



# Brookside Breeze

## Manager's Update

By Jim Biolsi

Another season at the Best Swim Club in Central Jersey is upon us and I am very much looking forward to returning for my second season as the Head Manager at Brookside. Ann Marie Waidelich will once again be returning as one of our Assistant Managers as she did a great job last season. In addition, we welcome a new Assistant Manager named Mike Rose. Mike is completing his first year as a Social Studies Teacher at Churchill Junior High School in East Brunswick after student teaching at East Brunswick High School the previous year. Mike and his family have been long time members of Brookside and we believe that he will be a tremendous addition to the staff. His energy, creativity, managerial skills and familiarity with Brookside will greatly benefit our members this season.

This year we also welcome back many of our lifeguards and office staff from last summer and are expecting the same courtesy, friendliness and strong work ethic. Nearly half of our staff for 2007 will be "Rookie Performers" as we integrate them with our more seasoned staff and assimilate them to our rules, procedures and expectations.

We look not only to continue but also enhance upon some of the changes and points of emphasis from last summer of which we received some very positive feedback. In addition, there will be some delicious new ice cream selections at our snack bar this summer. Don't forget the most anticipated arrival of the summer, the new slide!

Brookside is the Ultimate Family Fun Place. From toddlers to teens and from parents to grandparents, everyone enjoys Brookside in their own special way. Whether you wish to try your hand in one of Brookside's New Horseshoe Tournaments this summer, bask in the warm sunshine all afternoon, frolic in the refreshing water or play cards in the shade under a lush green tree, once again, we hope to make this summer the most memorable and fun-filled season at Brookside ever!

## Social Events

Mark your calendars for the following exciting events:

- 6/24 Ice Cream Social
- 7/7 Family Fun Day
- 7/13 Ladies Day
- 7/21 Family Picnic
- 8/3 Adult Night
- 8/29 Movie Night
- TBD Beer Tasting Party
- 8/31 End of Year Party

## Membership News

We have always known that Brookside is the Best Swim Club, and best kept secret in New Jersey. Well, the secret part may no longer be the case, as membership applications are up for the third straight year. Keep up the great work with your "word of mouth" referrals as the more we receive in the way of membership fees, the better we are able to fulfill our financial obligations and also continue to improve our club. Tell your friends to join and to do so quickly, to avoid the possibility of a waiting list.

- Just a few membership reminders:
- (1) as we open the club for 2007, please make certain to drive through our parking lot **S-L-O-W-L-Y**.
  - (2) If you are planning a party, please read and be aware of our party policy (including no private parties on weekends in July) and register your party in the main office.
  - (3) The 2007 Brookside "apparel" order forms will be due back to the office by 6/17. There are new shirt and hat designs for this year!

## Horseshoe Tournament

Starting July 7<sup>th</sup> Don Watson will be running Weekend Horseshoe Tournaments. All proceeds to benefit fixing up the basketball court and horseshoe area. Teams need to register by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Fee is \$20.00 per team. Sign up sheet available at the Front Desk. Winner receives Brookside Horseshoe Tournament Trophy. See Don Watson for details. For more information, please contact: [Dwatson53@verizon.net](mailto:Dwatson53@verizon.net)

## New Smoking Policy for Brookside

Brookside is instituting a Smoking Policy this year to help improve the environment for all the members. Smoking will only be permitted in the Designated Smoking Area, which will be located by the Horseshoe Pit/Bocce Court in the rear left corner of the pool. There will be a smoker's ashtray and a bench located in this area, and the area will be signed as the Designated Smoking Area. The remaining areas of the pool will be "No Smoking" areas.

## Swim & Diving News

Carrie Ann Egan is the Head Coach for the Brookside Swim Team. Her Assistant Coaches are Sarah Chicchi, Tom Waidelich and Ryan Tighe. They are all looking forward to seeing returning swimmers and meeting new members of the team. After School Practices will begin on Monday, June 11 at 5 pm and will be held three afternoons a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays). Morning practices begin on Monday, June 25th at 8:30 am. Practice groups will be determined based on ability. Swim meets are held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Our fundraiser is the Mini Minnow Meet, which is scheduled for Sunday, July 15 as we host swimmers ages 9 and under in competition. Our Parent Representative is Santina D'Esposito.

Debbie and John Mulligan will be coaching the Brookside Diving Team. They will be assisted by Stephen Kirbos. They are hoping to see new faces as well as children who have previously been on the diving team. The practice schedule is TBA. Dive meets are held on Monday evenings. The diving team's Parent Representative is Joan Kirbos. Anyone needing a new bathing suit needs to contact Ultimate Swim Shop in Metuchen.

## Beautiful Brookside

The work weekends are progressing well and the pool is shaping up! A new and larger pool slide has been delivered and hopefully will be in operation shortly after the season begins!

The grounds are getting spruced up, including some new landscaping by the front gate entrance area. Once again, Diane Watson will be putting the flowerpots together and planting some bushes and flowers throughout.

So, thanks to the hard work from the members, we are on track for another great season at Brookside!!

### Brookside Briefs

#### **POOL HOURS**

Weekends starting  
**May 26**  
Noon - 9

Open Full Time  
**June 22 - Sept. 3**  
Noon - 9