



the Briarwood

GOLF COURSE & CLUB

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Happy Thanksgiving



*****Remember*****

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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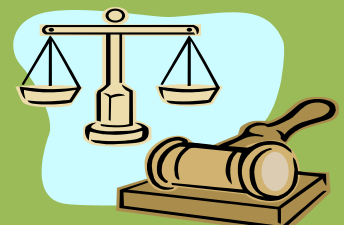
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News *from the* President

Carey Ziebarth

Hello Members,

The leaves have fallen and fall golf is upon us. To make sure you can find your golf ball, don't hit it in the rough!! The fairway is a much better option!!

The course is in great shape and with daily traffic slowing it's the best time to bring out your buddies and enjoy a round of golf.

I wanted to thank everyone who came out to the meeting on Sunday to voice their opinions and concerns. I certainly heard a lot of passion around the club and it's exciting to receive the support we heard. I am excited to inform the membership that the board voted to proceed with these projects. This is an exciting time for the club and the changes we are making will solidify our presence as the best club in the valley. It will also pave the way for membership growth and opportunity for generations to come. As discussed, our timeframe is to begin as soon as possible upstairs and begin the spring with a fresh new start. A new look, a new menu, new management and a whole new attitude.

The second project which is the pool will begin next fall and extend thru the winter for an opening in the summer of 2017.

I feel like the board has developed a very solid plan with a new management structure, and projects that will make a positive impact for our current and potential members. This plan will also elevate the value you have in your membership going forward.

As communicated at the meeting, please join me in congratulating Scott Peko vich on his new role as our *General Manager*. Scott has a background in excellent customer service and we are looking forward to the passion he has around the Briarwood. Scott will oversee the entire club including Pro Shop, Restaurant, Grounds and office beginning January 1st.

Sincerely,

Carey

News *from the* CLUBHOUSE

Eric Smith, Food and Beverage Director

November is here. With that come cooler temperatures so be sure to bundle up and grab something warm to drink from the bar before you head out to play. Right now we only have one party planned for the month of November and that will be on Friday November 20th. This party will take up most of the dining room so seating will be limited in the clubhouse that night.

We are currently not taking any more parties for the month of December as of the moment due to the pending renovations. We are very excited to see the changes in the clubhouse.

Due to being short staffed the shacks will be closed for the remainder of the year. Please be sure to stock up at the clubhouse before you head out on the course.

On a sadder note it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that this will be my last newsletter, as my family and I have decided to move to Helena. It has been a great pleasure getting to know the membership here at the Briarwood. Thank you all for all the support you have shown during my time here. I will cherish my time that I have spent here as one of the best experiences I have had in my career. I will miss working at the Briarwood, but it is time for the next chapter in my career to unfold. The membership has made this a great fun place to work and I wish you all the best with the things to come.



November Bar Hours	November Restaurant Hours
Monday: 11 a.m. to Close	Monday: Closed
Tuesday : 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to Close	Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to Close	Friday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to Close	Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m. to Close	Sunday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

News from the PROSHOP

Scott Pekovich, Head Golf Pro

October turned out to be a great golf month here at Briarwood, the course and weather was absolutely fabulous!!!. The annual Briarwood Cat/Griz match play was cancelled due to rain, it will be promoted and held in early Spring 2016. Also the Briarwood Ryder cup was held on October 11th with 27 holes of fun competition between the (24) Members who qualified based on their participation throughout the year. The **RED Team** captained by yours truly won for the 4th year in a row!!! This event was tougher than usual based on the high winds, but all Members competed hard and had a lot of fun. Thank you to all who played in this unique event, and to everyone that supported the events here at Briarwood throughout the 2015 golf season.

Congratulations to our 2015 Presidents Cup Match Play Champion, Mr. Kevin Thompson. Kevin played some great golf throughout the summer to navigate thru a tough field of 40 Members to win this years' title. Final results for the 2015 Presidents Cup:

1 st	Kevin Thompson
2 nd	Peter Benson
3 rd & 4 th	Joe Rand, Joe Nickisch
5 th -8 th	Thad Lensing, John Tripp, Kyle Thelen, Stu Summers

The year is coming to an end and a lot of the Members have earned Pro-Shop Credit throughout the year. If you have any questions on how much credit you may have, please call the Pro-Shop (248-2702) to see what you may have to spend.

For those of you who are interested in anything **Oakley**, **Garmin**, **Bushnell**, and **Nike**, you may visit their respective websites and write down the model number and get a hold of one of us here in the Pro-Shop to place an order for Christmas.

***All Pro-Shop Credit must be used by December 15th!!!!**

Winter Pro-Shop Hours if the course is closed due to weather:

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am – 2:30pm

Sundays CLOSED

News *from the* MAINTENANCE

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

Now that the irrigation ponds are full and that the need for irrigation water is minimal, I have shut down the river pumps for the season. This year's water use is 65,249,900 gallons. This amount is very similar to the last 2 years where we used 66 (2014) and 68(2013) million gallons. These amounts of water reflect the request, by the membership, to have a lush playing surface as much as possible and still be playable. Doesn't always happen, with the state of the irrigation system, but we try hard to make it so. I'll pass along an observation, that some of you may have also notice. As the course comes out of winter into spring and then as the ground starts to thaw, our soils start to move around a bit. Just the nature of the soils at Briarwood. As the soils move, any defect (whether it is normal wear and tear or manufacturing defect or poor assembly) will be the site of a failure. In 2015, we had 8 such failures which seem to be the normal average for this course.

Most of the course is in good condition going into winter, so with a normal winter it would be expected that the course will be in good condition next spring. As of this writing there are still leaves on the trees. What is left of the crew still has leaves to deal with and also preparing the course for daily play. We are doing what we can, considering the size of the property, the staff size, and the amount of work in front of us.

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

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November 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Closed <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27	28
29	30					

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The Briarwood is proud to be home to the  Central High golf team



Welcome New Members

David Hill Proprietary
 Jeremy Stewart Proprietary



Membership Status

(As of Nov. 1, 2015)

Proprietary/Corp	221
Business	11
Single	49
Young Professional	29
Non-Resident	2
Elite Social	14
Founder	8
TOTAL	334

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HOURS

Monday.....CLOSED
 Tuesday.....9:00-8PM
 Wednesday.....9:00-8PM
 Thursday.....9:00-8PM
 Friday.....9:00-9PM
 Saturday.....8:00-9PM
 Sunday.....8:00-5PM

**PIZZA
 TO
 GO!**

BAR HOURS

Monday.....11:00-Close
 Tuesday.....9:00-9PM
 Wednesday.....9:00-Close
 Thursday.....9:00-9PM
 Friday.....9:00-CLOSE
 Saturday.....8:00-CLOSE
 Sunday.....8:00-Close

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