



the Briarwood

GOLF COURSE & CLUB

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Ask your server for a copy of your ticket to verify your member number. Sign one copy. Keep a copy for your records. Thank you.

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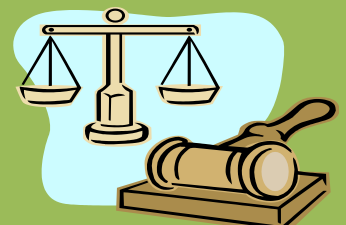
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News from the President

Carey Ziebarth

HELLO MEMBERS, SPRING IS CERTAINLY IN THE AIR AND I SEE GOLFERS OUT AND ABOUT! HOPEFULLY WE START EASING INTO SOME CONSISTENT WEATHER SOON!

I HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO GET OUT A FEW TIMES LATELY AND THE COURSE IS IN FANTASTIC SHAPE.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE MEETING A FEW WEEKS AGO. I THOUGHT THE FEEDBACK WAS POSITIVE AND WELL RECEIVED. THIS IS YOUR CLUB, AND IT IS THE BOARD'S INTENTION TO MAKE THE BEST DECISIONS ON YOUR BEHALF TO GROW AND IMPROVE YOUR INVESTMENT. IF YOU COULD NOT MAKE THE MEETING, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO ANYONE WHO DID ATTEND AND GET EDUCATED ON WHAT WE HOPE IS OUR NEXT PLAN OF IMPROVEMENTS. OUR NEXT STEP IS TO TAKE THE INFORMATION GIVEN AT THE MEETING, AND GET IT OUT TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND. WE WILL HAVE A MORE DETAILED ROUGH DRAFT OF THE POOL AND RESTAURANT IDEAS, ALONG WITH A SYNOPSIS OF THE PLAN GOING FORWARD. ONCE WE FEEL THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP IS EDUCATED, AND HAS HAD THEIR CHANCE TO VOICE AN OPINION, WE AS A BOARD WILL MOVE FORWARD WITH A DECISION.

ANOTHER REMINDER THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10th, AT 6:30PM. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.

WE ALSO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR A GARDENING COMMITTEE. A FEW MEMBERS WITH A GIFT OF A GREEN THUMB FOR A FEW HOURS PER MONTH WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELPING BEAUTIFY THINGS AROUND THE CLUB.

WE HAVE HAD SOME GOOD SUCCESS WITH OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THOSE NEW MEMBERS. LOOK FOR SCOTT TO ARRANGE A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IN THE COMING MONTHS.

LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE SHOWN THIS PAST YEAR. IT IS CERTAINLY NICE TO BE ON THE BOARD AND FEEL APPRECIATED. YOUR BOARD MEMBERS ARE ALL PASSIONATE ABOUT THE BRIARWOOD AND ITS SUCCESS. YES, WE STILL HAVE SOME AREAS TO IMPROVE UPON, BUT OVERALL, WE ARE ALL VERY SPOILED

SINCERELY,

CAREY

News *from the* CLUBHOUSE

Eric Smith, Food & Beverage Director

What a great month we had in February. We had a great Valentines dinner with a tremendous turn out, and we would like to thank everyone that was able to join us. Also last month with the nice weather we saw golfers out on the course and enjoying a huge change from this time last year.

We are looking forward to getting an updated menu and wine list in place during the month of March. Please look for emails on these updates. Changes in the hours of operation for the bar and restaurant will be dependent on the weather in the upcoming weeks.

As of now there are no big parties planned during the month of March. But we look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting. We will have a selection of some light appetizers available that evening.

Thank you from all the staff in the clubhouse for your continued support of the Briarwood Golf Course and Club. We would like to welcome all the new members that have joined over the last few months, to this wonderful club. We look forward to serving you during 2015.

March Bar Hours	March Restaurant Hours
Monday: Closed	Monday: Closed
Tuesday :Closed	Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 11 a.m. to close	Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Friday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Sunday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2015 Briarwood Tournament Calendar

March 1	Presidents Cup signup begins
March 21	March Madness "Money Ball" Tourney (11am Shotgun)
April 1	Briarwood "Team Challenge" starts
April 9-12	Briarwood Majors – The "Masters"
April 10	Clubs & Cards Invitational (12 – 12:30 Tee Times)
April 11	Ladies Clinic (10:00 am)
April 13	Men's League Fun Night (5:45 Shotgun)
April 18	Men's Kickoff Scramble (9:00 Shotgun)
April 20-22	Course Aerification
May 1	Billings High School Golf Fundraiser (8:00 Shotgun)
May 2	Ladies Kickoff Scramble (10:00 Shotgun)
May 8	Chamber of Commerce (7:30 & 1:30 Double Shotgun)
May 15-16	Scratch Team Up
May 23	Couples Kickoff (1:00 Shotgun)
May 29	Cat/Griz Golf War (1pm Shotgun)
May 30 –31	Member – Member (8:00 – 11:00 both days)
June 4	Vision Net (8am Shotgun)
June 6	Midnight Masters #1 – Full Moon Golf (10pm Start)
June 8	Senior Men's Interclub (9am Shotgun)
June 9	Junior Lessons Start (8:00 – 11:00)
June 9	Couples League (5:45)
June 11-14	Briarwood Majors – The U.S. Open
June 14	Fathers Day Tournament
June 16	Auto Auction Golf Tourney (12:00 Shotgun)
June 19	NAIFA Classic (8am Shotgun)
June 20	Couples Event (3:00)
June 27	The "Bash" Ladies Member – Guest (9:00 Tee-Times)
June 29	Briarwood Men's Pro-Am (8:00 Tee Times Start)
July 4	4th of July Flag Tournament (All Day)
July 9	Junior Lesson Finale (8:00 – 11:00)
July 10	A&H Turf Specialties (1pm Shotgun)
July 13	Yellowstone County Juniors (7am)
July 16-19	Briarwood Majors – British Open
July 20	Yellowstone County Juniors (7am)
July 23-25	The "Tangle" Men's Member – Guest (7:30 & 1:00 Shotguns all 3 days)
July 27-29	Course Aerification
August 2	Couples Event (3:00)
August 6	MNLA Fall Tour Scramble (1pm Shotgun)
August 8	Sandi Sullivan Wedding (Upstairs Only)
August 6-9	Briarwood Majors – PGA Championship
August 15-16	Men's & Women's Club Championships (8:30 Tee-Times both days)
August 22	Midnight Masters #2 - Full Moon Golf (10pm Start)
August 25	Briarwood Ladies Pro-Am
August 28	Billings Clinic Classic (8:30 Shotgun)
September 3	SM Energy (1pm Shotgun)
September 6	Briarwood Open (All Day)
September 7	Briarwood Men's Pro-Am (8:00 Tee Times Start)
September 10	Yellowjacket Cup (MSU-B Alumni Fundraiser) 12:00 Shotgun
September 14	Sysco Classic
September 15	Realtors Golf Toumey (1pm Shotgun – 9 Holes)
September 17-20	Briarwood Majors "Tour Championship"
October 3	CAT - GRIZ Match Play (10:00 Shotgun)
October 11	***Briarwood Ryder Cup***

News *from the* MAINTENANCE

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

Back in February, we got a nice surprise of being able to play golf with some very nice temperatures. In addition to the golf, I was able to get a good look at the course. The course wintered very well, apart from the odd tree limb and the vole traffic. As one would expect, over the winter, we had a few tree limbs that came down. However, there was nothing worth noting and the clean up of the course will continue into March. Under the snow, during December and January, the voles were very active. Thankfully they chose to stay off and away from the greens. Once the soil temperatures begin to increase and the grass begins to grow, the damage will quickly heal.

If the weather is favorable in March, my plan is to rent a small excavator in order to repair the creek bank, at 6 green, and replace the big rocks that had tumbled into hole created by last year's flood. Once that is done, we will finish the rock wall behind back tee at hole 6. Now that the soil has finished settling on the edge of the slope, we can safely put the rock in place. After that work is completed, we will move to the rock drainage behind the condos, adjacent to the driving range. 30 years of silt and contamination from snow melt, rain runoff, and street flooding have created an eyesore and inefficient drainage area. We will do what we can to fix it.

There is a long list of little things that need to be done to the course, to get ready for the golfing/growing season. One of the factors that has a big effect on how well and quick we/I accomplish the "little things" is the weather. For example; if the temperatures stay average or below, the soil temps will not support the manipulating of the greens surface. Which means the greens will not be "quick" until the soils and the plants can survive the program. Currently, it is not cost effective to force nature's processes. The Maintenance Department is best suited to make the judgement call for determining when it is safe to "speed" things up. Despite the rumors we always manage to get there! Another factor is the labor force. The last few years it has been difficult to compete with the oil boom in North Dakota for employees as they pay considerably better. I'm optimistic that I can get more help in for the season, with the influx of people into our region, that can help take care of the "little things".

I hesitate to write this part but I do so as reminder to the members/golfers that everyone should be repairing their ball marks on the greens, raking the portions of the bunkers disturbed from playing the shots out, and using the cart paths around the green and tee complexes where we have them. As we move forward and try to improve the golf course it will take everyone's effort.

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

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March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 President Cup Signup Begins	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time	9	10 Annual Meeting 6:30	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 March Madness Tourney 11am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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The Briarwood is proud to be home to the



Central High golf team

Annual Meeting

March 10th

6:30pm

Please plan on attending

Welcome New Members

Gene Stokoe	Proprietary
Brad Volbrecht	Proprietary
Josh Kelly	Proprietary
Thomas Dunne	Single
Kris topher Ri vers	Young Professional
Tyler Johnston	Young Professional
Robert Efinger	Proprietary
Randy Shelton	Elite Social
C. Scott Anderson	Proprietary
John Fisher	Proprietary
Jeff Krieger	Proprietary
Dona to Judice	Proprietary
Pat Hagan	Proprietary
Chris Verlanic	Young Professional
Kelly Sanders	Proprietary
Brock Bertelson	Proprietary
Brandon Roberts	Proprietary
Neil Johnson	Proprietary
Brandon Pope	Young Professional
Amanda Bechtold	Young Professional

Membership Status

(as of Mar. 1, 2015)

Proprietary/Corp	205
Business	8
Single	32
Young Professional	32
Non-Resident	2
Elite Social	19
Founder	8
TOTAL	306

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Monday.....	CLOSED
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Sunday.....	8:00 -2PM

PIZZA

TO

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Thursday.....	11:00-8PM
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