

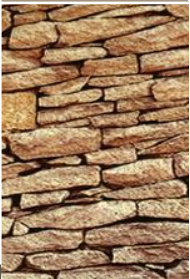
From Our Communications Director
Disc Golf
Browning Reserve Member Summary



Your Quarterly Newsletter – December 2025

Gold Ridge Forest

A Hidden Gem in Nature's Wonderland



Communications Director Updates

a. Financial Status.

The board of directors believes that our Association is financially sound. We have sufficient revenue to meet our current expenses and savings to keep our amenities at the current level. On December 5, 2025, we received a report from Browning Reserve Group regarding our reserve account. It shows that our current reserves combined with our 2026 expected contribution will allow us to continue reserve expenditures as they come due. As reported in the annual budget report on November 25, we have no outstanding borrowings and no plans for any special assessments. The dues for 2026 will remain almost the same as this year at \$468.00 per year or \$117.00 per quarter, rounding down to the nearest dollar which is actually a \$.50 annual reduction!

b. Paying Dues.

If members are financially able, the board encourages members to pay their annual dues in a single payment at the beginning of the year. The fewer the financial transactions, the less in accounting fees for our Association. To not incur liability for late fees and interest, dues must be paid by the 15th day of the start of each quarter, i.e. the 15th of January, April, July, and October. The board will continue to seek collection for unpaid dues and will formally revoke a member's access to the pools and tennis courts if non-payment continues, followed by more formal collection activities. If you have not paid your dues, contact the office and propose a payment plan, which are almost always approved.

Book Club

Friday, December 19th
6:00PM @ Lodge
Project Hail Mary by
Andy Weir

OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 22ND THRU
JANUARY 1ST , 2026

Next Board Meeting
January 26, 2026

Board of Directors -2025

President/Greenbelt- Jack Mermood

VP/Secretary – Bill Simonson

Finance/Communications/Greenbelt
Mark Weiner

Recreation – Austin Favero

c. Proposed Election Rules.

Beginning in 2025, California law was amended to allow electronic secret balloting for elections conducted by homeowner associations like ours. This will allow members to vote in GRFPOA elections simply through using their email address and without everyone using those cumbersome paper ballots. To begin the process of using electronic secret balloting, GRFPOA must amend its 2022 Election Rules. We hired the Adams Stirling law firm to create a draft of updated Election Rules. The rules are contained in 22 pages, preceded by a four-page table of contents. On November 25, 2025, these proposed rules were distributed to all GRFPOA members, advising that members may submit comments by January 4, 2026 and that our board will consider formally adopting the revised Election Rules at the open board meeting scheduled for January 26, 2026.

If the new rules are adopted as proposed, then the board anticipates contracting with an administrator of association elections conducted electronically. The board has not had prior experience in this field. (In past Association elections, all conducted exclusively on paper, the board has hired the local League of Women Voters to serve as election administrator.) If any member has experience with these entities or would like to be involved in soliciting and evaluating proposals, please contact the office, as the board would like to hear from you.

d. Volunteers Needed.

Our Association depends upon members volunteering to serve on the GRFPOA board of directors. Our dues remain reasonable and stable because our board of directors actively engage in the management of the Association, thereby releasing us from the costs of hiring and compensating an HOA management company. Directors are responsible for the stewardship of our \$330,000 annual operation. Responsible members are encouraged to consider volunteering to serve as one of five members of the board of directors at some time during their residency at Gold Ridge Forest. Contact the office and you can ask Karen what is involved and be put in touch with a current board member for informal discussion.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Annual Policy Statement 2025 Link below

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Browning Reserve Member Summary Link below

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Disc Golf at Gold Ridge Forest

About 20 years ago the Association installed a disc golf course on the common area land beyond our tennis courts and pools. The disc golf course continues to be regularly used by GRFPOA members, providing recreation, exercise, and social interaction for the players. Now, a group of regular players has proposed to the board of directors to update and improve the current course. (They like to refer to the course as, “The Ridge at GRFPOA.”).

The proposed upgrades include new tee pads, baskets and signage. The board has reviewed the proposal and has informally expressed support. The board expects to formally consider the proposal during the first quarter of 2026 so that if approved the improvements can begin to be made next Spring.

Disc golf is played similarly to regular golf, but players use Frisbees or “discs” instead of clubs and golf balls, tossing their discs to the destination, i.e. the “hole” in regular golf and the “basket” in disc golf. (The sport is not called Frisbee golf because Frisbee is a trademark of the Wham-o corporation. The sport has generally been called “disc golf” for some 50 years.) In general, disc golf courses are outside and there are approximately 7,400 courses in the United States. Given the natural beauty of our forest environment, it would be hard to argue that our course is not among the most enjoyable of courses!

Disc golf starts play at the tee-off location for the first hole. The tee-off locations at the Gold Ridge course consist of flattened land covered with a horse stall mat. The mats have degraded and the proposal is to upgrade to cement tee pads. The labor is to be performed by the regular players who made the proposal. The new pads are proposed to be ten feet long, 4 feet across, and 4 inches thick.

The “hole” consists of an elevated basket that has chains above it so that a disc can be aimed at the chains, which will stop the flying disc and allow it to drop into the basket. The proposal is to install nine new baskets, thereby fully replacing the current baskets. The proposed new baskets are the Mach VII made by DGA, the leading producer of disc golf supplies. These baskets have an improved disc catching design and are described as suitable for schools, parks, and high use disc golf courses.

Finally, the proposal includes new hole signs and a course map, which should make playing easier for the novice or new player. Most anyone who can walk and are willing to try and aim and throw a frisbee can play disc golf. The new signage ought to make trying out the sport easier. Of course, the GRFPOA disc golf course is an amenity for our dues paying members and not for the general public. If you have questions or would like to know more about the course, please contact our office during normal business hours.

