

# The Whale's Tale

A Wet Gazette Publication

## Opening Day Jitters

May 26<sup>th</sup> marked the 2006 season opening day, although the temperature on that Friday night may not have been ideal swim weather. That didn't stop most of the kids from going in anyway. Julia Harris and Kira Mahoney were the first to step in for the season. They were quickly followed by about 20 other kids who then all took part in a massive band test given by new manager Zack Osheroff.

New swim club President, Don Hudson was considered the first adult to go in the pool this year. Although some have said that Frank Murphy may have actually beat him to it when he jumped in to save his cell phone. Afterwards, Don was overheard saying,



*"My foot is in, see, I'm the first one in!"*

"What did I do that for?" Which is the same thing he said on his wedding day. But most of the adults were satisfied staying dry and socializing while their kids had fun in the pool.

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### Mark You Calendars:

- Night at The Races—6/24
- Crab Night - 7/14
- Beef and Beer—8/12
- Hawaiian Luau—8/19
- HUGE Texas Hold'em Tournament—8/26

## THE KRUSTY KRAB

Got crabs? Well we do on July 14<sup>th</sup>! For you crab lovers (you know who you are) this is a can't miss event. ALL YOU CAN EAT CRABS!



This is the kind of night that you want to use up some of your guest passes because an event this good, should be shared with others. **\$25 per person. \$5 for kids under 12.**

**RSVP is a must—by 7/11/06—  
(Crabs will be ordered on 7/12)**

## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to the 2006 summer swim season at the **Wexford Leas Swim Club**. As your new Board, we wanted to update you on a few items that you might find of interest.

We made great strides in our volunteer efforts this spring clean-up season. Over twenty-five families contributed significantly to the weekend projects, however, we want to particularly recognize the legacy knowledge continuity and participation of the Budzynski's, Ommundsen's, Novick's, Beitz and Villa's. Their help was crucial to the pool and facilities being ready for Memorial Day Weekend.

This spring, there were a number of projects that we undertook in improving the pool facilities. In all, approximately \$12,000 dollars in capital expenditures were spent in necessary deferred maintenance repairs and general upkeep. Without our volunteer efforts, that cost would have been three times that amount. Like our homes, the work is never complete. But with the great neighbors and members we have, our pool continues to thrive.

And thrive it has. Three years ago, we had **96** members. Last year, that number was **113 a 12% increase**. We are one of the few pools in Cherry Hill that has experience growth in membership. But we're still not where we would like to be. A recent study indicated that only 13% of the Cherry Hill households were members of a local swim club. That means there could be 87% of our neighbors are non-members. Continuing to grow our membership will be the primary focuses of the Club over the next year. With a larger membership base, we will have the ability to offer more to our members in terms of services and events. Your support in these efforts are appreciated.

As you may know, a familiar face has become our Manager this year. Zack Osheroff is leading our "Lifeguard and Operations" team this season. We expect nothing but success in his efforts as he has already begun to show his natural leadership ability to us.

The Swim Team has hired Dan Rogers to coach our team this year, and we expect to compete for our division championship once again. Dan is a teacher at Cherry Hill West. We have only one loss in three years and hope to continue our winning ways this season. Check the calendar for our scheduled meets, especially against cross-neighborhood rival Old Orchard. Dan will be assisted by Bridgette Cahill, a recent graduate from Brown University with a major in Art History.

Bob Tighue is leading our social efforts as well as our fundraising this season. Impressively, we are pleased to say that prior to our opening, we have already reached about 30% of social revenue budget amount this year. In fact, we have already achieved approximately 50% of the total social revenue generated for the entire last season. Please continue to support our efforts in this regard as it benefits us all.

We continue to reduce our debt. Our goal is that unless there are unforeseen circumstances, we want to wipe out our debt within two years. This is being done at a time when other Cherry Hill pools of our size are struggling to make ends meet and are taking on great amounts of debt. We will continue to follow the path set under our recent leadership in this regard. Again, with a growing membership base, we remain financially stable.

Most importantly, our pool is more than a pool. It's a place where we come to relax, enjoy each other's company, and watch our children grow. While the entire neighborhood benefits from having a pool, we realize that we all have a choice on where we want to spend our summer and our money. We want each of you to enjoy your experience at the Wexford Leas Swim Club, and hope that by doing so you will return and tell your neighbors who are not members what they are missing.

Seek us out with your comments and suggestions. We are here to serve our members and improve our collective experiences. Happy Summer 2006 everyone!

The Board Members

## FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE

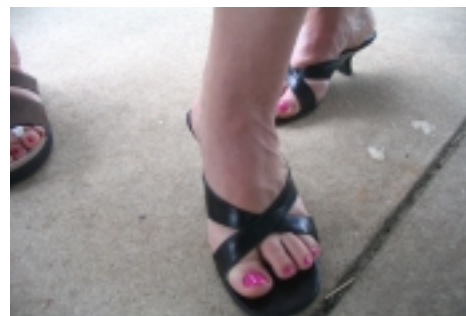
### PASTA AND PEDICURE DAY

On May 11, 2006 the Wexford Swim Club held its first "Pasta and Pedicure" fundraiser at Louis Christian Salon. Just in time for Mother's Day, this event was sold out and everyone had a great time.

The fundraiser made over \$300 for the swim club and helped out a lot of dads with buying a Mother's Day gift.

Lisa Tighue organized the event and supplied the pasta and drinks. The owners

of Louis Christian were more than accommodating and had never heard of a fundraising event that would include a pedicure. Now they want us to do it every year and they promise to make it even better next time!



GUESS THE FOOT: Who belongs to this newly worked on foot? (Answer next month)

## NEW ASSISTANT COACH NAMED

We are pleased to welcome Bridgette Cahill to the Wexford Leas Swim Team as Assistant Coach.

Bridgette attended Brown University as a member of the class of 2006. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History of Art. Bridgette was a four year varsity letter winner on Brown's Women's Swimming and Diving Team. While at Brown she was also an active member on the Student Athletic Advi-

sory Committee and participated in many community outreach programs.

Bridgette attended Gloucester Catholic High School and graduated in 2002 where she swam all four years. Bridgette also swam competitively and at the National level for Jersey Wahoos throughout her swimming career. As for Tri-County Swimming, she swam for 14 years at Whitman Square.



## 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 your order any time. Then all you have to do is show up on Friday and your 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](http://WWW.Billyshenhouse.com)

## 4TH OF JULY BASH—DON'T MISS IT!

Every year the Wexford Swim Club hosts a huge 4th of July extravaganza. (OK, it's not really an extravaganza, but I just like saying that word). This is due mostly in part to the hard work and coordination of Carol Novick and all of the other volunteers that help out each year.

This year is expected to be no different as Carol has already begun preparations for this year's bash. There will be plenty of games for both kids and adults including old favorites like the pie eating contest, nail drive and of course the greasy water-melon contest.

But Carol can't do it all by herself, so she needs volunteers to help out. A sign-up sheet will be posted shortly with a list of events.

### CHINESE AUCTION

Also a 4th of July tradition has been the Chinese Auction. This year, we plan on actually auctioning off some beef and broccoli!

If your not familiar with how this works it's very simple. We ask each family to donate a prize to be used in the raffle. This can be anything from a gift basket to a free week at a shore house. Raffle tick-

ets are sold and you decide what prize you want to try to win.

Tickets will be sold all day, but you want to get some early as we will be auctioning prizes off throughout the day.



## Texas Hold'em Tournament Beitz It!



*The Final Table—Notice how little Fran's stack is.*

The Wexford Texas Hold'em Tournament held on May 20th was a thriller to the end. With Fran Murphy making the final table having only about 8 chips, but somehow was able to fend off six other players who came in with many more. Fran was able to work his poker skills to take home the third place prize.

But after Fran was out the remaining two players were Frank Beitz and Bill Mahoney. By this time Vegas had Ma-

**REMINDER :**  
**THE BIG 50 PLAYER TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF AUGUST!**

honey as a huge favorite to win, but that pesky Frank Beitz was in a zone. The guy couldn't do anything wrong. And although Bill gave it a good run, he didn't have enough to overcome Frank's mojo that night. But all in all, everyone walked away happy that night and the pool raised over \$500.

## NIGHT AT THE RACES!

This is a night that you really do not want to miss. The Wexford Swim Club will be transformed into Churchill Downs.

Guaranteed a fun night for the whole family! Hot dogs! Soft Pretzels! Drinks for the kids! Draft Beer! All for just \$5 per person.

OK...I know your asking, so what do you mean by "races"? It's hard to explain on paper, but I can tell you that it has nothing to do with swimming, or anyone actually "racing".

Adults will be encouraged to "wager" on a "horse". Wagering may be either \$2, \$5 or \$10 per horse per race. The horses will move by the roll of a die.



# ▶ June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 BHH Happy Hour	3 Open House
4 Open House Weekend	5	6	7	8	9 BHH Happy Hour	10 Open House
11	12	13	14	15	16 BHH Happy Hour	17 Time Trials
18 Fathers Day	19	20	21 Last Day Of School	22 Kick Off Banquet	23 BHH Happy Hour	24 A-Meet @ Home. Night At Races
25 Bingo! Live Music Sundays!	26	27	28 B-Meet @ Cherry Villy	29 Pep Rally Raft & Tube Night	30 BHH-	

## Schedule of Events

- Every Friday—Billy's Hen House Happy Hour—10% goes to WLSC!
- 6/3— Open House
- 6/10— Open House
- 6/17—Swim Team Time Trials—Volleyball Tournament—Free!
- 6/22—Swim Team Kick Off Banquet.
- 6/24—A-Meet @ Home/Night at the Races
- 6/28—B-Meet @ Cherry Valley
- 6/29—Pep Rally—Raft & Tube
- Every Sunday—Live Music Sundays /and Karaoke! And Pool Side Bingo From 3-5

# July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> A-Meet Home <b>Movie Night!</b>
2	3	4 4th of July Party/Chinese Auction	5 B-Meet Home	6 Pep Rally/ Raft & Tube Night	<b>7</b> <b>Golf Outing!</b>	8 A-Meet @ Woodcrest.
9 The MAGs live!	10	11	12 Team Pics 7:30 AM. B-Meet Home	13 Pep Rally/ Raft & Tube Night	<b>14</b> <b>Happy Hour</b> Crab Night!	15 A-Meet @ Barclay
16	17	18	19 B-Meet @ Fox Hollow	20 Pep Rally/ Raft & Tube Night	<b>21</b> <b>Happy Hour</b>	22 A-Meet @ Old Orchard
23	24	25	26	27 Pep Rally/ Raft & Tube Night	<b>28</b> <b>Happy Hour</b>	29 Cherry Bowl <b>Awards Night!</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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- 7/1—Movie Night at Dusk
- **7/4**—Huge 4th of July Party/Chinese Auction
- 7/7—Golf Outing/Dinner—Golf at Valley Brook GC/Food @ Wexford
- 7/9—The MAGs Live! - Farewell Tour kicks off at Wexford 3:00.
- 7/12—Team Pictures 7:30 am Ugh!
- 7/14—All You Can Eat Crab Night!
- 7/29—Cherry Bowl and Awards Night and Slide Show Presentation.

# ▶ August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Raft and Tube Night	4 Tri-County Breakfast	5 Tri-County
6 Tri-County	7	8	9	10 Raft and Tube Night	11 Family Game Night!	12 Beef and Beer!
13	14	15	16	17 Raft and Tube Night	18 Happy Hour	19 Hawaiian Luau!
20	21	22	23	24 Raft and Tube Night	25 Movie Night!	26 Texas Hold'em
27	28	29	30	31 Raft and Tube Night		

## Schedule of Events

- 8/4—Tri-County Breakfast
- 8/5 and 8/6—Tri-County Tournament
- 8/11—Family Game Night!
- 8/12— Beef and Beer!
- 8/19— Hawaiian Luau—Don't Miss it!
- 8/25—Movie Night
- **8/26**—HUGE 50 Player Texas Hold'em Tournament!!! Anyone Over 18 is invited—guests are welcome.

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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.