

GOWER POOL

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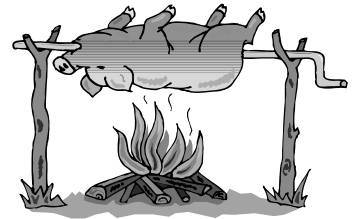
Dues Reminder...

Any dues not paid by March 31st will result in a 15% late fee (\$67.50). Any dues not paid by April 30th will result in an additional 15% late fee (\$67.50). Any member dues not paid by May 15th will result in loss of membership. Questions... Contact Clare Jones at clare.jones@gowerpool.com or 288-9405.



Pig Pickin Returns!

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Adult Pig Pickin which will be held Saturday, May 3rd. Details and invitations to go out early April. We hope those who came last year will return and those who missed it last year will join us on May 3rd.



Gower Pool goes GREEN...

In an effort to conserve paper, Gower Pool will limit its newsletter mailings to one in the spring of each year and post all updates and information on our website, www.gowerpool.com.



Reminders of updated information will be sent via our email notification system as needed so it's CRITICAL that we have your updated email information. If you have not submitted information to us you may easily do so by clicking on the "Give us Your Contact Info Here" found on the gowerpool.com home page.

Opening Day May 24th!

Check the website early May for Opening Day activities.



From the President...

Dear Gower Pool Members,

I hope this letter finds you and your families doing great in 2008! To bring everyone up to date, the pool board voted last month to proceed with the parking area renovations that have been a subject with the board for several years. On the exit side of the lot and the area by the dumpster, you may have noticed several "sinking" areas that have developed over time. Curiously, the board decided to have an engineer study and perform a topographical survey of the areas in question; the results proved that the sinking/eroding areas have developed due to some form of construction erosion, and should be remedied as soon as possible.

We solicited several paving contractors, and decided to use Walters Paving and Construction Company. They came highly recommended, produced the most professional outlined quotation, and they have a long history of good work performed in the upstate. I personally surveyed two local projects. Therefore, we decided to give them the business and move forward with the renovation.

The demolition work started 2/27/08 and took about three weeks to complete. The repair work is complete, the entire parking area has been re-coated and re-striped. There is still work to be done along the ditch to make it more presentable and prevent further erosion. We invite you to go to www.gowerpool.com to view the photo gallery from the home page of the work in progress.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email myself or any of the board members. We appreciate your patience during this renovation, and we look forward to having a VERY presentable facility for swim season. Take care!

With regards,

Hamilton Stewart

President

Mark Your Calendars!

Gower Pool at Discovery Island

Sunday, June 15th 6:15 to 8:15pm

Free Admission

Join us for some water park fun with our Gower Pool families.

No drop offs. All children must be accompanied by their parent(s).

Please... family members only. No guests.



Hours of Operation for 2008 Swim Season

Weekdays 10am -9pm

Saturdays 10am-9pm

Sundays 1pm-8pm through **June 1st** then 1pm-9pm until **July 20th** then 1pm-8pm

School Day operating hours after opening are 4pm-8pm

We will be open 10am-8pm Memorial Day, May 26th

The front pool will be closed to swimmers the day of home swim meets. Members may use the back pool until 1pm at which time the pool will close for swim meet set up.

Those dates for 2008 are Friday, June 6th, Thursday, June 12th and Tuesday, July 1st.

Need to Schedule a Party??

For right now send a request to info@gowerpool.com.

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





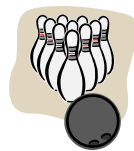
SWIM TEAM UPDATE

Meet Schedule and Important Dates

Friday, June 6th Sugar Creek at Gower
 Thursday, June 12th Stone Lake at Gower
 Thursday, June 19th Gower at GCC
 Thursday, June 26th Gower at Riverwalk
 Tuesday, July 1st Thornblade at Gower

June 3rd 4:30-5:30 10 and under Mini Meet

Red Division to be held July 11th and 12th at Stone Lake
 July 19th Championships July 20th Classics
 Swim Team Banquet Tuesday, July 22nd



Registration Bowling Party

April 6th 2pm—4pm Star Lanes for Regular Swim Team and Guppy Swimmers Too!

Hey kids, it's time again to tie on those bowling shoes and hit the lanes with your favorite coaches. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for 2 games, shoe rental, and a drink. Come join in the fun while your parents sign you up for another exciting year of swimming.

Meet the coaches, register to swim, buy new apparel, try on and order your new swim suit and sign up to volunteer. Remember if you are a new swimmer this year to bring a copy of your birth certificate. It's a SAIL requirement.

Registration forms will also be made available online and also on the front porches of Judy Erickson 24 Buckingham Road; Alecia Elrod 18 West Seven Oaks Drive; Fran Houmann 1809 Cleveland St Ext.. Forms can be placed in the blue tub in the manila envelope or mailed to Fran Houmann 1809 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. **Last day to register without \$10 late fee is April 30th.**

See the Swim Suit Try-on Dates for registration options as well.

Team Picture /New Parent Meeting



**Tuesday, May 20th
4:30pm**

**Wear khaki or navy shorts
Rain Date, May 21st**

Swim Team Coaches for 2008

- Jay Crout – Head Coach**
- Harry Williamson – Coach**
- Lindsey Westlake – Coach**
- Laurel Crout – Coach**
- Wynne Boliek – Coach**
- Pierce Wylie – 10 and under Coach**



Guppy Coaches for 2008

- Pierce Wylie – Head Guppy Coach**
- Marion Reeves – Guppy Coach**
- Gregory Sanders – Guppy Coach**
- Julia Woodside – Guppy Coach**
- Caroline Johnson - Guppy Coach**
- Caroline Smith - Guppy Coach**

**Judy Erickson, Swim Team Mom
swim@gowerpool.com or 297-1978**

**Alecia Elrod, Guppy Swim Team Mom
guppyswim@gowerpool.com or 271-2619**

Swim Team Practice Schedule

May 12-June 5th: 4:30pm-5:30pm 10 and under 5:30pm-6:30pm 11 and up

Beginning June 4th— Red Division:

8:30am - 9:30am 8 and under , 9/10 Boys and Girls

9:30am- 10:30am 11/12 Girls and Boys

10:30am-11:30am 13 and up

11:30-12:00 Stroke Clinics

3pm - 4pm 8 and under , 9/10 Boys

4pm - 5pm 9/10 Girls, 11/12 Girls and Boys

5pm - 6pm 13 and up

Friday Practice: 10-11am 10 and under 11am-12N 11 and up

NEW SWIM TEAM SUIT

Speedo Navy and White embroidered with GOWER



Suits will be available to try on:

April 6th at the Bowling Party

April 13th at Alecia Elrod's 18 West Seven Oaks Drive 1pm-5pm

May 3rd at Judy Erickson's 24 Buckingham Road 10am-4pm

May 18 at Maridel Shaw's 287 Henderson Road 1pm-3pm

To order after this date call Maridel Shaw for an appointment. 281-9599 Suits ordered after May 18th may not be ready for the first meet.

Suits must be preordered 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 27th.

Questions or orders after May 18th call Maridel Shaw at 281-9599.

A Note from the Coach...

Hey Gower,

I hope everyone is having a great year so far. I was excited to see so many people at our January social at Caesar's. I don't know about anyone else, but it got me so excited for this summer! I believe that this year's team will be the one that puts Gower back on top and is able to begin a true run that is reminiscent of the old Gower dynasty.

This summer we return four coaches from last year's staff (Harry Williamson, Lindsay Westlake, Laurel Crout, and myself) in addition to welcoming two new coaches (Wynne Boliek, and Pierce Wylie). Of course I am sad to see Tripp and Roger leave us, but I could not be more encouraged by the strengths Wynne and Pierce will give our staff.

Wynne Boliek is a freshman at Clemson University which puts him a cut above the rest right there! He has served as Head Guppy Coach for two years and has been a loyal member of Gower swimming for over a decade. Anyone who saw his performance at last year's Red Division knows that this guy is a clutch performer and someone you want on your side with everything on the line.

Pierce Wylie is a junior at J.L. Mann High School. He has served at a Guppy assistant coach the past two seasons and is a dedicated swimmer at Team Greenville. He will work this summer as Head Guppy Coach and will assist with the 10 and Unders on the "Big Swim Team". His expertise as a great stroke technician adds a valuable component to our work with the younger kids.

We are doing our part to get ready for the summer, but now it is time for you to do your part. As I have stated many times in the past year, the most important part of winning a Red Division Championship is getting a head start. I encourage *all* swimmers to begin getting in the water. 8 and Unders, please find a pre-SAIL clinic to get involved with soon. 9-10s and 11-12s, please find the time to get linked up with a year-round team at least one or two days a week. 13-14s, try to get in two or three days a week. And 15-18s, at least do some training on your own once a week. None of this has to be killer, but a little bit now will go a *long* way in July.

If anyone has any questions for me, please e-mail me at JCROUT@clemson.edu. I would be glad to recommend places to train or give some of our older swimmers practices to do on their own.

I cannot wait until this summer and I hope everyone is getting excited. Good luck the rest of the school year and I will see you April 6th and the bowling party!

Go Gower,

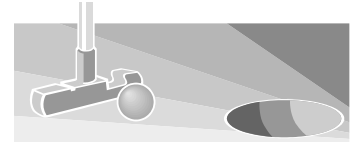
Jay Crout

Mark Your Calendars!

**SAIL Night at the
Greenville Drive
June 30th. Details TBA.**



**11/12 Social
Frankie's Fun Park
June 9th**



**Red Division Kickoff at
Discovery Island will be held
July 6th. Details TBA.**



**8 and under Social
Gattie Town
June 23rd**

**Guppy Social
Chuckie Cheese
June 17th**



**9/10 Social
Roller Skating
June 16th**



**13 and Up Lake Party
June 20th**

* **Gower Mom's Night Out** *
* **May 15th** *
* **Details TBA** *

Check the web site at gowerpool.com for SAIL Clinics and their dates, times and location.

Clinics available for Stroke and Turn, Starter, Referee, Chief Timer, Clerk of Course, Software, Records and Ribbons and Coaches Clinic.

Remember...

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.

Gower Guppies 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 2008 season.

In addition to our Guppy Coaches listed earlier in the publication we have the following helpers lined up for this season:

Full Time Helpers: Taylor Hall, Walker Hogan, Holly Lindler, Katie Lindler, Emily Sanders.

Part Time Helpers: Oakley Elrod, Jeni Erickson, Lillian Fant and Chandler Watts.

Our Guppy Mom this year is Alecia Elrod 271-2619 or guppyswim@gowerpool.com

Guppy Calendar

Tuesday, June 3rd Parent Meeting during practice

Thursday, June 5th Tryouts

Friday, June 13 at 4:30 Intersquad Meet

Tuesday, June 17th Guppy Social at Chucky Cheese

Friday, June 20th at 4:30 Swim Meet at Gower with Stone Lake

Saturday, June 28th at 9am Swim Meet at Riverwalk

Saturday, June 28th Guppy Awards Banquet

Practice begins on Tuesday, May 27th

Practice May 27-June 4 4pm-4:30pm

Practice beginning June 9th 12:30-1:0pm and 1pm-1:30pm. Groups will be determined by coaches.



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



Look inside for Important Swim Team
Registration and Member Information!

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