

# *Builders Tee Club*

*Established - 1927*

**Gentlemen of the BTC,**

**May 9, 2024**

What the Hail? Opening day for our Golf season went out with a Bang! Literally! We experienced the most violent hailstorm I've ever seen before. The bridge on the first hole of the south course was completely under water. Most of the golfers had the sense to call it early and were safely in the clubhouse at the time of the incident. However, some of us barely made it to the parking lot when all hell broke out. I think I got a fat lip from the hail pelting me.

Our newfound tradition of the officers golfing together as a foursome on opening day was very nice indeed! Walking back to the club house with our President **Scott Lee**, I heard him asking everyone we passed if they had extra underwear! It didn't seem like he was particular about style or size. I think this taught us all a lesson. Prepare a bug out bag and keep it in your car.

Even though the course said cart path only some members ignored the request. Now I see why. They were confused!



# What is Hail?



*Hail stones from a storm in Colorado. Image courtesy Colorado State University.*

Hail stones are a frozen form of precipitation that occurs when thunderstorm updrafts lift rain above the freezing level in the atmosphere. When hail stones become too heavy to be lifted by the updraft, they fall to the ground.

While most thunderstorms form hail, hail does not always make it all the way to the ground as hail. If the hail stone is small enough, the stone melts in the warmest portions of the atmosphere which are near the ground. For hail to become large enough to reach the surface, the stone must grow large enough in the thunderstorm before falling through the warm lower atmosphere. The same mechanisms that help create tornadic storms-low level moisture, lift, atmospheric instability and wind shear-usually need to be in place for hail stones to become large enough to fall all the way to the surface.

## ***How Hail Forms***

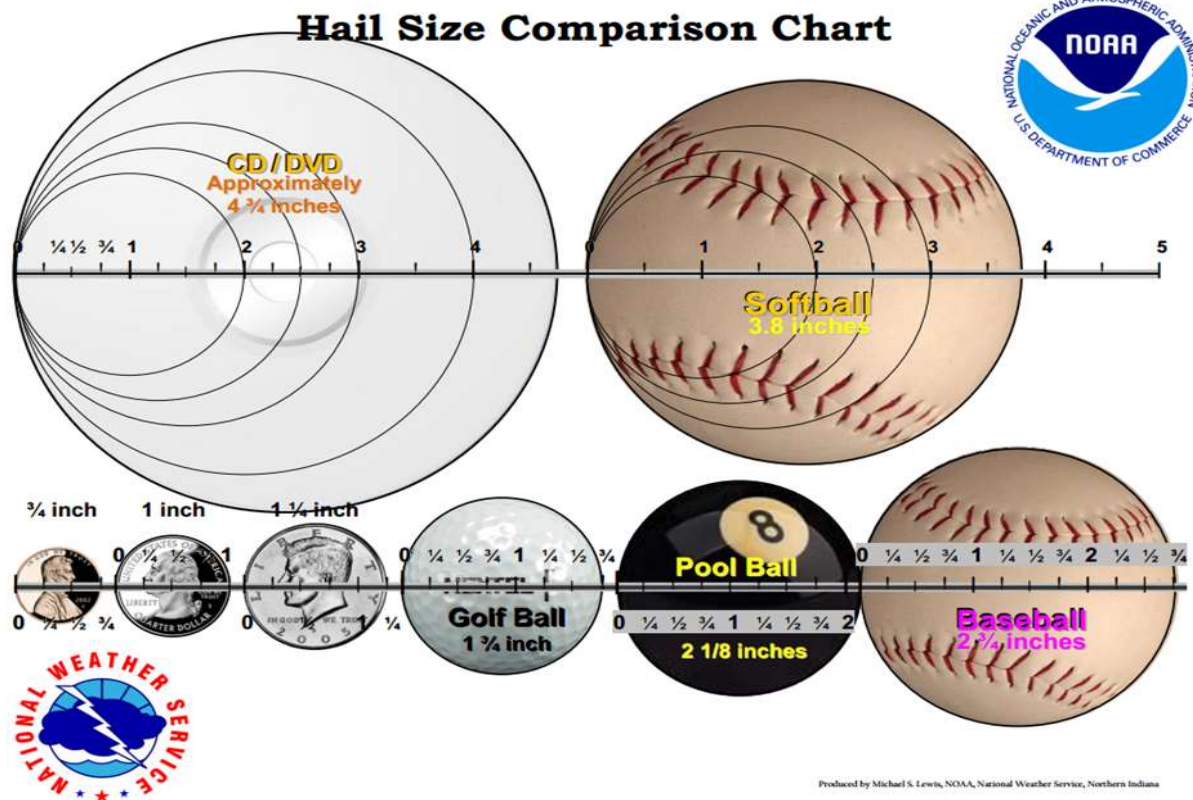
Hail forms when a thunderstorm updraft lifts a water droplet above the freezing level in the atmosphere. The frozen water droplet then secretes super-cooled water or water vapor, which freezes once it comes in contact with the frozen droplet. This process causes a hailstone to grow.

Hail is often confused with other types of freezing precipitation such as sleet. Sleet is found mainly during the cold season and does not occur in thunderstorms. Hail, in comparison, is only found in thunderstorms where updrafts in the thunderstorm forces raindrops further up in the atmosphere to freeze.

Hailstones can also grow by sticking to each other in a process called wet growth (Don't be nasty). Larger hailstones will ascend through the updraft at a slower speed than smaller hailstones. If the outer coating of these hailstones is not completely frozen, they can collide with each other and stick. If this process happens over and over again, a hailstone can grow very quickly. When these aggregated hailstones hit the ground, they often have a bumpy or spiky appearance (right), as the smaller hailstones that make up the larger hailstone maintain their individual shapes.

## ***Hail Size***

Hail sizes can differ greatly from one storm to another depending on the strength of the storm's updraft. Stronger updrafts can create larger hailstones, which in turn causes more damage. This makes reporting the size of hail important for public safety. The preferred hail measurement method is to use a ruler to measure the diameter of the hail stone along its longest axis. However, various coins and balls are often used when reporting hail size. It is not advised to use marbles as a size indicator as marbles come in many different shapes and sizes.



This hail size chart outlines the types of objects that the National Weather Service prefers to be used when reporting hail. Using marbles as size indicator isn't advised.

### Happy May Birthdays

Jim Day (7), Arnie Carlstrom (9), Frank Reichenberger (14), Les Swintek (19), Craig O'Reilly (21), Bob Martino (22), Ken Pencak (23), Les Podlasek (24), Phil Jurczewski (25), Larry Lloyd (25), Corey Rob (28), Ken Wisniewski (30), Ron Abramowicz (31).

### Parting thought:

The IRS decides to audit Grandpa, and summons him to the IRS office. The IRS auditor was not surprised when Grandpa showed up with his attorney.

The auditor said, "Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the IRS finds that believable."

"I'm a great gambler, and I can prove it," says Grandpa. "How about a demonstration?"

The auditor thinks for a moment and says, "OK. Go ahead."

Grandpa says, "I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye."

The auditor thinks a moment and says, "It's a bet."

Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops.

Grandpa says, "Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye."

The auditor can tell Grandpa isn't blind, so he takes the bet.

Grandpa removes his dentures and bites his good eye. The stunned auditor now realizes he has wagered and lost three grand, with Grandpa's attorney as a witness. He starts to get nervous.

“Want to go double or nothing?” Grandpa asks. “I’ll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk, and pee into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between.” The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there’s no way this old guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again. Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can’t make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he pretty much urinates all over the auditor’s desk. The auditor leaps with joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win. But Grandpa’s attorney moans and puts his head in his hands.

“Are you OK?” the auditor asks.

“Not really,” says the attorney. “This morning, when Grandpa told me he’d been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and pee all over your desk and that you’d be happy about it.”

**Next week's newsletter will be going out on Sunday due to Andy Zilis being out of town all of next week.**

Have a great week!

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## **Historian News**

At the dinner after golf it was mentioned to everyone about the passing of our oldest and longest member, Lee Tew, recently. After looking at the Roster Book I have the list for you by years in the Club and years on the Earth.

### **Longest BTC Memberships:**

**Kelly Melfi 1969**  
**Dick Kerkstra 1977**  
**Al Baldermann 1979**  
**Charlie Febel 1979**  
**Mike McNamara 1979**  
**Mike Kent 1984**  
**Wayne Hutchinson 1984**  
**Pete Lambros 1986**  
**Tom Ollenburger 1987**  
**Dick Kamin 1987**  
**Jeff Quilici 1987**

### **Longest Time Hanging with us:**

**Don Franko 1934**  
**Ed Rooks 1935**  
**Gar Ward 1936**  
**Kelly Melfi 1936**  
**Marv Huddleston 1937**  
**Chuck DiNolfo 1937**  
**Mike Sutko 1937**  
**Bob Shinnick 1938**  
**Wayne Hutchinson 1939**  
**Jack Heatter 1939**  
**Ron Harwig 1939**

Thanks for listening,  
Bob Vizdal



## GOLF NEWS

All I can say is **HAIL** to the golf Gods. I knew that I should have called off golf the day before but forever the optimist pushed me to give it a try. If we were a 9-hole league it would of worked but that being said 71 golfers attempted to golf and I had two guys who finished. We had nearly 90 shows up for dinner which was great.

That being said on to next week. There is no Calcutta, so anyone who wants to golf needs to call the hotline. **708-388-1355**. Call and leave a message if you have a foursome, two some or just by yourself. When you leave a message, and if you would like a specific time to tee off, please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate everyone. I will get you as close as possible to the time you want.

Some people have been asking how I choose the first golfers: so here are some of my reasons!!!

- 1) People who ask for the earliest tee times get consideration
- 2) The members that collect the scorecards and the game of the day get priority
- 3) I try to put the faster golfers out first so as to not slow down the entire day
- 4) As for me I am usually in the front and my kids are usually in front. They are very fast, and I need them to get back to work, and I need to put flags out for the seniors.

This is definitely a perk being the golf chairman, or knowing the golf chairman, and our past golf chairman even worked for me. I might be spoiled because I am a 32-year member of the Builder's Tee Club and I have golfed first for almost 32 years now.

Some people are also asking why tee times have gotten earlier.

- 1) I have around 40 guys who want to golf early, so It works out
- 2) To keep split tees the golf courses are insisting that we start earlier, they must keep the course closed until we get there and if we teed off later, they would lose large amount of money and could not accommodate us.
- 3) The split tees have changed our time to golf by around an hour. Now when I call about booking a course I do not get hung up on and they enjoy us coming. Most golf courses have a Tuesday afternoon league and they have to make sure we are finished. So, in other words it works for us and the golf courses.
- 4) If you want later tee times that is great because I can't have all early tee times, just let me know.
- 5) I have added a few shotguns but the problem I was having is that the price goes up for a shotgun start for the same reason the courses lose money and they cannot afford to give us a lower price. Golf is getting higher every year and I try to keep the cost down as much as possible.

## Two-man and The Club Championship

Important information.

BTC golf rules are that to participate in the Two-Man and the Club Championship you need to:

- 1) be a member of the BTC, not an applicant
- 2) have at least 5 rounds in with the BTC

I have been asked to make exceptions for around 5 guys, I feel that if I make any exceptions, it is not fair to the members who had to follow the rules and wait till they qualify. So, if you do not qualify, I look forward to having you compete next year.

I have made exceptions for the game of the day so that if you are an applicant or member without 5 rounds, I will use your CDGA handicap if you have one.

**Next Tuesday @ Sanctuary is an open day for golf – there is no Calcutta.** The Tee List will be out later over the weekend. Call the hotline if you want to play and I will find a spot for you.

Thanks.  
Larry  
Your golf guy.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact me any time!

## 2024 UPDATED GOLF SCHEDULE

GOLF SCHEDULE 2024 (COULD BE CHANGES)

DATE	COURSE	TIME	SPLIT OR SHOTGUN OR TEE TIMES	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	8:00am	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	SPLIT TEES	MAKE UP DAY
JULY 23RD	GREEN GARDEN GOLD COURSE	9:30AM	SHOTGUN	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
JULY 30TH	SILVER LAKES SOUTH	8:36AM	SPLIT TEES	2MAN
AUGUST 6TH	CINDER RIDGE	8:00am	SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA
AUGUST 13TH	GEORGE DUNNE NATIONAL	8:00AM	TEE TIMES	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
AUGUST 20TH	GREEN GARDEN 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	CARDINAL CREEK	9:00AM	SPLIT TEES	TBD
OCT 8TH	GREEN GARDEN EMERALD/BLUE BACK	9:30AM	SPLIT TEES	WORLD SERIES
OCT 15TH	WATERS EDGE	TBD	SPLIT TEES	WORLD SERIES
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