

Orinda

Reflections

Park Pool

Winter

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2004

President's Message

By Brian O'Connell

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year! I must admit that I never thought that I would be writing the President's message again, but in the words of the notorious "Freddie"—I am back! Because of unforeseen circumstances, Vic Santini was not able to complete his last year on the Board and I was asked to fill in for the remainder of his term. I was honored to be asked and if my recent Board experience can be of value to the membership in the year ahead, I am glad to offer my services. My thanks and best wishes to Vic for all of his hard work.

I would like to recognize and thank our retiring board members for their invaluable contributions to the pool. Thank you and good luck to Dale Ogar, Dan Sanford and Kevin Marker, Eileen Klatsky and Doug Whitsitt. I also want to welcome our new board members Richard Normington (Vice President), Bill Fraser (Treasurer), Susan Hamilton (Secretary), Bruce Macler and Gary Navo (Maintenance) and Carol Marin (Membership). I also want to recognize our returning board members, Diane Cuyler, Vikki King, Chris Nyberg and Ellen Wenning for their ongoing contributions to the pool. Finally, I want to extend a very special heartfelt thank you to Morgan Gilhuly who, although his term expired with the board, very generously agreed to head the Pool Renovation Committee. I can't think of anyone as uniquely qualified as Morgan to execute this vital role. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Morgan and the members of the committee, Tom Appelbaum, Gary Navo, Gretchen Latimer, and Laura Abrams, in molding the future of Orinda Park Pool.

It goes without saying that there is no such thing as a free lunch. All of these individuals have jobs, families and other responsibilities, but should be recognized for sacrificing their time to keep Park Pool the best pool in the area—with the capable guidance of Tom Appelbaum and the assistance of Greg Kelly.

As you will read in the swim team news, we are currently in the process of interviewing for a new head swim coach. Although we are sorry to say good bye to Matt Armanini, we wish him all the best and know that he will be just as successful in his new endeavors as he was at OPP.

Due to the larger than usual change in the Board, the 2004 budget is still being finalized. This winter issue of the newsletter usually contains a budget for the new year. Instead the new budget will be included in the spring issue.

As I look forward to a season of fun, I think that it is important to reflect on how fortunate we are to have Park Pool. Please remember to reserve April 3 on your calendar for our annual clean up day. In addition to really making a contribution to getting the pool in shape for the summer, the day is a fun-filled time to enjoy socializing with pool-side friends after a long winter. Also, please get involved, or at least keep informed about the renovation project. The OPP website is the easiest way to stay abreast of the status of the project. IT IS A HUGE UNDERTAKING, BUT A NECESSARY ONE!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or any other board member. My email address is boconnell@rocketmail.com.

GO PARK!

Renovation Committee

By Morgan Gilhuly

Things are starting to get moving on the renovation of the pool. The Board has approved the selection of an architect, Cavagnero and Associates. Geotechnical work and a survey will be conducted during the next month. The Renovation committee will be holding a series of meetings during the winter with the architect and a pool consultant to decide on a conceptual design and obtain a cost estimate. Those meetings will be announced on the pool website (www.orindaparkpool.org/renovation.html) and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact me (254-2984) or any other Renovation Committee member if you would like to help.

Maintenance Committee

By Bruce Macler and Gary Navo

The winter months see the pool half-full, the chairs all stored and no one around. But that doesn't mean nothing is happening. Greg Kelly, Tom Applebaum and others make sure the systems are kept functional and the site secure. Yard work never ceases. Along with Gary and Bruce, your Board Members for maintenance, they are surveying what needs to get done to get the pool ready for next season.

For example, as you probably know, we have a leak under the deck. The water eventually flows to a french drain that had emptied into the creek. No more! Gary arranged to put in an interceptor pipe that now runs to the sewer. He also corrected a drain problem in the chlorine storage room.

So a request for you, the members. If you know of something at the pool that needs attention or repair, or have ideas for pool area improvements, pass them on to us.

Annual Clean Up Day is April 3

It's that time again. The weather is warming up, the pool is warming up and the smell of chlorine is in the air. Come on down and join the cleanup party on Saturday, April 3rd. The pool has come through this past winter well, but we need to get it in shape for opening day. This is the one time where we need volunteers to help paint, move tables, rake leaves and otherwise tidy up the place.

We want to encourage everyone to make plans to volunteer some time, even if it's only an hour or two. It's your

pool, after all. Bring your kids. We plan to start around 9:00 and will try to finish up by noon or so. As always, there will be food and drinks.

There is the usual list of chores including general cleanup, getting the barbecues and tables in tiptop shape, touchup painting and a host of other small jobs. The buildings all need their usual thorough cleaning to get them ready for opening day. Get your gloves, paintbrushes and small tools ready and come out to kick off the spring.

If you have questions or ideas, call Bruce Macler at 925 253-9592 or Gary Navo at 510 548-8076.

Important Membership News

By Ellen Wenning and Carol Marin

2003 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. 2004 promises to be an exciting year, during which time plans for renovating 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

In a few days you will receive a bill for your 2004 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, 2004, you must pay a late fee of \$100.
- If you do not pay by May 1, 2004, you must pay a late fee of \$200
- If you do not pay by June 1, 2004, 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.

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Emergency Contact Sheets

Two Emergency Contact forms will be included with the invoice you receive. 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, Ellen Wenning (925) 253-4813 or Carol Marin (925) 253-1741.

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.

2004 Board Meetings

Tuesday, February 3

Tuesday, March 9

Tuesday, April 13

Tuesday, May 11

Tuesday, June 8

Tuesday, July 13

Tuesday, August 10

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. 2004 Board of Directors

President: Brian O'Connell 510-547-2448
Vice President: Dick Normington 510-652-2288
Treasurer: Bill Fraser 962-9000
Membership: Ellen Wenning 253-4813
Carol Marin 253-1741
Maintenance: Gary Navo 510-548-8076
Bruce Macler 253-9592
Swim Team: Diane Cuyler 253-8302
Secretary: Susan Hamilton 254-5388
Social: Vikki King 510-547-2448
Website, Pubs: Chris Nyberg 254-7864

Pool Manager:

Tom Appelbaum - 254-7568

2004 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

- 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.
- 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.
- Grandparents over the age of 65 who are not swimming may come to the pool at no charge.
- Grandparents who are acting as baby-sitters for their grandchildren and who are not swimming may come to the pool at no charge.
- 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.
- Both parties of a separated couple are still members of the pool until divorced.
- Children of a member who has divorced his/her spouse are not subject to any guest charge when using the pool.
- To be eligible for a “senior” membership, you must be 65 by March 1 (Bylaws, Art XI).
- 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 Lori Adams & Kathe Friel

Happy New Year Stingrays and OPP families! Although it is only January, we have been busy making plans to ensure that this is another classic OPP summer, full of fun activities, excellent swim instruction, and LOTS of SPIRIT!

Along those lines, we are creating a spirit committee to bring out that OPP spirit in full force. The improved swim lesson structure will make scheduling easier for the coaches and parents, and many social events will now be included in your swim team fees. Contact us with other ideas.

The Hiring Committee is currently in the process of interviewing candidates for the head coach position, and more news will follow when the process is completed. Expect to see many of our well-loved and familiar coaches returning this summer!

For those who want to enjoy the camaraderie of swim team early or brush up on their skills, optional pre-season clinics will be held in the spring. Watch for pre-season clinic information in the coming months.

Swim team registration is set for Saturday, May 8th, and for those who can't attend, a make up registration will be held May 15th. The April Reflections newsletter will have detailed information about registration, pre-season work outs, and fees. The preliminary meet schedule for 2004 follows:

Preliminary Swim Meet Schedule

June 6	OPP Time Trials	Home
June 12	Sleepy Hollow A/B	Home
June 16	Sleepy Hollow A+1	Away
June 19	MVP A/B	Home
June 23	MCC A+1	Away
June 26	Miramonte A/B	Home
June 30	Moraga Ranch A+?	Home
July 7	Inner Squad Meet?	Home
July 10	Bottoms Up	Away
July 11	OPP Relays	Home
July 14	CCC A+?	Home
July 17	Meadow A/B (9 & Up only)	Away
July 18	Meadow Mini Meet	Away
July 21	OCC A+1	Home
July 24	MTSC A/B	Away
July 25	Sleepy Hollow 'B' Invitational	Away
July 29	MCC B	Home
Aug 7/8	OMPA Championship	Away
Aug 14/15	County Meet	Away

Please make sure that you schedule your vacation around the OMPA. This is what the team works towards all summer, so don't miss it!

The Swim Team committee will be meeting in March to make further plans for the 2004 season. If you have ideas for the 2004 season or want to help out, please consider joining the Swim Team Committee. We currently have a few openings. You can contact Lori Adams at lgadamsfamily@sbcglobal.net (510-547-0498) or Kathe Friel at kathefriel@comcast.net (925-253-1704) 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!

Free Swim Lessons

As a service to all our pool members, OPP offers free swimming lessons to toddlers between the ages of three to five who are at the *bubble blowing* stage. Water safety and beginning swimming skills are introduced. Please check the website or bulletin boards around the pool for more information.

Vice President's Message

By Richard Normington

I would like to thank Morgan Gilhuly, who encouraged me to join the board, and who has continued to generously provide his time and advise to me. I look forward to working with Morgan and his colleagues on the renovation committee as we move forward with planning significant improvements to our pool this year. I also look forward to working with Tom Appelbaum, our pool manager, who will be running the pool and hiring and managing the lifeguards again.

We will soon be hiring new staff for the coming year. As in prior summers, 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 2004 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, 2004**
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, 2004):

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 2004

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

MEMBER RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations are set forth in an effort to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all people using the Pool, its facilities and grounds. Your understanding and cooperation in complying with these rules is appreciated and will promote the enjoyment of the Pool by all members.

1. Admittance

- 1.1 Only members and their guests, pool employees, and authorized contractors will be admitted.
- 1.2 Members and their guests must use the official entrance to the Pool and must identify themselves at the gate.
- 1.3 Children under the age of 9 will not be admitted unless accompanied and supervised by an adult.
- 1.4 Park Pool will not admit to the grounds:
 - (a) Anyone under the influence of intoxicants;
 - (b) Pets, alcoholic beverages, or glass containers.

2. Supervision of Children

- 2.1 In the Pool:
 - (a) Members and their guests must supervise those children whose swimming ability and conduct does not meet the requirements of the lifeguards for the use of the "big" pool.
 - (b) Non-swimmers must stay behind the ropes, and an adult must stay with the child at all times.
 - (c) Children who are not potty trained must wear swim diapers.
- 2.2 On the Pool Grounds:
 - (a) Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult unless they are comfortable in the water and can swim at least one full lap unassisted.
 - (b) Children are not to loiter in the bathrooms.

3. Use of the Facilities

- 3.1 Assumption of the Risk: All persons using the Pool and its facilities do so at their own risk.
- 3.2 Infractions: All rule infractions should be reported to a guard or the Pool Manager. The Pool reserves the right to suspend or revoke a member's privileges for repeated or egregious infractions by them or their family members or guests.
- 3.3 Running: Running is not permitted on the deck or the walkways.
- 3.4 Bathing Suits: Bathing suits must be worn in the pool: cutoffs are not permitted.

- 3.5 Bathing Caps: Bathing caps must be worn in the pool if hair is below the ears.
- 3.6 Chairs: Chairs are for adult use only. Chairs are to be returned to the chair shack when no longer needed. Those chairs on the upper deck by the Canteen are not to be taken from that location.
- 3.7 Flotation Devices: No flotation devices of any type may be used in the "big" pool.
- 3.8 Parking Lots: Extreme care should be taken by both drivers and pedestrians in the parking lots.

4. Property Damage or Loss

- 4.1 Orinda Park, Inc. shall not be responsible for loss, theft or damage to personal property.
- 4.2 Property damage will be charged to the responsible or proprietary members.
- 4.3 Members and their guests must not leave valuables in the dressing rooms.

Rules Regarding "Fecal Alerts"

- If you or your child has stomach or intestinal illness or has experienced recent uncontrollable bowel movements, keep yourself or child out of the pool. Children in particular should stay out of the pool until you are sure the episode has passed.
- **All toddlers must use "swim diapers" when using the pool.** The swim diapers must be checked regularly and changed immediately if soiled. Swim diapers are available at the Canteen or Guard Shack for a fee. Lifeguards will look for swim diapers on toddlers and remind the parents if necessary.
- Supervise and attend to your toddler or child when using the restrooms and clean up after them. Take young children to the bathroom periodically and in particular before swimming.
- Discuss with your child that our pool is not a toilet.

Anyone determined to have caused a fecal accident in the pool or restroom will be fined \$100, payable by the member, and in the case of a guest, payable by the sponsoring member.

Orinda Park, Inc.
P.O. Box 32
Orinda, CA 94563

Manager's Report

By Tom Appelbaum

The 2004 season is almost upon us, and we look forward to a fun, albeit abbreviated time at OPP. Several issues came up during the off-season, and I look forward to dealing with them this summer, including the noise issue. Let me assure you that things will be different this year, and that, in the spirit of compromise, ALL members, young/old, swimteam/non-swimteam, etc., will be able to enjoy the different types of ambience that are signatures of OPP.

I say abbreviated because of the imminent renovation that should occur, starting in September. Don't forget, your input to the renovation committee is most important, as we're counting on lots of participation from you all. Together we will create a setting that will provide tons of enjoyment for generations to come.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments. My home office number is (925) 254-7568. I use this number as a fax machine sometimes, so you may not be able to leave a message if I'm not there. In that case, please call my cell phone, (510)816-7720. Also, please don't call me before 7 am or after 9 pm, unless it's an emergency. During the season, you can also reach me at the guard shack, (925) 254-7492.

Adult Lifeguards Needed

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