



STEW'S NEWS & VIEWS BRIARWOOD AARP GOLF Our 38th Year of Fun



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"It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place this world is when one is playing golf." (Robert Lynd)

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BRIARWOOD AARP GOLF - SPRING MEETING - MARCH 24, 2021 (tentative, per COVID-19 restrictions)

We look forward to seeing all AARP members on Wednesday, March 24th at the spring meeting. Free coffee and donuts will be available 7:30 to 8:30 am. The meeting will start promptly at 8:30 am. We are open to suggestions, please jot down any questions or suggestions and give them to **Kirk Manges** prior to the meeting.

CHANGES AT BRIARWOOD FOR 2021

The new year is bringing a change for Briarwood. A sales agreement has been made on the West course. As a result, AARP play will be at the East course only. Thursday & Friday 9-hole AARP play will rotate between the front and back nines each week. Schedules will be available as usual in the lounge area.

EARLY SIGN-UP

Please find your enclosed BRIARWOOD AARP registration card. The registration fee for this season is \$28.00. Remember, **ALL GOLFERS AGE 50 AND UP** MAY BECOME BRIARWOOD AARP MEMBERS. You may sign up early and pay your dues at the East Clubhouse. You may also mail your check for **\$28.00** along with your registration card. The fee covers the cost of mailings, handicaps and special awards, plus all the benefits we get from AARP GOLF.

AARP RATES

Rates for the 2021 AARP season are: 9-holes walking - \$13.75, 9-holes riding - \$18.75, 18-holes walking - \$19.00, 18-holes riding - \$28.00. All players pay an additional \$1.00 for prizes.

ONLINE PAYMENT/TELEPHONE PAYMENT OF GREEN FEE, CART & PRIZE MONEY

If you would like to pay without entering the clubhouse, we have two options (*online or by telephone*). If using one of our pre-pay options, please pre-pay the day before or day of play to help us with bookkeeping. To access online payment for those who wish to do so on our website visit...www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com

Go to "**shop**" on the upper right corner of the website and click on the "**League/Aarp/Ladies Green Fees**" option, you will find a button to purchase a green fee for the Aarp league (Monday/Wednesday 18-holes or Thursday/Friday 9 or 18-holes). If riding, a cart can be paid for under the "**League/Aarp/Lady Cart**" tab. To pay prize money, go to the "**Aarp & Ladies Prize \$**" tab. You will have to create a login and password to make the purchase. We will receive an email letting us know payment was made. When arriving, report to the cart staff outside to acquire your cart. You may call 717-792-9776 to pay by credit card.

PLAY GOLF AT THE REDUCED AARP RATE – MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Play Monday through Friday before 1:00 pm and pay the reduced AARP rates. This is strictly for fun. A tournament will not be run and prize money will not be collected. Just show your **Briarwood AARP Membership Card** and enjoy the benefits of being a member of our group. Remember if you want to play in the weekly AARP tournaments, you need to be here Wednesdays for the 8:30 am shotgun and/or Thursdays & Fridays no later than 9:30 am. *Offer not valid on holidays, with outings, leagues or any other offer.*

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I never pray to God to make a putt. I pray to God to help me react good if I miss a putt. (~Chi Chi Rodriguez)

"I like trying to win. That's what golf is all about." (Jack Nicklaus)

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OFFICAL PLAYING DATES

The first official playing date for the 9-hole Thursday group will be Thursday, March 25th. The 9-hole Friday group will officially begin on Friday, March 26th. The Wednesday 18-hole Group will start March 31st. Scores will be recorded from the opening dates when we will be hitting from the regular tees.

18 HOLE AARP ON MONDAYS

Due to lack of course availability, we will be discontinuing the Monday and Friday 18-hole groups. AARP members are welcome to play 18-holes Mondays and Fridays at the reduced AARP rate when the course has availability.

WINNERS OF 2021 AARP MEMBERSHIPS

Three lucky members will win a 2021 Briarwood AARP Golf Membership. The drawing will be held at the Spring Meeting on March 24th. **Good Luck** 😊

18 HOLE AARP ON WEDNESDAYS

This 8:30 am shotgun start has been growing in popularity each season. **PLAYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN UP EACH WEEK FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEKS PLAY.** If you or one of your playing partners cannot play the following week, *please do not sign up.* If you are signed up and you can't play, please call the clubhouse to cancel. This group has been running smoothly, averaging just a little over four hours. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you ride or walk, as whenever possible, walkers will be assigned nearby holes and riders more distant holes. The first date of official play will be Wednesday, March 31st.

ARIZONA SCRAMBLES – APRIL 19th & MAY 10th *(scramble tournaments will be held on Mondays this season)*

The first two Arizona Scramble tournaments are scheduled for the season. Polish up the clubs and bring your friends out for this 18-hole event. We can pair you up or you can make your own foursome. The cost is \$32.00 per person and includes greens fee, cart, prizes and lunch. Entry for the April Scramble is enclosed. Return the entry to the pro-shop to sign up. **NOTE – Scramble tournaments will be held on Mondays this season.**

FREE GREEN FEE WHEN YOU REFER A NEW MEMBER

All AARP golf members who refer a new member who pays their AARP dues will get a gift certificate for one AARP green fee. There is **NO LIMIT** to the number of certificates one can receive. So, tell all your friends to join you and the other great golfers that make up our Briarwood AARP Group.

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR WINNERS

Are you a winner? There are unclaimed certificates from 2020! Check at the East Pro-shop counter to see if your name is on the winners list. Many prizes are awarded each week. **You may be a winner and not realize it!** Pick up your certificates as they can be used to pay for *greens fees, carts, driving range and merchandise.*

SENIOR 2-MAN SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT – MONDAY, MAY 3RD

Golfers 50 & up are welcome to play Briarwood's Senior 2-Man Scramble Tournament. This 9:00 am shotgun, 18-hole event will be played at the East Course with all participants playing from the Gold tee markers. Prizes totaling \$2,700.00 *(based on 48 teams)* will be awarded by flights (flight determined by gross score). The \$125.00 team entry fee includes **green fees, cart, box lunch, beverage and prizes.** There will also be a \$20.00/team optional skin game. Pick up an entry blank in the pro-shop. Sign up today!

IN MEMORY

We are sorry to report the passing of AARP members **Dave Cooksey, Norm Kearney, Emory Lyons, Dick Myers, Ralph Shellenberger, Paul Somers** and **Paul Summers.** We are also sorry to report the passing of former Briarwood employee, **Betty Dickensheets.** We extend our sympathy to family and friends. Please inform a Briarwood staff member if Briarwood AARP member has passed away so we may do a complete and accurate job of reporting members at their passing.