



Gentlemen of the BTC

December 18, 2025

On behalf of all the Officers of the Builders Tee Club, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!

It was a good afternoon for bowling, and it started out hot as **Tony Alexander** started his day with a 299. His twelfth ball was a good shot and easily could have been a strike. Nice game Tony.

There were other good scores out there with handicap. **Greg Lewis 273, Matt Janda 268, Mike Christophersen 251, and Danny Woodward 246** in the last game which won him the survivor. Good going Danny.

"That's Why I Am There" Paliga came back to earth with two bad games but bowled good in the second game, good enough to win him about four pots. My team bowled the blind team, and we bowled good enough to win all seven points. Hopefully that will put us right back in the thick of things. I was another dismal 3 for 6 on ten pins, but I did bowl well over my average. My buddy Waldo was 0 for 2 on seven pins.

The Bears came through on Sunday beating those Cleveland Browns 31-3. A very good overall game putting them back on top of the division with a 10 and 4 record. But now they have the Packers on Saturday night. Their biggest game in about seven years. It is at Soldier Field so the home crowd should help them. If they can run the ball like they did in the second half of the last game against the Packers, they should do all right. Put some pressure on Love cause a couple turnovers like they've been doing and it should lead to victory.

I am very sad the best team in football, according to all the experts, the Dallas Cowboys, are not going to make the playoffs again and there are three games left. Not very good for such a good, good team.

Forgot to mention deferring the coin toss last week. I am on a roll with it. About 45 watched games in a row without it making a dam difference. Bears take the ball and ram it down the Packers throat.

Your secretary,
DJ

P.S. Go Bears

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)

Historian News

Today I would like to tell you a little bit about one of our Members who has had an amazing story of success from meager beginnings. **George Les** joined the Builders Tee Club in 2010. He has been an avid golfer with the BTC playing most Tuesdays and also in Jim McDermott's Thursday Group. He has brought a few of his longtime friends into both groups. Lou Vardikos, Ron Kogut and Nick Voutiritsas are a few of the newer Members who have become regulars on the weekly BTC golf schedule. Nick has even started playing tennis with the BTC, something that George has threatened to do if he can leave his restaurants long enough to play. During his time with the BTC George has won a Presidents Cup as well as a Club Championship both in Division 1, which means he has been one of the best golfers in the Club for many years. George also won a Two-Man Championship with his partner, Joe Bonarigo. But George's story goes back 56 years to when he came to the United States from Greece when he was 12 years old in 1969. In 1972 his Father as well as his Brother Bill along with George opened a restaurant on 87th and Ridgeland that they named Steak and Egg. George learned the restaurant business the hard way being a busboy, a waiter and, as he really emphasized, as a cook. In 1975 George along with his Brother's Bill and Angelo took over complete ownership of the restaurant and renamed it "Les Brothers". Most restaurants on average only last for five years but Les Brothers has been located at the same location for over fifty years. That only happens when you are great at what you do and have a great support team around you. From receptionists to bus boys to waiters through cooks and managers everyone has to be great at what they do. As if running one restaurant is not enough George told me that he has opened ten different restaurants over the years. He has sold eight of them to others but still owns Les Brothers as well as Prime and Tender on 95th Street in Hickory Hills. George and his wife, Soula, are very involved in his Church and their two Sons, Bill and Jim, as well as their Daughter, Georgia, are all involved in the restaurants with their Parents. Whenever George and Soula have the time they spend it with their five Grandchildren. I can add that, from playing golf with one of them, his golf prowess is rubbing off on at least one of his Grandchildren. So when you see George at our next event you will now know a little more about a true BTC success stories.

Thanks for listening,
Your Historian,
Bob Vizdal

Tennis Report – Al Baldermann

19 players. Everyone's game seems in top form.

After tennis 11 of us went to Social 45 for dinner. Great time. Johnny offered to pay and Todd sang for us and the bystanders.

Results:

Darabaris	18/28
Johnson	18/28
Heraty	17/32
Clark	13/28
Bewley	8/28

Reschke	15/21
Schaefer	10/21
Kees	10/21
Baldermann	7/21

Rollins	17/26
Chase	15/26
Kahlhammer	13/26
Schiera	7/20
Kosek	8/22

Lillwitz	17/24
Ganz	11/24
Vizdal	11/24
Schroeder	9/20
Abramowicz	8/20

Year-to-date results:

Cleary, Tom	16	26	62%
Rollins, Rob	104	173	60%
Darabaris, Mike	79	144	55%
Johnson, Todd	89	163	55%
Lillwitz, Bill	67	123	54%
Kahlhammer, Pete	38	71	54%
Schiera, John	74	139	53%
Clark, Bruce	60	113	53%
Heraty, Dan	78	152	51%
Vizdal, Bob	77	155	50%
Ganz, Mike	53	108	49%
Reschke, Jim	70	144	49%
Schroeder, Rich	78	163	48%
Kosek, Lee	20	42	48%
Bewley, Kevin	60	129	47%
Schaefer, Bob	39	84	46%
Abramowicz, Ron	57	130	44%
Anderson, Steve	48	110	44%
Kees, Roosevelt	66	154	43%
Butter, Nick	41	104	39%
Baldermann, Al	54	149	36%

Golf News

The golf survey for 2026 will be emailed to everyone on Friday December 18th. Please take the time to answer a few short questions. The survey questions are a direct result of the golf committee meeting we had recently. It should only take a couple minutes to complete the survey. There aren't too many topics to cover in this year's survey but the more responses we get the better informed we will be when making decisions.

Before looking at the survey, please use the link below to watch a short video about the survey.

<https://youtu.be/8ayYgdDa288?feature=shared>

The survey will be coming to your email from either anthony@whogoes.net or support@buildersteeclub.com

Your 2025 Golf Guys,

Scott Lee (312) 340-4171

Anthony Serritella (630) 430-5742

Bowling News

This week on the lanes we had some great matchups! On lanes 1 & 2 **First Place Tri-Star** extended their lead in the standings to 7 points by virtue of taking 5 points from **Beggars Pizza** who walked away with the other 2 points. **Burr Oak Bowl** took advantage of bowling the bye team on lanes 3 & 4 winning all 7 points. Lanes 5 & 6 this week featured **Oak Forest Bowl** who took 5 points from last year's champs **Smokey Bandits** leaving them with 2 points. Lanes 7 & 8 saw **Arena Lanes** sweep the **Traitors** winning all 7 points. On lanes 9 & 10 **Bright Metals** took advantage of **Ascend Wealth Planning** winning the match 5 points to 2. The full standing are listed in the newsletter.

Congratulations to **Tony Alexander** who shot a **299** game only one pin away from a perfect 300, and our highest game this season! Also, Congratulations to Joe Rymsza who was our high qualifier for the Annual Beat the Champs Tournament last week. Joe will represent the Builders Tee Club in the next round at **Bill Slusarczyk's Castaway Bowl**, 1025 Sibley Blvd, Calumet City, IL. Joe will be bowling on **Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Noon**, if you are available come on out and support Joe.

Some of our top Individual handicap series this week were: **Ken Pencak 740, Pete Lambros 722, Mike Christophersen 712, Jack Heatter 697, Dave Jenner 695, Jim Musser 692, Mike Mac Namara 690, Dennis Samoska Jr. 686, Tony Alexander 685, Jay Skierkiewicz 681, and Lee Kaz 681.** Our top scratch performers this week were: **Dennis Samoska Jr. 246, 232, and a 674 series, Tony Alexander 299, and a 661 series, Dave Jenner 235, 224, and a 641 series, Tom Ollenberger 257 game, Greg Lewis 249 game, John Paliga 246 game, Matt Janda 243 game, Randy Giovanetti 228 game, John Guarnieri 224 game, and Jay Skierkiewicz 222 game.**

Please don't forget you can pay your Sponsors Fees, the cost is \$125 per Team and I can provide you with an Invoice if you or your sponsor would like one, please just ask.

After bowling in the bar a few of us were challenged by **Tom Ollenberger** asking us to name 3 musical band names starting with each letter of the alphabet, starting with the letter A and going all the way to the letter Z. It is a lot harder than it sounds! However, with a little help from Tom, maybe a little cheating, and a ton of laughs, our group was able to meet the challenge, it was really fun!

Finally, I will have a couple options for our prize list this season. I will pass them out this week, and have a vote on which one a majority of teams want for this season. We will vote in 2 weeks on Tuesday December 30th before bowling. If you have any questions, or comments regarding the bowling league, please text or call me at 708-912-8831.

Bowling Secretary

Keith Tadevich

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lane Assignments</u>				
	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
12/23/2025	6 vs. 4	7 vs. 9	1 vs. 5	10 vs. 3	2 vs. 8
12/30/2025	3 vs. 9	8 vs. 1	6 vs. 10	2 vs. 4	7 vs. 5

<u>Standings</u>			
#	Builders Tee Club	W	L
5	Tri-Star	36	13
4	Burr Oak Bowl	29	20
1	Ascend Wealth	28	21
9	Traitors	27	22
3	Bright Metals	26	23
2	Oak Forest Bowl	26	23
6	Arena Lanes	25	24
8	Beggar's Pizza	23	26
7	Smokey's Bandits	21	28

<u>Handicap</u>		
Game 1	Tony Alexander	307
(tie)	Jim Musser	260
(tie)	Jay Skierkiewicz	260
Game 2	Greg Lewis	273
	Matt Janda	268
Game 3	Mike Christophersen	251

<u>Doubles</u>		
<u>Game 1</u>		
1st Place	Tony Alexander & Tom Ollenberger	572
2nd Place	Tony Alexander & Mike Seebock	504
<u>Game 2</u>		
1st Place	Greg Lewis &	528

Lee Kaz 250

Mystery Pot

1st Game No Winner

2nd Game No Winner

Clean Frames

Forward Dennis Samoska Jr. 27

Reverse Tom Ollenberger 7

Reverse John Roberts 7
30

Last Game Handicap

1st Place Dan Woodward Jr. 246

2nd Place Dave Jenner 242

Handicap Survivor

1st Place Dan Woodward Jr. 246

2nd Place Dave Jenner 242

3rd Place Pete Lambros 241

**Corner
Pin**

Greg
Lewis

Roll-over

John Paliga

2nd Place Dave Jenner & 508
John Paliga

Game 3

1st Place John Guarnieri & 479
Lee Kaz

2nd Place
(tie) John Paliga & 477
Randy Giovannetti

2nd Place
(tie) John Guarnieri & 477
Dave Jenner

Blind Doubles

1st Place John Paliga & 491
Dennis Samoska Jr.

2nd Place Dan Woodward Jr. & 489
Greg Lewis

3rd Place John Paliga & 462
Ben Tutka