

BRAEMAR Links



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Need Help With Your Game? Braemar Pros Are Here to Help

By Debi Knutson

Welcome back!

We survived another great indoor season at the golf dome. Warmer days have brought us back outside, teaching in the sunshine. Come join us!

Kick off the 2009 golf season by working on your game. Set some goals for your practice and play. Become reacquainted with the golf swing by taking a refresher class. Braemar offers both group and private golf lessons. Call the Pro Shop at 952-826-6799 for more information.

Our head golf pro Joe Greupner and his teaching professionals — Mike Grube, Roger Fahrenkrug, Ken Severud, Travis Barkley and me — are ready to help improve your golf game.

Tips From the Pros

Today's tips are about putting.

TIP 1 Keep in mind that on most putts, distance is more important than direction. A good sense of distance is needed to get the ball close to the hole.

TIP 2 It is important to roll the ball the correct distance. Practice putting while keeping your eyes focused on the hole rather than the golf ball and watch your feel for distance improve.

For adults, three levels of lessons are offered at Braemar. For more information, call 952-826-6799 or visit www.BraemarGolf.com.

Val's Corner

By John Valliere

Hello to all of our great customers!

We have taken a long hiatus from anything resembling "Braemar News," but promise this year to keep these pages updated monthly.

- Braemar's golf leagues are back in numbers, with members enjoying the spring weather and getting reacquainted with longtime friends. Funny how we just meet up again on the golf course to continue the fun, like there never was a thing called "winter."
- Braemar has a wide offering of 18-hole and 9-hole leagues for both day and evening play. More than 15 different leagues are open to Edina residents as well as non-residents. For those who would like to join a league but wish to play a shorter course, our executive course offers both day and evening leagues as well.

For additional information about any of our leagues, contact Mary Wooldridge at 952-826-6799 ext. 1226 or at mwooldridge@ci.edina.mn.us.

- The Executive Course and Driving Range has a new Manager, Pat Waterloo. Pat had worked in our Pro Shop for over 10 years and has agreed to assist us with his leadership and years of experience. Please wish him the best when you purchase your next basket of practice balls.
- We will be trying something different on Sunday afternoons at Braemar this summer. We thought it would be fun to get the whole family involved with golf, so mom and dad, sister, brother and grandparents can come over for a quick nine holes and refreshments afterwards on the deck. This is social golf, without a hint of competitive scoring. We might throw in a long-putt or closest-to-the-pin prize, but the main goal is simple: to have fun.

It is our hope that for a couple hours each week we can laugh and play golf, leaving the iPod and text-messages behind. Feel free to bring a neighbor kid or two. Wouldn't it be fun to introduce them to our Executive Course? Sign up today. Call the Pro Shop for either the Executive Course or Regulation Course divisions. We are offering great prices for family-themed program.



John Valliere



From the Golf Shop

By Jim Werre and Mary Wooldridge

The 2009 golf season has seen a very good start with mild weather and limited moisture. Our Pro Shop is fully stocked and ready for a busy summer of golf and shopping.

We are carrying many national name brands, including Nike, Ashworth, Gear, E.P. Pro, Adidas, Under Armour, Ping, Callaway, Titleist, Footjoy, Adams, Precept and many more.

A big sale is going on now. All merchandise will be reduced with many great bargains! We will also be hosting more DEMO Days where everyone is welcomed to try manufacturers' golf equipment. Just check out our calendar outside the golf shop for dates and times.

Enjoy your summer of golfing! Have fun and we hope to see you soon in the Pro Shop!



An Audubon Sanctuary, Braemar Golf Course is home to hundreds of birds and other wildlife. Some birds have made themselves very comfortable on the grounds.

**BAD
JOKE
OF THE DAY**

Q: Why do golfers always carry two pairs of trousers with them?

A: Just in case they had a hole in one.

Fairways On the Mend

By Tom Swenson

We were again fortunate that our greens came through the winter in good shape. However, like many courses in our region, some areas of the fairways suffered significant damage during the winter.

The cause of the damage was ice that settled into the low depressions. Repeated freezing and thawing throughout the harsh winter in these low areas caused crown hydration damage that killed the turfgrass. Areas that have proper surface drainage were generally unaffected.

To re-establish the turfgrass, these areas have been aerified, seeded, topdressed and fertilized. There has already been significant recovery. We were out again this past week reworking the areas that have the most damage. These areas should be in good shape in a few weeks if the weather cooperates with plenty of sunshine and a day or two of rain.

Thank you for your patience during our recovery efforts.



Tom Swenson



In Loving Memory Nan

Dec. 19, 1994 - May 29, 2009

After many years of working to keep Braemar Golf Course's greens free of geese, Nan, a border collie, passed away in May. We will miss you, Nan!

Non-Resident Patron Cards Now Available

Braemar has many new friends who are joining us from surrounding communities. Braemar now sells a well-received Non-Resident Patron Card.

Now, anyone can be eligible for discounted green fees, seven-day advance tee times, Pro Shop

discounts and the opportunity to join Braemar's leagues.

Patron cards cost \$70 for residents and \$110 for non-residents.

For more information, visit the Pro Shop or call 952-826-6799.



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