

Orinda

Reflections

Park Pool

Winter

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2003

President's Message

By Vic Santini

Hopefully, everyone had a great holiday season. The opening of Orinda Park Pool is just around the corner after a very successful 2002 season.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome our returning members to Orinda Park Pool. I would especially like to recognize and thank our departing Board Members, Elle Hoffnagel, who did a wonderful job with membership and Phil Henry, who handled the social events. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Board Members; Ellen Wenning helping with Membership and Vikki King will be taking over Social Activities. In addition, I would like to thank the rest of the Board Members for their support and for volunteering their time to help run OPP. Thanks also goes to Tom Appelbaum, our pool manager, and the Kellys, our caretakers.

Longer Season

Last season, we were able to extend our swim season for more than two weeks due to the efforts of Tom Applebaum who coordinated lifeguard coverage and pool maintenance.

Web Page

Our Chief Information Officer, Chris Nyberg, has created a fantastic web page for Orinda Park Pool: www.orindaparkpool.org. Make sure to check it out for the latest information on the pool, swim team, membership and upcoming events. Don't miss the Kirby family photos of the pool from the 1920's and 1930's on the history page.

Swim Team

Our Swim Team had a great year lead by Matt Armanini and a dedicated group of coaches. The Team's success would not have been possible without the hundreds of hours of hard work and effort from its volunteers. The Team placed 3rd in the OPMA Finals; a big improvement from 5th place last year...Congratulations Stingrays!!!

Maintenance Day

Your help is requested in preparing the Orinda Park Pool for the upcoming 2003 Swim Season. Kevin Marker and Doug Whitsitt will be providing more details on our annual Maintenance Day in the next issue of this newsletter. Additionally, Vikki King will have lunch catered for those members who participate in the clean-up activities.

Adult Party

Last year's Adult Park was well attended, though a little cold. We are planning to have the party a little later in the season this year although the date has not yet been determined. At \$10 per adult; it's a super value and I encourage everybody to attend. The Swim Team will again be raffling-off a reserved parking spot to home events but you must be present at the party to win.

Preservation Fund

After investments in a new filter system and new heaters, we have approximately \$350,000 in our preservation fund. The Board has decided to continue the \$150 annual assessment to fund capital improvements the pool desperately needs.

Doug Whitsitt, the chairman of the Renovation Council, is leading a team of Board and pool members who will decide on how to best address several issues that impact our pool. The Renovation Council will develop a plan for use of these monies and intend to implement the plan at the end of the 2003 season. Please see our web site for details.

Membership Dues

2003 Membership Dues will remain the same as last year for the third consecutive year.

If you have any comments or wish to become a Board Member in 2003, please feel free to contact me at (925) 253-3174. Thank you and I look forward to serving you as President.

Sincerely,

Vic Santini

Maintenance Committee

By Kevin Marker and Doug Whitsitt

Park Pool has made it through the first half of the winter in pretty good shape. Tom Appelbaum has been keeping the pumps and filters operating part time so the pool will stay clean.

Our new heater performed flawlessly last season and as a bonus did it for less money than we are used to spending for heat. We did major painting last year and I don't anticipate needing much more than touch-up work this year. Last year the fiberglass only needed minor repairs and we will have it inspected and repaired as needed.

Greg and Maggie Kelly continue to maintain the pool grounds and provide our off-season security. Winter maintenance is being performed weekly. This mainly involves removing the leaves and cleaning the pool. They have done a great job maintaining the natural look of Park Pool that we all look forward to seeing in the spring.

Annual tree trimming has already been completed and tree spraying and pest control services will be completed before opening day. Maintenance day projects will follow the pattern of our past few years. All around cleaning will be a necessity. Some painting will be needed. Further information for this day is forthcoming in the spring newsletter and on the website. Please plan to show up for cleanup day and pitch in. It ends up not only being a day of work, but a day of fun. At the end of the day everyone can look around the pool and take pride in their accomplishments.

Important Membership News

By Dale Ogar and Ellen Wenning

2002 was a great year to be a member of OPP. We were blessed with fabulous weather for most of the season and we were able to enjoy the pool all the way through October. We welcomed many new members to our ranks and unfortunately had to say goodbye to several old friends who passed away during this past year.

2003 promises to be an exciting year, during which time plans for refurbishing or replacing our pool will come together, with the work beginning hopefully at the end of the season. There has been no increase in dues for next year but the current assessment will remain in place for at least one more year.

Billing for Dues

Last year we began a new policy of sending invoices for membership dues. This worked very well and we will continue the practice this year. In a few days you will receive a bill for your 2003 dues and two Emergency Contact forms. **Please note that dues must be postmarked no later than March 1 in order to avoid late fees.** Because seriously late payments have created problems for the Membership Committee in the past and are unfair to the majority of members who pay their dues on time, the following late fee schedule has been approved by the Board.

- If you do not pay by March 1, 2003, you must pay a late fee of \$100.
- If you do not pay by May 1, 2003, you must pay a late fee of \$200
- If you do not pay by June 1, 2003, you must pay a late fee of \$300

If you have not paid your dues by June 15, you will receive notification that your membership will be sold and the prorated amount of dues owed at the time of sale (including the late fees) will be deducted from the value of your stock certificate.

If, for some reason, you do not receive a bill and Emergency Contact forms, you are still responsible for paying your dues **on time**. If that should happen, please print an Emergency Contact sheet from the website, www.orindaparkpool.org/EmergencyContact.pdf, complete the form and mail it with your check to OPP, PO Box 32, Orinda, CA 94563. All checks should be made out to Orinda Park Pool.

Emergency Contact Sheets

Two Emergency Contact forms will be included with the invoice you receive. In the past we have used an

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Emergency Card but this year we're going to try something that is a little easier to read. If your family uses only one last name, you only need to return one completed form. If your family uses two last names, e.g. Bob Smith and Mary Jones, please send back two completed sheets, one in each name. Put one name at the top of one sheet and the other name at the top of the second sheet, but list both names on each sheet. This will help in case a child has a last name different from the stockholder. We must have these sheets on file before the pool opens in May, so please return them at the same time you send in your payment. If you need another copy, you can download one from the website.

Selling your Membership

Memberships put up for sale during the off season will most likely not be sold until the weather gets warmer. At the moment we do not have a waiting list to buy memberships. Memberships are sold in the order received. It is necessary to submit your stock certificate (signed and dated on the back by one or both owners, depending on how the certificate was originally written). If you can no longer find your stock certificate, please call one of the Membership Co-Chairs below to get a form that can be submitted in lieu of the certificate.

Even though your membership may be for sale, if it has not been sold by the time dues must be paid on March 1, you are still responsible for payment of dues. Once your membership has been sold, the dues paid will be pro-rated and refunded to you along with the value of your stock certificate. If you fail to pay your dues, late fees will be assessed and the total amount due will be deducted from the \$750 value of the stock when your membership is sold.

Once your stock has been sold, you will be notified by letter from the Membership Co-Chair and any refund due will be mailed to you directly by the Treasurer. Please note that there may be a lag time of one or two weeks between receipt of the letter and receipt of the refund.

Buying a Membership

If you have friends who might be interested in joining the pool, please let them know that now is a good time to apply for membership before the warm weather rush. The cost of joining is \$750 (stock fee) plus a \$350 transfer fee. This can be paid now before the March dues deadline, which divides the total amount into two payments (membership and dues) instead of one. After March 1, dues will have to be paid at the time a membership is purchased. Anybody wishing to receive an application for membership should write to us at PO Box 32, Orinda, 94563. There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee which must be paid when the application is submitted. You can also download an application from our website (www.orindaparkpool.org).

Like all of you, we're counting the days until the pool opens and we hope to see all of you there enjoying this very special place we call OPP. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Co-Chairs, Dale Ogar (510) 644-2002 or Ellen Wenning (925) 253-4813..

Questions? Comments?
Suggestions?

Come to a Board Meeting!

We value your input. If you would like to raise an issue to the Board, just let the Secretary know in advance so we can put you early in the agenda.

2003 Board Meetings

- Tuesday, February 18**
- Tuesday, March 11**
- Tuesday, April 8**
- Tuesday, May 13**
- Tuesday, June 10**
- Tuesday, July 15**
- Tuesday, August 19**

Meetings are generally held in the Garden Room of the Orinda Library meeting room beginning at 7:00 PM. Please call the Secretary or another Board member at least a day before to confirm time and location.

**Orinda Park, Inc.
2003 Board of Directors**

- President:** Vic Santini 253-3174
- Vice President:** Morgan Gilhuly 254-2984
- Treasurer:** Dan Sanford 510-658-7444
- Membership:** Dale Ogar 510-644-2002
- Ellen Wenning 253-4813
- Maintenance:** Kevin Marker 254-3316
- Doug Whitsitt 253-0509
- Swim Team:** Diane Cuyler 253-8302
- Secretary:** Eileen Klatsky 254-5374
- Social:** Vikki King 510-547-2448
- Information:** Chris Nyberg 254-7864

Want to contact the Board?

It's easy on the OPP web site:
www.orindaparkpool.org/contact.html

2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ASSESSMENT

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Assessment*</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Family	\$580	\$150	\$730
Single	\$440	\$150	\$590
Senior Family	\$470	\$0	\$0
Senior Single	\$340	\$0	\$0

Additional for Renters/Au Pairs \$75

*Preservation Fund assessment applies to all memberships except senior memberships

All dues and assessment payments must be postmarked by March 1 to avoid a \$100 late fee. If your payment is made after May 1, the late fee is \$200. If your payment is made after June 1, the late fee is \$300. If dues are not paid by June 15, the membership will be put up for sale. No partial payments will be accepted.

You will be receiving a separate invoice for your dues along with two Emergency Contact forms. Please mail that invoice with a check made out to Orinda Park Pool, and your emergency contact form to: **Orinda Park, Inc., P.O. Box 32, Orinda, CA 94563**. If for some reason you do not receive an invoice, please print the emergency contact form from the OPP website, www.orindaparkpool.org/EmergencyContact.pdf, complete the form and return it with your check before the March 1 deadline.

ORINDA PARK POOL DUES POLICY

1. Renters are required to pay \$75 in addition to the yearly dues required of the member of Orinda Park, Inc. whose home is being rented.
2. Baby-sitters, foreign exchange students, relatives who live in the same house, and live-in help all are subject to a \$75 yearly charge if they wish to use the pool.
3. Grandparents over the age of 65 who are not swimming may come to the pool at no charge.
4. Grandparents who are acting as baby-sitters for their grandchildren and who are not swimming may come to the pool at no charge.
5. Unmarried children under the age of 22 who are not living at home may still use the pool without charge as long as their parents have paid the family dues.
6. Both parties of a separated couple are still members of the pool until divorced.
7. Children of a member who has divorced his/her spouse are not subject to any guest charge when using the pool.
8. To be eligible for a "senior" membership, you must be 65 by March 1 (Bylaws, Art XI).
9. A "family member" is any person having dependent legal status in the proprietary member's household in the year in question (Bylaws, Art. VII). All other people in the household are ineligible under family memberships and must receive the approval of the Board of Directors and pay the appropriate fee.

Swim Team News

By Linda Steuer & Lori Adams

Planning for the 2003 season is well under way to ensure a fun and rewarding experience for all swimmers and family members. We are pleased to announce that members can look forward to another fun-filled, successful summer with Head Coach Matt Armanini at the helm! He is currently firming up the coaching staff for next summer, and you will be glad to know that many well-loved and familiar faces will be returning. More news will follow as the full coaching team is finalized.

For those who want to enjoy the camaraderie of swim team early or brush up on their skills, optional pre-season clinics will held the last 3 weekends in April for ages 7 and up. Watch for pre-season clinic information in the coming months.

The Preliminary 2003 Swim Meet Schedule will be posted on the website – www.orindaparkpool.org. Here are a few key meet dates to remember:

April	Preseason Clinics	Park Pool
May 3, 10	Team Registration Day	Park Pool
June 8	Time Trials	Park Pool
June 11	1st Meet of Season	Springbrook
July 26	OPP Relays	Park Pool
Aug 9, 10	OMPA Championship	Soda Center
Aug 16, 17	County Meet	Soda Center

The Swim Team committee will be meeting in March to begin planning for the 2003 season. If you have ideas for the 2003 season or want to help out, please consider joining the Swim Team Board. We currently have a couple of openings on the Board.

WANTED: A locking file cabinet for the swim team. If you have a file cabinet (2 or 4 drawers) that needs a new home give us a call and we will pick it up.

Please contact Linda Steuer at LLsteuer@aol.com (253-9663) or Lori Adams at lgadamfamily@sbcglobal.net (510-547-0498) for questions or comments. Visit www.orindaparkpool.org to stay current on team news, revisit results, or view fun photos. It's a great resource!

Adult Lifeguards Needed

We are looking for adult members who would like to become pool lifeguards. If you are interested please call Tom Appelbaum at 925-254-7568.

Brown-Morris Memorial Chair

Warm greetings to all old (and new) friends at OPP,

I regret the tardiness of this note as I wanted to wait until my daughter had returned from her studies in Italy and had a chance to personally come by and see the wonderful "memorial chair" donated by OPP members in the name Alice Brown-Morris.

On behalf of Rocco, Gina and myself, we truly want to thank Orinda Park Pool for allowing Alice's memory to remain at the one, most special place she so enjoyed spending her time. The many summers watching our children grow up - from playing in the kiddie pool, competing in swim meets, or just reading in the shade and sharing advice and conversations - Alice cherished her years at OPP and truly loved all the friendships that grew over the years.

Alice, and our memories of OPP will stay with us forever.

Thomas Morris

Vice President's Message

By Morgan Gilhuly

This will be my third and last summer as OPP vice president. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Appelbaum, our pool manager, who has done a superb job of running the pool and hiring and managing the lifeguards during my tenure, Greg and Maggie Kelly, who have kept our grounds in excellent shape, Jessica Noyes, who did a great job managing our canteen the last two years, and all of the lifeguards and canteen workers who helped make our pool a pleasant, friendly and welcoming place.

We will soon be hiring new staff for the coming year. As always, we will be hiring a Canteen Manager and Assistant Manager, canteen workers, and lifeguards. The canteen traditionally opens when school closes, and will stay open at least until the end of swim team season. The Canteen Manager and Assistant Manager should be mature, able to manage teenage workers, and capable of handling the paperwork and inventory of the canteen. Canteen workers must be at least 14 years old (no exceptions). Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested.

In this newsletter you will find an application for jobs at the pool for the 2003 season. We encourage everyone who is interested to fill out an application and send it to OPP, Box 32, Orinda 94563. If you need an extra application, you can view this newsletter on the website, then print the application page. Thanks.

Orinda Park Pool Employment Application

Lifeguards – Swim Instructors Canteen Manager – Canteen Workers

Please complete the application below and mail by **March 1, 2003**
with your resume (if any) to the following address:

Orinda Park, Inc.
P.O. Box 32
Orinda, CA 94563
Attn: Hiring Committee

Minimum Age Requirements (as of May 1, 2003):

Lifeguard	16 Years Old
Swim Instructor	15 1/2 Years Old
Canteen Worker	14 Years Old
Canteen Manager	Adult

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Orinda Park Pool Employment Application – Summer 2003

Name _____ SS# _____

Home Address _____

Phone (day) _____ (eve) _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Alternate Address (if any) _____

Position(s) Applying For _____

Are you currently, or have you been an OPP member? _____ When? _____

Will you be a member of the swim team? _____

Have you been an employee of OPP before? _____ When? _____

***Lifeguard Applicants:** I have completed the following training:

Lifeguard Training (exp. Date) ____/____/____ BLS / CPR (exp date) ____/____/____

Advanced Lifesaving / Water Safety (exp date) ____/____/____

First Aid (exp date) ____/____/____ Other _____ (exp date) ____/____/____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Orinda Park Pool - 2003 Budget

	<u>2002 Budget</u>	<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>
Revenue:			
Membership Dues	235,000	246,396	243,000
Transfers, Applications, Late Fees	15,000	27,650	15,000
Interest Income	3,000	5,254	3,000
Rental Income	6,000	6,000	6,000
Miscellaneous	2,500	8,291	1,000
Operating Revenue	<u>261,500</u>	<u>293,591</u>	<u>268,000</u>
Salary Expense:			
Pool Manager, Caretaker, Life Guards	76,200	23,662	25,000
Coaches	30,000	35,736	35,000
Winter Maintenance	4,000	3,600	4,000
Total Salary Expense	<u>102,000</u>	<u>109,115</u>	<u>115,200</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Supplies - Caretaker	3,000	3,855	4,000
Supplies - Office	4,500	3,176	2,800
Payroll Taxes	13,500	13,393	13,500
Professional Fees	6,500	11,536	8,500
Maintenance & Repair	21,000	35,003	21,000
Social Program	6,500	1,109	3,600
Insurance	22,000	21,562	22,500
Licenses	1,600	1,660	1,600
Waste Disposal	4,000	4,854	4,000
EBMUD	4,800	5,939	4,800
PG & E	28,000	34,770	34,000
Telephone	3,000	3,745	3,000
Property Taxes	4,400	4,409	4,300
Pool Manager Misc.	500	1,592	500
Web Page & Publishing	4,000	1,756	4,000
Free Swim Lessons	500	1,344	800
Miscellaneous	5,000	6,988	2,800
Total Operating :	<u>132,800</u>	<u>156,691</u>	<u>135,700</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>248,000</u>	<u>278,154</u>	<u>255,200</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>13,500</u>	<u>15,437</u>	<u>12,800</u>
Major Repairs	29,500	65,945	25,000
Interest Income - Capital	-	8,346	7,500
Canteen - Net	-1,000	1,084	0
Swim Lessons Net	-	1,749	2,000
Net Income	<u>-17,000</u>	<u>-39,329</u>	<u>22,300</u>

Manager's Report

By Tom Appelbaum

Managing Orinda Park Pool through the cold winter months means mostly maintenance, and that's exactly what we're doing there right now. Trees are being trimmed, mechanical things are being refurbished, and broken things are being fixed. The water is a delightful 49 degrees, and several times a month Chris Kirby dons his wetsuit and bravely enters the pool to clean and vacuum as a preventative maintenance item. Greg and Maggie Kelly do their thing, which means lots of trimming, planting, cleaning-up, and doing dozens of other not-too-much-fun jobs.

I monitor the place and work with the board to make sure we'll be up and running for next season. I'm happy to say "so far, so good". Rather than bore you with details, I'll tell you that we have no major concerns at this time, and I don't expect any to surface in the near future. If you have any questions for me, please call my home office at (925) 254-7568. Have a great Winter!

OPP Renovation Council Meetings

The OPP Renovation Council has been formed to develop a plan for repairing or renovating the pool. Council meetings will be held on the following days:

Thursday, February 13
Thursday, March 13
Thursday, April 10
Thursday, May 8
Thursday, June 12
Thursday, July 10
Thursday, August 14

The meetings will be held in the Gallery Room of the Orinda Library beginning at 7:00 PM. All OPP members are invited to attend.

For more information on pool renovation, see:
www.orindaparkpool.org/renovation.html

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