



Gentlemen of the BTC

September 24, 2026

Another week closer to bowling. I got a call from **John Paliga**, and he said that I will have more to say when bowling begins. He also said that **Dave Jenner** might want the newsletter to be shorter when he gets through with him. He said more of course, but I'll have to let your imagination run wild.

Next week I will be writing about our baseball teams in the playoffs in the same year. I don't think that ever happened before. As far as football goes, who knows. I hope that was long enough, because I have said enough.....Magee Out!

Tim Magee—BTC Secretary

September Birthdays: Paul Kleinpaste (1), Frank Furman (6), Joe Bonarigo (7), Phil Schlessner (7), Tony Schlessner (7), Jeff Quilici (9), Tom Cleary (10), Ed Chmellar (14), Mike Derabaris (18), Robert O'Conner (19), Dan Lyman (21), Dale Bandauski (23), Ray Bruno (26), Tom Ollenburger (27), Wally Botwinski (28)

Let Anthony know if there are any birthdays missing or incorrect.



Before I get into the golf news, a little FYI for our wordsmith, Mr. Magee. This is actually the 4th time both the Sox and Cubs have made the postseason in the same year. 1906 the Sox beat the Cubs in the World Series, in 2008 they both failed miserably in the playoffs and in the 2020 Covid season they were equally as awful.

Now for Golf:

Even though the weather was terrific at Odyssey this Tuesday, it was once again cart-path-only—and once again, that caused some of our matches to be postponed. This year has certainly been a logistical nightmare when it comes to getting these tournaments completed.

We did manage to get some important matches in, though. **Bob Stanford** and **Randy Samoska** both won their matches to secure the top spot in their respective divisions of the Club Championship.

Over in the Two-Man Tournament, **Rob Elliott** and **Corey Rob** did their best David-and-Goliath imitation, pulling off a big win and advancing to the finals of their bracket.

If you still have a match to play, please make every effort to be available next week at Ravisloe so we can get these remaining matches completed. The World Series is right around the corner, and we need to get these tournaments wrapped up!

Updated brackets for both the Two-Man Tournament and the Club Championship are attached to this week's newsletter email.



For the second week in a row, nobody managed to break 80. **Bob Kennedy** led the way with an 82, followed by **John Boyle** with an 83 and **Mike Tinerella's** 84. **Bob Vizdal** was the only player to post a net score in the 60s, coming in at 69. I guess all that walking wore everybody out.

In the closest-to-the-pin competition, **Rob Elliott** and **Lee Kaz** each picked up two honors, but it was **Mike Tinerella** who had the closest of the closest. Just 4 feet, 5 inches separated Mike's ball from the hole on No. 17.

As for the Collapse of the Day award, I think it was I, your Illustrious President who locked that one up. I fired a 38 on the front nine, then followed it up with a whopping 50 on the back. A true model of consistency! Apparently, I decided to play two completely different golf courses on the same day.



Next up is **Ravisloe**, and it looks like Mother Nature is finally going to treat us right. We may be looking at some of the **best golf weather of the season**—and, naturally, I'm going to be stuck at the firehouse.

Then again, after my epic collapse on the back nine this past week, I probably don't have much business being anywhere near a golf course anyway.

Be sure to check the attached sign-up sheet. If your name isn't on it, I hope you are planning on playing. Call the **BTC Hotline** right away at [815-242-1597](tel:815-242-1597) so we can get you added.

Let's hope the weather forecast holds—and for those of you who actually get to play, enjoy it!

Five weeks left gentlemen. Let's make 'em count!



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and then again on October 13th.

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Date		Golf Course	1st Tee Time	Event	
Sept	22	Odyssey	8:30	All Start On 1st Tee	
Sept	29	Ravisloe	8:30	Split Tee Times	
Oct	6	Green Garden Blue	9:00	Split Tee Times	World Series
Oct	13	Waters Edge	8:30	Split Tee Times	World Series
Oct	20	Naperbrook	9:30	Split Tee Times	World Series (Make UP)
<i>Oct</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Silver Lake South</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Shotgun Start</i>	<i>Team Scramble</i>