

Gower Pool

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Dear Gower Pool Members,

Welcome to the 2016 summer season of Gower Estates Pool! It is truly an honor to be a part of this unique and supportive group of friends that make up our Gower Family.

The state of the pool and the Gower family is as healthy as ever. Membership is strong and we continue to have a long waiting list. A tremendous thank you to our 2015 board president **Harrison Cline** and the rest of the Pool Board for another outstanding year. Harrison continues to serve this year as our board swim team representative and we are truly thankful for his leadership through another great year in 2015! In addition, I'd like to recognize **Joel Norwood, Brandt Gilbert, Phillip Ollar & Suzanne Sanders** who completed their service to the Gower Estates Pool Board this past fall. We are all grateful for their years of dedication and significant contributions to the pool! We especially thank **Clare Jones** who has served as our bookkeeper for 20+ years! Clare, you are wonderful and we can never thank you enough for all of your hard work and organization!

We are happy to welcome new Board members **Bryson Jones, Matt Vogt, Bruce Bannister & Marci Howle**. They all hit the ground running this past October and have already made a huge difference in their time and service to our pool.

I encourage you to get to know each of the Board members and provide them your support. As a volunteer board, we are committed to providing our Gower family with a fun, safe and clean pool environment. We welcome your feedback and input, and we can be contacted through the website with ideas or concerns.

Hopefully you will notice lots of improvements around the pool such as new ceiling fans in the upper and lower decks, repairs to the storage facility, working baby pool gate, repainted restroom ceilings, clean & repainted entrance gates, pressure washed deck areas, and so much more! These as well as other less



Upcoming Events

May 3

Last Day to Register for Swim Team without Penalty

May 5

Gower Adult Members Party

May 9

First Swim Team Practice

May 26

Guppy Tryouts

May 30

Memorial Day Celebration @ Gower Pool

June 2

First Swim Team meet- GCC @ Gower

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noticeable repairs are under constant evaluation, thanks in large part to our maintenance board members constant diligence. Under the pool board's guidance, we continue to budget carefully for all of these items, which are reflected in our sound financial footing while keeping dues to a minimum. Regarding long-range planning, we are presently collecting estimates on the much needed pool renovation, which includes expanding the pool and adding more lanes.

A capital campaign steering committee is being formed to develop fundraising activities to help with the renovation costs. You will be hearing more about this, and we hope you will participate and join us in our excitement for the plans that will be unveiled over the next several months!

We have continued our partnership with Sweetwater Pools, Inc. as our pool and facilities management company. They are already hard at work getting the pool ready for the summer and are hiring a top notch team to work at Gower Pool this summer. This team includes our own adult manager to oversee pool staff for the 2016 summer.

A HUGE shout out to last year's Swim Team moms **Kim Geddie & Lara Wannemacher** for all their time, energy, hard work and for an incredibly successful swim season! It is my pleasure to welcome **Chris & Karine Lawrence** as our 2016 swim team parents! They are off to a successful start towards another fabulous season. We have another fine group of Gower Swim Team coaches and we hope you will join us in supporting them as they lead and encourage our swimmers. Gower Swim Team is well known for the outstanding program that we have which focuses on building confidence and self-accomplishment for our swimmers. But it's our passion and spirit that are second to none and which make the experience so special! It is truly amazing to watch our children grow up together, supporting one another and cheering each other on year after year! There really is nothing like it!

In conclusion, I want to express my enthusiasm for the 2016 summer season, my appreciation to my fellow board members and most importantly a big thanks to all of the volunteers and families that make this pool season successful year after year. I look forward to seeing you around the pool!

Warm regards,

LeAnne White
President

GO GOWER!

Gower Pool Board

LeAnne White, President

William Brown,
Vice President

Elizabeth Chambers,
Secretary

Pat Gray, Treasurer

Cheves Steck,
Communications

Social:

Lara Wannemacher & Marci Howle

Swim Team:

Harrison Cline

Maintenance: **Bryson Jones & Kevin Suddeth**

Long Range Planning:

Matt Vogt & Bruce Bannister

Congratulations to Sydney Fisher, former Gower swimmer & swim team coach, for qualifying for the Olympic Trials in the 50 free!

We will be cheering her on as she tries to qualify in the 100 fly in June!
GO SYDNEY!



Gower Swim Team: From the Coaches



Heyward Brown, Tucker Shaw, Carey Turner, Gray Geddie,
Allston Achille-*Head Coach*, Ellen Maloney, Jeni Erickson, and Thomas Sanders
Swim Team Parents: Karine & Chris Lawrence

Dear Gower Family,

I cannot believe how close we are to the beginning of GOWER SWIMMING 2016. I am so excited and cannot wait to get started. I feel so lucky to call myself your "Head Coach!" We have an awesome group of coaches that are raring to get started on another winning season! Yes! The Power of Gower!

I encourage all of you to get in the pool before May, if possible, to get your game on in order to bring home another Big Red Division Title! Each of you are an important asset to our team. Always remember that!

Remember our Gower Tradition of Family and Fun. It is what sets us apart from everyone else.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you this summer!

GO GOWER!

Your head coach,

Allston Achille



2016 Swim Meet Schedule



Thursday, June 2

Greenville Country Club @ Gower

Thursday, June 9

Gower @ Stone Lake

Thursday, June 16

Devenger @ Gower

Thursday, June 23

Sugar Creek @ Gower

Thursday, June 30

Gower @ Woody Creek

Friday, July 8

RED DIVISION at Sugar Creek for 10 & under

Saturday, July 9

RED DIVISION at Sugar Creek for 11 & up

Saturday, July 16

Championships* at Westside Aquatic

Sunday, July 17

Classics* at Westside Aquatic

Monday, July 18

Gower Swim Team Banquet

Directions to all away meets are available on the Gower Pool website:
www.GowerPool.com

*must qualify for these meets

2016 Swim Practice Schedule

Monday, May 9 Practice Begins

May 9 – May 26:

3:30 – 4:30 pm 8 & Under and 9/10

4:30 – 5:30 pm 11/12 and 13 & Up

(There is no practice on May 27 or May 30 for Memorial Day weekend)

May 31 – June 1:

3:30 – 4:15 pm 8 & Under

4:15 – 5:00 pm 9/10

5 – 5:45 pm 11/12

5:45 – 6:30 pm 13 & Up

Beginning Monday, June 6:

Mondays – Wednesdays

Morning Practice:

9:00 – 10:00 8 & under AND 9/10 (both pools)

10:00 – 11:00 11/12

11:00 – 12:00 13 & up

2:00 – 3:00 *Stroke Clinic*

Afternoon Practice:

3:00 – 3:45 8 and under

3:45 – 4:30 9/10

4:30 – 5:15 11/12

5:15 – 6:00 13 & up

Thursdays – *Day of Swim Meets – June 9, June 16, June 23, and June 30*

Friday Practice – *Fun Friday*

10:00 – 11:00 10 and under

11:00 – 12:00 11 & up

Important Swim Team Dates

May 3	Last day to register without \$10 penalty per swimmer
May 9	1 st Day of Practice
May 13	Registration Cut-Off Date
May 15	Big Swim Team (only) Picture at 4pm
June 2	GCC @ Gower
June 7	8 & under Social at Monkey Joes
June 9	Gower @ Stone Lake
June 13	11/12 Social at Frankie's Fun Park
June 14	9/10 Social at The Skate Place
June 15	SAIL Night at the Drive
June 16	Devenger @ Gower
June 17	13 & Up Social – Lake Party
June 23	Sugar Creek @ Gower
June 30	Gower @ Woody Creek
July 3	Luau
July 8	Red Division for 10 and Under at Sugar Creek
July 9	Red Division for 11 and Up at Sugar Creek
July 16	Championships at Westside
July 17	Classics at Westside
July 18	Gower Banquet



2016 Gower Guppy Coaches

front: Cooper Shaw, Wilkins Norwood- Head Coach,
Delaney Wannemacher- Head Coach, Madelyn Dullea
back: Kirkley Norwood, Rivers Ivester, Ellie Howard

Guppy Moms: Tiffany Taylor and Elizabeth Jones,
guppyswim@gowerpool.com

The Guppies Program is for young swimmers who may not quite be ready for the regular swim team. The only requirement is that a child be able to swim the width of the pool in any stroke, without stopping, walking on the bottom, or being helped.

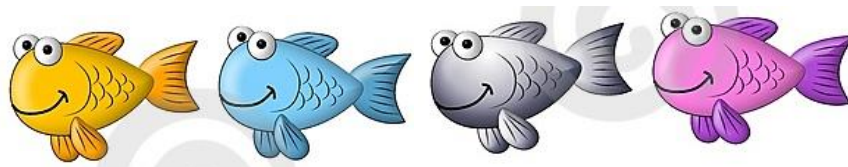
There will be a Guppies tryout event in order to test this requirement. Prior to the Guppies tryout event, each Guppy will have the opportunity to attend several practices. Registration fees, minus \$6 SAIL insurance fee, will be returned if there is unforeseen difficulty in achieving the Guppy swimmer's goal and/or happiness. However, this program is not to be considered as a substitute for swimming lessons. There is no age limit in Guppies.

Guppies are part of the Gower Swim Team and are encouraged to participate in all socials and pep rallies. Guppies will participate in their own awards ceremony and receive their team gift at that time. Guppies may agree to move up to the regular swim team during the swim season, based

on the judgment of the coaches and the permission of the parents. For safety's sake, each Guppy needs an assigned or delegated individual to be available during each practice. Furthermore, each Guppy will need a parent volunteer to provide after practice snacks. Lastly, we love parent volunteers at meets and to assist with socials and the awards banquet – see one of the Guppy Moms if you are available to help.

Guppy Calendar & Practice Schedule

May 23 – 25	Practice 6:30 – 7:15
May 26	Tryouts: 6:30 – 7:15
May 31	Practice 6:30 - 7:15
June 3	Guppy Team Picture at 4:00 pm & Intersquad Meet at 5:00 pm
June 6 - 7	Practice 12:30-1:00 (last names A-G), 1:15–1:45 (last names H-Z)
June 8	Guppy Social: Pump it Up – 5:30 pm
June 9	Practice 12:30-1:00 (last names A-G), 1:15-1:45 (last names H-Z)
June 10	Intersquad Meet: 5:00 pm
June 13-15	Practice 12:30-1:00 (last names A-G), 1:15-1:45 (last names H-Z)
June 15	Guppy Fairy
June 16	Guppy Parade (Before Big Swim Team meet against Devenger)
June 18	Stone Lake Meet @ 10 – Banquet following meet



Summer is almost here and Sweetwater Pools is thrilled to be back at Gower! We have had an exciting off season and have continued to grow and look for many ways to make last year's great summer even better. With our growth comes another layer of management in our Greenville branch. Paul Pillsbury joins us as our General Manager to oversee the daily operations and to assist Sean Hare (President/Owner) and Laura Harwood (Staffing Director). Paul comes to Sweetwater from the private club industry where he has worked as the Membership Director at Thornblade Club in Greer and the Recreation Director at Wentworth by the Sea Country Club in Rye, New Hampshire. With over 15 years of lifeguarding and lifeguard instructor experience, Paul is at home around pools.

We have an All-Star squad of lifeguards assigned to Gower this summer. Lead by our Pool Manager, Craig S. Smith and our Assistant Managers Macy Krimm and Giovian Acosta, we are confident that safety will once again be our number one priority.

Thank you for allowing Sweetwater Pools to serve you all this summer. Please let us know how we can assist you in making your time at the pool the very best it can be.

See you at the pool!

Paul Pillsbury

General Manager

www.sweetwaterpools.net

SAFETY. OUR FIRST PRIORITY.



Craig Smith



Macy Krimm



Giovian Acosta

Safety is always the forefront concern of the board. We take seriously the responsibility you have given us to ensure the safety of our members. We want to encourage each of our members to read our pool rules posted on our website. ALL members are required to follow these rules and our lifeguard staff has full authority to enforce them.

If you believe a rule is not being properly enforced please notify a staff person or any member of the board. Link to Gower Pool Rules & Regulations:

http://www.gowerpool.com/rules_regulations.php

Please remember....

Children who are not toilet trained are not permitted in the large pools at any time. (This rule is necessary for health reasons and because the pool water is never completely changed, only filtered. Swim diapers can delay hazardous germs from leaking into the water for a few minutes, but swim diapers do not keep these germs from contaminating the water.)

Guest Policy

A. Fees for guests: \$3.00 per person, up to a maximum of \$5.00 per family per visit. Guest fees are payable to the attendant upon entering the pool upon completion of a Guest Registration Form. Guests must be accompanied by a pool member. An individual may be a guest a maximum of ten times per year.

B. Pool members are responsible for advising their guests of all pool rules and regulations.

To better serve our members, beginning June 9, 2015, all guests are required to wear a wristband that will be provided by a lifeguard once guest fees have been paid and a Guest Registration Form completed. As a reminder, you are responsible for your guests and their behavior, as well as your children's guests. Thank you for your help in making our pool enjoyable for all of our members.

***Please note that any special holiday celebrations such as Memorial Day and Fourth of July are for members only.*

Join us for a Gower Pool Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Host: Gower Pool Board 864-630-5325

When: Thursday, May 5 from 6:30 PM
to 9:00 PM

Where: at the home of Mary Dupre & Rush Baker
Caldwell
29 South Round Pond Road
Greenville, SC 29607



Join us for some fun to Kick off the 2016 Summer Gower Pool Season! This is Nacho Average Fiesta and it's not just for swim team! Come join us for a Mexican meal but we ask you to BYOB. We look forward to seeing all current ADULT Gower Pool members along with welcoming new ADULT members to Gower Pool!

Gower Pool Board

***** Please remember to respond to the Evite and let us know if you are planning to attend so we can have enough food for everyone! We have a big crowd coming!**

RSVP: <http://evite.me/21UHJchvcn>