

A SIGNIFICANT CELEBRATION FOR OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE

On a wind swept afternoon in May, overlooking the already-begun excavation site work, members and guests gathered to toast the official groundbreaking of the New Clubhouse at Briar's Creek. A violinist serenaded the crowd as they mingled under the tent, enjoyed savory hors d'oeuvres and sipped champagne. They viewed renderings and floor plans of the Clubhouse and Site Plan, and spoke with great anticipation of the future in this beautiful building.

Club Chairman and President David Bailey, welcomed everyone and shared the vision of the future in the Clubhouse. Developers Ed Myrick, Steve Koenig, and Paul Koenig each added enthusiastic commentary about the new clubhouse and estimated an opening of Fall 2007. Following the speeches, the Founder Members in attendance provided a ceremonial "shovel-in-the-dirt" to signify this historic event.



Founders in attendance put a shovel in the ground to commemorate the occasion.

Construction Update

As you will see in the photos at right, we are making good progress on both construction projects at the Club. The **Clubhouse** is currently in a "soil testing" mode. Once the settling of the dirt has been completed we will begin work on the overall site as we line out the footers, the retaining wall locations and the service lines such as water, sewer, power, drainage, etc. There is a lot of prep work to be done!

The **Guardhouse** has all of the structure now in place. The high roof line and walls have been covered. The exterior cedar / shake shingles have made the building quite special. The copper roof ties in with our original designs and looks fantastic. The interior finish and utility lines should be complete and the building ready for occupancy in mid-July.



The clubhouse site is filled with dirt, awaiting the completion of soil testing.



The guardhouse at the front entrance is expected to be completed in mid-July.

CAUTION: Again we ask that you use good judgment around both projects. We'll appreciate your patience.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The momentum created last Fall with respect to our growing membership has continued during the first half of 2006. We have enjoyed an unprecedented period of growth having approved 22 new members thus far this year for a total of 44 over the past 12 months!

The recent success is attributable to our members' efforts to communicate the strong financial position of the club as well as our increasingly special social environment. The golf course, of course, speaks

for itself. We continue to tell this story to those who don't yet get to spend as much time as they would like in the area but who have long range plans to be here.

There's no doubt that the sight of the new clubhouse coming to life has also been a motivating factor for attracting new members. Many have joined now because they believe Briar's Creek's reputation as a world-class golf experience will continue to grow as will its exclusivity resulting in an increasing value proposition.

As we reach the 150-member plateau this July, we want to thank you for your continued efforts to introduce your friends to our special place and we stay committed to planning a social and sporting calendar to continue the great characteristics of Briar's Creek...intimacy and fun.

Respectfully,

Mike Martin
 Membership Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steve & Marge Bottcher

Seabrook Island, SC

Steve & Marge live on Seabrook Island, SC. Steve is Executive Vice President of Hagemeyer N. A. in North Charleston. They belong to the Country Club of Charleston and the Seabrook Island Club.



Joe & Amy Firetti

Southport, NC & Johns Island, SC

Joe & Amy live in Southport, NC, where Joe is President and Amy is Secretary / Treasurer of Firetti Builders, Inc. They belong to the St. James Players Club in Southport, NC. They recently purchased property at Briar's Creek.

Ron & Carol Hacker

Kiawah Island, SC

Ron & Carol live on Kiawah Island and are members of the Kiawah Island Club. Ron is the retired President of Act II Jewelry, Inc. in Bensenville, IL, and Carol is the retired Head of Reference at Roselle Public Library in Roselle, IL. They are also members of Medinah Country Club in Medinah, IL.



Rich & Beth Mahaffey

Decatur, GA

Rich & Beth live in Decatur, GA, where Rich & the Vice President of Ply Mart, Inc. They also belong to Smoke Rise Golf & Country Club in Georgia.

Jeff & Susan French

Columbia, SC & Kiawah Island, SC

Jeff & Susan live in Columbia, SC, where Jeff is the Founder / President of Subscriber Base Holdings, Inc. dba AdDrive.com. They belong to the Kiawah Island Club and the Arrowhead Alpine Club in Edwards, CO.

Larry & Jane Iwan

Kiawah Island, SC

Larry & Jane live on Kiawah Island and belong to the Kiawah Island Club. They are also members of Battle Creek Country Club in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Paul & Rosie Mahoney

Binghamton, NY & Kiawah Island, SC

Paul & Rosie live in Binghamton, NY, where Paul is the retired President of Paul D. Mahoney, MD PC. They also own property on Kiawah Island and belong to the Kiawah Island Club and the Binghamton Country Club.

Rick & Chris Pennell

St. Louis, MO & Kiawah Island, SC

Rick & Chris live in St. Louis, where Rick is a doctor with West County Surgical Specialists, and Chris is a community volunteer. They also own property on Kiawah Island. They belong to the Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis and the Kiawah Island Club.



Bailey & Tina Schell

Kiawah Island, SC

Bailey & Tina live on Kiawah Island and belong to the Kiawah Island Club. Both are retired.



Whitlow & Linda Wyatt

Atlanta, GA & Kiawah Island, SC

Whitlow & Linda Wyatt live in Atlanta, GA, and also own property on Kiawah Island. Both are retired. They are members of the Cherokee Town & Country Club in Atlanta and the Kiawah Island Club..

**NEW MEMBERS
 2006**

Steve & Marge Bottcher

Joe & Amy Firetti

Jeff & Susan French

Ron & Carol Hacker

Larry & Jane Iwan

Rich & Beth Mahaffey

Paul & Rosie Mahoney

Jeff & Terri Mann

Rick & Chris Pennell

Bailey & Tina Schell

Jim & Linda Strickland

Whitlow & Linda Wyatt

**Introducing ...
 The Briar's Creek Blog**

A week does not go by when we don't hear members' guests dishing out superlatives about their day at the Club - the phenomenal golf course, the spectacular natural setting, the unhurried nature of their round, the service of the staff, fishing in the lake, the quality of the food or an event they attended, and so on.

We have decided that it's time to let you and your guests share these experiences with the rest of the world. We are pleased to introduce the Briar's Creek Blog on our website. Our blog will have three different components that allow people to contribute.

THE BLOG

Multiple contributors from the Briar's Creek family will write frequently about the days, events, and special occurrences that take place at the Club. Visitors to the site may comment on what they read or, even better, expand on entries by sharing their experiences that relate to the topic.

BULLETIN BOARD

This will be fun! Members and guests may post their experiences and or impressions



about their day at the Club. For example, if a member and a group of guests has a golf match that includes some amazing shots, or plays some great golf in difficult weather conditions, or witnesses a hole-in-one, or sees someone's golf bag and push cart roll into a lake, after the round they can post it on the bulletin board for all to enjoy.

PHOTO BULLETIN BOARD

Are you one of those golfers that likes to carry a camera and photograph the amazing sites around the course or take a picture of your friends? Last week one golfer took this photo from the 9th Tee Box of two

dolphins playing in Briar's Creek. Priceless!



Please help us keep the blog alive by adding your comments, posting your anecdotes and experiences, and sharing your photos. We know this is going to be fun!

LADIES MEMBER GUEST PHOTOS

The Ladies' Member Guest took place on Tuesday, May 16th, and the sixteen teams that participated were split into four flights. Everyone had a great time, and at the end of the day we awarded four flight winners and four runners up prizes. Thank you all for your participation, and thank you especially to Mrs. Secrist for hosting a great supper for the field on Tuesday night.



Honeysuckle Flight

Winners: Darlene Murphy (right) & guest Maurie Flanagan
 Runners-Up (not shown): Donna Bailey & guest Jeannie Hillock



Jasmine Flight

Winners: Sherry Balderson (right) & guest Lynn Armstrong
 Runners-Up (not shown): Suzie Williams & guest Jan Blum



Wysteria Flight

Winners: Patti Secrist (left) & guest Diane Allen
 Runners-Up (not shown): Jane Iwan & guest Lynne Sager



Clematis Flight

Winners: Eileen Kirkner (left) & guest Myra Miracle
 Runners-Up (not shown): Ele Carifa & guest Nicki Errico

LIVING THE BRIAR'S CREEK LIFE

“...One of the reasons we are looking forward to joining Briar's Creek is that we've heard so much about the friendly, more intimate, social nature of the Club,” state new Briar's Creek Members Ron and Carol Hacker. This is a growing theme among new members who are finding that our small club – ultimately no more than 300 members – makes for a familiar and fun environment. And with more activities being offered, it is a lifestyle that appeals to most.

Couples Golf and Dinner, Weekly Men's & Women's Golf Games, Cooking Classes at Steve Koenig's House by Chef Marc, Cocktails & Fishing, Nature Walks, Kayaking, Oyster Roast and Bluegrass, Gourmet Night, and other activities make being a member at the Premier Golf Club in the region a bit more interesting and special. Most people know that the number one asset at a club is the make up of its members. At Briar's Creek, getting to spend quality time with quality people is a hallmark of this Club. The addition of the new 13,000 SF Clubhouse, a spectacular new setting – with expansive porches providing sweeping views of Briar's Creek and the Kiawah River – will provide members with a wonderful venue to enjoy one another's company.

Enjoying this lifestyle does not have to be done in a group event – though it is always fun to do so. Members, their families and their guests can come out and walk the 2 mile nature trail around Lake Sharon and through the Wildlife Sanctuary at any time; fish for an abundance of Large-mouth Bass, paddle a canoe up the lake, or take a picnic lunch up to the top of the elevated area overlooking the 53 acre lake. You can golf with your friends any day, and live the lifestyle of Briar's Creek every day.



Members line up for the Spring Kayaking Outing on Briar's Creek.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2006

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---|------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 <i>4th of July Flag Tournament</i> | 5 Course CLOSED | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Course CLOSED | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Course CLOSED | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Course CLOSED | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

Weekly Golf Games

If you are looking for a game at Briar's Creek you have many options :

The **Men's Blue Tee Group** meets on Tuesdays, and Mike Weiner sends an e-mail invitation each week to all those interested. If you are not on his list and would like to be, his e-mail is Mjw1085@aol.com.

The **Men's White Tee Group** meets on Thursdays, and is organized by Bob Nigro. His e-mail is BOBNIGRO@aol.com.

The **Ladies Group** meets on Fridays, and Patti Secrist sends that invite. Again, if you are not on this invite list and would like to be, contact Patti at patti_secrist@hotmail.com.

For any questions, please call the golf shop at (843) 327-2020.

Don't Forget!

Don't forget our annual **4th of July Flag Tournament**. This is a tournament that you can just turn up to. There is no need to officially sign up. Make your own games and just show up at any time during the day to join in the fun of seeing how far around the course you can take your flag. Full handicaps; Guests are welcome; Choose your tee box; All levels of play and a special menu from Chef Marc. If you don't have a game that day, call the golf shop and we'll try and pair you up.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The golf course is open **8:00am to dusk**, Thursday through Tuesday. We are closed on Wednesdays. **However, as we approach the longer evening hours we will close the Lodge by 7:00pm unless we have golfers on the course or we know you are coming out, so please call ahead if you intend to play after 7:00pm.** We thank you for your cooperation and understanding, and look forward to seeing you at any time at Briar's Creek.

August Aerification

The maintenance staff will be aerifying the golf course again in August. As a result, **the course will be closed Tuesday, August 1st through Friday, August 4th.** Aerification must be performed regularly in order to maintain the health of the turf. Some important facts to know about keeping our course "healthy" are :

- Our aerification schedule has been set up to interfere the least with Member play.
- Aerification is the process that pulls 4" to 5" plugs out of the turf and then adds Potassium and Sand into the holes, thus allowing oxygen and nutrients to promote root growth and eliminate "thatching" and "compaction."
- Thatching is the build-up of dead or dormant grasses. By eliminating this, we generate a new growth environment and playing surface.
- Briar's Creek does not have an abundance of thatching, due to the fact that we do not overseed our fairways and rough. Thus, we do not have a "transitioning" of winter grasses when the temperatures rise in late Spring.
- Compaction is caused by regular "traffic" in certain areas, especially around tees and greens. By aerating, we generate new grass growth in these areas.
- The weather in early August is good for aerification, because the Tiff-Eagle Grass on our greens thrives in the combination of moisture and sunlight.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2006

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | Aug. 1 <i>Aerification Course CLOSED</i> | 2 <i>Aerification Course CLOSED</i> | 3 <i>Aerification Course CLOSED</i> | 4 <i>Aerification Course CLOSED</i> | 5 <i>Course OPEN Guest Play Discouraged*</i> |
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| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Course CLOSED | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Course CLOSED | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Course CLOSED | 31 | Sept. 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Course CLOSED | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Course CLOSED | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 <i>Gourmet Night</i> | 20 Course CLOSED | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Course CLOSED | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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Steven J. Koenig

Michael S. Martin

Edward L. Myrick, Sr.

Edward L. Myrick, Jr.

James T. Myrick

* Due to the condition of the course directly after aerification, guest play is strongly discouraged.



Harrison & Sarah Gregg peek into one of the many birdhouses on the property to see the newly-hatched baby birds



Charlie & Brenda Larsen (right) and their guests Alan & Eloise Burnaford enjoy a casual dinner at our Spring Opener Picnic.



(left) Kirk Gregg leads the pack at the Spring Nature Walk.
(right) Paul Koenig shows off his (small) catch at the Spring Fishing & Cocktails event.

MEN'S MEMBER GUEST PHOTOS

The Men's Member Guest concluded on Saturday, May 20th, with the overall 2006 title going to the team of John Carifa and Robert Errico. Mr. Errico made a natural birdie on the # 18 hole in the sudden death playoff. Congratulations on a great finish!



Winners (Sandhills Flight) & Overall Champions :
John Carifa (left) & guest Robert Errico
Runners Up-Sandhills Flight (below) : Jim Ramich(r) & guest David Ramich



Briar's Creek Flight
Winners (l): Steve Koenig (l) & guest Danny Dean
Runners Up (r) : Mike Weiner (r) & guest Phil Cohen



Estancia Flight
Winners (l): Jim Norton (r) & guest Charlie Cooper
Runners Up (r) : Rich Secrist (r) & guest Ryan Secrist



Nantucket Flight
Winners (l): Frank Murphy (r) & guest Charles Hauser
Runners Up (r) : Larry Nunnery (l) & guest Patrick Greene

What's That Trophy?

The Inter Club is a committee-based team of players who participate in match play matches with Yeaman's Hall, Country Club of Charleston and Bull's Bay Golf Clubs. We play at all four venues throughout the year and share each

experience with eight players from their respective Club's committees.

This is the third year of the Inter Club with the Country Club of Charleston winning in 2004 and your Briar's Creek defending as the 2005 champions. The trophy that sits on the mantle in the Lodge is ours for one year until a new champion is crowned for 2006.



FISHING & COCKTAILS

When was the last time you went fishing and had “beverage cart service”? Or you were provided with a large selection of lures to help yourself to? Or the fishing stories outweighed the fish themselves? Well, that's SUPPOSED to happen when you go fishing with friends!

Another fun Briar's Creek evening was enjoyed by a group of members and guests recently alongside our beautiful 53 acre lake. Cocktails & Fishing, with a steak cookout thrown-in, was a “whopping” success. Club staff provided shuttle and beverage service to those who wanted to venture up the lake to remote fishing holes, and followed it up with a home-style steak and chicken cookout on the deck of the Welcome Center overlooking the lake. Sara, Jennifer and Gus also provided homemade salads and cookies, and ice cream bars as everyone dined “al fresco” and family-style under market umbrellas. Mother Nature cooperated with a beautiful evening of sunshine and perfect breezes. Memories include the sound of laughter and fishing stories being retold, and the sight of grandchildren catching their first 2 pound largemouth bass and celebrating with an ice cream sundae bar! We can't wait to do it again.



Julie Gelatt & Steve Koenig show off their catch.



Bill Bell's catch is a family affair.

Introducing Pete Chalfant

We want to take this opportunity to introduce the newest member of the golf staff, Pete Chalfant. Pete comes to us from Kiawah where he has caddied at Cassique and The River Course, and was an assistant professional at Cougar Point Golf Course. Pete is part time at Briar's Creek to help us through our busy season, but we hope we can utilize him in other areas of the Club as well. Please welcome him when you see him next.



Employee Milestones

Congratulations to the following employees, who have recently celebrated significant milestones with the Club. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Club— we are proud to have you as a member of our team!

Frank Frazier – 3 years
Maintenance

Chris Gunther – 5 years
Maintenance

Jeremy Jenkins – 5 years
Community Operations

Allyson Kahl – 3 years
Food & Beverage

Sara Koenig – 7 years
Membership Coordinator

Ken Roof – 5 years
Mechanic

Juan Soto – 3 years
Maintenance

SUMMER RECIPE : TOASTED SPICE BLEND

Everyone has been asking Marc for his “Toasted Spice Blend” recipe. This blend of spices is used for barbeques, meats, and poultry to enhance the smokey flavor of the grill or to add an additional layer of flavor to roasted meats.

For Grilling: marinade your meat with olive oil, fresh herbs, kosher salt, fresh ground pepper and some spice rub. You can marinade for 5 minutes or 24 hrs, depending on your preference.

For Roasting: rub your meat with kosher salt, fresh ground pepper and some spice rub, then follow your regular roasting directions.

Don't be intimidated by all the peppers or 'spicy' ingredients, this is quite a mellow blend and not spicy hot at all. The blend should last in a sealed container stored in an cool dark place for about 6 months to a year.

Ingredients :

- 2 parts Cardamon Pods
- 1 part Whole Black Peppet
- 1 part Szechuan Peppercorns
- 1 part Red Pepper Flake
- 1 parts Star Anise
- 2 parts Fennel Seed
- 3 parts Corriander Seed
- 1 part Whole Clove
- 1 part Dry Thyme
- 2 parts Black Mustard Seed
- 3 parts Cumin Seed
- 3 parts Celery Seed
- 3 parts Fenugreek, whole

Instructions :

- Toast each spice off individually
- Cool, grind, and sift together
- Store in a cool area in an AIRTIGHT container

Nature Trail Maps Now Available

Due to the exceptional response to the newly cleared nature trail, Jennifer has created a map that will better help you find your way around. If you are feeling adventurous, stop by the Welcome Center before you head out onto the trail, and Jennifer would be happy to provide you with an outlined

trail map. Following this guided trail will allow you to see the wonders of nature this Audubon-sanctioned land has to offer. So, join the scores of wildlife next time you are visiting the Club and enjoy the softer, natural side of Briar's Creek.

Golf Committee Update

Effective July 1, 2006, Bob Nigro has agreed to chair the Golf Committee for a two-year term replacing Mike Weiner who has served in that position since the club's inception. The Golf Committee will report to the CEO and be comprised of seven members. In the next month, we will ask three more men and three women to join the Committee in order to establish that it can speak to the interests of our entire membership.

Until the clubhouse opens, the Golf Committee will be chartered to:

- Solicit ideas for structuring the Club's golf events and establishing the annual calendar for club-sponsored tournaments

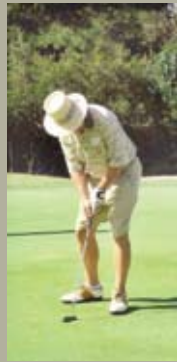
- Work with the Club staff to plan and organize these events and related social activities
- Communicate with the members to encourage participation and assure events are well attended
- Serve as the Club's Handicap Committee
- Function as the Club's Grounds Committee

The club wishes to thank Mike Weiner for chairing the Golf Committee for the past four years. His leadership has established a solid golf experience for all of our members and provides a sound platform for the new Committee to continue this work.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUNDRAISER COUNTS ON THE GOLF CLUB AT BRIAR'S CREEK



For the fourth year running, Briar's Creek will host Our Lady of Mercy's most important fundraiser – its Benefit Golf Tournament. All tournament proceeds are applied directly to the Outreach's many programs. In 2005, \$60,000 was raised for this important charity.



Our Lady of Mercy is a non-profit organization addressing the needs of the economically poor on James, Johns, and Wadmalaw Islands. Their mission is to address health, education, housing and emergency needs, while encouraging and supporting self-sufficiency and the self-worth of community residents.



The Outreach offers assistance to those who hope for a better life, for themselves and their families, and to resolve their poverty related concerns. They offer English as a Second Language classes, GED Preparation, Parenting and Life Skills sessions and other educational services as well as daily emergency services. The Outreach Wellness House, providing prenatal and dental care, sees approximately 1,250 pre-natal visits and 5,000 dental procedures, which they provide at no cost to the uninsured. Outreach touches the lives of over 2,500 families and 3,000 migrant farm workers with the support of many volunteers from these communities, including Kiawah, Seabrook and our own Briar's Creek Members.



This year's Benefit Golf Tournament will be Wednesday, October 4th. The OLM Tournament is always a fun day at Briar's Creek, with many members participating as sponsors and players. If you are new to the Briar's Creek family and have not had the pleasure of participating, we encourage you to plan ahead and register for your sponsorship and/or your team for this important community outreach event. For more information, contact Margaret Berard at (843) 559-4109 or visit their website at www.olmoutreach.org.

