



BROOKNOTES

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BWH DIVE TEAM SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS



The 1999 Brookwood Hills Dive Team finished better than ever! With a 4-1 record for the dual meet competition, they placed second only to St. Ives which was a close meet with a score of 49-53. At the Fulton County Dive Meet, they came in the runner-up position. This summer saw a number of firsts—the first time the roster had reached 55 divers and the first summer that we placed a diver in every age group in every

meet. It was also the first time team captains were named. Jordyn Griffin and Julia Goode shared that honor. The Assistant Coach position was split between Laura Baird in June and Kathleen McKeon in July. 1999 also was the first time the Dive Team could check www.brookwoodhills.com for meet information and to see the results of the summer's work. Grandparents from far and wide were appreciative of the opportunity.

At the State GRPA Meet Brookwood Hills fielded the largest contingent with nine divers and every Brookwood Hills diver came home with a medal! In the 8 and under girls category, Maggie Burch placed 9th, Emily Kaplan 3rd, and Cessie Ryder, 2nd. In the 9-10 girls, Cami Fenton placed 5th. Katharine Goode placed 8th and Barbara Jones placed 5th in the 11-12 girls competition. Ali Griffin dove for 8th place in 13-14 girls and Julia Goode came in 5th and Jordyn Griffin, 3rd in the 15-18 competition.

Head Coach Karen Bernhardt was delighted with the overall season record but felt that the most important thing was that "We all had a good time!"

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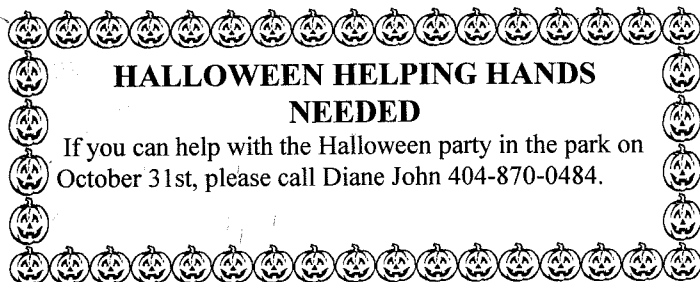
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THANK YOU NEIGHBORS

Thank you to all of my BWH neighbors who donated children's books. I collected over 500 books from many families and delivered them to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Atlanta where they will be distributed to the after-school programs. I appreciate all your help in enabling me to reach my goal and thank you gain for sharing your books with other Atlanta Children.

Pelham Wilder



HALLOWEEN HELPING HANDS NEEDED

If you can help with the Halloween party in the park on October 31st, please call Diane John 404-870-0484.

25 MPH SIGNS AVAILABLE

We have some more yellow signs that read "Little Kids 25 MPH Brookwood Hills." If you would like one to put in your yard, please call Walter Bland at 404-771-5813. Leave your name and address and I will deliver it to you.

Security Alert Signs

When you see the **Security Alert** signs posted at the entrances to our neighborhood, please call the **Brookwood Hills Security Information Line 325-5114** for details concerning a recent security incident. These signs are a signal that an incident has occurred in the neighborhood and the information has been recorded on the hotline.



GREAT PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY

Sarah Hagood and Specialty Homes, Inc. are pleased to sponsor the 16th Annual "Great Pumpkin Give-Away"! Sarah is giving to each Brookwood Hills home a large pumpkin in celebration of fall and Halloween. Look for the orange flyers to arrive with details. The event will take place at 201 Huntington Road in Sarah's front yard. One pumpkin per family please.

Mark your calendars: Friday, October 15th, 2 PM to 7 PM, Saturday the 16th 9 AM to 6 PM and Sunday the 17th 9 AM to 6 PM. If you are unable to come at these times, the pumpkin will be waiting for you to pick up until the end of October.

ATLANTA PRESERVATIONISTS: YOU'RE INVITED!

The Atlanta Preservation Center wants your Brookwood Hills Neighbors! APC has been a powerful force for 20 years in preserving Atlanta's historically, architecturally and culturally significant neighborhoods, buildings and landscapes. APC gives regular tours of the Fox Theatre, Ansley Park, Druid Hills, and other important districts. Sunday afternoon, November 30th, APC is putting on the Peachtree Battle Tour of Homes and is planning a Fall 2000 Brookwood Hills home tour. There are 22 neighbors who are already APC members - four of them are APC Board members! APC wants you to be a part of their wonderful organization. PLEASE JOIN US!

Come for supper at Elaine Luxemburger's Palisades home in October, with other APC neighborhood members, and meet APC wonderful Executive Director, Derek Aynsley. Call Allison Alarcon at 404-888-0241 or Harry Gilham at 404-355-0245 to find out about APC and to RSVP to Elaine's gracious invitation!

TWIGS RETURNS



Mark your calendar! On Tuesday, September 28th, Brookwood Hills Twigs returns with a meeting at Avery Williams house, 185 Huntington Road. Please come and see friends at 6:30 PM and then enjoy a presentation from Citywide Twigs at 7 PM. Twigs is a great opportunity to socialize with neighbors and raise funds for Egelston/Scottish Rite Children's Hospitals.

FALL CARNIVAL

Do you want to come to Atlanta's best Fall Carnival? Then plan to come be at Peachtree Christian Church on Saturday, September 25th from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Enjoy a visiting fire truck, a sea of balls, whale and a miniature train. There will also be carnival games, food and prizes like the Cake Walk and Sesame Street Live raffle. Tell your friends and don't miss this fun event. For more information, contact Katie Simons 404-355-1838.

BWH Book Club

Brookwood Hills has an great group of readers that meets every six week. This informal group is a nice way to get to know more people in the neighborhood and enjoy sharing ideas. If you are interested in joining, please contact Carolyn at 404-351-0555 or Sallie at 870-0397.

THE BATTLEFIELD OF BROOKWOOD HILLS

By David Watson

Did you know that you live on a battlefield? It is difficult to imagine that the rattle of musketry and the shriek of cannon shells once pierced the stillness of our wooded hills. But the opening phases of the Battle of Peachtree Creek did occur in this area on the afternoon of July 20, 1864. You have probably noticed the large marble monument on the hillock in front of Piedmont Hospital, as well as the markers at the Brighton Road and Palisades entrances to the neighborhood, which commemorate the battle.

Prelude

The Battle of Peachtree Creek was one of the larger engagements in Sherman's campaign for Atlanta, which had begun in early May 1864 in the mountains just south of Chattanooga. The weeks of marching and skirmishing had brought the Union army to the (then) outskirts of Atlanta. On July 18, the Confederate army experienced a change in its commander, from the cautious, defensive-minded Joseph E. Johnston to the aggressive but inexperienced John B. Hood. Hood immediately determined to strike at a portion of the Union army as it moved south from Buckhead.

Even at that time, Peachtree Street (then called "the Peachtree road", because it ran from town up to and across Peachtree Creek) was an important route. On July 19, the 3,200 troops of the Second Division of the Union IV Corps, commanded by Brigadier General John Newton, marched southward down the road and crossed the bridge over Peachtree Creek (where E. Rivers

School is today). They continued marching up the long slope known today as "Heartbreak Hill" to Peachtree Road Race participants. Newton had been informed that the main body of the Confederate army was nearby. Therefore, when he reached the crest of the slope, he deployed his men in a line of battle running west to east from the present site of Piedmont Hospital to a point in the middle of today's Brighton Road.

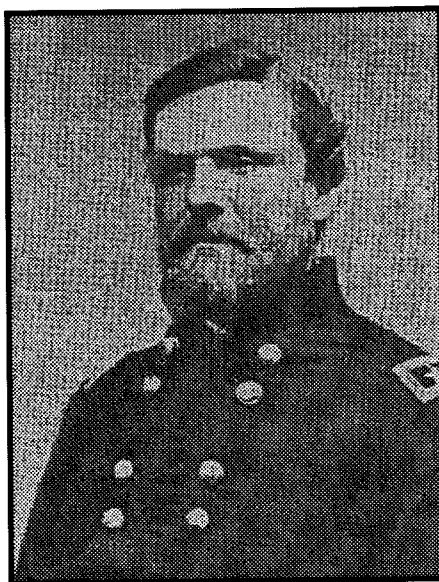
Newton himself was a very able commander. He was a graduate of West Point and a veteran of many of the battles fought by the Army of the Potomac in the Virginia theater of war.

Those who jog and even walk along our streets can appreciate Newton's plans. The highest point in the neighborhood is the west end of Brighton, near Peachtree. Possession of the high ground is critical in military tactics, even in the heavily wooded terrain of 1864.

To strengthen their position, Newton's troops hastily felled trees and constructed simple breastworks - a precaution that was almost always taken during this campaign when soldiers deployed for possible battle. A battery of

four guns was placed in the area of the Peachtree road. Six more cannon were then unlimbered back at the Peachtree Creek bridge, to provide additional support. A thin line of pickets ran between the troops dug in on the ridge and Clear Creek, to prevent a surprise attack from the east.

The Confederate army was indeed moving to the attack. They had marched northward up the Peachtree Road from their outer line of fortifications near the present-day Peachtree Christian Church. Of course, there was no six-lane bridge to use. Instead, the deep valley where Interstate 85



Union General John Newton

runs today had to be traversed. They then had to form lines of attack in the thick woods. Due to this and other last-minute problems that occasion most large scale military operations, the attack was several hours late. This extra time had allowed the Union troops to prepare strong defensive positions.

The Battle

The Confederate assault finally began around 4:00 p.m. It was initiated by the division of Major General William B. Bate, which included a brigade of Florida troops, a brigade of Kentucky troops, and a brigade of men from Tennessee and Georgia. They were positioned on the far right (east) of the Confederate line, roughly paralleling present-day Huntington Road. Due to the heavy undergrowth, and because there had not been time for a reconnaissance, Bate's men had difficulty even finding the Yankee line. (Anyone who has walked in the "buffer" acreage between the neighborhood and Interstate 85 can appreciate the role that the thick woods and undergrowth played. It appears that the entire area was covered like this in 1864.)

Some of the troops in the Kentucky and the Tennessee/Georgia brigade struggled uphill through the dense thickets and made contact with the Union troops behind the breastworks along Brighton. However, after a few volleys, the Rebels sensed the strength of the Federal line, and did not press the attack.

Most of Bate's men apparently veered around the Union left, near the intersection of Brighton and Camden Roads. This actually placed the Rebels in a good position to outflank the Union line. However, fire from the Union cannon at Peachtree Creek, in addition to ignorance of the ex-

act position of the Union line, prevented immediate exploitation.

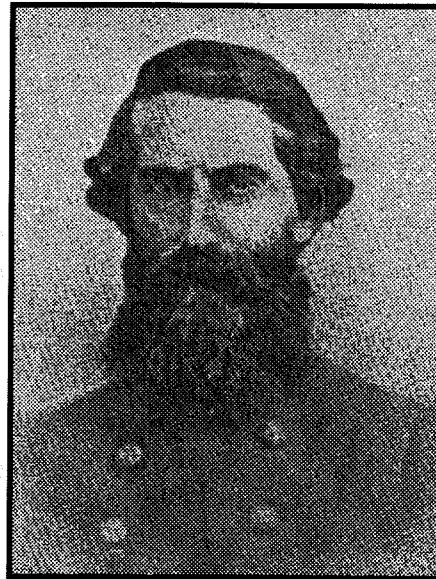
A second Confederate division, under the command of Major General W.H.T. Walker, advanced northward along both sides of the Peachtree road, and struck the Union line hard near the present intersection of Peachtree and Brighton. The two Union brigades posted here included regiments from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kentucky. The seasoned Midwesterners laid down a withering fire and, aided by the four pieces of artillery placed there, repulsed the Confederates with heavy casualties. Confederate Brigadier General C. H. Stevens was killed, and the Rebels retreated back down the Peachtree road. Some of this fighting would have occurred in the area between Montclair and Peachtree.

The remaining troops of Bate's Confederate division, along with a few from Walker's division, then tried to slip around the Union left, to seize the Peachtree Creek bridge and almost surround them. However, Union General Newton rushed up his reserve brigade to extend his line further along present-day Brighton, and they

poured several volleys into the Confederate ranks. The Rebels recoiled back into the dense undergrowth, and the fighting in this sector was over.

The battle continued westward along today's Collier Road. Although the Confederate forces achieved a temporary breakthrough, by the end of the day the Union lines had been restored. The Confederates actually possessed a considerable advantage in numbers in this part of the battlefield, but a lack of coordination among the units prevented them from using this to their advantage. (This problem would recur in most of the other de-

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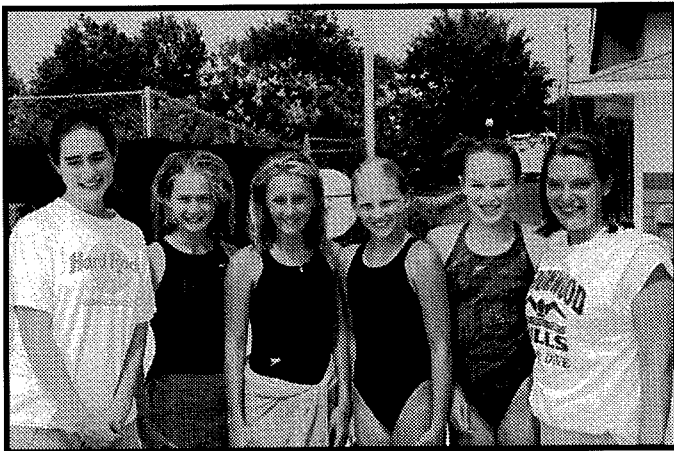
Confederate General W. H. T. Walker

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feats suffered by the Confederate army under General Hood.) The battle was a Union victory, and cost the Confederacy several thousand troops which it could ill afford.

The fighting that occurred within the boundaries of the neighborhood itself was not especially heavy, mostly due to the difficult terrain. Nevertheless, if one stands at the corner of Brighton and Montclair on a hot July day, he can perhaps visualize Sherman's blue-clad veterans lodged confidently behind their works along Brighton Road. One can perhaps see the Confederates maneuver in the valley below them, maybe along Wakefield or Camden. One can perhaps smell the drifts of smoke from the fire of thousands of rifles, and hear the boom of cannon and the screams of the wounded and dying. Perhaps one can even feel a sense of reverence for this special place, and an even deeper affection for the place we call home.

(For further reading on the Atlanta campaign, I recommend Decision in the West by Albert Castel, University Press of Kansas, 1992. Also, The Campaign for Atlanta, by William R. Scaife, 1993, includes an outstanding collection of detailed maps of the various battles, with modern roads and boundaries super-imposed on them.)



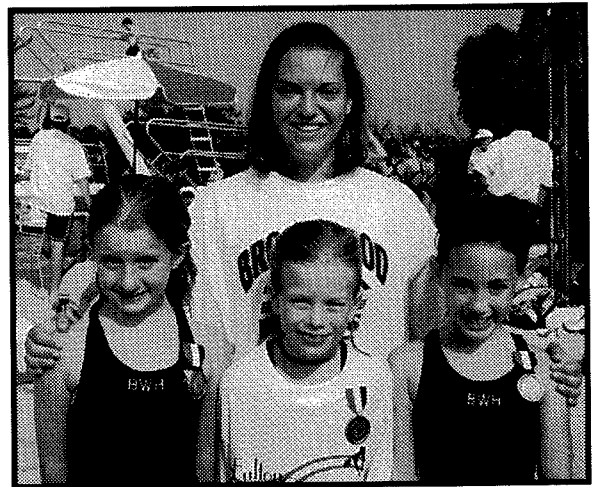
Dive team members: Julia Goode, Katherine Goode, Ali Griffin, Jordyn Griffin, Barbara Jones and coach Karen Bernhardt

BROOKWOOD BOYS 1999-2000

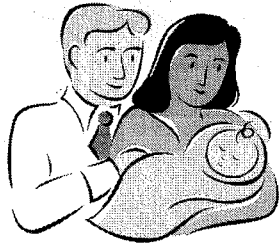
Brookwood boys is a neighborhood association of fathers and sons ages 6-9 who get together for monthly outings on Sunday afternoon. It is a time for fathers and sons to have some one-on-one time together in a casual social setting.

There are no dues but outings may have some cost associated with them. If you are interested in joining Brookwood Boys, please contact Xavier Duralde at 404-874-7863.

The next outing of Brookwood Boys will be an overnight trip to lake Rabun on October 16, 1999. If you planning on going on this trip, please contact Larry Pless at 404-892-6024.

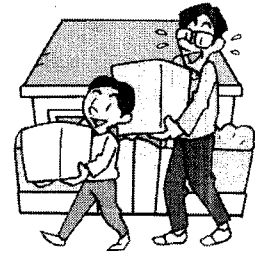


Divers Cessie Ryder, Maggie Burch and Emily Kaplan with coach Karen Bernhardt.



New Faces

By Sarah and Patti



Kim and Steve McCollam of 12 Camden Road are excited to welcome a new member to their family. **Ellen Mason, "Ellie"**, was born on Friday, September 3rd at Piedmont Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces. Her two big sisters **Grace**, a blond, and **Clara**, a redhead, are both thrilled with their new baby but are perhaps a bit perplexed at the comments about her black hair.

Gayle and Dave DeMarest of 324 Camden are thrilled to announce the birth of **John Thornton, "Jack."** Named for his grandfather, Jack was born on July 18th weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces. Mom says his sister Grace is VERY, VERY excited about her new brother.

Lacey Eckl, daughter of **Mary Lynn and Wray Eckl** of 348 Camden, married Shannon McCormick on July 31st in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Lacey and Shannon met in Prague. Shannon is from Iowa and is attending New Mexico State University.

342 Camden Road. **Hunter Hermanson** recently moved into Bill Speaks' former home. Hunter works at SunTrust Banks at SunTrust Plaza in the Corporate Tax Department. He earned his undergraduate degree from Emory University and his Masters degrees from Georgia State. Prior to joining SunTrust, Hunter worked at MCI WorldCom in Washington, D.C. Hunter moved to Atlanta from Washington.

210 Brighton Road. **Christy and Chris Payne** are the newest neighbors on Brighton. Chris is a native Atlantan and is Senior Vice President of Robinson Humphrey. Christy, who hails from Athens, is the Vice President of bank of America. Both are graduates of Georgia Tech and are members at the Cathedral of Saint Phillip. Christy is also active in the Junior League of Atlanta.

128 Huntington Road. **Kathleen and Art Waldrop** with daughters **Quinn and Eliza** are the new neighbors in Janet and Rob Frederick's former home. The Waldrops are originally from Mississippi and most recently lived in Garden Hills. Kathleen is on a one year leave of absence from the CDC as a legislative analyst. Art works for CB Richard Ellis in Corporate Advisory Services. Quinn is 2 1/2 years old and Eliza is three months.

315 Camden Road. **Scott and JoEllyn Bass** moved into the neighborhood on June 12th. Their son, **Tyler**, is 5 1/2 months. The Basses moved from Lake Claire. Joellen is a native of Atlanta and attended Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia. Scott is from Charlotte, North Carolina and went to UNC. Scott works for Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette as an investment advisor.

24 Wakefield Drive. **Vern Yip** is a commercial and residential architect, an interior designer and owner of Vern Yip Designs.

CLASSIFIEDS

LOST CAT. Have you seen a long-legged, big-eared pumpkin colored cat wearing a green collar? His name is HARLEY and he is on medication. Please call 404-351-2104 with any information.

Personal Accountant Needed. Part-time, flexible hours, in Brookwood Hills. Must be experienced and proficient in Quicken. Call Sam Norwood 404-352-9536.

Attention Parents: Tired of doing your children's homework? I am a recent graduate of the Atlanta International School. I am deferring one year before attending college and am looking for some part time work with children. I love children. I'm very entertaining and yes, I can help with homework...and I drive. Call me at 404-870-0388 (Jocelyn Kuritsky).

Lost Watch. Anne Klein watch lost three weeks ago at the tennis courts. If found please call Melissa 404-815-1701.

CALENDAR

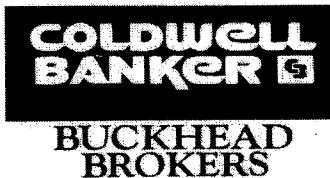
September 25, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. First Annual Great Fall Carnival at Peachtree Christian Church. See page 3 for more details.

September 26/October 3 Sunday in the Park with the Arts 1:00-4:00 p.m. Celebrate the performing arts in Piedmont Park with performances of dance, theatre and music. Sponsored by Piedmont Conservancy and the City of Atlanta Bureau of Cultural Affairs. For more information, please call 770-442-2606.

September 28th, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Twigs meeting at the home of Avery Williams, 185 Huntington Road. See page 3 for more details.

October 4th, Monday, 7:15 p.m. Brookwood Hills Board Meeting at the home of Carolyn Cooper, 38 Camden Road. All BWH Community Club members are welcome. Please contact Carolyn at 404-351-0555 if you plan to attend.

October 15th-17th. Great Pumpkin GiveAway. Sarah Hagood, 201 Huntington Road. See page 3 for more details.



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