



**BEAR TRAIL GOLF ASSOCIATION
NEXT EVENT — 2 PERSON 6-6-6
SATURDAY JUNE 24TH 1:30**

The next BTGA event will be a 2 Person 6-6-6 on Saturday, June 24th. This is a 2 person event that involves 3 formats in one event. Holes 1-6 will be Best Ball, holes 7-12 will be Modified Alternate Shot, and holes 13-18 will be Captain's Choice. There is a signup sheet in the Pro Shop or you can text me, B.J. Seifrit at 717-424-6438 or email me at btleagues@beartrailgolf.com.

In the first 2 events we have paid out a total of **\$1,560** in cash prizes for gross and net places in each flight, skins, and 50/50. There will be 6 more events for the BTGA this year. If you are interested in joining the BTGA, please contact me at btleagues@beartrailgolf.com or (717) 424-6438. Keep in mind that non-members can join the BTGA but along with dues and entry fees they will be required to pay the normal greens fees associated with an 18 hole round. Prior to each event there will be a signup sheet in the pro shop and/or you can send an email to BTleagues@beartrailgolf.com to sign up. The remaining schedule for BTGA events this year is as follows:

June 24 – 2 Person 6-6-6
July 9 – 2 Person Alternate Shot
July 23 – 1 Person Scramble
August 6 – 2 Person Scramble
September 17 – 2 Person Better Ball
October 7 – 2 Man Texas Scramble

We will keep our fingers crossed and say a few prayers that the weather will cooperate moving forward. However, if we cancel due to rain, we will do our best to reschedule the event soon after or add dates to the end of the season. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at btleagues@beartrailgolf.com or call me at 717-424-6438.



THURSDAY BLITZ POINTS LEAGUE

On March 16th we started a weekly Thursday golf league for members and non-members. After 12 weeks we have given out a total of **\$2,045** in weekly cash prizes. Would love to see the league continue to grow as the year goes on. Details for how the league will operate were in the previous newsletter. Signup sheets for the league are in the Pro Shop. If you have any questions in regard to this league, please email me at btleagues@beartrailgolf.com or call me, B.J. Seifrit, at 717-424-6438.

5 THINGS EVERY GOLFER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AERATING GREENS

The greens at Bear Trail will be aerified June 5th and June 6th so individuals and groups playing 18 holes those days will be playing the side that isn't being aerified twice on those days. While this process can be frustrating for golfers, it is a crucial part of keeping Bear Trail in the great shape that we are all accustomed to it being in. If you see the maintenance crew working on those days or any day for that matter, be sure to thank them for their hard work. The following are some things that you may not have known about the aeration process and why it is so important.

1. Aerating greens is to improve the course not to annoy the golfers

- the greens receive more traffic than any other playing surface on the course. The aeration process helps relieve the compaction caused by all that traffic. It also helps create a firm, smooth putting surface by controlling thatch and promoting healthy turf roots.



2. Scratch the thatch

- Thatch is a layer of old plant material that accumulates at the soil surface. If thatch on putting greens is not diluted by aeration and topdressing, it will act like a sponge, holding water near the surface. Excessive thatch creates soft playing conditions, inconsistent green speeds and increases the risk of disease.

3. Timing is everything

- Do you ever wonder why aeration is commonly performed when putting greens are playing their best? Aerating when grass is healthy and actively growing minimizes damage and allows for a quick return to optimal playing conditions. Aerating at other times may be more convenient for the golf schedule, but it lengthens recovery times, increases the risk of an invasion of weeds and could cause lasting damage.

4. It is not as bad as you think

- It may seem like there are more holes than grass on the putting greens right after they've been aerated, but this is an illusion. Typically, aeration affects less than 10 percent of the putting surface.

5. Sand is part of the plan

- A heavy application of topdressing following aeration may appear to make putting greens less playable. However, filling aeration holes with sand actually helps create a smoother surface. Sand also creates channels for water and air movement, dilutes thatch and helps putting greens recover from aeration quickly.



<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/clubhouse/2017-ungated/09-17-ungated/5-things-every-golfer-should-know-about-aeration.html>

DEW SWEEPERS - WEEKEND MEMBER GROUP

If you are new to Bear Trail and you are looking for a group of members to play with on the weekends there is a group of guys that play every weekend and block off morning tee times depending on how many people sign up to play. We typically play a low net individual, low net random team, and skins game for \$20. If you are interested in joining the Dew Sweepers feel free to email BTleagues@beartrailgolf.com or call Brad Neumann @ (910) 934-8833.

POOL HOUSE RENTAL

If you are interested in renting the pool house, please contact Phyllis at phyllis.beartrailgolf@gmail.com

GHIN HANDICAP DUES - \$30

If you use the USGA GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) system to track your handicap this is a friendly reminder that you can pay \$30 to renew your current membership or start a new membership to track your handicap. If you are wanting to register for the GHIN to start a handicap through Bear Trail, please contact Kyle Simpson through the Pro Shop and he will assist in getting you registered. You will need to have an established handicap to play in Bear Trail events so this is probably the best way to do it.

CHRONO GOLF TEE SHEET

Members can now book tee times 2 weeks in advance through the tee sheet. Public play can only book 1 week in advance so this should help everyone get their preferred tee times now that the tee sheet is up and running smoothly. If anyone needs help becoming more familiar with the tee sheet, please feel free to visit:

<http://beartrailgolf.com/booking-a-tee-time-online/#booking%20a%20tee%20time>

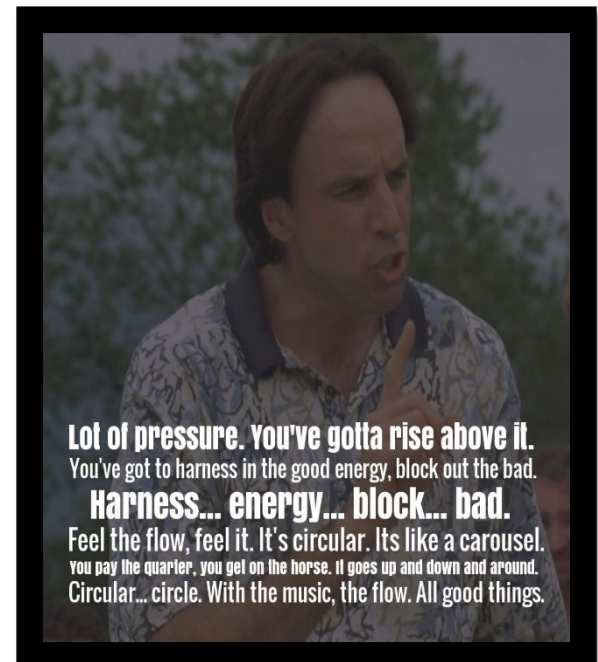
The link has tutorials for the tee sheet, and you can also message Kyle anytime and he will be glad to assist you with the tee sheet. If you for some reason are not showing up as a member in the tee sheet, please reach out to Kyle so he can fix it.

TOP 10 FICTIONAL GOLF MOVIE CHARACTERS

10. Judge Smails (Caddyshack)



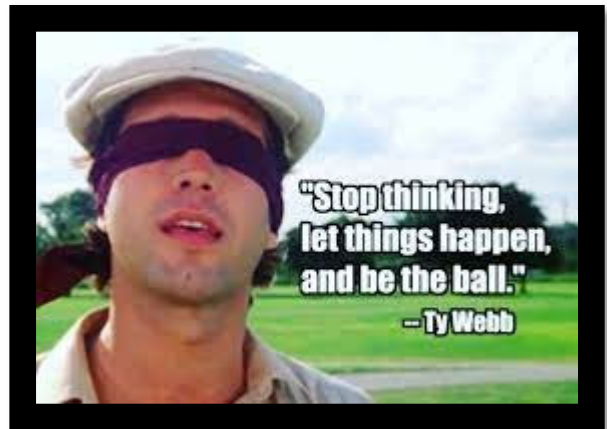
9. Gary Potter (Happy Gilmore)



8. Chubbs Peterson (Happy Gilmore)



5. Ty Webb (Caddyshack)



7. Al Czervik (Caddyshack)



4. Danny Noonan (Caddyshack)



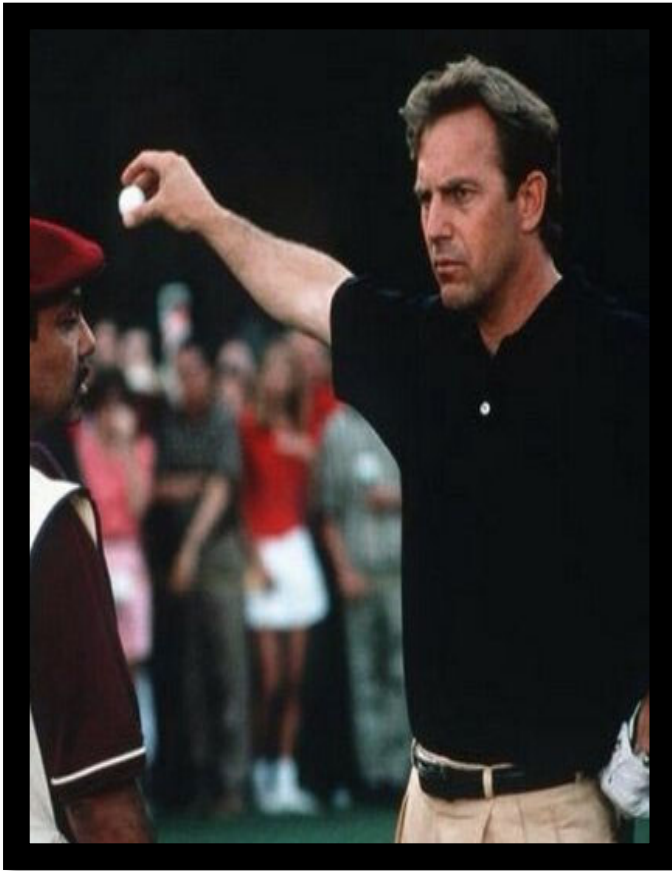
6. Shooter McGavin (Happy Gilmore)



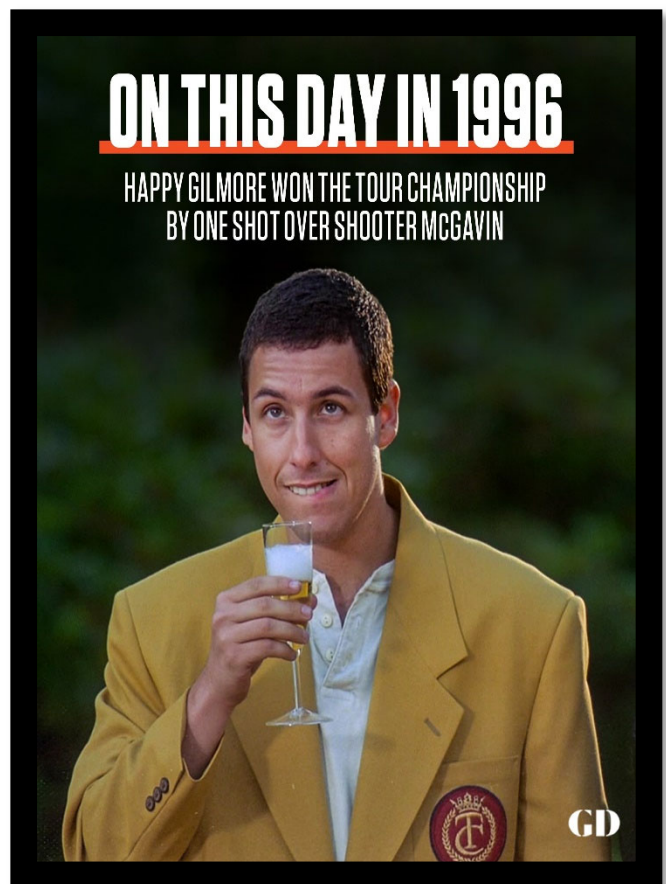
3. Carl Spackler (Caddyshack)



2. Roy “Tin Cup” McAvoy (Tin Cup)



1. Happy Gilmore



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