



Gentlemen of the BTC,

March 2, 2023

For the second straight week we have tragically lost one of our members. **Val Sarli** passed away at the age of 72 after suffering a second stroke while still recovering from a previous stroke. Val was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Builders Tee Club since 2014. Services were held on Wednesday. Please keep Val and his family in your prayers.

Also please keep in your prayers Chicago Police Officer Andres Vasquez-Lasso. Office Vasquez-Lasso was killed in the line of duty on March 1st. This death angers me because it could have possibly been avoided if it wasn't for modern policing procedures designed to protect criminals and influenced by people that don't have the courage to wear a badge. This further enrages me because I have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect us.

As the golf season is fast approaching Mother Nature decided to slap us with a dose of Chicago reality. After what has been a very mild and low snowfall winter all of the weather forecasts are calling for March to begin with 6+ inches of wet, heavy snow on Friday. I drove past Big Run today and it looked so playable. It's depressing to think that it and all other local golf courses are about to be buried under snow. If you are interested in hitting some balls outside, I would suggest Cog Hill driving range. They have been open all year. The hitting area is covered, enclosed behind you and has overhead heaters. They also have Top Tracer which will tell you how far you hit the ball as well as ball speed and many other parameters. If you are anything like me and have been playing indoor simulators you are probably sick of seeing the ball only travel 10 feet into a screen or net. After hitting into a net all winter, the first time you get to see a ball travel 200+ yards you will feel like frickin' King Kong.

Tuesday was the first week of the Brocius Doubles at bowling. The participation this year is tremendous and there is plenty of money in the prize fund. Don't be discouraged if your scores weren't what you hoped for in round one. A big week next week can certainly put you in the money.

As of today, we are just twelve days away from our first dinner of 2023. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner is March 14th at Mama Vesuvio's @ 6:30. Over the last couple years we have seen a bit of a decline in the attendance at the dinners. Hopefully we get a nice big turnout for this one. Besides the free booze you can be sure that the food will be great. **Gino Maira** and his staff always take exceptional care of us. Despite the terrible weather that may be headed our way we are just 9 weeks away from opening day at Silver Lakes. May 2nd will kick off what I hope will be another great year of Builders Tee Golf.

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Historian News

Fellow Members,

Today I would like to tell you a little about a long time Member who travels seven hours to bowl and play golf with us every month. **Mike Kent** joined the BTC 39 years ago in 1984. He was working for Hair Performers with John Malloy who was a BTC Member and they were looking to add to their bowling team. Mike has managed to win many championships with the Club bowling with Chicagoland Bowling Hall of Famers, Alfie Cohn and Bob Wronski as well as Bill Slateritz who all were Former Members. Mike told me that he has bowled 3 300 games as well as a 800 series in the BTC. However Mike is most proud of going clean 6 straight weeks. For you non bowlers going clean has nothing to do with showering and everything to do with filling every frame with a strike or a spare. A great accomplishment to do one or two times a season. Mike also is a strong golfer and early on, when he was a single digit golfer, won the Club Championship. Mike told me that 60 years later he still weighs the same 185 that he weighed in high school, probably the only guy that I know who can say that. And over 50 years later Mike is still cutting hair. First with Hair Performers and then as owner with 6 different locations of Jan Michaels Salon and Spa. About five years ago Mike and Lisa moved near Omaha Nebraska to be close to their children and grandchildren. And to this day Mike still cuts some hair in Nebraska for friends and neighbors. He is also bowling and playing golf there but, lucky for us, still comes to Chicagoland once a month to not only work at his business but also spend some time with the BTC. Keep on coming back Mike, you are a true BTC Member.

Thanks for listening.

Your Historian,
Bob Vizdal

Tennis News – Al Baldermann

I was out for tennis this week (getting over a miserable cold). Rich Schroeder agreed to handle scheduling and he did his usual great job. Thanks, Rich!

10 players. No casualties. I understand the guys had a few drinks after tennis. No dinner.

Results:

Court 1

Johnson	14/20
Kees	11/20
Heraty	10/20
Kahlhammer	10/20
Abramowicz	3/20

Court 2

Darabaris	17/24
Schroeder	15/24
Ganz	13/24
Rooks	10/24
DiNolfo	3/16

Bowling News:

We are now half way thru the 2nd half of the Bowling Season. Jan Michaels has a comfortable 7 point lead over Bright Metals in the “A” division. In the “B” division it is much tighter at the top of the standings. There is currently a tie for first place between Tri-Star and Ascend Wealth Planning, while both Mama Vesuvio and Smokey’s Bandits are only 3 points behind.

The Coors Light Pins over Average tournament just wrapped up this past week, thank you to the bowlers that signed up for this event! Remember our top bowlers will be factored in with the rest of Oak Forest Bowl’s top bowlers to determine who will qualify and advance to the next round representing Oak Forest Bowl. The top 5 pins over average entries from the Builders Tee Club league are:

Week 1

John Roberts +117
(Tie) Tom Kelly & Tom Ollenburger +97
Dave Jenner +55
Dan Woodward Jr. +50
Jack Heatter +49

Week 2

Dwight Hammond +72
Jack Heatter +60
Chuck Pettrone +59
Dan Woodward Sr. +54
Dan Woodward Jr. +47

Some of the top handicap series scores this week were recorded by: **Doug Blyth 747, Bob Vizdal 745, Mike Heslop 734, Keith Tadevich 732, Jeff Quillici 729, Dwight Hammond 714, Craig O’Reilly 710, Chuck Cahill 706, Jack Heatter 705, Tony Alexander 695, Dave Blyth & Joe Rymsza 692 each.** Some of the best scratch scores were recorded by **Doug Blyth 242, 247, and a 714 series, Craig O’Reilly 247. 238, and a 710 series, Keith Tadevich 268, 237, and a 705 series, Dave Blyth 279, and a 683 series, Tony Alexander 255, and a 683 series, Mike Heslop 254, and a 677 series, Dave Jenner 263, and a 660 series, Ken Wisniewski 235 game and a 653 series, John Roberts 247 game, and Adam Valentinas 234 game.**

This coming week will be the second, and final week of the Brocius Doubles (see current stands in this newsletter). **We had 94 entries and collected \$1880.00. Pay-outs will be \$840.00 1st Place / \$510.00 2nd Place / \$330.00 3rd Place. We will also be paying out \$100 for the highest doubles team “out of the money” for week 1 and week 2. Please note both partners must be “out of the money” to qualify for “the high out of the money” prizes.** Gary Klonowski will be recording this week’s Brocius Doubles scores as they are turned in and the pay-out will be immediately following bowling this Tuesday in the lounge. Thank you all for your participation in this tournament and good luck this week to all teams! See you Tuesday!

Keith Tadevich
Bowling Secretary

POTS OF THE WEEK

Handicap

Game 1	Keith Tadevich	277
	Adam Valentines	263
Game 2	Bob Switek	276
	Chuck Cahill	264
Game 3	Bob Vizdal	271
	Dave Jenner	269

Doubles

Game 1	1st Place	Bob Vizdal & Tony Alexander	521
	2nd Place	Keith Tadevich & Tim Magee	512
Game 2	1st Place	Doug Blyth & Dave Blyth	540
	2nd Place	Dave Blyth & Mike Kent	540

Mystery Pot

1st Game	Jay Sterkiewicz	203	Game 3	1st Place	Gar Ward & Dave Jenner	508
2nd Game	No Winner			2nd Place	Bob Vizdal & Tony Alexander	489

Clean Frames

Forward	Craig O'Reilly	20
Reverse	Tony Alexander	15
30	No Winner	

Handicap Survivor

1st Place	Dwight Hammond	246
2nd Place	Doug Blyth	236
3rd Place	Joe Rymsza	235

Last Game Handicap

1st Place	Bob Vizdal	271
2nd Place	Dave Jenner	269

Blind Doubles

1st Place	Chuck Cahill & Chuck Cahill	528
2nd Place	Chuck Cahill & Chuck Cahill	528
3rd Place	Doug Blyth & Ken Wisniewski	502

Standings

#	Builders Tee Club	W	L		#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
6	Jan Michaels	32	10		7	Tri-Star	23	19
5	Bright Metals	25	17		8	Ascend Wealth Planning	23	19
3	Creative Colors	24	18		12	Mama Vesuvio	20	22
2	Bluebird Lanes	24	18		1	Smokey's Bandits	20	22
10	Van Henkelum	23	19		9	Oak Forest Bowl	15	27
13	Burr Oak Bowl	22	20		11	Beggars Pizza #1	14	28
4	Beggars Pizza #2	20	22					

Lane Assignemnts

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