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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 24th:
Smokey Bear Open

July 25th - 29th:
Junior Golf Camp #6

July 30th:
Party on the Patio
(Moved Indoors)

August 3rd:
Junior League
Championship

August 10th:
Junior League Family
Fun Day

August 14th:
Koala Bear Open

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Let's Party on the Patio! (Moved Indoors)

You're invited to Bear Creek Golf Club's second annual Party on the Patio Saturday, July 30th from 6-9pm! With delicious drink specials and live entertainment provided by Rocky and Michelle, the night is sure to be a hit. There will be a dinner buffet prepared by Executive Chef, Ben Kendig, that will include Caesar Salad, Watermelon and Feta Stacks, Five Bean Salad, BBQ Pork Shanks, Grilled Chicken, Mini Twice Baked Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus and Tomatoes, Dinner Rolls and Butter, and Assorted Cakes and Pies. The Dinner Package includes the dinner buffet and a cash bar for \$25 per person. Or the All-Inclusive Package includes dinner and unlimited bottled beer, wine, and soda for \$35. Please contact us at 636-332-5018 to make your reservation. Reservations are required and the deadline to sign up is July 26th. Due to excessive heat conditions, we have decided to move this event indoors. We'll see you there! *Event Coordinator, Alex Simcoke*

Sign up for the Smokey Bear Open!

Our next open tournament is coming up this Sunday, July 24th, the Smokey Bear Open, and we still have spots available! This tournament will be a 3 person scramble and costs \$60 per player. Your entry fee includes green fees and cart, food and beverages after golf, closest to the pin events, and a flighted prize purse. We will tee off at 1:30pm. Please call (636) 332-5018 to register your team today!

Greetings from the Maintenance Department

As the hot weather sinks its teeth into us, I want to turn our attention to the health of the greens. A green's optimal growing temperature is between 50-75 degrees, so temperatures exceeding 95 degrees are extremely stressful. In an attempt to keep our greens in the best shape as possible, you will notice from time to time rope blocking a preferred pathway for you. This is not an attempt to get your 10,000 steps in for the day, but rather our way of protecting fragile turf. We ask that you not step over our ropes and walk on these areas. A little inconvenience now will help us give you the best golf round, year-round. Thank you for your time and support and as always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to find me on the course. *Greens Superintendent, Ben Sontheimer*

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! Our last Junior Golf Camp takes place July 25-28. 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.

Use Your Clubs Wisely

I played in a scramble yesterday, where we played the white tees at another course, and I found myself hitting the driver, 8-iron, 9-iron, pitching wedge, and sand wedge a lot. I noticed that I very seldom, if ever, hit my hybrid, 4-iron, 5-iron, 6-iron or 7-iron nor my 5-wood or 3-wood. I could see myself getting comfortable with that and hoping that this would be all the clubs I would ever hit. Well, I don't think the game works like that if you play other courses, play your own individual ball, or play a longer course. By playing the shorter clubs more frequently, you become accustomed to hitting down into the ball at a steeper angle. Technically, that is what you're supposed to do, but that doesn't work as well for the fairway woods, hybrids, and longer irons. We must remember to play the ball a little forward, take the club back lower, and on a longer swing arc to create a shallower downward swing. This will ensure proper launch and distance. Try mixing up your shots next time you play; hit the clubs in the back of your bag that have accumulated some dust. This will make you a more rounded, all around better golfer. *PGA Golf Professional, Kirk Porter*

Bridal Showcase: Jameson/Brobst

Amanda Jameson and Christopher Brobst are looking forward to their Wedding Reception at Bear Creek on July 29, 2016. Amanda, from Columbia, MO, is an Administrative Assistant for Delta Investment Services. Christopher, from Shreveport, LA, works in Construction. They met when they worked together at Outback Steakhouse and have been together for seven years. Christopher proposed to Amanda at the top of the Arch in St. Louis. They will be married on July 23, 2016 in New Orleans and then celebrating with their family and friends at Bear Creek on July 29, 2016. They chose Bear Creek because they love the rustic feel of the Clubhouse. Three words they hope describe their wedding are: Party, LOVE, and Fun.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



Meet Luke Niggemeier!

Luke has been a member of the Bear Creek maintenance staff since May 2016. He recently graduated from St. Dominic High School where he was involved with Football, Basketball, and Baseball. He plans to attend the University of Central Missouri this Fall to study Safety Management. For fun, he likes to hang out with friends and play sports. Fun Fact: Luke can juggle.

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