

New Friends,

We want to say Thank You to all members of the City Government, Golf Committee, Skogman Realty and City Employees who have made the purchase, lease and clean-up of Hail Ridge Golf Course possible.

Let me introduce us: my name is Josh Black, this is my wife, Megan and our children: Payten (11), Madlyn (8), William (4) and Benjamin J (any day now).

We have created a new company named Black Flock, and have leased Hail Ridge from the City of Boonville with the intent of making this the finest golf experience in Central Missouri.

I bring a tremendous amount of experience in all levels of courses in every aspect you could imagine. I am sure there is a lot about my life in golf you would like to know, I would enjoy playing golf with you, hearing the details of your life and filling in the details of mine.

Lee Young has decided to take his career in a new direction and we will all miss him. We have hired Jeff Rapp to take over the maintenance team. With the confusion of this past year the golf course is not in the high level of conditioning that I expect. It will take some time, but this will become a premier golf destination. Some of the changes you will see include: walk mowing green, tees and collar. A fairway cut around the greens, spraying weeds everywhere, changing the shape of the no mow, lowering rough height, new tee markers, elimination of bunkers and an improved chemical program.

In the golf shop we will see more changes: new charge account system, new membership features, no extra cart charges, new carts, new range mats, new Srixon range balls, new daily games, a new bar, new paint, new flooring, bathroom fixes, professional attire, consistency and a large pro shop! Your membership will also include some new benefits: members receive 20% off any golf merchandise, a GHIN handicap and privileges at any GreatLife or Lizzy Rose facility (cart charges apply).

If you have driven out to, or past the golf course, you have seen the significant investment that has been made: Petite Saline (Green) Creek has been cleaned up and fortified, the no mow has been mowed for ease of change and thousands of trees have been taken out. More investments for this year: working bathrooms on the course, new metal bridge railings, 15 bridge gets new concrete, cracked paths repaved and exterior of the golf shop gets love. Future projects include: city water to the irrigation pond, paving the parking lot and more tree clean up.

We will be releasing our membership information within the week and we ask that you show your appreciation for the work that has gone into this project by joining early! As we wait on the final addition to our family, I will remain in Iowa. When baby is here and momma is ready for life without her man I will be back in Boonville. I stay in Boonville until December 23rd and be back on December 27th. Our hopeful open date was January 1st, but the cold weather is hampering our ability to pour concrete leaving

the bridges impassable. We have set a new opening date of January 15th. If we are delayed any further, we will make sure you know!

Thank you all for welcoming my family into yours and we look forward to seeing you at Hail Ridge!

Josh Black

