



the Briarwood

GOLF COURSE & CLUB

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Tournament

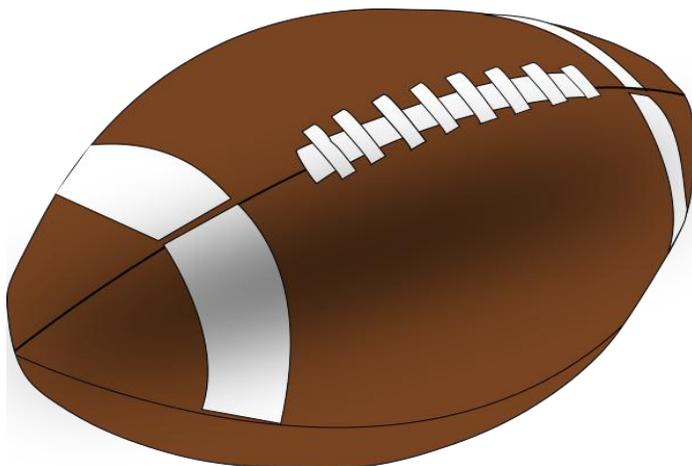
Saturday October 3rd

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

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President: Carey Ziebarth

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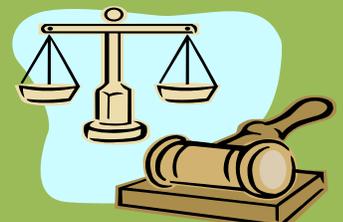
Roger Hermanson

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Gary Carlson

Greg Hart

Paul Keneally



News *from the* President

Carey Ziebarth

Hello Members,

Summer is still here and the course is in the best shape of the season. There are still many nice golf days as we head into the fall season and I hope all of you continue to come out and play.

We are getting closer to being able to send out information on a few project proposals around the club. These are the same projects we held a special meeting for in the spring. Hopefully we can get that information out in the next 30 days for you to view and provide some feedback.

Respectfully, I also wanted to touch on some simple guidelines for all of us out here at the club around course etiquette and overall respect towards others. Please always be mindful of others while at the club, be respectful of the club rules, and always be respectful to the staff and each other. If you are unsure of any club rules, bi-laws, or regulations, you can pick up a copy at anytime from the office.

Hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holiday weekend!

Sincerely,

Carey

News from the CLUBHOUSE

Eric Smith, Food and Beverage Director

As we move our way through the year September is here. I know there are a lot of people looking forward to moving past the extreme heat of summer, and into some wonderful fall golf. Now is a great time to join us on the patio for some drinks after your round.

We have no big parties planned at this time for the month of September. Please feel free to stop and try some of the wonderful dishes our chefs have been coming up with during breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

I would also like to remind everyone that the company party season will be here before we know it. If you are planning on holding a company holiday party or any other gathering here at the Briarwood please call and set your dates up as soon as possible as we tend to fill up fast the closer it gets to the end of the year.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the clubhouse. It has been a crazy summer trying to get and keep enough staff around and we would like to thank everyone for their understanding. Don't forget to stop in and try some of the nightly specials that our great chefs have been selling also come try some of their desserts. We look forward to seeing everyone throughout the fall golf season.



September Bar Hours	September Restaurant Hours
Monday: 11 a.m. to Close	Monday: Closed
Tuesday : 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.	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 10 p.m.	Thursday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to Close	Friday: 8 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 9 p.m.	Sunday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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 year's 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 2015 Briarwood Club Champions:

Men's Jay Marschall

Ladies Lisa Forsberg

SR Men Stu Summers

SR Ladies Deb Savas

Juniors Hayden Flohr

Again, thank you to all (73) Members who participated, what a great event!

September Events:

Sept 3rd SM Energy (1pm Shotgun)

Sept. 6th Briarwood Open (Open to ALL Members all day long)

Sept 11th A&H Turf Specialties (1pm Shotgun)

Sept 14th Sysco Classic (1pm Shotgun)

Sept 18th Lacrosse Fundraiser (1pm Shotgun)

Sept 24-27 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.

Also, just a friendly reminder that a collared shirt must be worn by all Members and their guest during play and when using the practice facilities!

News *from the* MAINTENANCE

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

On behalf of the maintenance staff and myself we would like to formally thank Lisa Forsberg for providing us a very nice lunch, August 26th. We appreciate that you appreciate our efforts to keep the course moving forward.

I was, recently, asked if we could fill the irrigation to any level we wanted. Theoretically yes, is the answer. But here are a few factors that play a part in the level of the irrigation ponds, during the year. During the winter, when we are not able to pump water from the river for obvious reasons, the upper pond loses water to the lower pond because a leak in the 35 year old gate valve. Nothing we can do about it except to, drain the pond, dig up the dam, replace the gate valve, rebuild the dam, then refill in the Spring. Probably expensive to do, as well. But we can live with it as is. Water from the upper pond maintains the level in the lower pond during the winter, so no perceived problems at this time. During the Spring when we turn on the irrigation system, we can start to transfer water back to the upper pond. That level is maintained by a float switch, that opens a valve when the level drops due to evaporation and leakage. We continue this process throughout the year, as long as the irrigation system is running. As we start to transfer water from the lower to the upper pond we install the river pump into the river and begin pumping water 2 ½ miles to the lower pond. At this time of the year it is fairly easy to maintain the pond levels as there is little water going out onto the course. Input is higher than the output. In May and early June I try not to pump water from the river, during Spring thaw, as it contains a lot of sediment. Think of it as liquid sandpaper. Pumping at that time of year, at the volume that we can pump at (960,000 gallons per day) will wear out the components of the pumps. That would be the expensive pumps that are critical to operations of this course. So I am willing to give up a 100% full pond, in order to protect the pumps and the overall condition of the course. Upper pond will maintain the proper level throughout the Spring thaw. As the water recedes, at the river, I leave the pumps to run 24/7. During the early part of the Summer, while the river is still high, input matches output at about 960,00 gallons a day. As the Summer goes on, the river level drops as does the amount of water being pumped to the course. This change has to do with pump dynamics and the elevation distance from the river to the 100hp pump on the river bank. Usually mid July the river input (590,000 gallons) is lower than course output and that trend continues throughout August until mid to late September. The lower pond will start to lose depth due to evaporation, and irrigation usage because it is hot and dry. Only when we get timely rains can we bank some more water in the lower pond. Then in the Fall it becomes easy to manage the level of the pond, as the grass starts to slow down and the days get cooler.

So here are some factors, that we go through every year, that affect the operations of the pump which in turn contribute to the level of the ponds. In 2008, when the city ran new sewer lines they raised the pond bank across from the clubhouse, at the pump house. So what I consider full is different than the

member's perception of full. At the "new" full level, when we irrigate the course the submersible pumps lift the water up the wet well. That in turn starts to rust the platform that the pumps and motors rest on. My preference is not to prematurely wear out a \$100,000 investment. Next, because the river pumps are 2 ½ miles away on someone else's property we cannot keep a constant watch on them. The pumps are subject to environmental and power problems. Rain, snow, freezing temps, heat, moths, cows all impacts the pumps and motors to some degree. Then the power company is always having power issues, from loss of a leg of power, to brown outs, to complete loss of power. Each time that happens we lose precious pumping time and the system has to be restarted following the proper procedure. Then there is the component failure due to usage, which happens fairly often. Lastly, as was the case last year we get a letter from the State telling us to shut down pumping operations until the river flow increases or as was the case this year when the river got so low that the pumps shut down on their own.

We are sitting on 50 –60 million gallons of water, more than enough to manage this course for a summer. I know I have done it. So if you are concerned about the level of the ponds going up and down throughout the year, now you know what the cause is. There are some solutions to the fluctuations, in water levels or how the ponds look when the level is lower, but it is an expensive fix to a temporary problem .

Sean

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September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <i>SM Energy</i> <i>1pm</i> <i>Shotgun</i>	4	5
6 <i>Briarwood</i> <i>Open</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <i>A&H</i> <i>Turf</i> <i>1pm</i> <i>Shotgun</i>	12
13	14 <i>Sysco</i> <i>Classic</i> <i>1pm</i> <i>Shotgun</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Lacrosse</i> <i>Fundraiser</i> <i>1pm</i> <i>Shotgun</i>	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Briarwood</i> <i>Majors</i>	25 <i>Briarwood</i> <i>Majors</i>	26 <i>Briarwood</i> <i>Majors</i>
27 <i>Briarwood</i> <i>Majors</i>	28	29	26	30		

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The Briarwood is proud to be home to the



Central High golf team



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Welcome New Members

T. Ed Jensen	Proprietary
Greg Rolandson	Proprietary
Mark Stevenson	Proprietary
Larry Radi	Proprietary
Danny Ator	Single
G. Jay Badget	Single



Membership Status

(As of Sept. 1, 2015)

Proprietary/Corp	226
Business	11
Single	51
Young Professional	33
Non-Resident	2
Elite Social	17
Founder	8
TOTAL	348

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!**

BAR HOURS

Monday.....	11:00-Close
Tuesday.....	8:00-10PM
Wednesday.....	8:00-Close
Thursday.....	8:00-10PM
Friday.....	8:00-CLOSE
Saturday.....	8:00-CLOSE
Sunday.....	8:00-9PM

245-2966

THE BRIARWOOD PHONE DIRECTORY

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