

“The Birdie”

September 2008



The end of summer...but not the end of the golf season!

Brae Burn website, calendar and current Birdie: <http://brae-burn.org>

Upcoming Events		
Oct	4th (Sat.)	Brae Burn Bunko Night
	9 th (Thurs.)	Garden Club to The Blodel Reserve
	21 st (Tues.)	By-Laws Info Mtg & Board Meeting
	27 th (Mon.)	P.E.A.C.E. of Mind: Parent Education and Child Empowerment
	31 st (Fri.)	Halloween Pre-Trick or Treat Party



Board News

Note: all Board meetings are open to Members. They are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse. **Next meeting is on October 21.** Contact a Board member if you want to present an idea to the Board or have an item to add to the agenda.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 21. The board adopted a resolution to change the Board Meeting date from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday of the month.

Correction to Minutes of August 12, 2008 Brae Burn Board Meeting: Submitted by Cyndy Neuman, Secretary
Reposted with Board approved revision under -Communications – Written and Oral: Paragraph One

- Dawn Clarke informed the Board that the clubhouse has often been left in disarray following a community event. She asked the Board if she could post a 'sign out' sheet for use by event sponsors so that each Host would have to acknowledge responsibility for the condition that the clubhouse was in at the close of their event. The simple sign-out sheet can be found on the North wall of the kitchen below the suggested guidelines for clubhouse cleanup.

Changes to the Welcoming Committee:

With much gratitude we thank Darlene Sobieck for ten years of volunteering on the Welcoming Committee. Her time and efforts have been greatly appreciated. The new Welcoming Committee Members are Denni Shefrin and Paula Birchler.

Nominating Committee Call to Duty:

It is that time of year again – days are getting longer, the pool will be closing soon, and election season is in full swing. That signals the time of year that the Board of Trustees must appoint a Nominating Committee to identify community members willing to serve on the Board. Three trustee positions will be open for the 2009-10 term. Vacant positions will include Vice President, Golf Trustee and Social Trustee. In addition, a new Associate Representative on the Board must be identified.

The By-Laws direct the Board of Trustees to appoint a nominating committee that includes a member of the Board and two or more members from the corporation (defined as lot owners in the Brae Burn community). The Board is responsible for managing the affairs of the community, which include the management of the budget, employee oversight and protection of our real property assets. As a result, it is in everyone's best interest to find community members who will provide dedicated service and act in the best interest of our fine neighborhood.

If you are interested in serving on the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee, please contact Carol Helland at 881-7279 or via e-mail at gregandcarol.helland@verizon.net. **Board appointments to the Nominating Committee will be made at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for October 21, 2008.** Elections of new Board members will occur at the Annual Membership Meeting from the slate of nominees. Get involved in the governance of our association and help hand select the next community leaders – volunteer for the Nominating Committee today!

By-Laws and Policies and Procedures Monthly Update

This section will provide monthly progress on the revision of the By-Laws and for the development of the Policies and Procedures. Updated information can also be found at the Brae Burn Website at <http://brae-burn.org>. (~Liz Duncan)

An informational meeting regarding the first half of the proposed revised By-Laws was held just before the September Board Meeting. The Board approved sending the first half to an attorney for review with a couple of minor changes. In addition, the Board reviewed the proposed second half of the By-Laws, made revisions to the section on committees, and suggested a couple of other minor changes. It was recommended that the second half of the By-Laws be distributed to the community. **A second informational meeting will be held a half-hour prior to the October 21 Board Meeting at 6:30.**

The proposed revised second half of the By-Laws will be sent soon by email to those who receive the Birdie by email. If you do not receive the Birdie by email, you will soon be able to see the document at the Brae Burn website. If you want to print the edited version in black and white, be sure to select "gray scale" as a printer option or the highlighting won't show up. If you would like to check out a hard copy or have it sent by email, you may also call me.

Golf News

2008 Brae Burn Golf Information:
<http://www.brae-burn.org/golf.htm>



Partners Away! – Correction: In the last Birdie, it was Ron Campbell pictured along with Jacky Moseley, Susie Adams & Harry Cummings.

Hole-in-One Corner – Do you have a hole-in-one to announce? Contact Jack Caldwell (jackandsophie@verizon.net) for inclusion on the new hole-in-one trophy located at the clubhouse (to the left of the fireplace) and CC Tonia Brown for inclusion in this section of the Birdie!

Social News

Brae Burn Bunko Night – Please see the attached flyer for information. It will be held Saturday, October 4, at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse.

For Brae Burn event photos go to: <http://brae-burn.org/social.htm>

Member News

Family Safety Event! – Monday, October 27, 2008, at 7:00-9:00 pm with plenty of time for Q&A and snacks will be served. (Note the change of date due to the ViewPoint community meeting on Oct. 15 in regard to the changes the City of Redmond is proposing for the ViewPoint neighborhood.)

Speaker: Kim Estes (kim@pomwa.org), Director of P.E.A.C.E. of Mind: Parent Education and Child Empowerment

Workshop Description: Every parent wants a safe childhood for their child. Yet, many parents are not sure how to approach the subject of personal safety (predator awareness) with their children. Parents may lack age appropriate information and tools they need to empower their children to make safe choices and identify dangerous situations and persons. Parents can be unclear in understanding what the "real dangers" are (did you know, "Stranger Danger" is no longer an accepted method of teaching children personal safety?). Many parents are misguided by fear that has been brought on by over sensationalized media stories about abuse and abduction of children.

Kim teaches Parents who attend a P.E.A.C.E of Mind workshop age-specific tips, tools and easy-to-apply parenting strategies that they can start using right away. Parents are amazed at how easy the tips are and how simple it is to make personal safety a regular part of the conversation with their children in a non-scary manner. To learn more, please visit www.pomwa.org.

RSVP is appreciated no later than October 23: Denni Shefrin, dshefrin@windermere.com or 206-979-1908.

Garden Club – Garden Club has started the 2008-2009 season! On October 9 we will carpool to The Blodel Reserve on Bainbridge Island for a guided tour of their many gardens. We will have lunch at the New Rose Cafe in Bainbridge Gardens, a large nursery on the island. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Meet at 10:30 am in the Tam O' Shanter parking lot. RSVP as soon as possible for the tour. Direct questions to Caroline Clark (railcone@earthlink.net), Garden Club President.

Upcoming Garden Club events:

October 9, The Blodel Reserve
November 13, Orchid Society Speaker
December 11, Wreath Making Party

Lunch Buddy Program – Audubon Elementary always is in need of more lunch buddies for our Lunch Buddy Program. This is a one-on-one mentoring program matching adult mentors from the community with students who are in need of the benefits of friendship with a caring adult volunteer. The rewards are huge with a minimal commitment of one lunch hour per week on a regular basis with a student in grades 1 through 6.

Unfortunately this is NOT a program of parents coming to eat lunch with their own children. We are looking for members of our local community (friends, relatives, co-workers, etc.) who would love a chance to serve our school community through this avenue of providing a positive relationship with a student in need of some extra attention and help.

Do you or your spouse know of any co-workers who have a heart for kids and would love to come spend their lunch time with one of our Audubon students eating lunch together, playing games, sports, crafts or helping them with schoolwork? Or would you be able to post a flyer about our program at your business (if in the local Redmond/Bellevue area), your local church, sports club/exercise facility, or neighborhood clubhouse/cabana? Any help you could give us to spread the word about this worthwhile program would be most appreciated!

FYI....Microsoft participates in a very generous volunteer matching program wherein Audubon Elementary's PTSA can receive monetary contributions in exchange for each hour that a Microsoft employee volunteers in our school. This means the more Microsoft volunteers we have, the more funds will go to our fabulous PTSA! Those Microsoft dollars translate into more grants for classroom spending, more supplies, and more supplementary materials. It also means more visiting artists, authors and actors!

If you know of someone who would be interested in becoming a lunch buddy, or if you would be willing to post or distribute some flyers for us, please contact Suzi Desimone, Lunch Buddy Coordinator, at (425) 881-9575, ext. 104, or email: sdesimone@lwsd.org. Thank you all very much!! [Provided courtesy Lisa Collier (nl_collier@verizon.net)]

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

	August ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET	% of Annual BUDGET
DEPOSITS				
Dues	\$ 10,010.00	\$ 105,075.00	\$ 146,940.00	72%
Reserve	\$ 685.00	\$ 5,460.00	\$ 8,100.00	67%
Assoc. Member Joining Fees	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	71%
Clubhouse Reservations	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	75%
Special Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Investment Income	\$ 29.96	\$ 1,290.48	\$ 400.00	323%
Member Donations, Golf Tags & Other	\$ 35.00	\$ 96.94	\$ 200.00	48%
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 10,909.96	\$ 115,922.42	\$ 161,140.00	72%
EXPENDITURES				
WAGES				
Superintendent	\$ 3,962.00	\$ 31,696.00	\$ 49,000.00	65%
Medical Benefit	\$ 194.00	\$ 1,552.00	\$ 2,700.00	57%
Seasonal Personnel	\$ 1,431.00	\$ 2,589.97	\$ 11,000.00	24%
Payroll taxes	\$ 495.89	\$ 3,456.45	\$ 5,600.00	62%
Total Wage Expense	\$ 6,082.89	\$ 39,294.42	\$ 68,300.00	58%
COURSE EXPENSE				
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 569.02	\$ 7,624.00	\$ 14,500.00	53%
Water	\$ 4,058.04	\$ 6,205.92	\$ 13,500.00	46%
Utilities	\$ 108.39	\$ 1,031.42	\$ 1,800.00	57%
Fertilizer/Seed/Sand	\$ -	\$ 6,656.90	\$ 11,000.00	61%
Fuel	\$ 747.29	\$ 2,565.22	\$ 2,700.00	95%
Other	\$ -	\$ 250.24	\$ 1,000.00	25%
TOTAL COURSE EXPENSE	\$ 5,482.74	\$ 24,333.70	\$ 44,500.00	55%
CLUBHOUSE & POOL				
Electricity	\$ 211.09	\$ 2,073.57	\$ 3,000.00	69%
Garbage	\$ 47.82	\$ 334.74	\$ 600.00	56%
Gas	\$ 564.63	\$ 2,016.23	\$ 4,000.00	50%
Telephone	\$ 45.23	\$ 353.47	\$ 511.00	69%
Water	\$ 383.59	\$ 1,142.77	\$ 2,400.00	48%
SUBTOTAL UTILITIES	\$ 1,252.36	\$ 5,920.78	\$ 10,511.00	56%
Clubhouse Repair & Maintenance	\$ 267.20	\$ 1,466.38	\$ 2,500.00	59%
Pool Maintenance	\$ 490.16	\$ 1,729.75	\$ 4,600.00	38%
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0%
SUBTOTAL Maintenance	\$ 757.36	\$ 3,196.13	\$ 7,600.00	42%
TOTAL CLUBHOUSE & POOL	\$ 2,009.72	\$ 9,116.91	\$ 18,111.00	50%
GENERAL EXPENSE				
Taxes				
Property	\$ -	\$ 2,482.02	\$ 4,400.00	56%
IRS Income & Tax Preparation	\$ -	\$ 491.71	\$ 800.00	61%
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 6,484.31	\$ 5,900.00	110%
Birdie & Office	\$ -	\$ 1,230.05	\$ 2,000.00	62%
Golf	\$ -	\$ 10.89	\$ 250.00	4%
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	0%
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 10,698.98	\$ 14,350.00	75%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,575.35	\$ 83,444.01	\$ 145,261.00	57%
NET CASH (DEPOSITS-EXPENDITURES)	\$ (2,665.39)	\$ 32,478.41	\$ 15,879.00	
PROJECTS				
Course equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	0%
Professional advise, By Laws	\$ -	\$ 98.00	\$ 3,500.00	3%
Pool Safety	\$ -	\$ 1,245.50	\$ 3,500.00	36%
Golf Course Major Repairs	\$ 2,634.56	\$ 2,634.56	\$ 7,000.00	38%
Clubhouse Improvements	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	67%
Pool Improvements	\$ -	\$ 3,108.68	\$ 5,000.00	62%
2007 mower replacement (from 2007 budget)*	\$ -	\$ 5,833.47	\$ -	0%
Duffin Paintings	\$ -	\$ 2,484.80	\$ 2,500.00	99%
TOTAL PROJECTS	\$ 2,634.56	\$ 16,605.01	\$ 25,500.00	65%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 16,209.91	\$ 100,049.02	\$ 170,761.00	59%
NET CASH (DEPOSITS-TOTAL EXPENDITURES)	\$ (5,299.95)	\$ 15,873.40	\$ (9,621.00)	
Total Funds - Beginning	\$ 92,936.54	\$ 64,203.19	Balances	
Net Cash (Deposits-Total Exp.)	\$ (5,299.95)	\$ 15,873.40	Checking \$ 26,698.39	
Total Funds - End of Period	\$ 87,636.59	\$ 80,076.59	CD \$ 32,092.19	
Notes:			Savings \$ 28,846.01	
			Cap Equip Res \$ 12,880.00	
			Emer Reserve \$ 15,966.01	
			Total \$ 87,636.59	
			* New item added after budget was approved in Jan 2008	
			General note: Added \$7560.00 to Feb funds to account for voided check for lawnmower not purchased	
			Total Members/Associates Past Due 3 members/ \$280	



BRAE BURN BUNKO NIGHT

“The Fun Dice Game”

Date: Saturday, October 4th at the clubhouse
6:30 p.m.

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, & Wine

Cost: \$12.00 per person

! Fun	! Easy to Play	! Guests Welcome
\$\$ Prizes	! Meet your neighbors	! Try your luck
! Good Food	! Laughs	! Good Conversation

Member Name: _____

Guest(s) Names: _____

Total Attending: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Sign up no later than **Thursday, September 25th**. Return this form and make your check(s) payable to: Bobbie Schultz Lot #81.