



Gentlemen of the BTC,

December 28, 2023

The final 2023 newsletter is gonna be a little long. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

As we close out another year of the Builders Tee Club I'd like to thank this year's officers for dedicating their time and effort to making this another great BTC year. **President Peter Garetto, Vice President Scott Lee and Treasurer Bob Kennedy.** It has been my pleasure to serve as your secretary and compose the weekly newsletter. I did my best to keep you all informed of all things BTC. I also want to thank **Andy Zilis.** I may be the one writing the main body of the newsletter, but it is Andy that pieces everything together and gets it out to everybody each week.

There are also so many other men that deserve our appreciation for the work they do on the various committees that are so vital to the success and survival of our great club. Far too many names to mention. The committee members are all listed on the BTC website as well as in the member's book. I would suggest that you take a look at those committees and when you see those gentlemen, thank them for all that they do.

As with any year, there are always highs and lows. Unfortunately we had some active members pass away this year. As we approach the new year, please remember **Gary "Hawk" Crothers, Val Sarli, Dan Woodward Sr. and Al Alfini. May they all rest in peace.**

A couple 2023 highlights include **Dave Jenner's** 800 series in bowling. **Dick Kerkstra** had the club's lone hole in one this year. President **Peter Garetto** welcomed his first baby. **Gary Foster** became a grandfather for the first time. And of course, a million to one shot. **Bob Kennedy's** cell phone gets shattered while in his cooler from a shot played from the wrong hole at Italian Day. Unfortunately I can't mention my favorite moment of 2023 because I promised **Lee Kaz** that I would never again mention his 5 putt on a par three at Italian Day.

This was also the year of the monkey. My 3-wood monkey not only suffered many indignities at the hands of some of our BTC perverts but the monkey was also forced to give birth on the bar at Silver Lake. After a few months of therapy, the monkey should be ready for opening day of golf.

I can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for the Builders Tee Club.

Enough about the past. In bowling this week Smokey's Bandits led by **Dennis Samoska Jr's** 722 scratch series took 7 points from Band of Brothers and moved into first place in the "A" division four points ahead of second place traitors. Band of Brothers without their spiritual leader Chuck Schwenn (more on Chuck later) fell to fourth place. In the "B" division Bluebird Lanes continued their hot streak with 7 points and moved into 1st place ahead of Tri-Star.

Besides Dennis Samoska's 722 some other top scratch performers this week were **Ken Wisniewski** (686) and **Bill Slusarczyk** (674). Dennis also had 2 of the 3 top scratch games this week (258, 245). **Tony Alexander** continued his fine season with a 245 game.

Now back to **Chuck Schwenn**. I spoke to **John Race** (Chuck's Son In Law) this afternoon. Chuck's injuries were more serious than previously reported. Chuck's shoulder was actually dislocated. The doctors couldn't get his shoulder back in place, so they were prepping Chuck for surgery. Fortunately, once sedated and relaxed the surgeon made one last effort and was able to get the shoulder back in place. They still need to do an MRI to see if he will need surgery. Chuck is currently in the hospital but may be returning home Thursday evening.

In tennis this week **Rob Rollins** was the top performer. Rob won 17 of 27 games played. There were a lot of strong performances this week. **Todd Johnson** had 16 wins, **John Schiera** won 15 games and **Mike Darabaris** came out on top 14 times.

As per the BTC Bylaws, we have an annual fiscal dinner/meeting on the third Tuesday of January. This year's dinner/meeting will be January 16th after bowling/tennis at Beggars Pizza, 12700 S. Kedzie, Blue Island, IL. I hope to see many of you there.

I also want to remind everybody of the services for **Bob Vizdal's daughter Steffani (Vizdal) Hommes**. The services will be **Saturday January 6th** at Sheehy and Sons Funeral home in Orland Park. The following link will take you to Steffani's obituary and more specifics about the services.

<https://www.sheehyfh.com/obituaries/Steffani-A-Hommes-L-C-P-C?obId=30100075>

19 weeks until Golf Opening Day 2024. I know you guys are getting anxious but you need to resist the urge to call the hotline with your foursomes. Just stand down for now. We will let you know when the hotline is open.

2024 will be a milestone year for five of our members. 2024 will be the 25th anniversary of the BTC memberships of **Ray Cantelo, Tom Krygowski, Tim Magee, Randy Samoska and Jim Van Eck**. Congratulations gentlemen.

A couple things about the annual BTC dues. There seems to be some confusion about discounted dues for seniors (\$120). You need more than just age 65 to qualify. You must also be a 25-year BTC member. Also, if there are any returned checks, the fee will be charged back to the member. The form to send in with your dues is included in the newsletter and also available on the website (builderstee.com). I have already received dues from quite a few people. If you haven't seen your check clear yet it is because I will not be depositing the first block of checks until after January 1st.

I will list the January birthdays in this newsletter, but we do still have two December birthdays. **Bart Crosby (28) and Dick Kerkstra (31)**.

I hope everyone has a very safe and Happy New Year!

Happy January Birthdays: Jack Lyons (2), Dave Sullivan (3), Bob Welsch (6), Jim McDermott (8), Bill Sawyer (10), Ron Kogut (12), Wayne "Hutch" Hutchinson (13), Nelson Radcliffe (14), Mike Tomkins (14), Ron Miller (15), Andy Zilis (18), Dave Kappel (23), Dick Kamin (25), Jim Reichenberger (25), Rick Carioti (25), Bob Pelizza (27), Dan Woodward Jr. (30).

Let me know if I missed anyone.

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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.

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Tennis Report – Al Baldermann

12 players. Everyone is playing well. Good matches on every court.

After tennis 8 of us went to Enrico's for dinner. Great time!

Results:

Court 1

Rollins	17/27
Johnson	16/27
Hearaty	13/27
Lillwitz	8/27

Court 2

Schiera	15/26
Darabaris	14/26
Kees	14/26
Abramowicz	9/26

Court 3

Rooks	13/22
Baldermann	12/22
Schroeder	12/22
DiNolfo	7/22

BOWLING NEWS

I hope everyone had a great Christmas celebrating with their friends and family! Looks like there was some good scores out there Tuesday. Unfortunately, I got the Flu for Christmas and couldn't make it to bowling this week.

Some of the top handicap series performers this past week were: **Jack Heatter 794 series, Dennis Samoska 761, Gar Ward 729, Pete Lambros 727, Derrick Bay 722, John Guarnieri 715, Bill Slusarczyk 713, Mike Seebock 709, Gary Foster 702, Ken Wisniewski 698, Vince Oliva 694, Ron Harwig 692, and John Delano 690.** Some of the best scratch scores were by: **Dennis Samoska Jr. 245, 258, and a 722 series, Ken Wisniewski 235, 226, 225, and a 686 series, Bill Slusarczyk 223, 235, and a 674 series, Tony Alexander 249, and a 646 series, Gary Foster 234, and a 630 series, Randy Samoska 233 game, Jack Heatter 225 game, Vince Oliva 225 game, Terry Conway 223 game, Gar Ward 223 game, and John Guarnieri 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.

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.

You all should be getting the updated standings emailed directly to you from Burr Oak Bowl. If you are not and would like to please see me Tuesday and I will make sure you will from this point forward. I would like to wish Happy New Years to all the men of the Builders Tee Club! As a reminder we will be bowling on January 2nd - See you all next Year!

Keith Tadevich – Bowling Secretary

Pots for the week

<u>Game 1</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	
1st Place	John Delano	263
2nd Place	Vince Oliva	261
1st Place	Dennis Samoska Jr.	271
2nd Place	John Guarnieri	269
1st Place	Joe Eppolito	267
2nd Place	Terry Conway	259

<u>1st Game</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	
1st Place	Jack Heatter & Gary Foster	544
2nd Place	John Delano & Vince Oliva	524
<u>2nd Game</u>		
1st Place	Gar Ward & Jack Heatter	532
2nd Place	Gar Ward & Dennis Samoska Jr.	513

Mystery Pot
1st Game No Winner

2nd Game No Winner

<u>Last Game Handicap</u>		
1st Place	Mike Seebock	260
2nd Place	Terry Conway	259
3rd Place	Ben Tutka	245

<u>3rd Game</u>		
1st Place	Tony Alexander & Mike Seebock	514
2nd Place	Dennis Samoska Jr. & Terry Conway	502

<u>Clean Pots</u>		
Forward	Jack Brown	21
Reverse	Dennis Samoska Jr.	13
30	No Winner	30

<u>2nd Game Blind Doubles</u>		
1st Place	John Guarnieri & Dwight Hammond	510
2nd Place	Dennis Samoska Jr. & Adam Valentinas	502
3rd Place	Bill Slusarczyk & Bill Slusarczyk	498

<u>Handicap Survivor</u>		
1st Place	Pete Lambros	233
2nd Place	Dennis Samoska Jr.	232
3rd Place	Bill Slusarczyk	229

Standings

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
5	Smokey's Bandits	41	15
4	Traitors	37	19
10	Creative Colors	34	22
7	Band of Brothers	34	22
11	Oak Forest Bowl	32	24
3	Bright Metals	27.5	28.5

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
8	Bluebird Lanes	30	26
2	Tri-Star	27	29
9	Beggar's Pizza	23	33
12	Ascend Welath Planning	18	38
1	Burr Oak Bowl	17.5	38.5
6	Mama Vesuvio	10	46

Lane Assignments

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



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.

½ 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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