

Gentlemen of the BTC

June 19, 2025

It was hot out there at Hickory Hills, but still a nice day to golf. The course was in very good shape. The greens were a little slow, but with all the slope, they have to be. There were some good scores out there as usual, just not by me. Frank Kossman had a 79, George Les 80, Scott Lee 81, Brian Miller 81, Bob Kennedy 82, Tony Schlesser 83, Tom Wilson 84, and Phil Schlesser, Tony Clementi, Bob Stanford, Bob Vizdal all shot 86. There were also some good handicap scores out there. Frankie Carioti had 88-65, Joe Eppolito 97-65, Mo Younus 104-68, Dwight Hammond 94-69, Guido 89-70, Rob Connors 96-71, Derrick Bay 98-71, Tom Krygowski 92-72, Tom Marino 98-72, Terry Jesk 103-72.

The ageless wonder club was out there even in the heat. Dan Franko shot 100-85, Marv Huddleston 112-76, Jim Musser 94-77, Robert Long 102-75 and Gar Ward 97-79. They should be an inspiration to everyone.

I have to mention that the course was in very good shape and as a group we have to do a better job of fixing our divots on the green. Even if you don't leave one, fix one. It makes a world of difference on the greens. Everyone would thank you for it.

I have to say, my foursome, the Kennedy brothers and Gary Foster had some adventures out there. On one par 3, about 160 yards, we all hit the same tree. Both Kennedys went on the green. I was short but had an open shot. Gary went backwards under a different tree. Of course, the Kennedys were partners. On the 7th hole, another par 3, I did the smartest thing ever, dub my tee shot into a gully, but stupid me, still wanting to make 4, went down to look for it, stepped in mud, sunk down 5 inches and could barely get my foot out. When I finally did, I had a pound of mud on it, then had to dig my flip flop out with my club. So now I have two pounds of mud on my flip flop and club. Played the last two holes barefoot and very muddy. Then on the next hole, Kevin Kennedy hit something in the fairway that send his shot 30 yards sideways and backwards. It turned out to be half a ball, not a good break.

If any of you guys have funny or stupid things happen, let me know. Now, onto next week at Green Garden Gold for the second round of the two-man. Me and my partner have a match so I will follow my own advice this time.

Hole 1: Short par 4- a lot easier than before

Hole 2: Short par 5, pretty straight, 6 is not bad

Hole 3: Short par 3 over water, big green

Hole 4: Par 4, dogleg left, but keep drive right

Hole 5: Long par 5, gully in the middle, if you get over in two, you are in good shape

Hole 6: Short par 4, keep drive to the left

Hole 7: Short par 4, tight water on the left, trees on the right, second shot over the water, good luck

Hole 8: Par 4 straight

Hole 9: Par 3 downhill, keep to right side, make 3 or 4

Hole 10: Par 5, water in front, stay out of it, make 5 or 6

Hole 11: Par 3, water in front left, still can make 3

Hole 12: Short par 4, dogleg right, but you should stay left

Hole 13: Long par 4, but relatively straight

Hole 14: Par 5, water on the left and in fairway, dogleg right, but keep a little left and you will be alright

Hole 15: Long, straight Par 4

Hole 16: Long par 3, but no trouble

Hole 17: Straight par 4

Hole 18: Par 4, dogleg right with creek in the middle of fairway. Not long enough, lay-up, make easy five

So, there you have it, strategy by DJ. To everyone, good luck in your matches. See ya there.

Your secretary,

DJ

P.S. My flip flop is ok.

P.S.S. Forgot to mention, worst cart girl of the season so far. Don't know her name cause when we saw her, couldn't get her attention, she was on her phone.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

I would like to schedule a membership meeting for 7/1 after golf at Glenwoodie. Listed below are the candidates up for consideration:

APPLICANTS SPONSORS

Larry Konopacz
Frank Kossman
John Gagnon
Mike Dzierwa
Kevin Kennedy
Nick Voutiritsas

Ostrowski/Day
Day/Radcliffe
Krygowski/Delano
Krygowski/Delano
Kennedy/Rob
Les/McDermott

Please contact myself or any officer if you can't make this meeting.

NOTE: Next meeting will be scheduled before the end of golf.

Jerry Jasinski

Historian News

Fellow Members,

This past week I was able to talk to one of our Former Military Members. However before **Ron Miller** went into the Service he worked in a trade that I was surprised to hear about. After High School Ron went to Washburn Trade School in Chicago. Upon his graduation Ron became a Chef. When we have another dinner at Gino's Mama Vesuvio's maybe we can have Ron show us what he remembers about that trade. Ron worked at the Holiday Inn on Lake Shore Drive in the Pinnacle Restaurant which was a rotating restaurant on the top floor in the 1960's.

He did that for a few years until he was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam during some of the heaviest fighting. In October of 1967 and again in January of 1968 Ron was wounded in action receiving two Purple Hearts. Speaking for all of our BTC Members we want to Thank Ron for his Service to our Country.

Upon his return Ron switched Professions and went to work for American Express Financial Corporation which eventually became Ameriprise Financial Services. Ron worked in this industry from 1970 until he retired in 2008. Keeping in the food industry Ron also was co-owner of five Subway Restaurants from 1978-1990 with members of his family involved.

In 2002 Ron joined the BTC. His Sponsors were Past Presidents Larry Gramith and Jerry Maciejewski. In 2011 Ron followed in their footsteps serving as the BTC President. Ron has bowled and golfed with the Club for all these years winning in a few tournaments along the way. He has been married to Liz for 57 years and has 3 Children and 8 Grandchildren. So when you see Ron either at the Golf Course or the Bowling Alley now will you know a little more about one of the true Heroes of our Club.

Thanks for listening,

Your Historian, Bob Vizdal

GOLF NEWS

From the Golf Desk:

Even though we had a few guys back out at the last minute, we still ended up with 89 golfers at Hickory Hills. It was the first time in many years that BTC went to Hickory. It seems to have been a good choice. Of all of the people we spoke to afterwards, only one person had anything negative to say. I think that is a good sign. Now let's take that positive energy to Green Garden next week. The first tee time will be 9:00 and we will have groups going out on both the 1st and 10th holes.

June 24th at Green Garden is round two of the annual BTC 2-Man tournament. The sign-up sheet combined with handicaps for Green Garden is attached to this newsletter. Take a look at the sign-up sheet and make sure your name is on it if you want to golf on June 24th at Green Garden. If your name is not on there, call the hotline (708) 888-1355 right away. Also, if you are not playing a 2-Man match and haven't called in your pair, threesome or foursome yet, please call right away. I would like to get the tee sheet out on Friday night. Handicaps are also posted on our website.

Also attached to this newsletter are the Hickory Hills daily game results and the handicap sheet for Green Garden.

We are still taking entries for the July 1st **Scramble** (\$50/man). Entry fee is to be paid on the day of the event. We currently have enough entries for (11) four-man teams and we expect to see that number grow. The sign-up sheet will still be on the BTC bulletin board at Green Garden this week. You can also enter by calling the hotline. We will continue to accept entries until 0800 on Friday June 27th.

The **Club Championship** sign-up sheet will also still be on the bulletin board. Rules for both the Scramble and the Club Championship can be found on our website builderstee.com

As always, if you have any questions call Scott or Anthony. Either one of us would be glad to hear from you and happy to answer your questions.

Your 2025 Golf Guys,

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2025 GOLF SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Date		Golf Course	1st Tee Time	
June	24	Green Garden Gold	9:00	2 - Man
July	1	Glenwoodie	8:00	Scramble
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 Dunne	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