



# THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**June 28th:**  
*Kodiak Bear Open*

**July 4th:**  
*Independence Day*

**July 17th:**  
*Party on the Patio*

**July 20th:**  
*Junior Camp #5  
Starts*

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### **Sign up for the Kodiak Bear Open**

*Each month, Bear Creek hosts an open tournament for the public. Our upcoming tournament for June is on Sunday the 28th. The Kodiak Bear Open is a 2-Person Shamble and costs \$60 per player. This fee includes your green and cart fees, food and beverages after golf, closest to the pin events, and a flighted prize purse. You can register your team by calling our Pro Shop at (636) 332-5018 or registering online at [bearcreekgolf.com](http://bearcreekgolf.com). We hope to see you there!*

### **Please Repair Your Ball Marks on the Green**

*What is a ball mark? A ball mark is when your ball strikes the green at a high rate of speed and dents or tears the putting surface. When unrepaired, the spot dies and makes the greens bumpy, slow and unattractive. Your better courses work hard at this issue and have had a lot of success in keeping their greens ball mark free. When playing golf, most golfers are looking for that perfect green where all their putts go in on the first putt. You know, that 35 foot putt you made that breaks from left to right downhill, then goes uphill right to left. Well, we want that putt to always go in as well! So, the best way to keeping the greens putting true and consistent is to have everyone fix their ball marks and one other when they reach the green. It takes less than 15 seconds to repair a ball mark and it will heal in about 24 hours. A ball mark unrepaired will take approximately 15 days to heal on its own. In an effort to assist in repairing ball marks, we have rollers in front of the cutting units that help smooth out the greens daily. We also topdress with sand every two weeks to help smooth out any green imperfections. So please, next time you play golf, look for those ball marks and help us fix them. You and the golfers that play behind you will appreciate it greatly. Let's go sink some putts!*

### **Rain, Rain Go Away**

*From June 14th - June 21st, Bear Creek Golf Club received approximately 12 inches of rain. The worst of the rain came Monday evening when we were hammered with over three inches in roughly thirty minutes. There were hours of clean-up involved after these down pours. Debris washed out of the ponds on Holes 12, 14, and 17. A log knocked a grate off of the overflow on Hole 17. The creek on the front nine holes came up so high that 75% of Holes 2, 3, and 4 were under water. Fortunately, no greens went under at any time. The extreme humidity and constant wet conditions caused an outbreak of brown patch in the rough. Yellow nutsedge and green kyllinga are weeds that have really popped up as well. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the rain stays light and consistent the rest of the summer and doesn't give us any more trouble!*

### Let's Party on the Patio!

Join us for an event on Friday, July 17th from 5-9pm on the Bear Creek Patio! We will have live entertainment, backyard games, a dinner buffet, and drink specials! We are offering three different package options to fit everyone's taste and budget. The All-Inclusive Package which includes dinner buffet, unlimited bottled beer, wine, and soda, and a cash bar for cocktails is \$35. The Dinner Package which includes dinner buffet and cash bar for all alcoholic beverages is \$20. The Drink Package which includes unlimited bottled beer, wine, and soda and a cash bar for cocktails is \$10. This event is limited to the first 100 people to RSVP! You can call Event Coordinator, Alex Simcoke, at 636-332-5018 or RSVP Online. We hope to see you and all of your friends there!

### Bridal Showcase: Britt/Balint

Madison Britt and Daniel Balint are excited for their Wedding Ceremony and Reception at Bear Creek on July 11, 2015. Madison, from O'Fallon, is a Piano Teacher and Full-Time Student at Lindenwood University studying Music Education. Daniel is also from O'Fallon and a Full-Time Student at Lindenwood University studying Computer Information Systems. They met in February 2011 at a swing dance. She asked him to dance because she thought he was super cute. They have been dating since October 16, 2012. Madison and Daniel chose Bear Creek because it had the best prices and a beautiful setup to match their rustic wedding theme. They hope their wedding will be peaceful, beautiful, and blessed.



### We Care About Your Pace of Play!

You have arrived at the first tee 10-15 minutes in advance of your tee time, have put away your personal items, made your golf items accessible, and are now waiting for the group in front of you to clear the landing area so you can tee off. What can you do to ensure getting your round, and the rounds of the players teeing off behind you, off to a quick start? While the group in front of you is teeing off, determine the order in which your group is going to tee off on Hole #1 (Player A-D). Tee off in an order so that the player whose tee shot you expect to come to rest farthest from the green tees off first (Player A) and the player whose tee shot you expect to come to rest closest to the green tees off last (Player B). As soon as the group in front of you leaves the tee, Player A in your group should tee his/her ball up and monitor the progress of the group in front of them. As soon as the group in front of you gets out of the range of Player A's tee shot, Player A should tee off. As soon as Player A hits his/her tee shot, Player B should be teeing up and preparing to tee off. Repeat this procedure for Players B, C, and D, in that order, until all four players have teed off. If every group uses this procedure, the speed of play will be maximized and the overall time it takes to play 18 holes will be decreased by 15-30 minutes.

### Staff Spotlight:



### Meet Kurt Matheny!

Kurt just joined the Bear Creek Staff this summer as a cart attendant. He currently attends Wentzville Holt High School and will be a Junior this Fall. At Holt, he is on the Varsity golf team. For fun, Kurt likes to hang out with his friends and go fishing for bass. Fun Fact: Kurt travels around the U.S. to play in individual golf tournaments. His favorite place he's been? Florida.

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