



Brookside Breeze

From the Board of Trustees to Our Members

There were many positive changes at Brookside this year. We received welcome feedback from our survey about improvements such as the new umbrellas and the nicely landscaped and widened areas inside the fence that made more comfortable room for members and guests. The board members are also discussing how and when we can make additional improvements our members suggested in the coming year.

We also need everyone's help and cooperation. The appearance, cleanliness and vitality of the club depend on everyone that uses it: members and their families, guests, and the

staff. The manager, assistant managers, office staff, lifeguards and also the board are responsible every day for Brookside's appearance, cleanliness and safety. But all who use the swim club should really treat it with the same care they treat their own home, whether it's keeping a closer watch on what our kids are doing or making sure we remove our trash when we leave so the next family or guests who use the same table and chairs will find them clean.

We all need to continue to work to make Brookside, the best swim club in the area, even better, and a swim club we can all be proud of.

Swim Team Season Wrap-Up

Many thanks to Mike, Sarah, and Carrie Ann whose dedication and commitment allowed our swimmers to achieve outstanding levels of success. Our boys, girls, and championship team performances were amazing. We are proud of all our swimmers. Your effort and dedication this year was inspiring.

Secondly, we would like to recognize and thank Joan Wieczorek, Ann Marie Waidelich, and Kim Rettinger for making this season a success. Your hard work is extremely and sincerely appreciated.

As announced at the banquet, we did hold a Swim Team swim-a-thon

and raised a total of \$526.00. Swim team members who participated in this fundraiser were: Hayley Corini, Katie and Bernadette La Cava, Andrew and Dan Schittone, Mark and Matt Rusay, Courtney Thompson, Jacqueline Racine, Deanna Bugnikos and Katherine Waidelich. Prizes were awarded to the top three fundraisers: Deanna, Courtney and Katherine! We will be using the funds for new swim team equipment and will be looking to hold the 2005 swim-a-thon in late June/early July.

Finally, Congratulations to Kurt MacDonald, our newest Brookside record holder. Great job Kurt!

EOY Surveys: We're Listening!

The Board of Trustees is grateful to all the members who completed the end-of-the-year (EOY) membership surveys. Your positive feedback and your constructive suggestions regarding many areas including swim club facility and landscape, daily operations, performance by the management, lifeguards and front office staff, and the club's social activities were really helpful to us. We truly appreciate receiving them.

This fall, the board personnel committee's highest priority is to review the swim club management system and employee job descriptions – first, in preparing Brookside to open on Memorial Day 2005 and second, with all daily services, operations, and supervision throughout the summer season.

Bocce Can't Guess What's Next!

Several members have expressed an interest for Brookside to build a bocce ball court and the Board of Trustees hopes to build one for next season. The tentative design is a court area between 50 & 60 ft long and 10 ft wide. Its perimeter will be made of treated railroad ties and the court itself will have a 6 in compacted gravel blend base with a clay surface. The court will be located near the horseshoe pit, but will not affect those who play horseshoes.

A future bocce ball court can become an integral part of Brookside life for all age groups to use and enjoy. There also can be organized competitions if there are those willing to arrange the events. We look forward to making this happen in 2005.

Socially Speaking...

The month of August included a teen night, family fun night with an "Olympic" theme and music provided by DJ, Mike Surace, and the Island Luau with food by D'Aprile Family Catering and a DJ from Primetime Entertainers. The social committee would like to host a **mid-winter party in late February**. Details will follow on the website and with a postcard to RSVP.

The end-of-the-season surveys indicated that members would like more social events. Please email me or call

me to join the committee. If you have a connection to help facilitate social events, please contact me at annmar320@aol.com or 732-398-0986.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out during the summer for volunteering their time to make these events happen and be so successful. Special thanks to Donna Rynone for organizing the first "Brookside Team" to walk in the Race for the Cure in Princeton to support breast cancer research.

Manager's Corner

I would like to thank our many members who contributed their time and energy in making 2004 an enjoyable season. Everyone seemed to enjoy the parties, activities and special events. They were successful thanks to the tireless efforts of many volunteers who made everything run smoothly.

I also appreciate our Board of Trustees, whose "behind the scenes" work is the basis of our success. I am also grateful for 60 workday participants who readied and closed the pool, and to those who donated additional time and effort in improving our swim club throughout the spring and summer season.

The input that our members provided in the end of the year survey will be evaluated so that we may address their concerns to ensure that next season will be an enjoyable and safe one at Brookside. Have a great "off-season."

Brookside Bob

Membership Matters

Our swim 2004 club's membership drive ended with terrific results. We welcomed 35 new families and 23 new single members to Brookside. The new member wine and cheese party was a great occasion for new members to meet one another and become friends sharing a common experience for the summer.

Brookside's appeal has always been its friendly membership and family atmosphere, and everyone has always supported a feeling of "the more, the merrier." Over the years, many of our new members have come to the swim club after meeting and talking to old time members about the many benefits Brookside offers to its members and guests.

We hope you will share your own wonderful experiences with family, friends, and neighbors and bring them to the club as your guests in 2005. Remember, for each new family you sponsor for membership, you will earn a discount of \$50.00 on your badge fee the following season. Check the membership page of our Web site at www.brooksidewimclub.com for information and go back to it periodically this fall and winter for updates. Spread the word and share in the fun!

Brookside Briefs

- Don't forget to check the web site periodically for info on the **Mid-Winter Party**. Contact Ann Marie Waidelich for details
- Do you know that Brookside is planning a family Caribbean CRUISE in 2005? Check the web site this winter for updates!
- Congratulations to the Spezio Family, winners of this year's membership raffle for a free 2005 membership!
- Only 191 days until Memorial Day!