

ITALIAN DAY RECAP

September 1, 2026

Well, the weather was very warm (98), and a very occasional breeze. The day started with 66 players-(35 members and 31 guests) turning out at Glenwoodie Golf Club, at 8:30AM. This year we played a SHAMBLE, and used a Peoria handicap system for all. Play commenced with a shotgun start at 10 AM. **Larry Garetto** supplied pizza at the turn a bit earlier as our Pepper & Egg man, George Les was off on a trip to Greece.

The 12th hole was manned by **Scott Lee & Greg Lewis** (he's recovering well from his surgery) who collected a \$5 contribution that paid \$10 if you Beat-The-Pro. Greg also took photos of each four-some. **Tim Magee** manned the 14th tee (hole-in-One prize was \$20k, sponsored by the BTC). The photos will soon be displayed on the website, click on "events" tab. Golf continued into the afternoon, and by 3 PM, most of the groups had returned to the Clubhouse. Dinner was served at 3:30 pm then followed by the raffles & golfing awards, and everyone was free to leave by 5:45 PM. Dinner buffet was Pot Roast, Baked Cod, & Mostaccioli. The deserts were homemade by **Gino Maira**, and co-sponsored by **Arnie Carlstrom** (WrigleyvilleSports.com).

We hope everyone enjoyed the day, because the committee worked very hard to pull this one off. The turnout was slightly less than last year, since we had to reschedule the event given the course was flooded on the original date of 8/18. Hole Sponsor contributions help to avoid the club subsidy. As long as the participation continues to be strong, I expect this event & venue will be included in next year's golf season.

Those listed below certainly went way beyond the call of duty. They worked various times during the day, including the awards celebration afterward:

Larry Garetto & George Les
Scott Lee & Greg Lewis
Joe Bonarigo (Bob Vivzda)
Scott Lee
Bob Vizdal & Bill Lillwitz
Tim Magee

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Larry Garetto
Dave Downey

Beggars food table
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All golfers 65 years+ teed off from the green tee box, while all others played from the white tees. The best tee shot was chosen and each finished the hole with their own ball. Each group was required to use 3 tee shots from each player. A "Peoria Handicap" was calculated and awards were distributed after golf from 2 prize pools, Members & Guests.

Let's not forget the Glenwoodie Staff, **Phil Robbins**, Golf Club Professional & **Clara**-Catering, for coordinating their staff and making the course & banquet the best ever! The course was in fine shape, and **Laurel**, manning the drink cart came by plenty of times to be sure we didn't run thirsty.

More thanks to the members that invited guests to this event. Many members invited 2-7 guests to play, which helps fill out the event. The re-scheduling of the event presented a few challenges, but there were many members that stepped up to fill in the few that had to cancel for various reasons. There is no excuse to not invite a friend to play in next year's outing. Another successful outing, considering the delay from the very serious storm damage 2 weeks earlier.

There were golf course foursomes & gift cards awarded as this year's door prizes, along with raffle prizes from Al Baldermann, Gino Maria and Glenwoodie & Silver Lakes Golf Clubs. Be sure to buy each of these guys (and the hole sponsors) with a drink while thanking them.

Arnie Carlstrom	John Paliga	Jack Parisi	Rich Schroeder
George Les	Jerry Jasinski	Dale Bandowski	Al Bardermann
Gary Foster	Keith Tadevich	Gino Maira	Rob Elliot
Larry Garetto	Lee Kaz	Dave Downey	Corey Rob
Derrik Bay	Joe Bonarigo	Scott Lee/Anthony Serritella	

To wrap things up, I'd like to thank everyone that participated. This year we were again short of our goal (120 players were projected). Please tell your guests to visit our website, <https://builderstee.com/specialevents.html>, to print a copy of their 4-some photo (s/b posted by 9/17) and read this copy of the newsletter. If

they wish to follow-up with an application, it can also be found there, under the "Club Information" tab. Please feel free to offer your suggestions about this event, and excuse me if you contributed & your name was not mentioned.

All contest winners were paid out at the dinner.
Thanks for your support,
Rich Schroeder & Committee, 708.878.3913