



The Grove AUGUST 2023

*The Official Newsletter of the
Buffalo Golf Club*

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2023 Club Championship Qualifiers, Alternates, and Tee Times

Saturday 'A' FLIGHT

8:00: **MATT MARICONDA (Exempt), CLAUDIU MIHAI (Exempt), DAVID BASS (149, Medalist)**

8:10: **MIKE BASS (152), BRETT BOSSE (153), MATT EHMANN (153)**

8:20: **MARK PIATKOWSKI (156), GREG KOSTYNIAK (157), Marker (Fran Barone)**

8:30: **PAUL CASEY (161), ERIC WILLIAMS (166), Marker (TBD)**

Saturday 'B' FLIGHT

8:40: **JIM BURZYNSKI (Exempt), STEVE PRUNELLA (161, Medalist), MIKE VACCARO (162)**

8:50: **TOM CZERNIEWJERSKI (162), NICK LOWERY (163), BILL MELLEN (164)**

9:00: **RICH FRIES (166), ZACH PARIS (166), JOHN ROBINSON (168)**

9:10: **JOHN REGENSDORFER (168), HARVEY GRESS (169), FRANK ALTIERI (171)**

9:20: **BRIAN SADOWSKI (171), DAVE BUTTERINI (173), CHARLIE GALLUZZO (173)**

1st Alternate **FRANK PASSAFIUME (175)**, 2nd Alternate **STEVE BOCHNIARZ (176)**

Saturday 'C' FLIGHT

9:30: **GREG KASZUBSKI (Exempt), JOHN BISHOP (Exempt), BOB HALTER (Exempt)**

9:40: **GEOFF HICKS (171, Medalist), RICK RINK (174), KEN HUPKOWICZ (176)**

9:50: **CLARK OLDENBROOK (176), BRIAN FRIES (180), JOE ATTEA (181)**

10:00: **JOE COYNE (184), AL MIS (186), DAN LACH (189)**

10:10: **JOHN BARRETT (189), MARK HY (192), JEFF BLYTHE (192)**

1st Alt **KEVIN STARR (194)**, 2nd Alt **PATRICK COYNE (195)**, 3rd Alt **ROBERT KOSZAREK (201)**

Tee times for Saturday, August 5 in the A/B/C classes are shown above. Due to a variety of circumstances, minor changes may be necessary within some classes. Affected players will be notified of any changes.

Players in the A/B/C classes on Saturday, August 5th with the top nine scores will move on to the final round on Sunday, August 6. Tee times for Sunday will be determined by the Saturday scores with ranges: C class 8:00-8:20, B class 9:20-9:40, and A class 9:50-10:10.

Sunday 'Seniors' FLIGHT

8:30: JIM SHELDON (75), JACK SEITZ (77), JAKE WATKINS (79)

8:40: VIC GAMBINO (69), PAUL SZYDLOWSKI (69), JOHN GOLONKA (72)

8:50: DENNIS MURRAY (66, Medalist), JOHN SCINTA (71), RICK EVERS (68)

9:00: JOHN SMOLINSKI (EXEMPT), TOM CORBETT (79), LARRY HAMILTON (68)

9:10: CLEO KING (EXEMPT), JIM MARTIN (EXEMPT), DENIS LICHTENBERGER (69)

1st Alt PETE BLERSCH (82), 2nd Alt ED GERTH (85)

Seniors play Sunday, August 6 only with tee times 8:30-9:10. Tee times for each group were determined based upon who chose to ride and who chose to walk.

Qualifiers: Notify Matt Mariconda immediately if you are unable to compete in the Club Championship on Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Volunteers are needed to help make the club championship weekend (August 5 & 6) a success. Some areas where help is needed are Marshals (ball spotting and keeping things moving), checking score cards, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, and cleaning up after the picnic. If you are able to help, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Thanks for your support!

VERY IMPORTANT – TIME SENSITIVE!!!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FAMILY PICNIC – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 STARTING AT 3:00 PM

Please sign up on the RSVP list in the clubhouse. Re: number of guests –when you sign your name, please put the number including how many other immediate family members will be with you (for example, if a member is coming alone, write 1. If they are bringing their spouse, they would write their own name and indicate that their total party size will be 2). **We need to know the number of guests ASAP so that we can make arrangements with the restaurant for an appropriate amount of food.** If you can't make it to the clubhouse to sign the sheet, please text/call Brian Fries at (716) 603-8576 with your headcount.

HOWIE BIONDI BGC INVITATIONAL

Please submit your entry form and/or let Joe Attea know that you plan to play in this tournament ASAP. The tournament is Saturday, August 12. The cost of \$60/person includes golf, cart, and dinner – best deal in town! There is also a dinner-only option for \$40/person. The dinner will be held at the Harris Hill Volunteer Fire Hall, 8630 Main Street in Williamsville. The event will have an 8:00 AM shotgun start; the tentative time for dinner is 3:00. The application form is attached as a separate document and can also be downloaded from the BGC website:

<https://www.bgcgolfclub.com/PDFs/InviteForm.pdf>

HARVEST CUP QUALIFIERS

Qualifiers for the Harvest Cup tournament run through August 13 4:00 pm. The qualifier is a two-man team better ball tournament. The best 16 teams will qualify to play in a team match play tournament. See the bulletin board for details. If you are planning to play your qualifier on the weekend, keep in mind that the club championship is August 5-6 and the BGC Invitational is August 12.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The election will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, September 16. There will also be the opportunity to vote via email if you can't be there that day. Details to follow. There is a sheet in the clubhouse requesting nominations. Board terms are for three years. Terms ending this year are Joe Attea, John Barrett, Ken Hupkowicz, and Paul Szydowski.

UPCOMING 2023 WNYPLGA SCHEDULE

Friday August 11th - Senior 2 Man Best Ball (Age 50+) @ Grover Cleveland GC

Saturday August 26th - - 2 Man Scramble @ Elma Meadows GC

Registration for Publinks tournaments:

All entries must be received by the Publinks tournament director 10 days prior to each tournament - there will be no *exceptions* so fill out your applications early and mail them in with the fee listed on the application.

-Applications are available in the clubhouse and online.

-BGC will pay the \$10.00 entry fee for the tournaments held at Grover & Elma

How to fill out your application for the Grover and Elma tournaments:

If you have a season pass for Grover, send only \$12.50 for the Grover tournament and after your name, write "*BGC member Grover pass holder*"

If you do not have a season pass at Grover, send \$32.50 for the Grover tournament and after your name, write "*BGC member*"

If you are a season pass holder at Elma, send only \$12.50 for the Elma tournament and after your name, write "*BGC member Elma pass holder*"

If you do not have an Elma pass, send \$38.50 and after your name, write "*BGC member*"

Best of luck!

Sign-up sheets for these tournaments are in the clubhouse.

COUNTY CUP VS. ELMA MEADOWS

Played at Grover on July 22 and July 23

Congratulations to our Grover teams on winning the 2023 County Cup!

BGC Roster (Based on July 1st Handicap Index)

Class A

Matt Mariconda
Brett Bosse
Chris Zak
Mike Bass

Class B

Dan Kucharski
Jim Burzynski
David Bass
Greg Harrington

Class C

Bob Halter
Dave Butterini
Mark Wesolek
Brian Sadowski

Results:

Day One - Grover 7.5/Elma 4.5

Day Two - Grover 8.0/Elma 4.0

Final Results - Grover 15.5/Elma 8.5

Breakdown:

A Group - 3 points of possible 8

B Group - 4.5 points of possible 8

C Group - 8 points of possible 8

Note re: the selection of our Class A, B, and C representatives:

Since the Grover and Elma courses have different slopes and ratings, we can't just pick members based on their handicap class at Grover. The basic reason that USGA assigns slope and rating to courses and handicap indexes to players is to allow them to compete fairly at different courses (and different tees at the same course). **Since this was a competition against players from a different course, we had to define the classes for the tournament using handicap index brackets.** We defined the brackets used by both golf clubs as 9.9 or less as A, 10.0-17.9 as B, and 18.0 or higher as C using handicap indexes on July 1. This helps ensure that groups of comparable skill levels are competing against each other (at least theoretically).



"I don't care if he is just trying to make a buck, following us with that defibrillator is unnerving."