

Rose Tree Woods Swim Club- Over 50 Years of FUN!

2010 Newsletter

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www.RoseTreeWoods.org

Opening Day Saturday, May 29th

Preseason: Saturday, May 29 – Friday, June 18

Monday – Thursday 3:30PM – 6:30PM

Friday 3:30 PM – 8 PM

Saturday & Sunday 11 AM – 8:30 PM

Season: Saturday June 19–Monday, September 6

Saturday – Thursday 11 AM – 8:30 PM

Friday 11 AM – 9:30 PM

Membership Card Scanning

You must present your membership cards when entering the pool grounds or you will be asked to go home and get them before you are allowed to enter the pool. There will be no exceptions.

Each member's card must be scanned every time he/she enters the pool.

All family members and guests must stay by the office window while cards are scanned.

Snack Bar

Welcome back to Rocky, his family and their staff to the Summer of 2010 at RTW. Look for some exciting changes to our Snack Bar menu. Smaller sandwiches or “mini’s” will be added to the menu for those smaller appetites or the kids in the family. Whole fresh fruit will also be for sale providing a healthy choice for our families. Again, there will be a trial of freshly prepared wraps offering another light and refreshing option. As always don't forget the pizza, burgers and fries! Come take a look a try out some of our new ideas offered at the Snack Bar.

Guest Fees

Pre-season - \$5 per person, \$10 weekends

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 Membership Meetings

There will be two General Membership meetings this summer. The first is Sunday, July 18th during Member Appreciation Day. The second is Sunday, August 29th. Board of Director nominations will be accepted at the August meeting. If an election is necessary, voting will end Sunday, September 5th at 8:30 PM.

Membership Information

All dues and late fees must be paid in full before membership cards will be issued.

A **Family membership** is limited to people living in the same house. Membership cards can ONLY be used by the person whose name is printed on the card.

We will be performing an audit of memberships to verify compliance. Please cooperate with the committee members if you are asked for verification that everyone on your membership lives in the same home.

Babysitters: A babysitter membership card is available at the office. This person can only be at the pool with the child/children he/she is babysitting. The babysitter membership is only \$100 for the entire season.

To sell your bond, you must send a letter or email prior to the date your invoice is due. A \$150 bond lien will be deducted from the bond value of any bond member (not currently on the sell list) whose dues are not paid by the invoice due date. If dues are not paid for two years, the bond value will be \$0 and the bond will be considered sold.

Membership information

Please send an email with your request or question to: RoseTreeWoods@verizon.net

Social Committee Update

Greetings to all members from the Socials Committee! We have the following events planned for the Summer of 2010. Please mark your calendar for the following events:

Youth Splash Party Dates

- Monday, June 21, 2010 7:00 – 10:00

- Monday July 19, 2010 7:00 – 10:00
- Sunday August 22, 2010 7:00 – 10:00

Adult

- Beef and Beer - Saturday, July 17, 2010 - 7:00 – 11:00
- Wine and Cheese - Saturday, August 21, 2010 - 8:00 – 11:00

We hope you can attend!

Other Activities

1000 Lap Club - All members who complete 1000 laps in the lap pool will receive a T-Shirt. You must sign up at the office, and keep track of your laps.

Tube Nights – Tubes and noodles (only) are permitted in the T-Pool on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6 PM until closing.

www.RoseTreeWoods.org

Visit our website, www.RoseTreeWoods.org. We will update the site often with pool news. Please send any news and digital pictures to RoseTreeWoods@verizon.net.

Swim Lessons

The Swim Team coaches are offering private and semi-private swim lessons. Parents must form their own semi-private group of 2 to 3 children. Lessons are held Monday through Thursday (rain day Friday). Please sign up with the swim team coaches or at the front office. Payment must be made at time of the reservation. The cost is \$70 for private and \$35 for semi-private for four ½ hour lessons, and will be held through June & July. This schedule may be expanded to additional weeks depending on demand for swim lessons. Two lanes in the lap pool will be reserved during lessons.

Swim & Dive Team

Swimming Coaches – Head Coaches: Christie Lawler & Richie Clark, Asst. Coaches: Missy Dudkin, Carlee Moir, & Lauren Huston, Pre-team Coach: Tom Wing. Diving Coaches – Head Coach: Lauren DePaul, Asst. Coach: Ben Moldoff

Buy Your Sunscreen and Swim Goggles at RTW! Goggles will be sold at the front office. The cost is \$10 and all proceeds support the Swim & Dive Team. The Team will also be selling sunscreen. Donna Mugler of Mary Kay Cosmetics will donate 100% of her profits on sales of SPF 30 sunscreen between now and Sunday, June 20. Tubes are \$12 each. After sun

gel and SPF 15 lip balm are also available. Order forms are available at the front office.

Swim Team Tryouts

We will hold tryouts for the Pre-team and Varsity/JV team the week of June 1 (Tues.-Fri.) and the week of June 7 (Mon. – Fri.) at 5:30 p.m. All new members must attend a tryout session. All swimmers must be able to swim at least 2 laps of free style and 2 laps of backstroke to be on the Varsity/JV swim team.

Pre-Team

This is for new team members not quite ready for the Varsity/JV team. To be on the pre-team, a child must be able to confidently and safely swim 2 laps of the pool, tread water for one minute and float on their back. They do not have to be proficient in freestyle or backstroke. Practices are in the evenings. Pre-team members are part of the RTW Swim Team and are encouraged to attend all events, including mini meets and the end-of-season banquet.

Swim & Dive Meets and Activities Schedule:

Please refer to the calendar on the website. Visit www.RoseTreeWoods.org for news and updates!

After School Swim & Dive Team Practice Schedule:

JV/Varsity Swim Team - June 1 through June 18 (Mon. thru Fri.)

4:00 – 4:45 PM for 11 years old and older

4:45 – 5:30 PM for 10 years old and under

Pre-team - June 14 - June 18

Practice will be from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. (Mon. thru Fri.)

Dive Team – June 1 through June 18

5:00 - 5:45 ages 13 and up

5:45 - 6:30 ages 12 and under

June 21st – Regular season swim & dive practice begins

Swim Team:

8:30 – 9:30 AM Blue Practice Group

9:30 – 11:00 AM Red Practice Group

10:00 – 11:00 AM All 8 and unders

The blue practice will be for those that still need to master the four strokes, starts and turns. The red practice will be for the team members that can legally swim two laps of each stroke, do a start off the block and a flip turn. The coaches will let the children know before morning practices begin which group they are assigned to.

Pre-Team

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mon., Tues, & Thurs.

Please be aware that some Tuesdays may change to Friday due to JV meets.

2 lanes of the lap pool will be reserved for the pre-team practices.

Dive Team:

10:00–11:00 a.m. 10 & under and 14 & under age groups

11:00 - noon: 12 & under and 15 & up age groups

Pool Staff

We would like to introduce you the Rose Tree Woods staff this year.

Our pool managers are J. Kuciapinski, L. Beister and M. Mulligan.

Our office manager is A. Moldoff.

The life guards are C. Moir, C. Vassallo, T. Wing, K. Clark, L. Huston, M. Kirk, D. McAndrews, R. Moir, B. Talley, S. Wing, M. Capuzzi, B. Moldoff, K. Steck, T. Trent, J. Wing, R. Fulmer, K. Karsh, M. Kelly, P. McAndrews, K. Megonigal, I. Rose, A. Vassallo, M. Ward, T. Knox, G. O'Rangers, S. Geida, and K. Fulmer.

Our office staff is A. Mulligan, A. Lake, A. Lanza, K. Milliken, A. Emhof, J. Hislop, E. Thornton, C. Bohn, S. Greco, C. Callaghan, M. Collins, K. Myers, and C. Morrow.

We look forward to meeting and talking with you this season.

Board of Directors

President: Rich Caesar

Vice President: Joe DiCicco

2nd Vice President: Denise Talley

Secretary: Donna Vassallo

Treasurer: Glenn Seagraves

Committees:

Golf Course & Games: Bill Fulmer (chair), Dave Collins, Jim Benedetti

Finance: Glenn Seagraves & Mike Capuzzi (co-chair), Linda Clark, Arlene Moldoff

Hiring: Arlene Moldoff (chair), Donna Vassallo, Linda Clark, Bill Dellaratta, Cara Wing

Long Range Planning: Dave Collins (chair), Bill Fulmer, Mike Capuzzi, Bill Dellaratta, Glenn Seagraves

Nominating: Cara Wing (chair)

Pool & Grounds: Joe DiCicco & Rich Caesar (co-chair), Bill Fulmer, Greg McAndrews, Joe Bruno, Dave Collins, Donna Vassallo, Bill Dellaratta

Rules & Regulations: Donna Vassallo (chair), Cara Wing, Glenn Seagraves

Snack Bar: Rich Caesar (chair), Donna Vassallo, Greg McAndrews, Jim Benedetti

Socials: Greg McAndrews (chair), Rich Kirk, Karen Myers, Denise Talley

Swim Team: Linda Clark & Karen Myers (co-chair), Linda Kirk, Eric VanBlunk, Arlene Moldoff

Safety, Compliance, and Operations: Glenn Seagraves (chair), Bill Dellaratta

Newsletter & Website: Rich Kirk (Chair)

Membership: Rich Kirk (chair), Joe DiCicco, Greg McAndrews, Arlene Moldoff, Cara Wing, Joe Bruno, Denise Talley, Rich Caesar

As a bondholder, you are also a part owner of the pool. The Board of Directors meets monthly during the year to discuss pool business. They are responsible for making decisions in the best interest of the Swim Club. Joining the Board of Directors is a great way to learn how the pool operates, take pride in running it, and meet all the great families that belong to the pool. There are several positions up for election every year. The Board of Directors encourages all members to get involved in pool affairs. Please plan to attend the general membership meetings. If you want to be involved without the requirement of attending monthly meetings, please speak to any board member or the pool manager to volunteer for a committee. The more people involved in the planning, the more the Board will be able to serve the membership. All members are eligible to join one or more committees.

Security

The security system has been updated due to the increase in vandalism. Cameras have been installed and activity will be recorded when the pool is closed.

Poolside with the President

Summer is fast approaching and we are in the process of our yearly clean up at Rose Tree Woods Swim Club. During this off season the Board of Directors has several challenges to address. We resolved the leak in the Lap Pool last year but this off season we were confronted with flooding of the Lap Pool. I am happy to report that we are moving forward with an aggressive plan to mitigate the water runoff, thus

correcting the flooding of the Lap Pool. With the help of Erb Engineers, Excavators, and Contractors we have a plan to resolve are drainage issues by installing a drainage swale at the base of the hill. We have also improved the RTW website. It has been upgraded and more information is readily available on line. This year, for your convenience, we offered the use of Pay Pal for your membership dues and it was a great success. RTW is also going green! Working with the township we are now able to separate our recyclable items. Let's make an effort to all pitch in. The harsh winter did take a toll on the grounds and we were forced to remove the damaged trees and bushes. We hope the summer is kind to us this year.

We are very fortunate at RTW that, once again, our membership is full and we have a waiting list. With the current state of the economy there are many pools in the area that are closing or are experiencing declining memberships. It is because of our membership that we are permitted to make the necessary repairs and upgrades to keep RTW as one of the best facilities in the area. However the cost of everything seems to be rising and we were forced to adjust dues this year. We strive each year to address the necessary repairs and improvements while keeping dues in check.

The committees are in place and each board member is working hard to make the summer successful. This year we expect a full social calendar and hope you take advantage of our social events. Jeff, Lou and Marissa will be returning to their respective management positions as well as much of last year's staff.

As always, your Board of Directors, Managers and Staff work hard to make RTW a fun place to spend the summer. We ask all members recognize this effort and be respectful of the rules and regulation as well as other members. Please participate in the activities and stay safe while doing so. We would like to welcome back our returning members and welcome our new members.

Think sun, and have a safe summer.

Rich

Rules & Regulations

Members and Guests

1. Members are entitled to admission to the Club when all financial obligations have been met.
2. Club members will be admitted only with their membership cards, which are nontransferable. If

their card is lost a \$5 replacement card fee will be charged.

3. An adult or babysitter must accompany all children under the age of 10 at all times.
4. An adult or babysitter must always accompany children that are ages 10 through 12 unless they have passed our water safety test.
5. An adult or babysitter must always accompany children that are under 12 or not yet entering the seventh grade, after 7:00 PM or they must leave the pool grounds. An adult is someone at least eighteen years or older.
6. Guests are permitted only when accompanied and registered by a Club member. When the Club member leaves, the guest must also leave.
7. Guests are responsible to follow all of the same rules and regulations as members.
8. Guest fees are to be paid upon entry and are set by the Board. Rain passes will be issued if inclement weather closes the Club before 2:00 PM. These passes will follow usual guest restrictions.
9. Babysitters are not considered family members, but can be included in your membership for an additional fee. The baby sitter must accompany at least one person in the family of a member to use the facilities.

Pools and Grounds

1. The Club hours are listed in the Newsletter, on the website, and on the bulletin board. The standard hours may be altered by the manager or for social or team activities.
2. No one is to enter the T- pool or the lap pool without a lifeguard on the stand.
3. The lap pool is for continuous swimming or lap walking. Enter from the ends. More than one person may use the same lane. At the manager's discretion, the lap pool may be used for general swimming. The lap pool will close early when there are home swim meets.
4. The starting blocks at the lap pool are to be used only under the direct supervision of the swim coaches.
5. The T-pool may be cleared for part of every hour for an adult swim.
6. Children in diapers (not trained) must wear a disposable swim diaper AND a bathing suit at all times, in and out of the water. All diaper changing must be performed in the restroom for the health and safety of all members. We recommend and encourage frequent diaper changes.

7. The wading pool is for children under nine years of age. They must be supervised by an adult at all times.
8. The water safety test is required for children under the age of thirteen before they will be allowed to use the deep water area of the T-pool or the lap pool or the water slide, renewed annually. The Deep Water Test will be a 2-part test.
 1. Two laps of lap pool without a break between 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 completion of 2nd lap. Any child who has not successfully completed the water safety test must be accompanied by an adult in the T-pool or the lap pool. Upon successful completion of the water safety test, the child will be given a badge which they must wear on their swim suit at all times. Replacement badges will be available at a fee of \$1.00.
9. Guests and members will be permitted to use the water slide if they are at least 48 inches tall or have passed the water safety test.
10. Only Coast Guard approved life vests will be allowed for use as flotation devices. An adult must accompany any child wearing an approved life vest in the water at all times. Swimmies and comparable devices will not be allowed. All other equipment such as beach balls, water spray devices, etc. must be approved by the manager before being used at the Club.
11. Any unauthorized individual found on Club grounds will be considered a trespasser and will be prosecuted. Membership privileges will be suspended.
12. Eating is only permitted in the snack stand dining area. Drinks are permitted outside the dining area when in covered, non-glass containers.
13. Do not hang anything from the supports of any awnings erected on pool property.
14. Adults and children may not hang, lean or swing from the supports of any awnings erected on pool property.

Health and Safety

1. All health and safety rules must be observed as posted.
2. Maximum speed limit in the parking lot is 5 M.P.H.
3. Parking and fire zone restrictions are to be obeyed at all times.

4. Individuals with open wounds, sores or skin infections will not be permitted into the water without a doctor's note.
5. Paging of members is for Emergency Only.
6. The following are prohibited at Rose Tree Woods:
 - Running, pushing, wrestling, bothersome ball playing
 - Use of glass containers, including baby food bottles and jars
 - Animals
 - Loitering, playing, or smoking in the locker rooms. or loitering at the front desk area
 - Illegal substances
 - Gambling
 - Abusive language
 - Smoking at pool side
 - Skateboards and scooters
 - Wearing cut-offs, sweats, etc. in the pools
 - Alcoholic beverages during normal operating hours
 - Unauthorized use of dumpsters or unauthorized dumping on pool grounds
 - Spitting or nose blowing in the pools

Enforcement of Rules

1. The Club managers and lifeguards are authorized to enforce these rules and regulations. Members who violate these rules are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the manager on duty, including possible short-term expulsion.
2. Any conduct which does not meet with the ethical standards of the Club shall be referred to the Rules and Regulations Committee for appropriate action.
3. The Rules and Regulation Committee shall have the authority to issue suspensions for infractions of these rules, except where the penalties are already set.
4. These rules may be supplemented or revised at any time. Such changes will be posted on the bulletin board.
5. Repeated infractions of the rules by a minor will result in a written letter to the guardians of the minor.
6. The necessity of a third written letter of rule violation will result in removal of all pool privileges for the remainder of the season.