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# GOWER POOL

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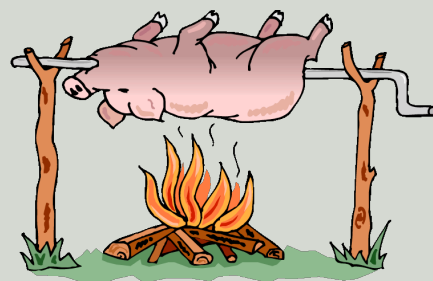
## DUES REMINDER...

The deadline for dues is quickly approaching. Please note that there is a 15 % late fee (\$67.50) for dues that are paid after the March 31st deadline. If dues are not paid by April 30th, an additional 15% late fee (\$67.50) will be applied. Any member dues that are not by May 15th will unfortunately result in the loss of membership. Should you have questions regarding dues, please contact Clare Jones at [clare.jones@gowerpool.com](mailto:clare.jones@gowerpool.com) or 288-9405.

## The 4th Annual Adult Pig Pickin Returns!

Don't miss the fun - mark your calendar now for the fourth annual adult pig pickin which will be held Saturday, May 2nd.

Details and invitations will go out in early April. We hope you will join us for a night of great food and fun with friends!



## Gower is GREEN...

In an effort to conserve paper, Gower Pool limits its newsletter mailings to one in the spring of each year. To stay up to date on pool information, please visit our website at [www.gowerpool.com](http://www.gowerpool.com).

Reminders of updated information will be sent to our members via our email notification system as needed. It is **CRITICAL** that we have your updated email information. If you have not submitted your email information to us you can easily do so by clicking on the "Give Us Your Contact Info Here" found on the [gowerpool.com](http://gowerpool.com) homepage.



## OPENING DAY is May 23rd!

Check the website early May for Opening Day activities.

## From the President...

Dear Gower Pool Members,

Although the pool has not yet opened, our board has been hard at work to ensure that the 2009 swim season is enjoyable for all of our members. I want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing President, Hamilton Stewart, and outgoing board members: Maggie Boliek, John Henry, Paige Armstrong, and Ginny Reeves for their time and outstanding leadership on the board for the past two years. I would also like to introduce our new board members: Ross Turner, Kim Geddie, Clyde Roe, Trecy Watson and Julie Perry. These five new members along with Jeff Achille, Karen Perkins, Chris Lawrence, Maridel Shaw and I make up the board. The goal of our board is to provide a clean, fun, and safe facility for our members to enjoy.

The maintenance committee is excited to announce that the paint will be refreshed in needed areas and the bathroom floors will be replaced before the pool opens for the summer.

Our swim team mother, Alecia Elrod, and her committee have finalized the hiring of the swim team coaches for the upcoming season. The meet dates and important information regarding swim team can be found throughout the newsletter. Please make sure to review thoroughly.

We will be keeping you informed through postings at the pool as well as on the website.

We look forward to another fun filled year.

Kindest regards,

**Jonathan Anderson**

President

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### **Pool Hours of Operation for 2009 Swim Season...**

Weekdays 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. through **May 31st** then 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. until **July 19th** then 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. until the pool closes for the season.

**School Day** operating hours after opening are 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We will be open 10 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Memorial Day, May 25th

**The front pool will be closed to swimmers the day of home swim meets.**

Members may use the back pool until 1:00 p.m. at which time the pool will close for swim meet set up. Those dates for 2009 are Thursday, June 11th, Thursday, June 18th and Tuesday, June 30th.

**The back pool only will be available to members on Thursday, July 9th until 2:00 p.m. Both pools will be closed to swimmers for Red Division Friday, July 10th and Saturday, July 11th.**

## SWIM TEAM UPDATE..

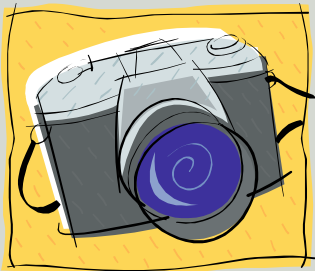
### Registration for Regular Swim Team and Guppies Too!

**The last day to register without \$10 late fee is April 30th.**

Registration forms are now available online under the swim team tab of the Gower Pool website. To expedite registration, you can print and complete the forms without leaving your home. Forms are also available on the front porches of Judy Erickson 24 Buckingham Road; Alecia Elrod 18 West Seven Oaks Drive; Cheryl Swenson, 1807 Cleveland St Ext.. Forms can be placed in the blue tub in the manila envelope or mailed to Cheryl Swenson, 1807 Cleveland Street Ext. Greenville, SC 29607. All forms must be filled out completely along with a volunteer sheet. Make sure to attach your completed fee sheet and a check.

To access swim team forms click visit: [http://www.gowerpool.com/become\\_a\\_team\\_member.php](http://www.gowerpool.com/become_a_team_member.php)

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### Team Picture / New Parent Meeting

Tuesday, May 19th - 4:30 p.m.

(wear khaki shorts)

**\*Rain Date - Wednesday, May 20th**

### 2009 Meet Schedule and Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 2nd - 10 and Under Mini Meet 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Meet 1	Tuesday, June 2nd	Gower @ Stone Lake
Meet 2	Thursday, June 11th	Spaulding Farm @ Gower
Meet 3	Thursday, June 18th	GCC @ Gower
Meet 4	Thursday, June 25th	Gower @ Sugar Creek
Meet 5	Tuesday, June 30th	River Walk @ Gower

Red Division - July 10th and 11th at Gower Pool

Championships - July 18th at Westside Aquatics Center

Classics - July 19th at Westside Aquatics Center



## **FROM THE HEAD COACH...**

Hey Gower,

It is getting closer and closer to that time of year! It's time to start thinking about another great summer of Gower Swimming. I would first of all like to voice how excited I am about the upcoming summer. I have had so much fun coaching over the last four summers and there is no reason why this one won't be the best yet. I want everyone to know how honored I am to be named head coach for this wonderful team. I have been around Gower for 15 years now and I could not ask for anything more. I have learned an immeasurable amount about coaching in the last four years and I plan on putting it to good use this summer. I am also very excited about our new additions to the coaching staff. The coaching staff will welcome two new faces this summer with the addition of Sarah Miller and Michael Mew.

Sarah is currently a freshman at Clemson University. She has swum at many different levels of competition including high school, SAIL, and USA swimming. If you've been around for at least a summer or two, chances are you know Sarah. She will bring an enormous amount of experience and knowledge to the staff as well as some great spirit!

Michael is a freshman at Spartanburg Methodist College where he competes on the varsity wrestling team. He also brings a great deal of swimming knowledge aboard. He has competed and scored at many different high school and year round state meets over the years. He has served as a Guppy coach and will fit right in with our staff.

Both of these coaches will make a huge impact on the staff this year. Also, they both have one remaining year of eligibility so we will be getting the best of both worlds!

I was very pleased to see such a great turnout at Caesar's. Spread the word to anyone you know of that isn't sure about swimming this summer. Also, if you can, get in the water as soon as possible. Anything will help whether it is year round or just a Pre-SAIL clinic. The sooner you get swimming, the more ahead of the game we will be when May gets here. If anyone has any questions at all for me, feel free to email me at [HMWILLI@clemson.edu](mailto:HMWILLI@clemson.edu). Have a great remainder of the school year! I hope to see everyone soon!

Go Gower!

Harry Williamson

### **2009 Swim Team Coaches**

**Harry Williamson - Head Coach**

**Lindsey Westlake**

**Laurel Crout**

**Wynne Boliek**

**Pierce Wylie**

**Michael Mew**

**Sarah Miller**

**Alecia Elrod - Team Mom**

**swim@gowerpool.com or 271-2619**

### **2009 Guppy Coaches**

**Gregory Sanders, Head Guppy Coach**

**Julia Woodside, Asst. Head Coach**

**Caroline Johnson**

**Oakley Elrod**

**Emily Sanders**

**Chandler Watts**

**Tom McAfee**

**Katie and Holly Lindler**

**Suzanne Sanders - Team Mom**

**guppyswim@gowerpool.com or 233-5555**

## Swim Team Practice Schedule

### May 11 - June 4th:

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. 10 and under

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. 11 and up

### Beginning June 8th through Red Division:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. 8 and under , 9/10 Boys and Girls

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. 11/12 Girls and Boys

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. 13 and up

11:30-12:00 Stroke Clinics

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 8 and under , 9/10 Boys

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. 9/10 Girls, 11/12 Girls and Boys

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 13 and up

**Friday Practice:** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 10 and under

11:00 a.m. - Noon 11 and up

## SWIM TEAM SUIT... Speedo Navy and White embroidered with GOWER

Suits will be available to try on: April 26th and May 3rd at

Alecia Elrod's house located at 18 West Seven Oaks Drive, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

To order after these dates contact Alecia for an appointment.

(Suits ordered after May 18th may not be ready for the first meet.)

**Suits must be pre-ordered and may not be exchanged or returned.** Please be absolutely sure the size is correct when ordering. Suits will be available for pick up at practices on May 28th. Questions or orders after May 18th call Alecia Elrod at 271-2619.



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## Please remember It takes a team to make it all happen...

Gower Swim Team is a FAMILY and it takes the entire family to run Gower Swim Team! A swim team and a swim meet require many, many volunteers. If you have a child on the team, you **MUST** volunteer to fill at least one position for the team or during the meets. Volunteer forms will be attached to your registration forms. These **MUST** be completed with your registration forms.

Check the website at [gowerpool.com](http://gowerpool.com) for SAIL Clinics and their dates, times and locations.  
Clinics available for Stroke and Turn, Starter, Referee, Chief Timer, Clerk of Course ,  
Software, Records and Ribbons, and Coaches Clinic.

### Swim Team Social Dates...

May 3rd - Mom's Night Out Social at Alecia Elrod's (bring an appetizer)

June 8th - 8 and under Social at Gatti Town

June 9th - Guppy Social at Chuck E. Cheese's

June 15th - S.A.I.L. Night at the Greenville Drive

June 16th - 11/12 Social - Location To Be Announced

June 22nd - 9/10 Social at the Skate Place

June 26th - 13 and Up Social To Be Announce

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### Guppy Information...

We have a wonderful lineup of coaches who are excited about developing your child's potential. The Guppy Team is for children who can swim the width of the pool without stopping. Encourage your Gower friends to sign up early before the June 4th deadline. We are looking forward to a fabulous 2009 season.

In addition to our Guppy Coaches listed earlier in the publication we have the following helpers lined up for this season: Anne Elrod, Jeni Erickson, Luci Ellison, Lillie Anderson and Carter Gaines. Our Guppy Mom is Suzanne Sanders. You can contact her at [guppyswim@gowerpool.com](mailto:guppyswim@gowerpool.com) or 233-5555.

### Guppy Calendar:

#### Practice begins on Tuesday, May 26th

Practice May 26th - June 4th 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2nd Parent Meeting during practice

Regular practice begins June 8th 12:30-1:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Groups will be determined by coaches and Guppy Mom.

Thursday, June 4th Tryouts

Tuesday, June 9th Guppy Social at Chuck E. Cheese

Friday, June 12th at 4:30 Inter-squad Meet

Thursday, June 18th Guppy Parade before GCC Meet

Friday, June 19th at 5:30 p.m. Swim Meet at Gower with Stone Lake (Back pool will be unavailable for parties)

Wednesday, June 24th Guppy Awards Banquet

**Don't Forget... parent volunteers will be needed for snacks and help during the meets.**



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The Gower pool board acknowledges with great appreciation the continued support of Ginny Reeves and Jeff Macfie for their assistance in maintaining the Gower Pool website. Their contribution to keeping our members informed is invaluable.

We also thank Clare Jones for her many years service to Gower Pool. Her diligent handling of the membership and budget keeps us operating smoothly year after year. Thank you Clare!

### Need to Schedule a Party?

For now send a request to [info@gowerpool.com](mailto:info@gowerpool.com).

Once the season manager is onboard late spring you may schedule directly with the him/her or one of the guards.





Look inside for Important Swim Team  
Registration and Member Information!

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