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The Bugle is also available on our website at *mybriarcreek.com*. Please submit items for publication by **email** or **call/text** to me or place in my rock box at 43 Sugar Bear Drive. A list of deadlines for submitting articles is posted on the P1 Clubhouse bulletin board.

The email address for any office matter is: briarcreekoff@gmail.com

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bob Barr

would like to thank everyone who sent in their proxies and ballots for the annual election for members of the Board of Directors. Reelected **Board of directors** were Connie Holmes, Pat Reveria, and Bob Barr filling three of the four open positions. The fourth person elected this year was Tim Glasheen. As a side note "Not fully funding our reserves" was approved once again, which means we will have a lower monthly maintenance fee for the next 12 months (yea).

With the retirement of Gene Arend as a board member:

I would like to thank Gene on behalf of the Board of Directors and our community for at least 14 years of volunteer service as a board member and as President of the board. He has guided us through multiple repair and improvement projects. His experience as a project manager, in a former life, has been invaluable in keeping projects on track and providing a lot of sage advice throughout the years, whether he oversaw the board or was just another member preforming assigned duties.

He was the first to make and set up a long-term budget analysis which has helped guide us to a sound financial position. Some of his jobs assigned or as a backup to other board members has been lawns, water line repairs, renovation of kitchen and bathrooms in the clubhouse, clubhouse event calendar, replacement to clubhouse circuit breaker boxes, new pool equipment and power, new power lines to the clubhouse after original lines failed, new doors and fob system for the clubhouse and much more.

Thank you, Gene!

Dogs in the NO PET section of Briar Creek #1?

ave you ever asked yourself why you live on the south side of Briar Creek (physical) and cannot have a dog for a pet? The original developers made it that way. In fact, in the beginning the entire community was NO PET!

In 2006 the *APPROVED AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED RESTRICTIONS OF BRIAR CREEK MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY 1 – A CONDOMINIUM* was changed by vote at the Annual Members Meeting. It read, in part,

17. Pets shall be permitted, but only on that portion of Briar Creek Mobile Home Community I designated by the Board of Directors as the area where pets can be kept. Effective immediately, the Park shall be divided into two (2) parts, the "pet section" and the "cat only" section. In the "pet section" Pets, as defined heroin, pets shall be restricted to one (1) domesticated cat or one (1) domesticated dog of a breed that shall not exceed more than twenty-five (25) pounds when mature (such as poodle, terrier, pekinese). In the "cat only" section, no pets shall be permitted except one (1) domesticated cat which must be kept inside the residence at all times. No other pets of any kind, nor more than one (1) of the described pets at any time, shall be permitted in any residence...The lot owner will be required to maintain the pet at all times under a leash. Any pet causing, creating, or contributing to a nuisance or unreasonable disturbance or annoyance or noise shall be permanently removed from the Park upon ten (10) days written notice from the Board. The Board's decision that a pet constitutes a nuisance, or that it creates an unreasonable disturbance or annoyance or noise shall be conclusive. Lot owners wishing to have pets other than a dog or cat must have prior approval of the Board of Directors. Authorized areas for pet shall be established by rules adopted by the Board of Directors (copied)

The only waiver to this community guideline is the Federal law which allows for a SERVICE animal or an ESA (Emotional Support Animal) of which papers MUST be completed and approved before the animal is brought into the community.

This item was brought up at the November Directors Meeting and has been tabled until the January Directors Meeting. It takes a vote of the entire community to change the documents.

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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Connie Holmes

NNUAL MEMBERS MEETING was held on December 1, 2025 at 10a.m. Tim Glasheen was elected to fill the vacant position created by Gene Arend who stepped aside after many years of service to the Briar Creek 1 Community. Bob Barr, Al Hartin and Pat Rivera were reelected for a 2 year term. Thank you to all who submitted papers to be available to serve if elected. The monthly Maintenance Fee, effective January 1, 2026, was approved for \$235. If your fee has previously been set up for automatic payment from your checking account, etc., it will automatically change to the new fee. If you have questions, call Ameri-Tech Community

Management at 727-726-8000. Connie Holmes, Secretary

The Officers of the Board of Directors for 2026 and their area of responsibility are as follows:



Bob Barr, President: Water, Shuffle Court, Laundry Bldg.,

Ray Jablonski, V-President: Architectural Requests (ARC), Garage bldg. & area

(Bob & Ray will share the responsibility of the Roads & Grounds)

Al Hartin, Treasurer: Financials, Fobs, Clubhouse oversight (Summer assist for Tim)

Connie Holmes, Secretary: Minutes, Agendas & Records, New Residents, Sales & Rentals

Pat Rivera, Director: Pool & Spa, Clubhouse Scheduling, (Summer assist for Connie)

Tim Glasheen, Director: Lawns, Landscaping & Trees

Anthony Carregal, Director

NAME BADGES

Al Hartin, Director

Tant to get to know your neighbors and other residents of Briar Creek. Come to Coffee Hour on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 10:00AM and wear your Name Badge. Don't have one: See me each Wednesday at

Coffee Hour and I will order you one. Cost is \$9.00 prepaid. Hope to see you at Coffee Hour!

A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

LIBRARY

Helen Coar/Mary Houpt

The library is here for your reading pleasure. Because of limited space, Mary and I have to go through the shelves every few months to make room for your new donations. The books are taken off the shelf and given to the Countryside Library for their book sales. Please, no research books.

BEREAVEMENT

Debbie Landon

If anyone knows of anyone who has passed who used to live in or who currently lives in Phase 1, please contact me so I can help our community honor their life.

Debbie Marie, 727-726 2576 (text or call), seamermaid@gmail.com, 30 New Fawn Court

BINGO

Joanne Gastler

ingo will be held in Clubhouse 1 on Tuesdays in January, on the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Bingo cards will be sold from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., with no sales after 5:45 p.m. sharp. The games will start at 6 p.m. November's jackpots totaled: \$169, \$159, \$158, \$150.

Hot Dogs with a side will be available for \$3 starting at 5 pm - 5:45 pm. Chips, soda, and water can be purchased for \$1 each. During halftime, Ice Cream treats, Soda, and Chips will be sold for a \$1 donation. Even if you don't play bingo, come and enjoy a delicious dinner!

We are looking for bingo callers for Tuesday night. Looking to rotate, so only need to call once a month or once every 6 weeks. Call Joanne Gastler to arrange training.

Volunteers really make a difference, and we really appreciate all those who volunteer on Tuesday nights! Especially Cindy, Toni, Don, Stephanie, Joanne, Pat R., Pat G., Sherry, Dianne, Arnold, Laura Ann, Carol, Joan, Dawn, Tina, Joan, Tim, and all our callers, Al, Jeff, Dave, and Hal.



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Christopher Lambert	January 02
Flo Bombardier	January 03
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Elaine Griswold	January 04
Andy Philyaw	January 05
Jean Styles	January 05
Jody Picone	January 09
Alice Hall	January 12
Mike Kusovich	January 12
Richard Sullivan	January 15
Betty Miller	January 16
William Zisa	January 16
Nina Harper	January 17
Kate McCombs	January 19
Maggi Concannon	January 19
David Holmes	January 20
Maureen McLaughlin	January 21
Diane Corr	January 22
Theresa Citti	January 22
Dee Kessinger	January 23
Pat Rivera	January 23
Jim Furphy	January 29
Ronald Covey	January 30
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BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK

Bill Kaempfer

he next First Friday Bird Walk is Friday January 2nd.

We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Phase 1 Clubhouse on the first Friday of the month. We usually walk out to the canal, over to the Phase 2 Clubhouse, past both of the ponds and then back to

Phase 1. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars, if you have them. If you would like to come along in a golf cart, that would be great, but please let me know in advance.

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063



BRIAR CREEK BRIDGE

Bill Kaempfer

The BC Bridge Club meets at 1:00 on Tuesday afternoons. Our first class of new bridge experts just finished up the introductory bridge lessons that Dianne Larsen and I offer to new players as well as those wanting to up their games. This is a three or four lesson series during which you will learn the basics of play, bidding, and scoring. It doesn't take much experience to join in and play.

But you don't need the lessons to join us and play on Tuesday afternoons. Let us know in advance if you are coming so we can try to have full tables.

Please note, we may be considering a move to playing on Wednesdays in order to attract some additional players. Please contact us is you are unsure when we are playing

Bill Kaempfer, 303-717-5063 Dianne Larsen, 719-352-6520



LINE DANCING

Helen Coar

ut on your dancing shoes. Line dancing is Wednesday at 6 p.m. for beginners and 6:30 for regulars. Come for exercise and good music.



WATER AEROBICS – MERMAIDS

Cindy Troutman



every day, except Sunday, we have organized water aerobics; lead by Ruth Kalbfieisch. Even Sunday some ladies/mermaids show up. It is from 10:30am to 11:30am at the BC Phase I pool. EVERYONE is welcome! Men and women! Briar Creek I and II! With this great Florida sunshine and warmer weather, there is no better place to be than in the pool. Put on your swimsuit and your sunscreen and come join us for some water fun and exercise!

RUMMIKUB

Cindy Troutman, 727-741-1940

ome join us for RUMMIKUB every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at the BC P1 clubhouse. We have lots of laughs and lots of fun. You've never played before? We'll teach you!

EUCHRE

Margo Keyes

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Joanne Gastler

ome on over to the Phase I pool for Happy Hour at 3pm on Saturday, January 10th. Join your fellow neighbors for Happy Hour. Bring a snack to share. If the weather is not nice, we will move into the clubhouse. BYOB.

kRaZy KaRdS

Joanne Gastler

RaZy KaRds is on the first Sunday of the month at 6 pm, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1,4/5, and 5/3. Cost is \$3 per person. Sign up at the Phase I coffee hour on Wednesday from 8:30-10:00 am, or call Joanne Gastler (813-610-2536) to get added to the list. No walkups, as we need to know how many for setup before the event.

JANUARY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Joan Bienvenue

This month, join us for lunch at 1 pm on January 15th at Cricketers British Pub & Restaurant (2634 Bayshore BLVD, Dunedin, FL 34698). The sign-up sheet is hanging up in the Phase I clubhouse. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Joan Bienvenue @ 727-902-8166.

ANNUAL BAZAAR

Joanne Gastler

☀ This year's Annual Bazaar was an AMAZING success!

The are thrilled to share that, as of this printing, the total profit from the Bazaar is an incredible \$3,090.50!

To all our volunteers — THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Your hard work, big hearts, and generous spirit made this event shine. We appreciate each and every one of you more than words can say!

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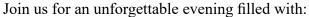
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See you at the tables!

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LADIES BRIAR CREEK BOOK CLUB (Phase I & II)

Jane McKenzie





njoy discussing books chosen by the members! We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October, and the December meeting is a week early because of Christmas. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The January book is *When We Meet Again* by Kristin Harmel, and the February book is *The Second Life of Mirrele West* by Amanda Skenandore. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie, 651-353-2602, jgmckenzie4647@gmail.com

TOYS FOR TOTS – WE DID IT!

Connie Holmes



he Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots at Briar Creek was a huge success of Friday, December 5, 2024, in the Briar Creek Community. In 2024 the Pinellas County T4T

distributed 35,940 toys and 8.573 children were supported and we HELPED! Again in 2025 we were privileged to share the Christmas spirit with YOUR donations to this project. It was a great evening as we shared stories of Christmas, shared the 12 Days of Florida Christmas with help from twelve 'BC elves' and ended with desserts, coffee, and hot chocolate. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such an enjoyable experience.



Pull Tabs

Toni and Don Beaton

ittle things make a big difference! You can help support Ronald McDonald House by donating the tabs you pull to open soda, soup and other aluminum cans and help the environment at the same time. We recently took over sixteen pounds of pull tabs (that's the most ever!) to the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Joanne Gastler

The 're looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up. Please reach out to Joanne Gastler for any of the following events that you can help with.

Going on Around Briar Creek

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, AT 8AM

BRIAR CREEK BIRD WALK led by Bill Kaempfer

Wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars, if you have them.

MEET AT PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, AT 6PM

kRaZy KaRdS

If you have never played, we can teach you in 10 minutes.

There are cash prizes and a dessert at the break. YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE TO

PARTICIPATE. (Sorry, we cannot accommodate walk-ins.)

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PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 6:30PM

CASINO NIGHT

PHASE ONE CLUBHOUSE

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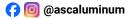
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Sam Oliverio President

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2026. I hope you've all had a joyous Holiday Season so far, and that it continues thru the New Year. We welcome all those new homeowners that have joined us in 2025, and hope that you will be happy here In Briar Creek. Please help us keep Briar Creek the wonderful community that it is by continuing to volunteer when the need arises. From the Board of Directors, best wishes to you and your families for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Phil Chabot - Philip Chabot - Vice President and Director Phase II

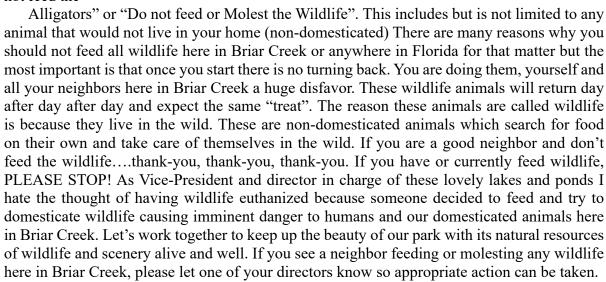
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Happy New Year.....

This month I would like to share some thoughts about wildlife associated with our lakes and ponds. As many of you already know or should know that wildlife here in

Florida is part of our daily life but associated with that are dangers and some very important common-sense rules. Posted along our water ways you will see signs that specifically say "Do

not feed the



Thank you all for being part of Briar Creek!

Welcome to 2026! Continued on page 32

BRIAR CREEK BUGLE JANUARY, 2026 N

PRESIDEN

VICE PRESIDENT

Joan Davis – Director – Treasurer

Welcome back to all. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I wish you all a healthy 2026. I want to thank Christine Hetherington for serving on our Condo Board and welcome Arlene Skolnekovich as this years new Condo Board Member. She is taking Christine's position as our Secretary. I also want to thank all of you for helping me collect the Proxies need for our meeting. Many associations have trouble getting the quorum needed for their Annual Meeting. That does not happen here you all come thru each year and I appreciate you all. Thanks Joan Davis

Social Club President

Bonnie Briggs

The Holidays have come and gone depending on when you are reading this. I'm sure everyone in tired from the holiday activities and ready to move into the New Year.

At this time I'd like to thank Marge Grohskoph for doing an outstanding job as our president of the BC II Social Club this past year. I'm looking forward to taking over the reins from her for the New Year but she will be a hard act to follow. I'm sure we will continue to have many volunteers for our activities in order for 2026 to be a successful year.

As a reminder, don't forget to purchase your social club membership tickets. This will allow you to vote on many of our activities. Remember they must be purchased prior to June 30, 2026 in order to attend our annual holiday dinner at no cost.

I'm looking forward to working with you all in the New Year. I hope everyone has a healthy and Happy New Year!

SHOWTIME

Marge Grohskopf

Te will be having a "Showtime" this year on March 21st. Bob Lawson will be entertaining us with his "Mind Games". Bob has visited Briar Creek in the past and left us spellbound with his mind reading ability. A fascinating performance. Tickets are \$20 and will go on sale in November. It will be theater seating. You can sign up for the show at any time, however your seat will be selected when your ticket is purchased.

Sign up sheets are available at both Phase 1 & 2 Clubhouses. Ticket payments and seat selections are at Phase 2 on Saturday mornings 8-9am. If Sat. mornings are not possible for you, text Marge at 727-249-3893 your name and phone # other arrangements will be made.

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Headaches

Dr. Marty Finkelstein

Headaches have various patterns. Some headaches can be felt along the sides of the head in the temporal region. Another headache may appear toward the top of the head and the parietal region. Some headaches are experienced behind the eyes and toward the back of the head in the occipital region. Many folks have been diagnosed with migraine type headaches which can be associated with dizziness and nausea. Headaches that affect the mucous membranes are referred to as sinus headaches. Headaches may have a diagnostic orientation associated with toxins, spinal misalignment, chemical imbalances, and thought and emotional integrity. Some patients have described their head pain as a dull ache, as well as sharp and pounding. When people have headaches for years as a norm, they will usually categorize it as, oh I can live with this, or i can't function at all.

Regardless of the type of headache we may have, it becomes important to understand the language of the body trying to get our attention. Masking the pain or ignoring the problem would be no different from having a leak dripping from your ceiling and getting a bucket to catch the water, yet not addressing the cause of the problem. It can become easy to rationalize that when the ceiling is not leaking the problem has disappeared. To help our own body become healthier we need to respect the wisdom that it shares with us. We can begin to observe when symptoms occur and ask ourselves questions. Of course sometimes we don't like the answers.

- 1. What did I eat prior to exacerbating a symptom.
- 2. What did I drink prior to feeling bad.

There is a huge difference between what we like and what is healthy for us. Food truly is the best medicine.

3. What am I feeling stressed about in my life.

Maybe it is finances or relationships, maybe it's issues we are having with our health. It's never just stress. It is only when we learn to distinguish what we are feeling and how we are reacting to circumstances in our lives that we can discover an opportunity to become healthier. The more we feel stuck the more we continue to react the same way, and the more hopeless we can feel. Only when we change our paradigm and shift our consciousness can change and transformation occur.

Well the new year is upon us. Time goes by quickly living in Paradise. I have been writing articles regarding wellness and health for about 4 years sharing them with you. Please if you read them let me know if it has assisted you at all in this journey of life. The more I receive your feedback the more inspired I am to continue each month.

Special Thank you to Pete who has always been helpful and encouraging to continue to share. Happy holidays sharing joy and love into the new year and then everyday after. God Bless

Dr. Marty lives in Briarcreek with his wife Julie Austin

The Briar Creek 2 Connection

Marsha & Carol

s a growing community of 261 homes, it is difficult to keep the members of our community informed about community events and important safety information.

Email is the best method to keep lines of communication open. Marsha Bowlby and Carol Rodrigues make sure that information is sent out timely and accurately. All email addresses are confidential and are not given out to anyone.

We ask for as close to 100% participation as possible. You may find that not everything sent pertains to you, or is even something you want to receive, however just delete those emails and keep the ones that are necessary and important to you. Safety information such as mandatory hurricane evacuations, water shut offs, and illegal solicitors in our community are all necessary things to know. Information from the Condo Board and Social Club regarding upcoming meetings, clarification of rules and yes, we also send out information on travel and entertainment opportunities.

Please send your email address to: thebc2connection@gmail.com

We will respond to your email to assure you that you are now entered into the system. Anyone residing in the home can add a separate email address. If for some reason you stop receiving emails, let us know and we'll help you become reinstated. Thank you for your participation, and welcome to the Briar Creek 2 community, we look forward to seeing you at events in the near future.

Sunshine Lady

Lois Heisdorf

If you are sick, injured, in the hospital or rehab facility and would like to let your Briar Creek Friends know, we will announce it at our Saturday morning coffee hour meetings. You or a family member can call Lois Heisdorf, our "Sunshine Lady" 727-403-7796 and let her know the details.

Food Pantry

Joan Davis/Arnold Williams

Il your donations thru out the year are greatly appreciated. We collect food every 3rd Wednesday. January 21st is our next collection, in front of the clubhouse. Our time is 8-10 AM. Thank you

Haven Women's Shelter

Amber Oliverio

hank you everyone for the generous donations in 2025. The shelter is very appreciative of our efforts. The last time we made a drop off, the office staff were putting the items in the lobby baskets before we could get out the door. The hygiene items are very much needed.

Items needed: new underwear/socks adult and children, combs, soap, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Again, many many thanks for the items donated every month.

Questions? Call Amber at (219) 796-6762

Donate Blood, Donate Life

Amber Oliverio

ur efforts this year for 2025 were greatly appreciated. Briar Creek had 23 donations and help save lives of 69 patients in the Tampa Bay Area. Way to go BC!!!

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of saving lives.

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Looking forward to another year of saving lives. Questions? Call Amber at (219) 796-6762

Humane Society

Robin Feeley

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Julie & Arlene

appy New Year Ladies! Come join us for lunch at Ozona Blue on January 14th at 1:00 pm. Ozona Blue is located at 125 Orange St. Palm Harbor, Fl 34683 Start your New Year off right with new and old friends.

Sign up sheet will be on board at the clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you!

Arlene Skolnekovich 412-370-9287 Julie Austin 734-604-0866



BINGO

Al & Diane Merando

ur bingo season has gotten off to a great start with new games, new players and some new volunteers! Thank you all!

If you'd like to meet new people and have some fun, please consider volunteering for bingo or if new to the game, there is always someone happy to assist! We can't wait to see you all on Monday night; sales are 5-5:45pm with games starting promptly at 6pm

Sit & Stitch

Sandy Fassett

BINGO NEWS!!!!

ome to the clubhouse on Monday from 1-3 pm for sit and stitch. We have been making shawls for cancer patients while they are receiving chemotherapy in their cold settings. We are open to other suggestions for community projects. We are in need of yarn for our projects or money so we can purchase some skeins of yarn. If you have any questions call Sandy at 727-424-6045.

MINGLE

Te meet in the Clubhouse. Between 4:30 and 5:00pm bring a salad, appetizer, main dish or dessert. Whatever you want to bring. Whether you make it (list ingredients in case of allergies) or bought it. Doesn't matter. We will enjoy it and look forward to the next Mingle. Want to see all your smiling faces on the 15th of January. Don't forget to bring your own drinks, plus your dish and put aside money for the 50/50. See you there.

Pinochle Scores

11/12	Dico 319, Gary Bieniewicz 266, Diane Larsen 455, Billie Ogrodowski 431
11/19	Billie Ogrodowski 451, Alice Williams 431
11/26	Billie Ogrodowski 646, Dawn Benson 626
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BowlingArnold Williams

The Bowling Season is coming up on the half way point. We are having some new names in the +25 and over list which is very inspiring!!! I Hope everyone had a Healthy and Happy Holidays, Below are the Bowlers who Achieved Bowling +25 pins over their averages. Thank You Arnold Williams

11/11/25

Carol Beatty +27Kathy Kotchie +38 **Bob Barr** +35

11/18/25

Carol Beatty +25John Ames +25Tom Lacoy +38Joan Davis +25

11/25/25

Marsha Reynolds +44

WEEK 5

Cindy Ames +52Patty Fontaine +34 & +30Skip Taylor +60

WEEK 6

Cindy Ames +30Joe Simpson +39Tim Glasheen +32 Marsha Reynolds +34 & +29

WEEK 7

Steve Fontaine +26

Talent Show

Pam Edwards

AVE THE DATE: Briar Creek 2 will be hosting another Talent Show on January 31 from 7pm to 9pm. Pam Edwards and the Talent Show committee will begin organizing the event in early December. Drop it into your calendar!



Opera Afternoons

Russ Lipari

hanks to your wonderful support over the past two years, I am pleased to offer another season of **Opera Afternoons at Briar Creek!** No experience necessary, so please come join us! Schedule subject to change, more details to follow closer to each performance. **Russ Lipari**

January Opera Afternoon

*Cavalleria Rusticana by Pietro Mascagni and Pagliacci by Ruggerio Leoncavallo Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

1:00 - Opera performance 161 minutes, sung in Italian with English subtitles

February Opera Afternoon

• The Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

1:00 - Opera performance 112 minutes, sung in English with English subtitles

March Opera Afternoon

*Ariadne auf Naxos by Richard Strauss

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

1:00 - Opera performance 134 minutes, sung in German with English subtitles

April Opera Afternoon

·La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - BC2 Clubhouse

1:00 - Opera performance 139 minutes, sung in Italian with English subtitles

Briar Creek Book Club (Phase I & II)

njoy discussing books chosen by the members! We usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month; however, there are no meetings May through October, and the Dec. meeting is a week early because of Christmas. Some months we will meet in the Phase II Clubhouse and some months at a local restaurant. The January book is *When We Meet Again* by Kristin Harmel, and the Feb. book is *The Second Life of Mirrele West* by Amanda Skenandore. Pease contact me if you are interested in

joining or have questions.

Jane McKenzie

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Sharon Cann

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pete Loranger

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1/01	Joe Donato
1/02	Bob Raynor
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1/04	Bob Lau
1/05	Ray Bergling
1/05	Thomas Leighton
1/09	Judith Holden
1/13	Sheena Lee
1/13	Brenda Greene
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1/23	Angela Henderson
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1/28	Gary Bieniewicz
1/31	Cindy Thorne

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1/16/2005	Mike & Roz Lucas – 21 years
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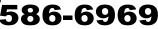
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	Terry La Casse 518-528-3227
	Debbie Landon 727-726-2576
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Bridge	Bill Kaempfer 303-717-5063
	Al Hartin 727-223-8805
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Euchre	Margo Keyes 518-528-3227
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	Mary Houpt 727-754-2881
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	Cindy Troutman 727-741-1940
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	JoAnn Barr 727-669-3820

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Auto Stickers/Mailbox Numbers	
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Book Club	Jane McKenzie 651-353-2602
Emergency Preparedness	bcprepare@gmail.com
Name Badges	
Travel Club	Dianne Larsen 719-352-6520

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Toni Beaton - Area 2	
Al Hartin - Area 3	727-223-8805
Kathleen Haskins - Area 4	727-560-9791
Debbie Landon - Area 5	727-726-2576
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Bazaar	Maureen Wlodarczyk 219-863-1460
	Wayne 219-863-3302 (10am-3PM)
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	Marsha Bowlby 727-560-4874
	Carol Rodrigues
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Dingo	Al and Diane Merando 727-638-4979
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Decorations/Posters	
Dial Directory	Pete Loranger 727-421-2321
Briar Creek Email List	
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Food Pantry	Joan Davis 727-726-4829
Golf	
	Pat Bieniewicz
Kitchen	Pete Loranger 727-421-2321
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	Bill Beyer/Tom Feeley
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