

Sheridan Shouter

October 4, 2006

President's Message

After a beautiful summer, autumn has arrived (too soon). Like past summers, there was much to celebrate at Sheridan Beach Club. Our swim team had another strong season under Brett Tannhauser and his coaching staff. Doc Zimmer led a solid water polo session. Fritz Anderson kept the Beach grounds green during the driest August in 50 years. Tate Loftin and our staff of lifeguards kept everyone safe, including a very proficient rescue.

In addition to the usual fun at the Beach, this year we added a sailing club. Under the leadership of Admirals Brian Coxon and Liz Richmond, our new sailing club organized itself, bought 3 new boats, and sailed for most of the summer. If the weather cooperates, they hope to sail through much of this fall.

August also was Murphy's Law Month at the pool. Despite recent upgrades, the pool's pump and chemical systems gave us fits at all the wrong times. I want to commend all of the Beach Club members who volunteered on the spot to help fix the problems. The hard work of many volunteers were a testament to the strong commitment our members have to our community. The list is long, but Pool co-chairs Ann Zylstra and Brian Coxon deserve special mention for their efforts before and during the summer to keep the pool functioning. The Pool Committee and the Board already are working on additional improvements to the pool systems.

Speaking of volunteers, we want you! As an all-volunteer organization, the quality of our club depends on member participation. There are many ways to participate – as a Board member, committee member, special event volunteer, etc. Your fellow club members greatly appreciate the time and talent you contribute!

Kudos also go to outgoing president Michelle Demmert. Michelle and Grant moved out of the Beach Club area in the spring. But they didn't move far, and I am glad to say they are still Beach Club members. Before leaving, Michelle reached closure on the potential covenant violation that the Board was addressing last spring. The situation was resolved without litigation, and a new single family home is being built rather than a group home.

Another item that will affect SBCC for many years is the proposed improvement to the Burke-Gilman trail. Concerns have been raised because King County's proposal would eliminate the stop signs for cyclists where the trail crosses 165th Street. This could be especially hazardous for young children walking across the trail to and from the Beach Club. However, the City of Lake Forest Park has a say on this, so you can make your voice heard. Chris Standaert is the Board's representative to the City on this issue. Contact the City directly, or talk to Chris.

Finally, please remember to attend the annual membership meeting. It will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday, November 8, at Brookside Elementary.

Mike Zevenbergen

Sailing Club News

The first season of SBC Sailing Club has been a huge success! Many thanks to all of you who gave your time and expertise to get this program going. It began with a small group of members last winter with meetings at the Lake Forest Park Town Center led by Brian Coxon. It has been wonderful to see new friendships being formed and especially seeing the parents and children sailing together. One of our main goals for this program is to provide an opportunity for the older kids to learn and enjoy sailing and to remain engaged at the beach club. We started the season off with a fundraiser aimed at raising the money needed to buy three Vanguard 15 boats. In our first season, we even managed to host a beginner sailing class for adults. The feedback from the class was very positive and we intend to plan more classes for adults and teens for next summer. We had Thursday night "regattas" or races that captured the spirit of friendly competition and ended with pot luck dinners. We currently have a roster of about 30 families who are members of the Sailing Club and we still welcome more members. Even if you are not able to partake in sailing now because of young children or other reasons, we highly recommend that you join now to help strengthen our program and avoid higher costs in the future. Some important notes:

Membership information: One time fee of \$600 (payable over 2 years). There will be a yearly operations fee currently \$25 for 2006 (expected to be closer to \$150 by 2007) to keep up with maintenance and other costs. Open to current SBC members in good standing. Please send payment for \$325 now for the first year (payable to Sheridan Beach Club, can still be counted during 2006) to SBC Treasurer Eric Hausman, 17171 Bothell Way NE, PMB 280, LFP, WA 98155. Contact Liz Richmond with questions at elizabethrichmond@comcast.net or (206)524-3615.

Boat Use: For your safety, we have a policy that each member must pass a "check out" qualification test with one of our safety board members before being allowed to use the boats alone. Only then will you have access to the shed storage which contains the sails and necessary equipment. We have a log book to record boats used and membership information. You must sign 2 waivers – boat use and medical liability waivers as well. During the off season, these papers will be hanging on a clip board inside the shed and are normally stored in the pool admission office. The boats will be available for use through the end of October and then will be taken down for storage until next season. Some of this information is on our website. Contact Liz Richmond to be put in touch with a safety board member to get checked out. Also, Sail Sand Point is a good resource for basic sailing information, courses and private instruction.

Your help is needed:

1. We could use some **graphic design expertise** to create a Sailing Club logo for t-shirts, etc. Please contact Sandra Jones at jonesstar3@comcast.net if you can help.
2. Donations will be accepted of **Life Jackets/ PFDs** in good condition.
3. Sailing Classes – let us know your interest for next season's class schedule. Would you day like or evening classes? Weekends? Got teenagers? Let us know your interest. Contact Mirium Smith at mirium@lycos.com.

Thanks again to all the volunteers and please come and join us, Liz Richmond

A Note From Tate Loftin

Another fun-filled and safe season was had at the Sheridan Beach Swim Club! The July 4th Regatta, Overnighter, Teen Night, Kid's Night Out, Adult Party, and Ice Cream Social were very well attended and went off without a hitch! Lots of excitement was also had in swim lessons, at swim team and water polo workouts, meets, and matches, in aerobics and of course, through the new addition of the sailing club.

Again I offer, my sincere apologies for the unexpected pool closures due to the malfunctioning of the pool operating system. It was frustrating for all of us, and I, along with the rest of the Sheridan Beach staff really appreciated your patience and support. We all worked very hard to get things operating again in a timely manner, and I am very happy to report things have now been fixed (keep your fingers crossed) and the system should be operating smoothly next summer. That means no more midnight pool pump projects for me:)

As the pool covers went on for the final time in 2006, and the last Otter Pop was eaten, we all reflected on the fun times had by many at the beach club this summer. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Take good care during soccer, basketball, baseball (and for some the continuance of swimming) seasons! Tate

Pool Report, etc.

Don't Miss the Sheridan Beach Community Club Annual Meeting!!

The community needs your voice, input, time and effort.

Brookside Elementary School

7—8:30pm, Wednesday November 8th

Support our great neighborhood and be there!!!!



Pool Report

Well, another swim season has come and gone. So much happened in the last few months that it is hard to believe it is over until next spring! The pool had more issues this year than most but it ended the season working well. We had a few pool maintenance glitches this year only to find we had a faulty valve to back up our brand new pump. Finally at the end of the season Orca came and replaced the valve and the season ended without more problems. The weather cooperated to the fullest ending the extended season with much enjoyment!

Many people helped to get the pool running, keep it running, my thanks to all of you who stepped up to help work out the glitches!

We had many new faces on our guard staff this year and we hope they will choose to return again next year. Our returning guards added so much to keeping the pool running and keeping the Sheridan spirit excited and energetic; thanks to all the wonderful guarding staff!

We again had great turn out for the summer lessons and we had our third year of deep water aerobics that were very popular and well attended, thanks to Cyndi Standaert. Swim team had a fun and successful season with many new swimmers and many returning veterans. Water polo seemed to have an even greater turn out than last year. Thank you Doc Zimmer for all the slurpies! The activity Wednesdays were so much fun, with each staff adding his or her variety of fun to the theme. The pool season was opened a week early again this year, extended 2 weeks later, and was enjoyed by many.

The board is in need of new volunteers to step up and chair the pool. If you are interested please let Mike Zevenbergen or myself know. We are also looking for a few more volunteers to be on the pool committee. The pool chair must be a deeded member but the committee can be populated by deeded or associate members. Remember the pool runs each year due to the efforts of our community members.

Until next spring, have a wonderful fall and winter. Next year we hope to do even more wonderful fun events, with the hopes of more wonderful weather. Best Wishes to all, Ann Zylstra

Attention All students looking for community service: The APDA is offering community service to sell tickets for the "Simon's Night of Giving" which will be at Northgate Mall on November 19th. The tickets will be available for pick up and selling after 10-09-06. If interested please contact Ann Zylstra @ 365-4725

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