



Gentlemen of the BTC,

August 24, 2023

Craig O'Reilly was scheduled to have cardiac bypass surgery on Friday August 25th. The surgery has been rescheduled for Monday August 28th. Please pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery for Craig. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

Italian Day 2023 went very well. **Rich Schroeder** did a great job organizing this event. Thank you Rich for all of the hard work you put in to make this event such a success. Italian Day got off to a great start as it always does with pepper and egg sandwiches compliments of **Larry Garetto and George Les**. Thank you **Peter Garetto and Mike Heslop** for bringing the sandwiches. Beggars Pizza at the turn was also great.

Even though Rich Schroeder did a great job, this isn't the kind of thing you can do all by yourself. Check in, hole witnesses, beat the pro, score entries split the pot, food, cigars, etc... All aided by BTC volunteers such as **Bob Kennedy, Bob Vizdal, Bill Lillwitz, Jim Van Eck, Gary Klonowski, Paul Kleinpaste, Scott Lee, John Bondi, Joe Bonarigo, George Les, Peter Garetto, Larry Garetto, Mike Heslop and Anthony Serritella**. I only had a small part in this event, so I don't know everybody who had a hand in its success. I'm sorry if I missed anybody.

It was definitely hot out there but not too bad. The course was in very good shape and the pace of play was good for an event this size. Some of our members turned in some impressive scores. **Phil Schlessner (73) and Scott Lee (76)** were this week's 80 busters. Other notable scores were **George Les' 81 and a pair of 82's shot by Dan Raymond and John Roberts**.

The near impossible happened on Tuesday. A golf course is hundreds of acres, a cell phone is about 2" X 6" and a golf ball has a diameter of only about 1.6 inches. While Bob Kennedy was performing his "beat the pro" duties his cell phone was in a side pocket of his little cooler on the tee box. Somehow one of our guests was able to shank a shot while playing from the wrong fairway and completely shatter Bob's cell phone. The odds of that little golf ball hitting that little cell phone inside the pocket of the cooler in the vastness of all of that acreage of a golf course are astronomical.

Next week we will be at Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club (Directions later in the newsletter). Preliminary weather reports are looking ideal for golf. Temps in the mid 70's and no rain. Combine the great weather with a nice golf course and a BBQ afterwards all for just \$35 and you have the makings of a great day. We currently only have about 35 golfers committed. If you haven't signed the sheet to play, I encourage you to call the hotline and come out for this one. They gave us a great deal and it would be nice to have a good showing. It's not much further than some of the other courses we play and it's well worth driving a couple extra miles. I hope to see many of you out there.

Last Thursday things got a little hectic at the firehouse and in my haste to get the newsletter submitted, I forgot to mention a couple things.

1. The previous week I reported on the Club Championship winners and mistakenly said that **Dan Raymond** lost his match. I wanted to apologize to Dan for the mix up and congratulate him for winning his bracket. I didn't want to rob Dan of all of the prestige and glory that comes with being a BTC champion, not to mention the potential endorsement opportunities. I hear Bud Light is looking for someone to replace Dylan Mulvaney as the face of the brand. This one is perfect for you Dan.
2. I wanted to thank Bob Kennedy. At Cinder Ridge Bob presented me with the latest addition to the BTC monkey family. A fine looking primate wearing boxers to go along with the 3 wood monkey and the baby monkey that **Mike Breier** has to sneak out of the house every week because it's one of his grandson's prize possessions.

BTC Pullover: The ¼ zip BTC pullovers are in, and they are really nice. I was handing them out at Cinder Ridge to those who had ordered one. If you didn't get yours, I will have them at Green Garden this week. If you didn't get one on this order and would like one, let me or Kevin Bewley know what size you need. We will be placing another order. The cost is \$40.

Important AED Information: If you haven't watched the AED video yet, please do so. It describes both the procedure for getting help and what you should do if one of our members has a suspected heart attack on the golf course. The following link will take you directly to the video.

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=7UI4iJlyjGQ&feature=share> Like I said before, I am not a cinematic genius, but the video does have some very valuable information.

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), Doug Longtine (22), Adam Valentinas (22), Jim Van Eck (23), Greg Lewis (27), Peter Garetto (29)**

Let me know if I missed anyone.

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Italian Day Recap - August 22, 2023

Well, the weather was record-setting hot & humid (what else is new this season) with only the occasional breeze. The day started with 117 players-(53 members and 64 guests) turning out at Green Garden CC, at 8:30AM for a Pepper-&-Egg breakfast, courtesy of **Larry Garetto & George Les**. This year we returned to individual score format with handicap (Peoria system for guests). 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 4th hole was manned by **Bob Kennedy & Bill Lillwitz**, 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 3:30 PM, most of the groups had returned to the Dome. Dinner was served at 4:30 pm then followed by the raffles & golfing awards, and everyone was free to leave by 6 PM. Dinner was Italian beef & chicken breast, and with sides. The 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	Major donors
Bob Kennedy & Bill Lillwitz	Beat-The-Pro-#4
Joe Bonarigo	Cigars
Bob Kennedy	Hole sponsor & raffle prizes solicitor
Scott Lee & Anthony Serritella	Scorecard/STP collection & Awards
Bob Vizdal, Bill Lillwitz , Jim Van Eck	Check-in
Paul Kleinpaste & Gary Klonowski	Witnesses for HIO car-#16

A special thanks to **Ray Buick (5011 W. 63rd St. by Midway airport)** for sponsoring the hole-in-one car on #16 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 up to \$250 for golf-related discounts after test driving a Buick.

Guest players 65+ years old were allowed to tee off from the front tee box, while all other guests played from the white tees. Members played from their respective tees. Winning member players will appear in this newsletter or on the BUILDERSTEE.com website later this week. Awards will be distributed after golf in the weeks to come.

Let's not forget the Green Garden staff: **Michael Vay**, General Manager/Director of Golf, for coordinating his staff (Don & helpers) and making the course & banquet the best ever! The course was in fine shape, and the drink cart came by plenty of times to be sure we didn't dry up in the 87+ degree weather.

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 (22). 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 many multiple golf course foursomes awarded in this year's raffle, along with gift cards from George Les, Portillo's, and Al Baldermann. Be sure to buy each of these guys (and the hole sponsors) a drink while thanking them.

Bill Foster	John Paliga	Jack Parisi	Mike Sutko
George Les	Jerry Jasinski	Dale Bandauski	Steve Ostrowski
Gary Foster	Keith Tadevich	Gino Maira	Derek Bay
Larry Garetto	Lee Kaz	Dave Downey	Joe Bonarigo
Rich Schroeder	Ron/Elizabeth Miller	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 not quite sold-out (117 of 144 players projected). Please tell your guests to visit our website, www.builderstee.com, to print a copy of their 4-some photo 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.

Raffle prizes not collected:	Low net prizes not collected:
Louie Vardikos-Silver Lake golf	Chris Atsaves-G
Bob Schaefer-Green Garden golf	Bobby Schaefer-G
Mike Christophersen-Green Garden golf	Terry Odonhill-G
John Shebelski-G- Portillos Gift Card	George Panousis-G
	Adam Samoska-G
	Chuck Zylius-G
Unclaimed prizes from previous Italian Day events:	
Matt Jasinski-G	Bryan Jasinski-G
John Paliga	Rick (Tim?) Smith-G
Hal Kauffman-G	Bob Bennett-G
Cliff Norris-G	Bob Hoss-G

Contact me to get your prize or pick them up after golf for the next 2 weeks.

Thanks for your support,
Rich Schroeder & Committee
708.878.3913

Extra handouts for sale for the next 2 weeks. See Rich after golf.

Drizzle Stik & sleeve of balls	Cigar holder or Lighter	Ball Claw Pickup
\$25	2 for \$5	2 for \$5
		

Gentlemen-

While we are in full golf season mode, I wanted to update you on the status of bowling equipment kept in lockers, that was destroyed in the fire at Oak Forest Bowl. The bowling equipment will be replaced with the same equipment that was lost. If the equipment was older and not available it will be replaced new comparable equipment. **ONLY BOWLING EQUIPMENT (BALLS, BAGS, SHOES, AND BOWLING ACCESSORIES) WILL BE REPLACED, INSURANCE WILL NOT COVER DRILLING.** If you are a magician and figured how to fit a set of golf clubs in your locker congratulations, or had won so many bowling pots over the years that you stored gold bars in your locker, you will have to talk to your homeowner's insurance and file a claim with them. Attached to this newsletter is an insurance claim form. To keep this process organized, I ask you to fill out the form completely. Once the form is filled out please email it to bowling@oakforestbowl.com the equipment will be ordered by fellow BTC member Scott Lee of Andy's Pro Shop, who I would like to send out a special Thank You as he reached out to me, and offered to help with this process. I can always be reached by text or cell on my cell at 708-912-8831 or by email at keith@oakforestbowl.com.

Bowling Secretary
Keith Tadevich

Message from Dick Kamin

Monday 9/25 is at Beechwood Golf Course in LaPorte. Shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. Their phone number is 219-362-2651. Tuesday 9/26 is at Michigan City Municipal golf course. Shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Their phone number is 219-873-1516.

The cost for golf each day is \$55 which includes the Daily Game.

I have reserved a block of rooms at Blue Chip Casino & Hotel for both Sunday and Monday nights. The original tower rooms will be \$99 per night and the Spa tower will be \$109 per night. I recommend the Spa Tower which is newer. To make reservations call 888-879-7711 and use the code **BT924G** for our block of rooms. If you want to reserve online www.bluechipcasino.com is their website.

I will continue to be signing up players and collecting for the trip in the coming weeks. It is important to know that guests are welcome to participate. Looking forward to seeing everyone again real soon.

GOLF NEWS Hot-line number 708-888-1355.

Another thing, if you could call your golf group before **Friday at 5pm please**. If you call after that I will try to get you on the tee sheet but can't guarantee it. More to come on my golf news by the weekend.

IF I MAKE THE CHANGES (WHICH HAPPENS EVERY WEEK) THE FINAL TEE SHEET WILL BE ON THE BUILDER TEE WEBSITE BY **SUNDAY** SO PLEASE GO BACK AND LOOK FOR ANY CHANGES. IT WILL BE IN THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE.

**DIRECTIONS TO SENICA OAK RIDGE GOLF CLUB FROM CHICAGO AREA
658 EAST US HIGHWAY 6, LA SALLE, IL 61301
815-223-7273**

I-80 WEST TO THE UTICA EXIT. SOUTH TO THE 1ST LIGHT WHICH IS ROUTE 6. WEST TO THE GOLF COURSE (ABOUT 2 MILES).

	BTC GOLF SCHEDULE-2023			REV 230623	
DATE	COURSE		TEE TIME		EVENT
08/08/23		GLENWOODIE	9AM SPLIT TEES		CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP-4
08/15/23		CINDER RIDGE	9AM SPLIT TEES		2MAN-4
08/22/23		GREEN GARDEN-BLUE	10 AM SHOTGUN		ITALIAN DAY
08/29/23		OAK RIDGE GC-SENECA	10 AM SHOTGUN		BAR-B-Q AFTER GOLF
09/05/23		SANCTUARY	9AM SPLIT TEES		2MAN-5
09/12/23		GREEN GARDEN GOLD	9:30 SHOTGUN		CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP-5
09/19/23		SILVER LAKE NORTH	8:30 SPLIT TEES		MAKE UP
09/25/23		MICHIGAN CITY	SHOTGUN		DAILY GAME
09/26/23		MICHIGAN CITY	SHOTGUN		DAILY GAME
10/03/23		TUCKAWAY	9AM SPLIT TEES		TBD
10/10/23		GREEN GARDEN EMERALD/BL	9:30 SPLIT TEES		WORLD SERIES
10/17/23		NAPERBROOK	10 AM SPLIT TEES		WORLD SERIES
10/24/23		BOLINGBROOK	10 AM SPLIT TEES		CALCUTTA?
10/31/23		SILVER LAKE SOUTH	10 SHOTGUN		GOLF AWARDS DINNER
		SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BUT NOT LIKELY!			