



Country Lake Golf Course making multiple renovations, looking for continued growth

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Country Lake Golf Course has made improvements to the course over the last few years and is in the midst of more renovations to improve the facility in the future.

Country Lake is an 18-hole, player friendly course, Country Lake General Manager, Golf Instructor and Fitting Specialist Will Schatz said. It is a great walking course with healthy greens. The course is 6,000 yards from the back tees, with four sets of tee boxes. The course is also newly rated in accordance with the United States Golf Association with slope and rating.

The course has five par-three holes and four par-five holes. There are nine par-four holes. Some golfers who can drive the ball far off the tee are able to reach the green on their first shot on some par-four holes. The design of the course can be beneficial to right-handed golfers, Schatz said.

“One of the cool things our course does is that for typically right handed golfers, they fight the slice,” Schatz said. “The way our golf course is kind of laid out, it actually favors the player that slices or power draw, power fade.”

The course is open to the public. They do offer memberships, which Schatz characterized as “very affordable.” They offer one-month, three-month and yearly memberships. Schatz added within the next year or two, Country Lake plans to make memberships all-inclusive with Country Lake and Incline.

Members are provided open tee times with the ability to play rounds as much as they want during the week. There are discounted rates for membership after 1 p.m. on weekends. Range balls are included and fairly unlimited with most memberships for practicing.

Country Lake recently formed a partnership with Gimme Golf Club, which is located in St. Charles. Gimme Golf Club offers a three-bay indoor simulator in the St. Charles area, Schatz said.

“They have partner courses where their membership can take advantage of discounted rates throughout the year,” Schatz said.



Country Lake Golf Course is planning multiple changes to the property. Submitted photo.

Country Lake Golf Course has already renovated their food and beverage area, Schatz said. They also have a brand new banquet facility and new bathrooms adjoining to the clubhouse of the new area, he added.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Country Lake closed for about seven weeks. Since then, they have seen an increase in the number of golfers at the course. They

increased rounds from 2020 to 2021 and are hopeful to see that trend continue this year.

“Financially, it was a struggle,” Schatz said. “But we felt it was the smart thing to do for our guests and for our staff. Then after the seven weeks, it’s just been going like gangbusters. We’ve had really good numbers the last couple of years.”

Loutre Shore seeing uptick in business

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Loutre Shore Country Club in Hermann offers a challenging nine-hole golf course for residents and visitors.

Built in 1967, Loutre Shore Country Club is located 1.5 miles north of Hermann at the edge of Rhine Valley in the heart of Missouri’s wine country. Loutre Shore Country Club is a semi-private, member-owned nine-hole golf course with a full pro shop and driving range. The pro shop carries most of the top brands and has equipment and cart rental available.

The clubhouse has a full bar and extensive selection of Hermann area wines.

Loutre Shore Country Club General Manager Bob Borcharding said there have been some improvements to the course over the past several years.

“We’ve made a few improvements to the grass areas,” Borcharding said. “It’s basically the same course. We’ve added a few tee boxes. We did add the Play it Forward tee box they came out with five years ago.”

The Play it Forward tee boxes are a set of green tees for beginners, seniors or anyone that wants to play a different round of golf, Borcharding said.

Borcharding characterized the course as a balanced course. There are a lot of potential tree problems for golfers to

contend with. If a golfer is in trouble, it is usually under the trees, he said.

Borcharding has served as general manager for the past 10 years. Over that time, business has been fluid with the economy. They have seen memberships increase over the past 10 years, he said.

“When I first started, our membership was down,” Borcharding said. “We got down to like 78 members. And that was down from in its heyday 200-plus. So money definitely affects it. And then right now, we’re back at about 135. We’re back to where we want to be now.”

Loutre Shore is a very competitive golf course, Borcharding said. He added it is a good course for beginners and experienced golfers.

“Most people have that mindset, oh it’s just a nine-hole golf course,” Borcharding said. “Well, come on out. You’re going to be challenged. It’s fun for the beginners and the regular golfers and challenging for the good golfers. So we offer a little bit of everything.”

The rates to golf at Loutre Shore Monday-Wednesday are \$20 for nine holes and \$30 for 18 holes. The rates on Thursdays are \$12 for nine holes and \$24 for 18 holes. The rate Friday-Sunday are \$24 for nine holes and \$38 for 18 holes.



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