

The Whale's Tale

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Wexford Leas Swim Club (WLSC) will be undergoing more personnel changes than the Corzine Administration this year. Past President Ted Budzynski has retired after four years of dedicated service. Ted has agreed to remain on the Pool Board as an advisor and will help with the new transition.

Also leaving are Bill Omundsen, Ron Villa, John Akkerman and Tom DiArenzo. All have put in countless hours of dedication and their efforts will surely be missed.

In addition to the above Board members leaving, we will also be seeing a new Pool Manager and Swim Team Coach. That's right, Ian and George have both decided to move on to other

things.

So where does that leave us? Who will run the swim club now? Who will be the new manager? Who will be the new coach? Will Patti Mahoney still be in charge of membership? Where does Frank Acito get his hair cut?

These are all legitimate questions, so let's look at them one by one.

The new pool president is now Don Hudson. Don is an operations man by trade with Burlington County College, and knows how to organize and prioritize the tasks involved in running an organization like the WLSC.

Assisting Don will be Bill Harris. Bill will be in charge of the personnel issues and overseeing the entire man-

agement of the club. Bill's business and corporate experience make him a perfect fit for this job.

Additional new board members include: John Haar, operations, Scott Roncace, treasurer, Julie Winkler, secretary, Bob Tighue, fundraising, Mary Beth Anderson, swim team liaison, and yes, Patti Mahoney will be back in membership.

The Pool Manager job has been awarded to Zack Osheroff. Zack had to beat out many other applicants for the job and we think he will be a perfect fit for the position.

As for the new swim coach, you'll have to read the next article.

Oh yeah, Acito goes to Frank's Barber Shop in Haddonfield.

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Mark Your Calendars:

- Pasta & Pedicure—May 11
- Poker Tournament May 20th
- Pool Opens May 26th
- Memorial Day May 29th
- After School Swim Practice starts May 30th
- Open House: Sat. June 3rd
- New Member/Guest Social June 3rd
- Golf Outing—June 30th

NEW SWIM COACH NAMED—Dan's the Man

Dan Rogers teaches history and psychology at Cherry Hill West and is the former head coach and current volunteer assistant for the West boys swim team. He developed his love for swimming on the sunny beaches of the Jer-

sey shore where he served on the Stone Harbor Beach Patrol for twelve summers. In 2000, Coach Rogers made the transition from beach to pool when he began coaching the West Boy's swim team. During

this period, the Lions experienced consistent improvement and this year competed for the Division A State Title. Dan lives in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania with his wife Leslie and son.

Life Guards Needed

What teenaged kid wouldn't want to be a life guard for the summer? One that can't swim, that's who! But for the other kids that have what it takes, there's nothing better. You get to sit up on that high chair with sunglasses on and a bunch of sun block on your nose. Then, you get to yell at all of the little kids for running too fast. And maybe you may have to save a life or two. All of this while getting a tan.

How much would you pay for an opportunity like this? Well, here is the best part, we pay you! I know, I know, you

can't believe it's true, but it is. You actually get paid for having the "best summer of your life!"

But not everyone can be a life guard. You have to be qualified and pass a test (and know what the word redundant means). You also have to be at least 15 years old, so any of you Turtles that are thinking about applying for the job, think again!

So if your interested (and who wouldn't be?) send you name, email address, and phone number to Bill Harris at: (weharris01@comcast.net)

This could be you!



Sing a Song

Do you have any musical talent? OK, do you think you have any musical talent? Starting this summer the Wexford Swim Club will be trying out a new experiment called "Live Music Sundays".

Here is the concept: You get to hear live music on Sundays. (Pretty cool huh?)

This is how it works (I hope): Every Sunday we will set up a microphone and a karaoke machine. Anyone is welcomed

to have fun and sing a song. (Live Music Sunday's works best when paired with "Beer Drinking Sundays")

If you'd rather play an instrument, or are part of a band, let us know and we would love to have you play.

During the times when no one is singing or playing, you will hear live concerts from your favorite bands.

"I can't wait for Live Music Sunday's! I sure hope the MAGS get back together so they can be the "house band" - Former MAGS fan Joanne Sutkin.

Billy's Hen House Gives 10% to Wexford Swim Club

Bill Kellam of Billy's Hen House is excited to announce that they will donate 10% of all revenue ordered through Wexford Swim Club on Fridays.

Here's how it works—Starting Friday May 26th and ending Friday September 1st 10% of any food order delivered to WLSC on Friday's will be donated back to the club.

Better yet, we will have menus on hand each week and an order sheet will be on hand so you could place you order any time. Then all you have to do is show up on Friday and you food will come to you!

Orders will be placed around 4:00 pm on Friday afternoon, and will expect to arrive by 6:00 pm.

The food at Billy's is very good and it's a

great alternative to pizza. What's better for Friday Happy Hour than a rack of ribs or some Buffalo Wings and a cold beer?

Check out the menu at:

WWW.Billyshenhouse.com

The Summer of Fun!

Don't make those summer vacation plans too soon! Event coordinator and fund raiser chairman Bob Tighue promises to make this summer at the pool the best since 1981 (that's when I heard the pool was real fun, but I wasn't around to verify it).

Take a look at some of the events that we are planning right now, at this very moment (we have a team working 24 hours a day—just for your enjoyment).

1st Annual Golf Outing!

Pool Side Bingo!

Night at the Races!

Poker Tournaments!

Family Movie Nights!

Crab Night!

Hawaiian Luau!

Beef and Beer!

Live Music/Karaoke Sundays!

Raft and Tube Thursdays!

Happy Hour Themed Fridays!

Pasta and Pedicure!

Volleyball Tournaments!

River sharks Game w Wexford Singers!

July 4th Party!

Family Game Night!

Anyone willing to help out on any of these events, please contact Bob Tighue at Btighue@aol.com, before he contacts you!

Tip: If you see Bob wearing his "Capt. Bob" hat, that means something fun is about to happen. If he's not wearing his hat, don't bother him, he doesn't want to talk to you (He hates people).

Texas Hold'em Tournament Date Set

The first Texas Hold'em Tournament of the season will be held on Saturday May 20th, 7:00 pm. The event is limited to the first 30 people who confirm their response. The cost is \$50 for poker and \$15 for food and beverage.

If you can't make this one, don't worry. There will be at least 3 more before the end of the year.

In addition, we are looking into doing

free Texas Hold'em classes at the pool, for those who may want to learn more about the game. Right now, no times have been scheduled, but it looks like either Saturday or Sunday early evenings. Anyone who considers themselves a Texas Hold'em pro, should contact Bob Tighue and volunteer to help with the classes. (God knows he's no expert!)

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"We are also looking to do a "Ladies Only" Tournament and a "Couples Only" Tournament.

Only" Tournament and a "Couples Only" Tournament. Stay tuned for more details.

Last year we made \$500 for the swim club in just one event. This a great fund raiser for the club!

ZACK ATTACK

Hello everyone. My name is Zachary Osheroff and I am going to be managing Wexford Leas Swim Club for the upcoming season. I am looking forward to a fun and safe summer. If there is anything that I can do to better help you enjoy the summer please let

me know and I will do everything that I can to help you. I look forward to seeing all of you again or maybe meeting you for the first time over the holiday weekend."

Bill Harris wrote:

"Since January, we interviewed a number of candidates for the

swim club manager position. Based on our interviews and past experience with some of the candidates, we were happy to announce that Zack Osheroff would be the Manager this season. Zack has a number of years of experience with the Wexford Pool as a (Continued on Page 4)

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lifeguard and understands the needs and duties that come with the job.

"For those of you who don't know Zack, he grew up and lives in the neighborhood. He currently attends Towson State and will be starting his sophomore year this fall. We believe him to possess the qualities of a natural leader.

Those qualities, his experience, and the board's general impression of Zack gives us great confidence in his ability to be effective in his new role. As Zack noted, please let him know how we can make the summer more enjoyable and safe for you and your family." The Main Assistant Manager this summer will be Christa Wesley, a graduating senior of Rutgers University who also grew up in our

neighborhood. Christa brings several years of experience to the pool and possesses the knowledge, responsibility, and maturity that will help the pool to operate smoothly this season.

I encourage our members to introduce yourselves to Zack and Christa this summer and see what a great team we have in place."

Golfers Needed

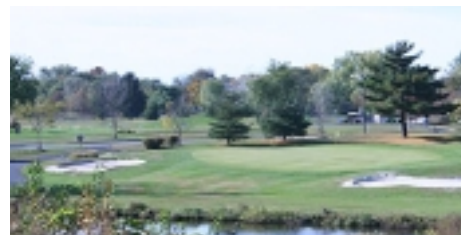
The Wexford Swim Club is looking to host its first annual golf outing on June 30, 2006. This is the Friday before 4th of July, so we were hoping that most of you could get the day off from work.

The tournament will start with lunch at the swim club and a caravan to Valley Brook GC, in Blackwood, NJ. We are scheduled to have a 1:00 pm shot gun

start, however that may change if we don't have enough players.

After golf, a dinner will be served at the swim club. All for the low price of \$100 per player. For those that can not make golf, but would like to attend the dinner your more than welcome to join us for \$30. Please contact Bob Tighue at Btighue@aol.com for reservations and

details.



A Special Thank You

The Wexford Swim Club would like to extend a special thank you for all of the volunteers that have help make our club so special over the years.

Families like the Budzynski's, Akkerman's, Bietz's, Novick's and Mahoney's have gone over and above the call of duty for our club and their dedication is very much appreciated.

This year, new club President Don Hudson has gathered several new families to help out with spring clean up and other activities.

As many of you know, our swim club operates on a very tight budget, and relies on it's volunteers and fund raising activities to help it survive.



▶ May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Pool Cleanup
7 Pool Cleanup	8 Pool Painting Week	9 Pool Painting Week	10 Pool Painting Week	11 Pasta & Pedicure 12:00	12 Pool Painting Week	13 Important Pool Clean Up Day
14 Mothers Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Texas Hold'em Tournament 7:00pm
21 Final Pool Cleanup Week-end	22	23	24	25	26 Pool Opens 6:00 pm	27 ...
28 Memorial Day	29	30 After School Swim Practice Starts	31			

Schedule of Events

- **5/6-5/13**—Pool Cleanup and Painting Week
- 5/11— [Pasta & Pedicure @ Louis Christian—\\$50 Great Mother's Day Gift!](#)
- 5/13—Pool Project Day—Need Volunteers
- 5/10— [Texas Hold'em' Tournament—A few spaces still available](#)
- **5/20-5/21**— Final Pool Cleanup—Need Volunteers
- **5/26**—Pool Opens 6:00—9:00 pm
- 5/29—[Memorial Day](#)
- **5/30**—[After School Swim Practice Starts —4:00 pm](#)

▶ June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 BHH Happy Hour 80's Theme	3 Open House/New Member Social
4 Open House Weekend	5	6	7	8	9 BHH Happy Hour Blues Theme	10 Volleyball Movie Night
11 Bingo! Live Music Sundays!	12	13	14	15	16 BHH Happy Hour Classic Rock	17 Time Trials Volleyball
18 Bingo! Live Music Sundays!	19	20	21 Last Day Of School	22 Kick Off Banquet	23 BHH Happy Hour Beatles	24 A-Meet Home. Night At Races
25 Bingo! Live Music Sundays!	26	27	28 B-Meet @ Cherry Vly	29 Pep Rally Raft & Tube Night	30 BHH—Springteen Golf Outing	

Schedule of Events

- Every Friday—Billy's Hen House Happy Hour—10% goes to WLSC!
- 6/3— Open House/New Member Social
- 6/10— Volleyball Tournament—Free! Movie Night!
- 6/17—Swim Team Time Trials—Volleyball Finals
- 6/22—Swim Team Kick Off Banquet.
- 6/24—A-Meet @ Home/Night @ The Races! Fun For All—7:00pm
- 6/28—B-Meet @ Cherry Valley
- 6/29—Pep Rally—Raft & Tube
- 6/30—Golf Outing! Need Players!
- Every Sunday—Live Music Sundays /and Karaoke! And Pool Side Bingo From 3-5

Wexford Whales Look For Successful Season

The Wexford Whales dominated the "F" Division in 2003. Then they dominated the "E" division in 2004. And lost just one meet in 2005. The recent success of the team has been attributed to good coaching, winter swimming, but most of all hard work and determination from our swimmers.

This year things will heat up as the Old Orchard swim team joins us in the "D" Division along with Barclay Farms, Woodcrest, Chestnut Run, and Woodbine.

The competition will be tough as most of these swim clubs have many more members than ours.

Many of our swimmers participated in winter swim programs such as Pheasant Run and the NJ Wahoo's! These programs not only get the swimmers in

great shape, but give them instructional tips that they may not have learned during the summer.

Registration has already begun and practice starts May 30th, so sign up now!

The "A" -meet schedule begins on June 24. The team will start with two home meets and have the next three meets away. Good Luck, and Have Fun!



Pasta & a Pedicure May 11, 2006



Pamper yourself while your kids are at school. A full 30 minute pedicure from Louis Christian Spa plus a Tortellini and Italian Salad lunch. Also includes one glass of wine or sparkling water.

Lunch will be served starting at 12:00 and Pedicures will be booked from 1:00 to 3:00.

Makes a Great Mothers Day Gift!

- Space is Extremely Limited—Book Now!
- Only \$50 Per Person!
- Benefits Wexford Swim Club!

Wexford Leas Swim Club

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Louis Christian Spa is located in the Village Walk in Cherry Hill, NJ

Contact person: Lisa Tighue—856-876-1047

E-mail: Ltighue@aol.com

Date: 05/11/06



Date: 05/20/06

Time: 7:00 pm

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Limited to 30 players. Pool members get first priority if booking early.

Location: Wexford Pool House
Saturday May 20th – 7:00 pm

Contact person: 609-792-0684

Wexford Leas Swim Club

\$50 Buy in for Poker

*Prizes: \$500 1st Place
 \$300 2nd Place
 \$100 3rd Place*

\$15 Food/Beverage Charge

**Hoagie Tray*

**Wings*

**Hot Roast Beef*

**Beer*



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Go Whales! Swim Good!

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Hey You! Yeah, You!

Can you write? Do you have anything worth reading? If so I am looking for contributions to the newsletter.

Make it fun and interesting. It could be about any topic that you think others might want to read about, not necessarily just swim stuff.

You could review a CD or a book, give a family recipe or confess a deep dark secret.

The only thing I don't want is an advertisement or company profile. I also won't print anything that I think may offend or hurt other people. OK, maybe you can offend a little, but you definitely can't hurt other people, that's where I draw the line.

I'd like to have the same contributors each month, with their own special col-

The Wexford Swim Club was founded in 1972 and serves the Wexford Leas, Highgate, Sienna, and other surrounding communities.

Many current members have been around from the beginning and continue to be a major asset to the club.

The club prides itself on its small membership and close knit community appeal. Being a club member is like being a part of an extended family, where everyone is friendly and looks out for each other.

If your thinking about joining, or know someone who would like to join, now is the time!

umn, such as "Household Tips from Trudi Ciccotta" or "Movie Reviews from Joanne Sutkin", or "CD Recommendations Past, Present and Future from Jeff Hollowniczky", or Swedish Songs for Your Next Party from Ken Manyin"

OK, you get the idea, send me an e-mail with an idea and if it works we will get it into the newsletter. Also any digital photos that pertain to the swim club or swim team would be good too. Even if you have old snap shot that we can scan, it would be fun to see what things were like back in the day!



The calm before the storm.