



Brookside Breeze

Club Improvements Fall Into Place

As many of you may recall, our 2003 season began with our parking lot and volleyball court torn up to make way for a Milltown sewer project. What you may not know, is that the financial agreement between the Borough and Brookside, allowing the project to run through the Club's property, will reap benefits in the 2004 season. We will soon begin work on some capital improvement projects, scheduled to be completed during Fall '03 and Spring '04.

As part of the sewer project, the contractor will remove the existing railroad tie "wall" at the base of the rear slope and will install a new decorative concrete block wall in it's place. In addition, they will provide for the new fencing to expand our lawn area closer to the stream, as well as fencing for a new storage shed adjacent to the tool room (pending approval). The

shed will be used for storage of the pool cover and other items now stored outside. Also, additional landscaping will be installed in the new area by the stream. In our parking lot, a 50 foot by 30 foot blacktop apron will be added to alleviate rutting at the entrance.

Probably the best news of all, is that through the funds we received from Milltown, we will also begin a renovation of the **ladies bathroom** this spring, to be ready for our 2004 opening. The project will include re-leveling of the floor (to pitch toward drain), new skid resistant floor tile in the entire ladies room and replacing existing toilet partitions with new metal partitions. In addition, we will be removing the existing toilet partitions and installing new laminate partitions in the men's bathroom.

Manager's Corner

What makes Brookside the best swim club in NJ? You do! Many thanks to our countless members, who volunteered their precious time and efforts, to make our club the fantastic place that it is. I am eternally grateful to all who contributed to the success of the many offerings that our club provides, which include: new and seasoned board members; families who sponsor new additions to our Brookside family; the 92 work day participants who readied and closed the pool; the volunteers and coaches who made the swim team season a successful one; those who helped make our 4th of July celebration a memorable one; others that manage and contribute to our web site; the 50th Birthday committee for providing the shirts and activities that made that day so very special; the generous contributions of those who made the John Emery Classic golf outing a major success; the countless graduation and birthday parties that were handled so well by our staff; the social committee for providing us with our fun-filled midnight swim and classy Hawaiian Luau dinner party; those who prepared the food and beverages for our pre-teen parties; the families who participated in the popular Crab Day and Thanksgiving Turkey Day feasts; the appreciated attempt at a teen party; those who sold the 50-50s and raffle tickets throughout the season; our resident volleyball players for improving our court after the construction destroyed it; all of those who participated in Lucky Nite day after day; our members, for being patient during the town's construction project; our assistant managers and staff for providing us with a safe and clean club to enjoy; and all of the many contributors to the Regata Davida boat building and race.

I look forward to next season and I will be excited to be able to share in the many improvements that we hope to implement for Summer, 2004, such as the bathroom renovation and club expansion. Also, new umbrellas, lounges, storage building, pavilion fans, parking lot improvements and general club beautification. I hope to see you all at "Brook"toberfest in October and the mid-winter party in February! Have a great "off-season". It will be Memorial Day before you know it!.....Brookside Bob

Swim Team Makes Waves

2003 was a very successful season for the Brookside Swim Team. We consolidated our "A" & "B" teams into one, which proved to increase the camaraderie and team spirit with our swimmers. We won 2 dual meets, tied 1 and finished 4th of 10 teams at League Championships, in the Conference's highest division. Our season culminated with the Conference Meet with many great performances.

We thank everyone for their commitment to the team, the help of the parents, the expertise of the coaches and the cooperation of the swimmers, which all contributed to a successful season. For 2004, sign-up in the spring will again determine whether there will be one or two swim teams, and a diving team, based on interest. Check the web site for sign up dates, suit fitting and practice & meet schedules, as soon as the information becomes available, perhaps in early spring. If you should have any questions, please contact **Debbie Mundorff** (swimteam@brooksidewimclub.com).

Membership Matters

Brookside has always provided a fun, friendly, family and safe environment for all of our members. Now you can share your wonderful experiences with family, friends, neighbors, etc., and earn a reward for doing so! We are looking to expand the Brookside family and for each new family that you sponsor for membership, prior to June 1st, 2004, you will earn additional discounts according to the following table:

- SPONSOR 1 => \$50 DISCOUNT
- SPONSOR 2 => \$150 DISCOUNT
- SPONSOR 3 => \$300 DISCOUNT
- SPONSOR 4 => **FREE 2004!**

Check the membership page of our web site for details. Also, in 2004, we are planning a **New Member Wine & Cheese Party** in mid-late June for New Member Families and their Sponsors. Spread the word and share in the fun!

Social...Not just for Summer!

The **Hawaiian Luau** on Aug. 29th was a success with over 150 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the Hawaiian fare, frozen drinks, appetizers and the wonderful island dinner & dance music. What a great night!

Brookside continues to celebrate, and this time it's the Hofbrauhaus in Atlantic Highlands for "**Brook**"toberfest on Sat., Oct. 25th (6:30-11:30pm). Sixty people already have reserved. If you wish to join us, please call the restaurant (732-291-0224, ask for Pat & mention Ann Marie Waidelich). A \$10.00 deposit - by check - per person will hold your reservation. Cancellations must be made no later than 10/24. This is an adult night as is specified by the restaurant.

We are already planning a busy & exciting potential slate of events for 2004. First will be our next adult party, **The Mid-Winter Thaw** on

Sat., Feb. 7th at 7:30 pm. What a great time this will be to revisit with the "summer crowd"! This "**Sweetheart Dance**" will be held at the So. Old Bridge Volunteer Fire Company Hall (courtesy of Rick Dealy). The cost is \$15.00 per couple, or \$7.50 per single, to cover the cost of a DJ, decorations and paper goods. It will be BYO Food and Beverage. You are welcome to bring guests. Email Ann Marie if you are interested by Jan 2, 2004 @ annmar320@aol.com. Look for info on some new events in late spring, including **Family Late Night Ice Cream Social** (tentative date: Friday, June 18th), **Father's Day Champagne Brunch**; and more! Check the web site all fall/winter/spring for details on all upcoming events. Also, if you are interested in joining the social committee, please e-mail Anne Marie (as listed above).

Brookside Briefs

- Don't forget the Mid-Winter Party is planned for Feb 7th. Check the web site in December, or Contact Ann Marie Waidelich for details
- We are in the process of adding E-mail addresses to our membership database. Please send your e-mail address with member name to membership@brooksidewimclub.com.
- Do you know that Brookside is planning a family Caribbean CRUISE in 2005? Deposits will be due by July 4th, 2004. check the web site this winter for details!
- If you miss your Brookside summer chair, we can set up special visitation, by appointment only!
- Only 250 days until Memorial Day!