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From the Board

Welcome back to another wonderful summer of fun and sun! Since the closing of the pool last year, board members have met monthly and 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 and enjoyable recreational area. We meet and 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 and trains staff, and sees to the physical construction and 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 and operation. Both the state and the county have regulations that all pools must meet on an ongoing and daily basis. The pool will be ready for passing inspection at its opening. When these duties are complete, the board can spend time on events.

Details of swim lessons, the swim and dive team, social activities, and staff are inside. A full calendar of events is on page 3. Participation by the members "makes or breaks" events, so please give your feedback to the board.

Also, there are four board seats up for election this year. Please contact one of us for more info!

Annual Dues and Bond Cost

In response to rising costs of running the pool, an increase in the dues was necessary. The Board asks members' assistance in timely payment of dues and in the sale of bonds available from the Board (we have about 10).

The biggest expenses to Bluegrass Pool are wages, the concession stand, and 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 and the annual dues. In order that the members may know how much money they have to run their pool each year, each person or fam-

ily 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) \$395; Family (2 persons) \$355; Single \$335.

Additional passes available:

Babysitter (no name required for those with multiple sitters) \$100/yr per pass

summer guest/relative living with member

\$100/yr per pass

Social Events And Communications

Please take special note of the calendar of events posted on page four of this newsletter. We have planned many family events as well as swim team activities and other events as listed.

Some of the family activities include tie-dye t-shirts and multi-teen nights. These are being sponsored by the swim and dive team and more details will follow. In addition, we will have the normal Summer Solstice party and Ladies Luncheon in June and 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. 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 and other items typically advertised by members. Feel free to ask permission to advertise on this board at the front desk.

As a reminder, the board welcomes parties and 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 and approved by the manager. All information requested must be provided to ensure that the Pool is best staffed for safety and service issues.

Bonds and transactions costs will be as follows: Bluegrass will sell a bond for \$500, which includes a \$50 transfer fee. Dues are due May 1, 2007 and afterwards a penalty will be assessed. Dues payments can be made to Heritage bank, located at 1911 Dixie Highway, Ft. Wright.

Board members and employees may not accept payments directly from members. Per the byelaws, any bondholders who do not pay their dues may lose their bonds. After two consecutive years of unpaid dues, the bonds will be revoked. Members with unpaid dues or difficulties with payment this year should contact the club at (859)331-2215 and ask for the membership director."

2008 Staffing

The board has authorized a contract with returning pool managers, Brian Miller and Seth Jansen . Seth 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. We welcome both of them 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 and increased pay.

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.

Most of all, have a fun-filled summer and enjoy the activities!

Passes will be mailed to all those bondholders who have paid by May 15. Any person making payments after that, passes will be available at the front desk BUT only to those bondholders paid up to date.

PARENTS! Please speak to your children about trespassing at the pool. Anyone entering the pool premises when the pool is closed is very dangerous and punishable by law. BGSC is police patrolled. The club must press charges against offenders.



*Life Guard Positions Available
Contact Mary Jean Feldhaus
mjfeldhaus@fuse.net*

Why belong to Bluegrass Swim Club?

We have made many improvements to the pool for the upcoming summer including the purchase of a new pool cover and major plumbing repairs. The pool got a painting face lift and will be completely re-painted in the fall due to the amount of “dry” time necessary. Many changes have also occurred in the concessions stand and we hope you like them!

We have the largest volume of out-

door swim water in the area, a unique elevated sun deck, a secure gated baby pool area, newly re-surfaced premier Duraflex diving boards. All located in a park-like setting! Other features are a full service concession stand, award winning swim and dive teams, an athletic area with ping pong, full-court basketball, Wiffleball ball, organized games, and social activities.

VISION COMMITTEE



Projected baby pool mushroom.

The Bluegrass Swim Club Vision committee has been meeting over the winter months with in anticipation of the upcoming seasons. The committee consist of highly valued lifetime members and some newer members who gives us a nice cross section of the membership.

We are currently evaluating a slide and in-water basketball goal for the large pool. For the baby pool we're envisioning a water fountain or “mushroom” and a zero entry expansion on the north side of the pool.

Our goal is to have these items in place over the next five years funded by corporations and government grants taking advantage of our non-profit status.

Sound interesting? Join us! Contact Greg McCarthy gregmc@one.net for more info and meeting dates.

Bluegrass Breakers

The Bluegrass swim and dive team is a recreational swim and dive team that is a member of the Northern Kentucky Swim League (N.K.S.L.). The team has practices beginning in early June and the season ends in late July this year. The team practices are held Monday – Thursday. Dive team meets are held on Tuesday evenings and swim team meets are held on Thursday evenings at local NKSL clubs.

Open registration will be held at Bluegrass on Wednesday May 21st from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Representatives from Swimville USA will be there with our team suits and other accessories for anyone interested.

The team plans to have several activities throughout the season along with our end of the year banquet. The goal of the team is to help swimmers and divers sharpen their skills while having fun and making friends. It's a great way to spend your summer!

The swim and dive team is open to any Bluegrass member ages 5-18. To ensure the safety of our children it is important that your swimmer be able to complete one lap of the pool UNASSISTED prior to the beginning of the season.

Senior night for diving is Tuesday July 1st and Senior night for swimming is Thursday July 24th. In addition Bluegrass will be the hosting the 2008 N.K.S.L. All Star Swim Meeting which will be held on Monday July 28th.

Ever think about becoming a swim or diving official?

NKSL Swim Clinics:

We will conduct swim clinics on Wednesday, June 11 and June 18 starting at 7:00 p.m. at South hills Civic Club. The swim coaches are required to attend one of the clinics (either one is fine). Also, we ask any parents who will be officiating this year to attend one of the clinics. Like last year the NKSL will provide Certified Officials badges to all parents who attended.

NKSL Dive Clinic:

We plan on having a dive clinic on Tuesday, June 10, at Ft. Thomas Swim Club starting at 7 p.m. This clinic is mandatory for dive coaches. Parents who wish to be dive judges should also attend this clinic. Like the swim clinics, please get the word out.



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 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 and 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 two sessions: Session 1- June 9th-June 27th; Session 2 - July 7th-July 25th. These 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 Feldhaus 824 Deena Drive Villa Hills, KY 41017

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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
	Advanced Beginner (comfy in deep water, some skills)	11:00-11:30
	Swimmer (Can swim, needs work on form and breathing)	

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BOARD MEMBERS—2008

Bluegrass Swim Club

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Check the website for
more information and
calendar updates!
www.bluegrassswimclub.com

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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DESCRIPTION
May 21	Swim/Dive Team Signup	Chris Boehmer	6-7:30p Swimville here for suit fitting 6:30p Parent Meeting
May 23	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
May 24	Pool Opens 10 AM	If dues aren't paid, contact the pool ASAP.	Pool opens at noon. You MUST show your membership cards.
June 2	Swim/Dive Team Practice	Chris Boehmer	First official practice.
June 11	Teen Night	Sponsored by Swim Team	Details at pool and on website.
June 18	Ladies Luncheon	Mary Jean Feldhaus	Catered lunch and activities for ladies only!
June 18	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
June 20	Event TBD	Sponsored by Swim/Dive Team	TBD
June 21 (Sat)	Summer Solstice Party	Mary Beth Peavler	Food and Family Activities
June 27—4pm	Tie-Died T-shirts for all!	Sponsored by Swim Team	Bring your own shirts and rubber bands!
July 16	Teen Night	Sponsored by Swim Team	Details at pool and on website.
July 7—July 21	Board Nominations Open		Nominations taken in writing at pool
July (date TBA)	Zoo Babies Visit	Mary Beth Peavler	Visit with animals from Cincinnati Zoo!
July 16	Pool Board Meeting	** Open Meeting	At Bluegrass Pool
July 17-July 24	Pool Board Elections		Balloting at the pool
July TBA	Swim Team Banquet	Chris Boehmer	Details to follow.
August 17	Family Fun Day	Mary Beth Peavler	Activities, Cookout, Movie in Pool
August 20	Pool Board Meeting	*	At Bluegrass Pool
September 1	Last day of the season	PARTY LARGE!	
September/October (date TBA)	Pool Board Meeting	*	October is the 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.

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