



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 26th:
Smokey Bear Open

July 27th:
Junior Camp #6
Starts & Club
Championship
Matches Begin

July 30th:
Junior League
Championship

August 5th:
Junior League
Family Fun Day

August 9th:
Koala Bear Open



Family Days at the Driving Range - Extended through August!

Are you looking to spend some more time with your family this summer? Well golf is fun for everyone! Extended through the month of August, Bear Creek will have Family Golf Days at the Range! Every Sunday from 3-8pm, join us for: **FREE Range Ball Size Upgrade! 2 for 1 Hot Dog Specials! Putting Contests on the Practice Green! Free Popsicle for Each Family Member!** Taking the family out for some good, quality fun has never been easier! See you at the club house!

Junior League Golf Championship

Next week, on Thursday July 30th, beginning at 2pm the Junior League golfers will be competing in the end of the season Championships. Golfers in all three divisions, the Advanced Bear Division, the Bear Division, and the Cub Division, will be playing in a head to head match to determine this year's Bear Creek Junior Champion. All season these Junior Leaguers have been playing the very challenging Bear Creek course, honing their golf skills for this very event. The Advanced Bear Division and Bear Division will be playing a 9-hole Championship Match, while the Cub Division will be playing in a 5-hole Championship Match. The trophy presentations will be held after all matches are completed. Food and beverages will be provided for the golfers and their families. We look forward to hosting a great end-of-season event!

Bear Creek Pass Holder Club Championship 2015

It's that time of year here at the "Home of the Grizzly" for our Pass Holders to take part in our Annual Club Championship! Like last year, it will be a single elimination Scratch Match Play Event with both men's and women's divisions. Matches will start the week of July 27th and will proceed with one match per week until all matches have been played. The number of matches will depend on the number of entries, as will prizes. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee with 100% payback in the prize fund. The last player without a loss will be crowned our 2015 Men's or Women's Club Champion! If you are a Bear Creek Pass Holder, please stop in the Pro Shop for a copy of the entry form. We do ask all participants to sign up prior to July 24th so we can put the pairings together. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 636-332-5018 or stop by our Pro Shop the next time you play. Good luck to all participants!

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Bridal Showcase: Schuster/Reynolds

Claire Schuster and Cory Reynolds look forward to their Wedding Reception at Bear Creek on August 1st, 2015. Claire, from O'Fallon, is a full time Student studying Elementary Education and a part time Preschool Teacher. Cory, from Wentzville, is a part time Student studying to become an Accountant and works at MiTek. They met their Sophomore year of high school in English class and have been dating for five and a half years. Claire and Cory took a trip to Springfield, IL to visit some of the attractions that Claire had always wanted to see. They packed a lunch and found a park to eat at. The park was very pretty with a lot of trees and it was nice and quiet, other than the bell tower at the center of the park playing beautiful background music. After they had lunch, Cory surprised Claire with a proposal and of course, she said YES! She says "it was the perfect type of proposal because we are both pretty simple people and I didn't want an over the top proposal, so I was happy that it was a very personal experience between the two of us". Claire and Cory hope to have a wedding that is intimate, fun, and memorable for them and their guests. They chose Bear Creek after looking at a few other places because it was at the top of their list. They really like the setting and the clubhouse is beautiful. Claire and Cory were looking for a space that was open and welcoming for their guests and Bear Creek fit that description perfectly.

Save the Bunkers

With all of the heavy rains that have devastated the bunkers over the past two months, the maintenance staff is finally able to start bringing in some fresh sand. 50 tons have been added so far with another 50 scheduled to be delivered soon. Over the next few weeks you will see our staff bringing loads in to help get the traps back to where they need to be.

We Care About Your Pace of Play

You've done everything possible to play your four tee shots efficiently from the first tee and are heading to the fairway (hopefully) to locate your tee shot. In this case, we will deal with a day when carts are not restricted to paths and you are playing hole #1, a par 4. Chances are that all four balls won't come to rest in the same spot, so its usually best to drive the cart even with Player A's ball and park it on the same side as Player B's ball. In this manner, Player A can quickly choose his club, address his ball, and make his shot, while Player B chooses three clubs (the one he thinks he will need and one club less and one club more) then walks to his ball, makes his club selection, and is ready to strike his ball as soon as Player A's ball comes to rest. While Player B is watching his own shot in flight, Player A can be driving the cart to Player B's location to pick him up. If players from both carts in a foursome act in this manner, all four second shots will be struck in a minimal amount of time and players can be on their way. Even though you are riding in a golf cart, you still can get out and walk to your ball in order to enhance your pace of play.

Keep in Touch with Your Old Golfin' Buddies

It seemed odd that in one week I met some of my old golfin' buddies and then some co-workers that I used to play golf with. I thought, "why haven't I been playing as much golf?" I then looked at all the things that have taken up my time for all these years and realized, they too could be moved around. So, I'm going to make it a point to call my old golfin' buddies and play more golf with them. Life is too short and some of my best memories are on the golf course. HmMMMMM, I could lose a few extra pounds as well. . . I'm calling my friends, we're going golfing!

- Kirk Porter

Staff Spotlight:**Meet Bryan Crenshaw!**

Bryan began working for our maintenance staff this summer. He recently graduated from Troy Buchanan High School where he was a linebacker on the football team. This fall, he will attend Culver-Stockton College on a football scholarship. He's not sure what his major will be but thinks he might be interested in Business. For fun, Bryan likes to go bow fishing and weight lift. Fun Fact: This summer, Bryan swam with dolphins in Gulf Shores!

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