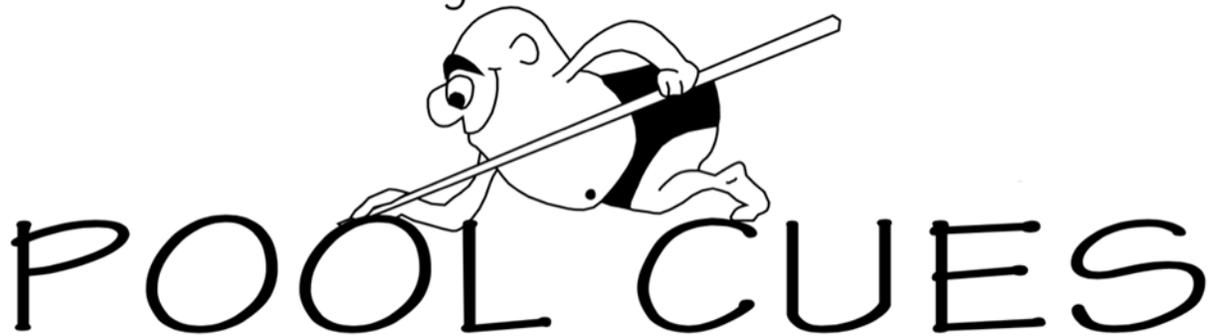


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Please email vrstc@vrstc.org with any questions. We will reply or forward you to someone who can, within 24 hours.

Have any great ideas, questions or comments to share? Please e-mail them to suggestions@vrstc.org.

Thank you!

Happy New Year, Members!

It's been a few months since we communicated, so let me begin with a flashback to late 2017.

Just as the summer was coming to an end, I received a phone call from a coach of King Aquatic Club. They were in a bit of a panic, as the pool they normally swim in was out of order and they needed a pool to practice in. There has always been the question of should or could we open longer and provide access to swim teams and lap swimmers. This seemed like a perfect opportunity to give it a try and Oktoberfest was born. I think it is important to note that we didn't go looking for King - or any club - and invite them, they came hopefully asking if we could help them out in a pinch. Due to the opportunity of King needing a pool and their willingness to cover the cost of operating the pool for the month of October, we were able to provide lap swim for more than 100 of our members and a few guests, and a practice facility for a swim club. King Aquatic also ran skill clinics on the weekends through October, and many of our VR Swim Team members took advantage of the clinics at a greatly reduced price.

How'd it go? Awesome. The weather in October was beautiful and the positive response was awesome. More than 115 swimmers took advantage of Oktoberfest and the positive feelings and smiles were hard to hide - especially with the "thank yous" that came in on a daily basis. Thank you, to all who enjoyed this pilot. My favorite comment of the month - *"I swam at View Ridge for 20 years and today's swim was my very favorite."* What a way to wrap up my first year of what's turning out to be my favorite job in my career! I'm grateful to everyone - our members, staff, board, and Doug - who rallied to make this test possible, to the members who cheered us on for trying something new and responding quickly to a need, and to Mother Nature for the beautiful, epic weather.

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Manager Message Continued

Summer 2018: It too, will be epic. The club is turning 60! And we are going to celebrate it with a Diamond Anniversary Adult Party and a Special 60th Birthday Bash for All – I know they will be memorable highlights of the summer. In the winter months, I've been busy getting to know the winter temperament of our facility and grounds - including some work on a boiler replacement project. This dear boiler has seen better days, and the constant upkeep is becoming too costly and frustrating to swimmers when it putters out. If the boiler could speak: "It's time, dear friends, it's time. You're welcome for all the years."

Pool covers are also being investigated which could provide a huge savings in energy, water and chemical use. The time it takes to manage the daily cover routine will be a new challenge, as will finding appropriate storage during the day on our grounds. That said, we believe the return will outweigh these challenges, especially at a time when water preservation, chemical usage and overall pool maintenance is becoming an increasingly costly affair. Outside of those one-time big projects, Gail and I are fast at work getting our hiring plans in place for the season.

Can't wait for Summer 2018, and seeing you all very soon.

~ Bruce Gillespie, Club Manager ☺

~Tennis News~

Calling all VRSTC adult tennis players - Come join the tennis flights!

The VRSTC tennis flights are competitive doubles play with an 8 game round robin format, partners switch after 8 games, for a total of 24 games. Flights are organized by skill level and occur during three seasons: Spring (May-June), Summer (July-August) and Fall (September-October). To join a flight please contact flight captains early the month before the beginning of a flight.

Flights are tailored to three skill levels: Beginners (level C), Intermediate (level B) and Advanced (level A). There are no formal tryouts, so please use your best judgement in placing yourselves at the appropriate level. The flights are open to members only and organized by the following volunteers:

Men's A and B Flights - Monday (A) and Tuesday (A & B) evenings
Eric Zimbelman – 206.795.7593 - ezimbelman@peelbrimley.com

Women's Mixed Level Flights (A, B and C) - Wednesday evenings
Shelly Saunders – 206.601.7719 - shelley@kidsquestmuseum.org

Women's A Flights - Friday mornings
Amy Zimbelman – 206.795.7593 - zimbeez@comcast.net

Women's B Flights - Tuesday mornings
Ardyth Alexander - realexander7@comcast.net

Board News

Message from the Board of Trustees

Happy February, Members! Like many of you, we are counting down the days until opening day of **"Summer 2018!"** Founded in 1958, this coming season holds special significance for our club: we are turning 60! Bruce, Gail and Megan have already been tossing around ideas for how we can celebrate this milestone together. Look for fun ways "60" works its way into what we look forward to, as being yet another terrific summer.

Even when the pool closes for the winter, our collective work together – the Board, Bruce and Doug – continues throughout the winter months. In mid-September, we had our first offsite strategic planning retreat. We captured several ideas, issues, questions and concerns that were raised by membership at the Annual Meeting last year, and throughout the season, plus our collective input from having the perspective of being on the board.

Having emerged from a long transition in management, we are delighted with the leadership, passion and experience that Bruce has brought as Club Manager. The tone of our culture reflected our club's values of safety, responsibility, respect and oh so much fun; the grounds and facilities were beautiful and felt respected; the staff were so friendly, enthusiastic and happy. Just as we thought the season was coming to a wrap, Bruce brought the idea of Oktoberfest, and his entrepreneurial spirit coupled with his operational chops made for what we all agree, one of the most successful pilots of what an extra month could be. Thank you, Bruce! Here's to what'll be another great summer!

As the winter months came, we worked hard to do some financial planning: a detailed capital and operating budget for 2018; and thanks to the skills of one of our new Board members, a financial modeling tool that can be used for us to do long term planning. We also put effort into continuing to refine the board nominating process by investing significant time in identifying what skills we needed to meet the current and future board needs, and not just selecting three new members to nominate, but also building what we hope is a pool of future candidates to reach out to for both Board or other special committee work.

Some other operational improvements included moving our email to G-Suite and changing our hosting service for the web site. This work includes migrating our website to a platform that makes it easier to manage content while maintaining the overall visual aesthetics. While these changes are behind the scenes, they are foundational for improving our ability to communicate efficiently and manage information better. Electronic payments...? It is on the list of member experience improvements – although we've also heard from some members that they love to 'still write checks'. So, not everyone is into tech! Nevertheless, it IS on the technology wishlist so stay tuned.

With that, we will close this set of Pool Cues with a thanks to Bruce and Doug for their hard work during the winter months 'when no one's looking'. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday March 8th!

Your Board of Trustees ☺

2018 Nominations for Board of Trustees

Thank you to all of the candidates who "raised their hand" to be considered for a Board position for this upcoming term. We had the great pleasure of holding in-person meetings with each candidate and were so impressed with everyone's commitment to the club, professional skills, breadth of qualifications, and desire to serve. Having such a robust field of candidates made for a difficult decision, and on behalf of the Nominating Committee, thank you, to all the candidates!

Having identified three areas of need: strong financial experience, strategic planning and technical/IT experience, the Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following three members for Trustee positions, each to be elected by our membership to serve a three-year term beginning in March, 2018.

- Phil Martin (initial term)
- Stu Nord (initial term)
- Erik Schweibert (initial term)

Here is brief background information on Phil, Stu and Erik, as potential new additions to the Board.

Phil Martin

"My family has been VRSTC members since 2003. Kelley and I have lived in NE Seattle for the 25 years that we have been married. We have two kids: Claire (17), a junior at Holy Names Academy and a VRSTC Lifeguard/Swim Instructor, and Evan (14), a Freshman at Blanchet High School and pool rat. Both Claire and Evan are VRSTC swim team members and play water polo. I own a food brokerage office in Seattle that trades produce world-wide. In the summer, our family especially enjoys swim meet evenings together. Outside of that, I like to spend my free time, golfing, cycling and sitting on our dock in Priest Lake, ID."

Stu Nord

"I have over 25 years of experience with strategic planning, financial reporting and analysis. My background spans many industries – retail, healthcare, consulting and non-profit organizations. Currently, I work at Providence St. Joseph Health managing the financial aspects of the company's multi-million dollar IT Capital Plan. I enjoy giving back to the community and have performed volunteer work in other roles such as Washington Athletic Club's Membership & Marketing Committee, Arts & Entertainment Committee, and House Committee. My wife and I, and our two kids have been members since 2014. To us, View Ridge is our little heaven where we come to relax, BBQ, enjoy club activities and pool-time during Seattle's long summer days. Go VR!"

Erik Schweibert

"I grew up in Vermont and graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Computer Science. I moved to Seattle in 1996 to join Microsoft, where I currently work as a Principal Software Engineer developing Microsoft Office for Macs, iPads, and other Apple devices. I, my wife Catherine, and our three children (ages 14, 11, and 8) joined VRSTC in 2013 after patiently listening to innumerable games of Marco Polo wafting through the neighborhood. I enjoy playing at the pool with our kids in the summer and alpine skiing with them in the winter. I am excited to bring my technical experience to the VRSTC Board. Thanks!"

One of the benefits of membership is the right to vote for Trustees to serve on the Board. Please come cast your vote at the Annual Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm in the Clubhouse. We'll have sweet and savory snacks, coffee and tea, but dress warmly as it'll still be winter!

Along with the new potential board members, we want to take this opportunity to thank three outgoing board members: Kelly Arron, Jeannie Ianelli and David Marks. We are so grateful and appreciative of their contributions of time, talent, wisdom and heart, during a wild time of transition for our Club. As you roll off the board, may you enjoy that nice navy and orange lawn chair that awaits you. To all outgoing board members: **Thank you, and job well done!! ☺**

“WE’RE HIRING!”

We are now accepting applications for **Lifeguards, Swim Lesson Instructors and the Snack Shack**. *The best summer job you'll ever have!*

This summer, we plan to hire 2 – 5 Lifeguards and 0 – 2 Snack Shack employees.

- Lifeguards and Swim Lesson Instructors must show proof of Red Cross certification or enrollment in a Lifeguarding course. Must be 16-years old to apply.
- Snack Shack applicants will need a current King County Food Handlers Permit. Must be 14- years old to apply.
- All Staff will need a bank account for direct deposit of paychecks.

Please email your cover letter and resume to mrgillespie@vrstc.org **no later than Wednesday, February 28th, 2018**. We will review all cover letters and resumes, and will contact those who qualify to schedule an in-person interview for the first or second weekend in March. Thank you for your interest and we hope to hear from you soon!

“Wanna Be A Coach?!”

The swim team is looking for one or two new coaches this summer!

- Applicants must be at least 17 years old
- Available to coach evening workouts from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday starting May 14 – June 22
- Available to coach morning workouts from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. from June 25 – August 7
- Must show proof of Red Cross certification in Lifeguarding
- Must be fun

If interested, please email us your cover letter and resume to Rob and Megan at vrstccoaches@gmail.com by February 28th to set up an interview. Go View Ridge!

Pre-Season Pool Party Rental Process!

During the pre-season, members may rent the pool to host parties for their children's school classmates.

The rental dates and hours are:

- Monday – Fridays, June 1 – 21, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The number of parties may be limited to the space and staff available on these days, and we will do our best to accommodate as many requests as we can. Rental fees are \$200/hour, with a 2-hour minimum reservation requirement.

Days are determined using "Rental Reservation Roulette", which will open on Sunday, April 1st through Thursday, April 5th. Here's how to play:

- Between the dates of April 1 – 5, email vrstc@vrstc.org with your preferred party dates and times, along with a number between 1-100.
- On April 6, we will have someone, TBD, choose a number. Among all of the people requesting to schedule parties, the person with the number closest to the one chosen will get their first choice, and so on.
- Only one member representative may request for a group / class
- Questions? Please email us at vrstc@vrstc.org.

Bookings happen **FAST** so make sure you schedule April 1-April 5 on your calendar with your party preference dates as a reminder to send them in!

Prepare for Summer 2018: Work Party Dates!

The countdown to the season opening date on May 1 has begun!

There's plenty of work to do to get the pool and surrounding grounds ready for our Summer 2018 opening! Please mark your calendars with one of the following dates.

2018 Work Party dates are **Saturday, April 21, Sunday, April 22 and Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.** The hours may change slightly, depending on the tasks identified and the numbers of people who arrive. Tasks will be assigned day of on a first-come / first serve basis!

Stay tuned for more details to come in future Pool Cues and the VRSTC email blasts. BTW: This is a great reminder to update your email address! We encourage you to sign up on our email list, as it's the quickest access to VRSTC news.



~Swim Team News~

Hello View Ridge!

We know families can be anxious to get their calendars and schedules figured out for summer. We hope that by sending out these dates, everyone will be around for all of our very important meets and able to work around our workout times! We've switched them up a little bit, due to the fact that don't have as many younger swimmers. Our numbers are in the older kids. In fact, we have at least 18 graduating seniors this year!

Here are our important swim team dates we have so far on the calendar. More will be announced in future Pool Cues. Please mark your calendars! See you soon!

Go View Ridge! Rob and Megan

Date	Time	Event
Monday, May 7	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Sylvia's Swimwear + Double Haul Apparel in the clubhouse
Wednesday, May 9	7 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Swim Team Informational Meeting
Monday, May 14	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	First workouts! Check schedule for workout times by age group.
Saturday, June 23	9 a.m.	Time Trials (All Team)
Monday, June 25	7 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	First morning workouts begin!
Tuesday, June 26	6 p.m.	View Ridge @ Klahaya
Thursday, June 28	6 p.m.	Aqua Club @ View Ridge
Tuesday, July 10	6 p.m.	View Ridge @ Sheridan Beach
Thursday, July 12	6 p.m.	Blue Ridge @ View Ridge
Tuesday, July 17	6 p.m.	SPCC @ View Ridge
Thursday, July 19	6 p.m.	Innis Arden @ View Ridge
Tuesday, July 24	6 p.m.	View Ridge @ Wedgwood
Friday, July 27	9 a.m.	B-Champs @ SPCC
Monday, July 30	4 p.m.	Girls Prelims @ View Ridge
Tuesday, July 31	4 p.m.	Boys Prelims @ Klahaya
Thursday, August 2	4 p.m.	Northern Division Finals @ Blue Ridge
Tuesday, August 7	4 p.m.	All City Finals @ Olympic View
Wednesday, August 8	6 p.m.	VRSTC Swim Team Banquet

Tentative Workout Schedule:

Pre-Season Schedule (May 14 - June 22)

Workouts are Monday – Thursday, except for Friday, June 22 (all team practice 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

8 & Under + 9 - 10: 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

11 – 14: 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

15 & Over: 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. *(includes dryland)*

Summer Workout Schedule (begins Monday, June 25)

Workouts are Monday – Friday, no workout Wednesday, July 4*

**Friday all team workouts are 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. (Fun Day 07.13, Pancake Workout 07.20)*

13 & Over: 7:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. *(includes optional dryland from 8 – 8:20)*

11 – 12: 8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

8 & Under + 9 – 10: 8:40 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

13 – 14: 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

15 & Over: 9:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. *(includes mandatory dryland from 9:40 - 10)*

SAVE THE DATE!

VRSTC Annual Meeting

All Members welcome!

Come see each other and hear from your VRSTC Board and Management about what's in store for this promising summer.

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Place: VRSTC Clubhouse

Time: 6:30 p.m. – Reception

7:00 p.m. – Annual Member Meeting