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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Charlene Border

Thanks to all residents who have provided email addresses with your annual dues. The email addresses are necessary as home delivery of the Bellringer newsletter will end with the December 2007 issue. Beginning with the March 2008 issue, the newsletter will be distributed to homeowners by email and Ecopies will be on our Belwood website: www.belwoodhomes.org, hardcopies will be available at the Cabana club as usual. Other important Belwood news that must reach you in a more timely manner will also be sent by email.

If you did not provide your email address with your annual dues, and you would like to receive the Bellringer electronically, you still have time to submit so please send your email address to me at cnborder@comcast.net

*******PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE******* By Jim Bowen

Board of Director Elections for 2008

The Belwood Homeowners Association is looking for individuals who would like to help guide the affairs of our association. Please consider becoming a member of our Board of Directors for 2008.

The board of nine members is responsible for oversight of facility maintenance, supervision of employees, and financial planning and tracking. Board members participate in a monthly meeting and may spend a modest amount of time outside of the meeting. This is a great way to get involved and make a valuable contribution to the Belwood community.

Board members are elected by the association homeowners. Those interested in entering their name on the ballot should contact the current board secretary, Ed Sharpe (358-7661, edsharp@comcast.net), by October 10th. Ballots will be sent out in mid-October. At that time candidate statements will be posted on the cabana bulletin board. The results will be tallied at the November 20th Board of Director's meeting. For more information contact Ed or any board member.

NEED HELP?

Belwood Residents

Free advice to solve home repair, maintenance or improvement problems.

Call: Roy Chadwick
356-5431

BEACH HOUSE:

Aptos Beach House, spacious 3BR/2 bath, short walk to Rio Del Mar/Seacliff Beach. Available year-round for monthly, weekly, mid-week, weekend rental. Call Sheryl at 408-348-3237

KAUAI CONDO:

Kapaa Kauai Hawaii Condo for rent. Located in the Pono Kai Resort on the East Shore Coconut coast. 2BR/2 bath on ground floor, facing beach. Full kitchen, dining and living rooms. Sleeps 6. Swimming pool, clubhouse, close to shopping. \$165/night.
Call: Sal Leonardi 356-5205

OAHU LUXURY TOWNHOME:

Fabulous, newly furnished Oahu townhome for rent. 3 BR, 3 BA + den, 1700+ square feet, 5 min walk to beach in the luxurious Coconut Plantation in Ko Olina. Perfect for families. See our website for pictures, details and contact info:

<http://www.koolinahome.com>.

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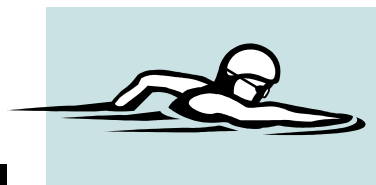
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Belwood Dolphins Swim to League Champs Title

By Jackie Sandoval

The Belwood Dolphins Swim Team made it "three in a row", taking top honors at the 2007 Valley Cabana Swim League Championship Meet. After being narrowly edged out for the dual meet title, the Dolphin team came to Champs focused and ready to defend their title at Valley Christian High School, on July 21st. With over 70% improved times scoring points in the win, every single swimmer contributed to the victory. There were many standout performances by Dolphin swimmers, including Meet High Point award honors for: 6 & under Boys (Jacob Ryan-1st); 7-8 Boys (Matthew Sandoval-1st, Conor Linehan-3rd, Jack Weber-5th); 7-8 Girls (Alanna Jurich-2nd, Katie Rose-5th); 9-10 Boys (Michael Sandoval-2nd, Chase Kerley-5th); 9-10 Girls (Lindsay Scannell-1st, Layna Auchard-3rd); 11-12 Girls (Stephanie Scannell-1st); 13-14 Boys (Tony Santilli-1st, Justin Eneboe-3rd); 15-18 Boys (Matt Hurko-1st, Jason Louie-4th); 15-18 Girls (Hilary Hunt-1st, Kelsey Conrow-2nd, Monica Refy-5th). Great job Dolphins!

A huge thanks needs to go out to the excellent coaching staff as well as the swimmers and parents for their commitment and hard work. If you think you may be interested in signing up your child for next year's swim team, look for information in the December Bellringer. If you have questions, please contact Jackie Sandoval (Jackie@belwooddolphins.com) or Aengus Linehan (aengus@belwooddolphins.com) or visit www.belwooddolphins.com.



Gutters, Roof, Plumbing,

You name it! I have a list of workmen who can help you. Call Gail Bordi 408-356-8647 or email gailbordi@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

Belwood Homeowners Board Mtg: Third Tues. of the month

Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society: Fourth Tues. of the month.
Please call Kathy McChristian **(Junior Pgm.)** 258-8400 or
Margaret Norten **(Adult Pgm.)** 356-8254

Schedule Cabana Club:
Gina Wagner 358-2220

The next newsletter will be published in December. **Articles must be to Charlene Border no later than November 19th. Earlier submission as newsletters must be delivered to homeowners on December 1st.**
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Pool Closures

"I went to go swimming and the pool signs said it was closed. Why?"

It was probably closed in order to clean up to bacterial contaminants introduced into the pool. This happened several times this summer, as in previous summers.

When this unfortunate event happens, the pool must be chemically "shocked" and closed to swimmers for 8 hours. The purpose of the closure time is to allow the chemicals, pool vacuum, and filter system to clear the bacteria. This is an inconvenient, but necessary, precaution to protect the health of our swimmers. Our process is consistent with the requirements of the Santa Clara County Health Department.

Please help us keep pool closures rare by taking steps to avoid bacterial accidents. Like many other pools, Belwood requires rubber swim pants (not just "swim diapers") for any child under 4 years old and others who are not toilet trained. If you don't have them, the guards have some they can sell you at a reasonable cost so you can enjoy your swim time without a special shopping trip. We extend a big "thank you" to all members for your cooperation with these requirements and for your understanding when, unfortunately, accidents do happen.

The Belwood Board of Directors, the Facility Manager, and the Swim Team officers all take the matter of addressing pool bacteria hazards very seriously. If you observe a health issue, please bring it to the attention of the lifeguards or swim team coaches. If you would like to learn more feel free to contact our facility manager or a board member.

Treasurer's Report - Dave Klenske

Labor Day is just around the corner and kids are headed back to school. This summer was filled with activities at the cabana club, such as swim team, movie nights, the 4th of July party, and long days of swimming. I hope you and your family were able to enjoy some of these.

Our 2007 budget is still tracking to plan. A few highlights:

Swim lessons have been a big success. A few years ago we were questioning whether we should continue them due to lack of participation. The great news is that we started advertising them and once word got out, classes quickly filled up. Income from swim lessons affects the annual budget, and we have exceeded our goals.

Facility rental continues to be strong. That means many of our neighbors are renting the facility for their parties and events. We will exceed our budgeted revenue this year from rentals.

In the last Belringer, I laid out my 2007 priorities. Here's a status of where we are at:

- Investing excess cash and reserves into FDIC insured interest bearing accounts- COMPLETE
- Setting up a financial audit as required in the by-laws- IN PROCESS
- Finding a new bookkeeper for the association-COMplete
- Ensuring compliance with new state laws- IN PROCESS

The financial review will be complete this year. That will give us a baseline for an audit which will be performed next year. We have worked with our accounting firm, and they will soon deliver an independent review of the Belwood Homes Association. An audit and review are actually two separate analyses of the financial integrity of our statements. Just like public companies, an **audit** is much deeper and results in an opinion regarding the financial statements. A **review** informs the board if there are material modifications that need to be made to the financial statement in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial review will give a baseline for Dec 31, 2006, and the audit will occur for the 2007 financial statements.

We smoothly transitioned the Bookkeeper position to Cheryl Cooperrider. She is a long time Belwood resident and has experience (among many other roles) being the Treasurer of Union and Noddin Home & School clubs. There were seven candidates vying for the position, and congratulations are in order to Cheryl.

Regarding compliance with state laws, one of the immediate issues is ensuring the budget schedules are met. The board is currently in the middle of the 2008 budget process. We will be approving it this fall, and distribute it via the Belringer to residents prior to Dec 1. The next Belringer will contain:

- Final 2008 budget
- Cabana Reserve Study, including funding status on a per-unit basis

We began budget discussions at our August meeting, and plan on continuing in September. If you would like to have input into this, I encourage you to attend our September Board of directors meeting or contact me directly. Homeowner input is always valuable and we welcome your participation.

Thanks,

Dave Klenske Treasurer, Belwood Homeowners Association

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