



*Dive into summertime fun at
Ridgewood Pool!*

Member News for 2009 ...

Ridgewood now offers the option of paying by credit card! Many of you told us you wanted to be able to pay by credit card. You will notice two rates listed for many categories. The first is the full fee. The second includes a **DISCOUNT** for paying with cash or a check. If you choose to pay with cash or check, your dues remain the same as they were in 2007 and 2008!

In an effort to increase our membership base we have reduced the **Summer Non-Stock Membership** fee to \$395/\$380* for our first time families, this also includes team fees! In addition, if a 2009 Summer Non-Stock member buys stock and becomes a regular member in 2010, they receive a \$200 credit towards their 2010 summer dues.

As an added incentive to get the word out to new families, we have increased the **Member Referral** amount from \$25 to \$100! If you refer a new family to Ridgewood Pool you will receive \$100 back after you and they have paid their full dues. Refer two families, and get \$200! The maximum is the cost of your paid membership. Refer enough new families and your membership is essentially free! (Referral is \$50/couple, \$25 for individual membership.)

This year, our **Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the pool on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30 pm.** All members are encouraged to attend and learn about the upcoming season. This is an opportunity to meet Board Members, ask questions and discuss ideas to keep our pool vital.

We will again have **WiFi available!** We're again planning a family movie night and possibly an extended season beyond Labor Day, weather/staffing permitting.

What's the best kept secret at Ridgewood? **Sunday Morning Brunches by the Upper Pool!** Join us for quiet music, coffee & treats from 11am to 1pm (adults only please.)

This year pool staff will be instructed to **not allow anyone into the facility who has not paid all fees in full.** This policy will be strictly enforced. Please make sure you have fully paid your dues to avoid any embarrassing situations at the check-in desk.

We continue to offer the **installment plan for the purchase of Ridgewood stock.** Buyers are required to pay \$210/\$200* per year for three consecutive years for a total payment of \$600*. All payments must be made within the 3-year period, regardless of summer membership, and are nonrefundable. Contact Patty Otterson at the Membership line (848-5289) for more details. (* - includes discount for cash or check payment)

Swim & Dive Team News

- * **Ridgewood Open House** – You are invited to the Ridgewood Pool suit-fitting party held at *Simply Swimming* on **Thursday, April 16 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm**. Get a jump-start on summer – enter your name for a prize drawing, enjoy a movie and refreshments, turn in your RW registration forms, sign up to volunteer at meets, and order team apparel. Unable to make this date? Just stop by *Simply Swimming* before May 30th to get your suit before the first home meet. (After that date, suits can be purchased but are limited to manufacturer availability).

Simply Swimming is located at 6108 Mineral Point Road.
Open M, W, F - 10am-6pm, Tu & Th - 10am-8pm, Sat - 9am-5pm.
Call 661-0808 or contact susie@simplyswimming.net

- * **Ridgewood's Stroke Clinic** will be offered again this season. This gives swimmers an opportunity for skill building before the regular season practices begin. And it's a great bargain still at only \$40! The session begins May 26 and runs for 2 weeks, 4 days each week, with swimmers receiving training by our own team coaches. See the enclosed form for further details and age groups. Swimmers from other pools are also welcome to attend.
- * **Swim/Dive Team Practice will be held June 8-12**, both in the morning and at night to accommodate those still in school. Anyone wishing to participate in the first meet on June 13 should plan to attend.
- * **Added practice times will be available** for those swimmers who are in age groups with more people than what is comfortable for each lane to handle. This practice time will take place from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Coaches will determine eligible swimmers. Adult lap swimmers will still have lanes available at that time.
- * **Home Swim & Dive Meet Volunteers** – Ridgewood hosts 4 home meets this season and **participation is needed by all swim/dive team families to volunteer**. Parents are required to assist in some capacity for at least 3 half-meet sessions, or pay an additional fee of \$125. There are various opportunities – announcing, timing, concessions stand, and awards, to name a few – so that everyone can take a part in making our meets run efficiently and professionally. Schedules will be available at *Simply Swimming* on April 16 and will be posted at the pool during Swim Team Sign-Up (June 5) and Meet the Coaches Day (June 6). Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. **The participation fee rule will be enforced – we need your help!**
- * **NEW!!! Ridgewood will host its first annual Relay-only Swim Meet** on July 7. All age groups, any team, relay only! We will be inviting not only teams in the All-City Swim League, but also selected teams in the Dane County area. This will be a lot of fun and great competition. More information to come!

Membership Details

All active members of Ridgewood Pool are entitled to use the pool during all open swim hours and adult lap swim times, to attend social events, and to bring guests using passes or paying the guest fees.

Swim, Dive and Water Ballet Lessons are available at no extra cost to families purchasing a **Family Plus or Summer Non-Stock Membership** and are offered to children 3 years of age and older. Lessons are one-half hour long, between 10 am and noon, and offered in 3 sessions this year. Evening swim lessons are also available on a limited basis. The American Red Cross format is followed; testing requirements for each level are posted. Sign up for Session 1 lessons takes place at the pool on Saturday, May 31.

Babysitter Memberships are not required; members who have paid dues in full may send their children to the pool in the care of a sitter of responsible age. Sitters must be dressed appropriately to enter the water and must provide active supervision of children in their care. Sitters are not considered members and may not use the pool when not supervising children of a member family.

Guest Passes are distributed to all active members; each pass allows a member to host four visits at no cost. Additional guests are welcome for the following fees:

Individuals - \$4 weekdays/\$5 weekends

Families - \$7 weekdays/\$10 weekends

An individual may be a guest of any member a cumulative maximum of 4 times (Teen Night participation does not count towards this maximum).

Adult Lap Swim is available early morning and evenings. In addition, lanes are available during all open swim times. Adult Water Exercise classes will be offered several times per week, daytime and evening, according to demand.

Special Events are scheduled throughout the season. These include the June Ice Cream Social for all pool members, the July Pool Carnival for young members, the July Adult Night, weekly Teen Nights most Wednesdays and Sunday Brunch most Sunday mornings. Please see the calendar for details on dates and times, and indicate your interest in helping out on the enclosed volunteer form. Please note that some social events do require an admission fee.

If you have ideas for other social events you'd like to see at the pool, please let us know!

Important Registration Information

All fees and forms for the 2009 season are due by May 1st. Members and their families will not be permitted to use the facilities or participate in lessons or teams if payment has not been remitted. In the past, pool staff has been very lenient with this policy. But to be fair to all our members, you and your children will not be admitted until full payment is made.

You will notice **TWO RATES** listed for many membership categories. The first, higher number is the full fee. **The second is the discounted rate for paying with cash or check.** Please be careful to total your membership fees based upon what payment method you would like to use.

If you were a Summer Non-Stock member last year you must purchase stock in order to join this summer. In an effort to help with that expense, we are **discounting** your membership fees by \$200 for this summer.

Submit all applicable forms **including the emergency medical form and volunteer form** with payment to:

Ridgewood Membership, c/o Patty Otterson
595 Linden Street
Verona, WI 53593

All payments are nonrefundable. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for checks returned for insufficient funds.

We are required to keep emergency medical information on file at the pool for any children under 18. Please be sure you include this with registration, or children will not be permitted to use the facilities. Please abide by the sign-in policy and guest fee rules when bringing friends to enjoy our pool -- abuse of these privileges hurts all our members. Guest passes will be issued after membership dues are received.

Please take the time to vote for new board members (see insert.) If interested in serving on the Ridgewood Pool Board in the future, please contact any board member or submit your name through the website. Your participation is valued and important!

If you started the installment plan for Ridgewood stock purchase in the last two years (2007 or 2008) another payment of \$210/\$200* is due with your membership dues for the summer season. (* - lower rate includes discount for cash or check payment)

Dues Categories & Fees

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- **Family Plus Membership** \$615/\$595*
Our most popular membership category includes Family Rec Membership PLUS free swim/dive/water ballet lessons, and pool time.
- **Family Plus/Team Membership** \$615/\$595* plus
\$130/\$125*/child, \$310/\$300* family max
Includes Family Plus Membership and swim/dive team participation. Additional team membership fee partially covers costs for coaches' salaries, meet fees, T-shirts, and special swim team events. Please fill out separate team registration form and add appropriate amount to dues total.
- **Family Rec Membership** \$545/\$525*
For families with children who do not wish to participate in lessons, water ballet or competitive teams; includes all open swim times, water exercise and social events.
- **Couple Membership** \$340/\$325*
For adult couples (over 18 years of age) who wish to make use of the pool during open swim times, water exercise, lap swim and all social events.
- **Individual Membership** \$260/\$250*
Available to individuals aged 18 years and older, includes open swim, lap swim, exercise classes and social events.
- **Stock Purchase** \$550
One-time fee to purchase stock, separate from yearly membership dues. If you had a summer-only membership in any previous year, you must purchase stock for membership this season. Stock may be sold back to the pool or transferred to a new member, according to demand. Stock purchase may be made in 3 installments – see enclosed information .

■ Summer Non-Stock Membership	\$395/\$380*
Available only to new registrations; allows families to participate as Family Plus members for one summer season only – come and give Ridgewood a try! (Note: Includes Swim & Dive Team fees!)	

Ridgewood Calendar – Summer 2009

APRIL

- 16 Open House at Simply Swimming, 4:30 – 7:30pm
- 25 Outdoor site clean-up day, 9:00am (rain date: April 26)

MAY

- 1 Registration forms due
- 16 Indoor site clean up day
- 24 Ridgewood Pool opens for the season!
- 26-29 Stroke Development Clinic – upper pool closed at 5pm
- 27 Annual Membership Meeting, 6:30pm
- 30 Swim/dive/water ballet lesson sign up, 8:00am - noon

JUNE

- 1-4 Stoke Development Clinic – upper pool closed at 5pm
- 5 Swim & Dive Team registration
- 6 Swim Team practice begins, meet the Coaches
- 7 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
- 12 Dive Meet - Home vs. Seminole - lower pool ONLY closes at 5pm
- 13 Swim Meet – Home vs. Seminole – baby pool open, upper/lower pools open 15 minutes after conclusion of meet
- 14 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
- 15 Session 1 Lessons begin
- 17 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
- 19 Dive Meet at Shorewood
- 20 Swim Meet at Shorewood
- 21 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
- 21 Ice Cream Social, 2:00 – 4:00pm
- 24 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
- 26 Dive Meet at Parkcrest
- 27 Swim Meet at Parkcrest
- 28 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open

JULY

- 1 Dive Meet - Home vs. Westside - lower pool ONLY closes at 5pm
- 1 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
- 2 Swim Meet – Home vs. Seminole – baby pool open, upper/lower pools closed at 2:30pm
- 4 Independence Day -no lessons, pool hours 11:00am – 7:00pm
- 5 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
- 7 Ridgewood Relays – details to follow! (rain date July 8, 2009)
- 8 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
- 10 Dive Meet - Home vs. Hill Farm - lower pool ONLY closes at 5pm
- 11 Swim Meet – Home vs. Hill Farm – baby pool open, upper/lower pools open 15 minutes after conclusion of meet
- 12 Pool Carnival - 1:00 – 3:00pm
- 12 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
- 13 Session 2 Lessons begin

- 15 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - 17 Dive Meet at Middleton
 - 18 Swim Meet at Middleton
 - 18 Adult Night Party - 7:30 – 11:00pm, pool closes at 7:00pm for set-up
 - 19 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
 - 22 Water Ballet Show - 7:00 pm, lower pool closes at 5:00pm, upper pool open for lap swim until 6:45pm, no evening lessons
 - 23 Water Ballet Show - 9:00pm, lower pool closes 7:00pm, upper pool open for lap swim until 8:45pm, no evening lessons
 - 24 Dive Meet - Home vs. Monona - lower pool ONLY closes at 5pm
 - 25 Swim Meet – Home vs. Monona – baby pool open, upper/lower pools open 15 minutes after conclusion of meet
 - 26 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
 - 27-28 All City Dive Meet at Hill Farm
 - 27-31 No morning lessons
 - 29 All City Spaghetti Dinner - 5:00pm, ALL pools open
 - 29 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - 30-31 All City Swim Meet at Shorewood
- AUG.**
- 1 All City Swim Meet at Shorewood
 - 1 Swim & Dive Team Picnic - 6:30 – 8:30pm, pool closes at 6:00pm
 - 2 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
 - 5 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - 9 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
 - 12 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - 14 Staff picnic – all pools close at 7:00pm – THANKS STAFF!
 - 16 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
 - 19 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - 23 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
 - 26 Teen Night - upper pool, 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - 30 Sunday Brunch – 11:00am, ALL pools open
- SEPT.**
- 6 Volunteer Appreciation Party - 5:00 – 8:00pm
 - 7 Pool Closing – tentative – check w/staff for additional open days and hours, weather/staff permitting
 - 12 Pool Closing – definite, 5pm

We will utilize membership email and our website, www.ridgewoodpool.com, to communicate additions and changes to these calendar dates. And watch for notices posted at the pool for Water Exercise schedules, swim team activities, water ballet show details, clothing orders, and additional social events

... More Member News for 2009 ...

Help us re-build our Membership base – we will be canvassing neighborhoods to leave brochures at homes in April – no talking necessary! Participating will fulfill your Volunteer Requirement, and could earn you Member Referrals. If you are interested, email Eric Jensen your name and contact info. (ejjensen@charter.net)

Help us get Ridgewood ready to open on time – we have scheduled two dates for volunteers to assist with projects. On Saturday, April 25 join us for much-needed outdoor projects. (Rain date is Sunday, April 26.) On Saturday, May 16, we'll work on cleaning up the interiors to get ready for opening weekend. If you can lend a hand, please use the volunteer form included in this mailing or call Tom Goulette at 271-7277 (h) or 238-2631 (w).

We need volunteers!!! In order to keep membership costs at a minimum we need your help. In the past a small number of dedicated individuals have contributed extraordinary amounts of time and energy to help prepare the pool for opening, run our many events and prepare for fall closing, saving us a huge amount of money. We cannot continue to depend on this small group. Beginning this year, we will be asking every member to volunteer for a minimum of one 2 hour time slot to volunteer at the pool. The times available include opening preparation of pool and grounds, social activity volunteers, deliver flyers, grounds maintenance, and closing work at the end of the season. If you do not volunteer we are requiring you to pay a volunteer "buy-out" fee of \$50, so we may defer the cost of hiring various jobs out. **We don't really want the \$50. We want your help!!!** (This Volunteer Requirement is independent of any volunteer requirement for the Swim and Dive Teams.) If you can't commit to a specific time now, please indicate that you would like to volunteer for a 2 hour time slot later, on the Volunteer Form.

There are many members who have expressed interest in an adult **MASTERS SWIM PROGRAM**. This program will offer organized practices, 2-3 times each week in the evenings, for all adult swimmers to improve fitness and/or train for specific goals. There will be an on-deck "coach" to lead a variety of structured practices to meet the diverse needs of the swimmers. The "coach" will offer individual instruction to improve stroke technique, and starts or flip-turns if desired. This program is only open to adult pool members, non members are not eligible. **If you are interested in learning more about this exciting new program, please indicate on the registration form on the appropriate line.**

Want to help out Ridgewood while you purchase the things you'd be buying anyway? Ridgewood now offers SCRIP! For details please see the website.



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