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SPRINGFIELD PARK DISTRICT TO OPEN NEW PROGRAM! FOOTGOLF TO KICK OFF AT BERGEN GOLF COURSE THIS WEEKEND – TRY IT FOR FREE SUNDAY JUNE 11TH

[Springfield, IL] – The Springfield Park District announces that Bergen Golf Course now has an exclusive new offering. In addition to their rolling 9-hole golf course, Bergen now offers a Certified AFGL FootGolf course. The new course consists of 18 AFGL certified FootGolf holes, with three sets of tees to match any skill level.

The American FootGolf League recognizes certified courses across the country, and the Springfield Park District, Bergen Golf Course is pleased to announce the addition of its brand-new certified FootGolf course that was constructed alongside its traditional golf course. The new course offers a fun experience for FootGolf amateurs and experts alike.

FootGolf is a relatively new precision sport that requires players to kick a soccer ball into a cup by using as few attempts as possible. The game combines the two sports – Soccer & Golf; with emphasis on the rules and play of golf. FootGolf is quickly growing in popularity in the United States.

Director of Recreation, Lynn Saputo, “FootGolf is the perfect new sport for all ages. It takes half the time and requires less equipment than traditional golf.” Easy and fun to play, players don’t need lessons or time investments to enjoy FootGolf.

The District will host a Family Fun Golf Day this Sunday, June 11th from 2pm – 6pm where patrons can come out and try this exciting new sport for FREE! No golf equipment required, just wear your tennis shoes and we’ll teach you how to play. Thanks to Scheels, we will have enough soccer balls on hand for our “try it” day – ***but feel free to bring your own!*** We will have a live radio remote with music from Capitol Radio Group and the HyVee Food Truck will be on hand serving up their delicious bites! The Golf Pro Shop will be open and serving refreshments as well. Bring your dollars and debit for food & drink purchases.

Starting Monday, June 12th the weekday play time will be after 11:00 am and the cost is \$10.50 (resident) | \$12.50 (non-resident) and weekend play starts after 1:00 pm with the cost set at \$12.50 R | \$14.50 NR. Players can rent a golf cart or simply walk the 18-hole course. ***We also have group outing rates and you can host FootGolf Birthday Parties!***

We can rent you the soccer ball (size 5) or you can simply bring your own. Players should dress in athletic clothing, wear turf or tennis shoes; no cleats allowed. We encourage you reserve a tee-time. Walk-ins may incur wait times and rental balls are based on availability. Call Bergen Golf Course at 217-753-6211 for more details. Children 6-11 require someone over 18 with on-course supervision. FootGolfers 12 and older may play without supervision.

The newly emerged sport is fun for players of all ages and skill sets! Anyone can do it, it’s great for the whole family and it’s FUN! This June at Bergen Golf Course, buy one round of FootGolf and get the second round Free! More information can be found at www.springfieldparks.org – just click on the What’s New button!

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