



Thank You and Merry Christmas

I just wanted to take an opportunity to say **THANK YOU** and **MERRY CHRISTMAS** to everyone who has made Bear Trail Golf Club such an amazing place to be a member and play golf.

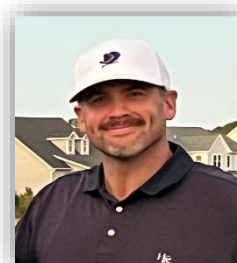
First, I wanted to give a big thank you to Kyle Simpson for his work as the Pro, teaching and running tournaments. To the entire staff that runs the pro shop and the cart barn, thank you for your hard work and always making sure members and non-members get what they need. To Grant and his team for their hard work and always making sure the course is in great condition. To Bear Trail ownership for keeping the rates for greens fees and memberships at the most affordable and best deal in the area.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the members who make Bear Trail the best course in the area by far. I have talked to a lot of people over the last few years that I have been a member and when I ask what their favorite thing about Bear Trail is, the answer is always, “the people” and I couldn’t agree more. We have a fantastic group of members and member groups. I have been a member of several courses in my young life, and I have to say I have enjoyed membership at Bear Trail the most.

From me personally, I wanted to thank everyone who has participated in the BTGA and the Thursday Blitz Points League for the past couple of years and for entrusting me with your time and money. I do not see any of this as work and I thoroughly enjoy running the BTGA and Thursday League and drafting the Bear Cave as often as I can. I also have enjoyed interacting and getting to know so many of you who participate in the things that I am in charge of. I hope that those of you who are new to Bear Trail join the BTGA and Thursday League in 2025 as it is another way to get to know other members, have a good time and potentially win a little money. More to come soon about when we will start everything back up in 2025.

Whatever the reasons are that you celebrate Christmas, to everyone it is a time of year to reflect on the past year, allowing yourself to look back on your experiences, appreciate the good times, learn from challenges, and express gratitude for the people in your life, all while embracing the hope that the coming new year brings. It is a moment to pause and consider the journey taken throughout the previous 12 months and set goals for the next 12 months. The purpose of this edition of the Bear Cave, is to wish all of you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** filled with love, laughter, and all the joy this season brings. As we wrap up the year, cheers to great memories and exciting new beginnings in the New Year. Sending you best wishes and happy holidays to you and your loved ones.

B.J. Seifrit





Upcoming Events at Bear Trail

NEW YEARS DAY EVENTS

Polar Bear Tournament

1/1/2025 – Shotgun Start – 9:00



POLAR BEAR TOURNAMENT

Jan 1st: NEW YEAR'S DAY

4 Person Captain's Choice Format

- Flighted off of Overall Scores if enough teams
- Teams make their own tee times on Jan 1st
- Results/payouts will be sent out after all teams have completed play
- Teams must have 4 players
- Turn in Scorecards after play to Pro Shop

\$41.24 Card/ \$40 Cash Members

\$61.85 Card/ \$60 Cash Non-Members

Entry Fee Includes Round of Golf/Range Balls/Prizes

Everyone is welcome to bring a Pot Luck Dish to enjoy around 12:00 if they wish

New Years Day Skins

NEW YEARS DAY SKINS AT BEAR TRAIL VOLUME 4

**WEDNESDAY 1/1/25
TEE TIMES 8:00-10:00**



**\$100 BUY IN: INCLUDES FOOD
AND SKINS GAME.
*COST OF GOLF ROUND SEPARATE.**

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NEW YEARS DAY SKINS AT

BEAR TRAIL VOLUME 4

Format:

Where does that \$100 go?

Flight Skins \$25: Flights will be determined by the number of players and handicaps. Only players in a flight can win a skin. Example: player in flight A can only win a skin against others in A flight. Flight A players cannot win a skin against flight B.

Super Skins \$25: A Super Skin is when a player has a skin that isn't cut by any other player in the field no matter what flight they are in.

Modified Stableford Blind Draw Teams \$10: Players will earn points based off of their score on each hole. Teams will be drawn at the conclusion of play. 3 or 4 man teams, low net combined score wins.

Modified Stableford Individual \$15: Payouts based of 30% of total field of players.

Polies \$10: If the tee shot on a par 3 is within a flag stick length of the hole the player has a "polie".

Food: \$15

Day of play rules will be decided on the day of the event based of weather and course conditions. Member cart fee not included. Guest fee is \$44. Range balls included for all.



Coming Soon in 2025

BTGA - BEAR TRAIL GOLF ASSOCIATION - 2025

Kyle and I will be meeting within the next week or so to hammer out the BTGA Schedule for 2025. For those of you who have not participated in the BTGA in the past, the BTGA is an organization for BEAR TRAIL MEMBERS ONLY. If you join you will be able to participate in 8 total tournaments from March to October, that consist of a couple individual events and several 2-person events. You will also receive points for participation and for how you place in each event that will count toward qualifying for the year end King of the Hill Tournament in October. There are 2 payment options to join the BTGA.

Option 1 – Pay As You Go

- \$40 Non-Refundable Dues to get into the BTGA
- \$25 entry fee to get into each event (8 events)
- If a member chooses this option and plays in every event, it will be a total of \$240 for the entire season.

Option 2 – 50% off to Pay Up Front

- \$120 Non-Refundable upfront prior to the first event
- Gets you into all 8 events for the year.
- No additional dues or entry fees

Additionally, every event will have a skins game and 50/50 which is \$10 a person at each event (\$5 toward skins, \$5 toward 50/50). Cart fees still apply for your round

as well. In the 8 events last year and the yearend King of the Hill, we gave out just over \$6,400 in cash prizes throughout the year. The money that you pay to get into the BTGA is used for payouts throughout the year and ultimately goes right back into BTGA members' pockets. Every event is flighted, so I try to do my best to pay out as many places as possible in each flight for every event. There will be more to come on the formats and dates for each tournament within the next month or so. I hope to see a lot of returning members and new members join up in 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, B.J. Seifrit, at btleagues@beartrailgolf.com or at 717-424-6438.

THURSDAY BLITZ POINTS LEAGUE – 2025

Over the last 2 years we have been doing a Thursday League at Bear Trail and in those 2 years we have given out over \$10,000 in cash prizes to members of this league. The league will restart in March when the clocks spring back forward. This is a 9-hole individual league in which you are initially assigned a certain number of points that you have to get each week based on your handicap. Then after the first 3 weeks your assigned points will be adjusted based on how you play each week in the league. You can play anytime on Thursdays between the time the pro shop opens to the time the pro shop closes at 6:00, as long as you play with at least one other member of the league. There will be a list of league members in the pro shop each week that has everyone's assigned points and you will need to check in and pay your \$10 before you play your 9-hole round.

To get into the league there is an initial one-time dues payment required of \$25. Once you have paid your dues, it is \$10 each

week to get into the game which goes towards payouts for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for the individuals that score the most points over their assigned points and towards skins. Cart fees and greens fees still apply. You do not have to be a member of Bear Trail to play in this league. Payouts will be given to winners every week, typically by the weekend following the Thursday of league play. \$25 dues payments will be used to purchase the championship belt that goes to the yearlong money leader, the sandbagger of the year award, awarded to the individual that got the most total points over their quota, throughout the year, and for food at the year end event.

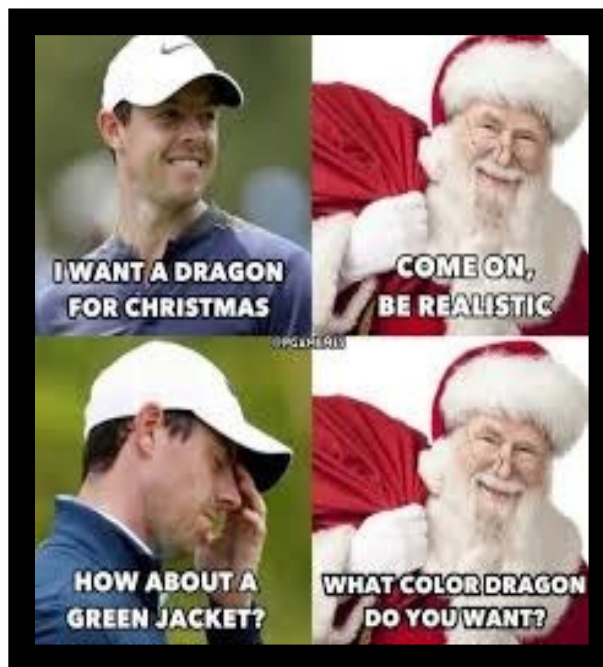
Scoring for the league is as follows:

- Double Bogey – 0 Points
- Bogey – 1 Point
- Par – 2 Points
- Birdie – 4 Points
- Eagle – 8 Points.

There will be more to come on the league in the coming months but if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, B.J. Seifrit, at btleagues@beartrailgolf.com or 717-424-6438.



Funny Pages



My family watching me thank Aunt Carol for the dozen Top Flites she got me for Christmas



My wife when she catches me buying new clubs every month



My wife when I call her out on her new bags, makeup and jewelry



I WANT A SCOTTY CAMERON CUSTOM NEWPORT PUTTER IN AUGUSTA GREEN & YELLOW CHROME



YOU'LL THREE PUTT YOUR ASS OFF WITH THAT KID



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Merry Christmas to all the heroes out there that are able to fake excitement over the unusable golf gift you got from a non-golfer relative.

SOMETIMES I WONDER IF

THE GOLF COURSE IS THINKING OF ME TOO



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Any questions or suggestions about current or future editions of the Bear Cave can be sent to btleague@beartrailgolf.com or contact me @ 717-424-6438



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