



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 21st:
Class #5 of Junior
Camps Begins

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.**

Welcoming the Chamber

The Western St. Charles County Chamber will host their monthly luncheon for July at Bear Creek Golf Club! Each month, the Chamber hosts a luncheon to bring members together to spread information and build business relationships. There is a meal provided, some ice breakers, and a topic of discussion. At Bear Creek, we like to take things one step further to provide a beautiful setting complete with linens, centerpieces, and a breath-taking view from our iconic floor-to-ceiling windows. Our uniformed staff is always friendly and accommodating and Executive Chef, Barry Wright never disappoints with his delicious buffet spread. We love hosting events in our spacious Banquet Room from business gatherings, to special events, and even weddings. If you like what you see, check out our Events page on our website and talk to Sara today!

Grub Control 101

Grubs are the larvae of various types of beetles. They destroy the root system of the turf around the course, which leads to numerous problems. The grass will start to wilt and die out as the roots become damaged. This leads to the affected area needing to be over-seeded or, in extreme cases, re-sodded. Grubs also attract skunks and raccoons who like to feed on them. These animals leave sod rolled up and holes where they dug for them. Moles also sometimes eat grubs, although 90% of their diet is earth worms. Our maintenance staff has just completed their seasonal application of grub control. A preventative application is put out every year around the Fourth of July. Along with fertilizer, it is spread across all rough and tee surfaces.

Monthly Tournament Series

Since 2001, Bear Creek has been running a monthly tournament series that brings a lot to tournament golf. The format varies from month to month, but the consistency and the value are what make these tournaments so special. Our tournament package cost is \$60 per player, in season. This includes 18-Holes of Golf and Cart, Banquet Style Buffet Dinner and Your Favorite Beverages After Golf, \$7.00 from each Entry Fee for Flighted Prizes, and Contest Events on the Course. Payment is due the day of the event before tee off. Signing up is easy! You can call, email, or print off the entry form from our website and mail it in. One of our long time patrons, Skip Scherrer says, "This is the best value in golf". For just a little higher cost than the regular greens fee price, you get dinner, drinks, and prizes. Why wouldn't you play in the tournaments?! We do these tournaments for such a low price to show off the hard work our maintenance staff does, give our customers a taste of the high-quality food prepared by Executive Chef, Barry Wright, and give something back to you! We look forward to seeing you out on the course for the next upcoming tournament!

Golf Cart Etiquette

All golf course owners would agree that during these hot, summer months, golf cart traffic can be extremely harsh on the grass. So what can we do to help keep the course healthy and in good shape? For starters, we ask that you drive golf carts on the Zoysia Fairway grass during the "Warm Season" and stay off of the Bluegrass Rough, which is "Cool Season" grass. Parking your cart in the fairway and walking over to your ball in the rough is a huge help. When pulling up to the tee or green, or even passing someone on the cart path, please try to keep all four tires on the cart path. By doing this, you can avoid excess wear on the turf, pot holes, erosion, and weed growth. During play, avoid pulling your cart under trees for shade, which can cause additional stress on the grass near tee boxes and greens. If the course is restricted to Cart Path Only on extremely wet days or areas are roped off due to narrowness of a hole, please follow the guidelines provided to you. Next time you're out playing, notice the golf cart tracks in the bluegrass rough on a hot day. This shows the stress and damage causing the plant to wilt. If we aren't careful, the grass plant can become severely damaged or die. Bear Creek's Management Staff and all of our customers will greatly appreciate your help and consideration of proper golf cart etiquette around the course this season.

Pace of Play

Our Starters on #1 Tee have new responsibilities in order to generate new information to help Bear Creek with the never-ending fight to improve pace of play on the course. We will be attaching tags to the back of player carts with the players' names, tee time reserved, and time the first fairway was clear for tee off. Course Marshalls will be able to monitor this information during their round. We will also be attaching a "Pace of Play Scorecard" to the regular scorecard to provide us with data on how quickly players are getting around the course. By filling these out, you are able to help us direct our efforts towards achieving a more rapid pace of play. You are welcome to leave them in your cart after your round or return them to the Pro Shop.

Tips from the Pro: Pace of Play

Mark Waltman will be providing tips in each following edition of the Grizzly Growl to help improve your game on the course. Today's tip has to do with getting around quicker on days when carts are restricted to paths, necessitating longer walks from the cart to your ball. In these cases, we recommend bringing the club you estimate you will need to perform your next shot as well as one more and one less than the club you expect to use. By bringing three clubs with you, you will always have the appropriate one and won't have to make long walks back to your cart to get another one.



Staff Spotlight:



Meet Amy Seymour

Amy has been a Cashier in our Pro Shop for the last four years. She has lived in Bear Creek on the 5th hole for twelve years.

She is a Mizzou alumnus and retired in 2008 from teaching French and Spanish in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Amy loves spending time with her three grandkids and traveling. She is a great sports spectator, especially at her grandkids' games and at the horse races. Fun Fact: Amy was in the Winner's Circle at Churchill Downs after her racing club's horse won the Maiden Race on Kentucky Oaks Day!

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