

We did it! A party 50+ years in the making, Klahaya Swim and Tennis hosted the biggest event of the summer, All City 2011 Swim meet. It was a huge success with the membership coming together to put all the small pieces into place. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hours of work to put on such an outstanding event. We heard rave reviews with many swimmers (South and North-end) saying this was the BEST All City they had ever seen. From the gigantic stadium bleachers, to the gourmet concessions, to the Olympic timing system and the friendly, helpful staff, all contributed to a great time for swimmers and spectators.

All City was in August, but there were plenty of other events in the summer of 2011.

The first major change for the summer was the addition of the back fence. I think it should be named the Ed Adams Memorial fence because he was instrumental in getting the plans and layout into action. This one simple fence changed the feel and traffic flow of the club in so many positive ways. Members enjoyed the grass area for picnics, popsicles, and parties without having to go around the fire lane. Tennis members were now welcomed at the front desk and could sign-in to use the courts. Parents felt secure leaving their children in the backyard without running away. Best of all, the Board of Health inspected the pool in July and gave the fence a thumbs-up. It is here to stay!

Another change was saying Good-bye to David Towne, but also welcoming Peter Reni as the new tennis pro. There was a smooth transition with an increase in tennis team, and all the lessons full with eager young tennis participants. The tweets and updates about the conditions of the tennis courts really helped to keep folks informed. Thank you to the entire tennis staff it was a wonderful summer.

The swim team under the direction of Leanne Dull had a super season. She embraced the change in her position to head coach and provided many opportunities for swimmers to improve their times. I was most proud of the Friday clinic format where the swimmers got specific stroke instruction, leading to more swimmers improving their overall swimming experience. The lesson program continues to be an important time for young swimmers to feel more comfortable in the water. Thank you to Julia Gentling and all the outstanding instructors for continuing a successful program.

My lifeguard crew did a fantastic job implementing a few new rules to keep everyone safe. We now have a deep-water rule that keeps emerging swimmers safe and we have limited the use of the diving board to only swimmers that can be on their own. Thanks to Andy Cook, Jackie Sundquist and all of the guards for keeping us safe. By the way, Andy had a cot in the back, since he basically lived at Klahaya for the last month. Also thanks to the maintenance staff for doing their best to keep the places as clean. It is a dirty job, but we really do appreciate your work.

These are just a few highlights for the summer; there were plenty of other events at the club such as activities for adults and children, the well-attended work parties, adult night tennis, and open swims- just hanging on our new deck furniture. A big shout out to the Board of Directors-your support and endless hours working for the club is appreciated by all the members! The summer of 2011 was an awesome one!

Now, we look to the summer of 2012, there are always things to improve or change. We need to continue to look at volunteerism and how to keep folks involved. Investigate new revenue options, and make long term plans for updating projects. Members need to understand this is a club run by all of us, not just paid staff members. Everyone can pitch in to follow and enforce the rules.

I would like to share one lasting moment that holds the most importance with me this summer. The pool deck was filled with swimmers that had just finished the parade of athletes, the backyard was packed with spectators and then we announced the time for the All City meet to start. A long-time member and volunteer Ron Hedman presented the American flag with the entire swim meet listening to our special guest singer give an amazing rendition of the National Anthem. Time stopped for a moment and I looked around and said to myself "This is what all the years of work, planning, and volunteerism is all about- WE DID IT! Thank you Klahaya!"

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Totals for 2011. The weather for May, June and July was unseasonably cold and wet. August was basically our summer for the year.

Month	Member	Guest
May	859	206
June	1799	500
July	3214	853
August	3255	1099
September	705	204
Total	9832	2862

Total number of usage summer of 2011: 12,694