

SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Party starts at 3:00 pm

JOIN US AT THE CLUB AND WATCH THE BIG GAME

Super Bowl Specials

- Domestic Pitchers \$5.00
- Microbrew Pitchers..... \$6.00

Buckets

- Domestic 5 for..... \$10.00
- Microbrew.... 5 for..... \$10.00
- Import..... 5 for..... \$10.00

Food

\$10.00 Tailgaters Buffet
 Includes Chili, Wings, Potato Salad, Burgers,
 Bratwurst, and full array of Condiments.

A limited menu will also be available

Welcome New Members!

Membership Status

(as of February 1, 2011)

Proprietary/Corp-Primary	288
Non-Resident	12
Social.....	20
Briarwood Subdivision	20
Founder	8
TOTAL.....	348

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News from the GENERAL MANAGER

Brian Neely

Hello Members,

For those of you who are interested the Club has three positions on the board coming open in the upcoming elections. If you have an interest, please submit a written biography no later than February 15th.

We have many exciting things coming up in February for you to enjoy. On the 6th we will be hosting a Super Bowl Party. The cost is \$10 and includes a buffet where there will be beer, wine and other drink specials. The Valentines Party will be held on February 12th with a dinner, DJ and dancing. A Beer/Wine tasting night will be on Friday the

18th and we will be featuring exotic beer and wines from local vendors. Are you up for some good laughs? On the 25th we will be hosting a Comedy Show with local talent. Notice of all of these events are being sent out to the entire membership on a pre-stamped reply post card. Choose the events you would like to attend and send back the card. We will take reservations on a first-come, first-served basis, and then develop a waiting list. So, please RSVP as quickly as possible because we do expect the events to sell out.

I will finish with how much fun it was to see green grass again! The trip

to Newport Beach area was a success. We played both Pelican Hill and Big Canyon Country Clubs. The weather was fantastic and we were treated even better. The next trip will be to Phoenix in either late February or early March.

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 12th
5:00 – 8:00

Call with your reservation today.

News from the MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

Obviously, there is still snow cover on the course which is a good thing. The snow cover protects the course from the below freezing temperatures. In addition to colder temperatures, the snow protects the grass from winter desiccation. Winter desiccation is a result of cold dry winds pulling the moisture out of the plant. Some courses will send out watering crews during the winter to spray water on the greens to protect from desiccation. Other courses will cover their greens with a thick layer of sand to protect the grass. This is done, only, when the course is closed for the winter and no play is expected or allowed during the winter. Other courses have purchased greens covers. The courses that have done this, have done it for a few reasons. Big Timber, for example, would have them because of the extreme high winds that would blow the sand off the greens. A place like Sydney Country Club would be another example of extreme wind and

cold protection. Another use for the covers would be to warm up the greens in late winter/early spring.

At courses that get colder temps than Billings, they will plow the snow from the greens late in winter. Then they cover the greens with the greens covers to hold in the heat from the day in order to bring them out of dormancy quicker. An example would be Valley View in Bozeman. The down side to covers is they are expensive, maybe a \$1000 plus per green depending on the size of the green and labor intensive. Snow is free. Another downside to covers is that they can cause disease problems underneath if temperatures get too high.

We are lucky in that we typically don't suffer the same problems as the other courses during the winter. We have suffered very little desiccation since I have been here. I/We monitor the greens throughout the winter to make sure there are no moisture problems when we don't have snow

cover. When we do have snow cover I/we periodically clear a portion of a green—usually #7—to inspect for ice and snow mold. As of January 19th we are good on both accounts. No ice means no suffocation of the grass, which means no winter kill.

Due to the fungicide application in November, just prior to the first snowfall, I would not expect to see nor did I see any snow mold on the sample green. This winter I/we anticipated a winter like last year and made an early fungicide application.

Last winter I was not able to make the timely chemical application and the extended winter and snow cover caused some snow mold damage. The fact the snow coverage was greater than 100 days had an effect on all of the courses in Montana regardless of when they applied fungicides.

To summarize everything, our course is handling the winter just fine.

Pro Shop Hours

Monday, Wednesday, 9:00 – 1:00
Friday, Saturday

If you need me you can contact me at 671-8588.

I hope everyone has had a good year so far. I don't know about you but I am ready for spring. I can't wait to see your smiling faces and hear all the golf stories.

So if you get bored, stop by and do some shopping or just stop to say, "Hello."

Jesse Valdez - Pro Shop

News from the RESTAURANT

Angelo Ortiz

I hope everyone enjoyed the peace and quiet of January. I sure did. It's February already and we have a full calendar of events for everyone.

First, we have Super Bowl Sunday, February 6th. The game starts at 4:30 pm and there will be many drink and food specials. We will also have TVs everywhere.

Valentines Dinner will be on Saturday, February 12th from 5 pm to 8 pm. Dinner choices will be a premium steak or chicken dinner entrée with all the fixings, a complimentary split of champagne per person, free drink tickets, a surprise gift, and dancing till you drop with DJ Rob.

There will be a beer and scotch tasting Friday, February 18th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Our bar will have an abundance of draft beers and various single malt scotch whiskeys for your sampling pleasure. Our objective is to help The Briarwood decide on what beers and scotch whiskey to add to our menu. Here is a chance to make your opinion count.

We have a comedy night scheduled for Tuesday, February 25th. Come and join us for lots of fun and laughs.

Please call the restaurant with any questions you may have and schedule your reservation now for all of the scheduled events. We look forward to seeing everyone in February.

February 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 House Committee Meeting	5
6 SUPER BOWL PARTY	7	8 Newcomers Club Lunch	9	10	11	12 VALENTINES DINNER
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 Beer/Scotch Tasting	19
20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25 Comedy Night 8 pm	26
27	28 Credit Union Dinner					

HOURS

MONDAYCLOSED
TUESDAY 9 AM - 8 PM
WEDNESDAY 9 AM - 8 PM
THURSDAY 9 AM - 8 PM
FRIDAY 9 AM - 8 PM
SATURDAY 8 AM - 8 PM
SUNDAY 8 AM - 4 PM

PIZZA

TO GO!

CALL THE
RESTAURANT AT

245-2966

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BAR HOURS

MondayCLOSED
Tuesday 9 am-8 pm
Wednesday 9 am-close
Thursday 9 am-8 pm
Friday 9 am-close
Saturday 8 am-close
Sunday 8 am-4 pm

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