



Gentlemen of the BTC,

August 22, 2024

A BIG shout out to **Rich Schroeder** for organizing and running another great Italian Day event for our great Club! A thorough recap of the event appears later in the newsletter.

We have been informed that **John Paliga's** brother passed away this past week. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Paliga family.



History of National Golf Month

It was the Professional Golfer's Association of America (P.G.A.) who founded the first National Golf Month back in August 1993. The purpose of this was to promote golf as a family-friendly and inclusive sport that could be accessible to all ages, genders, and skill levels. Initially, the P.G.A. used to host an annual charity event on National Golf Day (which falls on a different day each year), and due to the success of this, they decided to make the entire month a promotion and celebration of the sport.

Although most historians would agree on the fact that the modern-day version of golf (involving 18 holes) originated in Scotland in the 1400s, there are some who contest this. Some versions of golf can be traced back to The Netherlands (the 1200s), while at the same time, there is still some debate about the origins of golf tracing back all the way to the Roman Empire. The Roman game referred to was called 'paganica,' and it involved the use of a bent stick to hit a wool or feather-stuffed leather ball. Since the Roman Empire had so much influence across Europe, it is thought that 'paganica' spread and evolved this way. Still, others say that the Chinese game of 'chuiwan,' played during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), was the original, which spanned the evolution of the sport as we know it today.

Many decide to go with the theory of Scottish origins based on the fact that it involved knocking a ball into a hole, as well as being called 'golf.' A 1457 Act of the Scottish Parliament even banned golf as a sport because King James II of Scotland considered it a distraction from military training. However, it quickly became popular with future monarchs, including Mary Queen of Scots, and by the 1900s, more than 1000 golf clubs were established in the U.S. alone. Through major funding and sponsorship, the U.S. quickly became the epicenter of professional golf. However, the oldest golf tournament still takes place at the Prestwick Golf Club in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Something very special happened on Wednesday. It may not have been a BTC event but quite a few BTC members were present. We were playing golf at Deer Creek. My group was on the par 3 eighth hole. The hole was cut at the front right as 27-year BTC Member **Bob Vizdal** stepped up to the tee with his 5 iron in hand. He hit it pure, it soared high and majestic, landed soft, then rolled up to the cup, fell in over the front edge and then rested comfortably at the bottom of the cup. It has finally happened. Bob Vizdal at age 76 finally has his first hole in one. Congratulations Bob! If you guys want to see what pure joy looks like, copy and paste the following link into your browser to see Bob's reaction.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h2M8N4jLzCE>

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Happy August Birthdays

Anthony Serritella (1), Mo Younus (2), John Delano (6), Tom Skonie (6), George Les (6), Mike Kent (14), Tom Kelly (15), John Zielinski (15), Keith Tadevich (15), Ed Rooks (17), Tom Marino (18), John Guarnieri (19), Tim Dempsey (22), Adam Valentinas (22), Jim Van Eck (23), Greg Lewis (27), Peter Garetto (29).

Let me know if I forgot anyone else.

Parting thought:

Why 18 Holes?



Why couldn't golf courses have 10 or 13 or 21 holes?

Answer: Well, it seems that in the year of 1858, the board of St. Andrews in Scotland sat all day settling this very question. There were then 7-hole courses, 13-hole courses, and 15-hole courses. At one time St. Andrews itself was made up of 22 holes and Montrose had 25.

Finally, after a full day's discussion, it is said that one of the Scottish members of the board and a member in good standing spoke as follows:

"Well, you good gentlemen have been considering this situation for many hours and I have been hoping you would decide along lines agreeable to me without any insistence on my part. I see, however, that I must speak for myself.

As you know, it has long been my custom to start the game of golf with a full bottle of Martin's Scotch Whisky in my bag – not, you understand, for any reason except that the inclemency of our local climate makes it expedient for me to have a small medicinal nip on each tee.

Now, gentlemen, I have here a small glass, which contains about an ounce and a half when not filled so full that a drop may escape. Naturally I find it pleasant to play golf so long as there is a drink left in the bottle. On the other hand, it would be unhealthy for me to continue the game when the bottle is exhausted.

I have found that one bottle will fill this little glass just 18 times, so it has been my custom to play 18 holes each afternoon, no more, no less. I see no possible way of deviating from this custom, unless the bottles are much larger, which I fear would be too marked a change in our manufacturing life."

So that's why golf courses have 18 holes. If you don't believe it, just take an ounce and a half jigger, fill it full, but not too full, and you'll get 18 drinks out of a "fifth" of Scotch.

I think we ought to check with **Marv Huddleston** just to be sure.

Have a great week!

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GOLF NEWS

ITALIAN DAY RECAP AUGUST 20,2024

Well, the weather was record-setting hot & humid (what else is new this season) with only the occasional breeze. The day started with 120 players-(52 members and 68 guests) turning out at Glenwoodie Golf Club, at 8:30AM for a Pepper-&-Egg breakfast, courtesy of **Larry Garetto**. This year we changed up the play to a SHAMBLE, and used a Peoria handicap system for all. Play commenced with a shotgun start at 10 AM. No complaints of going hungry were heard before the shotgun. Larry also supplied pizza at the turn.

The 12th hole was manned by **Bob Kennedy & Jeff Quilici**, who took photos and collected a \$5 contribution that paid \$10 if you Beat-The-Pro. Photos will soon be displayed on the website, click on "events" tab. Golf continued into the afternoon, and by 3 PM, most of the groups had returned to the Clubhouse. Dinner was served at 3:40 pm then followed by the raffles & golfing awards, and everyone was free to leave by 5:30 PM. Dinner was roast beef, Italian Sausage with salad & sides. The cake & cheesecake for desert was courtesy of **George Les**.

We hope everyone enjoyed the day, because the committee worked very hard to pull this one off. The turnout was lower than recent years, but still respectable. I am glad we changed the venue, as Green Garden was very cooperative and I expect we will return there again next year and dine in their remodeled facilities. With the additional six Hole Sponsor contributions we were able to avoid the club subsidy. While the participation continues to be strong, I expect this event & venue will be included in next year's golf season.

Those listed below certainly went way beyond the call of duty. They worked various times during the day, including the awards celebration afterward:

Larry Garetto & George Les
Bob Kennedy & Jeff Quilici
Joe Bonarigo
Bob Kennedy
Scott Lee & Anthony Serritella
Bob Vizdal, Bill Lillwitz, Jim Van Eck
Paul Kleinpaste & Dennis Samoska
Ron Bazan
George Les & Dave Downey
Osborne 360

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A special thanks to **Ray Buick (5011 W. 63rd St. by Midway airport)** for sponsoring the hole-in-one car on #14 and the other par 3-hole awards. Be sure to contact Ray (773-767-8530) before you buy your next car. Nobody won the car this year but everybody that scans the QR code gets to chose from a selection of discounts on golf-related items and services. Scott Lee also provided complimentary club fitting invites from PXG Chicago West.

BTC Members with a 19+ handicap teed off from the green tee box, while all others played from the white tees. The best tee shot was chosen and each finished the hole with their own ball. Each group was required to use 3 tee shots from each player. A “Peoria Handicap” was calculates and awards were distributed after golf from 2 prize pools, Members & Guests.

Let’s not forget the Glenwoodie Staff, **Phil Robbins**, Golf Club Professional & **Clara**-Catering, for coordinating their staff and making the course & banquet the best ever! The course was in fine shape, and **Laura**, manning the drink cart came by plenty of times to be sure we didn’t run thirsty.

More thanks to the members that invited guests to this event. Many members invited 2-7 guests to play, which helps fill out the event. Jim Day assisted by Steve Ostrowski took the award for the most guests (18). There is no excuse to not invite a friend to play in next year’s outing. This is the BEST golf outing EVER!

There were golf course foursomes & gift cards awarded as this year’s door prizes, along with raffle prizes from Al Baldermann, Rob Elliot, Scott Lee, George Les, and Glenwoodie Golf Club. Be sure to buy each of these guys (and the hole sponsors) with a drink while thanking them.

Bill Foster	John Paliga	Jack Parisi	Ron Abramowicz
George Les	Jerry Jasinski	Dale Bandowski	Dick Kerkstra

Gary Foster	Keith Tadevich	Gino Maira	Derek Bay
Larry Garetto	Lee Kaz	Dave Downey	Joe Bonarigo
Rich Schroeder	Al Baldermann	Rob Elliot	Osborne Image360
Larry Gramith/Bob Welsch		Scott Lee/Anthony Serritella	

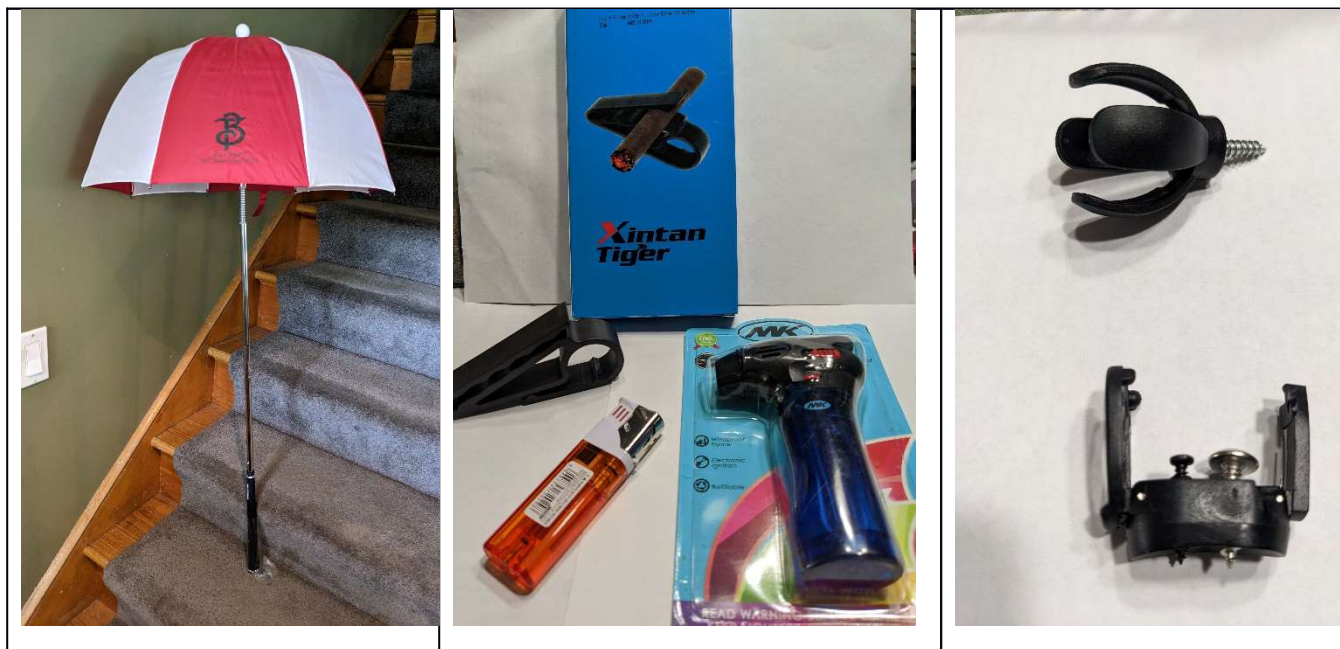
To wrap things up, I'd like to thank everyone that participated. This year we were sold-out (120 players as projected). Please tell your guests to visit our website, <https://builderstee.com/specialevents.html>, to print a copy of their 4-some photo (posted by 8/27) and read this copy of the newsletter. If they wish to follow-up with an application, it can also be found there, under the "Club Information" tab. Please feel free to offer your suggestions about this event, and excuse me if you contributed & your name was not mentioned.

All contest winners were paid out at the dinner.

Thanks for your support,
Rich Schroeder & Committee
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There were no extra handouts for sale from this year's event but I do have a few items from prior years' events. See Rich after golf for more information.

Drizzle Stick/sleeve of balls	Cigar holder or Lighter-SOLD OUT	Ball Claw Pickup
\$25	2 for \$5	2 for \$5



2024 UPDATED GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	COURSE	TIME	SPLIT/SHOTGUN OR TEE TIMES	EVENT
8/13/2024	GEORGE DUNNE NATIONAL	8:00AM	TEE TIMES	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
8/20/2024	GLENWOODIE	10:00AM	SHOTGUN	ITALIAN DAY
8/27/2024	GEORGE DUNNE NATIONAL	8:00AM	TEE TIMES	2 MAN
9/3/2024	SANCTUARY	8:30AM	SPLIT TEES	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
9/10/2024	GREEN GARDEN GOLD	9:30AM	SHOTGUN	2 MAN
9/17/2024	SILVER LAKE NORTH	8:36AM	SPLIT TEES	CALCUTTA
9/24/2024	MICHIGAN TRIP-TBD			
10/1/2024	CARDINAL CREEK	9:00AM	SPLIT TEES	TBD
10/8/2024	GREEN GARDEN EMERALD/BLUE BACK	9:30AM	SPLIT TEES	WORLD SERIES
10/15/2024	WATERS EDGE	TBD	SPLIT TEES	WORLD SERIES/TBD
10/22/2024	NAPERBROOK	9:30AM	SPLIT TEES	2MAN
10/29/2024	SILVER LAKE SOUTH	10:00AM	SHOT GUN	BANQUET AND ELECTION
	ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE			