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*The Official Newsletter of the
Buffalo Golf Club*

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LUCKY MEMBER/FLAG DAY STAG

The date for the Lucky Member/Flag Day Stag will be announced soon. Check the clubhouse and the BGC website for more details.

2023 BGC MEMBERSHIP DUES

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).

Members may 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.)

***Also – be aware that unpaid members cannot play in tournaments
or attest the scorecards of paid members!***

PRESIDENT'S CUP AND MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

The President's Cup Qualifier runs from May 15 through May 29. Brackets will be posted after the qualifiers close. Do not enter the President's Cup tournament if you will be unavailable to play matches regularly through July 23.

The Match Play Championship Qualifier will run from May 30 – June 11.

TOURNAMENT SCORECARDS

Scorecards are in the mailbox on the patio wall. **BE SURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING WHICH CARDS TO USE FOR EACH TOURNAMENT.**

Attested tournament cards should be deposited in the locked mailbox on the patio.

INFORMATION REGARDING USE OF RED TEES

Remember to notify Matt Mariconda at 716- 316-7347 or mattmariconda@yahoo.com or Alan Mis before playing your first tournament if you are 70 or older or will turn 70 during the season and plan to compete from the red senior tees.

More Information on Red Tees

- 1) Members must inform the Tournament & Rules chairman before playing their first tournament of the season that they intend to use the senior/red tees.
- 2) Members must use their red tee handicap when playing from the red tees.
- 3) After a member begins using the senior/red tees, they may not change back to the white tees until the following season.
- 4) Scratch tournaments must be played from the white tees.
- 5) Members may play from either white or senior/red tees during non-tournament rounds, but must accurately record the tees used for handicap purposes.

When playing tournaments that have handicaps allocated hole-by-hole (match play vs. par, Stableford, etc.) use the handicap rating shown on the **tournament scorecard** (or the white tee hole handicap ratings from the Grover scorecards). The red tee handicap ratings shown on the Grover scorecards are for female golfers.

SWEEPS

Look for the Sweeps registration book in the clubhouse. Remember to sign the book and put your entry fee in the blue Sweeps box (in an envelope) before teeing off if you want to compete in Sweeps. Mike Bass will be running Sweeps again this year.

HANDICAPS

Tournament handicaps will be updated approximately every two weeks as in past years. Remember to check your handicap in the clubhouse before submitting your tournament or Sweeps scorecard. Remember to post your home and away scores in GHIN! This is a USGA requirement to ensure that everyone has accurate handicaps. If you don't have access to a computer or smartphone, write your scores in the handicap book in the clubhouse.

PROGRAM BOOK

The updated 2023 Program Book is available on the BGC website. No printed copies will be distributed this year.

https://www.bgcgolfclub.com/ProgramBooks/2023_Program_Booklet.pdf

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE AND RULES

A two-page summary tournament schedule is available for download via the BGC website, and printed copies are in the clubhouse.

https://www.bgcgolfclub.com/PDFs/Tournament_Schedule.pdf

An updated copy of the tournament rules, local playing rules, and handicap regulations are in a binder in the clubhouse. Additionally, the BGC Tournament Rules are posted on the BGC website.

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

ANNUAL INVITATIONAL

The 65th Howie Biondi Invitational Tournament will be **Saturday, August 12** at Grover. Joe Attea, John Barrett, and Ken Hupkowicz are co-chairs. Sign up early! The cost will be \$60 per person (same as last year) for golf, golf cart, prizes, and a great party afterwards. Best deal in town!

BUFFALO GOLF CLUB COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The BGC is considering starting a community outreach program. Here is some preliminary information. We're very interested in hearing your suggestions and level of interest in participating.

What is Community Outreach?

An outreach program aims to help, uplift, and support those who are in need of assistance. Examples of Community Outreach include:

- Food Drive
- Cleanup
- Blood Drive
- Coats for Kids/Adults
- Volunteering for a good cause
- Assisting a family in need

If you're interested in taking part in a Buffalo Golf Club Community Outreach endeavor, have thoughts on other community outreach endeavors, or if you know someone who could benefit from an Outreach, contact Greg Kaszubski, at gpk109@icloud.com

2023 WNYPLGA SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 20th - Bill Boyle 2 Man Best Ball @ Dande Farms

Saturday, June 24th - A & B Team Championship @ Hyde Park GC

*Friday, July 14th & Saturday, July 15th - AA, A, B, C
Individual Championships @ Sheridan Park GC*

Tuesday, July 25th -- Senior Individual @ Seneca Hickory Stick GC

Friday August 11th - Senior 2 Man Best Ball @ 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 on line
[WNYPLGA Tournament Registration Form](#)

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

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 and after your name, write *BGC member Grover pass holder*

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

If you are a season pass holder at Elma send only \$12.50 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!

INFORMATION RE: THE TEE TIME RESERVATION SYSTEM

TO BOOK A TEE TIME: <https://erie.chelseareservations.com/>

INFORMATION RE: LOTTERY SYSTEM:

https://www3.erie.gov/parks/sites/www3.erie.gov.parks/files/2023-04/2023_lottery_system_description.pdf

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- If you have not received your new BGC bag tag yet, see one of the Board members when you're at Grover. The bag tags are in the clubhouse BGC locker.
- The County Cup tournament vs. the Elma Meadows Men's Club is scheduled for July 22-23. 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).
- There is a new restaurant operator for the Grover clubhouse! Early reviews are very positive. Please support our new vendor.
- Grover course improvements are moving forward.