

Bluegrass Swim Club News

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Message from the Bluegrass Board

Welcome back to another wonderful summer of fun & sun! 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.

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.

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



BOARD MEMBERS—2007

- Chairman**, Mary Jean Anderson anderson_m@summitcds.org
- Membership Director**, Aimee Dickhaus ddickhaus@yahoo.com
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- Secretary**, Kathleen Woods dkwoods2@fuse.net
- Social Committee Chair/Operations**, Mary Beth Peavler mbp@fuse.net
- Swim Lessons**, Mary Jean Anderson anderson_m@summitcds.org
- Swim Team**, Chris Boehmer tcboehmer@fuse.net
- Web Development and Design**, Greg McCarthy gregmc@one.net
- City Liaison and Parks Designee**, Kerry Neff kerryneff@aol.com

Details of swim lessons, the swim & dive team, social activities, & staff are inside. When these duties are complete, the Board can spend time on events. A full calendar of events is on page 4. Participa-

tion by the members “makes or breaks” events, so please give feedback to the Board. Also, there are 5 spaces up for election this year. Please contact one of us for more info!

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 directly outside the office once you enter the pool. If you have anything you'd like to see on this board, please contact Mary Beth Peavler. The white board in the entry way will contain swim lesson info & other items typically advertised by members. Feel free to ask permission to advertise for yourself on this board at the front desk.

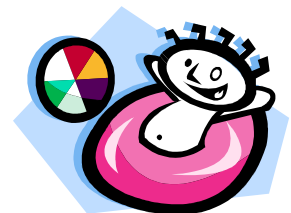
As a reminder, the Board welcomes parties & gatherings at the pool. This may include a swim event for your baseball team or a child's birthday party.

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 issues.

We are always looking for new things to do at the pool. If you have any ideas or questions/concerns, please see our Social Director, Mary Beth Peavler, or contact any one of the other Board members.

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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 10).

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, 2007 & afterwards a penalty will be assessed. Dues payments can be made to Heritage Bank, Dixie Highway, Ft. Wright. Board members & employees may not accept payments directly from members.

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.

2007 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 2007.

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 is punishable 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.

2007 Staffing- The Board has authorized a contract with returning pool managers, Brian Miller and Ben Mullen. Ben has done a wonderful job in the past and we look forward to a great summer with him again. Brian teaches at Summit Country Day and has a history of working with pools. Ben and Brian will be assisted this year by Heather Schurig, who was our diving instructor from last year. She will remain in this position as well as manage our pool. We welcome all of them back and look forward to a great year! 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.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

Friendly Reminder: When a meet is at Bluegrass (At BG below), the pool closes at 4pm. 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		
6/14	BG	At Beechwood
6/21	Brookwood	At BG
6/28	Oakbrook	At BG
7/5	BG	At Ft. Thomas
7/12	BG	At Brookwood
7/19	Taylor Mill	At BG

Swim Champ Meet Prelims Thursday 7/26 at 5 Seasons; Swim Champ Meet Finals Friday 7/27 at 5 Seasons.

Swim & Dive Team sign-ups will be at BG on Thursday, May 24 from 6:30-8pm. We would like at least 1 parent to attend. 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

6/12	Beechwood	At BG
6/19	BG	At Brookwood
6/26	BG	At Oakbrook
7/3	Ft. Thomas	At BG
7/10	Five Seasons	At BG
7/17	BG	At Taylor Mill

All Star Diving is on Wednesday 7/18 at Florence Aquatics; All Star Swimming is Monday 7/23 at Ludlow.

Boys Champ Dive Meet is on Tues 7/24 at Taylor Mill; Girls Champ Dive Meet is on Wed 7/25 at Taylor Mill

Senior night for swimming is 7/19 & Senior night for diving is 7/10. The Swim & Dive Team Banquet is July 30, 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, and organized games and social activities.

Bluegrass Swim and Dive Team Parents' Meeting

Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 there is a Team meeting for all parents. Please be sure to send at least one parent to the meeting. This meeting will be for parents only, please **NO CHILDREN**. You will be signing up your child for this swim and dive season, we will be setting up the calendar for the summer, we need volunteers to help with some committees, and we also need to talk about some things that the league is going to be doing this summer. We have dates for you to put on your calendar but start with this one and join us on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 at Bluegrass.

See other important dates on Calendar of Events page.

Join the Bluegrass Board of Directors. Five spots available this year!!
See one of the Board members for details...

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 11th-June 28th; Session 2 - July 9th-July 26th; and Saturday session-June 16th-July 21st 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



Child's Name _____ Parent's name _____
Phone # _____ Bond # _____

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
	Swimmer (Can swim, needs work on form & breathing)	



2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DESCRIPTION
May 22	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
May 23	Swim/Dive Team Signup	Chris Boehmer	7p Parent Meeting/Signups
May 26	Pool Opens	If dues aren't paid, contact the pool ASAP.	Pool opens at noon. You MUST show your membership cards.
May 26— September 3	Pool Open— Cards MUST be shown!	Managers Brian Miller, Ben Mullen, and Heather Schurig	Hours: Mon-Thurs 12noon-9pm Friday & Saturday 10am-9pm Sunday 11am-9pm
May 30 or 31	Computer Training	Swim/Dive Team	See Rosemary Mullen (if applicable)
June 4	Swim/Dive Team Practice	Chris Boehmer	First official practice/Pannell selling suits from 8:30a-10a
June 5	Diving Judges Clinic	Dive Team	At Taylor Mill—7pm
June 7 & June 13	Swim Officials Clinic	Rosemary Mullen	South Hills Civic Club—7pm
June 13	Teen Night	Sponsored by Swim Team	Details at pool & on website.
June 20—4pm	Tie-Died T-shirts for all!	Sponsored by Swim Team	Bring your own shirts & rubber bands!
June 20	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
June 23 (Sat)	Summer Solstice Party	Mary Beth Peavler	Food and Family Activities
June 27	Game Night	Sponsored by Swim Team	6:30p—9p
July 11	Teen Night	Sponsored by Swim Team	Details at pool & on website.
July 16-25	Board Nominations Open	(dates subject to change)	Nominations taken in writing at pool
July (date TBD)	Zoo Babies Visit	Mary Beth Peavler	Visit w/ animals from Cincinnati Zoo!
July 25	Pool Board Meeting	Open meeting—all invited!	At Bluegrass Pool
July 26—August 3	Pool Board Elections	(dates subject to change)	Balloting at the pool
July 31	Swim Team Banquet	Chris Boehmer	Details to follow.
August 12 (Sun)	Family Fun Day	Mary Beth Paevler	Activities, Cookout, Movie in Pool
August (TBD)	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
September (TBD)	Pool Board Meeting	*	Place TBD
October (TBD)	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.

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!