



## Sliding into the New Year

Greetings from the best swim club in Central Jersey. The calendar has turned to a new year, and that can mean only one thing...it's time to start thinking about another summer at Brookside! We hope that all of our members had a happy and rewarding holiday season.

2006 provided us all with another great summer of activities and the time to spend leisurely with other members of our Brookside family. We are already preparing to make 2007 our best summer ever. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time to help plan and run activities this summer, please let us know. We are always looking for new "helping hands" and new ideas.

Here is one highlight to look forward to this summer. As you may recall, it was a sad day in August when our long-time water slide was retired from service. A new day has dawned for 2007, however, and we are planning for a bigger and better water slide, to be ready for the opening of the club on Memorial Day. Keep checking the web site and we may provide a "sneak peek".

If you enjoyed your summer in 2006, tell a neighbor or friend to join us this year. **Each new family that you get to join provides a benefit for both you and for the club.** We'll see you down at the pool in May! It won't be long!

## Heating Up for Summer Social!

The Brookside Social Committee is hard at work this winter coming up with an exciting calendar of events for Summer 2007. Last season we had a great deal of fun, with Family Friday Nights, Adult Comedy Night, Family Fun Day, Movie Night, the End-of-Year Toga Party and more. We are looking forward to many of these events, plus there are some new ideas

coming out of the Brookside Laboratory, including a possible beer-tasting event.

We are always looking for new people and new ideas for the social committee. Help us to continue making Brookside the place to be all summer long. You can contact social committee chairperson Kim Rettinger at [kimrett@msn.com](mailto:kimrett@msn.com).

## Help Us Improve Our Club

Fundraising is a critical component in enabling Brookside to defray the cost of its operating expenses, allowing us to keep our season fees as low as possible. They also allow us to make continual improvements to the swim club. Please support all of our pool fundraisers, including 50/50s, basket raffles, Mini Minnow Swim Meet, apparel/hat/towel sales, End-of-Year free season membership raffle and more! Thanks for your support!

## Safety First!

It's never too early to begin thinking about keeping Brookside safe & fun. Please remember, and abide by, these **important safety & courtesy rules:**

- \* No glass containers or bottles
- \* No running or horseplay
- \* No reserving of tables
- \* Parents must supervise children with swimmies (or other devices) in the main pool, and at the baby pool & playground, at all times
- \* Driving lanes in the parking lot are one-way (straight ahead on entering) and speed should not exceed 5 MPH

## New Payment & Apps Processes

For 2007, Brookside has implemented new options for season fee payments and for new member applications. For season fees, which will be due on April 1st, you will now have the option to pay via credit card (or Pay Pal, if you have that account) by clicking on the "pay fees by credit card" link on our web site. By using

the convenience of this feature, there will be a small "processing fee" of \$15.00 per family fee and \$7.00 per single member fee. Additionally, for prospective new members, applications may be submitted using the online form (instead of paper & mail) using a new link from the Membership page of our web site.

## Swimming/Diving Teams Look Back... and Ahead

The Brookside Swim Team ended their season with several wins in 2006. The team was coached by Carrie Ann Egan, Sarah Chicchi and Tom Waide-lich. The coaches saw a lot of growth in each of the swimmers. The team marched in the Milltown's annual 4th of July parade and also hosted a pool club fundraiser in July - the annual Mini Minnow Meet - for swimmers 9 years & under. Any of those gold fish still alive? Championships were held at South Plainfield and many swimmers had personal best times.

Debbie Simon and John Mulligan coached the Brookside Diving Team. Our opponents were: Cedar Hill, South Plainfield, Metuchen and Frog Hollow. The team had many new divers who

mastered the required number of dives to enter the meets. Diving Championships were held at the Metuchen Municipal Pool.

The swim/dive season concluded with a banquet for all swimmers, divers and their families, which was held at Brookside. Season awards were presented to recognize certain divers and swimmers for their achievements. Each child received a "team gift" - a long-sleeved t-shirt, team photo and trophy (trophy for under the age of 12).

The coaches are already looking forward to another great summer in 2007! Look for information very soon on our web site for 2007 sign-ups and the team swim suit fitting.

## Manager's Corner

I hope everybody enjoyed another great summer in 2006 at the best swim club in Central Jersey. As the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun!" and this surely applies to a season at Brookside. After enjoying so many summers at Brookside as a young child, teenager and adult, I am amazed at how the tradition continues to grow.

Each and every prospective new member that came through our gate this past season was really impressed by the warm and friendly atmosphere. The litany of fun family events listed in our breezeway certainly garnered their attention. They surely can appreciate how our members consider their daily visits to Brookside as mini-vacations from home.

From a managerial perspective, the most important objective of each and every summer is to provide a safe experience for all of our members and guests. In addition, cleanliness of our grounds, pools and bathrooms are a top priority. To these ends, I believe our staff did a tremendous job.

The liberal policies and procedures to which members of Brookside are asked to adhere really help to make our swim club more enjoyable than all the others. Balancing these traditions with the above objectives is not an easy task and our staff members performed above and beyond.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make 2006 another fulfilled, safe and memorable season, and I look forward to serving as your head manager again this coming summer. For all those who are interested in joining our staff at Brookside next year please contact me at [jbolsi@yahoo.com](mailto:jbolsi@yahoo.com).

## Congrats & Best Wishes

- ◆ To our manager Jim Biolsi and his new wife, Yani, who were married on July 14th, 2006
- ◆ To our diving coaches Debbie & John who were married on October 20, 2006
- ◆ To our assistant manager Marylynn Calandrucchio and her husband Frank on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Rose on October 28, 2006.

### Brookside Briefs

- **GET THE LATEST** Check our web site for the latest club updates, work weekends info and spring hours.
- **WANTED!** Members to join the social committee, to help plan and run Brookside's social events. Persons who are interested can contact Kim Rettinger ([kimrett@msn.com](mailto:kimrett@msn.com))
- **JUST AROUND THE CORNER:** On February 14th we will have reached the 100 day mark, and counting, until Brookside opens for the 2007 season. See you soon!
- **BEAUTIFUL BROOKSIDE:** We all chip in to keep our club beautiful all summer long. Special thanks to Diane Watson for her work with the flower beds and the Neapolitano men for their maintenance efforts.