



Blossomwood Swimming Association  
P.O. Box 881  
Huntsville, AL 35804



## **Blossomwood Swimming Association**

Summer is upon us and with the warm weather comes the siren call of the Blossomwood pool. I am hopeful that this newsletter finds everyone happy, healthy and anxiously awaiting the pool opening on **25 May 2011**.

### **Pool Hours**

The pool will open May 25 at 4:00. The season will run through Labor Day weekend, 5 September 2011. Please check the website and posted notices at the pool for pool hours. Pool hours may change due to a swim/dive meet or a scheduled event. The normal hours of operation are the following:

Mon.-Thurs.:

baby/middle pool: 10:00 am-8:00 pm big  
pool: 11:00 am-8:00 pm

Friday

baby/middle pool: 10:00 am-9:00 pm big  
pool: 11:00 am-9:00 pm

Saturday

all pools: 10:00 am-9:00 pm

Sunday

all pools: 1:00 pm-8:00 pm

Scheduled changes to pool operating hours will be emailed to the membership as a courtesy reminder. An updated email address is key to this effective form of communication. Please remember to include an email address on the information form when you send in your 2011 dues.

### **Changes to the BSA**

During the off-season, several dedicated members have made a concerted effort to update the documentation and policies governing the legal and business aspects of our association. We have updated and expanded the coverage of our insurance policies, established a new payroll

management system and are in the process of updating the bylaws and reestablishing the association as a nonprofit entity. To that end, the board voted to approve the organizational resolution that has been uploaded to the website. The organization will be considered a 501(c)(3) organization with the IRS. To achieve this status it is necessary for the majority of the membership to concur with the resolution, to adopt the amended and restated bylaws, approve the application process to register the new corporation as a 501(c)(3) organization with IRS, and appoint the members of the Board of Directors. The board has published the documentation associated with this resolution for your review and consideration as an active member of the association. I encourage each of you to review these documents and contact me or another board member if you have any questions regarding this issue. Your payment of the 2011 dues will implicitly give your consent to the organizational changes proposed by the board. Any objections to the reorganization should be submitted in writing and attached to your due payment.

### **Dues reminder**

For the 2011 season, annual dues and the process for collecting these dues will remain at the same. Dues in the amount of \$425 and will be due on 1 May 2011. If payment is not received by 8 May 2011, dues will be considered late and a \$50 late fee will be

charged in addition to the original \$425. On 16 May 2011, members failing to pay will be considered delinquent and will receive a certified letter requesting immediate payment or forfeiture of membership. On 1 June 2011, any membership still in delinquent status becomes the property of the Blossomwood Pool Association and will be sold immediately to the prospective member at the top of the waiting list. This decisive action is taken in order to allow a full season for the new members receiving a redistributed membership.

Checks should be made payable to Blossomwood Swimming Association and should be mailed *along with the enclosed information form to:*

**Blossomwood Pool  
PO Box 881  
Huntsville Al. 35804**

### **Opportunity to Excel**

Our by-laws require rotational board membership. Several of the current board members and officers have reached the end of their rotation and will be leaving the board after this season. The BSA needs a dedicated few to fill these important roles. Please contact Rich Kretzschmar if you are interested in serving.

### **Sign in Procedures**

We will again utilize the sign in procedure adopted last season in which members arriving at the guard desk will identify themselves and be crossed off the membership role printout. All guests will be required to sign in as they enter the pool area. In-town guest fees are \$5.00 per person per day. Out of town guests are free, but must be signed in the guest book as well.

### **Pool Parties**

The arbor can be rented for two hours during normal pool operating hours for a fee that

varies depending on how many guests arrive: 20 guests and under: \$30; 21-30 guests: \$40; 31-40 guests: \$50; 41-50 guests, \$60; 51 or more guests: see manager. There is an additional \$5 charge per non-member guest that chooses to swim. Additionally the pool can be rented for private after hour parties from 8-10 pm for a flat rate of \$150. Please contact the pool manager to schedule a party

### **Parking**

Parking on Woodmont Dr. has continued to be a contentious issue. For the most part, members adhere to the no parking signs position on the north side of Woodmont Dr. This policy has greatly improved traffic flow on Woodmont Dr. and significantly reduced the risk to children attempting to cross the street between parked cars. For 2011, I ask each of you to please utilize the parking lot when spaces are available and East Olive as a secondary option before you park on Woodmont Dr. It would be a tragedy if a child were to be injured or killed in an accident that could be so easily prevented. I believe it is worth a few extra steps to keep our neighborhood a safe place to live and play.

### **Unaccompanied Minors**

Children between the ages of 9 and 14 must have a 2011 BSA Independent Swimmer Form on file in the pool office before being left at the pool without an adult. In addition, any child in this age group staying alone for the first time will need to pass a swim test. The test will consist of swimming 1 lap of the pool and treading water for 45 sec. The kids loved doing this last year. An adult (or babysitter at least 13 years old) must accompany all children under the age of 9. NO EXCEPTIONS.

### **Rules**

Pool Rules have been established for the safety and comfort of all the members. Your

concurrence with and agreement to follow these rules is implied when you send in your membership dues, so I encourage each of you to refresh your memory regarding both the general and safety rules included at the end of this letter.

***SOMETHING NEW IN 2011: Due to recent changes in our liability insurance policy, the board has voted to establish a no alcohol policy at the pool. I ask for your understanding and compliance with this new policy.***

### **Volunteer Pool Workday**

All members are encouraged to attend a membership workdays on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Efforts will begin promptly at 0800 and will continue until the work is completed to the satisfaction of our dedicated maintenance expert Chad Doyle. Volunteer jobs consist of taking the pool furniture out of bathrooms and washing/rinsing; power washing deck areas; washing shower curtains/bathroom walls/floors/lifeguard stands/slide, etc. All cleaning supplies/materials are provided. Thank you for your help in getting our pools, furniture, and equipment in shape for the summer.

### **Swimming and Diving Team**

The Blossomwood Barracudas swim team is one of the most popular attractions for our members. Participation provides a plethora of benefits to our children's health, social development and self-esteem. The Barracudas continue to be a perennial force at the dual meets against rival swim associations and at the Huntsville City Swimming Meet in July. Rachel Clark has agreed to again lead our young swimmers to new heights of success. She will be joined by several assistant coaches and talented teens dedicated to making our children the fastest swimmers in Huntsville. Coordination of the swim team activities is again in the capable hands of your friend and mine, Ms. Susan Swing.

Please consider allowing your children to participate in this fun and healthy activity. Extra swim team events include shaving cream fights, popsicle parties, ribbon awards, and swimmer of the week honors. Registration for swim team will be held April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the pool. Registration forms will be available at the pool office during registration days or on the website for those wanting to prepare before arriving for registration.

Children of all members are welcome and encouraged to participate with the following considerations taken into account. In order to be on the team, your child must compete in the meets. Secondly, all swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool before participating in a meet.

### **Membership**

#### **Feedback/Communication**

To facilitate feedback from the membership, the electronic suggestion box remains in service. Any comments or concerns that you would like the board to consider should be emailed to [bsasuggestions@knology.net](mailto:bsasuggestions@knology.net). Please include a brief description of your issue or concern and your suggested resolution. Alternatively, feel free to contact any member of the board with any issues or concerns. Contact information is provided below.

Blossomwood has for some time hosted a website ([www.blossomwoodpool.org](http://www.blossomwoodpool.org)) to pass along pertinent information throughout the year. A concerted effort will be made to keep the information on the website current. We would also like to implement email communication and reminders rather than expensive mailings. An updated email list is therefore essential. *Please complete and include the enclosed information form when you pay your dues*

**Blossomwood Pool Contacts** (Board of Directors and Other Pertinent Contacts)

NAME	POSITION	PHONE	E-MAIL
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Robert Mullins	Treasurer	256-655-5634	<a href="mailto:rmullins@premierbankofthesouth.com">rmullins@premierbankofthesouth.com</a>
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Sherri Cimino	Member-at-Large	256-536-4186	<a href="mailto:jpcimino@comcast.net">jpcimino@comcast.net</a>
<b>Other Pertinent Contacts</b>			
Michele Steed	Pool Manager	256-489-3080	<a href="mailto:msteed@hsv.k12.al.us">msteed@hsv.k12.al.us</a>
Susan Swing	Swim Team	256-539-5365	<a href="mailto:susan@hiwaay.net">susan@hiwaay.net</a>
Vacant	Social Chair	256-867-5309	<a href="mailto:Jenny@comcast.net">Jenny@comcast.net</a>

**This information is critical to ensure you are kept up to date on pool activities. Please fill out and return with your dues!!!!!!**

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**Blossomwood Membership Information Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

By the payment of the 2011 dues, we hereby consent to the re-organization of Blossomwood Swim Association, adopt the amended and restated bylaws of the association, approve the application process to register the new corporation as a 501(c)(3) organization with the IRS, and appoint the members specified in the Spring Newsletter as the BSA Board of Directors.

# **Blossomwood Swimming Association Pool Rules**

**Copies of Rules are available at the desk in pool house.**

## **General Rules**

- Everyone must sign the membership book at the desk in the pool house upon entering the pool.
- Guests must be signed in on the guest book. Fees are \$5.00 per visit and guests are limited to 5 visits per summer.
- Out of Town guests must sign in guest book but are free.
- Please park in parking lot until it is full. No parking in the drop off zone in front of pool entrance or between posted signs.
- Please do not have an involved conversation with lifeguards on duty.
- All babies/toddlers who are not potty trained must wear swim diapers.
- Please report any diaper accidents to the manager immediately.
- No rearranging of deck furniture to build "forts"-this inconveniences other members coming in trying to find a place to sit.
- Please help us keep our pool clean and ant free. Clean up your food and trash. Please respect those who come after you.
- Bikes, scooters, skates, etc., should be left outside of the pool gate and in the grass area. Sidewalks are for people to walk on so please keep them clear.
- When the lost and found gets full, it will be taken to charity.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

## **Safety Rules**

- Lifeguard orders must and shall be obeyed at all times.
- Smoking and glass are not allowed on the pool deck.
- No running on the deck.
- No sitting, standing or climbing on pool rails or the life guard stands.
- **There will be a 10-minute rest break for children under the age of 16 before every hour. No one under the age of 16 will be allowed in the pool at this time.**
- Large floats are not allowed in the pool. No floats are allowed in the diving well. All floats must be removed from the pool upon the guard's request or manager's request.
- An adult or babysitter thirteen or older must accompany all children under the age of 9.
- Children between the ages of 9 and 14 must have a current Independent Swimmer Form and pass the swim test and your records must be on file in the pool office before being left at the pool without an adult.
- No Squirt / Water Guns are allowed at the pool
- No swimming in the diving well area.
- When diving exit on side of board used or straight ahead under rope into more shallow area.
- No diving toward pool sides.
- No full sized floats in the middle pool.
- No slam dunking in basketball goals.
- No "goal shooting" from deck.
- Nine and older play basketball in Big Pool.
- No child over the age of 6 may be in the baby pool at any time.
- Chairs on the pool deck should remain on the deck.
- Phone calls and length of phone calls will be restricted. Calls should only be made for child pick-up and food orders. The pool phone is not for socializing.
- No wheeled riding toys inside pool fenced area.
- One at a time on the slide and slide ladder.
- No sitting on slide over water.
- Slide on bottom, feet first.
- Party fees must be rendered at end of party. Non-members attending party are \$5.00 each plus rental fee.