



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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Issue 9

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 16th:
Tuesday Men's League
Appreciation Night

September 18th:
Thursday Men's
League Appreciation
Night

September 24th:
Merkel League
Appreciation Night

September 24th:
Wednesday Men's
League Appreciation
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.**

Fall Golf in Missouri

Some of the best weather in Missouri happens during the Fall months. The cooler temperatures and low humidity make it a great time to be outside playing golf. Even though the days are getting shorter, there is still plenty of time to get out and play! As league play begins to slow down, local courses run golf specials to fill up their tee sheets and Bear Creek is no exception! Check out our website at bearcreekgolf.com and click on "Book a Tee Time". When you book on our website, you don't pay any booking fees!

Fall Aerification

Summer is winding down and Fall is fast approaching! Now is the time to start aerification. Aerating helps relieve the turf from all of the compaction it's received throughout the year. It also allows oxygen to get to the root zone of the plant, helping the grass grow and recover faster. Aerification holes make a great home for seeding, protecting the seed from traffic, wind, and water, allowing it to germinate and thrive as a young plant. For areas with more turf loss, slit seeding is a better option for replanting. Slit seeding is a process that cuts grooves into the soil while simultaneously dropping down seed, covering more ground than simply aerating. Please stay tuned for aerification announcements coming in the next few weeks.

Bear Creek Junior League

Bear Creek started its Junior Golf Program to introduce new golfers to the game and help develop their skills. The program has been in existence since 2002 and has seen many junior golfers graduate on to play high school and college golf. These golf camps run five days a week with a Rules/Etiquette Test and a 5-Hole Tournament to complete each camp. The Junior League also plays every Wednesday during the summer months. It has two divisions with the Bear Division playing 9-Holes and the Cub Division playing 5-Holes. Most groups have a volunteer with them as they play their rounds and event prizes are given out each week. Congratulations to this year's Championship winners:

Bear Division 1st Place: Colin Zube-Smith

Bear Division 2nd Place: Alex Eastvold

Bear Division 3rd Place: James Justus

Cub Division 1st Place: Mia Rallo

Cub Division 2nd Place: Caleb Wallace

Pace of Play

Around the course, we have seen many instances where players contribute to slow play problems by inefficient positioning of their carts around the greens. As a general rule, players should park their carts in a position that is beyond the flagstick when they arrive at the green. By doing this, as soon as they walk off the green, the group behind will be able to hit their approach shots with virtually no chance of hitting the previous group. (A huge majority of all approach shots hit to a green result in the ball coming up short of the flagstick.) If the lead group parks their carts short of, or even with the flagstick, the following group will have to wait to hit until the preceding group has occupied their carts and driven to a safe distance before they can safely hit their approach shots.

Bridal Showcase: Powell/Chapman

Hayley Powell and Nicolas Chapman will have their Wedding Ceremony and Reception at Bear Creek on September 27th, 2014. Hayley, from Wentzville, is a Recruiting Coordinator and Nicolas, from Boonville, is an Information Technology Recruiter. They have been together for four years. Hayley and Nicolas met their freshman year of college when they were both pledging Greek organizations at their university. Nicolas proposed to Hayley in the lighted gazebo on Main Street in St. Charles on New Year's Eve. Hayley and Nicolas hope their wedding will be classy, fun, and beautiful. They chose Bear Creek because it is close to home, very affordable, and Sara, the Event Coordinator, was a huge help when giving them information!

Accuracy Over Power

As I view the average golfer playing Bear Creek, I feel that it would contribute to most players' enjoyment of their round, as well as improving their scores and their pace of play, if they would put greater emphasis on accuracy in their shots rather than distance. A 300-yard drive often in the woods/water/out of bounds is not near as much fun as a 250-yard drive usually in the fairway or adjacent rough. Swinging easy and swinging straight will result in a greater enjoyment of the game!

- Mark Waltman, Head Golf Professional



Staff Spotlight:



Meet Norm Schlag!

Norm has been a Marshall and Starter at Bear Creek for about six years. Previously, he worked at Hawk Ridge doing the same thing. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf, spending time with his kids and grandkids, doing computer stuff, and messing with Kirk. Fun Fact: Norm has worked with animal sanctuaries such as "Best Friends" in Utah for the past five years rescuing puppies from puppy mills!

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