

# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## POOL FLOODS, REOPENS FOR 4TH

All was not fun and games the weekend of July 4th. The destructive storm that hit the neighborhood on Friday, June 30th threatened to ruin the holiday for pool members. "The park became Lake Brookwood and Lake Brookwood became part of the pool," said BWH Board member and Pool Committee Chairman Jim Porter, recalling the muddy mess that confronted him the morning of July 1st.

Thanks to the heroic efforts of manager Tom Stocks and his staff, however, the pool was clean and full of swimmers by 12:00 on July 3rd. Starting Saturday afternoon, and working into the wee hours of the night, Tom and his assistants Robert Withers, Matt Junger and Slade Striklan, managed to drain the muddy water, hose down the sides, and remove by hand the accumulation of mud in the drain so that the pool could be refilled.

On the night of the storm, Brookwood was pelted with two inches of rain in one hour. High winds helped to plug the storm drains on Parkdale with limbs and leaves, causing the overflow to pour into the park and down into the pool. Although

the pool fence caught much of the larger debris, the wind and water swept leaves, umbrellas and chairs into the pool with the mud.

The most tedious part, said Robert Withers, was waiting for the pool to drain: "It was a slow, long game, like watching paint dry." It wasn't until 12:45 a.m. that the team was able to climb into the pool to empty out the mud in the drain. Refilling the pool began at 1:30 a.m.

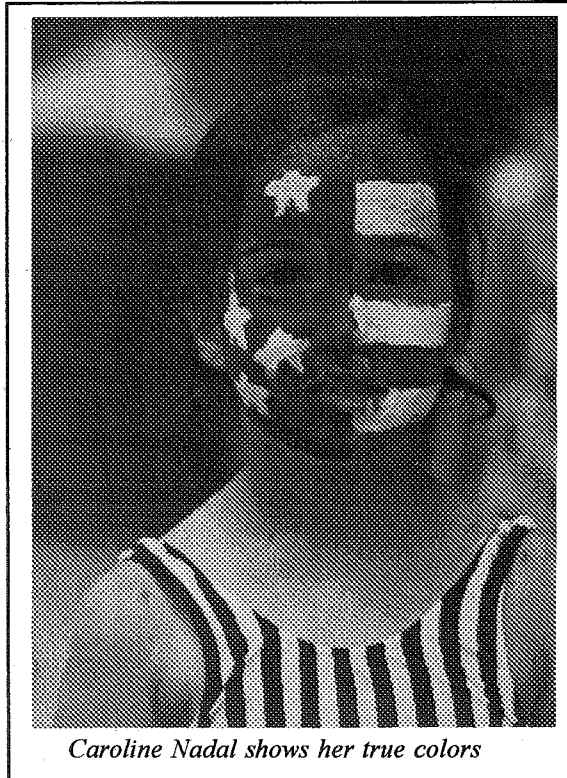
Sunday morning.

To help while away the time, the boys played basketball and listened to music. Mothers Patti Junger and Debbie Striklan brought hamburgers and a cake. Tom Stokes spent the night to assure that all was well with the filling of the pool, visited frequently by Jim Porter.

On the Fourth of July, Tom was waiting at the gates for his pool staff to arrive, having once again spent the night for fear that he wouldn't get to the pool in time due to the Peachtree Road Race.

By all accounts, the holiday games and activities were especially fun this year, including the watermelon race, the parent-child relay, the water balloon toss and the egg toss. Thanks to sunny weather, good organization and the creative addition of a dunking machine, the pool was mobbed with happy faces. Even those sunbathing parents with the dry bathing suits joined in on the neighborhood favorite, the WHIRLPOOL.

We applaud the efforts of Jim Porter, Tom Stocks and the entire pool staff for a job well done!



Caroline Nadal shows her true colors

## Letters to the Editor

*Brooknotes* received the following letter from Judi Smith and Zeke Fairbank who are enjoying their stint in Kenya where Zeke is working for Coca-Cola. They hope to return to Brookwood Hills in the not too distant future. Writes Judi:

We love Kenya! We are happily settled in Nairobi, and are having a fantastic experience. There is so much to do here. We wonder if we can "do it all" within the next three years. We are playing golf regularly at the Karen Club, which is the old Karen Blixen estate from Out of Africa. Needless to say, the course is magnificent. Zeke is travelling throughout the continent, and enjoying the challenges of working with Coca-Cola in Africa. Judy (believe it or not) recently performed in a Broadway review at one of the major hotels in town as part of a fundraiser for local charities. Taylor (now three and a half) goes to a great

British preschool every morning, looking quite adorable in his uniform. Nathaniel (two) is seeing lots more of Mom than he ever did before, and is exceedingly vocal. Both kids are blossoming.

We've had numerous adventures since moving here seven months ago. We have been on safari overlooking the slopes of Mt. Kenya, down to the coast with its beautiful white sand beaches, skiing in Chamonix, France, and doing lots of fascinating day trips from Nairobi. If anyone would like to visit, you're welcome! Please contact us at:

Judy and Zeke Fairbank  
c/o Coca-Cola/ Pouch-Kenya  
PO Drawer 1734  
Atlanta, GA 30301

or call direct: 011-254-2-581436  
(Seven hours ahead)

## Mixed Doubles

Marc and Cathy Lindenberg are developing a roster of BWH couples who are interested in playing mixed doubles tennis. The list will provide participants with names of new tennis partners and may be used to form a routine schedule of competitive tennis in association with the A.L.T.A Mixed Doubles competition in the Fall. Send your name, address, phone numbers, skill level and time available to Marc and Cathy at 58 Montclair, 351-0541.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Mother's Helper.** Responsible Ten-year-old. Available Monday-Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call Elizabeth Robinson at 875-3631.

**Apartment Wanted.** Our Security Officer, Barry Miller is looking for a garage apartment in the neighborhood. Call Nancy Kennedy, 874-0746, if you know of something available.

## WORD OF MOUTH

### Carpenter/Contractor

John McLane 608-7830 (W); 466-6785 (H); 280-8378 (Beeper)

My wonderful carpenter/contractor did our new siding, took off and rebuilt our back porch, put beams across den ceiling, new front door, etc.

Jennine Hough and Joe Meyers  
265 Brighton Rd., 352-0878

*Notice: Nova Horten reports that since she recommended Scott Bolles for Slate Repair, she has been disappointed with his work. Please call Nova at 252-1983 for more information.*

## BULLETIN BOARD

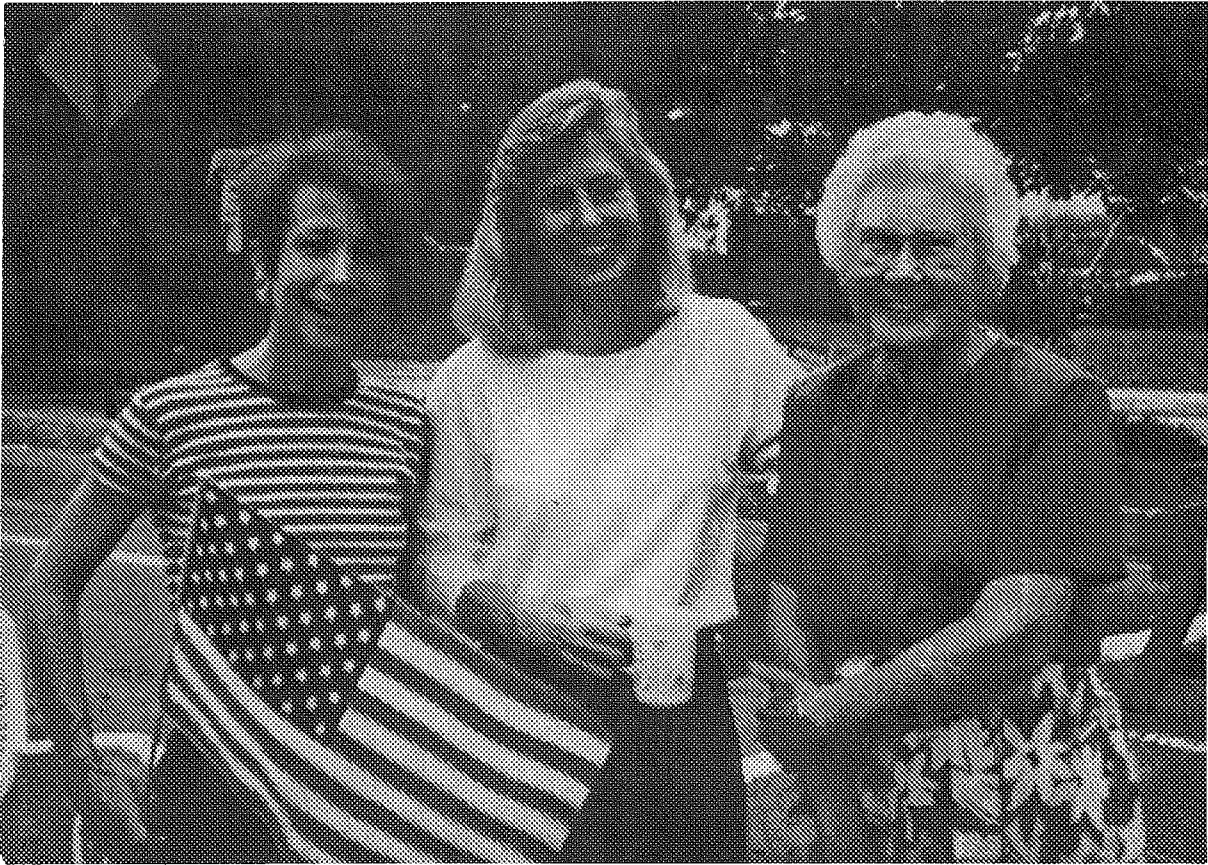
- "B" Members, pick up your parking decals from Nancy Kennedy, Security Chairperson, 35 Northwood Drive, 874-0746. "A" Members should have received theirs in the mail.
- Thanks once again to the generosity of Sarah Hagood of Specialty Homes, the 1995 Community Club Directory will be out soon. Look for your copy to be delivered to your door in the early weeks of August.
- Carpool time is here. If you are interested in joining the Westminster Shuttle, please call Kay Whipple, 352-4565, Barbara Croft, 874-3254, or Barbara Crum, 352-0184. If you are interested in the Lovett Lower School carpool, call Lucy Inman, 355-7695, or Betsy Crosby, 351-8821. If you are interested in joining the Trinity carpool, contact Laurie Bray, 352-2116.
- The next meeting of the BWH Board of Directors is at 7:15 p.m., August 7, at the home of Pelham and Lee Wilder, 7 Montclair Drive. If you would like to attend, please call Lee or Pelham at 876-0716. All Community Club members are welcome.
- The deadline for the next issue of *Brooknotes* is Friday, August 11. Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Road.

## Water those Trees

by JoAnn Hagaman

The hottest time of the year is upon us! Be sure to water your young sidewalk trees when the weather is dry. Use a soaker hose, or turn the water on low and water with a regular hose for 20 to 25 minutes. Last year our neighborhood lost nearly two dozen young trees to drought.

# The Fourth of July



Sarah Hagood, Vicki Segraves and her mother-in-law Jane Segraves wave on the runners at the Peachtree Road Race. Marge Henson of Northside Realty provided each neighborhood home with a flag in honor of the Fourth.

## BROOKWOOD BUZZ

**Danielle Kathleen Rabel**, daughter of Bill and Judi Rabel, graduated *magna cum laude* with departmental honors from Otterbein College in June. She will be attending the London School of Economics in September, where she will be working on a Masters degree in Sociology.

**Carolyn Withers**, daughter of Bibbie and Dennis Withers, graduated from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. She is living in Chicago where she is working for a computer firm.

**Marc Delesalle and Deirdre Stiles**,

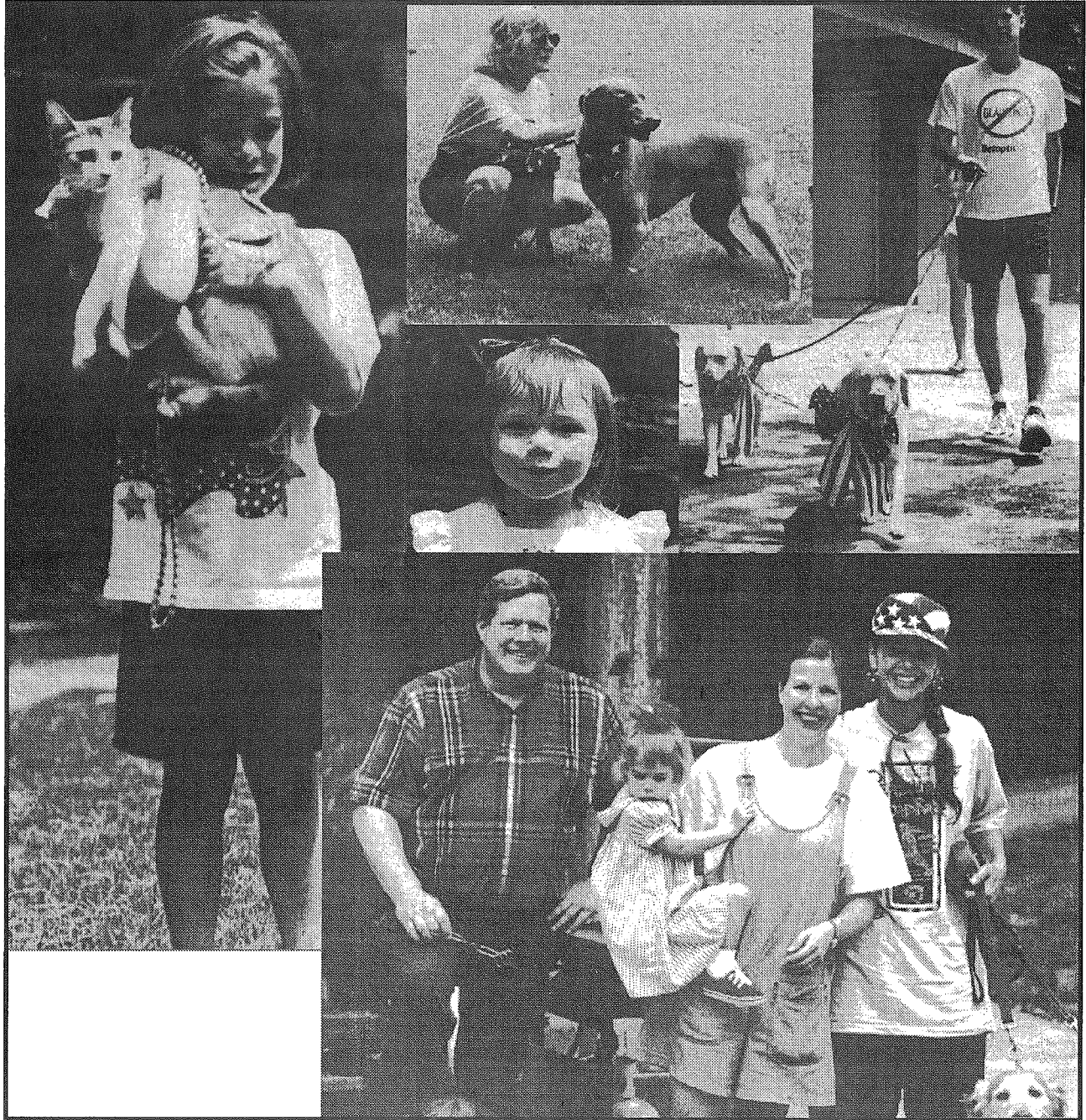
who live at 23 Northwood, welcome their new addition, **Nicolas Francois** to the family. Nicolas was born on June 16, and weighed a healthy 9 1/2 lbs. He joins big sister Katie Ann, who is three years old.

A new baby girl has joined the family of **Alison and Tom Lancaster**. **Madeleine Leigh**, 8 lbs. 4 oz., was born on June 5 to the delight of big sisters Grace (age 5) and Caroline (age 1).

In the sports world, several youths in our neighborhood have been making headlines. Tophat Soccer stars **Margaret Bankoff** and **Laura**

**Bollman** were part of the team that won the Rockdale Youth Soccer Association Athena I (Under 12) Weekend soccer tournament on Memorial Day Weekend. The team will be traveling to St. Louis in August.

Nine-year-old **Spencer Hagaman's** All Star Buckhead Baseball team tied with NYO for the division title in a spectacular finish on July 1st. **Jordan Redella**, son of Bob Redella of Camden Road, also played on the team. **Ben Whipple**, age 9, played on the Athletics Buckhead Baseball AA team which won the League and the Tournament Championship.



## The Pet Parade

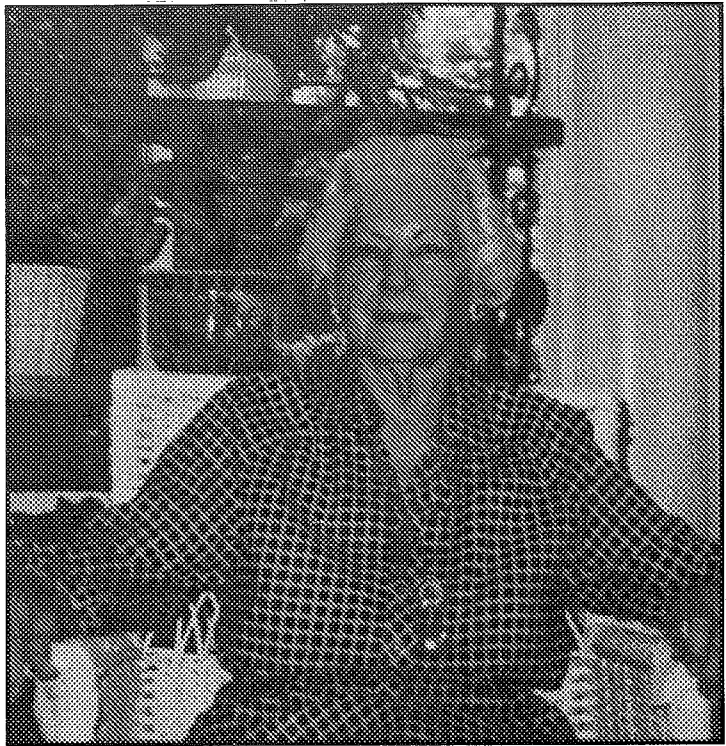
Libby was there, and Pearl, and Teddy, Rosie and Hershey to name a few. They all showed up in their red, white and blue for the first Brookwood Hills Pet Parade at noon on the Fourth of July, sponsored by Laranne Oser and Chuck Wood of Dorsey-Alston Realtors (Laranne, holding daughter Ellie, is pictured top right, flanked by Chuck and Arlene Wood). There were hot dogs for the people, and prizes for the pets such as Wildest Pet, Best Stripes, Best Marcher, and Longest Tail. Casey, who belongs to Helen and Caroline Harris, won Best Dog for his beautiful hand-made dog blanket in red, white and blue. Among the other winners were Rosie the Cat, who won Fluffiest Pet, and two- year-old Natalie Newton's stuffed Doggie, who won Slowest Pet. All behaved beautifully, but for Pansy and Petunia who had words (or should we say barks) over an attractive male dog named Max.

# PROFILE:

## Mary McCarty Dunlap

In the sixty-two years that Mary McCarty Dunlap has been a resident of Brookwood Hills, she has come to know first-hand the value of a close-knit community. Raising single-handedly her three sons following her divorce, she found that "everything was neighborhood."

"We had wonderful children up and down the street," said Mrs. Dunlap. Nearly all neighborhood children attended E. Rivers school, as did her three boys, Edgar, John and Bill. Besides church and school, the main outlet for children was playing sports like baseball and tennis in the neighborhood. "There was no T.V.," said Mrs. Dunlap pointedly. As her son Bill got older, he had a job delivering for the drugstore on the corner of Palisades and Peachtree, the site currently occupied by Palisades restaurant.



When her marriage broke up, money was tight. Mrs. Dunlap went to work, joining the staff at Rich's in the Ladies Ready-to-Wear department. She was fortunate to arrange her hours around the time her boys were in school, working from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was an adjustment for the young woman who had made her debut at the Driving Club, danced at tea dances at the Biltmore Hotel with her beaux from Georgia Tech, and enjoyed a two-month long honeymoon trip to Europe. "I had to give up Garden Club, Junior League, everything but church," she said.

The church, North Avenue Presbyterian, served as her mainstay for all those years and still provides her with most of her social contact. When her job at Rich's forced her to resign from the church circle that met during the day, she agreed to join the Business Circle for working women that met at night. She still goes to their meetings every month.

Today Mrs. Dunlap is known as the lady who keeps her charming white home on Palisades Road in meticulous condition. At 89, she is often seen raking leaves and sweeping her front steps. Though her sons Bill and John cut the grass and check on her frequently, she remains fiercely independent. "I'm the yard man," she announces proudly, tending both the front yard and a large perennial border in the back that has been there since she moved into her home in 1933.

She is also a meticulous housekeeper, dusting weekly the porcelains and bric-a-brac that she has collected in her frequent travels to England and the Holy Land. It helps that she doesn't need glasses, even for driving. With her sharp eyesight, one of her favorite hobbies is sewing, making exquisite lace placemats and upholstered travel bags. Still, she admits that she is beginning to have a little trouble reading the Bible and the telephone directory.

Mrs. Dunlap's other hobby is cooking, and she is famous among friends for her special recipe pickles. As her first Christmas at Rich's loomed with little money available for Christmas presents, she hit on the idea of selling the pickles over which her friends had always clamored. For years she made 500 jars of pickles from mid-September to mid-December, stopping only when her son John, newly graduated from law school and alarmed at his mother's lack of a food license, made her swear she would never sell another jar.

Years ago, tragedy struck when her son Edgar, a pigeon racing enthusiast, was killed in a car crash on his way to a racing meet. She remembers vividly the day she heard the news, made even more poignant when all the pigeons flew home. The porcelain pigeons she collects serve as a reminder of him. They are also a perfect symbol of her indomitable spirit.

# Swim and Dive Teams End Season With a Splash

On July 15, the Brookwood Hills Swim Team celebrated its terrific showing at the Fulton County Championships. The team placed third, moving up from last year's fourth place. Also important, said Swim Team Representative Susan Nowack, was the number of firsts the team received in individual races, more than any other team at the meet. According to Head Coach Jessica Stokes, the BWH team was only 31 points behind its arch rival Horseshoe Bend, who had "tons of kids" swimming and thus a greater opportunity to win points.

The team record for dual meets was three wins, two losses. Brookwood nearly won its last meet on July 11 against Horseshoe Bend, losing precious points in the relay races at the end. Says Jessica, "It was a really exciting way to end the

year."

The following took first in the county meet: **Emily Carter** (6 & Under Girls) 25 Free; **Emily Carter, Katie Riddell, Sara Elliot and Helen Joel** (6 & Under Girls) Free Relay; **Chandler Harkins, Alex Long, Nicholas Menefee and Forrest Willoughby** (6 & Under Boys) Free Relay; **Robert Griest** (7 & 8 Boys) 25 Back; **Spencer Hagaman** (9 & 10 Boys) 50 Free and 25 Back; **Lida Griest** (9 & 10 Girls) 50 Free; **Lida Griest, Christy Chorey, Lisa Nowack and Graham Grubb** (9 & 10 Girls) Medley Relay and Free Relay; **Zibby Stokes** (13 & 14 Girls) 50 Free and 50 Fly; and **Jessica Stokes** (15-18 Girls) 50 Free.

Many thanks and much credit go to Coaches Jessica Stokes and Chad Cook and to the Swim Team

Representatives, parents Susan Nowack and Diana Padron.

The Brookwood Hills Dive Team concluded the year in fifth place at the County Championships. The record for the dual meets was 0 and 5, which Diving Coach Sarah Ferguson says didn't reflect how close the team came to winning some of the meets. "We lost some heartbreakers by just a few points," said Sarah, "one by four points and another by 5 points." Three BWH divers made a strong showing at the County meet. **Andy Solley** placed first in 11 & 12 Girls; **Will Nowack** placed second in 7 & 8 Boys; and **Karen Bernhardt** place third in Girls, 15 & Up.

Special credit for a hard-working season goes to Coach Sarah and to Diving Mom Kathy Bernhardt.

## Olympic Update

The Brookwood Hills Housing '96 Committee has compiled a list of 24 brokers and talked with each. Agencies that are essentially computer bulletin boards or that charge a listing fee to advertise in newspapers have been eliminated. (Residents interested in that information may call Mary Lynn Eckl, 351-9876.) A packet that promotes the conveniences of Brookwood Hills and contains a list of homeowners considering Olympic Rentals has been mailed to the appropriate broker/agents.

**This action will not enter the homeowner into any rental data base, but it should promote a flood of paperwork and leasing agreements that can only be filled out and signed by the homeowner. A residence is on the active market once the broker has received forms.**

In addition to the above leg work, the committee will act as a conduit between residents and agencies whenever a broker has a demand for a specific number of bedrooms or houses and has a need to get the word out quickly.

For more information, please call the volunteer committee: Walter Bland, 897-1384; Mary Lynn Eckl, 351-9876; Elizabeth Nadal, 874-9534; and Larkin Preston, 382-0930.

It is not too late to join this effort. Send \$10 to cover cost of xerox and postage to Mary Lynn Eckl, 348 Camden Road.

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