



Gentlemen of the BTC,

December 5, 2024

Here are your elected 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 – it's a corporate business thing. Ask me if you would like more information or to volunteer for something.)

Secretary: **Dave Jenner**

Immediate Past President: **Scott Lee**

We had 87 members attend our **Christmas Dinner and Election Of Officers** last Tuesday.

There were 3 Split the Pot winners, and the Club collected \$800.00. These monies go towards dinners and drink tickets, hot dogs and beer at the turns on occasion to name a few.

Other winners to mention were:

2 Deer Creek 4-somes

Jim Musser

Steve Ostrowski

Silver Lake 2-somes

Greg Lewis 2x

Chuck Pettrone

Les Swintek

Chuck Schwenn

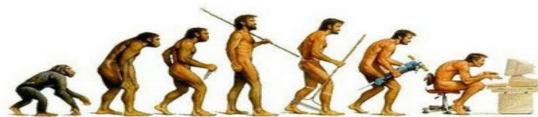
Wally Botwinski

John Race

Larry Gramith

Derrick Bay

Black Friday Highlights



Whatever happened to the old days of Full Contact Shopping where it was survival of the fittest?

Record-Breaking Sales: Amazon reported its biggest Black Friday week ever, with record sales and a significant number of items sold. Popular categories included electronics, toys, and beauty products.

Top-Selling Products: Some of the best-selling items were Echo and Fire TV devices, Beats headphones, Samsung TVs, and Barbie doll.

Independent Sellers: Over 60% of sales on Amazon were from independent sellers, highlighting the success of small and medium-sized businesses.

Cyber Monday Highlights

Best Deals: Cyber Monday offered significant discounts across various categories. For example, TVs saw discounts up to 39%, and smart home devices were up to 50% off.

Popular Retailers: Major retailers like Best Buy, Walmart, and Target offered deep discounts on electronics, home goods, and apparel.

Customer Savings: Customers saved billions during the Cyber Monday event, with standout deals on products like the Amazon Fire TV Stick 4K and Beats Solo 4 headphones.

General Observations

Shift to Online Shopping: While Black Friday traditionally focused on in-store deals, Cyber Monday continued to dominate online sales, offering a second chance for shoppers to snag the best deals.

Healthy Start to Holiday Season: The combined sales from Black Friday and Cyber Monday indicated a strong start to the holiday shopping season, with a 45% increase in sales compared to the previous year.



Someone approached me at bowling and mentioned his birthday is on the 31st ...I can't remember who that was. (Joe Rymsza) Text me and I will make sure it is in the next newsletter.

Happy December Birthdays

Greg Will (1), Gary Klonowski (3), Mike Loye (4), Bob Schaefer (6), Joe Eppolito (11), Daniel Grimes (12), Todd Johnson (14), Dan Heraty (16), Bob Kennedy (16), Mike Sutko (19), Nick Mady (21), Gene Banas (23), Jack Carter (23), Chuck Cahill (25), Bart Crosby (28), Dick Kerkstra (31), Joe Rymsza (31).



Strengths: Generous, idealistic, great sense of humor

Weaknesses: Promises more than can deliver, very impatient, will say anything no matter how undiplomatic

Sagittarius likes: Freedom, travel, philosophy, being outdoors

Sagittarius dislikes: Clingy people, being constrained, off-the-wall theories, details



Strengths: Responsible, disciplined, self-control, good managers

Weaknesses: Know-it-all, unforgiving, condescending, expecting the worst

Capricorn likes: Family, tradition, music, understated status, quality craftsmanship

Capricorn dislikes: Almost everything at some point



Bored? Want to earn some bowling or tennis money? **Tim Magee** informed me that Currie Motors of Frankfort are looking for part-time drivers for their Fleet Department. For more information call either **Tim Magee** at (708) 259-1986 or Currie Motors (815) 464-9200.

Parting thought:



THE VIRGIN BIRTH

A woman takes her 16-year-old daughter to the doctor. The doctor says, "Okay, Mrs. Jones, what's the problem?"

The mother says, "It's my daughter Darla. She keeps getting these cravings, she's putting on weight and is sick most mornings."

The doctor gives Darla a good examination then turns to the mother and says, "Well, I don't know how to tell you this, but your Darla is pregnant. About 4 months would be my guess."

The mother says, "Pregnant?! She can't be, she has never ever been left alone with a man! Have you Darla?"

Darla says, "No mother! I've never even kissed a man!"

The doctor walked over to the window and just stares out it. About five minutes pass and finally the mother says, "Is there something wrong out there doctor?"

The doctor replies, "No, not really, it's just that the last time anything like this happened, a star appeared in the east and three wise men came over the hill. I'll be damned if I'm going to miss it this time!"

Have a great week!

Yours in BTCism.

Lee Kaz, 2024 Secretary

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please welcome our newest applicant to the Club:

Frank Kossman, 6431 Halsey Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517 cell # 630-287-3298

email address: frank_kossman@sbcglobal.net Sponsors: Jim Day and Nelson Radcliffe

Sincerely,

Jerry Jasinski, Chairman

HISTORIAN REPORT

Since our Historian, **Bob Vizdal**, is a notable long-term member (1997) I thought it was time to present his life story in this column.

Bob was born in 1948 (yes, he's 76-years old and has been rebuilt along the way). He's been married to his wife Ginny for 55 years and they had 3 daughters and have 6 lovely grandchildren (ranging in age from 3 to 22 years old). He now lives in St John's Indiana, a transplant from Tinley Park ~ 10 year ago.

He became a member through the efforts of his sponsors **Gary Klonowski & Med Molick**. Bob plays golf, bowls, (2) 300 games) and also plays tennis. His working life has mostly been spent with Jewel Food Stores (1967-2011) and he ran the Produce section for many of these years (you might have guessed that when he breaks out the vegetable snack bag on the golf course).

Bob had his 1st hole-in-one this year. He's been the Club Historian since 2019. One of his 1st Historian interviews was with Lee Tew, who until recently was our oldest member. Over these many years Bob has won every one of his Golf Division tournaments (divisions 3 thru 8). Bob also contributes to the Club by working the registration table for Italian Day and loves to partake in after-dinner Gin Rummy games. Finally, Bob went thru the officer ranks, culminating as our President in 2006. Let's give him a hearty THANKS for being a model BTC member.

Sincerely,

Rich Schroeder

Tennis Report – Al Baldermann

14 players. Everyone in top form. Some very competitive matches.

Results:

Court 4

Johnson – 18/27
Heraty – 13/27
Rollins – 12/27
Kees – 11/27

Court 5

Kahlhammer – 15/22
Bewley – 12/22
Abramowicz – 11/22
Ganz – 10/20
Rooks – 3/20

Court 6

Reschke – 14/20
Schroeder – 14/20
Schaefer – 10/20
Baldermann – 5/16
DiNolfo – 5/20

Bowling News

It was great seeing our club together at the Annual Christmas Dinner at Silver Lakes after bowling this past week. I think we should send out a special thank you to our board for another great job!

This coming week is our 6th week of bowling, which means our first position round is this week. We held our annual Beat the Champs Tournament this past week. Congratulations to Ken Wisniewski, who shot 702 scratch and 747 with handicap. Ken was our top bowler in the Beat the Champs Tournament and will represent our league in the next round of the Tournament. He will bowl at noon on Saturday, February 22nd at Arena Lanes. Good Luck Ken!

This past week I presented a couple of options for our 2024-2025 League Prize Fund, hopefully everyone has had a chance to look these over. If you have any questions or suggestions pertaining to the prize list please feel free to call or text me on my cell (708) 912-8831. I would like to have a vote to approve one of these prize lists this Tuesday right before bowling.

As a reminder if you have not paid your teams sponsor fee, please do so as soon as possible, as I would like to get these all collected asap. Also, just so everyone understands if you come to bowling looking to sub and there is not an available spot, you can still bowl as a pacer on the lanes that the bye team is assigned to. Your scores will not count towards your average, but you will be permitted to get in the pots. It was brought to my attention there was a mistake with our season schedule on-line. It showed us bowling on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. This has been corrected and I would like to remind everyone we are not bowling on Christmas Eve or New Years Eve.

Some of our top Individual handicap series this week were: **Ken Wisniewski 747, Tom Ollenburger 726, Jim Musser 716, Mike McNamara 716, Roger Stewart 716, Dave Jenner 712, Jack Heatter 710, Dan**

Woodward Jr. 709, Les Swintek 709, Jim Eppolito 704, Randy Samoska 698, Tony Alexander 696, Dennis Samoska Sr. 688, Jeff Dinga 681, Keith Tadevich 681, Vince Annel 680, and Dan Raymond 680. Our top scratch performers this were: **Ken Wisniewski 254, 223, 225, and a 702 series, Craig O'Reilly 269, and a 667 series, Tony Alexander 247, and a 654 series, Tom Ollenburger 224, 257, and a 647 series, Dave Jenner 232, and a 646 series, Jeff Dinga 258 game, Jim Eppolito 227 game, and Jim Musser 220 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, it is not too late to join, everyone is welcome! Please text or call me at 708-912-8831, and I will do my best to find you a spot.

Keith Tadevich
Bowling Secretary
708-912-8831

Pots for the Week

<u>Handicap</u>		<u>1st Game</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	
Game 1 Jim Musser	271	1st Place Ken Wisniewski &		550
Ken Wisniewski	269	Tony Alexander		
Game 2 Craig O'Reilly	270	2nd Place Dave Jenner &		504
Les Swintek	246	Tom Ollenburger		
Game 3 Jeff Dinga	294	<u>2nd Game</u>		
Jim Eppolito	267	1st Place Craig O'Reilly &		510
		Keith Tadevich		
		2nd Place Craig O'Reilly &		509
<u>Mystery Pot</u>		Gary Foster		
1st Game Mike Breier				
2nd Game No Winner		<u>3rd Game</u>		
		1st Place Jack Heatter &		550
		Tom Ollenburger		
<u>Last Game Handicap</u>		2nd Place Jeff Dinga &		520
1st Place Jeff Dinga	294	Terry Conway		
2nd Place Hal Ebering	253			
<u>Clean Pots</u>		<u>2nd Game Blind Doubles</u>		
Forward(tie) Ken Wisniewski	30	1st Game Craig O'Reilly &		509
Reverse Ken Wisniewski	30	Jim Eppolito		
30 Ken Wisniewski	30	2nd Place Craig O'Reilly &		501
<u>Handicap Survivor</u>		Tom Kelly		
1st Place Les Swintek	248	3rd Place Les Swintek &		490
2nd Place Keith Tadevich	237	Jay Skierkiewicz		
3rd Place Dan Woodward Jr.	235			

Congratulations Willie Janda WON the Corner Pin Pot
The Corner Pin Pot Paid out \$690

"A" Division				Standings				"B" Division			
#	Builders Tee Club	W	L	#	Builders Tee Club	W	L	#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
10	Smokey's Bandits	27	8	7	Ascend Wealth Planning	21	14				
2	Beggars Pizza	26	9	4	Band of Brothers	19	16				
5	Traitors	20	15	11	Oak Forest Bowl	19	16				
1	Arena Lanes	18	17	3	Bright Metals	14	21				
6	Creative Colors	15	20	8	Burr Oak Bowl	9	26				
9	Tri-Star	15	20								

Lane Assignments						
Lanes	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12
12/10/2024	11 vs. 3	8 vs. 12	10 vs. 2	5 vs. 1	6 vs. 9	7 vs. 4
12/17/2024	10 vs. 6	11 vs. 1	3 vs. 8	12 vs. 2	7 vs. 4	9 vs. 5