



Gentlemen of the BTC,

November 21, 2024

I'm saddened to report another passing of a 37 year member and Past President (1985) of the BTC.



Patrick Michael Joyce, affectionately known as **Pat**, passed away on August 29, 2024, in Fort Myers, Florida, at the age of 77.

According to **Bob Vizdal**, Pat was the best tennis player in the club for a number of years. Here is the story about how Pat got to be an Officer back when Ed Wood was President we were having the Nomination Meeting at Rosewood where we used to have our dinners. They opened the bar most of the bowlers went to the bar. They closed the doors and had the vote. The tennis players had stayed and Pat Joyce was elected as Secretary of the BTC. Ed Wood told us that story many a time at tennis.

Professionally, **Pat** was a visionary in the real estate and building industries. He co-founded Joyce Realtors in 1979 and Joyce Builders, contributing significantly to the development of the southwest suburbs of Chicago. His career began in sales, where his charismatic personality and keen business acumen quickly made him a respected figure in the industry.

A celebration of **Pat's** life was held at Gulf Harbour on October 29th, 2024, and a subsequent celebration in Chicago on December 7th at JC's Pub. AAV Funeral Home is assisting the family during this time.



Here is the proposed slate of officers for 2025.

President: **Bob Kennedy**

Vice President: **Anthony Serritella** (*played by Lee Kaz*)

Treasurer: **Anthony Serritella** (filling in for **Lee Kaz**) (Fiduciary conflict of interest)

Secretary: **Dave Jenner**

Immediate Past President: **Scott Lee**

The formal motion and vote to accept the 2025 slate of Officers will be done at the December 3rd Club Christmas dinner.

As stated in our By-Laws Article V, section 2 (c): “Any thirty (30) members in good standing may prepare an independent ticket for any or all said officers, subscribe thereto and file the same with the Secretary prior to October 25 thereafter, who shall include said ticket in the next regular weekly notice sent to each member in good standing.”

The History of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday of November. Its history dates back to the early 17th century when English Pilgrims settled in America.

The First Thanksgiving

In 1620, a group of Pilgrims left England on the Mayflower, seeking religious freedom. They landed in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts. The harsh winter made survival difficult, and many settlers died from cold and hunger. In the spring of 1621, they received help from the local Wampanoag tribe, who taught them how to grow crops like corn and squash.

To celebrate their first successful harvest in November 1621, the Pilgrims invited the Wampanoag to join them for a feast. This gathering is often considered the first Thanksgiving. It lasted three days and included food like venison, fowl, and corn.



A National Holiday

Thanksgiving was celebrated in various forms over the years, but it wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln declared it a national holiday. He wanted to unite the country during the Civil War and suggested that

the last Thursday in November be a day of “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

In 1941, Congress officially established Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday in November, where it remains today.

Modern Celebrations

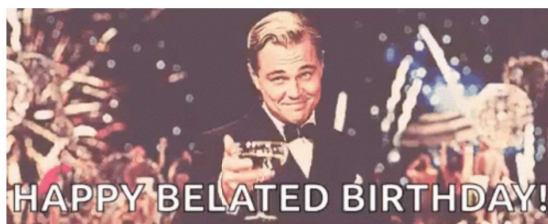
Today, Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to gather, share a meal, and express gratitude. Traditional foods include turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Many people also watch parades and football games, making it a festive occasion.

Thanksgiving reminds us of the importance of community, gratitude, and sharing with others. Whether through volunteering or simply spending time with loved ones, it’s a day to reflect on what we are thankful for.

Happy November Birthdays

Bill Foster (2), Dan Tomkins (2), Tom Tucker (2), Tony Alexander (5), Ken Poteracki (5), Robert Long (9), Gary Foster (11), Roger Stewart (11), Scott Lee (13), Kelly Melfi (13), Randy Giovanetti (14), Michael Christophersen (15), Michael Breier (16), John Roberts (16), Ron Bazan (17), Scott Carter (17), Mike Ganz (21), Tom Wilson (21), Kevin Bewley (27)

I’m sorry, I missed our Presidents Birthday in the November listings.



Happy belated birthday **Scott Lee 11/13**. I won’t forget next year...because I won’t be writing the newsletter.

Let me know if I forgot anyone else.

Parting thought:

HOW TO COOK A TURKEY

- Step 1: Buy a turkey
- Step 2: Have a glass of *wine*
- Step 3: Stuff turkey
- Step 4: Have a glass of *wine*
- Step 5: Put turkey in oven
- Step 6: Relax w/ a glass of *wine*
- Step 7: Turk the bastey
- Step 8: *Wine* of glass another get
- Step 9: Hunt for meat thermometer
- Step 10: Glass yourself another pour *wine*
- Step 11: Bake the *wine* for 4 hours
- Step 12: Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 13: Tet the sable
- Step 14: Grab another *wottle of bine*
- Step 15: Eat



Have a great week!

Yours in BTCism.

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Tennis Report – Al Baldermann

15 players. Everyone behaved, even Ron. Jim Reschke should go to confession after the drop shot he put on Ed Rooks. After tennis 9 of us went to dinner at Sorisso, great time.

Results:

Court 1

Rollins – 13/23

Johnson – 12/23

Vizdal – 11/23

Lillwitz – 8/16

Heraty – 10/23

Court 2

Bewley – 11/16
Ganz – 11/16
Kees – 9/16
Schaefer – 5/16
Abramowicz 4/16

Court 3

Baldermann – 11/16
Reschke – 13/20
Schroeder – 9/16
DiNolfo – 4/16
Rooks – 3/12

Lillwitz/Schroeder – 5/6
Baldermann/Reschke-1/6

Bowling News

This week is the annual Beat the Champs Tournament. As usual all bowlers will be entered and our league prize fund will pay for your entry. Since our league will have 100% participation in this event, our top bowler this week will advance to next round with a chance to not only win the \$10,000 First Prize, but also win our league a \$500 bonus to our prize fund. Also, as a reminder, I am working on and will present a couple of options that we can vote on, by week 5 of the bowling season for our Prize List, if you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns please let me know.

Thanks again everyone for getting the Sanction Cards and fees to me so promptly. I am sending Sanction Cards out, as I am writing this. Please remember all bowlers need to fill out a sanction card. I appreciate your help, by letting me know if you have a new bowler throughout the season. As I will need to have him fill out a sanction card at that time.

One housekeeping item I have is please do not take the Pot sheet off of the front counter. This is the sheet we use to record the high scores and pot winners for the league. I had to leave right after finishing bowling this week, and not all teams were done before I left. Someone had taken that sheet off the counter and it got lost. I had asked my manager to put it in my folder so I could report in this newsletter on who won the pots as I do every week. Since the sheet could not be found I cannot report on the winners of some of the pots. This sheet is kept on the front counter for a reason, and needs to stay there. Special thank you to Frank Reichenberger and Anthony Serritella for writing down their pot winners before leaving so I could recognize the bowlers who won their pots.

Some of our top Individual handicap series this week were: **Lee Kaz 706, Terry Jesk 693, Chuck Febel 677, and Jeff Dinga 677.** Our top scratch performers this week were: **Anthony Serritella 268 game and a 641 series, Dennis Samoska Jr. 245 game and a 626 series, Jeff Dinga 258 game and a 623 series, Ken Wisniewski 257 game, Tony Alexander 226 game, Randy Samoska 226 game, and Dave Jenner 222 game.**

Once again if there are Builders Tee Club members that would like to get out this winter for some fun and camaraderie with their fellow members, please text or call me at 708-912-8831, and I will do my best to find you a spot. Have a Great rest of the week, see you Tuesday!

Keith Tadevich
Bowling Secretary
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Pots for the Week

<u>Handicap</u>		<u>1st Game</u>	<u>Doubles</u>
Game 1 John Guarnieri	241	1st Place	Sheet Lost
Tony Alexander	236		
Game 2 Anthony Serritella	277	2nd Place	Sheet Lost
Jeff Quillici	243		
Game 3 Jeff Dinga	276	<u>2nd Game</u>	
Lee Kaz	275	1st Place	Sheet Lost
<u>Mystery Pot</u>		2nd Place	Sheet Lost
1st Game No Winner			
2nd Game Marv Huddleston	111	<u>3rd Game</u>	
		1st Place	Sheet Lost
<u>Last Game Handicap</u>			
1st Place Sheet Lost			
2nd Place Sheet Lost		2nd Place	Sheet Lost
3rd Place Sheet Lost			
<u>Clean Pots</u>		<u>2nd Game Blind Doubles</u>	
Forward Ken Wisniewski	19	1st Place	Tie Sheet Lost
Reverse Sheet Lost			
30 No Winner		1st Place	Tie Sheet Lost
<u>Handicap Survivor</u>			
1st Place Chuck Febel	222		
2nd Place Paul Klienpaste	218	3rd Place	Sheet Lost
3rd Place Tim Magee	217		

Tom Kelly shot at the Corner Pin Pot and did not Convert
Corner Pin Pot is a Roll-over starting next week at \$290

"A" Division				Standings	"B" Division			
#	Builders Tee Club	W	L		#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
2	Beggars Pizza	19	2		4	Band of Brothers	14	7
10	Smokey's Bandits	13	8		3	Bright Metals	14	7
1	Traitors	10	11		7	Ascend Wealth Planning	11	10
5	Arena Lanes	9	12		8	Burr Oak Bowl	7	14
9	Tri-Star	9	12		11	Oak Forest Bowl	7	14
6	Creative Colors	6	15					

Lane Assignments						
Lanes	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12
11/26/2024	7 vs. 12	5 vs. 8	9 vs. 2	10 vs. 4	11 vs. 6	1 vs. 3
12/3/2024	11 vs. 8	9 vs. 7	1 vs. 5	6 vs. 3	10 vs. 12	2 vs. 4