



Your outgoing Board of Trustees



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**“The Birdie”
February 2008**

website and latest calendar: <http://brae-burn.org>

Upcoming Events		
February 28th (Thurs.)	Garden Club	7:00 @ Tam O'Shanter Clubhouse.
March 13th (Thurs.)	Garden Club	7:00 pm (see p. 5 for more info.)
22nd (Sat.)	Easter Egg Hunt	Clubhouse 9:30 am. See p. 7 flyer.
April 10th (Thurs.)	Garden Club (cooking with Tyler)	7:00 PM @ Tam O'Shanter
12th (Sat.)	Meet & Greet Social	All are welcome. See p. 4 for details.
19th (Sat.)	Men's Golf Field Day	Don Aho host. Details in next Birdie.
24th (Sat.)	First “Twilight Social Golf”	5:45 tee time. Sign up starting Tues.



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 March 11th.* Contact a Board member if you want to present an idea to the Board or have it added to the agenda.

This month we have minutes from three meetings to report:

- Minutes of the January 23rd Members Annual Meeting (*to be approved in January 2009*)
- Minutes of the January 23rd first new Board of Trustees Meeting
- Minutes of the February 12th meeting (*will be included in March Birdie*)

Minutes of Brae Burn Annual Meeting, January 23, 2008, at the Clubhouse. *Please advise the Board if you notice any errors or would like to suggest modifications. These minutes will be reviewed at the next Annual Meeting, January 2009.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

Board Members in Attendance:

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| President | Jack Caldwell | Maintenance Trustee | Walt Wollny |
| Vice President | Greg Johnson | Social Trustee | Kim Brown |
| Secretary | Joanne Jeppesen | Golf Trustee | Steve Birchler |
| Treasurer | Rich Detering | | |

Minutes of the January 24, 2007 Annual Meeting, as published in the February 2007 Birdie, were approved by acclamation.

President, Jack Caldwell, spoke of events of the past year. He then brought up the subject of Ken Duffin's paintings that are on display in the clubhouse. Ken was urged to leave several here when he moved and told we would be paying for them. Social Fund sent him \$1000 and approximately \$2400 is still owed. Walt Wollny made a motion that we support the idea of purchasing the pictures and send payment to Ken. Motion was seconded and passed.

Joanne, secretary, had no report.

Vice President, Greg Johnson reported there were many changes in Membership and Associate membership over the past year. No one is on the waiting list at this time. If members or associates know of anyone wishing to join, please let us know. There is a \$1500 initiation fee for joining. Greg mentioned that there were a number of new associates starting this year. He thanked Darlene Sobieck for her assistance with the welcoming process.

Walt Wollny, Maintenance Trustee, thanked Mary Steele and John Toomb for volunteering their tireless hours of painting our clubhouse. He also thanked those who helped build the fence along 180th and those who helped on cleanup days. We are planning to have two work parties in 2008 to be done via special projects and will be reflected in the yearly budget. The 10 year long range plan that will forecast the major improvements and repair will be sent out in the Birdie and posted on the website. Please note that some years we are going to need to have a special assessment to cover some of the upcoming cost. Our insurance policy is in review and Walt will give his recommendation to the new Board.

He then mentioned the survey that was passed out upon sign-in tonight at the meeting. He said there was one question he wanted that did not get on the survey and would like a show of hands of those who would like to rent out the golf course from time to time to groups to make money for some of our projects. Several hands went up, about 14, so that idea needs to be explored more by the next Board. The survey will be sent out in the next Birdie including the question on renting the golf course.

Again, Walt gave thanks for all the hard work of all the committees and work parties.

Jack thanked Walt for hosting the Brae Burn website.

Treasurer, Rich Detering reported that as of December 31, 2007, everyone was current on their dues. That has not happened in a very long time. He reminded everyone of the \$25 late fee that was instigated during the summer and said that was working very well. Rich thanked Liz Duncan for her help with the treasurer's duties. He made and passed out new copies of the 2008 budget. The previous ones mailed out did not have the final expenditures for 2007.

A question was asked regarding the attorney's fees. Liz spoke to that saying that when her committee met to update the CC&Rs and By Laws, they discovered we had had no legal advice regarding the issues of liability on both the golf course and the clubhouse. Darlene Sobieck suggested we look at Tam O'Shanter's CC&Rs and By Laws as they did have an attorney in doing theirs. Liz is checking with the attorney about a standard form for this rather than many hours of an attorney going line by line for us.

Our Course Superintendent, Josh Soden's medical benefits were also questioned and the fact that we were over budget on seasonal wages, both in 2006 and 2007. Rich clarified by saying that in 2006 a project needed extra help and we did not allocate the extra seasonal help hours to the special project budget. In 2007 the seasonal helper was kept on to cover Josh's honeymoon vacation in October. Josh's wages for 2008 were questioned.

A motion was made to increase the budgeted superintendent's wages by \$1000 to provide the Board greater flexibility in determining Josh's raise on August 1st, his anniversary date. It was seconded and unanimously passed.

The major projects for 2008 include the pool being brought up to safety standards by June 1, and the bridge between #5 and #6 repaired for safety reasons. The Board has a long to do list. Members can come to Board meetings and lobby for the projects they want the most.

Walt made a motion that we increase the 2008 budget \$2500 to buy Ken Duffin's paintings. It was seconded and passed. The budget will be amended.

Phil Van Eynde complimented the Board for finishing the year six thousand dollars under budget.

Kim Brown, Social Trustee, talked of many successful events throughout 2007. She passed out a calendar of coming events for 2008 for people to sign up on and return to her.

Golf Trustee, Steve Birchler reported that 2007 was a good year for golf. The Golf Committee has already formulated a golf calendar of tournaments for 2008. It is ready for the new Roster. Francis Bravo volunteered to be chair of Twilight events.

Jack recognized Pete Wright, Associate Representative to the Board, for his great participation this past year.

Nominees for the four new Board members was announced and were introduced to the membership. They were Carol Helland, Cyndy Neuman, Susie Wright and Bill Disney. They will be replacing outgoing members, Jack Caldwell, Joanne Jeppesen, Rich Detering and Walt Wollny. They were voted in by acclamation. A meeting is to be held after the Annual Meeting to determine their offices.

Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm.

Minutes of January 23, 2008 Board Meeting: *Submitted by Cyndy Neuman, Secretary.*

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM

Board Members in Attendance:

President	Carol Helland	Maintenance Trustee	Bill Disney
Vice President	Greg Johnson	Social Trustee	Kim Brown
Treasurer	Susie Wright	Golf Trustee	Steve Birchler
Secretary	Cyndy Neuman	Associate Rep.	Pete Wright

Vice President, Greg Johnson motioned that the positions of the four new board members be decided. The nominations for the new board members were moved, seconded and approved as follows:

	<u>Moved</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Cyndy Neuman as Secretary,	Carol Helland	Jack Caldwell
Susie Wright as Treasurer	Kim Brown	Jack Caldwell
Bill Disney as Maintenance Trustee	Carol Helland	Steve Birchler
Carol Helland as President	Bill Disney	Kim Brown

Former Treasurer, Rich Detering described the procedure for Treasurer transition from old members to new members. The signature card for the account at the Bank of America on Bel/Red Road and NE 24th will need to be changed. This will require submitting copy of the January 23rd meeting minutes showing the electing officers. Rich said that this should be done before the end of the month and the new Board Members (except for the Secretary) should go together to change card.

Susie Wright and Rich Detering planned to meet to go over Treasurer's responsibilities. Walt Wollny offered to assist Susie as well.

The Board verified that the next meeting will be held on February 12th, 2008.

New Business:

Walt Wollny volunteered for Maintenance Committee.

Walt Wollny stated that Margaret Wollny volunteers for Clubhouse Committee.

Carol Helland asked Cyndy Neuman to contact Doug Duncan to include a request for committee volunteers in the next Birdie.

The Board discussed committee appointments and will do so at the next Board Meeting on February 12th 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Social News

Easter Egg Hunt. March 22nd. Submitted by Kim Brown. "We ask that if your child is hunting for eggs and would like a basket, we ask that you RSVP no later than the March 15th deadline, please. **See flyer on p. 7 for sign up and info.**

Note from Kim: RSVP's that come afterwards will be accepted, but if there is a egg hunter in the bunch, they will miss out on an Easter basket. We are sorry to do this, but over the past couple years Carol and I have made several extra trips back and forth to the store to accommodate late RSVP'ers and due to time limits this year we simply cannot make extra trips. Thanks for your understanding."



Save the Date!
2008 "Meet & Greet" Kickoff Event
Saturday, April 12th, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Brae Burn Clubhouse

Welcome new Brae Burn members. Open to all members and their families,
and friends who are interested in joining Brae Burn

Bring Munchies, Salad, or Dessert to share

Program:

4:30 Gathering, munchies, get acquainted activities, pass out information about Brae Burn activities, and complete questionnaire—talents and hobbies, community interests, and volunteer sign up

5:00 Welcome by Brae Burn President, introduce Board Members, and spotlight Brae Burn activities

5:30 Dinner: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Beer, Punch (provided by Brae Burn)
Salads, desserts, munchies (Pot luck)

6:00 Entertainment by the Carpool Tunnel Bluegrass band, starring Paul and Susie Wright

RSVP by April 9th to Debra Holman, 746-5176, debra_holman@comcast.net, or any member of the committee: Jack Caldwell, Pete Wright, Greg Johnson, and Walt Wollny.

Member News

Brae Burn Roster Update. Debra Holman is doing the annual update to the Roster. **Please review last year's directory** and let me know of any changes and corrections. Please contact Debra by the end of February for the updated information to be included in the 2008 directory. debra_holman@comcast.net; 425.746.5176

Calling All Volunteers. The Brae Burn community relies almost totally on its volunteer members to organize and manage its affairs and events. This is a call for you to volunteer to help us have another wonderful year. Remember the Fourth of July breakfast, parade & goofy golf? The Crab Feed? Efforts to improve the look of the neighborhood? The Easter Egg Hunt? Friday Family Fun Nights by the pool? How nicely the Clubhouse is kept up? This takes volunteers ... like you.

Among its many duties, the Board is required to appoint **committee chairs** to each of the Brae Burn standing committees as soon as possible following the annual meeting. The Board is planning to make 2008 appointments to the standing committees at the monthly meeting that is scheduled for February 12, 2008. The standing committees include: Architectural Control, Maintenance, Membership, Publicity, Golf and Social. Pick an area that interests you, especially if you have some talent in the area. There is a spot in there somewhere for you.

The Board over the years has constituted other committees as seen to be desirable which includes things like Brae Burn Beautification, Pool and Safety Committees. The full list of current committees can be found in the front of your Roster. Rules governing appointment to standing committees and creation of ad hoc committees can be found in Article XII of our community by-laws (copy online at <http://brae-burn.org>).

If you are interested in being a continuing or new volunteer, **please contact the Board at board@brae-burn.org** and express your interest.

This is a great way to be a part of your community, gain valuable experience, show your pride and influence the future of our community! Please take a minute to consider how you can be involved and let us know your interest.

Movin' on up. Pete and Nancy Wright are moving to Trilogy. Effective Feb.27, their new address will be: 24180 N.E. 131st Terrace, Redmond, WA 98053-6269. New home phone will be 425-896-8176

Movin' on up, again. Greg Johnson reports as follows: I wanted to formally announce that I recently left KPMG and began work as an Audit Manager in Microsoft's Internal Audit team. My new contact card is attached. I've been here for 3 weeks and have officially settled in. My office is in the West Park building near the Redmond City Hall

and skate park, so feel free to drop by if you are in the area. Here is my contact info:

Greg Johnson | Audit Manager | Microsoft Internal Audit | cell: +1.425.283.7778 | gjohnson@microsoft.com

Winter Yard Waste Collection (submitted by **John Ensein**). Currently both Bellevue and Kirkland collect yard waste during the winter months on a **weekly** basis. However, as you know, Redmond has decided that yard waste needs to only be collected bi-weekly December through February. When there are missed collection days, as occurred during the recent storm on January 14th, this effectively resulted in the not being any yard waste pickup for almost a month. For many Brae Burn residents with full yard waste containers, this means having to purchase disposable bags and/or containers to handle the overflow of material (or not recycle at all).

I have been talking with the City of Redmond and am encouraging them to change their current pickup policy. To add weekly yard waste pickup year round will add \$0.39 per month to each resident's bill; so for less than \$5.00 per year per single family residence, you can have weekly yard waste service on a year-round basis.

If you would like to add your voice to those that want to change the current policy, please contact:

Jerallyn Roetemeyer, PE
Environmental Quality Section Supervisor
Division of Natural Resources
City of Redmond
425-556-2824
jroetemeyer@redmond.gov

and also include (cc) the Mayor and Redmond City Council at mayorcouncil@redmond.gov on your email to increase the visibility of your request.

Garden Club News. Submitted by **Caroline Clark**. We were in a party mood during our **Wreath and Yule log making workshop** at the end of November. **Jenny Disney** brought baskets full of garden material including chestnuts bursting from their spiny husks and an interesting cone shaped fronds of red berries. Everyone brought lots of plant material which was heaped high on our tables and shared by all. Each wreath was distinctly unique and beautiful. In December we had a delightful time at the **Volunteer Park Conservatory** where we had a guided tour of tropical and desert plants from around the world. I was taken with the silvery agave tequilana. There is a musical installation project there as well. Lunch was in a great European type of bistro, Volunteer Park Cafe.

Please make note of our upcoming events. Garden Club meets through May. Guests are always welcome.

- **February 28, 2008** (7:00pm) Master Gardener Barbara Flynn presents a power point demonstration of gardens of Scotland, England, France, New Zealand and Australia.
- **March 13, 2008** (7:00pm) Master Gardener Holly Kennell has a slide show of culinary and ornamental herbs grown in perennial and annual boarders.
- **April 10, 2008** (7:00pm) Cooking with Tyler - Tam O Shanter chief shares cooking techniques and cooks recipes featuring herbs.
- **May 8, 2008** (11:00am) Field trip to Japanese Garden, tour with docent. Lunch at Cafe Flora. All of our activities are open to Brae Burn members and associates. EVERYONE is welcome to attend as my guest (free) and to bring a friend or two. Garden Club members and guests **RSVP to Caroline Clark 425-445-2031**.

Ken Duffin, long time former Brae Burn resident and Master Artist sends in the following note: "In case you are interested, I have just upgraded my listing on <http://.imagekind.com>. It is a site that stores hi-resolution art images from artists all over the world. These images are displayed for any one to look at and purchase quality prints of several sizes at reasonable prices if you so desire. The price depends on the size. My prints start at around \$13. Also you can buy a matte, frame and glass for your print. When you get to the site, from the link above, enter "ken duffin" in the search box. That will get you to my page. From here, find your way to my 8 galleries. You can then click on each image. Each gallery has a number of images. I also have a couple of other sites which list originals hometownartgallery.com -- sellart.com -- art-exchange.com They are mostly the same paintings."

From the Editor: This is the last issue of my term as Birdie Editor. Thanks for all your support...and please be just as supportive with my successor, Tonia Brown. –Doug Duncan

Have any news, tips, **photos** or announcements that would be of interest to the community? Contact Tonia Brown (tjbouska@hotmail.com) by **March 10th** for inclusion in the next Birdie.

Brae Burn, Inc.
TREASURER'S REPORT
Date Prepared: JANUARY 31, 2008

	January ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	% of Annual BUDGET
DEPOSITS				
Dues	\$ 29,800.00	\$ 29,800.00	\$ 146,940.00	20%
Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,100.00	0%
Assoc. Member Joining Fees	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	29%
Clubhouse Reservations	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,000.00	33%
Special Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Investment Income	\$ 19.64	\$ 19.64	\$ 400.00	5%
Member Donations, Golf Tags & Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	0%
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 31,469.64	\$ 31,469.64	\$ 161,140.00	20%
EXPENDITURES				
WAGES				
Superintendent	\$ 3,962.00	\$ 3,962.00	\$ 49,000.00	8%
Medical Benefit	\$ 157.00	\$ 157.00	\$ 2,700.00	6%
Seasonal Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00	0%
Payroll taxes	\$ 645.91	\$ 645.91	\$ 5,600.00	12%
Total Wage Expense	\$ 4,764.91	\$ 4,764.91	\$ 68,300.00	7%
COURSE EXPENSE				
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 498.25	\$ 498.25	\$ 14,500.00	3%
Water	\$ 177.24	\$ 177.24	\$ 13,500.00	1%
Utilities	\$ 150.77	\$ 150.77	\$ 1,800.00	8%
Fertilizer/Seed/Sand	\$ 791.90	\$ 791.90	\$ 11,000.00	7%
Fuel	\$ 369.40	\$ 369.40	\$ 2,700.00	14%
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%
TOTAL COURSE EXPENSE	\$ 1,987.56	\$ 1,987.56	\$ 44,500.00	4%
CLUBHOUSE & POOL				
Electricity	\$ 289.73	\$ 289.73	\$ 3,000.00	10%
Garbage	\$ 47.82	\$ 47.82	\$ 600.00	8%
Gas	\$ 37.24	\$ 37.24	\$ 4,000.00	1%
Telephone	\$ 42.64	\$ 42.64	\$ 511.00	8%
Water	\$ 90.86	\$ 90.86	\$ 2,400.00	4%
SUBTOTAL UTILITIES	\$ 508.29	\$ 508.29	\$ 10,511.00	5%
Clubhouse Repair & Maintenance	\$ 147.04	\$ 147.04	\$ 2,500.00	6%
Pool Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,600.00	0%
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0%
SUBTOTAL Maintenance	\$ 147.04	\$ 147.04	\$ 7,600.00	2%
TOTAL CLUBHOUSE & POOL	\$ 655.33	\$ 655.33	\$ 18,111.00	4%
GENERAL EXPENSE				
Taxes				
Property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,400.00	0%
IRS Income & Tax Preparation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	0%
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,900.00	0%
Birdie & Office	\$ 108.44	\$ 108.44	\$ 2,000.00	5%
Golf	\$ 10.89	\$ 10.89	\$ 250.00	4%
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	\$ 119.33	\$ 119.33	\$ 14,350.00	1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,527.13	\$ 7,527.13	\$ 145,261.00	5%
NET CASH (DEPOSITS-EXPENDITURES)	\$ 23,942.51	\$ 23,942.51	\$ 15,879.00	
PROJECTS				
Course equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	0%
Professional advise; By Laws	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	0%
Pool Safety	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	0%
Golf Course Major Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	0%
Clubhouse Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	0%
Pool Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Duffin Paintings	\$ 2,484.80	\$ 2,484.80	\$ 2,500.00	99%
TOTAL PROJECTS	\$ 2,484.80	\$ 2,484.80	\$ 25,500.00	10%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 10,011.93	\$ 10,011.93	\$ 170,761.00	6%
NET CASH (DEPOSITS-TOTAL EXPENDITURES)	\$ 21,457.71	\$ 21,457.71	\$ (9,621.00)	
Total Funds - Beginning	\$ 64,203.19	\$ 64,203.19	Balances Checking \$ 31,453.54 CD \$ 31,000.00 Savings \$ 23,207.36 Cap Equip Res \$ 7,430.00 Emer Reserve \$ 15,777.36 Total \$ 85,660.90	
Net Cash (Deposits-Total Exp.)	\$ 21,457.71	\$ 21,457.71		
Total Funds - End of Period	\$ 85,660.90	\$ 85,660.90		

Total Members/Associates Past Due 0 members/ \$0



Annual Brae Burn Egg Hunt!
Saturday March 22nd, 2008
9:30 AM



Meet at 9:30 AM Saturday March 22nd at the clubhouse for hunting details. After the hunt we will have a continental breakfast and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

To register for the hunt, complete this form and return it with your check payable to Brae Burn, Inc.. There will be an envelope on Kim Browns front porch marked "Easter Egg Hunt". Her address is 18108 NE 28th - Lot #93.

Questions: call Kim Brown at 497-0368 Please RSVP by March 15th- Thank you!

Member name _____ Number of adults _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Child's name _____ Age _____

Cost per hunter \$5

Cost per adult \$1