



# THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Monday, May 29:**  
Memorial Day

**Friday, June 9:**  
Party on the Patio

**Sunday, June 18:**  
Father's Day

**Sunday, June 25:**  
Kodiak Open

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



## **Why Take a Golf Lesson?**

Most people who play golf are pretty confident with their game and swing. They've learned to play with the swing they have and learned to score with it. Once they hear that a friend took a golf lesson and they are making a swing change, their ears perk up. Maybe they're no longer in pain when they swing, their distance increases by 50 yards, accuracy improves and their confidence grows. Now when they play they have a swing thought in mind, they have a preshot routine, they're now following through and are able to keep their balance. Scores start to drop, the game gets more exciting, you're the first one on the green, your holding the flag for others because you've already putted out and yes your teeing off first on the next hole instead of the last. This could be you if you have some time call your local PGA Golf Professional and set your lesson up.

## **Greeting from the Grounds Maintenance Department!**

As I write this we are in the middle of another unpredictable spring. Weather is warm one day, cool the next, and hot the following. Rain usually pours down at the worst possible time leaving us a few days of Bunker work and no mowing. That said, life goes on. You may have noticed the green side bunker at 1 being rebuilt. This begins the process of us improving the bunkers on the course to give you the best possible product. We've got plans for many improvements on the course so check back in with us regularly and see what we're doing, and as always feel free to find me and share any ideas or criticisms with me about the course. Your feedback is how we plan our improvements. Thanks for playing Bear Creek and we look forward to seeing you on the course.

**Ben Sontheimer, Greens Superintendent**

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## Book Your 2017 or 2018 Wedding!

Are you or is someone you know planning on an upcoming wedding for 2017 or 2018? Well look no further! The Clubhouse at Bear Creek's Banquet Room can accommodate up to 200 guests and offers a beautiful wrap-around deck that overlooks the 18th hole. Our Executive Chef offers an outstanding variety of menu items that fit every taste with multiple options to fit everyone's budget. Our dedicated and professional staff has the expertise to exceed your expectations. A client recently reviewed her wedding experience with us, saying "Our reception at Bear Creek was awesome! Staff was great to work with, they set up everything beautifully and just how I wanted it for the reception and it all looked perfect! The food was also fantastic! Nothing but positive things to say, loved every minute of it!" Call our Event Coordinator, Elizabeth Hamman, at 636-332-5018 to schedule your free tour of the facility! We promise a day you'll never forget!

**Nikki Cayton, Marketing Director**

## Chef's Corner

The golf season is in full swing! Pools will be open soon and the heat will be on. We will be kicking the summer off June 9th with the PARTY ON THE PATIO! It's a Luau theme and "Rocky and Michelle" are set to perform with great entertainment. This is one of the many new social events we have planned for this year. Your invitation is here! Join us! Also, coming in June, there will be a new menu, the favorites will stay and there will be some new items available. Stay tuned. As always, we are available for take-out, call us at the club. (636)332-5018.

**Ben Kendig, Executive Chef**

## Bridal Shower Do's and Don'ts

The Bridal Shower is an opportunity for friends and family to celebrate a bride's upcoming nuptials. Bear Creek can help! We can host your Bridal Shower for your fun celebration.

**DON'T** invite people who aren't going to be invited to the wedding. The only exception would be if you're having an extremely small wedding (like, less than 20 people) and your guests know and understand this in advance. Also, if your office is hosting a shower for you, not everyone you work with needs to be invited to the wedding.

**DON'T** host the shower yourself—it looks like you're asking for the gifts. Normally, the Maid of Honor or Bridesmaids host the bridal shower, but it is acceptable for family members (yours or your future spouse's) to throw you a shower if the situation is appropriate.

**DO** allow multiple parties to throw a shower for you, if they want. But **DON'T** expect guests who are invited to multiple showers to bring more than one gift. They only need to bring a gift to the first shower they attend.

**DON'T** use the wedding décor as inspiration for the bridal shower. The bridal shower should have its own theme and color scheme—let the wedding's décor be a surprise.

**DO** send a paper invitation, rather than via email.

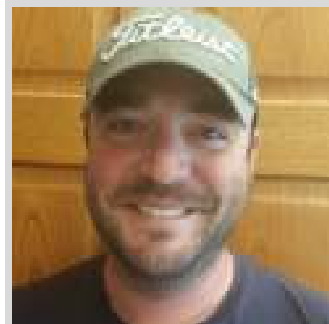
**DON'T** include registry information on the shower invitation. It may be noted on an insert, or guests may be directed to the couple's wedding website which can feature registry information.

**DO** set up an activity for guests. This will allow everyone to meet, mix, and mingle. From a toilet paper wedding dress contest to a cooking class, a group activity will liven up any bridal shower.

**DO** create a ribbon bouquet. We love this tradition, a bridesmaid or other attendee can gather all of the ribbons from the gifts and create a bouquet for the bride to carry at the rehearsal. Just be sure that the bride takes it home with her.

**DO** thank everyone promptly. Send handwritten notes to the attendees thanking them for their gift, and give a small gift to the hostess or hostesses (some ideas: a personalized mug or a gift certificate for a manicure).

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



**Meet  
Josh Barton**

**Meet Josh Barton! He is from Bowling Green, MO. Josh attended Missouri Tech and received his degree in Turf. He has been an Assistant Superintendent at the Club at Old Hawthorne in Columbia, MO for 5 years. He was the Head Superintendent at Pike County Country Club in his hometown. Josh really likes the layout of Bear Creek and hopes to help make it the best Public Course around.**

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