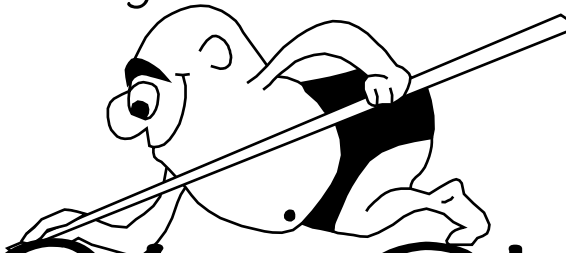

View Ridge Swim & Tennis Club



August, 2010

POOL CUES



Slide Update

Sorry about the delay of this newsletter. We had hoped to time it with the opening of our slide. Because of the need to get out the August schedule, we decided to publish now and see if this documents beats the slide's go-ahead.

We continue to edge closer. The slide drains are now compliant with federal law. New treads for the steps have arrived and will be installed today. The first step should have been poured by the time you get this. The head of the King County Health Department, who gave us our variance to have the slide, said he would personally handle the inspection and the final OK.

History

To catch up our new members, what follows is a quick history of why it's taken so long to open our slide.

When we sat around a table with our pool contractor before starting our remodel and showed them the plans they said, "There's no way you're going to get permission to put in a drop slide." The reason that they might have been right is that Washington State is the place where "the big accident" happened. A

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Slide Rules

You'll notice that we have signs up on the slide. These are one of the many requirements of opening it. We opted to put up the generic ones that WhiteWater provides. We will replace these with more specific rules as we see how the slide is used. We want to emphasize the following:

- Always go down feet first.
- Wait until the guard gives the signal to go down.
- After going down the slide, immediately get out at the side of the deep end.
- No goggles.

Our plan is to have the slide open during most of our open hours. It looks like the slide will require a guard at the top, although we might see what happens on colder days with few swimmers. We're still trying to figure out how the "line" might look. We're thinking two at the top - the steps don't look like a very good waiting area. We hope to be more specific as time goes on.

We can say that we will be very strict. Also, keep in mind that the deep end will now be off limits to swimmers. When you see the slide in action, you'll understand the potential danger of a collision if someone is below the slider.

The View Ridge Water Show
Saturday, August 7th
8:30 pm

teenager broke his neck in a backyard pool in Yakima. The settlement was many millions. But they also sued the organization who set the diving board standards. That judgement was 12 million. As a result, the Health Department, who oversees swimming pool construction and operation, has developed rigid standards for diving boards and slides. Since a drop slide is above the water level, the bottom of the pool has to meet certain criteria. By a mistake in pouring the bottom, we are 4" too shallow. As a result, our slide request was turned down. We then asked for a variance. After some time we were granted permission to proceed - but because it was a variance, we had to meet a list of requirements.

Enter the Virginia Graeme Baker Act. This law was passed several summers ago in response to the drowning of the ex-Secretary of State James Baker's granddaughter. Her hair got sucked in the drain of a backyard spa. As a result of this accident - and many more involving drains - all pools have to comply with this new law. Last summer we even had a visit from a representative from Washington DC, impressing on us how serious they will take this requirement. The irony is that Washington State has always had strict drain laws. We are perfectly safe without special covers, but federal laws trump.

We got the Health Department to accept a fix to our main drains. This took almost a year. This solution allowed us to meet the laws guidelines without digging up the bottoms of the pool. We thought we had a solution to the drains for the slide. These are located on the wall of the deep end. When we emptied the pool in March, we installed the best drain covers on the market. We got inspected and were on our way. We then ordered our slide. (Remember, our slide isn't something you order from a catalog. It's custom made by WhiteWater, a Canadian company.) Then two weeks later we received a letter from the Health Department rescinding our approval. The covers we had installed were tested for the bottom of pools, not the sides. The federal law is clear on this. After spending a few weeks trying to get the Health Department to accept a "work around" it was clear that the only solution was new covers. Our original pool contractor said they would do it if we drained the pool for a week. We got our old friends, The Watermill in Lake City, to come in with diving gear. Those covers are now in place. That means, as of this article, we have two remaining items. The treads that cover the metal stairs were manufactured wrong. Yesterday they arrived and will be installed today. (Understand - we are a very small project for WhiteWater. For instance, Claude, one of our original



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installers, isn't available because he's in the Bahamas installing a major water park.) Just as we were about to go to press Peter got the call that Rob of Goudy Construction will come in on Monday and form and pour the first step. When these details are done, we will ask Phil of the Health Department to come out and inspect.

Again, this slide is unique. It's taken a long time and we appreciate your patience. Enjoy!

Remaining Schedule

As swim team finishes and we move into water polo season, the schedule gets a bit more complicated. Water polo balls are hard and fly fast. You don't want to be swimming laps at these times. Refer to the calendars to see when the pool and lap lanes are available.

Also check out the online calendar for links to more details about activities and events.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 All City Meet @ Lakeridge 4:00 pm	4 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 11:00 - 1:00 Member Lesson Registration Open Swim 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Water Polo Pool Closes @ 6:00 pm	5 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 11:00 - 1:00 Nonmember Lesson Registration Open Swim 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Swim Team Banquet 6:00 pm Pool Open	6 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 Water Polo 9:00 - 12:00 Open Swim 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm	7 Cardio Clinic 9:00 - 10:00 am Adult Tennis Lessons Session 3 10:00 - Noon Water Show 8:30 PM Pool closes @ 5:00
8 Open Swim 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	9 Lesson Session 4 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	10 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim Noon - 6:00 pm Water Polo Pool Closes @ 6:00 pm	11 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	12 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm "Costume" Pizza and Bingo 6:00 pm	13 Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Water Polo 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Open Swim 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm Youth Tennis Tournament	14 Open Swim 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Cardio Clinic 9:00 - 10:00 am Adult Tennis Lessons 10:00 - Noon Doubles Tennis Tournament
15 Open Swim 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Doubles Tennis Tournament Tennis Team Banquet 6:00 pm	16 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	17 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	18 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	19 Morning Swim 6:00 - 8:00 10:00 - Noon Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm Water Polo Pool Closes @ 6:00 pm	20 Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Water Polo 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Open Swim 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	21 Open Swim 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Cardio Clinic 9:00 - 10:00 am Adult Tennis Lessons 10:00 - Noon
22 Open Swim 10:00 am - 9:00 pm	23 Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	24 Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	25 Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	26 Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	27 Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Water Polo 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Open Swim 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	28 Open Swim 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Cardio Clinic 9:00 - 10:00 am Adult Tennis Lessons 10:00 - Noon
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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	2 Early Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Open Swim Noon - 4:00 pm Water Polo Pool Closes @ 4:00 pm	3 Early Morning Swim 6:00 am - 8:00 am Open Swim Noon - 9:00 pm	4 Open Swim 10:00 pm - 9:00 pm
5 Open Swim 10:00 pm - 9:00 pm	6 Open Swim 10:00-7:00 Labor Day <i>No Parties</i>	7 Early Morning Swim 6:00 am - 7:00 am Open Swim 4:00-7:00 <i>No Parties</i>	8 Early Morning Swim 6:00 am - 7:00 am Open Swim 4:00-7:00 <i>No Parties</i>	9 Early Morning Swim 6:00 am - 7:00 am Open Swim 4:00-7:00 <i>No Parties</i>	10 Early Morning Swim 6:00 am - 7:00 am Open Swim 4:00-7:00 <i>No Parties</i> Wine and Cheese Party 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	11 Open Swim 10:00 - 8:00 <i>No Guests</i> Adult Tennis Lessons Session 4 10:00 - Noon
12 Open Swim 10:00 - 6:00 <i>No Guests</i> Last Day Adult Tennis Lessons Session 4 10:00 - Noon						