



The Grove

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Winter Stag – Sunday, February 26, 1-4 PM at Mooney's (1531 Military Road in Kenmore). We hope to see you there!

2023 BGC Membership Dues - Here are the rates:

Regular membership - \$105. The \$20 credit that was given the past two years will not be given this year because we have worked down the excess treasury funds that were accumulated due to parties cancelled during COVID. The hole-in-one jackpot fund is an additional \$5. **Therefore –members who pay regular dues and participate in the hole-in-one jackpot will owe \$110.** New member initiation fee will remain at \$25. Members who were granted a leave of absence for last year and who did not pay dues for the 2022 season will not have to pay the additional \$25 initiation fee if they are reactivating their membership for the coming season

Social membership - \$60

Life Members - \$50. Dues for life members have increased to offset the increased cost of stags and GHIN fees. (This is the first increase in life member dues in modern history.) Life members who participate in the hole in one jackpot will have \$55 total payment due.

The club's cost to provide USGA handicaps through GHIN has increased to \$25 per member this year (approximately 25% of your membership dues).

Many BGC members choose to pay their dues at our Winter Stag. This is an option again this year. Members may also mail their dues checks to BGC Treasurer Joe Attea, 284 Blackstone Boulevard, Tonawanda, NY 14150. Checks should be made out to The Buffalo Golf Club. Joe will also accept payments via Venmo - @Joseph-Attea. (Make sure to use this exact Venmo address. There is another Joe Attea on Venmo that has inadvertently received some members' dues payments due to typing errors.) Please consider paying your dues before the season starts. This will help streamline our membership process.

Erie County Season Passes – The application for season passes is now available. Here is the link:

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

No dates have been announced yet for season pass purchases at the County courses, but members may purchase theirs now via mail or in person at County Hall downtown. (Address is on the application.)

Important change to hole-in-one pool and an additional important clarification regarding match play tournaments:

Due to concerns expressed by several members, there will be separate hole-in-one pools this year for members who play from the white tees and members who choose to play from the red tees. Members who declare that they are playing from the red tees and who get a hole-in-one will split the red tee pool; members who choose to play from the white tees and who get a hole-in-one will split the white tee pool. Make sure to let us know which tees you will be using when you pay your hole in one fee. (Red tees are only an option for members 70 years old and up, so no need for our youngsters to specify white tees.)

In addition – we have had numerous members who have inquired about playing weekly tournaments at the same time that they are playing a match play round (President’s Cup, Harvest Cup, or Match Play Championship). Keep in mind that this is not permitted due to conflicting playing rules for the two types of tournaments.

Sponsors!!! -We are always looking for new businesses/organizations/individuals to support the BGC by sponsoring one of our weekly tournaments. \$145 buys a full-page ad in our program book and provides funding for prizes for one tournament. Please contact a Board member if you have any connections with or ideas for potential new sponsors. Remember to support our sponsors and let them know that we appreciate their support.

2023 Program Book – The book will be digital only again this year; we plan to upload it to the BGC website in late April.

Posting winter golf scores – Please post your scores to GHIN for rounds played in southern states (and southern countries) during the winter. Rounds played in New York State don’t qualify until April 15. Also – if you had any aces over the winter, let us know so that we can post the good news on the BGC website.

Recognition for members who have “shot their age” - We have a page on the BGC website recognizing members who have “shot their age.” Fran Barone and Cleo King are the first members of this very exclusive club. Please keep us informed about any additional members who accomplish this great feat.

USGA rule revisions – The USGA has gone through its periodic revision of rules. Check the BGC website for links to the changes on the USGA website.

Consider helping a friend

Many of you know that one of our members, Rick Czosek, is bravely fighting a battle with cancer now; click on the link below to see how you can help.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ricks-fight-against-pancreatic-cancer>

The next time you complain about the pin placement on #14 at Grover:

