



Gentlemen of the BTC,

September 26, 2024

Well, golf season is closing as last Sunday September 22nd marked the first day of fall. I can't wait to play golf with **Anthony Serritella** as we try to locate our ball among the leaves. But alas, he will bring out another gadget from the cart. A LEAF BLOWER! Purchased on Amazon ...Problem solved.

This reminds me of last year on October 31st at Silver Lake. The day began cold but somewhat tolerable and ended with blizzard like conditions. Sideways blowing snow- and snow-covered greens. This made it very easy to read the putts. Nine of us braved the elements. Three of us soldiered through and finished the round. And can you believe it – when the three of us made it back to the Clubhouse there was no bartender or cook. NO BEER OR FOOD!!!! WTF?

The names will be withheld to protect the guilty.



Soon we will split off into our chosen winter sports of either Tennis (the balls are small and fuzzy) or Bowling (the balls are big and hard). That sounded funnier in my head. Any who, I know the competition levels of this club and they are fierce.

Friends will become enemies and Enemies will become friends. Then before you know it – it will be golf season again and the sport will humble everyone equally. Except for our incoming President **Bob 'Elvis' Kennedy** and exiting President **Scott 'I'm good at everything' Lee**. These guys don't bow to the game of golf...They own it!

I'm hoping a good time was had by all who made the trip to Michigan. The weather wasn't ideal (especially Tuesday), but hopefully the company and casinos made up for it. Scores, prizes and refunds are being calculated and will be announced at a later time for Monday's play at Beechwood.

Scott Lee is looking for a bowler on Thursday nights at Rolling Lanes in Countryside starting at 6:30 pm. Any questions or interest please contact Scott Lee direct 312-340-4171.

Please keep **Ron Harwig** in your thoughts and prayers as he is going through some health issues now. We hope to see Ron back on the course and bowling lanes soon.

Secretary Wanted

It's time again that we look for a member who would like to join the officers' ranks and accept the position of Secretary. I will buy the first 3 candidates a beer when they put their name in for consideration. I recommend not talking to **Tom Ollenburger** because his screening involves a block of ice, an olive and a unique challenging way of picking up the olive.

Happy October Birthdays

Lawrence Konopacz (Applicant) (1), Larry Garetto (4), Larry Gramith (16), Hal Eberling (16), Jack Heatter (17), Steve Ostrowski (17), Jim Eppolito (22), John Bondi (23), Randy Samoska (25), Jerry Jasinski (26), Mike Sullivan (29).

Let me know if I forgot anyone else.

Parting thought:

A little boy and his grandfather are raking leaves in the yard. The little boy sees an earthworm trying to get back into its hole. He says, "Grandpa, I bet I can put that worm back in that hole." The grandfather replies, "I'll bet you five dollars you can't. It's too wiggly and limp to put back in that tiny hole."



The little boy runs into the house and comes back out with a can of hair spray. He sprays the worm until it is straight and stiff as a board. The boy then proceeds to slip the dying worm back into the hole.



The grandfather hands the little boy five dollars, grabs the hair spray and runs into the house. Thirty minutes later the grandfather comes back out and hands the boy another five dollars. The little boy says, "Grandpa, you already gave me five dollars."



The grandfather replies, "I know. That's from Grandma."



Yours in BTCism.
Have a great week!
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Fellow Members,

Today I would like to tell you a little bit about one of our longtime Members, **Tom Marino**. He has been golfing with the BTC since he joined the Club in 1994. But before Tom started his time with us let me begin by telling you that he graduated from Loyola University with a Pre-law Degree. Tom told me that he hasn't forgotten much of what he learned in College and is willing to give anyone advice, who needs it, for only \$150 per hr. on up. Seriously though in 1963 Tom started a six year stint in the Illinois National Guard which put him right in the middle of the 1967 Oak Lawn Tornado where the Guard did rescues and the 1968 Democratic Convention Riots. In 1981 Tom changed professions and opened TJM Interiors where, as the name states, he helped customers with their draperies, blinds, decorations etc. Tom ran the business until 2013 when he closed the doors. When Tom first joined the BTC his Sponsors were Bruno Bertucci and Dan Woodward. Tom told me that he tried bowling but the competition back then as now was just too good. He has played golf with us every year and managed to win a few Club Championships. Tom is most proud of getting a first place and a second place in the Two-Man Event with his longtime partner Paul Sowa, beating a low handicap golfer John Mann and his partner. Today Tom still plays golf with us whenever he can make it and also plays in Florida and Mexico with his good friend Joe Bonarigo. But when Tom isn't on the course he likes to spend as much time as he can with his 3 Daughters and 6 Grandchildren. I hope that this gives you a little more insight into another of our Valuable Members.

Thanks for listening,
Your Historian,
Bob Vizdal

GOLF NEWS

I need to get your info if you are golfing Tuesday. We need about 10 more golfers to have a scramble otherwise it will be regular golf day. So, If you could let me know sooner than later if you want golf Tuesday either in the scramble or regular golf. Trying to let the course know how many and if we are having a scramble

Also attached the qualifiers for the world series coming up at the end of the season
Larry Garetto
708-888-1355 Hotline.

2024 UPDATED GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	COURSE	TIME	SPLIT/SHOTGUN OR TEE TIMES	EVENT
9/24/2024	MICHIGAN TRIP-TBD			
10/1/2024	CARDINAL CREEK	9:00AM	SPLIT TEES	SCRAMBLE/OPEN PLAY
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				

CALCUTTA RESULTS SILVER LAKE NORTH SEPT 17, 2024

1ST Place TEAM #10 B. Foster, Boyle, L. Garetto, Tutka	116
2ND Place TEAM #13 McDermott, Zielinski, R. Samoska, Podlasek	117
3RD Place TEAM # 4 Furman, Stewart, J. Jasinski, Kaz	119
4TH Place TEAM # 5 Stanford	120
TEAM #11 B. Miller	120
6TH Place TEAM #14 J. Samoska	121
7TH Place TEAM # 6 T. Schlessner	122
TEAM # 8 P. Schlessner	122
9TH Place TEAM # 2 G. Foster	124
10th Place TEAM # 1 Kennedy	125
11th Place TEAM # 3 Lee	126
12th Place TEAM # 7 Jenner	131
13th Place TEAM # 9 Elliott	133
14th Place TEAM # 12 Bewley	136

Closest to the Pin winners were:

HOLE 4	TEAM # 4 FURMAN
HOLE 9	TEAM #12 BEWLEY
HOLE 12	TEAM # 2 G. FOSTER
HOLE 18	TEAM # 2 G. FOSTER

The full player spreadsheet is attached to the newsletter as a separate document.