

Subject: Re: Briarwood "Aspen" home model pinball  
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Jay,

Attached are pics of the back of the backglass (which is made of Plexiglas) and the front of the MPU, which includes the score display. Whether there is a part number or not, the Briarwood game had a five-digit display, and the Brunswick had a six-digit display, as the scoring of the games differs significantly. Further, my board is unhacked, and I can count digits (lol).

As for a list of the differences I know so far:

Briarwood game lacks the following features that the Brunswick version has:

- End of ball bonus

- Extra ball reward

- Feature lights on playfield (for standing targets' value, double bonus, triple bonus, and same player shoots again)

- Scoring contacts on vertical rebounds immediately above outlanes

- Scoring contacts on diagonal rebounds immediately below pop bumper

Scoring differences, aside from end-of-ball bonus, and features that advance that bonus:

- Rebounds and slingshots score 10 (100 in bonus mode) on Briarwood, 50 (500 in bonus mode) on Brunswick.

Other differences:

- Briarwood game has five-digit scoring, and Brunswick has six-digit scoring.
- Briarwood game has a three-chime unit for sound; Brunswick has electronic sound.
- Briarwood game displays "tilt" on display when tilted; Brunswick displays "ouch."
- Brunswick cabinet has mitered cabinet panels with external half-round metal connector brackets at corners, whereas the Briarwood has traditional tongue-and-groove cabinet construction.
- Playfield (and plastics) art significantly differs between versions.
- Cabinet art differs, although theme/coloration is same. Briarwood uses white plastic appliques (confirmed), and Brunswick details are painted (unconfirmed)
- Tilt mechanism is located on left side of cabinet on Briarwood, but on right side of cabinet in Brunswick
- Score ratings on apron differ considerably (i.e., the highest rating is at 75,000 on Briarwood, but is 350,000 on Brunswick).
- Briarwood has power switch on power cord; Brunswick has power toggle switch on rear of cabinet.

Thanks!

Frank