

2010 BWBC Newsletter



BWBC NEWS

President's Letter

As we begin 2010 and get ready to open the pool, we are in the process of making the following improvements: a new diving board, heater repair, clubhouse roof, resurfacing the clay courts and resurfacing the baby pool.

When will improvements be made to the rest of the facilities? That's the most frequent question I receive from members. While no decision has been made as of yet, the Board is in the process of identifying what needs to be done, how much it would cost, timing and funding options. One of the top priorities of the board is to determine what club improvements are most important to our members. 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 continued last summer was teenagers and young adults driving to the club and committing crimes late at night. So please be vigilant!

Finally, I would like to thank all the board members who finished their three year terms in December: Pam Brickhouse, Terri Katz, J.C. McBee, Carol Naughton, and Karen Ryals. Their experience was invaluable. We also have a number of board members that are new to the club and are bringing new ideas, as well as former board members returning for a 2nd term.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Work Day on April 17th 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 2010 BWBC Board is....

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Building and Grounds

WORK DAY:

Saturday, April 17th, 2010

9 am to 4 pm

If April 17th is completely rained out we will try for April 18th 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 Mark Speece (Speece09@gmail.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

2010 Pool News

Hours

The pool will be open for the general membership:

- Sat May 15 and Sun May 16 (12 – 9 PM)
- Closed May 17-20 Swim team only
- Open for the season beginning Friday May 21 (4 – 9 PM)
- June, July and August (10-9 PM) regular hours thru August 8
- Sat and Sunday August weekends thru September 12 open (10-9 PM)
- Aug 9 thru Aug 13 Pool open Mon, Wed, Friday at (M, W 4 – 8pm, F close 9 PM)
- Aug 16 thru Sept 5 Pool open Mon, Wed, Friday at (M, W 4 – 7pm, F close 9 PM)
- Labor Day party Mon Sept 6th Pool open
- Friday Sept 10 (4-9 PM)
- Closes for the season Sept 12

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 as you arrive. 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 upon your arrival. All guests are welcome - we just ask that they pay the daily \$3 fee or the holiday party fee of \$5. Please 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 pool member this season. We are looking for a mature 16 or older person to run the snack bar this coming summer. Must have access to your own vehicle and have parental support. The Hours this year will be 11-7 Sun – Thurs. and 11-9 Fri – Sat. (note: there will be two home swim meets that you will need to stay open late 6/1 & 6/15) We also will be looking for gate workers this year. You must be able to stop members to ask for them to sign in and to collect guest fees as people arrive. You can contact Robin Carter for further information or interest. robiniankeenan@comcast.net

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 2010 pool manager again. 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 robiniankeenan@comcast.net 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 Robin Carter, Board Member. The clubhouse is rented through Paige Feagin, Board Member – Please check the clubhouse calendar for those dates.

Lifeguards This year Swim Atlanta has asked us to email mail them with any problems that we may have with any life guard on duty. They want to know if anyone has any problems with the life guard

not doing their duty. Examples are; not in the life guards stands (no matter how many people at the pool), the pool water or deck dirty, talking to someone and not watching the pool, breaking longer than the 10 minutes, etc. This is to help with the safety of all of our children and other members. Swim Atlanta wants to know no matter how big or small. You can email the pool board member robiniankeenan@comcast.net . Thank you for your help to make the service better.

Social

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

1) Memorial Day Party - Monday, May 31

- 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 - Sunday, July 4th 1pm – 5pm

3) Labor Day Party - Monday, September 6th 1pm – 5pm

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

Also, please let your thoughts be known about our social activities. Email Michelle Webb at michellewebbe@aol.com or Margaret Buckalew at mbuckalew@comcast.net.

Membership

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

- **Joanne and Laurence Beer**
- **Kris Bisgard**
- **Lauren and Sean Lynch**
- **Matt and Jenny Nelson**
- **Patricia and Gerald Reichling**
- **Tena and Shelton Stevens**
- **Tricia and Wes Washington**
- **Mike and Pam Watson**
- **Kimmy and Rusty Umphenour**

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.

The final deadline for membership dues is April 15th to hold your family's spot.

Swim Team Update

The Barracudas will be back in the pool before you know it! We've been busily preparing for an exciting 2010 swim season!

Swim Team Registration Day will be Sunday, April 18th from 2:00 – 5:00 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 any items or ribbons leftover from last year. The team suit and cap design will be the same as last year. However, you may order new team suits, Barracuda towels and sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc...if you like as well. And due to new insurance required by the Dekalb Swim League for all teams, additional insurance for our coaches, plus an increase in League dues and County fees, the cost of registration will increase to \$115 per swimmer under the age of 16.

Barracuda Swim Team Coaching staff:

- **We are very excited to welcome Zack Schreer back as full time Head Coach.** He was our head coach 3 summers ago but worked in a support role while in graduate school the past 2 seasons. He is a math teacher at Pope High School in Cobb County and also coaches the swim team and water polo team there. He is a tremendous asset to the Barracuda family and is really looking forward to spending another summer with this team! Welcome home, Zack!
- **Taylor Dull**, returning assistant coach from last summer. She was new to our team last year, but with one year under her belt, she is very excited to return. Swimming competitively since she was 7 years old, Taylor brings a wealth of experience to this team and is a very talented technical swim instructor. She currently swims for Georgia Southern University and was previously captain of her Lakeside High school swim team.
- **Harrison Kauffman**, returning assistant coach from last summer. Harrison joined the Barracuda family 3 summers ago and is looking forward to college graduation this spring and is the process of selecting a law school to attend in the Fall. Harrison brings a special energy level, great rapport with all age groups, tremendous patience and team spirit that has won the hearts of this swim team.
- **Thea Kromer, new assistant coach.** Thea is a third year International Affairs major with a focus in Cultural Studies and Biology at Georgia Tech. She was a member of Georgia Tech's varsity Swim Team as well as former record holder. Prior to that, Thea began swimming at the age of 7 for her summer league in Northern Virginia, holding numerous team records and a league record in butterfly. She holds high school national records in the 200m Medley and 200m Free Relay. She's also coached at her neighborhood swim and tennis club for 3 summers so she's ready to hit the ground running with the Barracudas this summer.
- **3 Coaches in Training - Sam Armour, Katharine Carson and Kevin Claussen – new this season.** They will be instrumental in supporting the new "Little 'Cudas" program, assisting with 6 & under practices and on-going coach support. These 3 Barracudas will continue to swim competitively for the team but take on new responsibilities along side the coaches. We are very excited to welcome Sam, Katharine and Kevin to this coach-in-training opportunity.
- We will miss **Andrew Lybarger and Herman Ryals** this swim season. They are both studying overseas for the summer; Andrew in England and Herman in France. We wish them wonderful adventures abroad and look forward to seeing them around the pool next year.

Swim Team Practice will begin after school on Monday, May 10 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm Monday – Thursday, from 4:30 – 7:30 pm, May 10 – May 20, the pool will be used for swim team practice only. The breakdown of age group practices and location is listed on the website, www.BWBC.net under "swim team." Morning practices will begin on Monday, May 24th.

Important dates to put on your calendar - swim meets on Tuesday evenings –

- Mock Meet May 25 at BWBC
- June 1 – vs. Leslie Beach Club – at home

- June 8 – vs. Winding Vista – away
- June 15 – vs. Venetian - at home
- June 22 – vs. Clairmont - away
- June 29 - vs. Leafmore – away
- Sun. July 11 – Awards banquet
- The Dekalb County Swim Meet will be Thurs. and Fri., July 1 & 2 at Emory University.
- The state meet will be held in Carrollton, GA again this year on July 30-31.

Stroke Clinic: There will be an optional swim team stroke clinic held on Saturday and Sunday, May 8-9 . Both days, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm will be for 7 – 10 year olds, and 3:15 - 4:15 pm for 11 years old and up. The cost is \$15 per day/per swimmer. 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.

New!!! The “ Little ‘Cudas ” swim program will premier this summer! J

Designed for 3- 6 year olds who are not quite ready for the full swim team experience but might be interested for next year, this feeder program will focus on creating a comfort level in the water, floating, freestyle and backstroke swim techniques, breathing while swimming and an overall introduction to swimming with and as part of a team. The practices would be Mon., Wed., and Fri., from June 1 – June 29, from 11:00 – 11:30 am, with a mini-meet at a date TBD at the end with balloons and ribbons. Registration will occur on Sunday, April 18th from 2pm – 5pm. The registration fee will be \$65 and private swim lessons are always available as well. Please refer to the website for coach contact information in scheduling private lessons.

Tennis News

The tennis courts are very busy again this spring. We now have 8 ALTA teams – 3 women’s, 1 men’s and 4 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, practice times for the adult teams are consolidated 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	A4	Sunday 1pm	Thursday 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Sherry Howard
Sunday Women	C3	Sunday 1pm	Tuesday 6:00- 7:30pm	Joan Schlachter
Sunday Women	B3	Sunday 1pm	Thursday 7:30pm – 9:00pm	Pat Smith

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Men	B6	Saturday 9am	7:30-9:00pm	J.C. McBee
10 and Under Girls	C4	Saturday 1:30 pm	Monday afternoons 3:00 – 4:30pm	Hank Kimmel
12 and Under Girls	C4	Saturday 1:30 pm	Monday afternoons 4:30 to 6:00pm	Hank Kimmel
14 and Under Girls	C4	Saturday 1:30pm	Wed afternoons 4:30 to 6:00pm	Hank Kimmel
18 and Under Boys	C4	Saturday 3:30pm	Friday afternoons 4:45 – 6:00pm	Hank Kimmel

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.

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!