



**Gentlemen of the BTC,**

**February 8, 2024**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers **Ron Kogut** and his family on the passing of his daughter, **Cristan**, this past week. Cristan lived in Orlando, FL and was in her early 30's. No other information is available at this time and we will keep you updated on any future services.

This Sunday is San Francisco 49ers and the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl LVIII

Top 5 Super Bowl Facts for 2024:

- \$6,680: The average cost of a ticket to the past five Super Bowls.
- \$8,586: Lowest price of a Super Bowl LVIII ticket on the resale market just after the conference championships (113% increase from 2023).
- \$1.1B: Estimated economic impact for the Southern Nevada economy in 2024.
- 16.2M: Americans plan to watch the game at a bar or restaurant.
- 192%: 20-year increase in the cost of a 30-second Super Bowl ad.
- 8 million pounds of guacamole is consumed on Super Bowl Sunday.
- 14,500 tons of chips are eaten along with that guacamole.
- Of the top 10 most watched American television programs of all time, nine of them are Super Bowls.
- The Super Bowl is measured in Roman numerals because a football season runs over two calendar years.
- Americans eat more than a billion wings on Super Bowl Sunday.
- Super Bowl Sunday is the second-largest food consumption day in the US after Thanksgiving.
- Phil Simms was supposedly paid \$75,000 to be the first to use the catchphrase. "I'm going to Disney World"
- Super Bowl winners started visiting the White House in 1980.
- The first ever Super Bowl was held on January 15, 1967.

The Super Bowl has been around since 1967.

Super Bowl Sunday is the second-biggest eating day of the year for Americans.

There are [12 NFL teams](#) that have never taken home the rings, the bonuses, or the big W from the Super Bowl: Browns, Bills, Chargers, Bengals, Cardinals, Falcons, Lions, Jaguars, Panthers, Texans, Titans, and Vikings.



Remember that Valentines Day is Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Let's make sure we don't forget our loved ones. Don't forget to put your little heart on.



#### SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### LOCATION

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center  
5555 N. River Road  
Rosemont, IL 60018

Please assist me with my new newsletter idea. I think it would be fun to feature every week an '***Overheard at the Bowling Alley***' and '***Overheard at the Tennis Court***' and '***Overheard on the Golf Course***' piece. Text me @ 708-927-0480 with any and all comments, banter or just plain rude remarks and who said it. **Andy Zilis** or I will edit appropriately.

#### ***Happy February Birthdays***

**Frankie Carioti (5), Roger Byrnes (9), Dave Blyth (12), Ben Tutka (13), Gary Bybee (15), Marvin Huddleston (16), Ed Kern (18), Terry Conway (21), Doug Blyth (22), Gar Ward (23), Don Franko (26), Steve Anderson (26), Charles Pettrone (28).**

Let me know if I forgot anyone.

#### ***Parting thought:***

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf.

The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?"

The first old guy said, "Yes, I had three riders today."

The second old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five."

The third old guy said, "I had seven riders, the same as last time."

The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get in the golf cart and ride to it."

Stay safe and warm!!

Lee Kaz – Secretary

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## HISTORIAN NEWS

Fellow Members,

In writing about this Member it did not take long to come up with ideas only because we have been friends for over a half a Century. Not only did he get me into the BTC over 25 years ago but he also brought in John Delano, Mike Loye, Tom Martelli, and two of his Brothers, Rick and Keith, for a short time. **Gary Klonowski** joined the BTC in 1993. His Sponsors were long time Member's Denny Wirth and Jim Gallagher who wanted to bring Gary in for his bowling prowess. But let's go back way before that to his time in High School where he gained this ability bowling for the St. Lawrence Bowling Team. During High School Gary worked at the McDonald's in Bridgeview and became a Manager there. However after High School with the Viet Nam War going on Gary was drafted. He was one of the lucky ones who, because of his stature, was made a MP in the Army and when stationed overseas was extremely lucky to be sent to Ethiopia. He served from 1970-1972 and told me about the time, while there, that the Sergeant in Charge put Gary on Guard Duty on the day of a bowling match between his Division and another. The Officer in charge sent another MP to take his place so he could be at their rivalry match to represent his Division and told the Sergeant to never do that again or he would be on Guard Duty. After High School Gary came back to McDonald's and ran the Bridgeview Store until 1991. At that point the original owner's family was going to sell and the chance to become a part owner of a very lucrative business was fading away. So Gary took to a completely different field and with his Father-in-Law, long time BTC Member, **Med Molick**, in 1991 started a new construction company called MGM Builders who successfully remodeled and built kitchens, bathrooms, roof top additions, basements and add ons until he officially retired last year. I can attest to the quality of their work as can thousands others since his company did work for me in Illinois and Indiana. As for that bowling prowess Gary has bowled three 299 games and three 300's including the first one ever bowled at El Mar Bowl in Bridgeview in 1979. Plus two with the BTC, the first that I was lucky enough to be on his Team for when we bowled for the Tri Star Team in 1998. He also shot one again 19 years apart in 2017. So at this rate he has one more coming in 2036 when he is Gar Ward's age. I wouldn't bet against either of them. Gary's Teams have won the Bowling Calcutta a couple of times when the entries and winnings were much greater than now. Gary also has run many Bowling Squads in the past. I bowled with him on many of his over 30 squads for the Peterson Classic going back to the days on Archer and 35th. He also ran over 30 years of teams going to the Slovak Tournaments in Ohio and Pennsylvania. And over 30 years of USBC Tournaments where Tony Alexander and I were lucky to be on his Spare Parts Teams. In 1999 Gary and his wife of 48 years, Gail, bought a condo in Wisconsin Dells just off the strip. They plan on moving up there permanently some day. Gary plays a lot of golf and bowls a little bit at the one bowling alley in the Dells. He has managed to get two hole-in-ones in Wisconsin. I also want to mention that Gary served the BTC as President in 2016 and want to Thank him again for the Club's and his Military Service. Gary and Gail's one Daughter, Marilyn and Son-in-Law Tony live near Orlando Florida where Marilyn works at Disney World. Before they moved down there she also was lucky enough to have her Parents give her a once in a lifetime Disney Wedding. Gary has had a couple of health issues in the past few years and I can attest that he is well on the way to recovery. We are hoping to see him back to his old self soon and back competing at the bowling alley and the golf links.

Thanks for listening,

Your Historian,

Bob Vizdal

## **Tennis Report – Al Baldermann**

16 players. Good tennis. Good time at the bar. Also, 11 of us went to the Train Station for dinner, very enjoyable. Great to see Mike (Nick) Sutko back on the courts.

### **Results:**

#### Court 1

Darabaris	16/24
Rollins	13/24
Lillwitz	13/24
Abramowicz	6/24

#### Court 2

Anderson	14/22
Ganz	14/22
Thomas	12/22
Roup	4/22

#### Court 3

Schroeder	14/23
Reschke	13/23
Baldermann	10/23
Kahlhammer	9/23

#### Court 4

Bewley	15/23
Rooks	13/23
DiNolfo	11/23
Sutko	7/23

## **BOWLING NEWS**

This week is our Mini-Calcutta, unfortunately I had my daughter's Marist High School State Championship celebration at 6pm and was not able to be at the draft, however I heard it was well attended. A special thank you to Andy Zilis and Jerry Jasinski for doing such a great job with the draft. I would personally like to thank Chuck Cahill for taking care of the pizzas, as well as drafting for me in my absence. I would like to thank all the bowlers for their participation in this event. We have 48 bowlers making up our 12 4-man teams. That is incredible considering that our league is made up of 12 teams of 5 per team (60 regular bowlers total). The rest of the Mini-Calcutta will be settled on the lanes this week. For those new bowlers and those not participating in the Mini-Calcutta this is still also a regular week of bowling. All bowlers will bowl with their regular Builders Tee Teams and the scores will be matched up with your Mini-Calcutta teammates to get your teams totals.

It was great to see Craig O'Reilly back on the lanes in his return from his triple bypass surgery. He apparently has not missed a beat shooting a 635-scratch series. Another great bowler, was out for the first time this season with Scott Lee subbing this past week. Craig informed me he plans on bowling weekly from here on out. Hopefully Scott will be able to sub periodically thru the remainder of the bowling season.

We still have teams looking for a full-time regular bowler and we are desperately looking for someone to fill these spots! If you know of anyone interested, please let me know. You can call/text me at 708-912-8831 or email me at [keith@oakforestbowl.com](mailto:keith@oakforestbowl.com). See you all Tuesday!

Keith Tadevich – Bowling Secretary

### Pots for the week

#### 1st Game Handicap

1st Place	John Roberts	254
2nd Place	Ben Tutka	253

#### 2nd Game

1st Place	John Roberts	260
2nd Place	Adam Valentinas	254

#### 3rd Game

1st Place	Randy Giovannetti	264
2nd Place	John Delano	258

#### Mystery Pot

1st Game No Winner

2nd Game No Winner

#### Last Game Handicap

1st Place	Randy Giovannetti	264
2nd Place	John Roberts	246
3rd Place	Hal Eberling	244

#### Clean Pots

Forward	Scott Lee	16
Reverse	Randy Giovannetti	26
30	No Winner	30

#### Handicap Survivor

1st Place	Randy Giovannetti	264
2nd Place	John Roberts	246
3rd Place	Adam Valentinas	238

#### 1st Game Doubles

1st Place	John Roberts & Bob Vizdal	505
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2nd Place	Ron Harwig & Paul Kleinpaste	494
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#### 2nd Game

1st Place	Randy Giovannetti & Keith Tadevich	490
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2nd Place	Randy Giovannetti & Terry Conway	473
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#### 3rd Game

1st Place	Hal Eberling & Randy Giovannetti	512
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2nd Place	Randy Giovannetti & Terry Conway	498
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#### 2nd Game Blind Doubles

1st Place	John Roberts & Randy Giovannetti	504
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2nd Place	John Roberts & Tom Kelly	480
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3rd Place	Dave Jenner & Randy Giovannetti	470
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### Standings

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
5	Smokey's Bandits	14	0
11	Oak Forest Bowl	9	5
4	Traitors	7	7
7	Band of Brothers	5	9
10	Creative Colors	5	9
3	Bright Metals	4	10

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
9	Beggar's Pizza	12	2
8	Arena Lanes	12	2
1	Burr Oak Bowl	7	7
2	Tri-Star	5	9
12	Ascend Welath Planning	4	10
6	Mama Vesuvio	0	14

Lanes	<u>Lane Assignments</u>					
	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12
	2/13/2024	3 vs. 12	5 vs. 4	8 vs. 10	2 vs. 6	11 vs. 9
2/20/2024	4 vs. 11	3 vs. 9	7 vs. 6	10 vs. 1	12 vs. 5	2 vs. 8

## MINI-CALCUTTA TEAMS

Team 1	Avg	Hdcp	Team 2	Avg	Hdcp	Team 3	Avg	Hdcp
A JENNER	200	18	OLLENBURGER	205	13	GIOVANETTI	198	19
B R SAMOSKA	196	21	WARD	186	30	CONWAY	182	34
C RYMSZA	176	39	VALENTINAS	172	43	M JANDA	178	37
D TUTKA	163	51	KAZ	152	61	MAGEE	160	54
	735	129		715	147		718	144
Team 4	Avg	Hdcp	Team 5	Avg	Hdcp	Team 6	Avg	Hdcp
A SERRITELLA	216	3	DINGA	202	16	SLUSARCZYK	200	18
B KELLY	178	37	W JANDA	186	30	JIM EPPOLITO	188	28
C GUARNIERI	174	41	RACE	168	46	FEBEL	172	43
D CHRISTOPHERSEN	136	75	WOODWARD	119	90	JESK	144	68
	704	156		675	182		704	157
Team 7	Avg	Hdcp	Team 8	Avg	Hdcp	Team 9	Avg	Hdcp
A O'REILLY	231	0	LEE	211	8	ALEXANDER	212	7
B BROWN	187	29	STEWART	182	34	BAY	179	36
C LAMBROS	177	38	SAMOSKA, SR	166	48	HUTCH	178	37
D BREIER	151	62	SCHWENN	136	75	JOE EPPOLITO	163	51
	746	129		695	165		732	131
Team 10	Avg	Hdcp	Team 11	Avg	Hdcp	Team 12	Avg	Hdcp
A PALIGA	197	20	TADEVICH	207	11	SAMOSKA, JR	208	10
B LOYE	182	34	OLIVA	187	29	KLEINPASTE	190	27
C SEEBOCK	169	45	SWINTEK	175	40	BONDI	165	47
D DELANO	151	62	MAIRA	144	68	HAMMOND	159	54
	699	161		713	148		722	138