

Gentlemen of the BTC

May 29, 2025

It was an okay day at Silver Lake South. It wasn't warm, it wasn't cold, and it didn't rain. There were some good scores, just not by me as I didn't follow my own advice. I will try again next week.

The good scratch scores started with a 77 by George Les, Bob Kennedy 79, Frank Kossman, Scott Lee and Tony Schlesser 81, Nick Voutiritsas 82, Anthony Serritella 83, Ron Kogut 84, and Rob Elliott 85.

The low handicap scores were lead by Rich Schroeder 65-87, Gene Banas 66-92, Derrick Bay 66-96, Mike Ganz 68-89, Willie Janda 68-90, Greg Lewis 68-88, Guido 69-90, Dan Heraty 69-91, and Stevie O 69-86. And our ageless wonder club Gar Ward 100-81, Jim Musser 101-83, and Ron Abramowicz played but I could not find his score.

I though the course was in good shape, but the greens were bumpy and tough. So, onto Glenwoodie next week for the first round of the two-man. My partner and I got a bye as did some others, but good luck to all who are playing matches.

Now its time to go over Glenwoodie. Hopefully, this week, I will take my own advice.

- Hole 1: long straight par 4-five is a good score
- Hole 2: Straight par 4, water on the right, keep left, get a 5
- Hole 3: Tough par 3, water in front. Tough green, 4 is good.
- Hole 4: Long par 5, six is not a bad score
- Hole 5: Easy par 3, should not make more than 4
- Hole 6: Kind of short par 4, stay left and you could make 4
- Hole 7: Long par 5, stay to the right, hole is a little easier then.
- Hole 8: Short par 4, stay to the right, could make 4
- Hole 9: Short par 4, straight, could make 4
- Hole 10: Long par 4, stay left, 5 is not a bad score
- Hole 11: First of the two big gully holes-if you don't hit a good drive, lay up on the second shot-125 yards-make 5.
- Hole 12: Short par 3, but up hill, 4 is ok.
- Hole 13: Long par 5, stay right
- Hole 14: Long par 3, four is good, 5 is not terrible
- Hole 15: Long par 4, stay left
- Hole 16: Second big gully hole, tough hole, not a lot of room to lay up, 6 is not terrible
- Hole 17: Kind of short par 4, stay a little left, make a 4
- Hole 18: Long straight par 5 again. All of their 4- par 5's are all the same, don't like that.

Well, hit them solid and you will do fine.

Your secretary,

DJ

P.S. Stay in the fairway. Glenwoodie's ruff is very tough.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Gentlemen please welcome our newest applicant to the Club:

Julian Lopez, 3015 Woods Creek Lane, Algonquin, IL 60102 cell: 630-276-8213 email address: jluopez@gmail.com Sponsors: Jim Day and Anthony Serritella

Let's make this gentleman feel welcome in the Club and help him out as much as possible.

Sincerely, Jerry Jasinski, Chairman

GOLF NEWS

The first round of the 2-Man is upon us, and it looks like the weather will be amazing. The tee sheet will be out Friday night. Along with the tee times, that email will include Glenwoodie handicaps (also available on the website builderstee.com) as well as the 2-Man rules.

Remember, Golf emails outside of the newsletter will come from <u>builderstee@gmail.com</u> (Senders Name: Builders Tee). Please add that address to your email contacts list so that the golf emails don't end up in your spam/junk folder.

The Daily Game results from this week are attached to this newsletter.

If you like scrambles, we got one coming on July 1st. The entry fee will be \$50 per player. All members and applicants with an established BTC handicap are eligible to participate. A sign-up sheet for this event will be on the bulletin board for three consecutive weeks starting on June 10. The rules for a Builders Tee Club scramble can be found on our website builderstee.com

Your 2025 Golf Guys, Scott Lee (312) 340-4171 Anthony Serritella (630) 430-5742

2025 GOLF SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

| Da | nte | Golf Course | 1st Tee Time | |
|------|-----|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| May | 27 | Silver Lake South | 8:06 | All Start On 1st Tee |
| June | 3 | Glenwoodie | 8:00 | 2 - Man |
| June | 10 | Deer Creek | 8:30 | Split Tee Times |
| June | 17 | Hickory Hills | 8:30 | Split Tee Times |
| June | 24 | Green Garden Gold | 9:30 | 2 - Man |
| July | 1 | Glenwoodie | 8:00 | Split Tee Times |
| July | 8 | Deer Creek | 8:30 | Split Tee Times |
| July | 15 | Silver Lake North | 8:06 | 2 - Man |
| July | 22 | Green Garden Blue | 9:00 | Club Championship |
| July | 29 | Silver Lake South | 8:06 | All Start On 1st Tee |
| Aug | 5 | Hickory Hills | 8:30 | 2 - Man |
| Aug | 12 | George Dunne | 8:30 | Club Championship |
| Aug | 19 | Glenwoodie (Italian Day) | TBD | Shotgun Start |
| Aug | 26 | Ravisloe | 8:30 | |
| Sept | 2 | Sanctuary | 8:00 | Club Championship |
| Sept | 9 | Deer Creek | 9:00 | |
| Sept | 16 | Silver Lake North | 8:06 | All Start On 1st Tee |
| Sept | 23 | Ravisloe | 8:30 | |
| Sept | 30 | George Dunn | 8:30 | |
| Oct | 7 | Green Garden Blue | 9:00 | Split Tee Times |
| Oct | 14 | Waters Edge | 8:30 | Split Tee Times |
| Oct | 21 | Naperbrook | TBD | Split Tee Times |
| Oct | 28 | Silver Lake | 10:00 | Shotgun Start |

Another plagarized Golf Tip (by Andy Zilis)

Early in the season, tee shots always seem to lack their usual pop. It's not just a blow to the ego — it sends me spiraling. I start second-guessing everything. Posture, ball position, even how far I'm standing from the ball.

Before long, I'm overthinking the simplest things, constantly tweaking my setup until nothing feels right and my confidence is shot.

That is until I came across a helpful video from David Armitage, a <u>GOLF Teacher to Watch</u>. In the <u>clip</u>, Armitage explains the key traits he looks for in a good driver of the ball. It was a quick yet effective refresher that helped me get out of my head and start smashing it again. I wanted to share these basics for better driving with you in hopes they'll help you unlock some of your own untapped potential.

Armitage's first step to adding some pop back into your drives is to master your driver setup. While there are many components to a <u>solid setup</u>, like posture or grip, Armitage says that focusing on the following three core principles is the fastest way to boost your tee shots.

1. Take a wide stance

A wide base provides you with additional stability so you can swing harder without feeling like you're going to tip over. Just look at long drive competitors. When they set their feet, they take a super wide stance, which allows them to stay balanced — even swinging at over 100 mph.

To find your optimal stance, set your feet a little wider than your shoulders. You can also turn your toes out slightly, Armitage says, which will help with rotation and can give your tee shots a little extra oomph.

2. Play the ball inside your lead heel

"What I see too often is ball position being too far back, too central," Armitage says. "What I really want to see is that ball position being just inside that lead foot."

The reason we want to move the ball up in our stance, Armitage explains, is because playing the ball forward encourages you to hit up on the ball and improves the quality of your strike.

3. Add spine tilt, chest behind the ball

Tilting your upper body slightly away from the target helps you swing up on the ball, creating a higher launch angle, which is essential for longer drives. However, when many amateurs add spine tilt to their setup, they unknowingly open their shoulders to the target, Armitage explains.

"I see too often us looking at that golf ball in the forward position," Armitage says. "This gets our body alignment open, which is terrible for driving."

Instead, he advises keeping your sternum just behind the ball. A simple way to check that you're set correctly is by ensuring the buttons on your shirt are about an inch or two behind the ball.

Now that you're set up properly, you're almost ready to grip it and rip it. The final key to unlocking more distance with your driver, according to Armitage, is a proper backswing — specifically, achieving a solid load on the way back.

4. Load into your trail instep

"If I want to hit something far, if I want to throw a ball far, I've got to load well," Armitage says. The key to loading well? Getting your weight into your inner trail heel, or instep, Armitage says. It's easier than you'd think. Just remember to rotate.

"I don't want this to be a sway off the golf ball. That's going to be a death move," Armitage says. "And I definitely don't want to see a reverse pivot."

If you struggle to rotate properly, you may find it helpful to think about turning around your spine — not over your legs. This simple swing thought helped me finally eliminate the sway from my backswing.