



Gentlemen of the BTC,

March 14, 2024

7 St. Patrick's Day Legends and Myths Debunked

1. St. Patrick was Irish.

Though one of Ireland's patron saints, [Patrick](#) was born in what is now England, Scotland or Wales—interpretations vary widely—to a Christian deacon and his wife, probably around the year 390. According to the traditional narrative, at 16 he was enslaved by Irish raiders who attacked his home; they transported him to Ireland and held him captive there for six years. Patrick later fled to England, where he received religious instruction before returning to Ireland to serve as a missionary.

2. St. Patrick was British.

His birthplace doesn't mean Patrick was a Brit, however—at least not technically. During his lifetime the British Isles were occupied by the Romans, a group that included Patrick's parents and thus the saint himself. It is unknown whether his family—thought to have been part of the Roman aristocracy—was of indigenous Celtic descent or hailed from modern-day Italy. When Patrick penned the two surviving documents attributed to him, he wrote in Latin and signed his name "Patricius," but according to some accounts he was born Maewyn Succat.

3. St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland.

In 431, before Patrick began preaching in Ireland, Pope Celestine reportedly sent a bishop known as Palladius "to the Irish believing in Christ"—an indication that some residents of the Emerald Isle had already converted by then. One theory holds that the St. Patrick of lore is actually an amalgam of two men: Palladius and the deacon's son who first visited Ireland as an enslaved man.

4. St. Patrick banished snakes from the Emerald Isle.

Legend has it that Patrick stood on an Irish hillside and delivered a sermon that drove the island's serpents into the sea. While it's true that the Emerald Isle is mercifully snake-free, chances are that's been the case throughout human history. Water has surrounded Ireland since the end of the last glacial period, preventing snakes from slithering over; before that, it was blanketed in ice and too chilly for the cold-blooded creatures. Scholars believe the snake story is an allegory for St. Patrick's eradication of pagan ideology.

5. Green has historically been associated with St. Patrick's Day.

The Irish countryside may be many shades of green, but knights in the Order of St. Patrick wore a color known as St. Patrick's blue. Why did green become so emblematic of St. Patrick that people began drinking green beer, wearing green and, of course, dyeing the Chicago River green to mark the holiday he inspired? The association probably dates back to the 18th century, when supporters of Irish independence used the color to represent their cause.

6. Popular St. Patrick's Day festivities have their roots in Ireland.

Until the 1700s, St. Patrick's Day was a Roman Catholic feast only observed in Ireland—and without the raucous revelry of today's celebrations. Instead, the faithful spent the relatively somber occasion in quiet prayer at church or at home. That started to change when Irish immigrants living in the United States began organizing parades and other events on March 17 as a show of pride. For many people around the world, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a secular ode to Irish culture (or at least an oversimplified version of it), characterized by parties, music and iconic foods.

7. Corned beef is a classic St. Patrick's Day dish.

On St. Patrick's Day, countless merrymakers in the United States, Canada and elsewhere savor copious plates of corned beef and cabbage. In Ireland, however, a type of bacon similar to ham is the customary protein on the holiday table. In the late 19th century, Irish immigrants in New York City's Lower East Side supposedly substituted corned beef, which they bought from their Jewish neighbors, in order to save money. That's not to say salt-cured beef isn't a traditional Irish dish; pork, however, has historically been more widely available on the Emerald Isle.

I'd like to give a big thank you to **Gary Klonowski** and **Andy Zilis** for running the Brosius Doubles. Congratulations to the winners.

Congratulations to **Ken Wisniewski** for winning the Corner Strike Pot. We start fresh again next week.

Overheard at the Bowling Alley

Tim Magee talking with **Gary Foster** “Why do I need to ask three questions to get one frickin’ answer?” Who woulda thunk it? **Gar Ward** of *Creative Colors* was trash talking his opposing team *Ascend Wealth Planning* all night.

Gar Ward “You can’t win if you don’t get in!”

Tom Ollenburger to **Mike Breier** after Mike’s first ball went in the channel and spared on the second ball. “It’s a good thing you made that because it looked like you had one in the kitchen, one in the dining room, one in the living room, one in the bedroom...”

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.

Treasurer Message

We had 84 members attend the Annual St. Pat's Dinner at Mama Vesuvio's East. I want to thank **Gino Maira**, his beautiful wife Dale and all of the staff at Mama Vesuvios. As always, the food and service was incredible. Coincidentally enough, Gino's birthday just happens to be on St. Patrick's Day. Thank you to all of the members that participated in the split the pot. BTC's cut of the split the pot was \$650. The first prize winning ticket (\$350) was split by **Ron Abramowicz** and **Mike Ganz**. 2nd prize (\$200) went to **Bob Kennedy** and the 3rd prize (\$100) winning ticket was shared by the ageless wonder **Gar Ward** and **Marvelous Marv Huddleston**.

A lot of late arriving dues was paid at the dinner, but we still have some members that have not yet paid. If you haven't paid your dues yet please contact me ASAP. If you are not going to renew your membership, I

would appreciate you sharing the reason why. Maybe it's something that we could address and possibly reattain you as a member or at least avoid the loss of members in the future. I will reach out this weekend to those that I haven't heard from.

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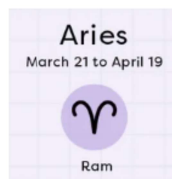
Happy March Birthdays

Derrick Bay (1), Bruce Zich (1), Tom Krygowski (3), Dave Downey (3), Joe Mello (5), Bob Shinnick (6), Michael Seebock (7), Jim Fowler (10), Tim Magee (12), Gino Maira (17), Dennis Samoska Sr. (19), Mike Heslop (20), Mike Dominy (21), Kevin Flanagan (21), Bob Switak (22), Keith Lazarz (23), Dwight Hammond (24), Bill Slusarczyk (24), Bob Vizdal (26), Mike McNamara (30), Rob Rollins (30)

Let me know if I forgot anyone.



In [astrology](#), Pisces is the 12th sign of the [zodiac](#), considered as governing the period from about February 19 to about March 20. Its representation as two fish tied together is usually related to the [Greek myth](#) of [Aphrodite](#) and [Eros](#), who jumped into a river to escape the monster [Typhon](#) and changed into fish, or, alternatively, the two fish that carried them to safety.



In [astrology](#), Aries is the first sign of the [zodiac](#), considered as governing the period from about March 21 to about April 19. Its representation as a ram is identified with the Egyptian god [Amon](#) and, in [Greek mythology](#), with the ram with the [golden fleece](#), on the back of which [Phrixus](#), the son of King Athamas, safely fled Thessaly to [Colchis](#), where he sacrificed the ram to [Zeus](#), who placed it in the heavens as the [constellation](#). The ram's golden fleece was recovered by [Jason](#), leader of the [Argonauts](#).

Parting thought:

Paddy, the famous Irishman, is driving home after downing a few at the local pub. He turns a corner and much to his horror he sees a tree in the middle of the road. He swerves to avoid it and almost too late realizes that there is yet another tree directly in his path. He swerves again and discovers that his drive home has turned into a slalom course, causing him to veer from side to side to avoid all the trees. Moments later he hears the sound of a police siren and brings his car to a stop. The officer approaches Paddy's car and asks him what on earth he was doing. Paddy tells his story of the trees in the road when the officer stops him mid-sentence and says, "Fer crissakes, Paddy , that's yer air freshener!"

Let's be careful out there.
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Tennis Report – Al Baldermann

13 players. Great night at Mama Vesuvio's. Thanks to Gino and Dale for great food.

Results:

Court 1

Johnson	18/24
Darabaris	11/24
Rollins	10/24
Kosek	9/24

Court 2

Abramowicz	14/23
Kahlhammer	14/23
Kees	13/23
Ganz	5/23

Court 3

Schiera	17/24
Schroeder	13/20
Baldermann	11/24
Rooks	8/20
Anderson	7/24

Don't forget GIO on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm. If you plan on attending please let me know.

BOWLING NEWS

It was great seeing all BTC members at the St. Patrick's Day Party at Mama Vesuvio's Tuesday. Gino and his staff put on yet another wonderful event for us all to enjoy.

At the dinner it was brought up that there were possibly people participating in bowling events, who possibly have not paid their dues and the likelihood that they may not be eligible to participate in those events. As bowling chairman, I provide all necessary items relevant to our bowling league. I have not verified each bowler's validity as to membership in the BTC. I would be happy to police events on the bowling domain. This of course, would require somebody from the club to provide me with a list of the guilty parties. I will then ensure that each participants eligibility is verified against the clubs provided list. I would have thought someone at the helm of the Builders Tee Club would have their concern in this matter to my attention at the beginning of the bowling year. It was also mentioned that applicants are not able to participate in BTC special events, after review by one of your board members this is not true and not in the bi-laws. To have this brought up at a dinner meeting, after much liquor has been served, leaves room for negative thoughts against the club. I ensure you I will take care of this and if there are any other potential issues concerning my bowling domain, I will be glad to address those as well. .

Our first honor score of the year was shot this past Tuesday. Congratulations **Bill Slusarczyk** who rolled a 299 game. That 299-game helped Bill to complete a clean sweep of the Brosius Doubles! See results in newsletter.

Thank you to Gary Klonowski and Andy Zilis for their work putting together the Brosius Doubles this year, they did an awesome job as always.

Some of the top handicap series performers this past week were: **John Bondi 753 series, Bill Slusarczyk 745 series, David Schwenn 740 series, Gar Ward 704 series, Adam Valentinas 699 series, and Mike Loye 697 series.** Some of the best scratch scores were by: **Bill Slusarczyk 230, 299, and a 691 series, Ken Wisniewski 231, and a 641 series, Keith Tadevich 246, and a 634 series, Dennis Samoska Jr. 258 game, Derrick Bay 258 game, John Roberts 235 game, Bob Vizdal 232 game, Gar Ward 225 game, and John Bondi 223 game.**

I will be out of town this coming Tuesday. Bill Slusarczyk will be collecting the Handicap Survivor Pot, this week while I am gone. I will do my best to have the League Standings updated and posted as soon as possible, after next weeks bowling.

Keith Tadevich – Bowling Secretary

BROSIUS DOUBLES FINAL RESULTS

	A BOWLER	WK 2	WK 1	B BOWLER	WK 2	WK 1	
1	SLUSARCZYK	745	699	WISNIEWSKI	644	729	2817
2	SLUSARCZYK	745	699	R SAMOSKA	657	712	2813
3	SLUSARCZYK	745	699	VIZDAL	667	686	2797
4	SLUSARCZYK	745	699	D SAMOSKA JR	656	678	2778
5	TADEVICH	663	668	SLUSARCZYK	745	699	2775
6	SLUSARCZYK	745	699	OLLENBURGER	659	666	2769
7	GIOVANETTI	619	704	SLUSARCZYK	745	699	2767
8	BAY	723	630	VALENTINAS	702	694	2749
9	R SAMOSKA	657	712	D SAMOSKA SR	656	709	2734
10	WISNIEWSKI	644	729	VIZDAL	667	686	2726
11	W JANDA	619	665	M JANDA	677	751	2712
12	BAY	723	630	SEEBOCK	609	746	2708
13	D SAMOSKA JR	656	678	WISNIEWSKI	644	729	2707
14	D SAMOSKA JR	656	678	R SAMOSKA	657	712	2703
15	KELLY	673	663	D SAMOSKA SR	656	709	2701

<u>1st Game</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	
	Bob Switek	248
	Gar Ward	243

<u>2nd Game</u>		
	Joihn Bondi	270
	Gar Ward	261

<u>3rd Game</u>		
	Bill Slusarczyk	317
	Derrick Bay	271

	<u>Mystery Pot</u>	
1st Game	No Winner	

2nd Game No Winner

	<u>Last Game Handicap</u>	
1st Place	Bill Slusarczyk	317
2nd Place	Derrick Bay	297
3rd Place	Bob Vizdal	250

	<u>Clean Pots</u>	
Forward	Tom Kelly	9
Reverse	Bill Slusarczyk	25
30	No Winner	30

	<u>Handicap Survivor</u>	
1st Place	Matt Janda	271
2nd Place	Chuck Febel	239
3rd Place	Keith Tadevich	229

<u>1st Game</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	
1st Place	Bob Switek & Tom Kelly	486

2nd Place	Gar Ward & Gary Foster	474
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<u>2nd Game</u>		
1st Place	Dennis Samoska Jr. & Randy Samoska	532

2nd Place	Dennis Samoska Jr. & Gar Ward	531
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<u>3rd Game</u>		
1st Place	Bill Slusarczyk & Dennis Samoska Jr.	553

2nd Place	Bill Slusarczyk & Ken Wisniewski	548
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	<u>2nd Game Blind Doubles</u>	
1st Place	Jeff Quilici & John Bondi	516

2nd Place	Bill Slusarczyk & Gar Ward	509
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3rd Place	Vince Oliva & Keith Tadevich	485
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CORNER PIN POT WON -- KEN WISNIEWSKI

Standings

#	Builders Tee Club - "A"	W	L
5	Smokey's Bandits *	31	18
4	Traitors	28	21
10	Creative Colors	24	25
7	Band of Brothers	24	25
11	Oak Forest Bowl	23	26
3	Bright Metals	16	33

#	Builders Tee Club - "B"	W	L
9	Beggar's Pizza	33	16
2	Tri-Star	32	17
1	Burr Oak Bowl	26	23
12	Ascend Welath Planning	26	23
8	Arena Lanes *	24	25
6	Mama Vesuvio	7	42

Lane Assignments

Lanes	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12
3/19/2024	8 vs. 3	6 vs. 10	5 vs. 9	1 vs. 11	2 vs. 12	4 vs. 7
3/26/2024	10 vs. 2	7 vs. 5	11 vs. 3	12 vs. 4	9 vs. 1	8 vs. 6

PRELIMINARY 2024 GOLF SCHEDULE

GOLF SCHEDULE 2024 (COULD BE CHANGES)

DATE	COURSE	TIME	SPLIT OR SHOTGUN	EVENT	
MAY 7TH	SILVER LAKE NORTH	10AM	SHOTGUN	DINNER AFTER AT 3:00	
MAY 14TH	SANCTUARY	8:20AM	SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA	
MAY 21ST	GREEN GARDEN BLUE	9:00AM	SPLIT TEES	SCRAMBLE	
MAY 28TH	SILVER LAKES SOUTH	8:36AM	SPLIT TEES	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
JUNE 4TH	GLENWOODIE	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	2 MAN	
JUNE 11TH	DEER CREEK	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
JUNE 18TH	CINDER RIDGE	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	MAKE UP DAY	
JUNE 25TH	GREEN GARDEN EMERALD FRONT/BLUE FRONT	9AM	SPLIT TEES	2 MAN	
JULY 2ND	GLENWOODIE	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA	
JULY 9TH	DEER CREEK	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	MAKE UP DAY	
JULY 16TH	SILVER LAKE SOUTH	8:36AM	TEE TIMES	MAKE UP DAY	
JULY 15TH	THE BRUTE LAKE GENEVA	11AM	TEE TIMES	\$130 INCLUDE	
JULY 16TH	THE HIGHLANDS	9:35AM	TEE TIMES	\$130 PRIZE	
JULY 17TH	ABBAY SPRINGS	9:00AM	TEE TIMES	\$110 MONEY	
JULY 23RD	GREEN GARDEN GOLD COURSE	9:30AM	SHOTGUN	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
JULY 30TH	SILVER LAKES SOUTH	8:36AM	SPLIT TEES	2MAN	
AUGUST 6TH	CINCER RIDGE	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA	
AUGUST 13TH	GEORGE DUNNE NATIONAL	8:00AM	TEE TIMES	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
AUGUST 20TH	GREEN GARDENT BLUE COURSE	9:30AM	SHOTGUN	ITALIAN DAY	
AUGUST 27TH	GEORGE DUNNE NATIONAL	8:00AM	TEE TIMES	2 MAN	
SEPTEMBER 3RD	SANCTUARY	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
SEPTEMBER 10TH	GREEN GARDEN GOLD COURSE	9:30AM	SHOTGUN	2 MAN	
SEPTEMBER 17TH	SILVER LAKE NORTH	8:36AM	SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA	
SEPTEMBER 24TH	MICHIGAN TBD				
OCT 1ST	TUCKAWAY	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	SCRAMBLE	
OCT 8TH	GREEN GARDEN EMERALD/BLUE BACK	9:30AM	SPLIT TEES	WORLD SERIES	CALCUTTA/CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
OCT 15TH	SILVER LAKES SOUTH	10AM	SHOT GUN	WORLD SERIES	TBD
OCT 22ND	NAPERBROOK	9:30AM	SPLIT TEES	2MAN	
OCT 29TH	SILVER LAKES SOUTH	10AM	SHOT GUN	GOLF BANQUET AND ELECTION	
DECEMBER 3RD	SILVER LAKES CHRISTMAS PARTY	6:30PM			

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE