



NEWSLETTER

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NIGHT GOLF!



Date: Saturday,
August 31st, 2013

Time: 5:00 PM

Format: 4-person
scramble

Entry Fee: \$120 per
team (Equipment and
dinner included)

Sign up at
Clubhouse



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Greetings,

This page marks the kickoff of the SCGC Newsletter! This newsletter provides a forum for the Board and the staff members to address the entire membership and the public with information concerning the course.

This format will also allow us to inform the public of our actions and the basis for our determination. Essentially, this process will promote transparency and is intended to foster a constructive dialogue with our board, staff, course members and the public.

For my first report, I want to discuss the "deep rough" that has been utilized on the course this year. These areas are located in various locations on the course and are easily identifiable as they typically run from 6 inches to 2 feet in depth. I have received substantial support for the deep rough, but there remains a minority of the membership that remains uncertain about the benefits of the deep rough.

Courses throughout the country, including a multitude of PGA courses, are electing to utilize the deep rough on their courses. Their decision to do so is supported by the following reasons:

- ✚ Minimizes Course Expenses – these areas do not need to be mowed and maintained regularly, which results in less expenses for man-hours, fuel and equipment maintenance.
- ✚ Provides course definition that separates each hole from the next and provides a more secluded experience for each hole.
- ✚ Places a premium on hitting controlled shots, as multiple shots out of the deep rough will not typically result in better golf scores.
- ✚ Aesthetically pleasing and consistent with the way courses were designed during the origination of this great sport.

In summary and for the reasons described above, we have decided to utilize the deep rough. Come out and see it for yourself. But beware; a day in the long grass is not for the faint at heart.

See the links below for tips on how to escape the deep rough and save your scorecard:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_jdoZ3sVEQ

<http://www.golf.com/video/golf-tips-three-keys-get-out-deep-rough>

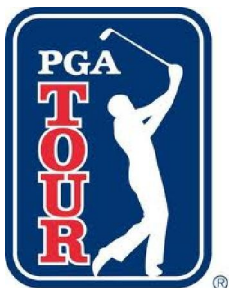
Yours Truly,

Brad Blackwell
Course Superintendent



DID YOU KNOW.....

The "**Mashie**" was the historical golf club (wooden-shafted, mostly pre-20th Century) that most closely resembled today's 5-iron. A modern 5-iron and the mashie are very different clubs; it would be incorrect to call a modern 5-iron a mashie. But in loft and use, the mashie was most equivalent to a modern 5-iron.



INSIDE THE PGA

Phil Mickelson won his first ever British Open at the famous Muirfield Golf Course with a score of 281 on July 21st, 2013.



FOURTH OF JULY PARTY A BLAST

Spring Creek members celebrated the Fourth of July with many activities.

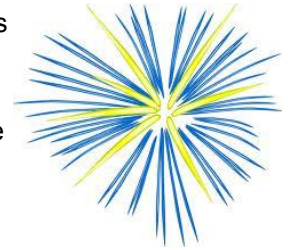
The day started with several groups playing golf. In the afternoon, the club had several lawn games on the first tee box.

Bryon Craig set up a music system in the gazebo and several members brought in great food for a covered dish dinner.

The kids swam in the pool even though the temperatures were a bit cool to say the least.

The members finished out the evening enjoying the Fireworks show from the Driving Range.

Thanks to Bonnie Gray for putting together the party, donating the Tiki Torches for the pool and donating glowsticks for the kids after dark. !



Tournament Results for 3 Person Scramble

The Annual Three Person Tournament was held July 20-21st. The following teams won their respective flights:

Championship Flight- First Place, Midyett, Murr, Huff. (110) Second Place- Ruble, Lucas, Nash. (116) Third Place-Dittman, Parker, Black. (119) Fourth Place-Williams, Williams, Williams. (120)

A Flight-First Place: Arts, Arts, Johnson (128), Second Place: Nash, Nash, Brunner (129), Tie Third/Fourth-Tune, Smotherman, Stephens (131), Geary, Geary, Happel, (131), Bass Bass, Bass (131)

B Flight-Campbell, St John, Turner (134), Tie Second/Third Place: Tonsing, Tonsing Woods (137), King, Holtsman,

Combs (137), Tie Fourth: Enloe, Gambil, Craig (138), Piefer, Piefer, Miller (138)

C-Flight:Tie First/Second: Dittman, Owen, Owen (138), Curley, Curley, Curley (138), Tie Third/Fourth: Lucas, Ruble, Berry (139), Day Little, Little (139).

CLUB NEWS.....



Congratulations to Carl Hale on making a Hole In One on Hole number Five !

A \$100 dollar prize was given to Carl by Crowley Homeworks.

Congrats Carl !

Big Thanks to the Tournament Committee for all the help with running the Three Person Scramble. Thanks to Bonnie Gray for donating her famous burgers and kitchen so the Golf Team could have a successful fundraiser !



Connect Your Laptop, Tablet or SmartPhone

New Wi-Fi connectivity is available in the clubhouse. The password will be posted in the clubhouse. We encourage you to take advantage of this latest perk brought to you by your Board of Directors.



Monday Ladies League

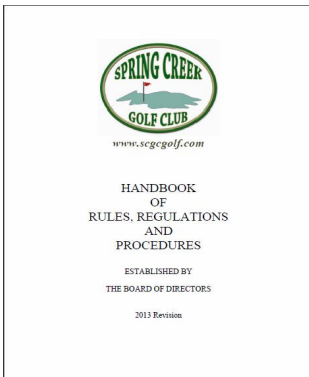
A new golf group for Ladies has been started on Monday evenings.

The League is especially designed for the Spring Creek Lady Golfers of all skill levels.

Come out and enjoy !

With over 60% of your strokes coming from inside of 100 yards, it is essential that you spend a proportionate amount of time on your short game as you practice. You should devote most of your short game practice to putting and chipping. These two shots make up the majority of your short game strokes.

CLUB HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE



The Handbook of Rules, Regulations and Procedures has been revised and is now located on our website in PDF version for viewing or download.

The manual is an excellent resource for new members as it answers many questions that come up from time to time.

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS...

MONTHLY FINANCIALS are available upon request for members to review. A copy is located at the bar in a three ring binder each month.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES are now being published for perusal and posted in the clubhouse.



Club Championship
September 7th, 8th
Play in your own
Threesome on Sat.,
1 P.M. Tee Time Sun.
Entry Fee \$20
Flighted
Questions,
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NEWSLETTER: WHAT TO EXPECT

We hope you enjoy your August copy of the Spring Creek Golf Course newsletter. It is our goal during Spring and Summer when Golf season is in full swing, to bring you a monthly edition. In the offseason, expect to get a quarterly or bi-monthly letter.

The content will include club news, upcoming events, messages from the Superintendent, spotlight on new and existing members, monthly golf tips, rules of golf, funny stories etc. If you have an idea for a newsletter name, we would love to hear it !

If you have a story or golf tip, please share it. If you are a new member, we would love to hear a little about you so we can introduce you to the membership. The letter will be available each month on our website.

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Our course....

Spring Creek Golf Club, located in Salem, Missouri --in the heart of the Ozarks -- offers a beautiful setting with watered Bent Grass fairways rolling gently through the hills. You will not find a better golf experience in the area. Spring Creek is a semi-private club with [public golf hours](#) for local and visiting golfers, as well as memberships to fit any golfer, golf family or business with a love for Great Golf in the Ozarks.

The [9-hole "Salem" course](#) at the Spring Creek Golf Club was designed by Floyd Farley, ASGCA, and the course opened in 1969 in Salem, Missouri. It features 3,412 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 36. The course rating is 71.5 with a slope rating of 121 on Watered fairways. [Click Here](#) for more information on the course.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR OCTOBER 26TH !

SPRING CREEK GOLF
CLUB WILL BE HOSTING
MUSIC TRIVA NIGHT

MORE INFORMATION TO
FOLLOW IN NEXT
MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

GOLF TIP: CHIPPING (WITH A LITTLE MATH)

*When you are around the green do you always reach for your handy Sand Wedge no matter what? If you do, you are relying heavily on your touch and accuracy at all times. Allow me to suggest a technique for more consistency.... **Fly the ball as little as possible and roll the ball as much as possible.** The advantage to this style of chipping is simple....It is easier to hit a spot ten feet in front of you than thirty feet from you. With that in mind, it is important to understand the air-time/ground-time ratios of shots hit with different clubs. Usually, the five clubs most used for this technique are the Sand Wedge through 7-Iron. For example, when you chip with a PW, the ratio of chipping distance to roll is 1:2. An 8 iron is 1:4. Keep in mind; the ratios below are for shots with a perfectly level green, (which doesn't happen that often on the golf course.) With uphill and downhill shots, you will have to make slight adjustments to your roll to carry ratios. The next time you go to the practice green, take a few irons and practice with the club that just gets you on the green and rolls out to the pin. I think you will be amazed how accurate you chip with very little practice!*

