

# WEE WAH BEACH CLUB

Wee Wah Road - P.O. Box 135 Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

## Welcome to the 2017 Season!

### Dear Members and Friends,

While it is unusual that you are receiving our annual letter so late in May, this is because 2017 will be a very unusual season for the Wee Wah Beach Club. As you may already know, the Village of Tuxedo Park has been working through the long process of approvals for major repairs to Wee Wah dam. The construction part of the project is scheduled to start sometime soon. In order to fix the dam, engineers recommended lowering the lake level by 13 feet. This, of course, has resulted in the loss of a great deal of our traditional swimming area. The WWBC executive board has been exploring several possible options for the club, each with some positive and some negative aspects. They are:



1. Don't open at all for the season
2. Open as a picnic/playground gathering place with no swimming
3. Try to move the swimming area out a bit, even if there could be no raft due to insufficient depth.

From the beginning we decided against Option 1 and began exploring Option 3 so that our members could have a place to swim. Permits to operate swimming facilities in NY are issued by the Department of Health and after many discussions with them it became apparent that meeting their basic criteria, which are aimed at bather safety, would be very costly and perhaps still not be approved. Therefore, the board has decided to open this season as a picnic/playground area with no swimming. We strongly feel that it is important to keep the club open in anticipation of the completed work on the dam, which will return us to full water capacity next year. In the meantime we plan to be open weekends until the end of June as usual and then, depending on membership response, determine extended/additional hours for the rest of the summer. Of course, we have reduced membership rates. The Executive Board is also planning special events weekends and activities.

We encourage you to join and use the club as often as possible. It is still a great place to gather with family and friends. This will be our 83rd and most challenging season. We ask for your support.

## Wee Wah Beach Club Annual Meeting & Elections

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Tuxedo Town Hall 2nd floor Meeting Room  
(Please use the back door)

- At this meeting we will be electing our Executive Board for the 2017 season. Any adult 21 years of age or older who was a member in 2016 and still resides in the Village of Tuxedo Park or the Hamlet may run for office.
- To be eligible to vote, you must have been a member during the 2016 season and be a current resident. There will be one vote per membership.
- We will be electing 10 Executive Board members; 5 from the Village of Tuxedo Park and 5 from the Hamlet. The Executive Board and the Village Trustee liaison will then elect officers from these ten Board members.
- After the election, there will be a discussion of the various aspects of the club's operation for the 2017 season.

Please call Bonny Takeuchi at 845.351.5232 or Jennifer Darling at 845.915.3443 by June 12th if you would like to place your name into nomination for a position on the Executive Board.

## Family Campout

Get those tents and flashlights ready as we plan this year's event. Please watch for details to follow.



## Special Events

Keep checking your email for upcoming events and activities at the beach club.

## Beginning of the Season Hours

Memorial Day weekend (Sat, Sun, Mon)	12-8
June 3-4, 10-11	12-8
June 17-18, 24-25	12-8
Additional hours to be determined	

## Please note

## E-mail



At last year's annual meeting an amendment to the club's constitution was approved allowing us to send official notices via email. When filling out your registration form, please provide us with your current email address. The use of

email saves us money and provides the board with a timely and convenient 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 other organizations or businesses. Of course, if you do not have email, we will continue to notify you via US mail.



## *Safety First*

The roads near and around Wee Wah Lake are often used by joggers, cyclists, and people just out for a stroll. Please remember to drive slowly and cautiously when traveling to and from the beach.

## Carry In/Carry Out

Last year we transitioned to a carry in/carry out policy for trash and the change went very smoothly. The new system allowed us to remove the unsightly dumpster, saved us money and kept the bears from scattering garbage near the entrance. The policy will remain in place for this season as well. Please remember to take your trash with you as you leave and if you ever forget to bring a bag, simply request one from the checker.

## Having a Party???

We ask anyone planning a large gathering at the Beach to please contact Bonny Takeuchi at 845.351.5232.

## 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. Rules pertaining to swimming will be suspended for this season. However, all other rules remain in place.

***Please note: For the safety of all members, beach employees will follow these guidelines:***

- \* A person breaking a rule will be given a warning.
- \* If the person continues to break the rules, s/he may be removed from the Beach for a specific amount of time.

***Please remind your children and guests that the beach employees are the final authority at the Beach, and their directions must be followed at all times!***

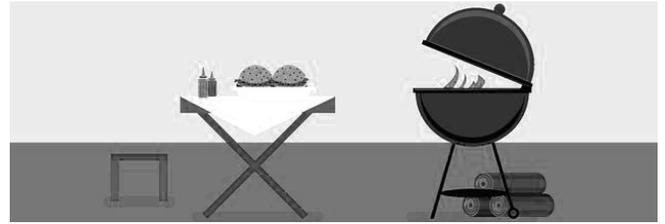
If patrons continue to break beach rules, the Executive Committee will decide on one of the following two options:

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

## 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.



## Donations

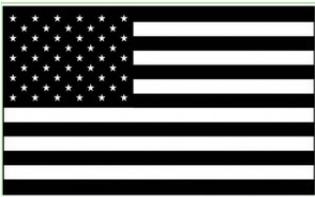
Donations are always gratefully accepted and allow us to continue to make improvements to the facility.

We would like to extend our thanks to the members who donated to the beach in 2016. Their contributions are greatly appreciated by all. There is a line on the registration form for anyone who would like to make a contribution. We can't thank everyone enough for their financial support.

## Thank You

The Club would like to thank three Executive Board members who have decided not to seek re-election this year. Robin Santoianni and her family are long time members and we appreciate her support of the club over the years. Robin and her husband Mike were married at the beach so it has always been a special place for them. Naomi Moon has been a board member since 2011 and has served as our secretary for the last four years. Her efficiency and thoughtfulness were great assets to the board. Last, but not least, membership chair Mary Graetzer is "retiring" this year. She has shouldered a great deal of the day to day operation of the club for over 10 years. We will miss her spreadsheets, her data and the tremendous effort she put in year after year to make sure that our membership lists were accurate and up to date.

**Thank you Robin, Naomi and Mary!**



## *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, 2017 weekend.

- \* Beach picnic tables cannot be reserved prior to the opening of the Beach at 9:00am 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.
- \* For the July 4th weekend (July 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th), members with guest passes may choose to either use their guest passes for guests **OR** pay \$3.00 per guest (all ages are charged \$3.00).

## 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.

**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

\$45 for 10 guest passes

\$55 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 the age of the guest.
4. Members must be at least 18 years old to sign in a guest.
5. Children 12 and under 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. If you need any special considerations regarding guests, please contact Bonny Takeuchi at 845-351-5232.

# WEE WAH BEACH CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

# 2017

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME (IF DIFFERENT): \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. E-MAIL IS THE BEST WAY FOR US TO COMMUNICATE THE LATEST WWBC NEWS AND UPDATES.)

DEPENDENT CHILD'S NAME	AGE IN YEARS (REQUIRED)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP (Check all that apply)

\$125 - FULL FAMILY       \$75 - SINGLE       CLERGY (NO CHARGE)  
 \$55- JUNIOR SINGLE       \$ 40 - CAREGIVER       ACTIVE ARMED FORCES (NO CHARGE)  
 \$40 - SENIOR CITIZEN       \$20 - INITIATION FEE (FOR NEW MEMBERS)

**GUEST FEES** (Optional):     \$45 - 10 GUEST PASSES     \$55 - 20 GUEST PASSES

### SPECIAL OFFER:

5 free guest passes to anyone who joins and purchases 20 guest passes prior to June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**DONATION** (Optional): I have included \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a donation to the Wee Wah Beach Club.

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made **payable** to: **Wee Wah Beach Club** and **mailed** to: **Jennifer Darling**  
**PO Box 327**  
**Tuxedo Park, NY 10987**

In consideration of becoming a member of the Wee Wah Beach Club (WWBC) and signing this registration form, I, and my family hereby accept responsibility as a participant(s) in any and all WWBC activities during the operation of the WWBC in the 2017 summer season (Memorial Day to Labor Day). My family and I have read the enclosed rules and policies and agree to abide by said rules. To the best of my knowledge, my family, guests and I are physically fit and able to participate. We assume all risks and hazards associated with the participation in these activities and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the WWBC and the Village of Tuxedo Park from any claim arising out of any injury or death to my family, guests or myself, whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE WEE WAH BEACH CLUB

**\*Please note: For 2017, all swimming rules listed do not apply**

1. Swimming is prohibited after 8:00 PM or 30 minutes before sunset, whichever is earlier, and at any time a 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 may not be on the waterfront without the direct supervision of a parent, guardian or babysitter. Please check with a lifeguard regarding your child's swimming ability.
3. Children who have not completed 6th grade are not allowed at the beach facility unless they are supervised by a parent, guardian or babysitter. Babysitters must be at least 13 years old.
4. Children who have completed 6th grade may be at the beach without supervision provided they abide by all beach rules. Inappropriate or unsafe behavior will not be tolerated.
5. No swimming beyond the roped area.
6. Jumping off the dock or walls is prohibited.
7. Swimming under the raft or rough play on the raft is prohibited.
8. Only one person is allowed on the diving board at a time.
9. Tubes, rafts, inflatables, snorkels, fins, masks, balls and life preservers are not permitted in the water.
10. No glass containers allowed in the sand area or beachfront. Use picnic area for meals.
11. Animals are not allowed on the beach grounds at any time.
12. Ball playing is permitted on the grass area only, not in the sand.
13. No loud music shall be played.
14. Proper attire is to be worn at all times.
15. No boats, rafts etc. may be launched from or landed on beach property.
16. Everyone must take their trash with them when they leave.
17. No one under 21 is allowed to have alcoholic beverages at the beach.
18. Anyone destroying or defacing property will be held responsible for payment and may lose membership privileges.
19. Membership in the Beach Club does not include membership in the Wee Wah Fishing Club. Fishing is prohibited at the beach.
20. Wee Wah employees are the authority at the beach and their instructions are to be followed at all times.
21. The Executive Board may suspend anyone who violates the rules listed above. Membership fees will not be returned.