

Rose Tree Woods Swim Club 2010 News Briefs

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Membership Update

As we prepare for the 2010 season, we look back fondly at a very enjoyable 2009 season. The facility in general was in great shape. The offices, snack bar, pool, and grounds had all been updated over the past couple winters. Upgrades included capital projects such as the new baby pool, a facelift for the front of the building, and removal of some very unattractive siding. Additionally new awnings, umbrellas, and chairs were added. New sod was put in place and several trees were cut down and removed.

We will continue to build upon the quality of our facility. To achieve this we will be focusing on improving the condition of our pools and addressing a significant drainage issue. The aging pools have resulted in increased maintenance costs and will require upgrades at the end of the 2010 season. The drainage issue became evident when substantial rainfall flooded the lap pool on several occasions in 2009. The lap pool needed to be drained and refilled resulting in added staff and equipment costs. During this time the lap pool was not available to our members. As a result we prioritized this issue and are discussing options for rechanneling the natural rain runoff.

In order to begin addressing these issues, combined with increased general operating expenses, the 2010 dues will be moderately increased. The new dues structure effective for the 2010 season is as follows:

- **\$325 Single Dues (one person)**
- **\$380 Couple Dues (two people)**
- **\$500 Family Dues (three or more people)**

Invoices

Invoices for the 2010 season will be mailed on March 1st. Please review your invoice upon receipt and make any corrections on the invoice. Invoice payments must be postmarked by April 1st to avoid the late penalty. In addition to the traditional method of paying by check, we are introducing the PayPal payment method as an added convenience. If paying by check, the invoice must be returned

with a check so that we can update our records correctly. PayPal instructions are included on your invoice and at www.RoseTreeWoods.org.

Babysitter / Nanny Membership

A babysitter/nanny membership is available. **(Babysitters will not be listed as a line item on invoices.)** Please note: The babysitter may only be at the pool with the child/children he/she is babysitting. The babysitter membership is only \$100 for the entire season. The babysitter membership cards can be purchased at the office during hours of operation.

Selling Your Bond

If you want to sell your bond, you must return your invoice by April 1st along with your instructions to sell your bond to avoid having the \$150 lien applied to your bond.

Key Membership Dates

Please read the following new process. These changes will eliminate the challenges we've experienced with payments and RTW not being at full membership each summer.

4/1/2010 – Last day for 2010 dues without penalty

4/2/2010 – \$50 unpaid dues late fee

4/16/2010 – \$100 unpaid dues late fee

5/1/2010 – Unpaid families will receive a certified letter that their bond will be sold on 5/15/2010. A \$150 lien will be applied to the bond value.

5/16/2010 – Families on the wait list will receive bond membership offers.

Wait List

If your friends and neighbors are interested in a membership, they should submit an on-line application at www.RoseTreeWoods.org to get on our waiting list.

Guest Passes

The cost of guest passes was re-evaluated and the 2010 costs are as follows:

- Pre-season Weekday - \$5 per person
- Pre-season Weekend - \$10 per person

- Regular season - \$10 per person
- After 5 PM any day - \$5 per person

Guest pass cards are sold at the office for \$50 and are good for 7 uses. Passes must be used in the season purchased. Guest passes may only be purchased by members. Guests may only use the pool while the sponsoring member is present.

General Information and Inquiries

<http://www.RoseTreeWoods.org>

Visit our website for all the latest information and pictures. You can view the RTW calendar, swim team, membership information, job openings, rules & regulations, bylaws, almost anything you would want to know. You can also email the Board of Directors or any committee from the website. This is the best way to get questions answered as there is not always someone at the pool available to answer questions and resolve problems. Any membership questions should be emailed to RoseTreeWoods@verizon.net. Emails will be answered much quicker than telephone calls.

Deep Water Testing

All members and guests under age 13 will be required to complete the deep water test before they are allowed on the slide or in pools other than the baby pool. Upon successful completion of the Deep Water Test, the Pool Manager will award a Deep Water Badge to the child. This badge will be verified by the guards to ensure the safety of our children.

The Deep Water test will be a 2-part test:

1. Two laps of lap pool without a break between the laps (with only a touch of the wall when doing laps and not a rest).
2. Treading water for 1 minute. Start treading water no more than 30 seconds after the completion of the 2nd lap.

Swim & Dive Team



The swim & dive team is open to all RTW members age 18 and under. A varsity or JV swimmer must be able to swim at least 2 laps of freestyle and 2 laps of backstroke continuously.

The pre-team is primarily for 5-10 year olds interested in swimming, but not yet proficient in backstroke and freestyle. Goals of the pre-team are to have fun, learn to swim, take part in mini-meets, and eventually participate as a varsity/JV swimmer. To join the pre-team, each swimmer must be able to safely and confidently swim 2 laps continuously and tread water for 1 minute. All pre-team members are entitled to join the team at all events.

We are working on securing an indoor pool in May to hold tryouts and pre-season practices. Please check the Swim & Dive Team page at www.rosetreewoods.org in April for the pre-season practice schedule and other team updates.

Additional tryouts will be held from June 1st to June 4th and from June 7th to June 11th from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. at RTW. The swim coaches have the final decision on the placement of each swimmer.

Diving Team

Divers, in order to participate on the team, are expected to already be familiar with performing a standing or running dive from the 1 meter board. Divers must be not only willing to learn the various dives, but have the intention that he/she will participate in a diving competition.

Swimming and Diving Lessons

Swimming and diving lessons will be available again this year. Lessons consist of 4 half hour sessions. The cost is \$70 for private lessons and \$35 per child for semi-private (2 to 3 in group). All lessons are taught by the swim/dive coaches.

Please respect your lifeguards!

They learn skills they hope they never have to use. They sweat and they burn, literally. They save lives and often don't even get a thank-you. The job is to lifeguard, and it is tougher than most people think! Please respect the lifeguards and their authority around the pool this swim season!

Lifeguards are on the job to keep everyone safe!

Opening Day is Saturday, May 29th.