



**Gentlemen of the BTC,**

**April 20, 2023**

The BTC Bowling Championship Roll Off took place this week. Congratulations to the Tri Star Team (**Hal Eberling, Keith Tadevich, Tim Magee, John Paliga, Chuck Cahill, Bill Slusarczyk, Michael McNamara**). Tri Star rode a wave that started with winning all 3 games last week to advance to the 4 team roll off where they outscored Jan Michaels, Bluebird Lanes and Smokey's Bandits to capture the 2022/2023 BTC Bowling Championship. Next week is the Bowling Calcutta and then it's time for golf.

The tennis championships also began this week. Week 1 has the team of Pete Kahlhammer and Mike Ganz leading the way with three matches won and then there is a log jam of many teams tied with 1 match won each. The championships will continue next week.

It feels a lot like golf season out there. I got to play yesterday before the rain came at Odyssey with fellow BTC members **Rich Schroeder and Dan Raymond**. Dan showed us all up. I think we need to re-examine his handicap before opening day. Today was a special treat for me. I had the opportunity to play in a group with **Tom Ollenburger** for the first time. Tom, **Bruce Zich** and I had a great time at Mistwood. Tom was feeling charitable today and allowed me to tie him on the scorecard. Damn that guy can hit a frickin' golf ball. Off the tee his ball just looks down and waves at my ball as it soars past it.

Enough about my golf experiences. We are less than two full weeks from opening day at Silver Lake (May 2<sup>nd</sup>). The early weather forecast looks like temps in the 60's and not much chance of rain. I don't usually trust the weather forecast beyond 24 hours but right now it looks good. If you haven't already done so, call the golf hotline (708-888-1355) and let Larry know your intentions for week 1. Also, let him know if you have a 2-man partner and if you will be participating in the Club Championship. Remember, the hotline does not receive text messages. You have to leave a voice message. I don't know if it has been mentioned yet or not but for the weekly daily game the "A" division will now be for handicaps 18 and below. The "B" division will be 19 and above.

At bowling this week, I spoke to **Dan Woodward Jr.** and he told me that his father Dan Sr. is home and recovering well from a surgery he had to repair a ruptured artery in his leg. Please keep Dan in your prayers as continues his recovery. Also keep in your prayers **Gary Klonowski**. Gary recently had a stroke and I'm told that his recovery is going well but he will need surgery a little bit down the road. **Frank Reichenberger** was at the bowling alley this week and he said he is fully recovered from a procedure he had to repair two heart valves.

**Bob Vizdal's Dad, Milton passed away last October at the dear young age of 100.** A memorial mass is being held on Saturday April 22nd at St. Symphorosa Church located at 62nd and Austin in Chicago at 9 am followed directly by going to Resurrection Cemetery for burial. A Memorial luncheon will follow the services at Dinolfo's on 159th St. near Cedar road at 12:00. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob, Ginny and the entire family.

here is your PSA for today. We are not kids anymore so everyone keep up with regular checkups and if you aren't feeling well don't put off seeing a doctor. Put aside the macho bull shit and get checked out. I hope to have many more years of sharing this great club with all of you.

**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), Jerry Valenti (23), Chuck Schwenn (23). Let me know if I missed anyone.**

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We are down to just a couple guys who have not paid their dues. They need to pay or be removed as we are updating the roster book. So please pay \$220 by opening day of golf or don't bother coming. I called & emailed guys who I showed unpaid & based upon medical issues, lack of participation or whatever reasons, some chose not to renew. So if you know of anyone who has not paid or does not get the newsletter, let me know ASAP. No pay equals no inclusion in book. For those that have paid, taken out ads and even paid extra, THANK YOU! Our membership numbers have dropped below 180 so be vigilant in bringing in new members. Again, let's keep the BTC enjoyable, stable and growing as our 2023 goal.

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

**Hot-line number 708-888-1355**

- **Schedule is complete and is attached at the end of this newsletter.**
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Hot-line number 708-888-1355.**

Thanks  
Your golf guy.  
Larry Garetto

## Tennis News – Al Baldermann

The first week of the Championships went smooth. Everyone was playing their best. Great matches. Kahlhammer and Ganz are in the lead, but there are 4 matches to be played. Any team can still qualify for the 4 playoff spots.

| <b>Results to date:</b> | <u>Matches won</u> | <u>Games won</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Kahlhammer/Ganz         | 3                  | 15               |
| Rollins/Abramowicz      | 1                  | 11               |
| Schiera/Reschke         | 1                  | 11               |
| Heraty/Schaefer         | 1                  | 9                |
| Bewley/Lillwitz         | 1                  | 8                |
| Cleary/Genck            | 1                  | 8                |
| Schroeder/Kees          | 1                  | 5                |
| Darabaris/Baldermann    | 0                  | 7                |
| Johnson/DiNolfo         | 0                  | 6                |

After tennis 11 of us went to El Cortez for dinner. We were joined by Steve Anderson. Great conversation!

Picture of group from semiannual GIO trip 4/11/23.



## Bowling News:

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Bowling League Champions Tri-Star. Tri-Star took home first place with a 3-game total of 3412, Second place was Jan Michaels with 3385, Third place was Smokey's Bandits with 3270, and our Fourth-place team was Bluebird Lanes with 3245!

It's Calcutta Week and our last week of bowling for the season! We have 32 bowlers entered into the Calcutta and we drew the 8 Teams Tuesday in the lounge after bowling. Calcutta bowlers please remember we are starting 15 minutes earlier than normal to accommodate for the 4 Game format.

**Practice will start promptly at 2:30pm, with tournament play to start at 2:45pm.** Even if you are not

bowling, please come on up to watch this fun event, Par-Mutual betting will be available for all to take part in.

**Our League pay-off will be this Tuesday at Oak Forest Bowl – I will have the Team pay-outs available after 2:00pm for those that want to pick-up their money early or during the Calcutta. Otherwise, you can pick up your teams prize money at the league banquet. Our Banquet/Party will be in the Oak Forest Bowl lounge immediately following the Calcutta. This will include a 2-hour open bar to start immediately after the Calcutta (approx. 6:15) and food served approximately 6:45pm. This is open to all bowlers regardless if you are bowling in the Calcutta or not!**

See you Tuesday!  
Keith Tadevich  
Bowling Secretary

## CALCUTTA TEAMS:

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# POTS OF THE WEEK

## Handicap

|        |                 |     |
|--------|-----------------|-----|
| Game 1 | John Paliga     | 269 |
|        | Chuck Cahill    | 250 |
| Game 2 | Jim Eppolito    | 249 |
|        | Bill Slusarczyk | 240 |
| Game 3 | Adam Valentinas | 298 |
|        | Vince Oliva     | 274 |

## Mystery Pot

|          |               |     |
|----------|---------------|-----|
| 1st Game | Roger Stewart | 164 |
| 2nd Game | Joe Rymsza    | 162 |

## Clean Frames

|         |                |    |
|---------|----------------|----|
| Forward | Craig O'Reilly | 27 |
| Reverse | Dennis ???     | 25 |

## Last Game Handicap

|           |                 |     |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|
| 1st Place | Adam Valentinas | 298 |
| 2nd Place | Vince Oliva     | 274 |

## Doubles

|        |           |                                  |     |
|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----|
| Game 1 | 1st Place | Chuck Cahill & John Paliga       | 519 |
|        | 2nd Place | John Paliga & Randy Samoska      | 579 |
| Game 2 | 1st Place | Jim Eppolito & Ben Tutka         | 581 |
|        | 2nd Place | Bill Slusarczyk & Craig O'Reilly | 545 |

|        |           |   |     |
|--------|-----------|---|-----|
| Game 3 | 1st Place | Dennis Samoska Jr. & Dennis Samoska Sr. & | 532 |
|        | 1st Place | Dave Jenner & Tom Ollenburger             | 528 |

## Blind Doubles

|           |                                |     |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1st Place | Craig O'Reilly & Matt O'Reilly | 531 |
| 2nd Place | Bill Slusarczyk & John Paliga  | 529 |
| 3rd Place | Ben Tutka & Keith Tadevich     | 516 |

## Final Standings

| #  | Builders Tee Club | W   | L   |  | #  | Builders Tee Club      | W  | L   |
|----|-------------------|-----|-----|--|----|------------------------|----|-----|
| 6  | Jan Michaels      | 113 | 55  |  | 7  | Tri-Star               | 95 | 73  |
| 3  | Creative Colors   | 109 | 59  |  | 1  | Smokey's Bandits       | 94 | 74  |
| 2  | Bluebird Lanes    | 103 | 65  |  | 8  | Ascend Wealth Planning | 92 | 76  |
| 5  | Bright Metals     | 102 | 66  |  | 12 | Mama Vesuvio           | 88 | 80  |
| 10 | Van Henkelum      | 79  | 89  |  | 11 | Beggar's Pizza #1      | 81 | 87  |
| 13 | Burr Oak Bowl     | 73  | 95  |  | 9  | Oak Forest Bowl        | 56 | 112 |
| 4  | Beggars Pizza #2  | 68  | 100 |  |    |                        |    |     |

## Lane Assignemnts

4/25/2023 Calcutta 2:30 start time  
& League Pay-out Banquet following Calcutta

# 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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>DINNER |

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BUT NOT LIKELY!