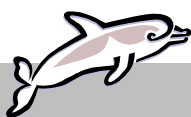


# Roycefield Swim Club



"Built for Pleasure, not for Profit"

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## Important Dates

### Saturday, May 24, 2008

- Pool Opening  
Preseason Hours are in effect from opening day until last day of Hillsborough School. See [Roycefield.org](http://Roycefield.org) for season operation schedule.

### Monday, June 23, 2008

- First session of Swim Lessons starts. See [Roycefield.org](http://Roycefield.org) for registration form.

## From the Desk of the President

**Spring is in full bloom and the warm Roycefield season is fast approaching!** We look forward to a great season of swimming and social events for our kids, families and guests.

Several Board Members completed their terms this past January. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many years and hours of service from Phil Galli as President, Margie Bolton as Vice President and Mary Horowitz as Swim Team Liaison. I know their families will appreciate having more time with them.

The Board is committed to the continued success of Roycefield Swim Club:

- We have selected a new firm to provide pool maintenance services for the 2008 season.
- Prior to the Labor Day party last fall we purchased new large commercial grade propane barbecue grills for all to use.
- The playground area will be spruced up this year and we have purchased new umbrellas for the picnic area and some new lounges for around the pool.
- We are working on the volleyball court to alleviate the cicada killer insects, which have been plaguing (pun intended) us in recent years.

With a focus towards efficiency, we have combined the gatekeeper function into the lifeguard position and further expanded their responsibilities (policing the grounds, general maintenance, cleaning the bathrooms).

The past few years, we have had a problem with use of the facility by unaccompanied non-members. This year, the gate will be manned during all open hours (in the past there was no gate keeper after 6 p.m.). To verify legitimate Club owners, we are adding a family photo to the gatekeeper logbook. We considered several options including cards, badges, etc. The family photo was deemed by the Board to be the most appropriate and cost-effective system. Please remember, we are doing this to protect your swim club.

On a more somber note, we unfortunately had an incident of vandalism this past February (the week of February 18<sup>th</sup> during

school break). The pump house was broken into, the power was turned on and the well pump was re-pressurized. Having nowhere to go (valves are closed as part of the winterization) the water froze, and cracked the water main. When the warm temperatures thawed the line, high-pressure water saturated the interior of the pump house causing further damage. All electrical panels, breakers, contactors, etc. were replaced as well as the water main and several valves. The lane line reel was also damaged and temporarily repaired. The total cost of these repairs will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000, with 80% covered by insurance. We have completed the majority of these repairs with the goal to assure that we will open the pool for Memorial Day Weekend.

Subsequent to the pump house vandalism, a large tree fell on our perimeter fence and a 60 ft length had to be repaired.

Lastly, we heartily welcome our new Roycefield club owners. When you see someone new at the pool – please take a moment and introduce yourself!

See you at the pool!

Steve Pick



## Employee Update

We are pleased to have Meghan Foster return as our Pool Manager. Bernadette Mehrstens and Lauren Horowitz are the new assistant Pool Managers.

## Announcements

### Social

The Roycefield Social Committee, headed by Janine Erickson & Donna McCormick would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our returning members as well as those new to the Roycefield Family. We have put together an event filled calendar to keep everyone entertained and busy this summer. We are hoping you will enjoy attending or working one of the many social events we have scheduled.

This year's calendar is filled with many returning favorites such as the annual July 4th and Labor Day parties, dinner nights, game and craft days, ice cream socials and all of the teen parties. We have even scheduled TWO poolside movie nights this year, which we hope you will enjoy.

The Roycefield calendar has been updated to list most of these summer events. Please take a moment to visit the calendar on the Roycefield.org website. If there is an event you would like to host to work off your work bond hours, please email Janine Erickson at jerick9692@aol.com. We are always open to suggestions. If there is a special event you would like to plan or host, please feel free to let us know. We are here to make your summer memorable and enjoyable!

We look forward to seeing you poolside!

### Swim Team Update

Head Coach Lauren Smith and Asst. Coach Nicole Murphy, along with many other familiar faces will again be returning to lead the Rapids. Swim team applications are available on the website under FORMS. The forms and payment are due by May 24, with a late fee of an additional \$20.00 after the due date.

The team-suit fitting will be Wednesday, **May 28** from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** at the swim club. Please come prepared to pay. Any orders taken after that day will also be charged a shipping and handling fee.

For those new to the swim team (and a reminder for seasoned families), after-school practices will begin Tues. May 27th, and then Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri., until the school year ends. Once school is out, practice will be held mornings on Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. Exact session times will be announced in our Swim Team Newsletter.

Meets begin Sat. June 21. They are held every Sat. morning and Wed. evening, until July 23, with a bye on Wed. July 9. The League Championship is on Fri. July 25 and Sat. July 26 (required of all swimmers), and the Conference Championship on Tues. July 29 and Wed. July 30 (for those who qualify). There is also our team hosted Sprint Meet on Sun. July 13 (see below). The season will culminate in a team picnic on Thurs. July 31.

Summer swimming heavily relies on parental involvement in order to be a successful and fun experience for the kids. What this means is, all families will be assigned to work at a minimum of three dual meets. Our annual Roycefield Sprint Meet on Sun., July 13 is our biggest fundraiser for the season. Every swim team family will be given the opportunity to select a work assignment for this meet or they will be assigned one.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and for your contributions to making this another memorable summer for our kids. GO RAPIDS!

### Pool & Grounds Update

Your committee has been working hard to make needed repairs and planned improvements to make RSC the place to be this summer.

Some of the new things you'll notice:

- new men's room shower fixture
- resurfaced basketball court
- bug-free volleyball sand prevention measure
- baby pool repairs
- resurfaced diving board
- new foot wash
- new umbrellas for the picnic area tables

Some invisible but crucial improvements are new electrical and

plumbing in the pump house and new double-walled chemical tank to prevent leaks.

To keep RSC in great shape, we need everyone to follow a few new guidelines.

- Please use the new foot wash and not the pool to rinse off your feet.
- Please instruct your kids not to dig in the volleyball court sand. A plastic liner has been installed to prevent wasps from burrowing.
- Please don't move the picnic tables with the new umbrellas. The tables are heavy and the umbrellas can be damaged.

Please discuss these guidelines with your children.

Your committee is working hard, in-season and beyond, but we can sure use your help. If you see anything that needs our attention, please bring it to the attention of our Pool Manager, Meghan Foster, or a member of this committee. We welcome your feedback, so please reach out to Cindy, Ellen, Frank, Mike or John. You'll recognize us from our pictures on the bulletin board.

Have a great summer!

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### Family Photos Needed!

To identify family members upon entering, we are asking that you provide us with a family photo, either in digital (preferable) or printed form, with the name of each person. For your convenience, arrangements can be made to have a camera at the pool if you prefer Roycefield staff take the picture. Photos can be emailed to [RSCphoto@mac.com](mailto:RSCphoto@mac.com) or snapshots can be turned in to the gatekeeper. Your cooperation with this effort is greatly appreciated.