



# STEW'S NEWS & VIEWS BRIARWOOD AARP GOLF Our 41<sup>ST</sup> Year of Fun



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*We learn so many things from golf -- how to suffer, for instance." (Bruce Lansky)*

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## ARIZONA SCRAMBLE - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

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 \$36.00 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.**

## PENGUIN TOUR – WINTER GOLF

*(SENIOR, SUPER SENIOR, SUPER SUPER SENIOR DIVISIONS)*

The *official start date* for the **2024-25 Penguin Tour** will be *Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>* and will continue each Friday through March 21, 2025. 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](http://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!

## 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.**

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*“Golf's Three Ugliest Words...Still Your Shot.” (Dave Marr)*

"Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, they're sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy some more." (Anonymous)

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**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**SPRING MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025**

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.

**2025 BRIARWOOD AARP MEMBERSHIPS**

Briarwood will again award three **Briarwood AARP Memberships**. At the spring meeting on **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** a drawing will be held to award a **2025 Wednesday AARP Membership**, a **2025 Thursday AARP Membership** and a **2025 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.**

**HEAVEN**

Bob was trying desperately to get in 18 on a soon-to-be stormy day. He was playing the round of his life, but as the weather grew worse, his swing on the 15th tee was awkward, resulting in a hooked drive into the trees. His lie was a good one, but right next to a tree. He quickly approached his ball, set himself up, and right as he took the club to the top, lightning struck down from the sky catching his steel shafted 5 iron. His friends hurried over to see that there was a large crater in the ground and no site of Bob or his clubs. He was gone. When he reached the pearly gates, St. Peter said, "Son, we are sorry to have taken you at such an early age, however, because you love the game so much, and you had the round of your life going, we decided to bring your clubs that you love so dearly so that you may play all the courses of heaven which are more incredible than any course you have ever played." The man started crying instantly, to which St. Peter replied, "I know, you have left behind many loved ones." Bob said, "No, that's not it." "Yes, my son, you also had an unbelievable life and a great career," St. Peter said. "No, that's not it either," sobbed Bob. St. Peter was stumped, "Well then, what could make you so unhappy, that you would cry like a three-year-old girl?" Bob looked up as the tears flooded from his eyes and said, "I think I left my wedge back on the 14th green."

**THE GOLFER AND HIS BRIDE**

Two old folks got married. As they were lying in their wedding suite, staring at the ceiling, the old man says, "I haven't been completely honest with you. I think the world of you, but you are only number two to me. Golf is my first love. It's my hobby, my passion, my first love." They both stare at the ceiling for a bit longer and then the woman said, "While we're baring our souls, I guess I better tell you that I have been a hooker all my life." The man jumps out of bed, looks at her a moment then says, "Have you tried widening your stance and adjusting your grip?"

**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 2025.**

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"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)