



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 27th:
Smokey Bear
Open

July 28th:
Class #6 of Junior
Camps Begins



The Growl is a
Bi-Weekly
Publication to
Keep You
Informed About
What's Going
on at Bear
Creek Golf Club.

Tune Up Your Swing!

That's right! Just like your car, your golf swing may need a little tune up. If you're hitting the ball left, right, short, or maybe sometimes not at all - this may be just what you need. When playing golf or practicing at the range, it makes all the difference when you understand your swing. Schedule one 30-minute lesson with PGA Professional Kirk Porter to help build your swing confidence. For a limited time, you can pay only \$35 for a lesson including range balls! This special offer is only valid to those who receive our newsletter directly to their email address and must be a new lesson customer. Call Kirk at 636-332-5018 or email him at bearcgc@aol.com today to take advantage of this offer. Times are limited and only available until August 30, 2014! So book your lesson today!

Unexpected Visitors

On the evening of July 20th, our weekly Sunday afternoon Couples Scramble event was drawing to a close and the awards ceremony was about to begin. Reports started filtering in to the Banquet Room about some unexpected visitors who had "dropped in" on us. After completing the awards ceremony, Mark headed for the driving range to see what all the commotion was about. A huge hot air balloon had descended at the north end of the driving range and the operators were in the process of "walking" the balloon to the parking lot at the maintenance building, where their "chase vehicle" and trailer awaited. There were about 10 people ranging in age from teens to 70's, who had either been riding in the basket of the balloon or in the chase vehicle. With the eldest gentleman in charge, they broke down the balloon and loaded it in the trailer within the period of about 60 minutes, including the 275 lb. "envelope" and the 500 lb. basket. It seems they had taken off from Chesterfield earlier in the evening and had missed their landing target at a nearby church, due to unexpected winds. Though there were no injuries or damage, it made for a great story and we can only hope they are more successful in hitting their target in the future.

Urgency on the Course

Today's Pace of Play Tip concerns how you conserve time and move around the course quicker by filling out your scorecard in an efficient manner. The player assigned to keep score in a foursome should be one who is not driving a cart. When the foursome finishes putting out on a green, the cart drivers need to drive their partners on to the next tee as quickly as possible. The scorekeeper can record the score while being driven to the next tee and be ready to tee off as soon as the cart comes to a stop. This procedure will also get you out of the way of the foursome behind you, so they can hit their approach shots and move on to the green as quickly as possible.

Thumbs up for Green Thumbs

Summer is finally here and the irrigation system is running full blast. Sprinkler heads start running around 8:30pm and continue through the night until 5:00am. The two 60 horsepower motors and one 30 horsepower motor pump hundreds of thousands of gallons of water each night. Every green has four heads surrounding them that run for eight minutes each. Then, our Maintenance Staff will hit additional problem dry spots with a hose throughout the day. The fairway sprinklers are set to run from nine to fifteen minutes depending on their location. During prolonged dry spells, these times become tricky to manage since the fescue/bluegrass rough requires much more water than the zoysia fairways, often leading to wet spots in the fairway and dry spots in the rough. As we get into the prime time of summer, these may be things you start to see around the course. But rest assured, that our Maintenance Staff is working hard to keep the course you love as green as can be!

Wedding Business is Popping!

Our Event Coordinator, Sara Boehlein, has wedding inquiries piling in non-stop these days! For 2014, we have 29 weddings and 2015 we already have 11 booked! Check out our Facebook page to meet some of our cute couples and find out why they instantly fell in love with Bear Creek. Hayley Powell, getting married September 27th, 2014, says "We chose Bear Creek because it is close to home, very affordable, and Sara was a huge help when giving us information!" Jenna Bolzenius, getting married April 18th, 2015, says "We chose Bear Creek because we like the openness and romantic lighting of the Banquet Room. We appreciated how quickly Sara called me back when I expressed interest in having the reception there, the time she spent answering all of our questions before booking, and the services we'll get leading up to the wedding, including the set-up, clean-up, and meetings to discuss how it will all go. I feel a lot of pressure taken off of me and confidence that everything will be taken care of by Sara and her staff!" You can read more about our couples by visiting the 2014 and 2015 Bridal Showcase albums on our Facebook page today!

Friends and Family Love Golf Too!

Good times out on the course are what makes the summers in Missouri much more fun. We can all remember times when we played golf with our friends, co-workers, and family members and everything just clicked. Everyone showed up on time, the price was right, the ball flew straight, the drinks were cold, the scores were low, and you won some money! Sound like a dream? But it actually happened... Now is the time for you to schedule that round at Bear Creek!



Staff Spotlight:



Meet Bob Davidson
Bob has been a Cashier in our Pro Shop for six years and has run the summer leagues for about three years. Before that, he worked for a company called BioMerieux selling lab instruments to hospitals in the field of Molecular Biology and Microbiology. Bob is originally from Alabama and has two children and three grandchildren. In his free time he likes to play golf, drink wine, and travel. Bob and his wife actually just celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary in Italy! Fun Fact: Bob used to work for the CDC studying food and water borne outbreaks.

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