



The Grove

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*The Official Newsletter of the
Buffalo Golf Club*

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SAD NEWS FOR OUR BGC FAMILY

Sympathies to the friends and family of longtime former BGC member George Harrington, Jr. who passed away in May and to the friends and family of David Betsch and Rick Czosek, who passed away in June. Each of these men will be greatly missed.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

Qualifying began on July 1 and runs through July 23 at 4 PM. **The qualifier is a 36-hole medal play event and is played scratch in classes A, B, and C. Qualifying in the Senior division is an 18-hole medal play event and uses full handicap.**

36 Hole Medal Play Rounds Must Be Played on Separate Days

Up to fifteen members will qualify in each division A, B, C, and Senior (70+ by the time the qualifier starts) for the Club Championship Tournament. The champions from the past three years receive an exemption and do not need to play qualifying rounds, provided that they are still in the same handicap class.

Handicaps from the handicap book the week of July 1st will determine A, B, or C class.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6. Scratch play in Classes A, B, and C. (Players with the best nine scores in each class will play on Sunday.) Seniors play with full handicap; Seniors play one round only (Sunday).

The family picnic is Sunday, August 6 following the Club Championship Tournament (approximately 3:00 PM). Members should sign the sheet in the clubhouse if they plan to attend, indicating how many guests they will bring. Please limit your guests to immediate family members only. We need you to sign up so we know how much food to order!

HARVEST CUP QUALIFIER

Qualifying begins on Monday, July 24 and runs through Sunday, August 13 at 4 PM. Two-man teams – DO NOT ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY UNLESS YOU CAN COMMIT TO PLAYING MATCHES THROUGH OCTOBER 8.

For the qualifying rounds, each golfer uses 85% of their handicap from the handicap book in the clubhouse. The score on each hole for a team is the net best ball.

For the team match play rounds, each golfer uses 90% of their GHIN handicap on the day of the match. The score on each hole for a team is the net best ball.

BIG WINNERS AT THE JUNE 10 FLAG DAY STAG

2024 Membership Dues – Jim Vaccaro and Mike Dorobiala

Everyone present won a prize.

CLARIFICATION RE: USE OF RED TEES BY SENIOR MEMBERS

Use the handicap stroke allocation and par for each hole as printed on the BGC tournament cards when playing tournaments that require this information. The stroke allocation and par printed on the Grover scorecards is for women (par 72), but NYSGA has the course rated as par 69 for men from the red tees.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Play is progressing in this year's President's Cup. The semifinal matches are: Rick Rink vs. John Barrett and Tom Czerniejewski vs. Greg Harrington.

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Check the bulletin board in the clubhouse for the latest updates.

SWEEPS OVERVIEW (thank you to Al Mis and Mike Bass for the following Sweeps summary)

- Separate tournament that runs weekly
 - Enter as many times as you want during the week, but only one prize per person
 - Entry fee is \$1 per round played (\$2 for special mega-sweeps weeks)
 - Sign the book and deposit your entry fee before playing your round
 - A/B combined in one division, C is separate division
 - Fill out green sweeps scorecard, have it attested, and deposit in the blue sweeps box
 - Payout is 60% of entry fees in each division to first place, 40% to second place
 - If we get pots with good amounts of money (usually during mega-sweeps), sometimes we are able to pay out three or four spots
 - See Mike Bass with questions or to collect your winnings
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HOWIE BIONDI BGC INVITATIONAL

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>

UPCOMING 2023 WNYPLGA SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 25th – Senior Individual (Age 50+) @ Seneca Hickory Stick GC

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

[WNYPLGA Tournament Registration Form](#) (FOR GROVER AND ELMA TOURNAMENTS ONLY)

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*"

FOR TOURNAMENTS AT COURSES OTHER THAN GROVER/ELMA, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE COST OF THE TOURNAMENT.

Best of luck!

BGC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Board member Greg Kaszubski spoke with the American Red Cross in mid-June regarding a mobile blood drive in the Grover Cleveland clubhouse. Unfortunately, Erie County will not allow the use of the clubhouse for a blood drive due to the presence of food products inside. Greg is investigating other options for future community outreach events.

BGC BOARD ELECTIONS

Nomination sign-up sheets will be in the clubhouse in early August. All members are welcome to run for Board positions. Terms ending this year are John Barrett, Joe Attea, Ken Hupkowitz, and Paul Szydowski. Talk to current Board members if you are interested in running and would like to know more. Board terms are for three years. Elections will be held in September.

COUNTY CUP VS. ELMA MEADOWS

The County Cup tournament vs. the Elma Meadows Men's Club is scheduled for July 22-23. Both rounds will be held at Grover this year. BGC team members will be selected based on handicap index on July 1. Handicap flights are slightly different from our BGC handicap classes (9.9 or less, 10.0-17.9, and 18.0 and higher).

CHALLENGE CUP VS. SOUTH PARK

Tentatively September 9 and 10. The BGC team will be made up of the club champions, match play champions, and the lowest handicap golfers in each class.

REMINDER RE: RECORDING SCORES

Record ALL scores for handicap purposes unless the tournament format excludes the score or a temporary medical condition caused an unusually high score. Match play scores should be entered into GHIN. (If you pick up on a hole, use the score that you most likely would have made if you holed out.)

HOW NOT TO HAVE YOUR SCORECARD DISQUALIFIED

Please be careful. Checking tournament scorecards is a tedious and time-consuming process; be sure that all names and numbers on the card are legible. Tournament chairs are not able to play the role of detective.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DENIS LICHTENBERGER!

Kudos to Denis for joining Cleo King and Fran Barone in the very exclusive club of BGC members who have "shot their age." Denis recorded a score of 69 from the red tees on May 19.

New Buffalo Golf Club Members

Welcome the following new members who joined during 2023:

- David Bass
- Ken Brockenton
- Jimmie Coble
- Patrick Coyne
- Soonwon Ha
- Joe Henderson
- Kevin Kucala
- Kraig Kucala
- Dave Nowak
- Jake Watkins
- Tom Woodside
- Christopher Zak

Thank you to Jim Sheldon for submitting this :

JUMBLE
 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GU YMG
 M U G G Y
 TLTAO
 T O T A L
 NNNACO
 C A N N O N
 XDT OUE
 T U X E D O

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HIS 300-YARD DRIVE OFF THE TEE WAS WAY OUT OF BOUNDS AND ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: L O N G G O N G

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: SWUNG FLUTE WEEKLY LIKELY
 Answer: His wife figured he'd eat too much at the Memorial Day cookout because she — KNEW FULL WELL

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