

2nd Annual Cat/Griz Match Play!



Can the Griz hold on
to the title for one more year??

October 4th
10:00 Shotgun

Tailgate to follow tournament.
Keg beer on the course.

\$15.00 / person

Call the pro shop
for more detail and to sign up!

Welcome New Members!

Kevin Beebe.....Proprietary
Rocky Wegner..... Nonresident
Steve WahrlichProprietary

Membership Status

(as of August 25, 2008)

Proprietary/Corp-Primary 298
Non-Resident 15
Social..... 31
Briarwood Subdivision 25
Founder 8
TOTAL..... 377

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Message *from the* PRESIDENT

Kelly Varnes

Just because September is here, don't forget about your golf course. There is a ton of good golf this season still to come. Take advantage of one of these upcoming fall days and come out for a round.

Now that PVC pipe is being stacked near the golf course in preparation of the city extending sewer service to the Briarwood Subdivision, several of the members are asking questions. Sometimes I wonder where you've been! One member recently asked for a summary of the project now that it is at hand.

Upon annexation of the golf course and subdivision into the city, water service was extended. This was a primary reason for the annexation as the water district system was having issues with growth and new treatment requirements. Annexation also included the promise of sewer service from the city as the treatment plant across the creek from the number one green was becoming out-dated and failing in its operation fairly often.

About two years ago the city began condemnation discussions and legal proceedings to install the sewer line. The city approached the Briarwood with an appraisal of the golf course and some engineering plans for the sewer. Our superintendent and the board then began a long dialogue with the city about the route for the line and compensation to the club for the temporary construction and permanent easements. These discussions were completed last fall with an easement and a right of way agreement being signed by both the club and the city. The club received \$50,000.00 for the temporary construction and permanent easements plus the installation of a significant amount of concrete cart paths and some gravel paths.

The purpose of the concrete cart paths was not only to compensate the club, but the city also needed a way to get their jet truck over the manholes the new line needed for clean out purposes. The city discovered that due to terrain, the weight of their truck, and compensation matters, that concrete paths wide enough for the jet truck were needed. These paths will basically follow our current cart paths in the areas affected so the truck can access the manholes on golf holes 5, 6, 7, and 9 and 10.

A concrete path will also appear at the driving range and follow the current cart path along the top of the range and next to the putting green in order access a manhole on the range that already exists, and then a path along the number one tee, back towards the club house and on the path that exists on number 10 to access manholes already there. We hope this will help us begin the cleanup of the deterioration of the paths around the clubhouse, proshop and putting green. The city will also construct a new bridge at number 5 so their truck can access the manholes in that vicinity.

The route for the sewer line was staked during this spring and summer for the members to visualize, but to my amazement, no one seemed to notice the bright red and orange markers. Anyway, the golf course when constructed had a sewer line under the driving range, near the number 9 green and along the cart path on number 10. Manholes also have existed since the course was built along that line. The new route will begin near the back of the driving range and traverse along the rough area left of number one, through the number one fairway (rough) at the bottom of the hill below the tee boxes, to the back of the number 5 green and

then diagonally through the forward tee boxes on number 6 and number 7. The line will then be bored under the number 8 fairway and out of the Briarwood property.

The city will need to compensate the club for repair of all disturbed surfaces. We plan on using Chip Roe to do the work to repair the surfaces as needed. Our staff will repair the irrigation system that is disrupted by the construction and then be compensated by the city upon completion. COP construction of Billings is the general contractor. They have had representatives on the course several times now and you will see a greater presence as the fall moves on.

The agreement with the city calls for construction to begin on November 15, but does allow some leeway for the city and contractor to start some work earlier due to weather concerns. For instance, you may see some concrete path work before November 15, and may also see some work before then on the bridge at number 5 so it can be used by the contractor to access that part of the course with their equipment. We hope for a good construction season this fall so we can begin restoration and get the course back to this year's condition as quickly as possible.

We didn't want our course tore up by this process, especially after all the work Sean, Rick, and Brian and crews have put in over the last several years, but winning this type of legal battle with the city was not in the cards. We will make the best of the situation. Resistance was also complicated by the generally unknown fact that four golf courses in Billings also are intersected by sewer lines that the city maintains and services and has done so for years.

Please contact a board member if you have any questions as the project moves forward in the next 4 months.

News *from the* Restaurant & Events Manager

Brittney Wilken

Hello! My name is Brittney Wilken and I am your new Restaurant and Events Manager here at beautiful Briarwood. My primary responsibilities will be to manage the restaurant and plan events. I love working with people and planning the special events in their lives while adding a unique touch to make each event as special as it can be.

Before joining the staff here, I was employed this summer at Pryor Creek Golf course. The previous two summers I was working and doing my college internship at Kirkwood Resort on Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone, Montana. I grew up in Hobson, Montana and recently graduated from the University of MT - Western with a Bachelor in Business and a minor in Tourism/Hospitality.

I am excited to be here at Briarwood and feeling very much at home. The staff here has made me feel more than welcome. Please stop by when you're at the clubhouse and say hi! I look forward to meeting all of you!



**REMEMBER...September is the last month for this quarter's "use-it-or-lose-it."
Call the restaurant today for reservations.**

September 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 County Am Wedding reception 6 p.m.
7 County Am	8	9	10	11 High School Golf Tournament	12 A & H Tournament Double Shotgun	13
14	15	16 Ford Credit Tournament 10:00 Shotgun	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Valley Federal Dinner	30	31			

News from the MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Sean Sullivan, CGCS

Sewer Line Update: Starting on or around September 15th, the city sub-contractor will begin work on the new cart paths. The cart path work will be in the area of the driving range, #1 tee, the pro shop and #10 tee. Cart paths will be 11 feet wide and 6 inches thick, big enough to accommodate the city sewer trucks. They will do everything they can to finish in a 3 week time frame before the October tournaments. Then they will move down to the #6 tee area and do what they can in the areas that are away from the sewer line. The new bridge should be finished fabrication in early November and installed shortly after. Then, COP Construction should be

ready to start installing the sewer line by mid November. Cleanup, renovation, cart paths will be right on their heels to get the job completed as soon as possible.

Golf Course: The golf course came through the summer relatively well. Where we have irrigation the grass manage to stay green, and when the weather cools off the outer edges will begin to recover. Places where there is excessive sodium, in the soil, stressed the grass and is indicated by brown patches inside healthier green areas. Cool and wetter conditions will also help the recovery of the alkali patches. Height of cut for the rough has been shortened by a ½ inch. As the leaves begin to drop the height

will be shortened another ½ inch. We do this in order to manage the leaf cleanup quicker. The golf course will be aerated, except greens, in small parts during the 3 weeks from September 15th to October 2nd.

Trees: Briarwood now has a tree committee. The main function is to begin work on short term and long range plans for the golf course.

Golf Carts: I have been asked to address why the fairways, of 13, 14, and 15, are still roped off now that they seem to be much healthier. Given the short length, terrain, and soils of those 3 holes the greens committee has decided to restrict cart traffic on the grass, as much as possible. The short design of the holes lends itself to the entering and exiting of the holes in relatively few locations. The grass would quickly wear out in those locations. The high content of alkali in the soils would prevent any acceptable recovery, that and the high temperatures during the summer would negate any recovery over the last few years.

While I am on the topic of carts, the operation of a cart by anyone under the age of 16 is against the Briarwood Rules. Children do not have the driving experience to make quick decisions that may or may not prevent an accident. Children do not have the arm strength to properly control the manual steering racks on the carts. Briarwood is not insured against accidents caused by underage drivers. I know everyone, who lets their kids drive the carts, is thinking it is not a big deal because you are right there supervising. Children always test their boundaries; if it is alright to drive while the parent is in the next seat then it's possible that it is alright to drive while the parent is on the green putting. It is all fun until someone gets hurt.

Since the beginning of the golf season, 2008, we have had to repair and replace parts to the front ends of 24 golf carts. That expense comes out of the Pro Shop budget and I am sure that Rob doesn't budget for that much damage; as well he shouldn't have to. The golf cart fleet is a major investment for any course and the abuse of that investment is senseless.

Book Signing at the Briarwood

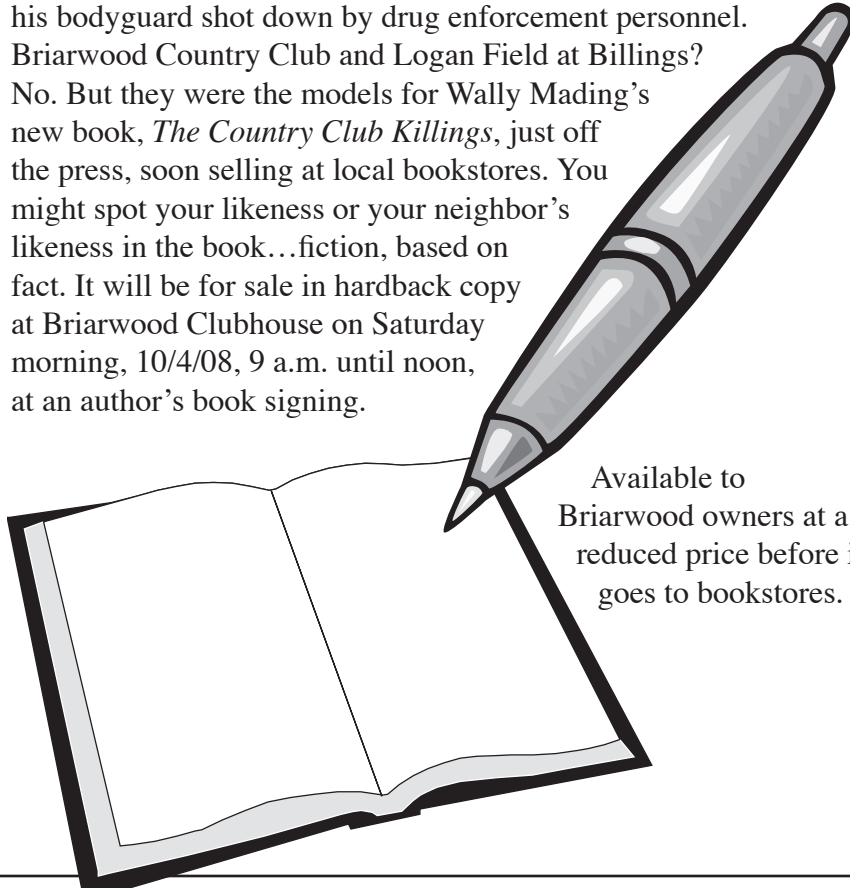
Three Briarwood members disappear strangely. Elderly homeowners on Troon Circle attacked by mountain lion before daylight. Drug bust at Logan Field leaves a major peddler and his bodyguard shot down by drug enforcement personnel.

Briarwood Country Club and Logan Field at Billings?

No. But they were the models for Wally Mading's

new book, *The Country Club Killings*, just off the press, soon selling at local bookstores. You might spot your likeness or your neighbor's

likeness in the book...fiction, based on fact. It will be for sale in hardback copy at Briarwood Clubhouse on Saturday morning, 10/4/08, 9 a.m. until noon, at an author's book signing.



Available to Briarwood owners at a reduced price before it goes to bookstores.

News from the PRO SHOP

Rob Jones

Wow...it's hard to believe that it is September already! It seems like only a few weeks ago I was wondering if the weather was ever going to turn nice...now I'm wondering what happened to our summer!

August was again a very busy month for both outside events and club tournaments. We had 76 members play in the Club Championship up from 56 last year. The SPE had 285 players, Eagle Mount's Happy Caddie Cup had 136 and Ferguson had 72. And our second Pro Am ended up with 90 players. I think the higher numbers show that the word is out about how good the condition of our course is again and people are jumping at the chance to play!

Briarwood Club Champions

John Nielsen	147
Andrea Rath	180
Jesse Valdez	161

Championship Flight

Gross			Net		
1 st	John Nielsen	147	1 st	Tom Peterson	138
2 nd	Dan Brown	150	2 nd	Jerry Bertelson	144
3 rd	Paul Keneally	152	T3 rd	Carey Ziebarth	145
			T3 rd	Dan Wagner	145

First Flight

Gross			Net		
1 st	Peter Benson	157	1 st	Steve Murch	141
2 nd	Jon Stepanek	160	2 nd	Stu Summers	147
3 rd	Curt Finnicum	169	3 rd	Gary Elenberg	151

Second Flight

Gross			Net		
1 st	Paul Neutgens	172	T1 st	Bruce Martin	146
2 nd	Dan Trenholm	176	T1 st	Cliff Schwahn	146
3 rd	Randy McGrail	183	3 rd	Mark Davies	150

Women's Championship Flight

Gross			Net		
1 st	Andrea Rath	180	1 st	Julie Redfern	141
2 nd	Natalie Heinzeroth	183	2 nd	Beth Brown	142
3 rd	Lisa Forsberg	193	3 rd	Diane Duin	154
4 th	Julie Rand	199	4 th	Stacy Summers	155

Seniors Championship Flight

Gross			Net		
1 st	Jesse Valdez	161	1 st	Dan Vaughn	139
2 nd	Kraig Kincaid	165	T2 nd	Dan Duke	148
3 rd	Pat Nau	171	T2 nd	Jim Olsen	148

Congratulations to first time Club Champion John Nielson and 3 time Club Champions Andrea Rath and Jesse Valdez. Great playing champs and thanks to everyone that came out and supported the Club Championship.

As always, I hope to see you soon and remember that September is always a great time of year to play!

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