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**“The Birdie”
October 2006**

Main web site: <http://brae-burn.org>

Calendar for the year: <http://brae-burn.org/members/calendar/calendar.pl>.

Upcoming Events		
October 21 (Saturday)	Brae Burn Bunko Night Party 	Spaghetti dinner provided with this easy group dice game. Many laughs.
27	Last day to sign up for Halloween Party	Drop off forms and checks at Kim Brown's house. See p. 6
31 (Tuesday)	<i>Halloween Party</i>	5:00 – 6:30 PM Clubhouse Info in flyer on p. 6
November 28 (Tues)	Special preview: Brae Burn Craft Fair	7:00 – 9:00 PM at Clubhouse Info on p. 4
29 – 30	Brae Burn Craft Fair	Starts at 10:00 a.m. at Clubhouse
December 7 (Thursday)	Winter Social & “White Elephant” Auction	Save the date. Hosted by the Moseley's. At the Clubhouse

Reminder from the City of Redmond and Brae Burn:

**Please ... DON'T leave your recycling bins in the street.
DO put them away – and out of sight.**

(As great as recycling is for the community, the bins are a traffic hazard when left in the street and unsightly when left out in view.)

Thank you,
Your Neighbors.



Board News

Note: all Board meetings are open to Members. They are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. *Next meeting is on November 14th*. Contact Jack Caldwell if you want to present an idea to the Board or have it added to the agenda.

Minutes of October 10th meeting. Submitted by Walt Wollny, Secretary.

President - Jack Caldwell - *absent*
Vice President - Wade Brown
Secretary - Walt Wollny
Social Trustee - Joanne Jeppesen

Treasurer – Rich Detering
Maintenance Trustee - Bill Disney
Golf Trustee - Francis Bravo
Associate Rep – Harry Cummings

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.
2. Minutes from last meeting approved.

3. Presentations by Members. None.

4. Reports

-- **Superintendent – Josh Soden:**

Punching, sanding and aerating has been completed. Greens will be back to normal in about a week.

Starting on Monday 10/16/06 we are going to start working on the drainage work on Hole #1 green and will be installing a temporary green. This work is expected to take two weeks (weather permitting). The green should be back in play in three to four weeks after the drainage system has been completed.

There will not be another green replacement until next year as we have run out of funds for 2006.

-- **Maintenance – Bill Disney**

We are going to be working on the fence (180th Ave.) over the next few weekends. This weekend we completed demolition of the current fence. Final fence replacement needs to be completed before June 2007 or we will have to return the grant funds back to the City of Redmond. **We need 225 person hours to cover our grant.**

-- **Membership – Wade Brown**

We have 4 associate applicants on the list. *The Board voted to allow all associate applicants on the waiting list to establish a Brae Burn handicap.*

-- **Treasurer - Rich Detering**

[Monthly budget through September](#) (p.5) was submitted. The dues budget included the loss of two “emeritus members” so we are going to have a shortfall of approx. \$1500 dollars. There is going to be a meeting of the finance committee on 10/16/06 at 7 pm at the Clubhouse. If you want to help with this committee, please come down and participate.

Tip: when paying dues, please indicate on the check which *month(s)* your payment covers. Thank you.
-- Brae Burn’s volunteer data entry staff (Liz).

5. New Business – Nominating Committee. Joanne and Walt will recruit the Board nominating committee and will look for other members from the community to join the Board. If you have an interest in joining the board or the nominating committee, please email walt@wollny.org. Please get involved and help continue to make this a great place to live.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Special By Law Revision News

Submitted by Liz Duncan, Chair, By Law Revision Committee.

Between the survey (**thank you** for your responses) and the recent community meeting (**thank you** for attending), the By Laws Revision Committee has heard from about 20 out of 93 community members regarding the nine suggested changes to the By Laws. Input on the first three ideas was divided and favored change on the next three ideas. The committee determined that the last 3 ideas (regarding use of email as an additional means for notification, proxies and voting) needed more research.

Ideas 1-3: Divided Response

1. Reduce number of trustees from 7 to 5.

PRO: Hard to find trustees. Spreading work to committees (such as golf, social, long range planning, and a greens committees) as is provided for in the current By Laws would mean we could get by with fewer trustees and we would still have lots of member input.

CON: Right now a quorum is 5 trustees. Lowering the number of trustees could lower the quorum requirement and important neighborhood decisions would be made by too few people.

2. Redefine the By Laws to more clearly define the Board's powers.

PRO: If Boards were required to present proposed changes to the community before making changes, members would have a chance to have input before action was taken. This would lessen the "heat" some of our boards have endured.

CON: We elect the Board to act on our behalf. Having to go to the community for "every little decision" is neither productive nor efficient. If we reinstate the committees, there will be more community input.

3. Change the date of the Annual General Meeting from January to the Spring or Fall.

PRO: The current holiday time is a bad time to find trustees (elected at the current January meeting) and many members are out of town in January. Quorum is determined by the number of members in attendance. Some years there have not been enough members in attendance for a quorum.

CON: Our fiscal year coincides with the calendar year (January-December). Moving the date could impact our ability to create, present and pass a budget.

Ideas 4-6: Community Favored Making the Change

4. Provide for the ability of the community to hire a bookkeeper to assist the elected Treasurer, *if needed*.

PRO-The treasurer's job is time consuming and it is critical that we follow governmental rules and regulations, especially with respect to employees. For many years it has taken two volunteers to handle the job requirements. In the event no members come forward to take on the position or assist with the responsibilities, we still must have some way of doing "the business" of Brae Burn, e.g. paying bills, processing dues payments and paying taxes. The ability to hire a bookkeeper would allow us to hire someone when needed, i.e. only in the instance when no one agreed to take on the role of treasurer. In addition, funding would have to be approved by the community.

CON – This would increase our dues. Volunteers have always come forward.

5. Change emeritus membership from 15 years to 10 years. Virtually all respondents OK with this.

6. Remove 2 year limit for Trustees

PRO We are having a hard time finding trustees. If someone wants to do the job for more than 2 years, why not let them? He/she would still have to run for election and anyone could run against him/her.

CON Too much power for one person. Need new blood.

7-9: Use of E-Mail for Official Business: Needs More Research

Committee needs to do more research regarding use of e-mail. Homeowner association's rules and regulations require that notices of general meeting and budgets must be made by first class mail or by hand delivery. More research needed on proxy e-mail voting and proxy voting. The two primary concerns involved what happens if changes were made on the floor (of a meeting) to items being voted on and e-mail security. However, e-mail would make it easier for members to vote.



Golf News

Tiger won his 6th PGA Tour event in a row. The Ryder Cup melt down (ugh!) doesn't count. Only five more to go to catch the all-time record set by the incomparable Byron Nelson, who sadly passed away this month.

Upcoming Social Events



Brae Burn Bunko Night Party – Saturday, October 21st at 6:30 PM. This fun dinner and dice game event is coming up fast. Thanks to **Bobbie Schultz** and the **Heinemanns** for hosting it. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and wine will be provided for dinner. (BYOB if you want more.)

Brae Burn Halloween Party. October 31. Sign up by October 27. [See flyer](#) on, p.6.



Brae Burn Craft Fair. November 28 - 30. All members of Brae Burn and their guests are invited to a *special preview evening Tuesday, November 28th* from 7 to 9 pm. to kick off this year's Brae Burn Craft Fair. We'll have fun, fellowship and refreshments, and an opportunity to check out the latest hand crafted gifts and decorations.

The annual Craft Fair, sponsored this year by the Brae Burn Social Committee will be held Wednesday, November 29th from 10am. to 8 pm. and Thursday, November 30th from 10 am. to 6 pm. Applications for craft spaces are currently being sent out. Anyone interested in being in the show: contact Linda Detering at 425-867-0441.

Winter Social and White Elephant Auction. Save the date: **December 7** (Thursday). Hosted by the Moseley's. This is a really fun event. Details in the next Birdie.

Member News



Led by the intrepid Bill Disney, an all-volunteer army of Brae Burners has begun work on the fence along 180th Ave. NE. The materials arrived and the old, rickety fence was removed in one fell swoop. Putting up the new fence will proceed over the next few weekends. **REMEMBER:** we need a total of **225 person hours** to qualify for the City of Redmond grant to pay for this project. Contact Bill to help out.

New Members – Adult Division. Welcome to James Fackelman (call me, Bob) and Caroline Clark who, with son, Michael Albright (age 15) have moved into the Window Snyder home (Lot #94) and are busily making it over to their own style. Update your Rosters: phone 425-968-8826; e-mail railcone@earthlink.net

Member to member. Lynn Norton has purchased Elsie Hoyt's home (Lot #87) and she is busily renovating it.

Brae Burn, Inc.
TREASURER'S REPORT
 Date Prepared: September 30, 2006

	September ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	2006 BUDGET	% of Annual BUDGET
DEPOSITS				
Dues	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 90,292.60	\$ 122,400.00	74%
Clubhouse Reservations	\$ 550.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	100%
Assoc. Member Joining Fees	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	150%
Waiting List Deposits	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	100%
Special Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Investment Income	\$ 18.34	\$ 166.16	\$ 150.00	111%
Member Donations, Golf Tags & Other	\$ 60.00	\$ 4,185.40	\$ 200.00	2093%
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 10,128.34	\$ 101,144.16	\$ 128,250.00	79%
EXPENDITURES				
WAGES				
Superintendent	\$ 3,635.00	\$ 30,765.00	\$ 42,000.00	73%
Medical Benefit	\$ 157.00	\$ 1,413.00	\$ 2,700.00	52%
Seasonal Personnel	\$ 1,921.13	\$ 9,301.34	\$ 10,000.00	93%
Payroll taxes	\$ 388.50	\$ 4,122.91	\$ 5,500.00	75%
Total Wage Expense	\$ 6,101.63	\$ 45,602.25	\$ 60,200.00	76%
COURSE EXPENSE				
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 5,709.06	\$ 13,870.73	\$ 14,000.00	99%
Water	\$ 3,013.98	\$ 10,735.62	\$ 13,000.00	83%
Utilities	\$ 108.58	\$ 1,539.27	\$ 1,600.00	96%
Fertilizer/Seed/Sand	\$ 3,522.90	\$ 9,386.71	\$ 13,000.00	72%
Fuel	\$ 130.02	\$ 1,182.49	\$ 2,700.00	44%
Other	\$ -	\$ 307.59	\$ 2,000.00	15%
TOTAL COURSE EXPENSE	\$ 12,484.54	\$ 37,022.41	\$ 46,300.00	80%
CLUBHOUSE & POOL				
Electricity	\$ 143.50	\$ 2,774.80	\$ 2,100.00	132%
Garbage	\$ 67.23	\$ 449.15	\$ 600.00	75%
Gas	\$ 712.39	\$ 2,555.33	\$ 3,000.00	85%
Telephone	\$ 43.97	\$ 383.30	\$ 550.00	70%
Water	\$ 669.94	\$ 1,780.15	\$ 2,400.00	74%
SUBTOTAL UTILITIES	\$ 1,637.03	\$ 7,942.73	\$ 8,650.00	92%
Clubhouse Repair & Maintenance	\$ 198.60	\$ 1,614.16	\$ 2,500.00	65%
Pool Maintenance	\$ 1,340.99	\$ 3,110.55	\$ 3,500.00	89%
Other	\$ -	\$ 451.00	\$ 500.00	90%
SUBTOTAL Maintenance	\$ 1,539.59	\$ 5,175.71	\$ 6,500.00	80%
TOTAL CLUBHOUSE & POOL	\$ 3,176.62	\$ 13,118.44	\$ 15,150.00	87%
GENERAL EXPENSE				
Taxes				
Property	\$ -	\$ 2,008.49	\$ 3,800.00	53%
IRS Income & Tax Preparation	\$ -	\$ 187.00	\$ 750.00	25%
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 4,449.00	\$ 5,000.00	89%
Birdie & Office	\$ 108.32	\$ 1,165.01	\$ 2,000.00	58%
Golf	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	0%
Legal review of CCR's (2005) / CCR Registration (2006)	\$ -	\$ 89.00	\$ 200.00	45%
Other	\$ 32.64	\$ 567.38	\$ 1,000.00	57%
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	\$ 140.96	\$ 8,465.88	\$ 13,000.00	65%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 21,903.75	\$ 104,208.98	\$ 134,650.00	77%
NET CASH (DEPOSITS-EXPENDITURES)	\$ (11,775.41)	\$ (3,064.82)	\$ (6,400.00)	
PROJECTS				
Replace border fence	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	0%
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
TOTAL PROJECTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 21,903.75	\$ 104,208.98	\$ 138,650.00	75%
NET CASH (DEPOSITS-TOTAL EXPENDITURES)	\$ (11,775.41)	\$ (3,064.82)	\$ (10,400.00)	
Total Funds - Beginning	\$ 69,766.55	\$ 61,055.96	Balances	
Net Cash (Deposits-Total Exp.)	\$ (11,775.41)	\$ (3,064.82)	Checking	\$ 32,277.54
Total Funds - End of Period	\$ 57,991.14	\$ 57,991.14	Savings	\$ 15,520.58
			CD	\$ 10,193.02
			Total	\$ 57,991.14

Total Members/Associates Past Due on August dues 12/\$975

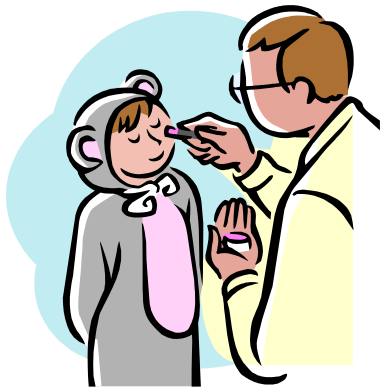
Brae Burn Halloween Party!

October 31st

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Brae Burn Clubhouse

Come to the Brae Burn club house and join your neighbors for some pre-trick or treating fun! Join everyone for dinner (**pizza & salad included**), a few games and some "easy crafts" for the little ones! Wear your costumes (or just come see the kids in theirs) !!!



Please RSVP by October 27th !!

Drop off envelope will be on the front porch at the Brown's house 18108 NE 28th Street (Lot #93) Brae Burn

Adults and kids \$3.00 each (Please note **the ages of the kids** that will be attending!!) Guests welcome!

1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____
6. _____	\$ _____
7. _____	\$ _____

Total Adults:

Total kids:

Total \$\$ enclosed:

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY! TURN ON YOUR PORCH LIGHTS! BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT!