



**Gentlemen of the BTC,**

**February 23, 2023**

This week's newsletter must begin with some tragic news. Some of you already know, but for those that haven't heard, **Gary "Hawk" Crothers** passed away Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>. Gary was 74 years old, a U.S. Marine Corp. Veteran and a BTC member since 2006. Visitation will be Friday Feb. 23 (3 – 8pm) at Lawn Funeral Home, 7732 W. 159<sup>th</sup> Street, Orland Park. Funeral Saturday 9:15 A.M. from Lawn Funeral Home to St. Damian Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Please keep Gary, his wife Barbara and the entire Crothers family in your prayers.....R.I.P. Hawk!

Also, today we received word that **Val Sarli** passed away this morning after suffering another stroke earlier this week. No arrangements have been made yet. We will notify everyone when it is received. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Sarli family. May he rest in peace.

On to some lighter news:

We are 3 weeks away from the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The dinner will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at Mama Vesuvio's at 6:30. Free food and **FREE BOOZE!** You don't want to miss this one.

Overall bowling scores were down a little this week but there were still some that put up some impressive numbers. I think the guys from Creative Colors were inspired by the return of Ken Wisniewski after a four week hiatus. They had the league's three high scratch series of the week. **John Roberts had 720, Tom Ollenburger 691 and Dave Jenner 691.** It's no surprise they took all seven points.

Five weeks into the second half of bowling and the standings are pretty tight. Jan Michaels won 4 points and are clinging to a one-point lead over Bluebird lanes at the top of the "A" Division. In the "B" Division Tri-Star and Ascend Wealth Planning are tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place four points behind division leading Mama Vesuvio. The remaining weeks should be exciting starting with 2 weeks of Brocius Doubles that starts next week.

On the tennis courts some of this week's top performers were **Ron Abramowicz** who was a winner in 19 out of 30 games. **Ed Rooks** was 14 for 26 and our former President **Kevin Bewley** was an impressive 16 for 26.

Just in case you are counting, we are **10 Weeks away from Opening Day Golf at Silver Lakes.** Now is the time to secure your 2-man partners. Larry Garetto will start collecting the 2-man entry fees at the St. Pat's Dinner. Larry has also been working very hard on this year's golf schedule. It is my understanding that it is just about ready to be published so you should be seeing the full schedule very soon.

One final thought. Tomorrow isn't guaranteed for any of us. Make sure that the most important people in your life always know how much they mean to you. It's never a bad time to tell someone how much you care about them. May God Bless each and every one of you.

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From your 2023 Treasurer

Gents,

Don't make me put your name on a list & publish it...you know who you are!

Unpaid dues are "past due" so appreciate you sending payment plus \$20 extra per the attached form or go online & pay them. If you pay online but have changes to your roster spot, of course still send me the form. Write the changes on it plus write "Dues paid via internet" please. **Mail completed form & dues to Bob Kennedy, 128 Luther Lane, Frankfort IL. 60423**, please & thank you!

New X-ray shows my bone spur has finally cracked off and floating on side of the knee...no more BK ( bad knee) - now just BS (bone spur)!

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### **Tennis News – Al Baldermann**

12 players. Some of the guys are in Florida, will be back next week.

After tennis 5 of us went to Sorriso's where Chuck DiNolfo held court. We are going to miss John Schiera and his clown shirt. He is leaving for Florida for 3 weeks.

#### **Results:**

##### Court 1

Abramowicz	19/30
Darabaris	15/30
Johnson	13/30
Kahlhammer	13/30

##### Court 2

Heraty	13/22
Schiera	11/22
Kees	11/22
Ganz	9/22

##### Court 3

Bewley	16/26
Rooks	14/26
DiNolfo	13/26
Baldermann	9/26

#### **Bowling News:**

**Gar Ward** who celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> earned some well-deserved birthday money by shooting a **239 scratch game, 277 with handicap!** Some of the top handicap series scores this week were: recorded by: **John Roberts 771, Tom Ollenburger 748, Tom Kelly 745, Bob Martino 735, Bill Slusarczyk 713, Dave Jenner 712, Bob Shinnick 706, John Paliga 703, Ken Pencak 702, Rob Jones 694, and Jack Heatter 692.** Some of the best scratch scores were recorded by **John Roberts 258, and a 720 series, Dave Jenner 246, 255, and a 691 series, Tom Ollenburger 246, and a 691 series, Craig**

**O'Reilly 259, and a 686 series, Bob Martino 257, and a 651 series, Bill Slusarczyk 230, and a 647 series, Tom Kelly 231, and a 643 series, Matt O'Reilly 243, and a 638 series, Tony Alexander 630 series, Gar Ward 239 game, Randy Samoska 234 game, and Mike Seebock 233 game.**

Reminder this week starts the Brocius Doubles Tournament. The Brocius Doubles is a 2-week Doubles event, you can get in with as many partners as you wish. Cost is \$10 per bowler (\$20 for each team of doubles) the event is decided by each team of doubles, 2-week total including their handicaps. All entry money for the tournament will be due this week when you sign up. Gary Klonowski will be here approx. 1:45 pm this week to start taking entries. Please remember for the Brocius Doubles Tournament only, the handicap you have for this week will remain your handicap for next week also, regardless of how you bowl. Make sure you are available to bowl both this week and next. There will be no refunds once you sign-up and pay. The Brocius Doubles takes place during our normal league play and will be paid out after bowling on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun event and I encourage you to bring extra money pick some partners and try to win some \$\$\$\$\$. Pay-outs are 100% of the money collected and placements will be determined by the number of teams that sign-up. See you Tuesday!

Keith Tadevich  
Bowling Secretary

## **POTS OF THE WEEK**

<u>Handicap</u>			<u>Doubles</u>		
Game 1	Tom Kelly	265	Game 1 1st Place	Dave Jenner &	518
	Dan Woodward Jr.	260		Tom Ollenberger	
			2nd Place	Tom Ollenberger &	511
				Ken Wisniewski	
Game 2	John Roberts	265			
	Greg Lewis	261			
			Game 2 1st Place	Tom Kelly &	520
				Greg Lewis	
Game 3	Gard Ward	277	2nd Place	John Roberts &	508
	Jack Brown	266		Derrick Bay	

<u>Mystery Pot</u>					
1st Game	No Winner		Game 3 1st Place	John Roberts &	552
				Gar Ward	
2nd Game	No Winner		2nd Place	Gar Ward &	539
				Dave Jenner	

<u>Clean Frames</u>			<u>Handicap Survivor</u>		
Forward	Craig O'Reilly	25	1st Place	John Roberts	275
Reverse	Jack Brown	10	2nd Place	Bill Slusarczyk	252
30	No Winner		3rd Place	John Paliga	239

<u>Last Game Handicap</u>			<u>Blind Doubles</u>		
1st Place	Gar Ward	277	1st Place	Randy Samoska &	508
2nd Place	John Roberts	275		John Paliga	
			2nd Place	Chuck Cahill &	491
				Tom Kelly	
			3rd Place	Chuck Cahill &	488
				Randy Samoska	
			3rd Place	Derrick Bay &	488
				Paul Kleinpaste	
			3rd Place	Jim Eppolitpo &	488
				Craig O'Reilly	

#### Standings

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L		#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
6	Jan Michaels	25	10		12	Mama Vesuvio	20	15
2	Bluebird Lanes	24	11		7	Tri-Star	16	19
5	Bright Metals	20	15		8	Ascend Wealth Planning	16	19
13	Burr Oak Bowl	20	15		9	Oak Forest Bowl	15	20
3	Creative Colors	19	16		11	Beggars Pizza #1	14	21
4	Beggars Pizza #2	18	17		1	Smokey's Bandits	13	22
10	Van Henkelum	18	17					

#### Lane Assignemnts

Lanes	19-20	21-22	23-24	25-26	27-28	29-30	31-32
2/28/2023	Divisional Position Round						
3/7/2023	10 vs. 11	3 vs. 13	6 vs. 7	12 vs. 1	2 vs. 4	9 vs. 8	14 vs. 5