

# The Briarwood CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Tee Times begin at 8:00 am

Cost: \$55  
(Includes dinner on Saturday night)



## DINNER:

Pork Tenderloin  
Veggies  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Salads  
Rolls  
Dessert

## Welcome New Members!

Amanda Wilcox ..... Social  
Tim Loudan ..... Proprietary  
John Fredlund ..... Proprietary  
Chris Johnson ..... Social  
Michelle Murray ..... Social  
Lindee Mollring ..... Social

### Membership Status

(as of July 21, 2008)

Proprietary/Corp-Primary ..... 300  
Non-Resident ..... 14  
Social ..... 31  
Briarwood Subdivision ..... 25  
Founder ..... 8  
**TOTAL ..... 378**

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# Message *from the* PRESIDENT

*Kelly Varnes*

August! I hope you are all getting some golf in because we all know school is just around the corner. The club championship is coming up and even if you don't like to play competitively, I recommend you give it a try. You will surprise yourself on how much fun you have and you will get the chance to meet some other members. Moreover, you have a golf course that is in tremendous condition and there is no reason not to enjoy it. With fuel at its price level, a trip out to the course is cheaper than a day at Wild Bill Lake.

The noise issue with our troublesome neighbor continues. This neighbor still is contacting the city about our maintenance practices. The police show up and advise us they are responding to the call and that is about it at this point. They are also continuing their research into the issue by measuring the ambient noise levels on the course at the property boundary of this troublesome neighbor. We are not yet privy to the readings the city is getting on their equipment. We will continue to deal with this issue as it develops.

The board is still short one director. In previous newsletters Katie and I have

asked for brave souls to step up and fill the vacant position. We all have very busy lives, but I think you will find sitting on the board, or even one of the committees very informative. So one more time, are there any takers out there for the vacancy on the board? We sure could use your help.

As fall approaches, you will start to see more sewer related activities on or around the course. At the beginning of the golf season, the board asked the consulting engineer to mark the proposed path of the sewer line through the course. The engineer did so with pretty good sized lath with flags or orange paint. The concentration of our members on their golf game was astonishing to me as not one person has inquired about what the markers were for or meant. I mean that as a compliment, but please do look around you while you are on the course and don't hesitate to ask questions if you see something different.

August is scheduled to be a very busy month so be sure to check the calendar with this issue, or the web page or call the pro-shop. We are continuing to make improvements to our operation. Many of them you may not readily see, but

we continue to try to move forward and provide the best experience we can. So if you haven't been out to the course, make it a point before the season ends. The staff will be glad to see you.

## Midnight Masters

Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

\$30<sup>00</sup> per person

Come out and  
play golf under the  
light of the full moon!

**Keg Beer included in entry fee**

## TANGLE RESULTS

The 2008 Tangle was a great success! 82 teams signed-up for this year's tournament. Thanks to the Tangle committee for all their hard work: Scott Hatler, Jerry Jones, and Mike Hoiness. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Tangle so successful! We couldn't have done it without you!

### Congratulations to our winners!

**Overall Champions - Jim Sullivan & Jim Sullivan, Sr.**

#### *Flight A*

- 1st - Curt Finnicum & Jeff Peete - 123
- 2nd - Ken Taft & Shawn Taft - 125
- 3rd - Kyle Conroy & Joel Stott - 127
- 4th - Brian Rand & Steve Astengo - 129
- 5th - Jim Stott & Cody Winterholler - 130
- 6th - Steve Cassity & Josh Hale - 133
- 7th - Steve Studer & Greg Hardy - 135
- 8th - Jerry Jones & Brian Linde - 136

#### *Flight B*

- 1st - Peter Benson & Frank Costello - 123
- 2nd - Rich Chirrick & Tony Orr - 127
- 3rd - Jim Kisling & Steve Robison - 128
- 4th - Thad Lensing & James Rentifro - 130
- 4th - Bill Toner & Keith Cook - 130
- 4th - Todd Buchanan & Nick Brynglson - 130
- 7th - Carter Stewart & Tom Ryan - 132
- 8th - Paul Neutgens & Rick Smith - 134
- 8th - Pat Behm & Matt Wheeler

#### *Flight C*

- 1st - Jim Sullivan & Jim Sullivan Sr. - 122
- 2nd - Andy Boetticher & Ron Smith - 127
- 3rd - Dave Seitz & Mark Gallegos - 129
- 3rd - Steve Murch & Raul Sanchez - 129
- 5th - Mark Davies & Mark Geering - 130
- 5th - Nick Tafoya & Keith Tafoya - 130
- 7th - Greg Pederson & Pete Pedersen - 132

# News from the MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

*Sean Sullivan, CGCS*

The golf course has survived July in relatively good shape. The temps were at the 30 year average for the Billings area, 89 degrees. Last July the monthly average was 94 degrees. Other than the temperatures there are several other factors that can be attributed to the improvement of the overall conditions of the course.

**Greens:** We have applied more wetting agents to the greens to get better water infiltration. We have raised the height of cut, slightly, to have a healthier plant. We have applied more and different growth regulators to the greens to keep the same green speed as the low height of cut. Additionally, the growth regulators suppress seed head production of the Poa Annua for a smoother roll.

**Fairways:** Have been seeded and aerated twice this summer. Also, for this summer we have treated the fairways with growth regulators and ammonium sulfate. I think everyone will agree that the fairways are improving. The fairways will get an application of fertilizer in mid August to boost the fall growth, healing, and root production.

**Tees:** The tees have been aerated twice and seeded once, so far this summer. In addition to monthly fertilizer applications, the tees have been treated with a bio stimulant. The bio stimulant was used to help with the thatch problem and to soften the soil. Another application is scheduled for the second week of August.

**Roughs:** The roughs are still growing

well. As the summer wears on, however, the outer edges will start to go into summer dormancy. Don't worry, as the fall approaches the roughs will rebound quickly. The roughs will also get a fertilizer application in mid August.

**Water:** We have had no problems with either the river pumps or the new irrigation pumps. Knock on wood; I've waited 6 years to say that.

The month of August, for the maintenance department, is just a survival month. If we get through the month with little or no worsening conditions, then the fall should be excellent. For the golfers, stay hydrated and play early in the day. Fix your ball marks at every hole, to prevent the greens from getting any more marked up.

August 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 S.P.E. Tournament Double Shotgun	2 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm
3 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	4	5 Junior Tournament Couples League	6	7 Realtor Tournament Ladies League	8	9 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
10 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	11	12 Couples League	13	14 Ladies League	15 Happy Caddy Cup	16 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm MIDNIGHT MASTERS
17 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	18	19 Couples League	20	21 Ladies League	22 Ferguson Tournament	23 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm
24 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	25 Men's Pro AM	26 Couples League	27	28 Ladies League	29	30 Rehearsal Dinner
31 Briarwood Open						

## HOURS

MONDAY .....CLOSED  
TUESDAY ..... 9 AM - 9 PM  
WEDNESDAY ..... 9 AM-CLOSE  
THURSDAY ..... 9 AM - 9 PM  
FRIDAY ..... 9 AM - 9 PM  
SATURDAY ..... 8 AM - 9 PM  
SUNDAY ..... 8 AM - 8 PM

# PIZZA

# TO GO!

CALL THE  
RESTAURANT AT

# 245-2966

## BAR HOURS

Monday ..... 11 am-7 pm  
(weather permitting)  
Tuesday ..... 9 am-9 pm  
Wednesday ..... 9 am-close  
Thursday ..... 9 am-9 pm  
Friday ..... 9 am-9 pm  
Saturday ..... 8 am-9 pm  
Sunday ..... 8 am-8 pm

## NOW SERVING

### BREAKFAST

Tues-Fri..9-11 Sat/Sun .. 8-12

### 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