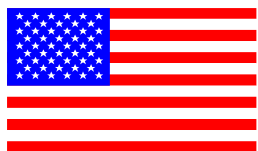


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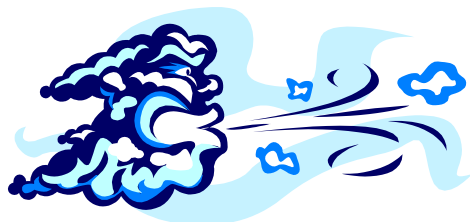
The Newsletter of the Briar Bunch



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2011 Holiday Party Canceled



We were all ready to hold our 2011 holiday party on Saturday, December 3. Unfortunately, on November 30, our area experienced its worst windstorm in decades. Temple City was particularly hard hit, and the city shut everything down, including the Live Oak Park recreation center. We attempted to re-schedule, but we were unable to find a suitable place and date. So, instead of a picture of kids with Santa, we have a picture of the wind guy blowing up a storm! Money was refunded, and as far as I know, we only lost about \$100 in things that could not be saved or returned. It was unfortunate, but we will do it next year and enjoy it more. It's already scheduled for December 8, 2012. Our thanks to Kathy and Bruce and to everyone who worked so hard, only to be foiled by Mother Nature.

\$\$ It's Not too Late to Pay Dues

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Briar Bunch membership dues are payable in September of each year, but it's not too late to pay now. Just mail a check for \$10 to the Briar Bunch treasurer at the return address shown on this *Briar Wire*, or come to an alumni meeting (2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 6:30) and give the treasurer a sawbuck. If you go for more than a year without paying your dues, you will be dropped from our membership list.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BINGO – January 28

Saturday, January 28, 7:00 PM at San Marino Congregational Church, 2560 Huntington Drive, San Marino. Fun and fellowship with food, chances to win gift cards, and a 50/50 raffle. A great way to spend a Saturday evening. Cost \$15 (\$5 for newcomers in their first year of sobriety). For more information, see the attached flyer, or contact Eddie L. (714-412-0719) or Bruce M. (626-695-2933). Try it. You'll like it!

Day at the Races – February 18

Saturday, February 18, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Santa Anita Park. Always enjoyable, and you get Bruce's cooking at the grill. This time he is doing Tri-Tip! Bet the horses, try the 50/50 raffle, or just enjoy the beautiful Santa Anita environment and the good food and fellowship. Cost \$15 (includes parking, admission, a program, and a BBQ lunch). \$5 for newcomers in their first year of sobriety. For more information, see the attached flyer. For information and tickets, contact Hank T. at the Thursday night How Now meeting at Las Encinas Hospital. This is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

Bob Fields St. Patrick's Day Golf Tournament March 31 (Changed from March 17)

Saturday, March 31, 9:00 AM at Arroyo Seco Par 3 Golf Course in South Pasadena. You don't have to be a good golfer – this is for fun! Try it! If you want to, you can skip the golf and just come for lunch. Cost is \$20 advanced purchase (golf, lunch, and five raffle tickets), \$20 tournament day (golf and lunch), \$10 lunch only, and \$5 newcomers in their first year. We will have golf prizes, raffle prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. For contacts and more information, see the attached flyer. This is a "Do Not Miss" event every year. I always have a good time, regardless of my score.

EVENTS LATER THIS YEAR (Some Tentative)

April – BINGO

July – Angel Baseball Game

August – Dodger Baseball Game, BINGO

October – Day at the Races

December 8 – Holiday Party