

# Wee Wah Beach Club

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## Welcome to the 2011 season!



The Beach will open for the 2011 season on May 28th. A complete list of Beach hours is included in this mailing. Since our hours do change over the course of the summer, we recommend that you keep this

page as a handy reference.

As you are most likely aware, the harsh weather of the past winter and early spring caused significant damage to the Wee Wah dam. The lake level was lowered to access the problem, and the Village Board sought input from its engineer. In mid-April bids were submitted to the Board and a contract to do the work was awarded. Repairs are currently underway, and are scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day. As soon as the repairs are done, the lake will be refilled to its usual capacity. We are pleased that this work was able to be done in such a timely manner. We look forward to a full swim season.

At this time last year we also wrote to you about the economic difficulties the club was facing—mostly due to decreased membership. Our membership drive, along with several cost-cutting measures and donations, has left us with a healthier opening balance in 2011. We have decided not to raise dues for this season, but once again ask for your help in encouraging friends and neighbors who are eligible to join to do so.

## A Wonderful Place for All of Us:



Many people have commented about how the Beach is a wonderful place for members to swim, meet people, or simply relax with a good book. Let's keep it that way by being considerate of other members.

We would like to remind all members and their guests to please drive slowly and cautiously when traveling to and from the Beach.

## Beach Improvements

Our license fees to the Village of Tuxedo Park continue to go into an account for capital improvements. Last year we focused on the playground area and installed a new seesaw and two new bouncy animals. The children also enjoyed their new playhouse. The Board will be discussing other areas we would like to address and we welcome your suggestions.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Family Campout—Sat., July 30**  
(Rain date: Aug. 6)

It's become a tradition that our young Wee Wah members (and their parents!) will long remember. Each year there are a few more tents and more than a few more laughs at this wonderful family event. So circle the date on your calendar and watch for details to follow.



## E-mail



We're getting there! Each year the number of e-mail addresses provided to us by our members continues to increase. We are proud to announce that this year, for the first time, over 70% of these annual letters were sent by e-mail, saving us time, along with copying and mailing costs. Throughout the year e-mail has also afforded us a convenient and timely way to notify members about issues of concern and upcoming events.

Please be assured that your address will be used only by the WWBC and not shared with any organizations or businesses. There is space for your e-mail address on the registration form. Of course, if you do not have e-mail, we will continue to notify you via U.S. mail.

## **DONATIONS**

Every year the Board endeavors to find ways to cut costs, yet continue to provide the basic services needed to operate our beautiful beach club. We do not operate on a very large budget. Our goal is to try to break even each year, allowing for some small capital improvements to the facilities. We struggle for ways to save \$100 here and \$75 there. These are the sorts of amounts that we agonize over when making decisions to cut back on hours during the season. We also are aware of the constraints on our membership in these tough times and are hesitant to increase dues any more than absolutely necessary. With that said, we ask that you consider making a small donation toward the beach club by writing the amount of your donation in the box on the registration form. Even the smallest amount can help cover an additional hour of staff to keep the club open longer each day.

Thank you for your generosity and for being a member of the Wee Wah Beach Club.

## **Swimming hours:**

Due to liability concerns and Department of Health regulations, ***no bathers may remain in the water past 8 P.M. or any other time there is insufficient visibility.***

Please note that swimming is not available while the lifeguard is setting up and storing our safety equipment. Also, ***all members and guests must leave the Beach Club premises when the lifeguard locks the gate. NO ONE MAY REMAIN ON BEACH CLUB PROPERTY WITHOUT A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.***

**Please note:** For safety reasons, the lifeguard on duty will take two mandated breaks (15 minutes each) during the course of the day; one between 1:00 and 2:00 and the other between 5:00 and 6:00. ***No one will be permitted in the water during the lifeguard's breaks!*** We ask your cooperation in this important safety issue.

We would like to remind members that when there is one lifeguard on duty, we cannot have the diving board and raft open at the same time. We ask your cooperation in following the lifeguard's directions as to which facility to use. The lifeguards will try to rotate use of the raft and

## **Rules & Regulations:**

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind our members to review the rules of the Beach, which are included with this letter.

**Please note:** ***For the safety of all bathers, the lifeguard will follow these guidelines:***

- ⇒ A person breaking a rule will be given a warning.
- ⇒ If that person breaks the rule a second time, s/he will be removed from the waterfront for a specific amount of time.
- ⇒ If the person breaks a rule a third time, s/he will be removed from the Beach for a specific amount of time.

**Please remind your children and guests that the lifeguard is the final authority at the Beach, and his/her directions must be followed at all times!**

If patrons continue to break beach rules, the Executive Committee will decide on one of the following two options:

1. Minor children must be accompanied to the beach by their parent, regardless of their age.
2. In the case of serious or continual infractions, the family's membership will be rescinded for the remainder of the season, and no refund will be given.

# Wee Wah Beach Club Hours - 2011

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- Please save this calendar as a handy reference
- **May Hours:** 5/28 11am - 7pm, 5/29 11am - 7pm and 5/30 11am - 7pm

June						
S	M	T	W	R	F	S
			1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Closed	4 11am-7pm
5 11am-7pm	6 Closed	7 Closed	8 Closed	9 Closed	10 Closed	11 11am-9pm
12 11am-9pm	13 noon-7pm	14 noon-7pm	15 noon-7pm	16 noon-7pm	17 noon-7pm	18 11am-9pm
19 11am-9pm	20 noon-9pm	21 noon-9pm	22 noon-9pm	23 noon-9pm	24 noon-9pm	25 11am-9pm
26 11am-9pm	27 10am-9pm	28 10am-9pm	29 10am-9pm	30 10am-9pm		

July						
S	M	T	W	R	F	S
					1 10am-9pm	2 10am-9pm
3 10am-9pm	4 9am-9pm	5 9am-9pm	6 9am-9pm	7 9am-9pm	8 9am-9pm	9 10am-9pm
10 10am-9pm	11 9am-9pm	12 9am-9pm	13 9am-9pm	14 9am-9pm	15 9am-9pm	16 10am-9pm
17 10am-9pm	18 9am-9pm	19 9am-9pm	20 9am-9pm	21 9am-9pm	22 9am-9pm	23 10am-9pm
24 10am-9pm	25 9am-9pm	26 9am-9pm	27 9am-9pm	28 9am-9pm	29 9am-9pm	30 10am-9pm CAMPOUT
31 10am-9pm						

August						
S	M	T	W	R	F	S
	1 9am-7:30pm	2 9am-7:30pm	3 9am-7:30pm	4 9am-7:30pm	5 9am-7:30pm	6 10am-7:30pm CAMPOUT RD
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September						
S	M	T	W	R	F	S
				1 noon-7:30pm	2 noon-7:30pm	3 noon-7:30pm
4 noon-7:30pm	5 noon-7:30pm					

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- All hours are subject to sufficient staffing
- Please note: The beach closes for swimming a minimum of 30 minutes prior to closing time

## Having a Party???

In order to ensure adequate lifeguard supervision, we ask anyone planning a large gathering at the Beach to please contact Bonny Takeuchi at 351-5232.

## Dues

Membership categories and our guest policy are included in this letter on a separate sheet. Dues are listed on our registration sheet.

As always, the Beach Club would like to extend special consideration to anyone needing a reduction in dues in order to join the Beach. All requests are strictly confidential, and should be addressed to Bonny.

## Officers & Executive Board:

At our annual meeting on April 30th, the following people were elected:

President:	Bonny Takeuchi
Vice-President:	Michael Rost
Treasurer:	Diana Petrosky
Secretary:	Mary Grimmig

### Executive Board Members:

Sophie Farago  
Christine Giglio  
Mary Graetzer  
Andrea Hackett  
Naomi Moon  
Shari Skutnik

## THANK YOU, RAY, JOSH & KERRIANNE

On behalf of the entire club, we would like to thank three Executive Board members who "retired" this year. The club was well-served by the efforts and ideas of Ray Barone, Josh Bewlay, and Kerriane Cavada. Each brought different areas of expertise to the Board, and their contributions will be missed.

## FOURTH OF JULY



In an effort to address some concerns presented by members, the Executive Board of the Wee Wah Beach Club has decided on the following policy for the July 4th, 2011 weekend.

- Beach picnic tables cannot be reserved prior to the opening of the Beach at 9:00 A.M. on July 4th. Any items placed on tables prior to that time will be removed. Approximately five minutes before the opening of the Beach on July 4th, senior citizens (or anyone needing special consideration) will be allowed to select a table.
- There is a limit of 1 Beach table per membership; members are encouraged to bring their own tables.
- Additional parking will be available near the DPW. All members are urged to carpool. Please remember that only Beach members (not guests) are allowed to park in the Beach parking lot.
- There will be one-way traffic around the Wee Wah Lake on July 4th. (People exiting the Beach will need to make a right out of the Beach parking lot in order to travel around the lake).
- Security will be provided by off-duty police officers on July 4th.
- For the July 4th weekend (July 2nd, 3rd, 4th), members may choose to either use their guest passes for guests, **OR** pay \$3.00 per guest (all ages are charged \$3).

**Please note: Members MUST have guest passes to bring in guests!**

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

**\*FULL FAMILY:** For parents & dependent children or couples. Dependent children include students 22 and under. Caregivers are NOT included.

**\*FULL SINGLE:** For single adults over 22 with no dependent children.

**LIMITED SINGLE:** For single adults over 22 with no dependent children. Guest privileges are **NOT** available unless there is a full family membership in the household.

**JUNIOR SINGLE:** For single adults aged 18-22 with no dependent children.

**\*SENIOR CITIZEN:** Available to **FORMER MEMBERS** who have reached the age of 65. Senior citizens who have never been a member of the Beach Club must pay an initiation fee and dues for one year before becoming eligible for senior citizen membership.

**\*ARMED FORCES & CLERGY:** Available at no charge to full-time active members of the armed forces, clergy, their spouses and dependent children.

\*Guest privileges available for these membership categories.

## GUEST FEES & POLICY

\$40 for 10 guest passes

\$50 for 20 guest passes

**Guest cards are kept at the checker's station at the Beach, not mailed to members.**

1. People who are eligible to be members (i.e. residents of the Park and hamlet) **MAY NOT** be guests.
2. Members **MUST** accompany their guests to the Beach, sign them in with the checker on duty and remain with their guests. Any member who fails to do so risks the loss of guest privileges.
3. Members must have guest privileges to bring any guests, no matter what the age of the guest.
4. Members must be at least 18 years old to sign in a guest.
5. Children under 12 do not count toward your total number of guests, but they must be signed in with the checker. Senior citizens **DO** count toward the total number of guests.
6. Please familiarize yourself and your guests with the Beach rules as you are responsible for your guests while they are at the Beach.
7. **Guests should park their cars outside the gate on weekends and holidays.**
8. Members may apply to the Executive Committee after July 15<sup>th</sup> if they would like to purchase additional guest passes.
9. If you need any special considerations regarding guests, please contact Bonny Takeuchi at 351-5232.

## RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE WEE WAH BEACH CLUB

1. Swimming is prohibited after 8:00 (or 30 minutes prior to sunset, whichever is earlier), and any time the lifeguard is not on duty. No one is allowed on the premises when the gate is locked; the beach is then officially closed.
2. Non-swimmers are not to be left at the water front or wading pool without the direct supervisions of a parent, guardian or babysitter. Please check with a lifeguard regarding your child's swimming ability.
3. Children who have **NOT** completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade are not allowed at the beach facility unless they are supervised by a parent or other responsible person. Babysitters must be at least 13 years old in order to watch younger children
4. Children who have **completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade MAY** be at the beach without a parent guardian or babysitter, provided they abide by all beach rules. Inappropriate or unsafe behavior, whether in the water or on land, will not be tolerated. When such behavior is observed by beach employees, Executive Board members or members at large, it will be reported to the lifeguard or beach Manager and action will be taken. Depending on the severity of the behavior such children may be removed from the beach for 1 or more days and may forfeit the privilege of being at the beach without adult supervision.
5. No swimming beyond the roped area.
6. For safety reasons, tubes, rubber rafts, inflatables, snorkels, fins, masks, balls, and life preservers are not permitted in the water.
7. No glass containers are allowed on the sand area or beachfront. Please use picnic area for meals.
8. Swimming under the raft or rough play on the raft is not permitted.
9. Only one person allowed on the diving board at any time.
10. Animals are not allowed on the beach grounds at any time.
11. Ball playing is permitted on the grass area only (not in the sand).
12. No loud music shall be played.
13. Proper attire is to be worn at all times as required by health regulations.
14. No boats, rafts, etc. may be launched from or landed on beach property. (This includes "cove" area.)
15. Please use containers for all refuse and papers.
16. Jumping off the dock or wall is prohibited.
17. Anyone destroying or defacing property will be responsible for payment of same and may jeopardize their club membership.
18. No one under 21 is allowed to have alcoholic beverages at the beach.
19. Membership in the Beach Club does not include membership in the Wee Wah Fishing Club. Fishing is not permitted at the Beach.
20. The Executive Board may suspend anyone who, after a warning, continues to violate the above rules. Membership fees will not be returned. The lifeguard is the authority at the beach and his/her instructions are to be followed at all times.