

Splash and Volley

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Newsletter

March 2012

Hours

Weekdays: 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM*

Mondays closed from 8 to 11 AM for maintenance

* Beginning April 1 closing hours extended until 8 PM

Weekends: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM*

*Beginning April 1, closing hours extended until 7 PM

Note: Pool covers are put on 15 minutes before closing

Baby pool is closed for renovations. We are aiming to open it in late April.

Manager Hours:

Tuesdays: 12 - 4 PM

Thursdays: 12 - 4 PM

Fridays: 12 - 4 PM

Or by appointment

Contact information:

Phone: 650-494-6521

Email:
themanager@eichler.com

Calendar

New Member Group Orientation

Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 AM

Welcome to the club! Stop by and get a brief overview of what the club offers. Learn the 'do's' and 'don'ts.' Please RSVP by calling the office at 650-494-6521.

Eichler's Going Green

Saturday, March 17, 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Join us for St. Patrick's Fun. Lite bites, green brew and family fun. All are welcome!

Please RSVP to Dianna Richardson, doober123@earthlink.net

Payments may be made at the door or submitted at Eichler in advance.

Cost: Adults \$10, Children \$7

Youth Swimmer Evaluation Week

March 26 - 30

4:00 - 4:30 PM 8 and under

4:30 - 5:00 PM 9 and up

(All Eichler kids age 5 - 17 are encouraged to come and be evaluated for placement in the various swim programs offered by the Club.)

Official Start of Swim Team

Monday, April 9 (Optional fun practices April 2 - 6)

See page 5 for more Swim Team event details

Ladies Night!

Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 - 9:30 PM

It's our time. Join us in a fun night of BUNCO. Lite bites and treats. Don't worry if you've never played before. It's more fun to learn on the spot.

RSVP: Dianna Richardson, doober123@earthlink.net

Cost: \$3

Palo Verde Promotion Party

Thursday, June 7 -

Pool closed for annual promotion party from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. There is no swim team practice on this day.

Please Attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors

All Eichler members are invited to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting, when new members will be elected to the Board of Governors. We need a quorum of 10 proprietary members in good standing in order to conduct the election, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

In accordance with our By-Laws, the Nominating Committee has nominated four candidates to replace outgoing Board members Tess Byler, Clive Hallat, Holden Jessup, and Tracey Wycoff.

The nominees are: Marc Anker, Kim Gupta, Rebecca Passarello, and Jeff Weitzman.

Ten or more members may also nominate candidates for the Board by a petition signed by them and filed with the Board Secretary Tracey Wycoff.

The three Governors who will continue to serve another year are Lynn Magill, Jeremy Roschelle, and Harvey Schloss.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Steven Berndt and Karin Kirkpatrick
 Ryan and Stephanie Frick
 John and Kristan Green
 Michael and Mary Cudahy
 Steve Hall and Colleen Dunn
 Snorri Gylfason and Ragna Larvsdottir
 Maarten and Kala Lansberg
 Bilal and Irum Musharraf
 Edwin and Carleen Ho
 Todd and Kathleen Ford
 Gary and Heather Ostrom
 Joe and Lisa Rimsa
 Owen and Jennifer Bittenger
 Brad and Joy Cleveringa
 Nicholas O'Connor and Angela Byrne
 Mike and Adelle Lohse



Board of Governors

Lynn Magill - President
 Clive Hallett - VP
 Tess Byler - Treasurer
 Tracey Wycoff - Secretary
 Holden Jessup
 Jeremy Roschelle
 Harvey Schloss

(theboard@eichler.com)

President's Message

Dear Eichler members,

You may have noticed that our pool pump has gotten so noisy that you can even hear it if you drive by the club with the windows down. It is really on its last legs, and much of the other mechanical equipment in the room is antiquated or in poor shape.

The Board of Governors has approved a capital project to replace the majority of the mechanical equipment in the pool pump room. The result will be a more stable and consistent water chemistry which will be much better for swimmers, the equipments and everything else the pool water touches. It will also be much more cost efficient and require far less work to run and maintain.

The project will take place over the next 4-6 weeks, and will require a 3-5 day pool shutdown in order to make the final connections, turn it all on, test, and reheat the pool. We will give as much advance notice about the closure as possible. We regret the inconvenience to regular swimmers but we are confident you'll be pleased with the result.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming annual meeting, when the annual report will be presented and members present will vote on new Board members. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee: Heidi Lerner, Cheryl O'Connor, and George Richardson for coming up with a great slate of Board nominees.

Lynn Magill

From The Desk of Sean Horan, Eichler Manager

There have been lots of little changes over the last few months. The locker room floors have been refinished, the pump room electric structure has been upgraded, and after our annual drain and refilling of the pool last December, we've been carefully analyzing our pool chemistry.

The Board of Governors is planning the installation of state-of-the-art pool equipment which will improve the quality of the water, and save money on pool chemicals and electricity. **Be advised that we will likely have a pool closure for a few days in April as we upgrade our equipment.**

In addition, you may have noticed some changes in the annual renewal forms; that's just one small part of a massive overhaul of documents and procedures that is taking place in 2012. We strive to improve the quality of the facility and service, and appreciate your patience as we continue to make incremental progress.

Feel free to contact me during my office hours with questions or comments, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 12pm-4pm, or by appointment.

SEAN HORAN

A Volley From Conrad

SUMMER LESSONS: This summer I will be offering several different instructional programs. One will be a small group clinic program (four students per class). The one-week camps will meet Monday through Friday. The two week camps will meet Monday through Thursday. Both are offered in half-hour (recommended for young beginners) and hour classes. Registration forms are available on my desk in the clubroom, a printable version that can be downloaded on the club website and I can also email you one.

For intermediate to advanced players there will be two drop-in clinics on Monday through Thursday. The younger intermediates will meet 1:30 pm to 3 pm and the older players 3 pm to 5 pm. Fees for the 1:30 pm Clinic are \$18 for members (\$21 non-members) and for the 3 pm Clinic are \$20 for members (\$25 or non-members).

Players from drop-in clinic groups can be part of our Eichler Team, which participates in Friday afternoon intra- and inter-club events. Fee for Friday events, which are held 1 pm to 4 pm, is \$10 (\$15 for non-members, if space is available).

In addition I will still offer private and semi-private lessons for juniors and adults, typically in the mornings and late afternoons.

NOR CAL PLAYOFFS: Eichler members Bill Shilstone and Norm Kulgein were part of the Palo Alto team that reached the Senior 65 Section Championship in Alameda the end of last year. Norm was 2-0 in his matches, Bill was 1-1 and the team finished in the top ten. The Shilstone family has been members for 38 years and the Kulgeins for over 40.

USTA SEASON: The men's team has started its season. Matches are held on Sunday afternoons and will last through March. The home schedule is posted in the tennis cases.

BALL MACHINE: The club has a ball machine that is available for use by members. There is a one-time fee of \$25. Just contact me for a quick demonstration and to receive a key.

WEEKEND LESSONS: Our weekend instructor, Ed Murphy, has openings. Contact him at: murphyed@mac.com

HONOR FOR NATALIE: My longtime student and great summer assistant instructor, Natalie Wilson, won the most improved honor on the Gunn tennis team this fall. Natalie finishes a great four-year career at Gunn.

--Conrad Lopez
eichlertennis@yahoo.com

Tennis Lesson Information:

Conrad Lopez, Tennis Pro, Weekday Lessons

Member Private Lesson

½ hour lesson \$34

1 Hour \$68

Non-member and Guest Information

½ hour \$38

1 Hour \$76

Semi-private Member Lesson

\$19 per person

Contact Conrad for lessons,

or to find partners

415-218-6340

eichlertennis@yahoo.com

Ed Murphy, Tennis Pro, Weekend Lessons

Member Lesson

½ hour \$31

1 hour \$62

Contact Ed Murphy for lesson schedule

650-799-1546

MurphyEd@Mac.com



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Swim Lesson Information:

If you are looking for swim lessons, no matter what age you are, we are happy to teach you!

Please contact any of the following swim instructors to schedule your lessons, or, stop by the club to learn more.

Sean Horan (Gator Head Coach):

w: 650-494-6521

Google voice: 650-434-2007

Cost: \$30 for 25 minutes

Julia Smit (Gator Assistant Coach):

c: (631) 335-6824

e: juliaesmit@gmail.com

Cost: \$40 for 25 minutes

Jesse Little (Eichler Lifeguard):

c: 573-864-5626

w: 650-494-6521

(Contact Jesse for questions about her rate.)



Lesson Policy:

Sign-up in the lesson binder on the sign-in desk starting March 10. Be sure to list your name and contact information on the instructor's sheet, in case any changes need to be made.

Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Any cancellations after 24 hours will be charged. Be sure to contact your instructor directly if you need to cancel.

Please pay for each lesson at or before the time of the lesson. The late fee is \$10. If you are paying in cash, please note that instructors cannot make change so please have exact change. Please put cash in an envelope labeled with the instructor's name, your name, and the date. You may also write a check, payable to the name of your instructor. Payment may be put into the Eichler General Mailbox, near the club entrance.

Adult Lap Swimming During Swim Season:

Weekdays:

6:30 AM - 4:00 PM - 3 lanes

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - 2-3 lanes

5:00 PM - 7:15 PM - no availability

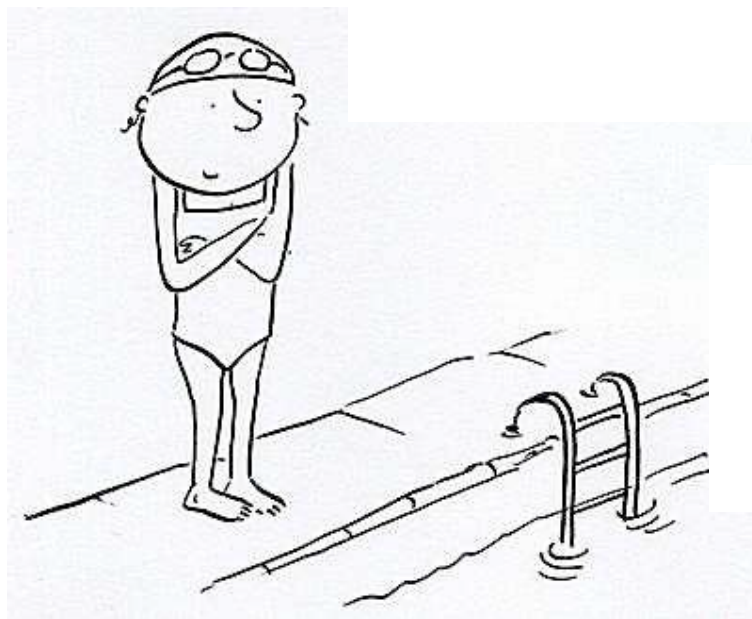
7:15 PM - 7:45 PM - 2-3 lanes

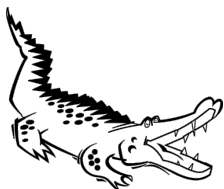
Weekends:

June 16 - 3 lanes after 1:30 PM

June 30 - 3 lanes after 1:30 PM

July 7 - 3 lanes after 1:30 PM





Gator News

It's Gator Time!

The Eichler Gators are gearing up for another fabulous swim season!

Starting the week of March 26th, you will see new Eichler swimmers taking part in placement week for the team. If you're a new swimmer or new to Eichler, please join us! Our official swim practices will begin on April 9th.

Online registration for swim team will open in the last week of March and will allow you to pay through PayPal (or credit card). Details will soon follow.

We continue to need parents to help — particularly with team communication and technology. Please let us know if you are interested. We need your help to make the season great for everyone.

Any questions, send us an email at swimteam@eichlerclub.com.

- Tim Edmonds & Steve Haney

Meet Schedule*

June 2: Practice Meet

June 9: Eichler at Laurelwood

June 16: Greenmeadow at Eichler

June 23: Eichler at Brookside

June 30: Saratoga Woods at Eichler

July 7: Cupertino Hills at Eichler

July 15: Championship Meet
(at College of San Mateo)

Notice: This is on Sunday!

*There is no week off for July 4th this year.

Calendar of Events

Mandatory Junior Coach Training: Sunday, March 25

Optional Fun Practices: April 2 - 6

Official Start of Swim Team: Monday, April 9

Swim Team Kick-off Brunch: Sunday, April 15 (11:30 new families, 12:00 potluck begins for all swim team families)

Fun Meet and Pizza Night: Friday, May 18 (Warm-up @ 4:30, Pizza @ 6:30)

Teen Kick-off Event (for 13 and older swimmers): Saturday, May 19

Team Pictures and Ice Cream Social: Thursday, May 24 at 4:30 PM

Spirit Pasta Dinner: Friday, June 1 at 6:30 PM

Teen Dinners (for teens who signed up at registration): Wednesday nights, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11 (no dinner on July 4)

Swim Team Dance Party: Saturday, June 16

Kids Movie Night: Friday, June 22 at 5:30 PM

Adults and Kids Poker Night: Saturday, June 23 at 7:00 PM

Junior Coaches Appreciation BBQ: Monday, June 25, after practice

Teen Sleepover: Wednesday, June 27

Kids Movie Night: Friday, July 6 at 5:30 PM

Moonlight Swim: Saturday, July 7 at 6:30 PM

End of Season Awards Dinner: Sunday, July 15 at 6:30 PM

Raging Waters Day: Monday, July 16

Practice Schedule

Puddle Gator: Pre-Competitive - 4:00 - 4:30 PM, Tu, Th, Fri (*Schedule subject to change May 14th*) [1-2 Lanes Only]

Pond Gator: Ages 6 & under (**and new 7 year olds**) - 4:30 - 5:00 PM, M-F [3-4 lanes only]

Marsh Gator: Ages 7-8 (**and new 9 year olds**) - 5:00pm - 5:30 PM, M-F

River Gator: Ages 9-11 -- 5:30 - 6:15 PM, M-F

Swamp Gator: Ages 11 & up -- 6:05 - 7:15 PM, M-F

Sign Up for the Gator Communicator Today!

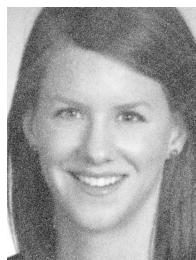
If you wish to receive the Swim Team announcements, please contact our temporary staff mailbox at EichlerSwimAndTennis@gmail.com and we will add you to the mailing list.

Meet the Eichler Gator Coaches



Coach Sean began swimming for his neighborhood Woodlands Swim Team at the ripe old age of 5. By the time he reached high school he was fortunate to be a part of regional record-setting relay teams, and placed first at the High School Championship Meet. Sean started instructing in 1998, and began coaching for Woodlands in 2001,

along with all four of his siblings. He led Woodlands swimmers to incredible goals, including one recreational swimmer who qualified for Olympic trials at Champs! In 2008, Sean came to his senses and joined Eichler, sharing his passion for teaching technique, creating a positive experience for all levels of swimmers, and leading some crazy cheers. Go Sean!



A special Gator welcome to our new assistant coach, and 2-time Olympic medalist **Julia Smit!** Julia started swimming when she was 6 years old, on a summer league team not that different from Eichler. She was recruited by Stanford and moved to Palo Alto from New York in 2006. In 2008 Julia qualified for

the Beijing Olympic games and was a part of 2 medal winning relay teams. She graduated from Stanford in 2010 and is a 26-time All-American, six-time NCAA and 10-time Pac-10 Champion. Julia holds 2 World Records in the 200 and 400 yard IM (short course meters). Julia majored in Anthropology and Studio Art and hopes pursue a career in the arts. She's very excited to join the Gator excitement and share her wonderful swimming skills with the whole team.

In Appreciation...

Thanks to Eichler President, Lynn Magill!

Lynn began her tenure on the Eichler Board of Governors three years ago and became President in her second year. Lynn has been active, energetic, and extraordinarily generous with her time. In addition to all of her contributions working to update the by-laws, researching the pool deck upgrade, and many other projects, Lynn was thrust into a tremendously demanding role when our manager of 20+ years retired suddenly. Lynn wrote job descriptions and devoted huge amounts of time to the new management transition. She has also diligently learned about and improved upon Eichler Club operations.

Lynn has volunteered over 20 hours a week to the Eichler Club as Board President. This amount of time and effort on part of a board member is unprecedented! In every situation in which she has been involved, Lynn has shown great leadership and has handled all matters with grace and intelligence. Lynn has agreed to serve an additional year to transition her knowledge to a new Board of Governors.

A thousand thanks to Lynn Magill from all of us at Eichler!