



The Grove

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Buffalo Golf Club*

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Nominations for Board of Directors

Nominations closed on September 5. There were four nominees (volunteers) to serve on the Board for the 2024-2026 term – Joe Attea, John Barrett, Ken Hupkowicz, and Nick Lowery. Paul Szydowski decided to step down from the board after serving for nine years and we thank him for his service. Since there were only four nominees to fill the four openings, there is no need to hold an election this year. Please join us in welcoming Nick Lowery to the Board!

Condolences

Sending our sympathies to the family of Dick Stanton, who passed away on August 23. Dick was a longtime BGC member who served on the Board of Directors and was Handicap Chairman for a number of years. Dick's obituary can be viewed at https://buffalonews.com/obituaries/features/richard-e-stanton-91-canisius-university-professor-researcher-in-theoretical-chemistry/article_52302426-4544-11ee-b4e8-c3371e671a59.html

Condolences also to Jim Vaccaro and the entire Vaccaro family on the sudden passing of Jim's wife Susan on August 16.

Re: Posting Scores to GHIN

Members are required to post all scores for handicap purposes through October 31, including match play rounds. Some members are not aware that match play scores must be posted. If you "pick up" during a match, use the score you would have most likely gotten on that hole. Also, If you play golf in warmer climates over the winter, you are required to post those scores for handicap purposes, too.

Weekly Tournaments

The final two weekly tournaments of the season are now in progress. They are the “5 Club Challenge” and “Worst 15 Holes”. You have until September 17 to play in these tournaments.

Holes-In-One This Season

None so far (there were three last season). The last eligible day is October 31. If none are achieved by October 31, the Hole In One jackpot will carry over to the 2024 season.

Results of BGC Major Events

President's Cup – *Rick Rink*

Club Championship – *Matt Mariconda (Class A), Nick Lowery (Class B), Bob Halter (Class C), Jake Watkins (Seniors)*

Match Play Championship – *Matt Mariconda (Class A), John Robinson (Class B), Bob Halter (Class C), Rick Evers (Seniors)*

County Cup – Grover 15.5 Elma 8.5

Harvest Cup – The semifinal is set in one bracket – Mike and Jim Vaccaro vs. Brett Bosse and Greg Kostyniak. Jim Burzynski and Bill Russo have reached the semifinal round in the other bracket. Their opponents have yet to be determined due to multiple scheduling issues. Bob Pattison and Charlie Burgio will play the winner of the match between Brian Sadowski/Rick Rink and Joe Bialek/Alex Jokipii for the right to face Burzynski/Russo.

Challenge Cup vs. South Park – September 9 and 10. We hope to take back the trophy from South Park this year. The BGC teams are:

A - Matt Mariconda, Mike Bass, Brett Bosse, Greg Kostyniak

B - Nick Lowery, John Robinson, Steve Prunella, Mike Vaccaro

C - Bob Halter, Pat Kilian, Bob Vaccaro Jr., Rick Rink

Grover Cleveland Golf Course Update

Aeration of the greens is tentatively scheduled for September 20 and 21. Be aware that some holes may be closed during the process and temporary greens may be in effect. Unfortunately, if you get a hole-in-one on a temporary green, you don't collect on the prize money. Also, USGA rules do not allow relief from aeration holes on greens. Play them as best you can! (The BGC tournaments should be finished by then, with the possible exception of the Harvest Cup, so it won't affect tournament play.)

Weather permitting, the county plans to continue with the drainage line installations and bunker renovations at Grover later this fall. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate.

You probably noticed that the 19th At Grover restaurant has been closed lately. This is due to staffing issues. No word on when or if it will reopen this season.

We hope you all enjoy the rest of the golf season!