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BRIAR PATCH

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Tsuge Pipes - Works of Art

Mr. Fukuda of the Tsuge Pipe Company was 15 years old when he started crafting pipes at the Tsuge pipe factory. His father was also a pipe maker in the 1930's. In the early 1970's Mr. Fukuda moved to Copenhagen, Denmark to work with Sixten Iverson. His goal was to learn to make Danish freehand pipes. He learned his lesson well. Tsuge pipes are highly regarded

across the globe for their superior workmanship as well as their creative styles, light weight and dry smoke. The Briar Patch has a wide selection of these fine pipes. Stop by and look these beautiful, unique and exceptionally smooth smoking works of art. Prices for the high grade "Ikebana" of Tsuge pipes range from about \$350 to over \$3,000.

Death of the Tobacconist

If the Coalition for a Healthy California (CHC) gets its way the Briar Patch, as well as about 600 other tobacconists will go out of business. The CHC is sponsoring an Initiative that would raise the California excise tax on Cigarettes from \$.87 to \$3.47 per pack. Due to Proposition 99, which made California the only state in the Union to link cigarette taxes to excise taxes on other tobacco products, the excise tax on tobacco and cigars will nearly triple. This means the cigar you are buying today for \$12.50 at the Briar Patch could go as high as \$23.50 at some stores. Pipe tobacco you are paying \$2.00 an ounce for will be priced at about \$4.70.

The CHC claims this Initiative will raise \$2.4 billion per year. It won't. People will break the law and buy tobacco products out of

state, on Indian reservations or on the black market this Initiative will create. The Board of Equalization, even though it will receive a portion of this new tax for enforcement, is against the Initiative because it will not have the resources to enforce the taxes and the state will actually lose tax revenue.

This Initiative is currently undergoing review by the Attorney General. It is slated for the November ballot. This Initiative will be bad law. It will put thousands of people out of work and will promote crime. If you would like help fight this Initiative, send us a check made out to CART (California Association of Retail Tobacconists). We will hold the check until the Initiative makes the ballot. If it doesn't make the ballot, we will return the check.

Briar Patch Remodel

You may remember that about two years ago we told you the Briar Patch was going to be remodeled. Well it's finally going to happen. The Briar Patch will be receiving a new store front, sign and some paint and carpet on the inside. We have agreed to complete the remodel by August 15th. Our plans are to remain open during most of the remodel. We will keep you posted on exactly when the remodel will take place.

Events

On Saturday, March 11th from 1PM to 5PM we will be tasting two great cigars from Gurkha. These are the Regent and the Legend. The Legend consists of a Dominican filler, Cameroon binder and Connecticut wrapper. The Regent consists of a Dominican and Nicaraguan filler, Indonesian binder and Nicaraguan wrapper. Both of these fine smokes are medium to full bodied. Buy three of these cigars at the event and get one free. There will also be raffle prizes.

On Thursday, April 6th from 4PM to 8 PM we will be tasting the Montecristo White. This is the mildest cigar in the Montecristo line.

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Davidoff Writing Instruments

Never accepting less than the best is the overall principle distinguishing all products originating from the House of Davidoff. The Briar Patch is proud to announce the arrival of Davidoff's line of writing instruments that exemplify this high level of quality. Davidoff writing instruments are an expression of individuality and are, at the same time, personal-

ized and reliable instruments that allow you to give your thoughts or sketches that unique touch.

Davidoff writing instruments are available in pens, rollerballs and fountain pens. Finishes include Lacquer, Crocodile (farmed), and Grenidilla wood trimmed in either Rhodium or 18 Carat Gold.

Once you experience these instruments for yourself in our store, you will agree that they are dependable treasures and collector's items destined to bring you life long pleasure. Davidoff Writing Instruments truly pay homage to the art of writing.

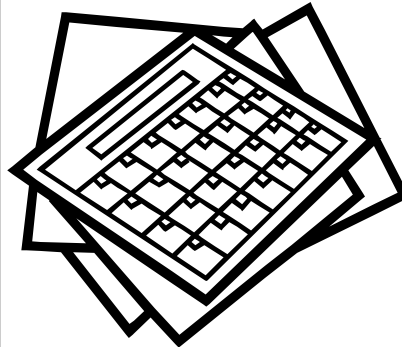
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During the event you can buy three and get one free. This is while the limited supplies last.

We have many more events in the planning stages. These include rolling events and cigar dinners. Please check our web site, www.briarpatch.biz, for additions. Also, if you give us your email address you will automatically be notified of events that are not in the newsletter.

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- **Davidoff Writing Instruments**-The finest made!



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► **Mar. 11** — Gurkha Regent and Legend cigars

► **Apr. 6** — Montecristo cigars

For details and updates see our website - www.briarpatch.biz

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