



STEW'S NEWS & VIEWS BRIARWOOD AARP GOLF Our 40th Year of Fun



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ARIZONA SCRAMBLE - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

The final 18-hole scramble event of the season. You may choose your own partners or we will pair you up. Prizes awarded for gross & net winners. Please arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 am. **Entry form was included in the last newsletter.** Entry form also available at the clubhouse. The cost is \$35.00 per person and includes greens fee, cart, prizes and and a **hamburger & hot dog luncheon following play.**

AARP APPRECIATION DAYS

We're happy so many of you chose to attend the appreciation days at Briarwood and enjoyed lunch with your fellow AARP golfers. Thank you for golfing at Briarwood this season. **THANK YOU TO BRIARWOOD FOR PROVIDING THE DELICIOUS LUNCH.**

GOLF MAGIC

On **May 15th** while playing in the AARP Scramble tournament, **Craig Hikes** recorded a **Hole-In-One** on **Hole #14** (130 yds) using his 9 iron. Craig's feat was witnessed by *Dale Reeve, Dennis Hess & Mike Chapman*. On **July 28th** while playing in the Friday AARP group, **Mike Anderson** recorded a **Hole-In-One** on **Hole #14** (130 yds). Mike's feat was witnessed by *Craig E. Wolf & Bill Kaiser*. **Keep up the great golf!!** Please report your successes such as aces and eagles to one of the pro-shop staff.

PENGUIN TOUR – WINTER GOLF

(SENIOR, SUPER SENIOR, SUPER SUPER SENIOR DIVISIONS)

The *official start date* for the **2023-24 Penguin Tour** will be *Friday, October 13th* and will continue each Friday through March 22, 2024. The tour has 4 divisions – **Amateurs, Seniors, Super Seniors** and **Super Super Seniors**. Amateurs, Seniors and Super Seniors compete in gross and net divisions, **Super Super Seniors** compete in net division only. Players are required to make a standing tee time for each week. All events will be held at Briarwood. **Golf Cart Services / EZ-GO** will supply "**Players of the Week**" and **Foot-Joy** will supply "**Player of the Year**" awards. The schedule and registration form will be available mid-September on our website www.briarwoodgolfclubs.com or stop by the pro-shop for information.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

Golf etiquette means treating other golfers the way you want to be treated. Make sure no one is in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or debris that may be moved by the swing. Player with honors tees off first. (If players in front are too close, short hitters hit first.) No one should move, talk or stand behind the ball or hole when another player is making a stroke. **Play ready golf.** Have your club ready when it's your turn. If you think your ball was hit out of bounds, play a provisional ball. Our goal is for everyone to stay within one clear shot of the group in front of you. When the hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green! It is the job of the rangers to help us maintain a good pace of play for everyone. Also, please fix ball marks and rake traps. Leave the course in better condition than you found it. **Thank you!** (Adapted from USGA Rule Book)

SCORE CARDS

HELP THE BRIARWOOD STAFF WITH SCORING – please place your **FIRST** and **LAST** name on your scorecard so they can match it with your name in the computer. Your assistance will help a great deal. Also, turn in your scorecard even if it is incomplete or if you had a bad round. Remember, one bad round will not change your handicap!

PLEASE PICK UP GIFT CERTIFICATES

The prize list has many winners listed that have ***not claimed*** their prize money for this season. You may be a winner and don't realize it! Next time you play remember to ask if you have any gift certificates coming...you may be pleasantly surprised! ***Gift certificates are redeemable for green fees, riding carts, driving range balls and merchandise.*** Briarwood's fiscal year ends on October 31st and it would be a great help if all gift certificate prizes can be picked up before then. The certificates do not expire so you don't need to redeem them, you can save them until next season if you like.

WHEN DOES THE SEASON END

Our season is endless until the snow covers the course. As long as we have 20 or more players, we will have a tournament. Don't miss those mild days of fall and winter. **COME OUT FOR MORE FUN.**

SPRING MEETING MARCH 20, 2024

Free coffee and donuts will be available from 7:30 am until the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 8:00 am. We are open to your suggestions. Please jot down any questions or suggestions and give them to **Kirk Manges** before the meeting.

2024 BRIARWOOD AARP MEMBERSHIPS

Briarwood will again award three **Briarwood AARP Memberships**. At the spring meeting on **Wednesday, March 20th** a drawing will be held to award a **2024 Wednesday AARP Membership**, a **2024 Thursday AARP Membership** and a **2024 Friday AARP MEMBERSHIP**. All AARP golfers who played 10 or more rounds this season will be entered into the drawing. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

HOLE-IN-ONE

As a young man, Norton was an exceptional golfer. At the age of 26, however, he decided to become a priest, and joined a rather peculiar order. He took the usual vows of poverty, chastity, but his order also required that he quit golf and never play again. This was particularly difficult for Norton, but he agreed and was finally ordained a priest. One Sunday morning, the Reverend Father Norton woke up and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So...he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. It was a 420-yard hole in one! St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who is he going to tell?"

FROM THE BRIARWOOD STAFF

Briarwood wishes to say **THANK YOU** to all the AARP golfers who played this season. We hope you enjoyed playing here. **We look forward to seeing you in 2024.**