



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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Issue 8

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 7th:
Yogi Bear Open

September 8th:
Monday Men's League
Appreciation Night

September 16th:
Tuesday Men's League
Appreciation Night

September 17th:
Wednesday Men's League
Appreciation Night

September 18th:
Thursday Men's League
Appreciation Night

September 24th:
Merkel League Apprecia-
tion Night

September 25th:
Thursday Ladies' League
Appreciation Night



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

Barry's Fun Food Facts

Originally published in the August 2008 issue of "Missouri Life", Executive Chef Barry found the following facts pretty interesting. See how many you know and then you can check your answers with the correct ones on the back of this newsletter.

1. Which mushroom prompts spring searching in Missouri?
2. Where in Missouri did toasted ravioli become a sensation?
3. St. Joseph's George Washington Chase, who invented Cherry Mash around 1918, wasn't a confectioner by trade. What was his day job?
4. What Missouri native pioneered new uses for the peanut?
5. What high-earning Missouri cash crop delights vegetarians?
6. Which St. Louis born soft drink's original formula contained a mood-stabilizing drug?
7. What is Missouri's official nut?
8. When did the first edible ice cream cone debut?
9. Made at St. Joseph by the Pearl Milling Company, what was the first ready-mix food to be sold commercially?
10. What is the name of the largest beer producing plant in the nation, located at St. Louis?

Bridal Showcase: Swallow/Jones

Melissa Swallow and Calen Jones will enjoy their Wedding Reception at Bear Creek on September 20th, 2014. Melissa, from West County – St. Louis, is an Intake Assistant at a Non-Profit Organization and a Server/Bartender. Calen, from Fairview, Tennessee, is also a Server/Bartender. They have been together for seven years. Melissa and Calen met their sophomore year at Lindenwood University through a mutual friend. Right after Melissa met Calen, she looked to her friend and said "he's so hot". She still brings that up to this day and they both laugh about it. Calen proposed to Melissa the day they went to cut down their Christmas Tree. He made a whole day of exciting things for them to do and when it came time to actually cut down the tree, he was on one knee and he began to act nervous. When he asked, Melissa was smiling so big her face hurt – and, of course, she said yes! Melissa and Calen chose Bear Creek because they want their wedding to feel vintage and rustic. The gorgeous ceiling and stone fireplace help complete that feeling they were searching for. They hope to have a wedding that is unforgettable, gorgeous, and dynamic!

Tee Time/On Time

You wouldn't dare to pull into the parking lot at the airport 10 minutes before your flight departure time, would you? Treat setting your schedule for arriving at the golf course for your tee time with a similar thought process. You and any playing companions should be assembled and, without fail, on the first tee at least 5 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time. To calculate your projected arrival schedule: Allow for 5 additional minutes in driving time due to traffic issues on the roads. Allow 5 minutes to unload your clubs and take them to the bag drop or your cart. Allow 5 minutes to check in and finish payment in the Pro Shop. Allow 5 minutes for a restroom break and a trip to the Snack Bar. Allow 5 minutes from the time you exit the Pro Shop, locate a cart, and drive to the first tee. Be at the first tee at least 5 minutes before your tee time, checked in with the starter, and ready to "put a tee in the ground". Total it up, and you will find that you need to be pulling into the parking lot at the golf course at least 30 minutes before your scheduled tee time, in order to guarantee being "on time" for your scheduled tee time. If you plan on a trip to the driving range, arrive at least 45 minutes before your tee time. Though the penalties are not as severe for missing your golf tee time as they are for missing your airport flight time, respect for the golf course and your fellow golfers dictates that you arrive 30-45 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.

Dollar Spot Hits the Course

The month of August has been a strange one! The average rain total for the month is normally 3.4 inches and we've already had 6.8 inches. After a couple of months with the high temperatures in the 80's, summer has hit us hard with a brutal string of days in the upper 90's, even 100's. The cool season grass has been growing vigorously and it's the first time our Maintenance Staff can recall NOT being able to keep up with the mowing. On the other hand, extremes have provided a nice breeding ground for disease - most commonly, Dollar Spot. Dollar Spot has shown up in numerous rough areas and a lot of yards. This is pretty common after a rain and typically the grass will grow out of it in a week or two.



Men's Pass Holder Club Champion

The Men's Scratch Pass Holder Club Championship came down to a final match between Mark Kennon and John Rufkahr Jr. and ended with Kennon winning with two holes up and one hole left to play. This is Mark's second year in a row to win the Bear Creek Club Championship. He takes home a Bear Creek Gift Card with 100% of the participants' entry fees. Thank you to all Pass Holders who participated this year! We hope to see you all back out on the course next season!

Pace of Play Tip

After you arrive at the first tee, at least 5 minutes before your scheduled tee time, make those 5 minutes productive by making sure you will be ready to step to the tee when the starter instructs you that the tee is "open". Have your cart in position, glove on, tees/golf balls in your pocket/on your cart, scorecard open on your steering wheel, yardage book reviewed, stretching/practice swings completed, and have your bets made. With this preparation, you won't have to waste any valuable time once you are cleared to "step on the tee."

Need to Plan That Holiday Event?

Yes, we know it's only August, but some things you simply need to plan early! The event facilities at Bear Creek are some of the most sought after spaces to host a party in the area. We have a lovely, scenic Banquet Room which holds up to 200 guests and our newly renovated "Bear Cave" on our Lower Level which holds up to 50 guests. We already have TEN events booked for December/January this year! Each year, we fill up rather quickly and people are left scrambling to find a place to host their holiday parties and awards banquets. DON'T LET THAT BE YOU THIS YEAR! Call 636-332-5018 or email bearcgevents@aol.com to talk to our Event Coordinator, Sara Boehlein, and get started today!



Barry's Fun Food Facts ANSWERED

1. The morel
2. The Hill at St. Louis
3. A doctor
4. George Washington Carver
5. Soybeans
6. 7UP
7. Eastern Black Walnut
8. In 1904 at the World's Fair
9. Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix
10. Anheuser-Busch

Staff Spotlight:



Meet Alex Simcoke

Alex is a new bartender who started this summer at Bear Creek. She also serves at Timber Creek Grill when she's not working for us. Alex is a Senior at Lindenwood University, graduating in December 2014 with a degree in International Business. She just moved back to Wentzville after living in Denver, Colorado for the past year, so that she can finish up school. She loves to travel - especially on cruises or to the beach - and also enjoys riding her bicycle in her spare time. Fun Fact: Alex has dual citizenship with the United States and Australia!

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