



the Briarwood

GOLF COURSE & CLUB

VOLUME 11, ISSUE 9

SEPT. 2014



CAT / GRIZ

Tournament

Saturday October 4th

10:00 Shotgun

2-Person Net Best Ball

Match Play Format

\$25 per Player



*****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.

Briarwood Board of Directors

Officers:

President: Carey Ziebarth

Vice President: Carol Kirby

Treasure/Secretary: Greg Glueckert

Directors:

Thomas O'Toole

Spencer Frederick

Roger Hermanson

Joe Rand

Matt Braukmann

Bruce Hamm



News from the President

Carey Ziebarth

WELL, MOST WOULD SAY THE SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN AND OUR GOLF SEASON IS COMING TO A CLOSE. WELL I DONT SEE IT THAT WAY. FALL GOLF IS SOME OF THE BEST GOLF!! OUR COURSE IS IN SUPERB SHAPE, THE WEATHER IS VERY NICE, AND COURSE TRAFFIC SLOWS DOWN MAKING A VERY GOOD GOLF EXPERIENCE. SO LET'S NOT SETTLE FOR SUMMERS END AND MAKE THE FALL A SECOND GOLF SEASON!!

I WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. I THINK THE EVENT WAS FLAWLESS. THE STAFF DID A GREAT JOB AS ALWAYS, THE COURSE WAS IN PERFECT SHAPE AND PLAYED VERY WELL. A JOB WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE CLUB CHAMPIONS!! WE HOPE TO SEE MORE OF YOU IN NEXT YEARS EVENT!!

BRIARWOOD WILL SEE MANY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER, BUT A MUST IS THE BRIARWOOD OPEN. IF YOU HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT, IT'S A MUST! SEAN TRICKS UP THE COURSE AND PUTS US ALL TO A FUN TEST OF GOLF. THIS EVENT REALLY SHOWS JUST HOW TOUGH OUR GOLF COURSE CAN PLAY. I WILL SEE YOU ALL OUT HERE ON THE 7TH!! ALSO, OUR SECOND PRO-AM ON THE 8TH, THE COUNTY AM ON THE 13TH, AND BRIARWOOD MAJORS TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP THE 19TH. TOLD YOU GOLF SEASON ISNT DONE!!!!

BY NOW, # 11 AND #16 SHOULD BE ALMOST COMPLETE. A LITTLE LANDSCAPE AND A RAIL ON 16 SHOULD FINISH THESE PROJECTS. I THINK BOTH TURNED OUT GREAT AND PUTS US TWO MORE HOLES DONE TOWARDS COMPLETION OF ALL PATHS!!

AS ALWAYS, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BRIARWOOD. IT'S YOUR CLUB, AND IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU WE HAVE THE BEST GOLF CLUB AROUND. WE ARE ALL VERY FORTUNATE TO BE A PART OF SUCH A GREAT CLUB.

SINCERELY,

CAREY ZIEBARTH

News *from the* Maintenance

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

Clubhouse Edition

Frost delays: why are they necessary?

Bottom line:

Frost poses the most serious threat to turf health and appearance during the winter months.

There is really only one way to avoid frost damage, and that is to avoid all traffic – from golfers, to golf carts to maintenance equipment – until the frost has melted. !

A miracle of Nature, or a threat? Frost occurs when the soil surface is 32°F (0°C) or below, causing dew to freeze on turf. The ice crystals that form (see below) are lovely to look at, but are also the most serious hazard to the health and appearance of turf during the winter months.

All types and heights of turf can be damaged by frost — warm and cool season grasses, as well as greens, fairways and roughs.

The overall look produced by frost is a silvery sheen, as illustrated on this frosty bent-grass fairway.

Frost + traffic = cracking under pressure: Frost by itself doesn't necessarily cause damage to turf. However, when weight is applied to frosted turf in the form of foot or vehicular traffic, there's trouble. This is because frost transforms turf from a soft, springy surface to a fragile, brittle surface that cracks when pressure is placed on it.

Golf cart traffic on frosty turf results in damage that appears 2-3 days later, such as the cart traffic damage seen below.

Walking on frosty greens also produces foot shaped patterns of brown, dead turf. In both cases, turf is slow to recover, leaving unsightly brown areas for weeks or even months.

Avoiding turf damage: Frost is usually an early morning problem that is relieved once the sun comes up and air temperatures rise. Once frost crystals melt (below), turf is safe for foot and vehicular traffic.

There is really only one way to avoid frost damage, and that is to avoid all traffic—golfers, carts and maintenance equipment—until it has melted.

Early morning irrigation can help speed the melting process, but unless air temperatures rise sufficiently and all of the leaf and stem tissues are unfrozen, the best policy is to delay golf and maintenance operations until all signs of frost are gone.

News from the CLUBHOUSE

Eric Smith, Food & Beverage Director

With summer coming to an end, we would like to thank everyone for their support of the clubhouse over the summer. We've had a terrific summer and lots of positive comments on the food and service provided by our year round staff as well as the summer staff.

The pool will be closed as of September 2nd so we can get it cleaned and ready for the winter. We had a great season at the pool even though it was a slow start to summer. I hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy the pool and the changes we had made this year. We are already looking forward to next summer. I will keep you updated on improvements planned for next year. Thank you all for your support of the pool this year.

With summer coming to an end it's time to start booking those holiday parties for your company or just a group of friends. Please contact Eric at 245-2966 to get your party date reserved.

We have one event in the clubhouse so far in September that isn't tournament related, and that is on Friday September 26th for about 30 people.

I hope everyone has been getting the weekly specials via email, website, or on the Briarwood Ridgewood community Facebook page. Please continue to look for those. If you are not receiving the emails listing the weekly specials and would like to please let me know so that I can get you added to the mailing list.

As a result of the school year starting up again we lost a lot of our staff. We are doing everything we can to accommodate the members as much as we can. We may have to close the shacks on days they are normally open due to the staffing issue. So please check with the bartender before heading out on the course just to make sure if the shacks will be open or not that day.

Lastly, congratulations to all of our club champions. Everyone had a great time and had a lot of positive feedback about the event including the food. Thank you to everyone that participated in this fantastic event

June Bar Hours	June Restaurant Hours
Monday: 11 a.m. to close	Monday: closed
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to close	Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: 8 a.m. to close	Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Thursday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Friday: 8 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 close	Sunday: 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Champions
DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Thank you all again for the increasing support we are seeing here in the clubhouse!

News *from the* PROSHOP

Scott Pekovich, Head Golf Pro

Summer is winding down but there will be months of fantastic play left here at the Briarwood. We had a blast at this years' Club Championships with a lot of familiar faces and quite a few new ones who had participated for the first time. Congratulations to the following 2014 Briarwood Club Champions:

Men's	Drew LeVeaux
Ladies	Lisa Forsberg
SR Men	Lew Hammermeister
SR Ladies	Jan Thompson
Juniors	Austin Egan

Again, thank you to all (68) Members who participated, what a great event!

September Events:

Sept 4 th	SM Energy (1pm Shotgun)
Sept. 7 th	Briarwood Open (Open to ALL Members all day long)
Sept 12 th	YellowJacket Cup – MSU B Fundraiser (12pm Shotgun)
Sept 13 &14	Men's County Amateur
Sept 15 th	Sysco Classic (1pm Shotgun)
Sept 16th	Realtor's Golf Tourney (1pm – 9 Holes)
Sept 19-21	Briarwood Majors – PGA Tour Championship

We are going to have another busy month out here at Briarwood, let us know if there is anything the Pro-Shop Staff can do to make your Membership here at Briarwood more enjoyable!

Golf Tip of the Month:

Putting – All putts are to be hit straight!! Just pick a spot when aiming to accommodate for the break you are expecting, keep your head still and focus on using your shoulders when making your putting stroke.

Golf Etiquette:

Please make an extra effort when driving your carts to keep them on the paths when available and away from the trouble areas in order to keep the course in excellent shape from tee to green.

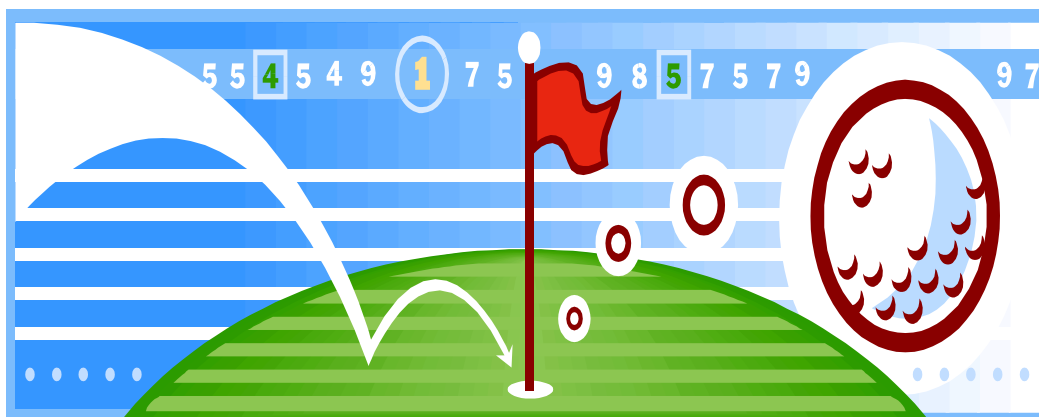
Briarwood Etiquette Corner

Repair your ball mark plus the ball marks around you
Rake your footprints and splash from the bunkers after playing
your shot

**Use the cart paths where we have them, and
keep all 4 tires on the paths whether they are
gravel, decomposed asphalt, or concrete**

Scatter every chance you get, while driving the carts. Don't
keep exiting and entering the cart paths in the same spots

When you are done using the ball washers put the plunger
down



the Briarwood

GOLF COURSE & CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Pool Closed</i>	3	4 SM Energy 1:00pm	5	6
7 Briarwood Open	8 Briarwood Men's Pro-Am 8:00	9	10	11	12 YellowJacket Cup 12:00 Shotgun	13 Men's County Amateur
14 Men's County Amateur	15 Sysco Classic 1:00	16 Realtors Golf Tourney 1pm	17	18	19 Briarwood Majors	20 Briarwood Majors
21 Briarwood Majors	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

email: briarwood.golf@bresnan.net

website: www.thebriarwoodgc.com

Follow us on [Facebook](#)

The Briarwood is proud to be home to the



Central High golf team



Welcome New Members

Joe Holland Proprietary

Membership Status

(as of Sept. 1, 2014)

Proprietary/Corp	210
Business	9
Single	31
Young Professional	31
Non-Resident	5
Elite Social	23
Founder	8
TOTAL	317

the Briarwood

GOLF COURSE & CLUB

HOURS

Monday.....CLOSED
 Tuesday..... 8:00-9pm
 Wednesday..... 8:00-9PM
 Thursday..... 8:00-9PM
 Friday..... 8:00-9PM
 Saturday..... 8:00-9PM
 Sunday.....8:00 -7PM

PIZZA

TO
GO!

245-2966

BAR HOURS

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

THE BRIARWOOD PHONE DIRECTORY

Pro Shop	248-2702	Maintenance	248-5153
Clubhouse	245-2966	Office	248-1215