



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 6th: Yogi Bear
Open

Sept 7th: Labor Day

Sept 15th: Tuesday
Night Men's League
Banquet

Sept 17th: Ladies'
League Banquet

Sept 21st: Monday
Night Men's League
Banquet

Sept 23rd: Wednes-
day Night Men's
League Banquet

Sept 24th: Thursday
Night Men's League
Banquet

Sept 28th: Monday
Night Fall League
Begins

Sept 29th: Hozier
League Banquet

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



Keep the Fun Rolling in our Monday Night Fall League

Except For The Event On September 21st, All Events Below Are Open To The Public.

- Monday September 7th: Labor Day Holiday / Make Your Own Tee Times If You'd Like
- Monday September 14th: Opening Night Of NFL Monday Night Football Season
- Monday September 21st: Monday Night Mens League Players Only
- Monday September 28th: Opening Night Of New Fall 2-Person Scramble Skins/Closest To the Pin League
- Every Monday In October: Same Format as September 28th

For more information, visit the League News page on our website or ask us next time you stop in the Pro Shop!

New Tees Poppin' Up Around the Course

With the addition of the new forward tee on Hole #13 turning out so well, we've decided to turn our attention to Hole #9. There was an old, little bump already in the rough right in front of the fairway that makes the perfect starting point for a new tee. The green blocks have been placed there all season, but it is a very small area and doesn't have much irrigation coverage. We're changing that! Several loads of top soil were used to help enhance the area and zoysia sod was laid to help the tee take the beating through the summer. This Fall, we plan on extending the irrigation so that area will have full coverage. Soon it will be ready for your enjoyment!

Bridal Showcase: Stuecken/Yeager

Jessica Stuecken and Craig Yeager are looking forward to their Wedding Ceremony and Reception at Bear Creek on September 19th, 2015. Jessica, from St. Charles, is a Pediatric Nurse. Craig, also from St. Charles, is a Biomedical Equipment Technician. They met their freshman year of high school when they were in marching band and winter drum line together. Jessica and Craig talked for years and eventually started dating their senior year. They have been together now for six years. During their first years together, Jessica and Craig loved to find quiet places to lay and talk under the stars. Over the years, life became busy and they were not able to find time for that. The night Craig planned to propose, he brought up how long it had been since they lay under the stars. They filled up his truck bed with pillows and blankets and set out for an open sky. After talking for twenty minutes or so, he asked Jessica to spend the rest of her life with him. Of course, she said yes! Three words Jessica and Craig hope describe their wedding are: fairytale, fun, and unique. They chose Bear Creek because they fell in love with the gorgeous fire-place and atmosphere of the Banquet Room.



We Care About Your Pace of Play

Today we'll assume you are playing in a foursome, that all four players have hit their approach shots to the green, apron, collar, or green surrounds, and have arrived at their ball with their putter/chipping club in hand. A great deal of time can be saved on and around the green, if players would follow these procedures:

1. Regardless of who is "away", let players who are on the apron, collar, green surrounds (and want the pin left in) strike their shots first, before players who are on the green and will want the flagstick out when they putt.
2. Once all players are on the green, the player with the shortest putt should tend the flagstick.
3. The player with the longest putt should strike his first putt, and then "continuous putt" until his ball is holed, at which point he/she should tend the flagstick so that the player with the shortest putt can line up his putt and be ready when it is his turn.
4. Repeat step #3 above until all four players have putted out; once the first putter has holed out and taken the flagstick, there is no need for him/her to relinquish the flagstick until everyone is done putting and the flagstick can be replaced in the hole.
5. There is a 24 inch "gimme tape" at the lower end of each flagstick. Any putt of this length or less is a "gimme", and should be picked up with one additional stroke added to the players score, and no time spent putting such a short putt into the hole.

Following these procedures will reduce your playing time on each hole, and save a significant amount of time over 18 holes.

Golf is Fun for the Whole Family!

Looking to spend some more time with your family this Fall? Extended through the month of September, Bear Creek will continue Family Golf Day at the Range! Every Sunday through the month of September 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!

Senior Golf Group on the Move

The Woodsman golf group plays Bear Creek several times a year. Their play day happens to be on Thursdays at 8 am. Well, the Woodsman took a road trip to our sister course, Sun Valley, and had a wonderful time. I met George Rich and Jim Hammer at Sun Valley; these are two of the members that have been involved in picking the courses and setting up the foursomes. I saw their foursome walking up the hill on 18. It was 1:30 in the afternoon and the temperature was 91 degrees at the time. Both men had their spirits high as they moved around the green. Jim shot an 82, which I thought was fantastic! These guys really take their game seriously and have lots of fun doing it. Now I know why these senior golfers are in such great shape! There are many senior groups that play Bear Creek throughout the year. Some play here weekly, biweekly, monthly, and semi-annually. We put a package together that fits each of these groups' needs. The package may include 9 or 18 holes, names on carts and scorecards, range balls, hole contests, prizes, and even food and beverage. Some tee off in a modified shotgun start and others will tee off #1 tee. The groups vary in size from 8 to 120 and usually play during the week. Bear Creek is sometimes more recognized for its grizzly tees that play over 7000 yards, but as you can see, the seniors find Bear Creek to be a fun challenge from the forward tees as well. We have the black tees that play 6500 yards, the silver tees that play 6000 yards, the green tees that play 5200, and the yellow most forward tees out front that vary from 3500 to 4900. Most of our Senior Groups play from the silver, green and yellow tees. That's the great thing about golf; you can pick the tees that match your skill level. You will enjoy the game more if you can reach the holes in regulation, so it's better to play a shorter course until you can accomplish that. If you have a group of golfers that you would like to bring out to Bear Creek please give Kirk or Mark a call at 636-332-5018. For new groups joining Bear Creek for the first time, mention that you saw this in our newsletter and the group organizer will play free that day your group plays Bear Creek.

-- Kirk Porter, General Manager

Staff Spotlight:**Meet Dennis Baez!**

Dennis is enjoying his second year in our Pro Shop. He also coordinated the Junior League the past two summers. Prior to Bear Creek, he was a math teacher at Holt High School for 28 years where he also coached boys and girls soccer and boys golf. Dennis graduated from Pacific High School in '78 and played college soccer at Harris Stowe State University. In his free time, Dennis likes to golf and fish. He also recently purchased a condo in Florida. Fun Fact: Dennis' favorite TV character is "Hop Sing". (wink wink- Florida Boys...)

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