

FLAG TOURNAMENT

★ Friday ★ July 4th ★

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tee time

248-2702

\$10 per person



Welcome New Members!

Ross Johnson..... Briarwood Sub.
 Ben BrownProprietary
 C.J. Zielie.....Proprietary
 Kim Cunningham.....Social
 Randy BellSocial
 Martin WollenbergSocial
 Kevin brodock..... Briarwood Sub.
 Michale SollarsSocial
 Jeff Votaw.....Social
 Mike Matovich.....Proprietary

Membership Status

(as of June 25, 2008)

Proprietary/Corp-Primary	301
Non-Resident	13
Social.....	29
Briarwood Subdivision	25
Founder	8
TOTAL.....	376

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Message *from the* PRESIDENT

Kelly Varnes

It has been good to see so many of you out enjoying the golf course and club since the weather finally changed. As typical for Montana we went from drought when I prepared the last article for the news letter to nearly a flood to 90 degree heat. Spring sort of got lost in the transition somewhere. The membership has really turned out for club events so far this year. I know the staff appreciates the interest as they try hard to make the events enjoyable. Keep coming out.

The thunderstorm season is upon us. I urge you all when playing in the afternoon, to watch for impending thunder and lightening. It isn't being a sissy to stop play and wait the half hour or hour for the storm to pass. Listen for and take heed of the siren from the clubhouse when it blows. And no, they are not doing it in preparation for Independence Day. I know of four members who are sure glad the club built the snack shack on number 13-14 as it provided some real protection during a very violent lightening storm in mid-June. Remember to use that facility for shelter... it is one of the reasons why it was built and it cost so much and why Randy McGrail put so much time into it.

Some things in life are too bizarre or unreasonable to believe. Sometimes, we on the board think that Briarwood must be singled out to collect the bizarre or

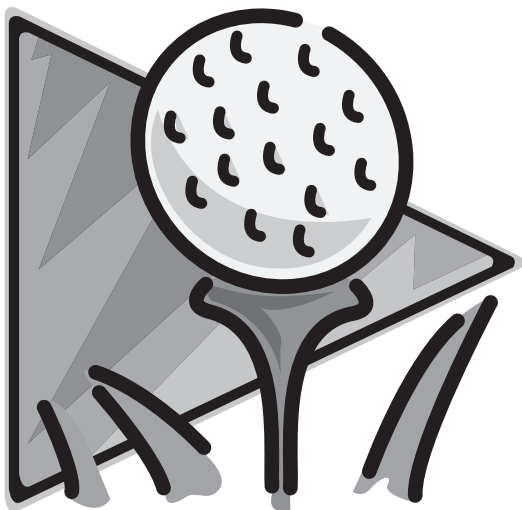
unreasonable. Last year in the late summer one of our neighbors began calling the city police department and complaining that we were mowing before 8:00 a.m. in violation of a noise ordinance. The city put off doing anything and the club sent a lengthy letter to this neighbor explaining its operation and that we weren't going to change our practices, though Sean did alter some mowing times for the fairways near this neighbor's home. This didn't satisfy the new neighbor.

This year, during late May, and into mid-June, this neighbor again began calling the city police department and complaining that we were mowing before 8:00 a.m. The city police actually came out and cited Sean 3 times for mowing before 8:00 a.m. The city has at this point dismissed the citations on the theory that they are doing more research into the matter. I've lost track of the time I've spent dealing with this one. Sean has lost hours and hours on this issue to the detriment of his day and course duties. The greens committee has likewise spent time on the matter. The position of the club is that we are not in violation of any ordinance, that it shouldn't apply to our operation, and that someone who moves adjacent to a golf course last year, must know that one of the things we do is mow the greens daily before the golfers hit the course. You all know what

they say about the new guy! We have sent a letter out to the other clubs in the city alerting them of this problem that could also affect their operations if one of their new neighbors complained to the city. If we get cited again, you can watch the newspaper for the story of the municipal court trial of the greens superintendent who mows grass before 8:00. We have spent at this time about \$1200.00 on new mufflers to quiet our equipment even more than the factory specifications hoping to pacify our troublesome neighbor. On the positive side, Sean knows a good sized group of police officers who have stopped by to cite him and he to his credit wears the fact of the citations as a badge of honor and will make sure people in the CCSA know he has been cited as a criminal for mowing grass. Keep tuned in on this one!

In July you will see quite a bit of work around the exterior of the clubhouse. This was enabled through refinancing the club's long term debt and the building of some capital in hopes of keeping up the appearances around the place. Thanks go to Al McCormick and Rocky Mountain Bank, and Stacey Suydam for their time on this one.

Remember when on the course, use the sand canisters to fill divots, repair yours and one other ball mark on the greens, and yes, please rake the traps.



Remember to fix your
ball marks
and rake the bunkers!!!

News from the MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

Greens

The greens are being mowed and rolled to produce green speeds at 10 to 10 ½ feet measured with the stimpmeter. Your fellow members and I would appreciate it if everyone would make an extra effort to repair ball marks. With the increasing temperatures, ball mark damage will be slower to heal. As temperatures increase and the humidity decreases, it becomes necessary to supplement the irrigation cycle with hand watering. The contours and collars are the first places to dry out and extra watering becomes necessary. Please make sure that employees watering the greens have made eye contact with you before hitting into the green. That way no one gets injured while performing his or her job.

Irrigation

The river pump has been running since June 17th. The pump is checked daily for maintenance work and preventative

measures. The level of the lower lake is where it needs to be for the operation of the sulfur burner. (For our newer members - The sulfur burner helps bring our alkali water closer to neutral pH, which is better for the turf.) The new irrigation pumps are working very well and we have been able to increase the amount of water used daily. If you find a problem with hard ground, it is more likely to be a soils problem and not a problem associated with the irrigation. The exception will be places where there are no irrigation heads. Your Greens Committee is aware of these areas and we will address these, as funds are available. Now, that we have improved pump efficiency it is possible to expand our irrigation.

Bunkers

It may not be known to all golfers that bunkers are a hazard and should always be thought of as such. Proper etiquette dictates that after taking a shot (or two!) from the bunker, the player rake his or her footprints

and divot smooth while exiting the bunker. This allows for all following players to have an equal place to play their shot. The club spent \$3700 on new rakes to make it easier for the player to rake his or her footprints. The biggest complaint that Rob and I get is that the membership does not rake their footprints out of the slag. Here is a little known fact -- Continuous disregard of etiquette to the detriment of others can be a serious breach of the rules of golf and may lead to your disqualification under rule 33-7. Who knew this rule and is amazed that I knew the rule existed?

Golf Course

From July to the end of August we will try to keep the course in the best shape possible, considering the environmental conditions. As temperatures permit we will make more improvements to the course.

Have a great summer and enjoy your golf course!

July 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Couples League	2	3 Ladies League	4 Flag Day Tournament	5 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm
6 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	7	8 Couples League	9	10 Ladies League	11 A & H Tournament	12 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm
13 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm COUPLES CHAPMAN	14	15 Couples League	16	17 Ladies League	18 F.C.A. Tournament	19 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm
20 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	21	22 Couples League	23	24 THE TANGLE	25 THE TANGLE	26 THE TANGLE
27 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	28	29 Couples League	30	31 S.P.E. Practice Round		

News from the PRO SHOP

Rob Jones

Happy 4th of July!

Congratulations to following Member Member teams for their outstanding play in less than perfect conditions.

Men's First Flight Gross

- 1st Jim Nielson & John Nielson – 159
2nd Jim Sullivan & John Wilson – 163

Men's First Flight Net

- 1st Steve Cassity & Stu Summers – 140.7
2nd Randy McGrail & Pat Hayden – 141

Men's Championship Gross

- 1st Jesse Valdez & Joe Rand – 149
2nd Jim Stott & Jerry Bertelson – 150
2nd Steve Studer & Jerry Jones - 150

Men's Championship Net

- 1st Jerry Knoyle & Jay Pfau – 132.7
2nd Pat Garrison & Randy Radford – 138.2

Ladies Flight – Net

- 1st Kimberly MacDonald & Jackie Lansing – 143.1
2nd Stacy Summers & Julie Redfern – 158.1

Thanks to all that played! This year we had exactly 100 people play in the Member Member. And Congratulations to the Men's Overall Champions Jerry Knoyle and Jay Pfau. Good job Boys!

The Bash was held in June this year and we were 1 team shy of a full field. An outstanding job by all the ladies involved to almost fill this years event.

Second Flight

- 1st Julie Steen & Andrea Zacher
2nd Carlene Kulbeck & Sandy Riegel

First Flight

- 1st Lynn Benson & Erika Evenson
2nd Sandi Sullivan & Robin Tunnicliff

Barb Weiss and Lynn Benson did a great job of setting everything up for this year's Bash. From the tee gifts, to the "Shot of the Day" board, to the dinning room tables, these ladies were ready for everything! Well done ladies!

Here are some of the upcoming club events for July.

- Flag Tournament – July 4th
Couples Chapman – July 13th
Tangle – July 24th – 26th

The course is in great shape and I hope to see you all soon!

July 13th

3:00 Shotgun

Call the Pro Shop
to get signed up!
248-2702

Couples Chapman

“The Tangle”

It's time to begin to think about the various golf tournaments you plan to participate in during the summer of 2008. We invite you and your guest to join us in the Men's member/guest Briarwood Tangle. The three day event begins Thursday, July 24th with a practice round and concludes Saturday evening, July 26th with an awards dinner banquet. Each day will present its own golf challenge and competition. This year's format will be Point Par on Thursday, Best ball on Friday, and Point Par on Saturday. Aside from the traditional opportunity to buy in on Day Money and Calcutta, new to the Tangle this year will be a daily “Skins” game that is included in the tournament price of \$300.

Daily Format

- Thursday – Practice Round: (Point Par)
7:30 am and 1:00 pm Shotgun start
Lunch provided
7:00 pm Calcutta with Dinner provided
- Friday – Tournament Play Begins: (Best Ball)
7:30 am and 1:00 pm Shotgun start
Lunch provided
6:45 pm Derby (10 low gross members and 10 low gross guests)
- Saturday – Tournament Play Continues: (Point Par)
Tee Times based on flight. Determined by Rob Jones, Head Golf Pro
7:00 pm Awards Dinner Banquet

***Be sure to get your entry in ASAP as Shotgun start requests will be on a first come basis.
Contact Rob Jones or the Pro Shop at 248-2702 to reserve your spot.**

We look forward to kicking off the 24th annual Tangle this coming July with a full field of participants and encourage you and your guest to join us for the 2008 Tangle. If you are interested in sponsorship/advertising opportunities, please contact any of the co-chairs.

Sincerely,

Jerry Jones
Mike Hoiness
Scott Hatler

Tangle Co-Chairs

HOURS

MONDAYCLOSED
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