

# THE BRIARWOOD MEMBER - MEMBER

June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

**\$80 Entry Fee**

Includes Steak Dinner on Saturday Night

Formats will be:

Best Ball  
Scramble  
Scotch Ball  
Chapman

Tee Times begin at 8:00 a.m.

Call the Pro Shop now  
to get signed up

**248-2702**

## Welcome New Members!

Larry & Connie Todd..... Proprietary  
Randy and Jill LaRance .....Briarwood  
Subdivision

### Membership Status

(as of May 29, 2008)

Proprietary/Corp-Primary .....	298
Non-Resident .....	13
Social.....	24
Briarwood Subdivision .....	24
Founder .....	8
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>367</b>

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## Message *from the* PRESIDENT

*Kelly Varnes*

Welcome members to summer/spring, or just more drought. Traditionally the Chipshots has contained a note from the president of the club. I'll try to get one out each month, but as you all can imagine, that sometimes is very difficult. Former Presidents Lansing and Solberg managed to get something in nearly every month, but that mark will be very tough to match. First, please thank Mark Heinzerth and Eric Hoffman for their service on the board when you bump into them at the course. Their hard work and attention was invaluable. Also, thank Peter Benson for his tireless commitment to the betterment of the course, clubhouse and service. His dedication and focus in getting the club through the renovations of the past year was admirable. At times, you would have thought it was his own yard that was being changed and shaped. We hope to continue to make improvements to service, the condition of the course, and

to the whole experience as best we can. I know we won't always meet expectations, but we will continue to try, and I urge you to advise us, or Rob, Katie, Damian, or Sean if something is not being handled appropriately. We work on those topics every month through the board or in the committees and we can only address them if someone tells us.

The board has one vacancy, so if there is some brave soul who is looking for something to do, please let Katie know and we will get you plugged in. We could also use some help on the house and golf committees. This involves about an hour per month. I think you would find the experience of serving on a committee informative and rewarding.

The staff has a busy year planned. Please think about participating in some of the events. You'll be rewarded with a nice day on a good golf course and some good company. Remember your Golf Pro. Rob

has some great merchandise in his shop so don't forget to check with him before you go elsewhere or punch up the internet.

The city will be starting the sewer extension through the golf course in November. It won't be fun watching the fairways and tees being dug up especially when Sean has worked so hard to get them up to solid condition. We hope that project will go smoothly and we plan to use Chip Roe and his team to put things back as needed. It may be well into the early summer of '09 though before many of the marks are fully covered and healing well. The positive part is the areas being disturbed are largely out of play except for the forward tees on number 6 and 7.

Lastly, we could always use some new members. You all are the best source for them; every consultant and publication says the same thing. Please let Katie know of any potential member.

## News *from the* PRO SHOP

*Rob Jones*

June is here and hopefully with it some sunny days, because we sure are due for some decent weather. And when the sun finally does come out, please remember to protect yourselves from sunburn. Our local Dermatologist, Dr. Michelle Spenny, says to wear a hat that shades your face and to use a sun screen with at least an SPF of 30. Make sure that you use a generous amount and re-apply often. And I personally recommend to anyone that has spent a lot of time in the sun (golfers, lifeguards, farmers and ranchers, builders, sunbathers etc..) that they get a skin exam on a regular basis to help catch any possible problems before they get a chance to grow.

Now on to something a little less serious but still important and that's the condition of our nice new bunkers and greens...I keep hearing from players that some people are not raking the bunker after they hit their shot and that there are a lot of unrepaired ball marks on our greens.

Please remember that it is every player's responsibility to completely rake all foot prints and club swat marks after they have played their shot from the bunker. And if we all made it a practice to repair our own ball mark plus one more each time we walk on the green, we would see a smoother, better putting surface immediately.

### **Upcoming Playing Opportunities**

The Member-Member is on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> this year. We've added a nicer Angus steak dinner and included keg beer for this year's event. If you don't know another member, give me a call and I will set you up with one. This is a great chance to get out and meet some of your fellow members and enjoy 2 days of golf.

There will be a Fathers Day best ball on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> that's open to all Fathers and their children.

The Ladies Bash is on June 21<sup>st</sup> this year so mark your calendar and find a partner for the ladies member - guest.

The Pro Shop hours as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June are as follows:

Monday 10:00 AM to Dark

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM to Dark

Saturday - Sunday 7:00 AM to Dark

We will of course open earlier as the daylight allows and as the morning play increases. And as always we will accommodate any early tee time if possible.

The driving range is open until about an hour and a half before dark except on Sunday when we close at 6:00 PM so we can pick all the balls in preparation for Monday's mowing on the range.

Junior Golf will start on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> this year and finish on Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> with a week off during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and a week off during The Tangle. The cost is again \$50 per child and is open to all members. Please call the Pro Shop for more information.

# Greetings *from the* LADIES ASSOCIATION

*Lynn Benson*

## June 21 – BASH – Ladies Member-Guest Tournament

**“Be The Change You Wish To See In The World”** This was a light bulb moment as Barb Weiss and I entered the spa café just prior to our golf lesson earlier this year. (Yah, it was a ‘tough’ golf school.) Anyhow, we saw this saying on the white board in the café and both of us looked at each other and said, “Bash theme”.

This is your invitation to join us for a member-guest party which involves golf, food, gifts and friendships.

It is our chance to bring guests out to have a good time, emphasis, have a good time. Your entry fee (\$62.50 per person) will get you and your guest a practice round the week prior to the event. You will need to pay for a cart but your guest may play with or without you by calling the pro shop and telling them you would like to make a tee time for the Bash practice round. The day of the event, your cart will have been included in the entry fee.

Our tee prize this year just for entering is a nice travel bag (Barb picked it out, so it’s classy). On every hole you and your guest will have a chance at flag prizes (\$25 pro shop credit). If you did not get to sign your name on any of the flags we will take those names and put them in the drawing for door prizes. Everyone will receive two coupons for \$1 off a beverage; use them in combination or singularly.

Following play, Damian and his staff will serve us a meal of BBQ beef on Staggering Ox bread with sides and lava cake for dessert. (I am going to need chocolate when all this is done.)

Following the announcement of tournament winners, pay outs and lunch we will invite the top 5 members and 5 guests to pair off for a derby competition on holes 15-18 (remember, the theme is ‘change’). We have gifts for making it to the derby as well as prizes for first and second place. Everyone is encouraged to stay, take a cart, support the beverage cart and root on the players realizing of course their nerves are fraid and they are second guessing themselves as to why they said yes they would play the derby.

Haven’t had enough fun? Beth Brown will be hosting the Rally For A Cure that day too. For a \$25 donation to the Susan B. Komen fund, you will get a subscription (or one year extension) to Golf For Women magazine and IF you hit the green on #3 you will get a Rally For The Cure golf ball. Closest to the hole will also get you a nice prize from Rally For A Cure.

Still want more? Lisa Forsberg has offered again this year to raffle off one of her hand made afghans. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

So – Change your routine of thinking you may not be good enough to play. At the tournament we PLAY. Mel Eriksen and I have a list of guests who want to play Briarwood, if you need a partner call one of us or let the pro shop know. They will give us the message.

*It’s not how good you play; it’s how good you are to play with*

June 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Men’s Pro Am	3 Couples League	4	5 Ladies League	6	7 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm MEMBER-MEMBER
8 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm MEMBER-MEMBER	9	10 Couples League	11	12 Ladies League	13 Bobcat Club Tournament 1:00	14 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm
15 FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH & TOURNEY	16 Senior Interclub	17 Junior Golf Couples League	18	19 Junior Golf Ladies League	20 Montana Communication Tournament	21 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm THE BASH
22 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	23	24 Junior Golf Couples League	25	26 Junior Golf Ladies League	27 NAIFA Tournament	28 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm
29 Breakfast Menu 9 am - 12 pm	30 JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT					

# News *from the* Greens Committee

## Top Ten Tips From Your Greens Committee

The golf season is in full swing and we hope you are enjoying the Briarwood. Our greens are shaping up nicely, especially the vandalism damage on #13. Thanks to Sean and crew for the great repairs made to that putting surface and excellent aerification and top-dressing to the greens.

It is good to see the amount of play on the course. Your Greens Committee would like for you to remember the following on-course care and courtesy tips. If each member took these tips to heart each time they played, we would enjoy improved course conditions, more enjoyable rounds, and save money on maintenance.

1. You share ownership with 300 other Briarwood members. Please treat the course as you would your own property or property you might borrow from a friend like a car or tools. You would not mistreat borrowed property. You would return it in good, clean condition. Please treat Briarwood the same way, so that we can enjoy it all season long.

2. Please repair divots with bottled sand. The sand protects the stolons and roots of the grass plant promoting faster healing. Pick up new sand bottles at #5 and #14.

3. Please repair your divots on the par 3 and #4 tee boxes with sand. These tee boxes take a beating. While you wait for the green to clear, spread some sand to smooth the surface. Would you also pick up broken tees and throw them to the side? Thanks.

4. Fix ball marks – yours and a couple of others, please. It only takes a few seconds to do so while your playing partners are putting.

5. Rake traps thoroughly. Our new rakes smooth the sand surface much better than the old rakes. Those of us who frequent the traps will appreciate your courtesy.

6. Scatter cart traffic at the end of paths. Have you noticed some cart paths are getting longer from us driving in the same places? Break up your driving pattern. If you see worn areas where others have driven, choose a different route to spread the wear. We want to improve our cart paths, but until we can do so your care will help preserve the turf at path ends.

7. Keep carts on paths where there are paths. You do not need to pull off the cart path next to a tee box or green – not even one or two wheels. Our heavy clay soils compact easily from cart traffic. Staying on the paths in these high traffic areas helps

us keep these important features presentable.

8. Avoid driving carts on mounds as much as possible. Water does not have much time to soak in on the slopes of mounds. Driving on the mounds compacts the soil. Avoid the mounds and they may stay green later into the season.

9. Please stay out of roped or newly repaired areas. Ropes and barriers are in place to protect fragile areas. Repaired areas need time to grow in. Please walk around new sod or seeded areas.

10. When using the practice range, please hit balls only from the markers. We have very limited teeing ground on our practice range. The markers are set out to give other sections of the teeing ground time to repair. If we all go out and hit balls from any location, then there will not be much usable teeing surface later in the season. Would you go to Yellowstone, Laurel, Hilands, or your favorite resort and hit balls from any place on their ranges? Probably not. Please show your fellow members the same courtesy.

Keep these ten tips in mind when you are out on the course. Enjoy your rounds at Briarwood – one of the best courses in the region!

**NOTICE:** There is currently a Board position available. If you are interested in serving a term, please give Katie a call at 248-1215.

## 2 Inserts:

- Tangle Registration Form
- Briarwood Bash Registration Form

## *“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 24<sup>th</sup> with a practice round and concludes Saturday evening, July 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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