

Dear Members,

It's an exciting time here at BHCC. The Club is already buzzing with the excitement of the quickly approaching summer season. We have several projects and renovations in the works heading into our busy season. You will see many noticeable upgrades to member areas and services throughout the club.

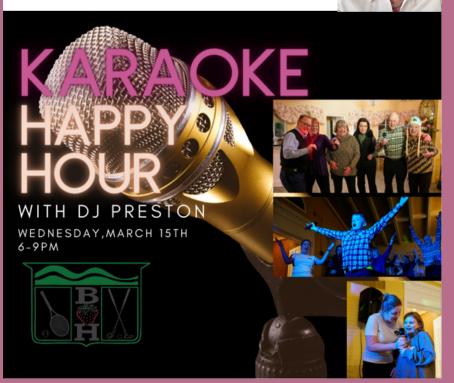
The 2023 Golf Season Kickoff Cocktail Party is the perfect opportunity for newer members to connect with the "seasoned" BHCC Golfers, learn about upcoming Tournaments, and potentially join a golf game or two! What an awesome way to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

The 2023 Golf Calander of Events & Handbook will be published in the April newsletter edition. This calendar will alert you to any course closures, member tournaments, and WVGA events hosted at your club. The handbook is always a great refresher on the rules and regulations that we follow on the BHCC golf course.

Membership continues to grow, dining rooms are packed, and happy members are all around. I am thankful to be a part of

such an amazing club experience.

Brandie Thomas General Manager



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Get your short game ready for the spring

Introducing putting and chipping techniques

Putting- My four check points to a great putting motion are posture, aim, set-up and stroke. Step 1-Stance- Feet slightly more than shoulder width, knees slightly bent and hands holding the putter. Step 2-Bend from the hip joint keeping your back straight with your arms hanging freely with your elbows into your side, then relax your shoulders so they can rock back and forth. Step 3- Pick a specific target and put alignment or yard stick in front of your feet parallel to your specific target to ensure proper aim. Flat wristed, rock your shoulders back and forth and make your putt. If you are unable to go outside, use a mirror to ensure your technique is great.

Game: Place 5 tees at 3 feet from the hole in a circle and see how many you can make out of 10. Then do the same thing from 4 feet, 5 feet and 6 feet. This is a great activity to figure out breaking putts and figuring out speeds

Chipping- The first step to understand is that a chip shot gets the ball safely on the green as soon as possible, with very little air- time, trying to get the ball rolling more like a putt. Basic set-up- Step 1- Grip down the shaft two inches. Step 2- Ball position will be on back foot. Step 3- Open with narrow stance. Step 4- When you are set-up to the ball place your elbows into your side for connection, with your weight 60% on your front foot. Know you are in a great position to hit the shot. Flat wristed, rock your shoulders back and though, keeping lower body stable. One thing to remember when you are hitting a chip, try to match the length going back and through with light grip pressure and start brushing the grass, or carpet if indoors.

Game: Chipping Ladder- This activity develops your ability to chip the ball in a certain area and figure the distance control and accuracy. You will have six alignment rods for this activity. The first rode is three steps from the edge of the green. Each rode after that should be one club length apart. Hit a few chips using your highest lofted club and start landing the ball between the first two rods of the ladder. Once you have accomplished this you then chip between the next spacing. This process will continue until you land a golf ball in each space. This sequence is repeated from the farthest space back to the nearest space.

This game is a process, enjoy it, stick with this gameplan and your game will transform into something great!

See it-Feel it-Trust it-Hit it!

March 2023 Grounds Newsletter

Hi everyone and welcome to the official beginning of the golf season. It has been unseasonably warm this winter, and spring is starting early this year. A lot work has been done on the course this winter with some bunker renovations, and some tree root pruning along a few of the holes on the front 9. Some more root pruning is scheduled to be finished on the back 9, but rainy weather has delayed us from completing it. Also, the fairways have been sprayed for poa weeds, pre-emergence, and for spring dead spot. Bunker edging has begun and a few dead trees have also been removed.

Coming up this month beginning with Drill and Fill aeration which will be completed on the 1st and deep tine aeration will begin on the 8th. Drill and fill aeration consists of drilling holes into our problems greens at a target depth of 12" with a 7" spacing and back filling it with sand. This will help with drainage and compaction which will greatly improve the condition of the greens during wet summer weather. This process needs to be done more than once to see continued improvement in the playability of these troublesome holes. This is a long but very beneficial process. If you would like more info on the process and science behind drill and fill aeration please feel free to ask me about it. Deep tine is a solid tine that goes about 9" which also helps with compaction, but is on 2.5" spacing. Both deep tine and drill and fill will heal up quickly and with a little extra rolling of the greens will be barely noticeable. I know sometimes course maintenance can be a hindrance to golf, but is very necessary during certain times of the year for that maintenance to be scheduled. Please be patient during this process while the course is getting much needed aeration.

Also planned for this month or mid April will be resodding the bunker face on hole 11. The turf has slipped over the past couple years and will be sodded with zoysia grass. Zoysia grass is very dense, strong and perfect for bunker faces. Another good attribute to zoysia grass is that it grows slowly and less prone to creep into the bunkers.

With the forsythias ready to bloom, that means poa seed head control spray will be going down on the greens soon. The seed head program consists of 3 applications, one in the fall before winter, and two in the spring after bloom. This will help greatly reduce seed heads from poa.

We have a busy year ahead of us, a lot of work to get the golf course in good shape for the summer. Please be patient with our project work while we are out the course, hopefully won't be in golfers way too much. Hope everyone has a great start to spring and the golf season. See you out on the course.





















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