



# THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October 2nd:**  
*Golf & NFL Night  
at the Club  
Begins*

**October 12th:**  
*Golden Bear  
Open*



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

### **Get a Grip on Those Clubs!**

*Most golfers buy their golf clubs and play with them for an average of 7-10 years before getting a new set. During that time, the grips may be replaced once or twice, if they are lucky. All those years of playing golf and air exposure creates a build up of dirt and oils from your hands and the grips begin to harden with time. They will feel less tacky and firmer, giving you less control of your golf shot. The best thing you can do is take a damp, white cloth and wipe them down. Sometimes a little bit of liquid soap can also help release the dirt, but make sure to wipe the grip down really well with the damp cloth after using soap. If this doesn't bring your grips back to a tacky, soft feeling, you may need to get new ones put on. New grips range from a standard \$6.50 per club, to premium \$8.50 per club, and super premium \$15.00 per club. Popular choices include Winn Excel, Winn Dry-tac, and the Golf Pride half cord grips. The cost to have grips put on ranges from \$1.50-\$2.50 per grip. Hand measurements need to be taken to see which size will fit you best. Grips typically take 2-4 days to get done, depending on the volume of business, so make sure to talk to the Pro's next time you're out playing about your golf grips!*

### **Hole-In-Ones are Hot Around Bear Creek!**

*Over the past two months, hole-in-ones have been a popular theme at Bear Creek Golf Club. Bob Davidson holed one on August 22nd on Hole #6 with a 7-iron. Mark Bryant had one on August 28th on Hole #16 with a 4-iron. . MaryLou Aalbers had one on September 7th on Hole #6 with a 5-hybrid. And Chris Brewer had one on September 21st on Hole #16 with a 6-iron. Good job golfers!*

### **Fall/Winter Senior Scramble Schedule**

*Though the days are getting shorter and the nights cooler, Senior Scramble Golf at Bear Creek is just getting warmed up! 2-Person Senior Scrambles for men and ladies ages 50 and above are scheduled every Monday and Tuesday morning this Fall and Winter. 2-Person teams consisting of either two men, two ladies, or a man and a lady will compete for 1st and 2nd place in a number of flights determined by the number of participating teams that day. For the remainder of September and October, Senior Scramble events will be held every Monday and Tuesday with registration beginning at 7am and the competition beginning at 8am. In November, the start time for competition will move to 9am, so that any early morning frost will have time to dissipate before play starts. As an added feature, November will be "Senior Scramble Customer Appreciation Month". On each of the eight Senior Scramble Mondays or Tuesdays in November, the 18-hole competition will be followed by a complimentary lunch for all competing golfers with a menu custom planned by Executive Chef, Barry Wright. December-February, Senior Scramble events on Mondays and Tuesdays will be contested in the warmest period of the day, with a start time at 10am. As is the case throughout the year, Fall and Winter Senior Scrambles are priced at the economical rate of \$25 per person, including 18-holes with a cart, coffee, and donuts with registration and a \$3 contribution into the cash prize pool for flight prizes. Players may also compete in the optional Closest-to-the-Pin Contests and Skins Game for an additional \$3 per person. Though Bear Creek would love for you to play on a regular basis on both Monday and Tuesday mornings this Fall and Winter, players are not required to play on every competition day, nor are they required to sign up or pay in advance of the morning of the event. Make Bear Creek your Fall/Winter place to be on Monday and Tuesday mornings!*

### Let the Greens Breathe...

*Greens aerification is an important process after a long golf season. It accomplishes many things including relieving compaction, removing organic matter, and helping promote root development. The process is difficult, leaving playing conditions rough for a few days following. The greens are fertilized two weeks in advance to assist in the growth recovery of the aerification holes. After the cores are removed from the green, the maintenance staff rolls it to help smooth out the putting surface. Then, top-dressing sand is applied and brushed in to help fill each hole back up. Superintendent, Tim Bergmann, often describes this as "trying to fill a salt shaker with the lid still on". Sand will need to be reapplied once it settles in. This whole process usually takes 2-3 weeks to be fully healed. Bear Creek will soon be aerifying our greens, so be on the lookout for each step of this process and let us know if you have any questions!*

### Ladies League Begins Fall "Par 3 Play"

*The Ladies' Thursday Night Golf League finished up their regular season of golf on September 25th with 9-Holes of Par 3 golf, dinner, and awards. Shyla Conrad and the league members decided to extend their league through the month of October for those ladies who want to continue playing. The league will play five Thursdays in October on a Par 3 course set up by Superintendent, Tim Bergmann. This will be a great new challenge for the ladies and allows the league to finish before dark as the days get shorter. Golf Professional, Kirk Porter, feels this is a great way to take advantage of the good weather in October and improve your Par 3 play. The Par 3 holes are often the ones golfers have the most trouble with. This will bring new winners to the weekly contest and a new challenge to all golfers. Kirk plans to introduce Par 3 play to the men's leagues for Fall 2015.*

### High School Golf Competition

*Bear Creek Golf Club hosted the Gateway Athletic Conference (GAC) Girls Championship, a competition involving 11 public schools from St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, and Franklin Counties in eastern Missouri, on Tuesday, September 23rd. 55 young ladies teed off with a shotgun start at noon and finished up a little over six hours later. Significant results from the afternoon of 18-hole play included: Francis Howell High School won the South Division championship, a competition involving the six largest schools in the GAC to field girls golf teams. Fort Zumwalt South High School won the North/Central Division Championship, a competition involving the five smallest schools in the GAC to field girls golf teams. The best individual score was turned in by Amanda Kim of Fort Zumwalt South, who shot a 3-under-par 69 from the green tees course at Bear Creek. Kim's score was 11 strokes better than the second best score in the tournament. Kim will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia next fall on a full scholarship and competing for the Lady Tigers golf team.*

### Bridal Showcase: Stagner/Hussey

*Amanda Stagner and Sinjin Hussey look forward to their Wedding Reception at Bear Creek on October 4th. Amanda, from Missouri, is a Stay-at-Home-Mom with her and Sinjin's two boys and is also a Full-Time Nursing Student at Maryville University. Sinjin, from Oklahoma, is a Delivery Driver for R&R Sanitation. Amanda and Sinjin met in high school when she was working her first job at McDonald's. He would come through the drive-thru and sing to her what he wanted for lunch. Then, one day, they exchanged numbers. They have been together for nine years. Sinjin proposed to Amanda on her birthday after giving her the sweetest speech. Amanda and Sinjin hope their wedding is beautiful, fun, and memorable. Their theme is country and rustic, and Bear Creek was the best option with their budget – they fell in love instantly!*

### Staff Spotlight:



### Meet Natalie Collier!

*Natalie has been a server at Bear Creek since September 2013.*

*She is currently a Senior at Wright City High School where she is also a Varsity Cheerleader and in Student Council. She hopes to attend Mizzou next year to major in Journalism.*

*In her free time, Natalie likes to hangout with friends, shop, and go on vacations. Fun Fact: Natalie won Court Warming Princess her Sophomore year.*

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