



Gentlemen of the BTC,

April 13, 2023

In the short time that I have been writing the newsletters I have had the misfortune of reporting quite a bit of bad news. **NOT** this week. I am happy to pass along the news that long time member and past BTC President **Gary Foster** is a grandfather for the first time. On April 1st the good Lord blessed the world and the Foster family with baby girl Eleanor "Ellie" Foster. Congratulations Grandpa Gary.

In other good news, **Frank Reichenberger** had a procedure done today to repair a heart valve. Greg Lewis has informed me that the procedure was successful, and Frank is doing well. He will stay in the hospital tonight and should be returning home tomorrow. Please keep Frank in your prayers as he recovers. We also want to keep **Dan Woodward** in our thoughts and prayers as he had a medical emergency over the Easter weekend in Tennessee. Dan suffered a ruptured artery in his leg and had emergency surgery to repair it before disaster struck. He is recovering and will be traveling back home over the weekend to begin a 4-6 week recovery period. Get well soon Dan!

Bowling position round was this week. My Ascend Wealth Planning team needed to win one game from Tri Star to win the "B" Division. Unfortunately, Tri Star had other plans and swept all three games to win the 2nd half. Jan Michaels had already clinched 1st place in the "A" division. Next week will be the championship roll off, the following week will be the Bowling Calcutta and then the 2022/2023 bowling season will be over.

We are just three weeks away from the start of golf. We will be kicking off the 2023 golf season at Silver Lake on May 2nd. It will be a 10:00 shotgun start followed by a dinner at Silver Lake. If you haven't already done so, call the golf hotline (708-888-1355) to let Larry Garetto know that you will be golfing. When you call the hotline tell Larry who your foursome will be if you have one. Also let him know if you have 2-Man partner for this year and if you will be participating in the Club Championship. One last thing about the hotline, many tried last year but you **CANNOT** send text messages to the hotline. If you do, the information will not be received.

Hopefully the weather for the first week of golf will be similar to what we had this week. Today's weather was amazing. I had the pleasure of spending the day today at Bolingbrook Golf Club in a foursome with fellow BTC members Scott Lee, Bruce Zich and Chuck Schwenn. I was in a golf cart with Chuck today. I think we should pitch in to buy some weighted shoes for Chuck. He seems to have trouble getting the gas pedal down to the floor. I drive a golf cart like I stole it, and Chuck is more of a Sunday stroll kind of a driver. Another thing from today. I have only been golfing for a couple years and don't know all of the rules. Jim Day told me today that I cannot use a tee to improve my lie when hitting from a hazard. I don't know if that's an actual rule or if it's just frowned upon. Either way, Jim told me I can't do it.

Just as bowling is coming to an end, so is tennis. Fifteen players made it out to tennis this week. Tom Cleary was this week's big winner. Tom won 19 of the 26 matches that he played. Other top players this week were **Rich Schroeder (16 wins)** and **Todd Johnson (14 wins)**. I met up with many of the tennis guys and some of the bowlers on Tuesday for dinner at Gio's in Bridgeport. About 40 guys showed up for

a great dinner, some good wine and lots of laughs. Thank you to **Steve Anderson** for bringing enough butter for everyone and a special thank you to **Al Baldermann** for organizing this great evening.

Happy April Birthdays: Bill Lillwitz (2), Dan Roberts (3), Jack Brown (4), Pete Van Henkelum (8), Ron Harwig (9), Jack Samoska (10), Jack McGuire (19), Dan Podpora (20), Bill Dyer (23), Jerry Valenti (23), Chuck Schwenn (23). Let me know if I missed anyone.

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BTC ITALIAN DAY GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING-04/04/2023

There were ~9 participants in the Italian Day Golf Committee meeting including all 4 of our officers. We received a report from the Treasurer that the 2022 event did not cost the club anything (self-funding). Everyone had a chance to offer their viewpoint of the purpose of the event and where they wanted it to focus going forward.

After all the discussion it was agreed that the main purpose of the event would be to enjoy a day of golf with friends and not to focus much on soliciting new members (but still encouraged). Instead of a full dinner, we talked about drinks & serving limited appetizers around the bar, until scoring was completed and prizes distributed. Following this we might move onto other activities to foster interaction with the guests on a smaller scale, such as a card game (Gin Rummy and/or Texas Holdem), or other contests (on the putting green, etc.).

A change in venue was also proposed, but that is still to be decided until after Green Gardens presents their proposal. A change to host this event later in the season (September) was also proposed. The committee will meet again during the next few weeks, as proposals are received and a draft budget is prepared. Stay tuned!

Sincerely,
Richard Schroeder-Chairman

GOLF NEWS (If you haven't read it yet - you probably never will!)

Can't wait for golf. A few important items and reminders: **Hot-line number 708-888-1355**

- **Schedule is complete and is attached at the end of this newsletter.** Some fun new courses and some courses coming back from the past and of course some of our steady and usual courses. Thanks to Scott Lee and others for making suggestions and for helping. Also, this year the Lake Geneva golf trip will be a BTC event with an alternate course for those who can't make the trip to Lake Geneva. Details on both golf trips will be forthcoming.
- Important to let me know if you want to participate in the 2 man event this year and I am expecting to take the first 32 teams that sign up and if we get enough to add a 3rd division again I will try to accommodate everyone. You can **call the hot line**.
- I also need people to let me know if they want to be in the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. This club's prize funded tournament is open to any member who wants to participate and is able to commit to a season long event. So you can let me know the same way as the 2 man by **using the hotline**.

- Opening day golf. I need people to sign up their foursomes or individually so that I can set up the tee sheet. **As before call the hotline.** It is a shotgun and has our opening day dinner after golf. It is usually our largest turnout of the year.
- After having emailing and getting responses from our golf committee it was nearly unanimous to continue the 2-tee system that I have worked on for the past 2 years with a few revisions. A big thanks for the golf committee and responding to my emails which was easier than trying to get everyone together. **So anyone 65 or over as of May 1st 2023 will be allowed to golf from the forward tees and everyone else will golf from a tee box back.** So with, and after many different attempts to get this to work, what seemed to work best was what Scott Lee and I tried at the end of last year and get to the golf course early and put-up flags for the seniors to use. It takes time and effort but we are happy to do it for the group. Our goal is to find a tee box for the under 65 group around 5700-6100 yards and for the 65 and over tee boxes around 5400-5700 yards. I had overwhelming responses from our seniors how much more fun golfing they had last year. So, we think this is the best way for our group to thrive and enjoy the competition that golf brings to us. **All other golf rules remain the same.**

The 2-man, Club Championship will be starting in the beginning of June. The schedule will have what event for each week. So you will have time to sign up for both events for about 3 weeks in May. Also plans for a couple of Calcuttas and possibly a scramble this year. We are only golfing 25 weeks with 4th of July being an off day for us. Any questions or comments please contact me and I will be happy to talk to you about them. **Hot-line number 708-888-1355.**

Thanks
Your golf guy.
Larry Garetto
My cell phone 708-269-3464

Tennis News – Al Baldermann

15 players. Last week of regular tennis before the championship 4/18 and 4/25.

After tennis 37 of us went to GIO for our semiannual dinner. A great time was had by all. The food was excellent. Chuck DiNolfo provided enough wine and spirits for everyone. Thanks Chuck!

Results:

Court 1

Cleary	19/26
Johnson	14/26
Heraty	12/26
Rollins	11/26
Abramowicz	4/16

Court 2

Schroeder	16/24
Reschke	13/24
Schaefer	10/20
Baldermann	9/20
Anderson	8/24

Court 3

Kees	12/18
Kahlhammer	10/18
Bewley	9/18
Ganz	6/18
Genck	5/16

Bowling News:

It is Championship Roll-off Week! Congratulations to our 4 Divisional Half winners. **Bluebird Lanes, Smokey's Bandits, Jan Michaels, and Tri-Star will be bowling for the 2022-2023 Builders Tee Club Bowling Title.** These teams will be drawing for their starting lane for the 1st game. Roll-off teams will then flip pairs of lanes for game 2, and go back to their game 1 starting lane for game 3. The Championship roll-offs will be on lanes 25-28. Teams not in the roll-offs will be bowling for sweeper money this week.

April 25th will be our Calcutta Week I will need your confirmation that you are bowling this week, as we will be picking the teams in the lounge after bowling. The cost is \$150 per bowler, and we will be drawing the teams randomly using the A, B, C, D format. The Calcutta will start at 2:30 (15 minutes earlier than normal). Calcutta teams will be bowling 4 games across 8 lanes, each team's highest 3 games will be used to determine the winners. Para mutual betting will be available for this tournament. Please see complete Calcutta Prize list below.

League Pay-out and banquet will be at 6 pm in the Oak Forest Bowl lounge. Drinks will be complimentary from 6 pm to 8 pm, and food will be served at 6:30 pm.* **Please note to help level the field we are basing this tournament on a team handicap basis. The handicap will be 90% of 840 *.** If you are unclear on how this will work, please call, text, (708) 912-8831 or see me at bowling this week so I can better explain the handicap procedure.

See you Tuesday!

Keith Tadevich

Bowling Secretary

CALCUTTA INFO:

10 TEAMS X 4 BOWLERS X \$150/PERSON	<u><u>6000.00</u></u>
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BREAKDOWN PER BOWLER

MAIN PRIZE FUND	120.00
TEAM HI GAME (4 GAMES)	15.00
3RD GAME BLIND DOUBLES POT	5.00
HI IND OUT OF THE MONEY - A,B,C,D	10.00
	<u><u>150.00</u></u>

MAIN PRIZE FUND BREAKDOWN (120 X 40)

1ST PLACE	2500.00
2ND PLACE	1500.00
3RD PLACE	800.00
	<u><u>4800.00</u></u>

TEAM HI SCORE EACH GAME	150.00
	X 4
	<u><u>600.00</u></u>

HI OUT OF THE MONEY EACH DIVISION	100.00
	X 4
	<u><u>400.00</u></u>

3RD GAME BLIND DOUBLES POT	<u><u>200.00</u></u>
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CALCUTTA RULES

1. BOWL 4 GAMES ACROSS 8 LANES
2. EACH TEAM USES BEST 3 SCORES OUT OF 4 GAMES
3. CHANGES LANES AFTER EACH GAME SKIPPING 1 PAIR OF LANES
4. TEAM HDCP BASED ON 90% OF 840
5. PARA MUTUEL BETTING WILL BE AVAILABLE
WIN, PLACE & SHOW WITH ODDS (DETERMINED LATER)

POTS OF THE WEEK

Handicap

Game 1	Roger Stewart	279
	Ken Wizniewski	262
Game 2	Mike Loye	249
	Doug Blyth	240
Game 3	Kevin Flannagan	266
	Jack Brown	262

Mystery Pot

1st Game	No Winner	
2nd Game	Mike Seebock	191

Clean Frames

Forward	Jack Brown	19
Reverse	Jack Brown	10

Last Game Handicap

1st Place	Kevin Flannagan	266
2nd Place	John Paliga	262

Doubles

Game 1	1st Place	Paul Klienpaste & Vince Annel	500
	2nd Place	Ken Wisniewski & Tom Ollenberger	496
Game 2	1st Place	Doug Blyth & Jay Skierkiewicz	508
	2nd Place	Mike Loye & Pete Lambros	486

Game 3	1st Place	Kevin Flannagan & Ken Wisniewski	503
	1st Place	Wayne Hutchinson & Keith Tadevich	503

Handicap Survivor

1st Place	Jack Brown	262
2nd Place	Pete Lambros	250
3rd Place	Chuck Cahill	241

Blind Doubles

1st Place	Dwight Hammond & Jack Brown	478
2nd Place	Jack Brown & Dennis Samoska Sr.	460
3rd Place	Bill Slusarczyk & Pete Lambros	459

Standings

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L		#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
6	Jan Michaels	61	23		7	Tri-Star	51	33
5	Bright Metals	54	30		8	Ascend Wealth Planning	50	34
3	Creative Colors	53	31		1	Smokey's Bandits	45	39
2	Bluebird Lanes	45	39		12	Mama Vesuvio	41	43
13	Burr Oak Bowl	41	43		11	Beggar's Pizza #1	34	50
10	Van Henkelum	40	44		9	Oak Forest Bowl	29	55
4	Beggars Pizza #2	29	55					

Lane Assignemnts

Lanes	19-20	21-22	23-24
4/18/2023	14 vs. 4	13 vs. 10	5 vs. 3

Championship Roll-Offs

25-26	27-28	29-30	31-32
Roll-off	Roll-off	12 vs. 8	9 vs. 11

4/25/2023 Calcutta 2:30 start time

& League Pay-out Banquet following Calcutta

* Roll-off Teams will draw for their starting lane

BTC GOLF SCHEDULE

2023 SEASON

2-May	SILVER LAKE NORTH	10 AM SHOT GUN	OPENING DINNER
9-May	SANCTUARY	9AM SPLIT TEES	OPEN
16-May	DEER CREEK	9AM SPLIT TEES	OPEN
23-May	GREEN GARDEN BLUE	9AM SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA CLUB
30-May	GLENWOODIE	9AM SPLIT TEES	CHAMPIONSHIP
6-Jun	DEER CREEK	9AM SPLIT TEES	2MAN
13-Jun	SILVER LAKE SOUTH	9AM SPLIT TEES	MAKE UP CLUB
20-Jun	CINDER RIDGE	9:04 SPLIT TEES	CHAMPIONSHIP
27-Jun	GREEN GARDEN BLUE	9AM SPLIT TEES	2MAN
4-Jul	OFF		
10-Jul	HAWKSVIEW LAKE GENEVA	10 AM TEE TIMES	BTC OPTION
11-Jul	BRUTE LAKE GENEVA	11AM TEE TIMES	BTC OPTION
12-Jul	ABBEY APRINGS LAKE GENEVA	9AM TEE TIMES	EXTRA DAY
11-Jul	TUCKAWAY	9 AM SPLIT TEES	OPEN CLUB
18-Jul	SILVER LAKE NORTH	9 AM SPLIT TEES	CHAMPIONSHIP
25-Jul	GREEN GARDEN GOLD	9:30 SHOTGUN	2MAN
1-Aug	SILVER LAKE SOUTH	9AM SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA CLUB
8-Aug	GLENWOODIE	9AM SPLIT TEES	CHAMPIONSHIP
15-Aug	CINDER RIDGE	9AM SPLIT TEES	2MAN
22-Aug	GREEN GARDEN	9 AM SPLIT TEES/SHOT GUN	TBD
29-Aug	SENECA	9AM SPLIT TEES	MAKE UP
5-Sep	SANCTUARY	9AM SPLIT TEES	2MAN CLUB
12-Sep	GREEN GARDEN GOLD	9:30 SHOTGUN	CHAMPIONSHIP
19-Sep	SILVER LAKE NORTH	8:30 SPLIT TEES	MAKE UP
25-Sep	MICHIGAN CITY	SHOTGUN	DAILY GAME
26-Sep	MICHIGAN CITY	SHOTGUN	DAILY GAME
3-Oct	TUCKAWAY GREEN GARDEN	9AM SPLIT TEES	TBD
10-Oct	EMERALD/BLUE	9:30 SPLIT TEES	SCRAMBLE
17-Oct	NAPERBROOK	10 AM SPLIT TEES	TBD
24-Oct	BOLINGBROOK	10 AM SPLIT TEES	TBD
31-Oct	SILVER LAKE SOUTH	10 SHOTGUN	GOLF AWARD DINNER

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BUT NOT LIKELY!