



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 30:
Memorial Day

June 1:
Juniors' League
Starts

June 6 - 10:
Junior Golf Camp
#1

June 13 - 17:
Junior Golf Camp
#2

June 20 - 24:
Junior Golf Camp
#3

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



Have any Juniors off for the Summer?

Who has kids at home on Summer break looking for something fun to do during their time off? Look no further- we've got you covered! Junior Camps begin June 6th and are offered through the end of July. This lesson program is great for Juniors 8-16 years old wanting to learn all aspects of the game of golf. Great for beginners or experienced junior golfers wanting to brush up on the fundamentals of their golf swing. This 1-Week Program meets for two and a half hours Monday through Friday at the time scheduled. Classes range in size from 12-15 students and are put together by the Bear Creek Golf Professional, Kirk Porter. Students should meet at the designated location and bring the club listed, or inform the instructor in advance that you need clubs. For more information, visit the Player Development page of our website. There you can also print off registration forms and drop them off at the Clubhouse. Or give us a call at 636-332-5018 and we'll take care of you over the phone.

Our Wednesday Afternoon Junior League also starts up on June 1st and plays every Wednesday through August 3rd. It's not too late to get your kid signed up! Play is flexible, so sign up the weeks you want to play! We will score each play day and give awards out to the event winners. Juniors age 9 -10 must take golf instructions through Bear Creek in order to enroll in the league. Juniors must call in up to 7 days in advance to be placed on that week's tee sheet. Tee times and playing group will be assigned by the League Coordinator, Dennis Baez. They must check in at the registration table and pay their greens fee prior to tee off. Cost to join league is \$40 per player plus weekly greens fee. All Divisions will be determined by age, weekly scores, and pace of play. For more information, please visit the Leagues page on our website and call 636-332-5018 to get your Junior registered today!

The Chef's Corner

The heat is on! The warm weather is back and I can definitely feel it in the kitchen! It is true what they say, "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen." If you want to get out of the kitchen and still have a nice meal, give us a call at (636) 332-5018 and place a To-Go Order. We will have it ready for pick up in a very timely manner. We offer cool salads that will take away the heat of the summer! As always, our menu is open 11am-9pm Monday through Thursday and 11am-5pm Friday through Sunday. We look forward to serving you! *Ben Kendig, Executive Chef*

Planting Flowers Makes a Golf Club Feel like Home

I've been planting flowers at the golf course since I was 13 years old. It all started back at St. Andrews Golf Club in St. Charles where I started out as a cart boy. We would buy 25-30 flats of flowers from Parkview Gardens on Randolph Street. We had five to six large flower beds with rows and rows of flowers. As I got older, I would drive there myself and visit with Mr. Gillett, the Owner. We would pick out the flowers for all the beds and I learned from him all the important things that you need to know about planting and caring for flowers. Now that I'm at Bear Creek, I make my trips to Tammy's Flowers Garden and pick up the four or five flats of flowers and put them in pots around the clubhouse. With all the hustle and bustle, it still seems like the right thing to do. The clubhouse staff waters and weeds them daily so it's become a team effort. Next time you're at Bear Creek, check out our flowers and tell us how we're doing. *Kirk Porter, PGA Golf Professional*

Greetings from the Maintenance Department

As I write this, the temperatures and humidity are on the rise. As you may or may not know, as the weather gets hotter, we have to do more and more hand-watering of the greens to keep them alive and playable all summer long. As such, from time to time, you will see members of the staff out watering greens with a hose. We do our best to avoid you as we go, but sometimes we just have to get it done to avoid damaging the greens. Don't worry- we move fast and will only take a minute. All we ask is for a little patience while we keep the greens in the best shape as possible for you. Thanks and enjoy your rounds! And as always, feel free to find me with any questions or comments you may have. *Ben Sontheimer, Course Superintendent*

Bridal Showcase: Bickel/Johnson

Micaela Bickel and Beau Johnson are looking forward to their Wedding Ceremony and Reception at Bear Creek on May 28, 2016. Micaela, from Lake St. Louis, is a Respiratory Therapist. Beau, from Wentzville, is an HVAC Technician. They met when they attended the same high school from 2004-2006. They have been together since April 2012. Beau proposed while they were on a cruise eating dinner. When one of the photographers walked by to take pictures, he just went down on a knee and asked! And of course, Micaela said yes! Three words Micaela and Beau hope describe their wedding are memorable, fun, and romantic. They chose Bear Creek after seeing pictures of a wedding done that was done here and they fell in love!



Join our Couples League and Get a Free Gift!

We will be running a special golf promotion to help grow the Couples League and increase the prize fund as well. Bear Creek will give two free sleeves of golf balls to each new couple that plays for the first time in the month of June 2016. Please invite your friends to join us, come on out, and give it a try! All each new couple needs to do is tell the cashier before they tee off that they are a new member and fill out the information slip so that you can receive your new golf balls. We are now starting the Couples League tee times at 4:32pm, so please call in for a tee time early!

Staff Spotlight:



Meet Eric DeGrendele!

Eric joined the Food and Beverage Staff in May 2016. He has worked in the industry for over 8 years, spending most of his time working his way up, hands-on in the kitchen. Previously, Eric used to run Hog's Haus Sports Bar & Grill and spent some time working for Fit Flavors. He graduated from St. Dominic in 2011. For fun, Eric likes to paint ball at Wacky Warriors, golf, and tends to a garden at his house. Fun Fact: Eric has a six year old boston terrier/black lab mix named Acy, who he rescued from the St. Charles Humane Society five years ago and absolutely loves.

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