



**Gentlemen of the BTC,**

**December 19, 2024**

**On behalf of the Officers of the Club we would like to wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

**Here are some fun facts about Christmas**

***Jingle Bells***

James Pierpont wrote the popular Christmas song for Thanksgiving, not Christmas. It was also the first song played in space, during the Gemini 6A mission.

***Rudolph***

The reindeer was almost named Reginald or Rollo by Robert L. May, who created him for Montgomery Ward coloring books in 1939.

***Christmas date***

The Bible doesn't mention the date of Jesus' birth, so the celebration was originally on January 6. It was moved to December 25 in the mid-4th century.

***Santa's colors***

Before the 1930s, Santa wore blue, white, and green. Coca-Cola rebranded him to wear red.

***Gingerbread house***

In 2013, a gingerbread house in Texas was built to be the size of a real house, and set a Guinness World Record.

***Christmas trees***

In the United States, it takes about 15 years to grow a Christmas tree, and there are about 15,000 Christmas tree farms covering one million acres.

***Christmas card sales***

About 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the US each year.

***"White Christmas"***

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" is the best-selling single record of all time, with more than 100 million sales worldwide.

***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 Rymza (31).**

Parting thought:



At the end of the tax year the IRS office sent an inspector to audit the books of a local hospital. While the IRS agent was checking the books, he turned to the CFO of the hospital and said, "I noticed that you buy a lot of bandages. What do you do with the end of the roll when there is only too little left to be of any use?". Good question noted the CFO. We save them up and send them back to the bandage company and every now and then they send us a free box of bandages.

Oh, replied the auditor. Somewhat disappointed that his unusual question had a practical answer but on he in his obnoxious way.

What about all these plaster purchases? What do you do after setting a cast on a patient?

Ah yes, replied the CFO realizing that the inspector was trying to trap him with an unanswerable question. We save it and send it back to the manufacturer and every now and then they send us a free package of plaster.

I see, replied the auditor thinking hard about how he could fluster the know-it-all CFO.

Well, he went on. What do you do with all the leftover foreskins from the circumcisions you preform?

Here too we do not waste, answered the CFO. What we do is save all the little foreskins and send them to the IRS office and about once a year, they send us a complete dick!

Have a great week!

Yours in BTCism.  
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GOLF NEWS

**Please review this video from Anthony Serritella before responding to the survey in the link below.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1ilZ0UASX8>

**Golf Survey—**

Thank you to all that have responded to the golf survey. As of this writing, 60 people have responded with answers to the questions as well as some very insightful comments. If you haven't responded yet, please do so as soon as possible. We want to give people a little more time to respond before discussing survey results. There is one thing we want to make sure is clear to all. Some have commented about having to compete against those that are playing from a forward tee box (shorter distance). Keep in mind that with the new handicap system, your handicap will be affected not only by the difficulty of the golf course but also by the tee box you are playing from on any given day. If a golfer is playing from the forward tee his handicap will be multiple strokes lower than if he were playing back. If there is anything about the survey or the questions that you don't understand, please feel free to call either Anthony Serritella or Scott Lee. We will do our best to clear up any

confusion that you may have. Also, if you have not received the survey email, text us your correct email address. Perhaps there was a typo or maybe we don't have your correct email.

Your New Golf Guys,

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**Please use the following link to complete a Survey regarding play next year.**

[Link to Survey](#)

### **Tennis Report – Al Baldermann**

13 players. Everyone in the holiday spirit. After tennis 9 of us, joined by Bob Kennedy, went to Balagio's to celebrate the season.

#### **Results:**

##### Court 1

Johnson	–	18/20
Kees	–	8/20
Ganz`	–	8/20
Schroeder	–	6/20

##### Court 2

Reschke	–	13/23
Kahlhammer–		12/23
Bewley	–	11/23
Abramowicz–		10/23

##### Court 3

Lillwitz	–	13/20
Baldermann	–	8/16
DiNolfo	–	10/20
Rollins	–	10/20
Schiera	–	8/20

No tennis on Tuesday next week – Merry Christmas.

We will play Tuesday, New Years Eve from **1pm to 3pm.**

### **Bowling News**

The Christmas cheer, I think led to some better scores out on the lanes Tuesday, or was it the Annual Christmas drink we enjoyed! I have a few teams that still owe their team sponsorship. Please get those paid to me as soon as possible as that money obviously factors into our prize list. As a reminder we will be off from bowling the next 2 weeks, to allow everyone to celebrate the holidays with their families.

Some of our top Individual handicap series this week were: **Dennis Samoska Jr. 781, Derrick Bay 742, Adam Valentinas 732, Willie Janda 730, Paul Kleinpaste 718, Jeff Quilici 714, Jeff Dinga 711, Joe Rymsza 706, Dwight Hammond 703, Hal Eberling 700, Bob Vizdal 700, Chuck Febel 692, Tom Ollenburger 692, Jay**

**Skierkiewicz 687, Mike Christophersen 682, and Pete Lambros 681.** Our top scratch performers this week were: **Dennis Samoska Jr. 259, 238,239 and a 736 series, Ken Wisniewski 231, and a 644 series, Adam Valentinas 245 game, and a 642 series, Bob Vizdal 237, 222, and a 634 series, Joe Rymza 239 game, Dave Jenner 238 game, Paul Kleinpaste 236 game, Craig O'Reilly 225 game, and Tom Ollenburger 223 game.**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity , to wish all Builders Tee Club members a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Years. See you on the lanes next year!

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## Pots for the Week

<u>Handicap</u>		<u>1st Game</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	
Game 1 Derrick Bay	267	1st Place Bob Vizdal &		526
Paul Klienpaste	267	Paul Kleinpaste		
Game 2 Adam Valentinas	275	2nd Place (tie) Dennis Samoska Jr. &		515
Randy Samoska	274	Jeff Dinga		
		<u>2nd Game</u>		
Game 3 Joe Rymza	278	1st Place Randy Samoska &		492
Willie Janda	255	Dennis Samoska Jr.		
		2nd Place Adam Valentinas &		516
1st Game Les Swintek	132	Derrick Bay		
		<u>3rd Game</u>		
2nd Game Pete Lambros	175	1st Place(tie) Gary Foster &		500
Lee Kaz	175	Tom Ollenberger		
<u>Last Game Handicap</u>		1st Place(tie) Dennis Samoska &		500
1st Place Dennis Samoska Jr.	254	Jeff Dinga		
2nd Place Gary Foster	252			
3rd Place Tom Ollenberger	248			
		<u>2nd Game Blind Doubles</u>		
<u>Clean Pots</u>		1st Game John Guarnieri &		505
Forward Paul Kleinpaste	23	Dennis Samoska Jr.		
Reverse Jack Brown	8			
30 No Winner		2nd Place Randy Samoska &		503
<u>Handicap Survivor</u>		Pete Lambros		
1st Place Willie Janda	255			
2nd Place Tom Ollenberger	248	3rd Place John Guarnieri &		496
3rd Place Jeff Dinga	246	Bob Vizdal		

Corner Pin was not Run

"A" Division				Standings	"B" Division			
#	Builders Tee Club	W	L		#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
2	Beggars Pizza	40	9		4	Band of Brothers	30	19
10	Smokey's Bandits	34	15		11	Oak Forest Bowl	29	20
5	Traitors	27	22		7	Ascend Wealth Planning	24	25
1	Arena Lanes	25	24		3	Bright Metals	23	26
9	Tri-Star	20	29		8	Burr Oak Bowl	16	33
6	Creative Colors	19	30					

Lane Assignments						
Lanes	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6	7 & 8	9 & 10	11 & 12
1/7/2025	5 vs. 7	4 vs. 12	2 vs. 10	1 vs. 9	6 vs. 8	3 vs. 11
1/14/2025	1 vs. 9	10 vs. 5	7 vs. 11	4 vs. 6	2 vs. 3	8 vs. 1