



# STEW'S NEWS & VIEWS BRIARWOOD AARP GOLF Our 43<sup>rd</sup> Year of Fun



Volume 43, Number 1

January 12, 2026

"Some of these legends have been around golf a long time. When they mention a good grip, they're talking about their **dentures**". (Bob Hope)

\* \* \* \* \*

## BRIARWOOD AARP GOLF - SPRING MEETING - MARCH 25, 2026

We look forward to seeing all AARP members on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the spring meeting. Free coffee and donuts will be available from 7:00 to 9:00 am. The meeting will start promptly at **8:00 am**. We are open to suggestions, please jot down any questions or suggestions and give them to **Kirk Manges** prior to the meeting.

## WINNERS OF 2026 AARP MEMBERSHIPS

Three lucky members will win a 2026 Briarwood AARP Golf Membership. The drawing will be held at the Spring Meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>. **Good Luck!**

## EARLY SIGN-UP

Please find enclosed BRIARWOOD AARP registration card. The registration fee for this season is \$35.00. Remember, **ALL GOLFERS AGE 50 AND UP** MAY BECOME BRIARWOOD AARP MEMBERS. You may sign up early and pay your membership dues at the clubhouse. **Tee times can be confirmed, and season schedules will be available beginning Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. You may also mail your check for **\$35.00** 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 **2026 AARP** season are:

9-holes walking - \$15.50, 9-holes riding - \$21.00,

18-holes walking - \$21.50, 18-holes riding - \$33.00.

All players pay an additional \$1.00 for prizes.

## 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 on Wednesdays for the 8:30 am shotgun and/or Thursdays no later than 9:00 am & Fridays no later than 8:00 am. *Offer not valid on holidays, with outings, leagues or any other offer.*

## OFFICAL PLAYING DATES

The Wednesday 18-hole Group will start April 1<sup>st</sup>. The first official playing date for the 9-hole Thursday group will be Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 9-hole Friday group will officially begin on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> (**no play Good Friday, April 3, 2026**). Scores will be recorded from the opening dates when we will hit from the regular tee markers.

## STARTERS/RANGERS

Starters will help things run smoothly by starting groups at their tee times. Please be on the tee 10 minutes in advance of your tee time. The starter will allow you to move up only if the tee is open. Rangers will be on the course to check the pace of play. **Play ready golf to make it a pleasant experience for everyone! Please try to stay one shot behind the group ahead of you.**

\* \* \* \* \*

"Tom Kite backs off the shot. I think he may have felt some wind from his rear." (Dave Marr announcing at the Masters)

'Play it as it lies' is one of the fundamental dictators of golf. The other is 'Wear it if it clashes'. (Henry Beard)

\* \* \* \* \*

**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, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ARIZONA SCRAMBLES – MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, JULY 20<sup>th</sup> & SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

There will be three Arizona Scramble tournaments this 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 \$38.00 per person and includes greens fee, cart, prizes and a ***hamburger/hot dog buffet luncheon***. Entry for the May Scramble is enclosed. Return the entry to the pro-shop to sign up.

**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 2025!** Check at the 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***.

**[www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com](http://www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com)**

Make sure you check out Briarwood's website. Visit our site to make tee times, register for e-mail specials, join the birthday club or access all the latest information...including the weekly tournament results, AARP newsletters and scramble entry forms! Wednesday 18-hole golfers can also find their tee assignment each week on the Wednesday leagues page.

**SENIOR 2-MAN SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT – MONDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Golfers 50 & up are welcome to play Briarwood's Senior 2-Man Scramble Tournament. This is a 9:00 am shotgun, 18-hole event with all participants playing from the **Gold** tee markers. Prizes totaling \$3,000.00 (*based on 48 teams*) will be awarded by flights (flights determined by gross score). The \$150.00 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!

**GREENSIDE MANNER**

A married couple is out for their weekly round of golf, enjoying a great day and great play. But on the ninth green, something terrible happens. The wife screams in agony and collapses to the green. "Oh no," the husband exclaims, "You're having a heart attack!" "Help me, dear," the wife implores, "find a doctor." The husband runs off as fast as he can to find a doctor. He returns to the green quickly, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt. His wife raises her head off the green and glares at him. "I'm dying over here and you're putting!?" she asks incredulously. "Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly. "I found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you." "Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" the wife valiantly asks. "No time at all," her husband answers, while practicing his stroke. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

\* \* \* \* \*

***"Sometimes, being with your friends and golfing is all the therapy you need."*** (Anonymous)