



Gentlemen of the BTC,

December 7, 2023

Many of you have heard by now that **Bob Vizdal's youngest (34 yrs old) daughter Steffani (Vizdal) Hommes** was in a terrible car accident this past Friday. She was driving on Governors Hwy near Peotone when a teenager tried to make a u-turn in front of her which resulted in a high-speed head-on collision. Among her many injuries Steffani suffered a torn carotid artery which resulted in a massive stroke. After being transferred to Christ Hospital, surgeons performed a Craniectomy. They had to remove a portion of her skull to relieve swelling and pressure on the brain. There has been significant damage to the brain. Steffani remains at Christ Hospital in critical condition in the Neurology ICU. I can't imagine how difficult it must be for Bob and his wife Ginny as parents to know that the only thing they can do is hold Steffani's hand and pray for a miracle. What we can do for our friend is offer our love, support and prayers.

I find it very difficult to move on to the lighter side of this newsletter after writing about this tragic event that my dear friend and his family must suffer through, but I will do my best.

Tuesday night was the Annual BTC Christmas Dinner. I was unable to attend as I was stuck at the firehouse. I have heard from multiple people that were there that it was a really good time and probably the best meal they have ever had at Silver Lake. I'm not sure why, but only 75 members attended. That is very low compared to previous years.

I was happy to hear that some of our M*A*S*H unit members **Andy Zilis, Gary Klonowski and Nick Mady** are all recovering well enough from recent surgeries that they were able to attend the dinner.

A total of \$510 was awarded to our split the pot winners. **Scott Lee** (\$220), **Dan Raymond** (\$170), **Bob Schaefer** (\$120).

Also at the dinner, the membership committee met and by a unanimous vote welcomed our newest BTC member **Peter Kahlhammer**. Congratulations Paul!

The big news in bowling this week was that Band Of Brothers' four-week unbeaten streak came to a grinding halt as Beggars Pizza took 5 of 7 points from the "A" divisions top team and handed them their first losses of the season. Second place Smokey's Bandits is now just five points back. The "B" division is a much tighter race. Tri-Star remains in first place but there is just 4 points of separation between first and fourth place.

John Roberts had both the high game and high series this week (278/666). **Jack Brown, Randy Samoska and Dave Jenner** also had nice series this week, each in the 640's. Some other top games were **Jack Brown's 254 and Randy Samoska's 249**.

Next week will be the first position round. Bring your "A" game or get left behind.

In tennis this week it was 2 guests that dominated on the courts. Come on guys, I expect better from you. **Mike Darabaris, Ed Rooks, Rich Schroeder** and our newest member **Paul Kahlhammer** were the only members that won 50% or more of their games. The rest of you guys just make me sad. I expect you guys to show up next week with some BTC pride and if there are any guests, put them in their place.

Friday this week we are going to see temps pushing 60 degrees. With only 21 weeks left until the start of the golf season I would suggest you don't miss out on this opportunity to get to a golf course and work on your game.

The countdown is on: After today I will only be writing three more newsletters. We will then be treated to the much anticipated **Lee Kaz** era. I got it from a very reliable source that Lee has been taking creative writing classes in propaganda in preparation for this highly coveted journalistic opportunity. My sources say that Lee believes that a Pulitzer may be within his grasp next year.

Also attached to the newsletter is the 2024 Annual Dues Notice and a fill-in notice can be accessed on our web site for changes and updates to member information.

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)

Let me know if I missed anyone.

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Tennis Report – Al Baldermann

14 players. Very even matches on all courts.

Bob Vizdal, Ginny and Stefani were all on our minds.

Results:

Court 1

Kees	18/24
Rollins	10/24
Heraty	10/24
Johnson	10/24

Court 2

Darabaris	14/24
Schroeder	13/24
Kahlhammer	12/24
Ganz	10/24
Abramowicz	7/16

Court 3

Reschke	17/25
Rooks	14/25
Baldermann	10/21
Schaefer	12/25
DiNolfo	5/20

BOWLING NEWS

Congratulations to Les Swintek, who is our top qualifier for the Beat the Champs Tournament with a 3 Game handicap series of 769 (The Beat the Champs Tournament calculates the Handicap slightly different than we do). Since our league has 100% participation, Les is guaranteed to advance to the next round of the Tournament, which I have been told will be at Palos Lanes, time TBD, on Sunday February 18th. I know we all wish Les good luck in the next round!

Tuesday will mark our halfway point in our first half schedule; therefore, this week will be our 1st Position Round of the Year. There is still plenty of time for all teams to get hot and make a charge in the standings! Good Luck to all teams this week.

Some of the top handicap series performers this past week were: **Les Swintek 768 series, Jack Brown 744 series, Matt Janda 727 series, Randy Samoska 722 series, Terry Conway 712 series, Chuck Febel 706 series, Chuck Schwenn 706 series, Dave Jenner 706 series, John Roberts 699 series, and Mike Seebock 695 series.** Some of the best scratch scores were by: **John Roberts 278, and a 666 series, Jack Brown 254, and a 648 series, Randy Samoska 249, and a 644 series, Dave Jenner 225, and a 643 series, Keith Tadevich 225, 223, and 638 series, Tony Alexander 226, 221, and a 634 series, Dennis Samoska Jr. 238 game, Tom Ollenburger 235 game, Les Swintek 225 game, and Jeff Dinga 221 game.**

Please don't forget the Sponsors fees are due, I have had some teams pay this already, and I appreciate it! For those who have not paid it yet the fee is \$125 and I can provide an invoice for those sponsors that would like them.

I will pass out two different prize lists for teams to consider, I had them ready to pass out this past week and forgot too, I am sorry. I will make sure they are out this week and then we can vote the following week 12-19-23 to choose what option the league prefers.

We still have teams looking for a full-time regular bowler and we are desperately looking for someone to fill these spots! If you know of anyone interested, please let me know. You can call/text me at 708-912-8831 or email me at keith@oakforestbowl.com. See you all Tuesday!

Keith Tadevich – Bowling Secretary

Pots for the week

<u>Handicap</u>			<u>Doubles</u>		
Game 1	Matt Janda	255	1st Game	Les Swintek &	459
	Keith Tadevich	238		Adam Valentinas	
Game 2	John Roberts	289	2nd Game	John Roberts &	538
	Jack Brown	286		Derrick Bay	
Game 3	Les Swintek	273	3rd Game	Les Swintek &	502
	Dennis Samoska Jr.	250		Adam Valentinas	

<u>Mystery Pot</u>			<u>2nd Game Blind Doubles</u>		
1st Game	No Winner		1st Place	John Roberts &	526
				Jeff Dinga	
2nd Game	No Winner		2nd Place	John Roberts &	517
				Randy Giovannetti	
<u>Last Game Handicap</u>			3rd Place	Randy Smoska &	504
1st Place	Les Swintek	273		Ken Wisniewski	
2nd Place	Terry Conway	251			
3rd Place	Dave Jenner	246			

<u>Clean Pots</u>			<u>Handicap Survivor</u>		
Forward	Jack Brown	27	1st Place	Les Swintek	273
Reverse	Dennis Samoska Jr.	14	2nd Place	Wayne Hutchinson	213
30	No Winner				

Standings

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L	#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
7	Team Schwenn	30	5	2	Tri-Star	15	20
5	Smokey's Bandits	25	10	9	Beggar's Pizza	13	22
4	Traitors	24	11	1	Burr Oak Bowl	11.5	23.5
3	Bright Metals	20.5	14.5	8	Bluebird Lanes	11	24
10	Creative Colors	20	15	12	Ascend Welath Planning	9	26
11	Oak Forest Bowl	18	17	6	Mama Vesuvio	8	27

Lane Assignments

Lanes	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12
12/12/2023	7 vs. 5	4 vs. 3	10 vs. 11	2 vs. 9	1 vs. 8	12 vs. 6
12/19/2023	10 vs. 6	11 vs. 1	3 vs. 8	12 vs. 2	7 vs. 4	9 vs. 5



Builders Tee Club 2024 Annual Dues Notice

Dues for the Year January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Make check payable to **BUILDERS TEE CLUB** in the amount of **\$200.00**

Senior Dues (25-year member & 65+ years of age)- \$120.00

Out of State (At least 10 months)- \$100.00

Ad Book- Help us pay for the roster book while promoting your business!

Ads will be printed in full color- you provide the artwork or an ad can be custom made for you.

$\frac{1}{2}$ page (2"x3")- **\$75.00** _____ - or Full Page (4"x6") - **\$125.00** _____

Back Inside Cover *- **\$150.00** _____ Back Cover * **\$175.00** _____ ****only one spot available***

Please email artwork/logos and ad information to amandagaretto@beggarspizza.com by March 1st

Additional Contribution- \$ _____ **(Fill in Amount)**

Insert check and mail NOW to Treasurer. Your canceled check will be your receipt. Due date is February 1st. Add the \$20 late fee if paid later. Payment by credit/debit card with a small convenience fee can be made at builderstee.com/applicant page.

***PLEASE INCLUDE CHANGES ONLY! (mark X if no changes ___)**

Member Name (rqrd.): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Wife's Name: _____ Cell: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Business Type: _____

Business Name: _____

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(Treasurer)

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