



2024 CLUB NEWSLETTER



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SAVE THE DATES:

May 4 – Work Party

May 11 – Work Party

May 18 – New Member Sneak Preview 10:45 – 11:45am

May 18 – Opening Day NOON

Letter from our President

Kevin Clarke

My Fellow Klahaya Frogs:

Klahaya Swim and Tennis Club will celebrate our 65th Anniversary this year. Our founders sought “to create a flourishing community in environment nurturing:

- Sportsmanship
- Team Spirit
- Growth
- Safety
- Responsibility
- Respect

KLAHAYA FROG VALUES!

Our club’s name, unlike many other local swim and tennis clubs, does not reflect a location. Rather, a philosophy.

KLAHAYA MEANS WELCOME!

What makes Klahaya special isn’t the location, grounds, clubhouse, pool, tennis courts, or picnic areas.

IT’S YOU!

The most valuable assets on our club balance sheet are human; unique, one-of-a-kind individuals, families, coaches, lifeguards, staff; YOU create our KLAHAYA CULTURE.

In the spirit of Peter Reni, let’s all feel the calling to be:

KLAHAYA CULTURE CURATORS!

In conjunction with our anniversary celebration, the club will initiate a new Swim Team Annual Recognition award, The KLAUS SHULER AWARD, in loving memory and in honor of his example, and the example of all others, who live the KLAHAYA FROG VALUES. Our new diving board platform and competition swim blocks are in place for use on opening day and the first day of Swim Team workouts. Our Swim Director and Tennis Director will have announcements regarding returning and new coaches.

WELCOME ABOARD KELLEN! AND WELCOME BACK JEFF! I’m also pleased to announce Kellen Mraz and Jeff McDowell will provide leadership for our club staff.

A few days ago, I showed Declan, Sadie, Noah, and Finn Bradshaw a photograph of the new diving platform. Sadie expressed her Frog feelings with a drawing. I invite all Frogs to share their feelings on a single 8½x11 sheet of paper. Drop your artwork to the main desk and these works will be posted and rotated in the clubhouse lobby during our anniversary year.

Wishing you a summer filled hope, health, and happiness, we can’t wait to see you at Klahaya. As always, please feel free to email any questions you might have: president@klahaya.net

WE’RE ALL FROGS!

A fellow Frog,

Kevin Clarke

president@klahaya.net



IMPORTANT INFO FROM YOUR TREASURER

Ben Copstead

Greetings Klahaya families!

The 2024 dues and assessment invoices were sent out earlier this year. 96% of members paid yearly dues on time ahead of the March 31st deadline which puts Klahaya in a strong cash flow position heading into the operating season. If you haven't already sent in your payment, please pay online using our Klahaya website or send payment to: Klahaya Swim & Tennis, PO Box 74, Edmonds, WA 98020. As a reminder, club policy requires all outstanding fees, assessments and other invoices must be paid in full in order to use club facilities – including participating in the swim team or tennis team. Swim team and tennis team fees can be paid online as well.

Regarding insurance, we had a very smooth insurance renewal this year and I am happy to report that all policies are in place/bound for the season ahead. Our accounting firm, club business manager, and your treasurer are currently working on our taxes, and we will be filing an extension ahead of the May 15th deadline (non-profits have a May 15th IRS filing deadline). As a reminder, Klahaya changed its financial year end last season from 10/31 to 12/31 and as a result of the change an extension provides the time we need to properly file our taxes. I recently met with our bank (annual meeting) and Klahaya is in compliance with all yearly banking covenant requirements.

Klahaya is financially sound and fiscally ready for the needs of the club in 2024. Please reach out directly to me if you have any questions and excited to see everyone at the club this year!

Ben Copstead (CPA)
Klahaya Treasurer.
treasurer@klahaya.net



NEWS FROM MANAGER

Kellen Mraz

Klahaya is right around the corner! This means it's almost time to dust off the towels, find those goggles, re-string your rackets, and get ready for another amazing summer filled with Klahaya memories!

I have been part of the Klahaya community for around 15 years. From being on the swim team, the tennis team, and all other activities, I have participated in all that Klahaya has to offer! Over the last 7 summers I have been a lifeguard and swim instructor, as well as Senior Lifeguard for the last three years. This year I am very excited to be the Summer Manager!

My goal for this year is to continue to cultivate the culture of Klahaya and have an awesome summer! I look forward to seeing all of the new and familiar faces around the club.

Another familiar face will also be returning this year! Jeff McDowell!!! Jeff was the Klahaya Manager for 18 years and will be returning to help with facilities as well as supporting me as a part of the management staff.

This year we will be continuing our **opening day lottery system** for the first session of lessons and pool rentals. Each membership will receive a lottery number, and a time window to come to Klahaya for sign-ups the morning of opening day. We will be sending out the lottery number and times the week before opening day, but you can plan on a time between 9am and noon.



FACILITIES UPDATE

Kevin Gibson

Frog family,

Welcome to the 2024 Klahaya Swim and Tennis Club season! As your Facilities Director, I'm excited to share some of the improvements we've made to the club during the off-season. First and foremost, I am pleased to announce the return of our diving board! Other items that we have upgraded since we closed last year are:

- Tankless Hot Water Units Installed
- New Swim Blocks
- Replacement of aged Valves relating to our sand filters
- Replace Outside and Inside Corners of the pool coping at the deck level
- Upgrade of internet connection

Work Parties: We have two upcoming work parties scheduled this spring prior to the club opening on Saturday, May 18th:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
BRING THE WHOLE FAM AND GLOVES AND TOOLS!

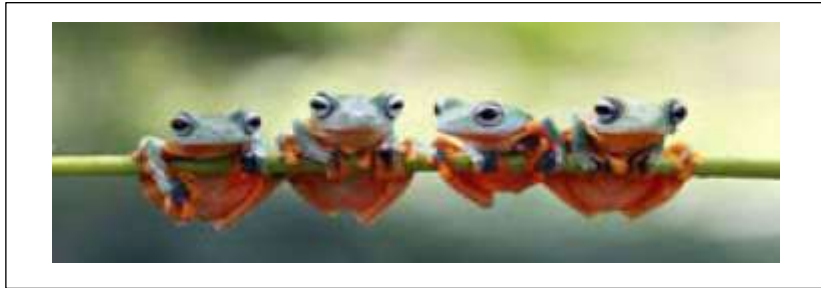
Work Party #1: Saturday, May 4th 9am-2pm - concentrating on the grounds and outside areas. Bring your garden tools, trucks, wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, muscles, and your smile - it's time to meet some members!

Work Party #2: Saturday, May 11th 9am-2pm - concentrating on cleaning, tidying and final set-up before opening day.

A more detailed plan of action for these work parties will be coming in an email soon from our club manager to all members. If you have any questions, you can reach him at: jeff@klahaya.net.

Reminder: ALL member families are responsible for 2 hours (minimum) of maintenance work per summer around the club. As a member-owned facility, it is the responsibility of us all to keep our club clean, tidy, and running smoothly

ALL HANDS ON DECK - Volunteer hours



There are 3 exciting categories of volunteer hours:

Facilities/Grounds: All Klahaya Families are required to give a minimum of two (2) hours per season of basic maintenance and upkeep of grounds and facility. Work parties are scheduled in the spring prior to Opening Day and later the season.

Swim Team: If your family has children on the swim team, six (6) additional volunteer hours per family are required per season. This includes, but is not limited to, meet set up, timing and officiating, preparing for or working concessions, and clean up. [Note: This year, swim team volunteer requirements will be re-evaluated once we know what is possible.]

Tennis Team: If your family has children on the tennis team, one (1) volunteer hour per family will be required per season. Help is needed before, during and after matches—and other times.

We can always use help with our summer activities! Contact Heather Alschuler at: activities@klahaya.net

Members are responsible for logging their volunteer hours [via the website](#).

In September, all volunteer hours not worked and logged in online will be billed \$50.00/hour.

Two Spring Work Parties (both 9am-2pm):

Saturday, May 4

Saturday, May 11

ALL members are responsible for **2 hours (minimum)** of maintenance work at the club each season—so please pick a date now, and plan on attending one or more of these. BYOT (Bring Your Own Tools), and a mindset toward Klahaya FUN! Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to our work party dates.

Work Parties:

You own Klahaya. As a member owned club, we all take pride in our facility, and it requires all of us to work together to get the club in shape each spring, so we can fully enjoy it in the summer. Our work parties are “all- hands-on-deck” affairs, with a great tradition of full member involvement. We are planning on hosting two work parties this spring, prior to opening day. There will be two more work parties later in the season.

GENERAL INFORMATION

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

- Club hours will be furnished to members and posted on our website at klahaya.net
- During open pool hours, two certified lifeguards will be on duty at all times.
- **All members and guests must have a signed liability waiver on file before entering the club.** Children (including guests) must have a parent- or guardian-signed waiver. The form can be found at: <https://klahaya.net/members/guest-caregiver-waiver-liability-form/>
- Persons using the Club do so at their own risk. The Club will not be held responsible for any accident or injury in connection with such use.
- The Club will not be held responsible for the loss of personal property
- No abusive language is allowed.
- Alcohol and tobacco product are not permitted on the premises.
- Costs of damaged Club property will be charged to the responsible member, their guests, or anyone on their accounts.
- No cell phone use and absolutely no video recording in the restrooms/changing areas.

*More Club Policies and Rules can be found online at: <https://klahaya.net/about/rules-regulations>

DEEP WATER SAFETY POLICY

1. In order to swim in the deep end unsupervised, swimmers must pass the pool test (swim 25 yards without stopping and tread water for one minute).
2. In order to use the diving board, swimmers must:
a) pass the pool test, and b) demonstrate they can jump off the diving board safely and swim independently to the side of the pool.
3. Swim straight to the side after diving; no swimming or playing in the diving area. Only swim instructors will be allowed to catch children as they jump.
4. One person at a time on the diving board. Wait until the previous diver has cleared the area before diving.
5. No running dives, cartwheels, handstands or hanging off the diving board. Only one bounce on the board.

SHALLOW WATER SAFETY POLICY

1. In order to swim in the shallow end unsupervised, swimmers must be able to swim across the shallow end of the pool without stopping. If the swimmer cannot swim across the shallow end of the pool without stopping, in-water adult supervision is required.
2. Use of water-wings and other flotation devices are permissible only when an adult accompanies the non-swimmer into the pool.

SMALL POOL WATER SAFETY POLICY

1. The small pool is for the use of children ages 6 and under only.
2. An adult must accompany children in the small pool area and must remain inside the fenced boundary. The adult is responsible for the safety of the child or children swimming in this pool.



Safety Rules

- Walk on the pool deck.
- No wrestling, pushing or dunking.
- Toys are allowed in the pool at staff discretion.
- No food is allowed on the pool deck. Food is allowed on the terraces only.
- Non-alcoholic beverages in non-glass containers are allowed on the pool deck and terraces.
- Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult who remains on the pool deck unless the child has passed a basic pool test and is at least 8 years old.



TENNIS COURT RULES



- Only members and their guests (when allowed) may use the tennis courts. Courts are not open during pool parties.
- Children under age 8 must be accompanied on the court by a responsible adult.
- Non-marking rubber-soled tennis shoes must be worn on the tennis courts.
- No food or beverages (except water) are allowed.
- Observe the one hour and fifteen-minute court time rule. Club-sponsored events have priority.
- Adult members have priority. On weekend, holidays and weekdays after 5pm, junior (under age 18) must relinquish the courts to 2 or more adults or to one adult and one child.
- Any failure to comply with these rules shall be considered cause for immediate suspension of club privileges for a period of from one to seven days and can also be considered cause for membership cancellation.

Health Rules

- Shower before swimming (state law).
- Refrain from chewing gum, spitting, urinating or blowing nose in the pool.
- Rinse off sunscreen or oils before swimming.
- Do not enter the water if you are wearing a bandage, have skin abrasions, infections or inflamed eyes.
- Do not enter the water if you have been ill with diarrhea in the last 2 weeks or have a disease that can be transmitted by water.
- Diapers must be changed in the designated changing area and must have a tight-fitting protective covering.
- No pets are allowed.



GUEST POLICY & POOL RENTALS

Guest policies

Guests bring great joy to Klahaya.

A guest is any non-member who sets foot on Klahaya property for any activity including— but not limited to— swimming, tennis, supervision of children, sunbathing, picnicking, basketball, etc.

Members as defined in the [bylaws](#) are: All residents of a household who live in that household, and family members, limited to the following: Adult(s) who purchased the membership, and person(s) who reside with and are living as members of the household, including children of any age; and adult children under the age of twenty-six (26), regardless of where they live.

All guests must be accompanied by a member and will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to entrance to the club. Guests under the age of 18 will be required to have a parent or guardian complete the form on their behalf in advance. Forms will be made available online for advance completion.

Members are responsible for the actions of their guests and will be assessed a guest fee per guest at the time of the visit. More logistical details to come...

Pool Rental Policies:

- A GROUP consists of at least 1 member and their guests.
- Groups that include 5-9 guests (and any number of members must make a courtesy call to the club to use the pool.
- Groups that include 10 or more guests (and any number of members) must arrange in advance to rent the pool during hours that the pool is closed.
- All members and their guests must leave the property by 10 p.m. This is a courtesy to ensure good relations with our neighbors. Please clean up after your party and your guests!
- The tennis courts are not open to pool rental guests.
- As a courtesy to our neighbors, please refrain from playing music.
- If members are planning a multi-family BBQ and swim party, they must contact the manager before the activity to see if a pool rental will be required.
- School parties are limited to one class of up to 35 children.
- **ALL guests at the pool must complete a liability waiver before entering the property. Guests who are age 18 years of age or under must have a waiver completed by a parent or guardian.**



POPSICLES!

These treats are pure kid joy on a sunny summer day! For \$20, Club members can purchase 10 popsicles on your member account. When you or your child (with your permission, of course) wants a popsicle, go to the front desk, and ask the staff member there to pull your card and mark off how many you take. We are also looking to go all electronic in the near future.



- Money on your popsicle card carries over to next year, nothing lost!
- Popsicle cards make great birthday gifts for little Klahaya frog friends!
- Popsicles should be eaten on the upper patios or the grass only.

NO popsicles on the pool deck, please!

GEAR:

Looking forward to the opening of the club in Mid-May? It is time to start getting into a Klahaya state of mind. What is a Klahaya state of mind, you ask? For frogs, it begins with anticipation of all of the wonderful things that the club represents— lessons, swim and tennis team, lap and free swim, family barbecues, beach blanket bingo, etc. Most importantly, it is the value we place on the people in this community and the spirit we embody. We count down the days until Opening Day, and we are sad at the end of every season.

Helpful information for navigating the Nike merchandise site:

- Here is the link to our store:
<https://klahaya.gearupsports.net/index.php?route=common/home>
- The store offers merchandise in women's, men's and youth sizing. Please select the "youth sizes" bar at the top to see what merchandise is offered in that sizing.
- For questions regarding sizing, please select "Nike sizing chart" under "information" at the bottom of the page.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Beth Easton









As of this writing, we are excited to welcome 13 new families to the Klahaya community this year! Be sure to say hello to any new faces you see around the club and welcome them to Klahaya with full frog spirit.

MEMBERS' TO-DO BEFORE OPENING DAY:

Go to <https://klahaya.net/membership/manage-account> and log into your account.

☑ Add your family members' birthdays to their profiles (Note: these are now required due to issues with liability forms after children turn 18.) To enter in a birthdate for names on your account do the following (or email membership@klahaya.net for help):

- Click the 3 dots next to the member's name when logged into your account
- Click "edit"
- Enter Birthdate
- Click "submit" to save
- Repeat for all members on your account who need birthdays

Members						⋮
		George Jetson	Adult	paid	⋮	
		Jane Jetson	Adult	paid	⋮	
		Judy Jetson	Child	paid	⋮	
		Elroy Jetson	Child	paid	⋮	
		Astro Jetson	Child	paid	⋮	
		Jonny Appleseed	Child	paid	⋮	

☑ Add your family members' photos to their profiles (optional, but really helpful for our front desk staff!)

☑ Update any changes to your address and phone numbers

☑ Fill out your liability forms (please make sure those 18 and older are filling out their own form)

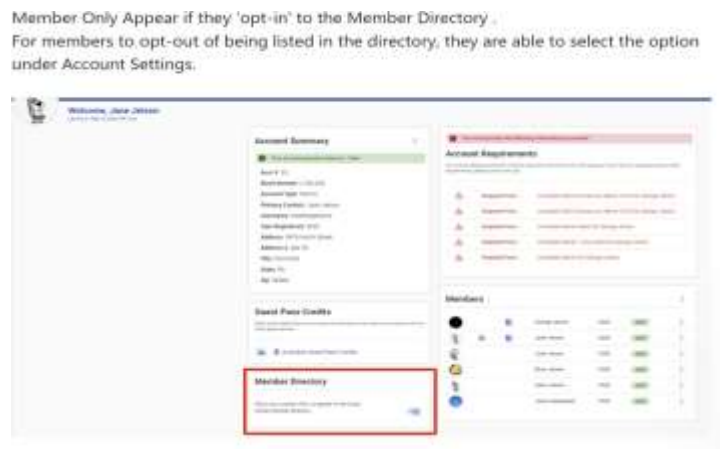
ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY LAUNCH:

We are relaunching the Klahaya Member Directory to be online! *You must opt-in to join.* Adult names and emails will be included, along with the names of children on membership accounts.

***Please review our [Member Directory Policy & Guidelines](#) before opting-in or using the directory.**

How to opt-in to be included in the directory: (Please note: “opting-in” is the only option in the MemberSplash system for directories. E.G. They do not have an option which allows for Klahaya to publish an online directory without members explicitly opting-in.)

1. Log-into your account here: <https://klahaya.net/members/manage-account>
2. Under “account” details, scroll to the bottom and turn on the option on the lower right that says, *“Allow your contact info. to be listed in the club’s online member directory.”*



3. Access the Member Directory from the top menu when you are logged into your membership account:



SWIM TEAM

Tom Schutte, Head Coach

Welcome to an amazing upcoming Klahaya Swim Team experience. My name is Tom Schutte, and this is my 12th season as the Klahaya co-Head Swim Coach. Rachel Reiber joined us last summer with her passion and expertise and continues as co-Head Coach in 2024. There are fun smiles, joy, hard work, community, and connection on our team, and we are primed to offer an exciting team experience for all KLA youth ages 5-18 on our team.

We are convinced that a fantastic opportunity awaits all KLA Frogs who wish to join our 2024 Frog Nation! “*Stoke the Fire!*” is our theme for the summer to build on our theme from last summer - “*Ignite the Fire.*” All skill levels are welcome, and we are excited to meet your athlete where they are at and develop their skill and love for swimming.

Over my past 31 years of teaching and coaching high school athletes, I have had the privilege of working with kids of all abilities and skills. A spark of excitement and growth can flourish in every young athlete.

The 2024 KLA season begins Monday, May 13th, and we are pumped to welcome all our new families into our team family. The team **registration is live and open now** on the KLA website for you to join our official team roster. The practice times and the 2024 meet schedule are posted as well.

Our 2024 Coaching Staff will be a fun and talented group:

Co-Head Coach Rachel Reiber grew up at Innis Arden, was a WA State Champion in the 100 Breast in high school, swam for the University of Washington, and now has a family with two young Frogs.

Assistant Coach David Lin swam for KLA for 12 years, is an avid community and school leader, multi-sport athlete, and has the heart of a champion. He is a rising junior at Cal Berkeley and loves all our Klahaya Frogs.

Assistant Coach Natalie Blume swam for KLA, Cascade Swim Club, Blanchet HS, and is a rising sophomore swimming for Siena University in NY.

Assistant Coach Grace Lindberg swam for KLA, Cascade Swim Club, Shorewood High HS, and is crushing it at Arizona State University where she just finished her first year and made it to Pac-12's. We are so pumped to have such a rock-solid coaching staff this summer and we couldn't be more excited about this team.

SWIM TEAM, Continued . . .

We welcome all new and returning KLA families to join our team promptly. It is important for us to stress that HALF of our summer swim season happens when school is still in session. Practice attendance directly relates to skill development. Waiting to practice until school is dismissed makes it difficult to be ready for our meet competition in June. Our team will be strong if kids learn skills and get into shape long before our meets begin in late June. Thank you, and welcome aboard to a fun summer ahead in the Frog Nation.

We can't wait to see you for an amazing summer! Please reach out with any questions.

Stoke the Fire,
Coach Tom & Coach Rachel (206.940.4641)

Practice Schedule (PM) Before School Is Out:

MONDAY – FRIDAY

Practice Time	Age Group
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	8 & Unders
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	9 & 10's
6:10 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.*	11 & 12's
6:50 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*	13 & 14's & Seniors

*First 20 minutes are strength training



SWIM DIRECTOR UPDATE

Marjorie High

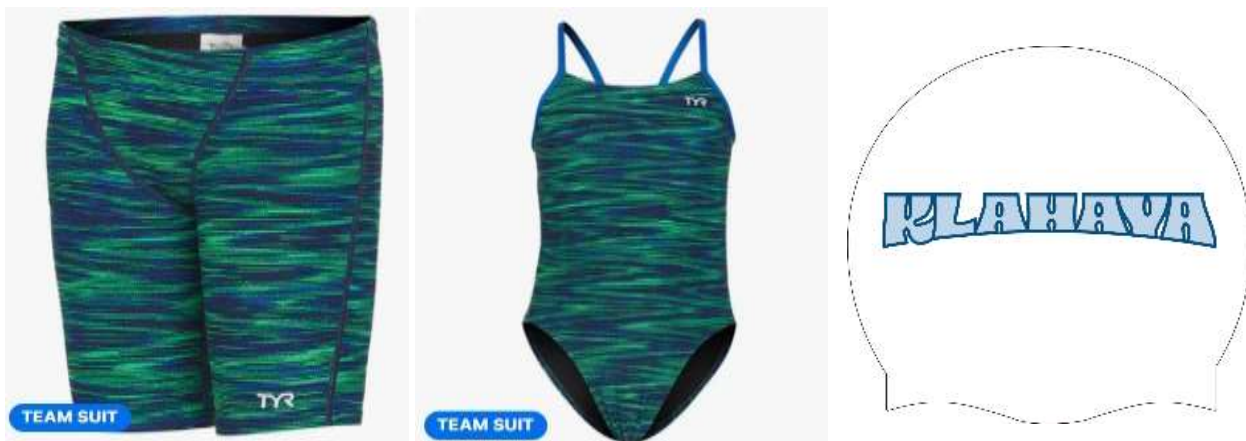
Swim Team

We can't wait to get the 2024 season underway and we have lots to be excited about! The Diving Board is back! New swim blocks have arrived! We have a fantastic swim team coaching staff with Co-Head Coaches Tom Schutte and Rachel Rieber, and amazing assistant coaches with returning coach David Lin, and former Klahaya team members and current NCAA swimmers Natalie Blume and Grace Lindberg!

Swimsuits, Caps, and Equipment

It's new swimsuit year! Every other year the swim team refreshes its team suit. This year's suits can be found in our [Klahaya Swim Outlet](#) store along with a selection of other optional gear at a discount.

You can find them here: <https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/klahayaedmonds> or follow the link from the swim team webpage. Swim Outlet has a liberal return policy so check the size chart and order a couple sizes if you are unsure.



Swim caps will be the same caps as last year and available for purchase with personalization with swim team registration or without personalization for \$10 at the front desk. Swim team shirts will also be available to order with the swim team registration.

Swim Meet Officials

We are looking for more swim meet stroke and turn officials and would love to have you join! Many hands make lighter work! With just a little training you can learn more about swimming, have fun, and fill a need here at Klahaya. We will have a training in early June. Please email me at swimdirector@klahaya.net with questions or interest and

[watch for more info.](#)

SWIM DIRECTOR UPDATE, Continued . . .

[Klahaya 2024 Meet Schedule](#)

6/25 Tuesday, Sheridan Beach at KLA (Home)

6/27 Thursday, KLA at Sand Point (Away)

7/9 Tuesday, Aqua Club at KLA (Home)

(ALSO: Swim Team Pictures 2pm to 3:30 pm)

7/11 Thursday, KLA at Wedgwood (Away)

7/16 Tuesday, View Ridge at KLA (Home)

7/18 Thursday, KLA at Blue Ridge (Away)

7/23 Tuesday, Innis Arden at KLA (Home)

7/26 Friday, B-Champs at Blue Ridge 4 PM

7/27 Saturday Adult meet (GO KLAMS!)

7/29 Monday, Girls Prelims at KLA 4 PM

7/30 Tuesday, Boys Prelims at View Ridge 4 PM

8/1 Thursday Northern Finals at View Ridge 4PM

8/6 Tuesday, All City Finals at Lake Ridge



SWIM DIRECTOR UPDATE, Continued . . .

Swim Lessons

Late school ending dates and a pause in swim meets the week of the 4th of July has encouraged our creativity with swim lesson session dates this year.

A special Welcome Back short lesson session will start June 25-28 for ONE week (Tues. – Fri.).

Two-week Session 1 start on July 1 and the last session starts on August 12. Swim lesson for the two-week sessions are Monday through Thursday except for the week of July 4, when we substitute a lesson July 5 for the July 4 lesson. * Times will remain the same as in years past.

Registration for our Welcome Back session will be held on Opening Day, May 18, and Session 1 registration will be held June 17. Details to follow.

Private lessons are also available with our swim instructors for \$30 for ½ or with the swim team head coaches for \$40 for ½ hour. For information and to schedule contact manager Kellen at manager@klahaya.net

Water Polo

We are looking forward to another great water polo season this year in August!

We would like to welcome new Water Polo Head Coach Max Maier. Coach Max grew up at Klahaya swimming, playing tennis, and playing water polo at Innis Arden.

He played water polo in high school for Shorewood and Eastside Catholic and club water polo at WSU and is super excited to be back in the Klahaya community!

Watch for more information on Water Polo later in the summer season.

Also, there was a snafu with water polo team shirts last year. If you ordered one, but did not receive it, [please let me know](#) and we will make arrangements to get that to you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the pool this year!

TENNIS TEAM

Peter Reni, Head Tennis Steward

Dear Klahaya Tennis Community,

This is Peter Reni, venerable neighborhood tennis pro, writing to you in anticipation of another amazing summer. Every summer comes with change, and this summer brings a new wave of excitement and indeed a new era to Klahaya Tennis.

To be the Pro at Klahaya is to walk the line of cultural stewardship, organizational leadership and true blue tennis instruction. I am excited to welcome to our club a man I am confident can do all three - our new teaching professional Steve Kauffman.

Steve is an old doubles partner of mine, a dear friend, and a remarkable leader. You'll feel his positive energy, his passion for tennis, and his commitment to kids from the moment you meet him.

After coaching tennis here for 20 years, it's safe to say this program means a lot to me for a lot of reasons. Perhaps I can give no better endorsement to this transition than to say I am truly grateful my kids, ages 7 and 5, will get to grow up learning to love tennis with Steve and the rest of the outstanding coaches that lead our community.

Please join me in welcoming Coach Steve to our club, and here's to many more summers of Klahaya Tennis.

Peter Reni
Steward of Tennis
Frog for Life



A MESSAGE FROM OUR (NEW) PRO

Steve Kauffman, Head Tennis Pro | tennispro@klahaya.net

Hello Klahaya Families!

I am excited to join the Klahaya family as your new Tennis Pro! My name is Steve Kauffman. I, along with my family, am super excited to be joining the Klahaya community! We live in Wedgwood in NE Seattle. My wife Veronica is a School Director who loves tennis, dance, everything outdoors, yoga/meditation and all kinds of artistic activities. Our daughter Liana is a Senior at Blanchet who plays on the tennis team and is off to college in the Fall. Our son Marcos is a Sophomore at Shoreline Christian, who enjoys basketball, tennis and gaming. We have three more beloved family members - our dog (Ginger) and two cats (Caramelo & Summer.)



I grew up in the Pacific Northwest and have enjoyed playing and watching tennis my entire life. I am an active dad who enjoys activities with our family, tennis, golf, movies, curling, pickleball, books, bowling, woodworking, yoga, DIY home projects, biking, nutrition, games...Pure Vida!

After a career in finance, in 2011 I retired and we decided on a big life change and adventure, so we moved to the beach in Costa Rica, where we lived for almost 10 years and still travel to as frequently as we can. Having had constant access to a pool and ocean in a warm climate, our family also loves to swim, so you will see us on the court AND in the pool!

In Costa Rica, Veronica and I founded a bilingual kindergarten / elementary school for locals and expats where we directed and taught for 8 years. There, I started an after-school tennis program - not anything like Klahaya's program of course - but a great experience. I have played on USTA teams (Peter Reni was my doubles partner for years), still play in tournaments like the WA Open (50+ Age Group 🍌) and have participated in clinics, lessons and group classes for decades.

I truly enjoy teaching and will focus on providing a fun, relaxed, structured, safe, patient, and supportive atmosphere for everyone to learn. Demonstrating and discussing the values great tennis players share can apply to so many things on and off the court. From those just picking up a racket for the first time to adults coming back to the game to advanced players looking to be successful in high school competitions or tournament play, seeing improvement in students and the confidence and happiness that goes with it is extremely satisfying.

For the Juniors... having heard so many amazing things about Klahaya, I am really looking forward to meeting all our players. With such a successful program, I am excited to work closely with Peter and the Coaches to absorb knowledge and continue and expand all the great programs and traditions that have made Klahaya such a special place over the years. We have a terrific group of coaches and I know we will have tons of fun this year while getting great at tennis... so come play, Team!

For the Adults... I also really look forward to working with you! Since Peter is a school teacher - one of the unsung heroes of our society - the Club was naturally limited in what we could offer from mid-May to early June while school was still in session. I have a more flexible schedule in the spring, and it would be great to get to know some of the parents and offer instruction and clinics before the summer junior program begins and court time becomes limited. More information to come...

More specific communications about our summer season are forthcoming. But I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you all. We look forward to meeting everyone and having a terrific summer!

-Steve, Veronica, Liana & Marcos

TENNIS DIRECTOR UPDATES:

Casey Bui - tennisdirector@klahaya.net

Your leaders at Klahaya have spent countless hours to create an amazing summer for everyone! Please read the following to learn about upcoming dates and events as a summer full of tennis fun is quickly approaching.

Returning tennis team player? [REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!](#)

NEW TO TENNIS TEAM?

Come to Saturday Workouts - June 8th, June 15th, June 22nd 10am-1pm

We want everybody who plays tennis to join the team, but we know it's only fun if you're ready to compete.

Is your child ready for our tennis team? Great question! If you've never been on our tennis team before, please come to one of our low-pressure, fun and welcoming Saturday workouts in June. Coaches will help you decide what you need to continue to work on, or if you're ready to join the team this year. After getting the go ahead, you can register for the team! Interested in joining our tennis team?

To join our tennis team, there is not an age requirement - but you should be ready to compete. To join, you must be able to:

- Rally from the baseline
- Serve consistently from the baseline
- Keep score

Not sure if you're ready? Join us for our Saturday Workouts on June 17th and 24th and Coach Jack will let you know if you're ready to rock, or if you should wait until next summer!

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

SATURDAY WORKOUTS

Saturday, June 8th - Saturday June 15th - Saturday June 22nd

All returning tennis team players should join us for our first practices of the season! Those interested in joining should attend a session too – this is highly encouraged!

10-11AM - Returning US Open/Wimbledon Players

11AM-12PM - Returning French/Australian Players

12-1PM - Tennis Team Hopefuls!

TENNIS DIRECTOR UPDATES, Continued . . .

NEW TENNIS FAMILIES WELCOME EVENT

Saturday, June 8th - 1-2:30 PM

New to Klahaya Tennis? Want to learn about our program, lessons and team? All adults and children are welcome to join us to play fun tennis games and attend an informational meeting with the coaches. All levels welcome, including and especially first timers! Bring your racquet! [SIGN UP HERE](#)

HIGH SCHOOL HITS

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 3:30 - 5:00 June 4, 6, 11, 13

Returning high school and middle school tennis team players are invited to join a coach for after school practice matches beginning Wednesdays in June. All participants must sign up online prior to attending. [REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING](#)

TENNIS TEAM PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practices Begin Thursday, June 24th

Tennis Team Photo Shoot July 9th Noon to 2 pm

FRENCH

Monday & Thursday 2:00 –
3:15 pm AUSTRALIAN

Monday & Thursday 3:15 –
4:30 pm WIMBLEDON

Tuesday 3:15 – 4:30 pm // Thursday 11:30 am –
12:45 pm US OPEN

Tuesday 2pm - 3:15 pm // Thursday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

NEJTL MATCHES

We are excited to announce the return of the North End Junior Tennis League, with member clubs Klahaya, Innis Arden, Aqua Club, View Ridge, Marysville and Basha Tennis. Beginning June 30th, matches will take place Wednesday afternoons by invitation.

WTT MATCHES

The race for the Klahaya Cup returns! All players participate and all matches count in our World Team Tennis league. Matches will take place Fridays beginning with our kick off on July 12th!

TENNIS DIRECTOR UPDATES, Continued . . .

WHAT ABOUT LESSONS?

Tennis team players are encouraged to participate in lessons as well, and most do! Group lesson rates are \$65 (+ tax) for the full 2 week sessions and \$32.50 (+ tax) for the 1-week sessions (at the beginning and end of the tennis season). Tennis lessons are Monday through Wednesday of each week, with the first full two-week session starting on July 1 and the last two week session starting on August 12.

Our staff of experienced coaches are excited to make our courts home once again this summer. Please be sure to check our [tennis team page on the Klahaya website](#) for more information, or reach out to tennispro@klahaya.net with any specific questions. Check out the [Klahaya website](#) for all dates and details!

TENNIS TEAM SAVE THE DATES!

Tennis Extravaganza: June 30 (6pm – 7:30pm)

Kick off the tennis season for all members, young and old. We'll have games and prizes. This is a great time to ask the coaches questions if you are considering the tennis team.

World Team Tennis ("WTT") Kick Off: July 12

Join us for the Tennis Team BBQ, the Sorting Hat and the first matches of the year.

4th of July Family Doubles: July 4

Wonderful chance for our tennis team and their families to play together in a friendly Klahaya Family Tournament.

Ladder Cross Tournament: July 20

The tournament of all tournaments for tennis team members. Kids from the top of the ladder pair with kids from the bottom. Older players connect with younger players to improve their skills, move up the ladder and build camaraderie.

NEJTL Tournament: August 7

WTT Tournament: August 9

McDonald's Tennis/Baseball Awarded Banquet: Aug 10

TENNIS LESSON SCHEDULE

Session 1: June 1-3 and 8-10

Session 2: July 15-17 and 22-24

Session 3: July 29-31 and Aug 5, 6 & 8 Session 4a:
August 12-14

Session 4b: August 19-21

TENNIS LESSON LEVELS

Tiny Tots Tennis (ages 3-6): "What is a racquet?"

Beginner: Teaches a basic understanding of forehand, backhand, serves and scoring.

Advanced Beginner: Advance knowledge of beginning skills by playing singles and doubles, with teaching of the overhead and volley.

Intermediate: Students will learn the various spins of the ground strokes and serve, as well as various strategies of singles and doubles.

Advanced: Advanced strategies for tournament play, including mental toughness and stroke analysis.

Adult Tennis: Hone your social and tennis skills with two weekly adults tennis events (no additional charge for members):

Adult Doubles (Mondays from July 1 through August 12, 6-7pm) - Pair up with old and new friends alike as we rotate through doubles matches.

Adult Cardio (Wednesdays from July 3 through August 14, 6-7pm) – Our coaches run you around in a doubles format that focuses on fun and a good workout. You will play short matches and participate in some fun skills-based drills.

ACTIVITIES

Heather Mandoli Alschuler, Activities Director

The 65th summer at Klahaya is upon us! We are looking forward to having a summer filled with connection, community, and fun. A summer wouldn't be complete without a night at Beach Blanket Bingo, or a July Monday morning with all of our younger members sticky and tummies full from a pancake breakfast. We are also excited to kick off this special 65th summer with an Opening Day party! The summer schedule is full, and we hope that every single Klahaya member will be able to attend at least one (or more) event! Mark your calendars with the following dates:

- May 18th Opening Day Party
- May 30th Mocktail Happy Hour
- June 13th Mocktail Happy Hour #2
- June 28th Cake walk and Floatie
- Friday July 12th Adult Pub Night
- July 21st Kids Pool Party and Lawn Games
- July 26th Beach Blanket Bingo
- Aug 2nd Parents' Night Out
- Aug 17th Tween/Teen Night
- Aug 24th Movie Night

- Klahaya glitter tattoos at home swim meets – June 25th, July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd

- Pancake Breakfasts on Monday mornings in July - 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th



More details can be found on our ACTIVITIES webpage: <https://klahaya.net/activities>

We need YOU to help make all these fun events a success! Please consider volunteering to assist with an event this summer (and fulfill your volunteer commitments!). We need all skills and abilities, so don't be shy. If you would like to sign up to volunteer and/or receive some more information about helping with specific events, without committing, please fill out this interest form and we will be in touch – ACTIVITY INTEREST FORM (<https://forms.gle/X1whiy52DuBYccu89>). You can also send an email to Heather at activities@klahaya.net with any questions.

We are excited to share this 65th Klahaya summer with you!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – JOIN US!

All Klahaya Board positions are volunteer (no free guest passes or reduced fees). We love our Club and work hard to ensure that it is enjoyed by many.

Positions open every year, and we invite you to join us!

As always, we appreciate your feedback; reach us at:

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“One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others.”

Lewis Carroll

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