. You must hire party lifeguards through Swim Atlanta at least 2 weeks beforehand -\$20/hour. You must take care of hiring and paying for your own party lifeguards. www.sapm.net (for pool parties - click on DeKalb, then click customer services) Only 2 parties are permitted each day. The pavilion can be rented for 2 hours/\$25. See form on BWBC website. Before unloading your belongings in the pavilion check to make sure that the pavilion is not rented, rentals will be posted. The pavilion is off limits to the general membership when it has been rented out for a specific party. The deck can be used for parties free of charge. You might check to be sure the clubhouse is not also rented for the same time slot if you plan to use the deck for a party.

Rentals The pool/pavilion is handled through bwbcpoolmanager@yahoo.com first check the calendar on the www.BWBC.net Please look at the correct calendar. Problems – Contact Karen Ryals, Board Member. The clubhouse is rented through Teri Katz, Board Member – Please check the clubhouse calendar for those dates.

Social

Make plans to be at the Beach Club for your holiday fun:

1) Memorial Day Party - Monday, May 25

- First pool party of the summer season! Food and beverages are provided by the BWBC.
- Pool games and music planned throughout the day
- Tennis Round-Robin tournament and more!

2) July 4th Party - Saturday, July 4th 1pm – 5pm

3) Labor Day Party - Monday, September 7th 1pm – 5pm

4) Halloween Parade - Saturday, October 31st 5:30 pm

Also, please let your thoughts be known about our social activities. Email Meg Beveridge at meg1126@bellsouth.net .

Membership

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Beach Club!

- Jennifer Austin-Knab
- Michelle and Stephen Bailey
- Caroline and Robert Coursey
- John and Sandy Dermody
- Suzanne and Gray Folger
- Jonathan and Heather Jurek
- Jill and John Mills

- Bill and Dawn Piercy
- Debbi and Don Powe
- Steven and Holly Seel
- Carrie K. Shapiro-Mendoza and Santiago Mendoza-Alfonzo
- Kenneth and Pamela Sharpe
- Scott and Elizabeth Walker

It is promising to be a great summer! We are still accepting applications, but we are operating on a waiting list. The applications are available for downloading on the website. The membership directory is available upon request. Check out bwbc.net for more information or contact Livie Armsby at Livie_armsby@bellsouth.net.

Swim Team Update

The Swim Coordinators are busy preparing for the 2009 swim season. The big news is that **Andrew Lybarger** will be returning as coach. He's had an outstanding first year as a college swimmer, already breaking a school record on his Worcester Polytechnic Institute team in Massachusetts. **Zack Shreer** will also be returning part time as he wraps up his graduate work this summer. We are very excited to have his enthusiasm and experience back with our Barracuda team. **Melanie** will also be returning for a short time to help get our younger swimmers ready for the season. Finally, we also have 2 new coaches to welcome - **Taylor Dull and Herman Ryals**.

Taylor Dull currently swims for Georgia Southern University and was previously captain of her Lakeside High School swim team her senior year. She swam for the Echo Ridge Swim Club since she was 7 years old and we are looking forward to utilizing her energy and experience this season.

Herman Ryals has been swimming for the Barracudas since he was 7 years old and also was captain of his high school team. He currently swims for the Georgia Tech club team and we are very fortunate to have him bring invaluable Barracuda team knowledge and experience as he helps coach his "home team."

Swim team registration day will be April 19th from 2 - 5 pm at the Briarcliff Woods Beach Club's clubhouse. This is the time to register for swim team, sign up for volunteer duties and pick up items from last season. The team swim suit and cap design will be the same as last year. However, you may order new suits, towels, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc... if needed at this time as well.

Other dates to put on your calendar are the swim meets - **Mock Meet May 26th, June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th, June 23rd and June 30th.** The DeKalb County swim meet will be July 2& 3 @ Emory University. Please mark your calendars and keep these Tuesday evenings open, and especially the county meet at the end of the season.

Stroke clinic: There will be an optional swim team stroke clinic held on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 – 10 from approximately 2 – 4:15. (10 and under likely 2-3 pm and 11 and up from 3:15 – 4:15 pm) Sign-ups will be available at registration day, at \$15 per swimmer, per day. The stroke clinic is designed to have the coaches teach and refine stroke techniques in each stroke, work on flip turns, and demonstrate one-on-one correct stroke form prior to the first week of practice. This is not required but highly recommended and beneficial. Swim team practice will begin on Mon., May 11 from 4 to 7 pm. Monday through Thursday the pool will be used only for swim team practice from May 11-14 and May 18-21. The breakdown of age group practices and location for the summer is listed on the website, www.BWBC.net under "swim team."

We are looking forward to a great swim season!



Tennis News

The tennis courts are very busy again this spring. We now have 6 ALTA teams – 3 women's, 1 men's and 3 youth teams competing this spring. We also expect to have a number of men's, women's and mixed doubles teams competing this summer. If you are interested in joining a team, please click on the tennis link at www.bwbc.net for team contacts. Because of the large number of teams, we have changed practice times for

the adult teams to two nights per week, Tuesday and Thursday. This leaves 3 evenings during the week for all other players to enjoy the courts.

Here are the practice schedules and match times for the various teams:

Type of Team	Level	Match day and time	Practice day and time	Captain(s) name
Sunday Women	B1	Sunday 1pm	Thursday 6:45-8 pm	Kathy Van Pelt
Sunday Women	C7	Sunday 1pm	Tuesday 6:00-7:30pm	Jenny Caserella
Sunday Women	B2	Sunday 1pm	Thursday 8pm – 9:15pm	Livie Armsby
Men	B5	Saturday 9am	Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm	Greg Moelich
10 and Under Girls	C4	Saturday 1:30 pm	Wed afternoons	Hank Kimmel
12 and Under Girls	C4	Saturday 1:30 pm	Monday afternoons	Hank Kimmel / Dana Heyl
14 and Under Girls	C4	Saturday 1:30pm	Wed afternoons	Hank Kimmel /Liz Schultz

Given the increased level of tennis activity, it is important that we all adhere to BWBC’s court reservation rules:

- A. Courts may be reserved one day in advance. Reservations are on the hour.
- B. Two hours maximum reserved time.
- C. If players are not on the court within 10 minutes of the reserved time, the reservation is forfeited.
- D. Erase your reservation as early as possible if you are unable to play. This applies to ALTA team matches that are rescheduled as well as general play.
- E. Play under reserved time only once per day.
- F. T2 and KSwiss players must adhere to these sign up rules.
- G. ALTA teams will be scheduled by the Tennis Coordinators for their home matches but it is up to each captain to confirm that the courts have been reserved for each match.

The courts are in great shape this season! Maintenance on the clay courts was completed in March.

Please treat the clay courts with respect.

- If they are too wet, don’t play on them.
- Wear court shoes only on the clay courts. **DO NOT WEAR RUNNING SHOES ON THE CLAY COURTS** because they damage them.
- Do not use any of the courts for anything other than tennis.
- Do not allow your children to ride bikes, skate, play basketball or other games on the tennis courts. The courts are not designed for that type of use and those activities will damage them.
- Please keep your dog off the courts.

Please help us keep our courts in shape by following the steps below:

- A. Remove all trash from courts and place in the dumpster after play.

B. When playing on the clay courts, sweep court and clean lines after play.

C. Place used, unwanted balls in the trash receptacle.

Feel free to bring guests to the courts, but please remember to complete a guest slip and place it in the container at the sign up sheets. The fee for guests is \$3/day. If you have teenage children who play, please review the rules with them and remind them that they must fill out the guest slip when their non-member friends are playing with them.

For those of you interested in playing tennis, but not sure if you want to join a team, come out for the Round Robin on Memorial Day starting at 9 am. No registration is necessary; simply show up that morning ready to play. It is a great way to meet other players and have fun!