

MEN'S KICKOFF

Saturday, April 23, 2011

9:00 am Shotgun

8:30 am Registration

\$30 Entry Fee

4-person
blind draw scramble

Call the Pro Shop
to sign up

248-2702

**Welcome
New Members!**

Bryce Olson	Proprietary
Mike Schlepp	Proprietary
Josh Haber.....	Proprietary
Paul Reinker.....	Proprietary
Jon Stepanek	Proprietary
Jeremy Ferkin.....	Proprietary
Mark Hammatt	Proprietary
Mark Lancot.....	Proprietary
Scott Moran.....	Proprietary
Steve Henderson	Out of Town

Membership Status

(as of April 1, 2011)

Proprietary/Corp-Primary	292
Non-Resident	13
Social.....	20
Briarwood Subdivision	18
Founder	8
Business	2
TOTAL.....	353

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News *from the* GENERAL MANAGER

Brian Neely

It is snowing again, here at the Briarwood but I for one was glad to at least see some grass and play a quick 18 holes with my son, Thomas. The course appears to have weathered well and I believe we should be in good shape once spring truly arrives.

Ango will be writing to you about the upcoming events in his *Chipshots* article along with the accompanying calendar. For those of you who were unable to attend the Annual meeting I discussed better communication, so I will be reminding the Membership of upcoming events via email that

way if the Newsletter becomes lost or misplaced you will have a reminder. We would like to have more Members participate and enjoying the events we put on.

The Pro-shop and Men's Locker Rooms are under construction and we are hoping to have that part of the project completed by April 1st. The Ladies Locker Room and back stairs out of the clubhouse should be done no later than, April 15th. The main reason for that time frame is the glue used for the stairs needs the outside temperature to be around 65 degrees for a portion

of the day to dry. We would like to thank you, for your patience's through this process and we think you the Membership will be happy with the changes.

I have been pleased with the level of cooperation between all the departments at our weekly Staff Meetings and want to publicly thank them, the interaction and sharing of idea's is going to make your total experience a much better one.

Thank you, the Members for allowing me the privilege of being your General Manager and have a great day!

News *from the* MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Sean Sullivan, CGCS briarmain@180com.net

During April we will be continuing to clean up the course after the looong winter. We have some tree work to do, irrigation repairs to finalize, and the general cleanup of the course.

Tree Work: The crew will be out around the course pruning tree limbs and picking up downed limbs from the winter storms. Most of the pruning will be limbs that are encroaching onto the cart paths and sucker limbs. There are, however, some dead pine trees on the back of the course that still need to be cut down and cleaned up before the next beetle season begins. Because of the nature of the soils on the back of the course we have to wait for dry conditions before hauling tree parts out with the tractors. Once the tree work, from around the course, is complete we will have a stump grinder come out and remove stumps from around the course.

Irrigation Work: We have 3 repairs that we know of, around the course. These cracks or failures showed up late

in the irrigation season and could not be repaired before the snow began to fall. I will have begun the repair work, the last week of March and will finish by the 2nd week of April. After that time I will begin to turn on the irrigation system to locate any other problems, if there is any. I don't expect to need the irrigation system for watering until the end of April, when we aerate the course. If time permits we will add some heads to blind spots, in the irrigation system, so that we can enhance the overall condition of the golf course. My plan is to start pumping water, from the river, to the irrigation ponds at the end of April.

The Course: The course wintered well! However, there are things that need to be done to the course to prepare for the upcoming golf season. The bunkers need to be cleaned up and raked. The melting snow tends to wash out some bunkers, so we need to move the displaced coal slag and re-rake the bunkers. At the same we take note of

were the bunker material is thinned out so we can adjust the depth of material. If you are aware of any thinned areas in the bunkers please let us know so we can make the adjustments. The aeration of the course is scheduled to begin April 25th. We will be seeding, fertilizing, topdressing, and spiking the greens. This will allow for quick recovery of the putting surfaces. The fairways will be verticut, as they were last year. The tees, collars and approaches will be core aerated and top dressed. Roughs will be slit aerated. During these processes your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated.

**Ladies Clinic
Chip 'n' Sip**

April 16 | 10 am

Open to

ALL WOMEN GOLFERS

Call Pro Shop for details & sign up

News *from the* RESTAURANT

Angelo Ortiz

April is here already and here comes Peter Cottontail. If you plan to attend the Easter Brunch, you should make reservations early. We will fill up fast. Looking back for a minute, the Magic City Rollers loved our facility so much they have scheduled a charity tournament and a night of dinner and dancing for over 100 people in June. Our beer/wine/scotch tasting night had over 100 people show up and has inspired me to have a tasting twice a year. Of course I have some wines I want to wholesale to our members again and anyone interested should contact me and /or Rex after April 1st to find out what is available.

Currently I still have not scheduled a night of singing and dancing, but I am still working on planning the event.

We do have another comedy night (with a twist) scheduled in July and we are creating a man vs. food for June, July and August. Last but not least, this month we will start our first annual Majors Match play for the golfers and gamblers. Call the Pro Shop or Clubhouse for details.

If anyone has an event they want to plan, it's never too early to call me. Space is limited and the best days go fast. Also, the clubhouse is doing their summer hiring for the pool, shacks, and the clubhouse during the month of April. If you have anyone that could fill these positions, please have them call the clubhouse.

Thanks to all you members for supporting the various activities we put on at the clubhouse.

April 2011						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Red Hat Ladies Lunch @ 11:30	13	14	15	16 Ladies Clinic Wedding Reception Closed at 4 pm
17	18 Men's League Fun Night 5:45 shotgun	19	20	21	22	23 Men's Kickoff Scramble 9 am
24 EASTER Easter Brunch 10 am-2 pm	25 Course Closed Aerating Credit Union Dinner 6:30 pm	26 Course Closed Aerating	27 Course Closed Aerating BLM Retirement Dinner @ 6 pm	28	29 Rehearsal Dinner 6 pm	30



2011 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

April 1	Presidents Cup signup begins (Men's & Women's)
April 16	Ladies Clinic "Chip N' Sip" (10:00 am)
April 18	Men's League Fun Night (5:45 Shotgun)
April 23	Men's Kickoff Scramble (9:00 Shotgun)
April 25-27	Course Aerification
May 6	Lumber Yard Supply (9:00 Shotgun)
May 6-7	Scratch Team-Up (Fri. 2:30 Shotgun – Sat. 8:30 Tee Times)
May 13	Briarwood Ladies Pro-Am (9:00 – 12:00 Tee Times)
May 14	Ladies Kickoff Scramble (9:00 Shotgun)
May 21	Peppers (9:00 Shotgun)
May 27	Barthemess Wedding Party
May 29	Couples Kickoff (1:00 Shotgun)
June 2	Vision Net (1:00 Shotgun)
June 4-5	Member – Member (8:00 – 11:00 both days)
June 6	Briarwood Men's Pro-Am
June 7	Junior Lessons Start (8:00 – 11:00)
June 7	Couples League (3:00)
June 9	Ladies League (5:45 Shotgun)
June 13	Senior Interclub (8:30 Shotgun)
June 17	Magic City Rollers Golf Tournament (1:00 Shotgun)
June 18	Couples Event (3:00)
June 19	Fathers Day Tournament
June 21	Auto Auction (1:00 Shotgun)
June 24	NAIFA Scholarship Fundraiser (8:30 Shotgun)
June 25	The "Bash" Ladies Member – Guest (9:00 Tee Times)
June 26	Family Fun Night (3:00)
June 30	Junior Lesson Finale (8:00 – 11:00)
July 3	4th of July Flag Tournament
July 14	Ladies Invitational (8:00 Shotgun)
July 17	Family Fun Night (3:00)
July 18	Yellowstone County Juniors (7:30-12 Tee Times)
July 21-23	The "Tangle" Men's Member - Guest
July 29	A&H Turf Specialties (9:00 Shotgun)
July 30	Midnight Masters - Full Moon Golf
August 4	SPE Practice Round (1:00 Tee Times)
August 5	SPE Double Shotgun (Double Shotgun)
August 7	Couples Event (3:00)
August 9	Billings Association of Realtors (9:00 Shotgun)
August 14	Family Fun Night (3:00)
August 19	Eagle Mount "Happy Caddy Cup" (12:00 shotgun)
August 20-21	Men's & Women's Club Championships (8:30 Tee-Times both days)
August 26	Billings Clinic Classic (9:00 Shotgun)
August 27	Briarwood Homeowners Sign Committee Fundraiser (9:00 Shotgun)
August 28	Briarwood Skins Game (1:00 Shotgun)
August 29	Briarwood Men's Pro-Am
August 30	Western States Insurance (9:00 Shotgun)
September 8	Billings High School City Meet (8:00 Shotgun)
September 9	Montana Stock Growers Golf Tournament (2:00 Shotgun)
September 11	Briarwood Open
September 16	Make A Wish Foundation (1:00 Shotgun)
September 19-20	Course Aerification
October 1	CAT - GRIZ Match Play (9:00 Tee Times)

News from the PRO SHOP

Scott Pekovich, Head Professional

Spring has arrived and the Pro-Shop staff is ready for the 2011 golf season to begin. Sign - ups for the Men's & Women's Matchplay events have begun and are filling up fast. We also established the "Briarwood Majors," which is a very fun and unique event open to all members with an established handicap.

- Ladies Clinic "Chip N' Sip" – April 16th at 10:00am
- Men's League Fun Night – April 18th at 5:45pm
- Men's Kickoff Scramble – April 23rd at 9:00am

Please contact the Pro-Shop as soon as possible for further information, or if you wish to participate. We would also like to thank the entire membership for their patience during the Pro-Shop remodel, it is done and looking great!



Sunday April 24th | 10am – 2pm
 \$18 – Adults
 \$8 – Children (ages 12 – 6)
 Free – Children 5 and under

Easter Brunch

M E N U

Scrambled Eggs
 Homemade Roast Beef Hash
 Bacon
 Sausage Patties
 Cheese Blitzes
 Breakfast Potatoes
 Carved Prime Rib
 Baked Salmon with Béarnaise
 Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Rice Pilaf
 Veggie Medley
 Assorted Salads
 Assorted Muffins
 Cookies
 Assorted Desserts

Call today for reservations!

245-2966

HOURS

MONDAY 4 PM - Close
TUESDAY 8 AM - 9 PM
WEDNESDAY 8 AM - 9 PM
THURSDAY 8 AM - 9 PM
FRIDAY 8 AM - 9 PM
SATURDAY 8 AM - 9 PM
SUNDAY 8 AM - 7 PM

**PIZZA
TO GO!**
CALL THE
RESTAURANT AT

245-2966

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BAR HOURS

Monday 11 am-close
Tuesday 8 am-close
Wednesday 8 am-close
Thursday 8 am-close
Friday 8 am-close
Saturday 8 am-close
Sunday 8 am-close

**NOW SERVING
BREAKFAST**

MENU

2 eggs, hash browns, bacon or
sausage, toast \$6.50
2 Eggs Benedict
with hash browns \$5.50
2 breakfast sandwiches
with hash browns \$6.50
Biscuits & Gravy \$5.50