

Bluegrass Swim Club News

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Message from the Bluegrass Board

Welcome back to another wonderful summer of fun & sun! To give you a little bit of info, we would like to tell you just exactly what the Pool Board does to make your summer what it is!

The Board is elected by the members to ensure that our pool is a safe & enjoyable recreational area. We meet & work year-round to deliver these aims, meeting every month, even when the pool is closed.

The Board sets fees for the pool, maintains the budget, pays the bills, hires & trains staff, & sees to the physical construction & safety of the pool. The Board also maintains all records for the pool.

Since the closing of the pool last year, Board members have met monthly & have been to the pool to evaluate needed improvements for this year. In addition, Board Member Joe Fischer visited the pool every other week maintaining proper water level making sure the pipes didn't freeze & the cement did not crack.

The Board also works to ensure the pool meets the legal requirements



BOARD MEMBERS—2006

- Chairman**, Mary Jean Anderson anderson_m@summitcds.org
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- Website Design**, Greg McCarthy gregmc@cncjy.com
- Operations**, Mary Beth Peavler mbp@fuse.net

for opening & operation. Both the state & the county have regulations that all pools must meet on an ongoing & daily basis. The pool will be ready for passing inspection at its opening.

Details of swim lessons, the swim & dive team, social activities, & staff are in-

side. When these duties are complete, the Board can spend time on events. A full calendar of events is on page 4. Participation by the members "makes or breaks" events, so please give feedback to the Board.

The Bluegrass Swim Club Board

SOCIAL EVENTS & COMMUNICATION

Please take special note of the calendar of events posted on page 4 of this newsletter. We have planned many Family Events as well as Swim Team activities & other events as listed.

Some of the family activities include tie-dye t-shirts and a fun night at Bluegrass. These are being sponsored by the Swim & Dive team & more details will follow.

In addition, we will have the normal Summer Solstice

party in June & a Family Fun Day in August. Look for details at the pool!

ALL summer events will be advertised on the white board where the Coke machine was. This should increase awareness & participation of the events. If you have anything you'd like to see on this board, please contact Aimee Dickhaus. The white board in the entry way will contain swim lesson info & other items typically advertised by members.

As a reminder, the Board welcomes parties & gatherings at the pool. This may include a swim event for your baseball team or a child's birthday party. You must contact the Pool Manager at least one week prior to the event. A newly designed "reservation form" must be filled out completely & approved by the manager. All information requested must be provided to ensure that the Pool is best staffed for safety & service is-

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TAKE OUR AQUA AEROBICS POLL AT WWW.BLUEGRASSWIMCLUB.COM BY JUNE 1ST
 We may offer this based on the interest of the members...

ANNUAL DUES & BOND COSTS

In response to families in the pool, dues & bond costs for 2006 remained **THE SAME**. The Board asks members' assistance in timely payment of dues & in the sale of bonds available from the Board (we have about 23).

The biggest expenses to Bluegrass Pool are wages, the concession stand, & pool maintenance (incl. chemicals and water). The Club also has a significant annual mortgage interest.

The only way the pool raises money to operate is through the sale of ownership bonds & the annual dues. In order that the members may know how much money they have to run their pool each year, each person or family who owns a bond is required to pay their annual dues each year.

Cards will be required at the door all Summer long to protect the best value for your membership.

The dues this year will be: Family (> 3) \$375; Family (2 persons) \$335; Single \$315.

Additional passes available:

1. Babysitter (no name required for those w/ multiple sitters) \$100/yr per pass
2. Summer guest/relative living w/ member \$100/yr per pass

Bonds and transactions costs will be: Bluegrass will sell a bond for \$500, which includes a \$50 transfer fee.

Dues are due May 1, 2006 & afterwards a penalty will be assessed. Dues payments can be made to Heritage Bank, Dixie Highway, Ft. Wright. Payments directly to the bank are recorded fastest, & Board members & employees have been advised not to accept payments at the pool due to both liability & service reasons.

Per the Bylaws, any bondholder who does not pay dues may lose their bonds. After 2 consecutive years of unpaid dues, your bonds will be revoked. If you have bonds but have not paid dues in the past or cannot pay them this year, please contact: Bluegrass Swim Club (859) 331-2215.

2006 Staffing- The Board has authorized a contract with returning pool manager, Covington Catholic coach & teacher Mark O' Connor. He teaches English & coaches cross country at Cov Cath. Mark will be assisted by returning managers Ken Totten and Ben Mullen and a new manager, Brian Miller. Ken teaches at Cov Cath as well and Ben has continued to be a valuable part of our work force for many years. We welcome them back. Brian teaches at Summit Country Day and has a history of working with pools. We welcome his expertise. Should you have any questions or comments, please see one of the managers.

The Board will continue to staff the concession stand with adults, as that seemed to work much better last year than in the past. Maintenance staff will be a little larger this year, as the grounds need to be kept better this year. The Guards will once again be asked to provide extra service in the concession stand in their off-time. All of these changes will provide efficient service & increased pay while not raising dues for you.

We have also hired a new diving instructor— Heather Schurig. She comes very highly recommended and we welcome her to the pool!

2006 POOL RULES

Bluegrass Swim Club budgets for insurance and legal fees annually. It is the responsibility of the Board, all employees, and all members to make the pool a safe and clean place. To do that, here are key rules. These will be enforced in 2006.

NO RUNNING: There is no running in or around the pool area at any time.

DIVERS MUST USE THE BOARDS ALONE: No one may be accompanied going up or off the boards. No one may "catch" any other person off a diving board.

BABY POOL: No children over age 6 are to be in the baby pool. This includes during adult swim. No adults with chairs are to be in the baby pool water.

NO TRESPASSING: This is police patrolled for the safety of the children. Parents, advise kids they are not to jump the fence during Spring or any hours the pool is closed.

It is an offense that we will punish by law .

BABYSITTERS: All children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times at the pool.

CLEAN UP: All members are required to report spills, to throw away all cartons, containers, and trash they create, and to leave areas they use clean. The manager will ask you to return and clean your area. Violators will be reported to the Board for action.

BABY SPECIALTY DIAPERS: Children needing diapers must wear approved "swimming" specialty diapers. These are available at the front desk for a small fee. State and county law require the pool to **SHUT DOWN** to cycle water (*takes several hours*) for infant accidents.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

Friendly Reminder: *When a meet is at Bluegrass (At BG below), the pool closes at 4:00pm. Members' passes are honored at the pool of the team Bluegrass is swimming against. Directions to said pools are made available in advance at Bluegrass.*

SWIM TEAM		
6/15	BG	At Oakbrook
6/22	Beechwood	At BG
6/29	Ft. Thomas	At BG
7/6	5 Seasons	At BG
7/13	BG	At Brookwood
7/20	BG	At Taylor Mill

Swim Champ Meet Prelims Thursday 7/27 at Beechwood; Swim Champ Meet Finals Friday 7/28 at Beechwood.

Swim & Dive Team sign-ups will be at BG on Thursday, May 25 from 6:30-8pm. We would like at least 1 parent to attend. We will be presenting info about the swim & dive team, the Mike Bresser Scholarship, & our goal for NKSL corporate donations. We would also like to form a Parents' Boosters Organization. Hope to see you all there! **FOR ANY NEW SWIMMERS**, Pannell Swim Shop will be there & suits will be on sale. The swim & dive team is open to any Bluegrass member ages 5-18

DIVING

6/13	Oakbrook	At BG
6/20	BG	At Beechwood
6/27	BG	At Ft. Thomas
7/5	BG	At 5 Seasons
7/11	Brookwood	At BG
7/18	Taylor Mill	At BG

All Star Diving is on Friday 7/21 at Taylor Mill; All Star Swimming is Monday 7/24 at 5 Seasons.

Boys Champ Dive Meet Tues 7/25 at BG; Girls Champ Dive Meet Wed 7/26 at BG
POOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE 2 DAYS. Passes honored at any other pool.

POOL IMPROVEMENTS

We have made many improvements to the pool for the upcoming summer. An exhaust fan was added to the concession stand to help the airflow. The baby pool has been painted. New pole light fixtures are being added for security and long-term economy. New straight back chairs and lounge chairs are being purchased.

The women's shower fixtures are being replaced. The floor in the men's restroom will be painted. There will be 2 new baby changing stations in both the men's and women's restrooms.

The "white line" has been repainted around the perimeter of the pool. Any of those who grew up at Bluegrass probably remember spending some time on that white line...

Finally, speed bumps are being added to the parking lot, at each end of the building for the safety of those entering & exiting the pool.

Please remember to thank Joe Fischer & Mark O'Connor, who spend many hours of their own time soliciting bids as well as doing some of this work themselves.

Tied Dyed shirts is June 19 at 4pm. Senior night for swimming is 7/6 & Senior night for diving is 7/18. The Swim & Dive Team Banquet is July 31, 2006

Why Belong to Bluegrass?

We have the largest volume of outdoor swim water in the area, a unique elevated sun deck, a secure gated baby pool area, newly surfaced premier Duraflex diving boards, all located in a park-like setting with the same summer rates as 2004! Other features: a full service concession stand, award winning swim & dive teams, an athletic area with ping pong, full court basketball, & whiffle ball, & organized games & social activities.

SWIM LESSONS—SIGN UP

Bluegrass Swim Club is again offering swim lessons to members, taught by certified lifeguards, for a fee of \$10.00 per child, \$25.00 maximum per family. These lessons are designed to introduce children to the water & to provide basic life-saving skills. That being said, these lessons are **not** designed to meet accreditation or be progressive in a regimented fashion.

Swim lessons will be offered in three sessions: Session 1- June 12th-June 30th; Session 2 - July 10-July 28th; and Saturday session-June 17th-July 23rd 9a—9:45a. Weekday lessons are held Mon-Thurs for 1/2 hour. Fill out the form below showing time preference and level of lesson. Assignments will be made in order of postmark. Send the form and payment (\$10.00 per child, \$25.00 max per family) to: Mary Jean Anderson 824 Deena Drive Villa Hills, KY 41017

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Child's Name _____ Parent's name _____

Phone # _____ Bond # _____

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Circle **ONE CHOICE IN EACH COLUMN** below to indicate your preference:

SESSION	LEVEL	TIME
Session 1	Beginner 1 (little or no experience)	10:00-10:30
Session 2	Beginner 2 (comfortable in water, few skills)	10:30-11:00
Session 3	Advanced Beginner (comfy in deep water, some skills)	11:00-11:30
Saturdays	Swimmer	

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2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DESCRIPTION
May 25	Swim/Dive Team Signup	Chris Boehmer	6-7:30p Suit fitting; 6:30p Parent Mtg
May 26	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
May 27	Pool Opens	If dues aren't paid, contact the pool ASAP.	Pool opens at noon. You MUST show your membership cards.
May 27—September 4	Pool Open— Cards MUST be shown!	Manager Mark O'Connor	Hours: Mon-Thurs 12noon-9pm Friday & Saturday 10am-9pm Sunday 11am-9pm
June 5	Swim/Dive Team Practice	Chris Boehmer	First official practice.
June 14	Teen Night	Sponsored by Swim Team	Details at pool & on website.
June 19—4pm	Tie-Died T-shirts for all!	Sponsored by Swim Team	Bring your own shirts & rubber bands!
June 21	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
June 24 (Sat)	Summer Solstice Pig Roast	Aimee Dickhaus, Mary Jean Anderson, Kathleen Woods, Mary Beth Peavler	Food and Family Activities
July 12	Teen Night	Sponsored by Swim Team	Details at pool & on website.
July 16—6p-9p	Fun Night at BG for all members!	Sponsored by Swim/Dive Team	Parents vs. kids night!
July 15—July 22	Board Nominations Open		Nominations taken in writing at pool
July (date TBD)	Zoo Babies Visit	Mary Beth Peavler	Visit w/ animals from Cincinnati Zoo!
July 19	Pool Board Meeting	**	At Bluegrass Pool
July 31—August 21	Pool Board Elections		Balloting at the pool
July 31	Swim Team Banquet	Chris Boehmer	Details to follow.
August 13 (Sun)	Family Fun Day	Aimee Dickhaus, Mary Jean Anderson, Kathleen Woods, Mary Beth Peavler	Activities, Cookout, Movie in Pool
August 23	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
September 27	Pool Board Meeting	*	Place TBD
October 25	Pool Board Meeting	*	First meeting of the new Pool Board

* Bluegrass Bylaws posted at www.bluegrassswimclub.com require pool members to give notice to any pool board member that you will attend a given meeting.

** The Bylaws state that the July meeting is an open meeting, no pre-notice required to attend.

MEET THE BOARD—We are making an effort to make all of the members aware of who your Board is for the summer. We want you to know who to go to if any questions or issues arise. We will have pictures posted in the lobby with names as well as what each board member is responsible for. Do not hesitate to bring something to one of our attention. But most of all, enjoy the summer! We're very excited about this year!