



The Grove AUGUST 2024

*The Official Newsletter of the
Buffalo Golf Club*

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2024 Club Championship Tee Times

Saturday 'A' FLIGHT

8:00: **Matt Mariconda, Claudiu Mihai, Mike Bass (Medalist)**

8:10: **Tom Noonan, Jr., Matt Ehmman, Mark Piatkowski**

8:20: **John Robinson, David Bass, Nick Lowery**

8:30: **Mike Vaccaro, Greg Kostyniak, Paul Rubino**

Saturday 'B' FLIGHT

8:40: **Jim Burzynski, Tony Pope, Harrison Swados (Medalist)**

8:50: **Adam Noonan, Zach Paris, Greg Harrington**

9:00: **Greg Freeland, Steve Prunella, Tom Czerniejewski**

9:10: **Steve Stoj, William Moore, John Regensdorfer**

9:20: **Brian Sadowski, Doug Knapp, Dave Butterini**

Saturday 'C' FLIGHT

9:30: **Bob Halter, Greg Kaszubski, John Bishop**

9:40: **Frankie Cefalu (Medalist), Gregory Ha, Gavin Sloan**

9:50: **Rick Rink, Tom Alajko, Bob Vaccaro, Jr.**

10:00: **Charlie Burgio, Joe Attea, Joe Higgins**

10:10: **Jim Vaccaro, Clark Oldenbrook, Del Costello**

If a rules issue occurs during the club championship that cannot be resolved within the group or by a Marshal, you may contact Alan Mis (716-913-0584). Alan is not participating in the tournament and will be available to help resolve rules issues. You also have the option of finishing the hole with two balls and asking for a ruling after the round is completed.

Congratulations and best of luck to everyone that qualified for the club championship! Due to a variety of circumstances, minor grouping 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 3 with the best nine scores will move on to the final round on Sunday, August 4. (In the event of a tie for ninth place, a playoff will determine who advances to the final round.) **Tee times for Sunday will be determined by the Saturday scores with ranges: C class 8:00-8:20, B class 9:00-9:30, and A class 9:40-10:00.**

Sunday 'Seniors' FLIGHT

8:30: Rick Evers, Steve Adams, John Scinta, Paul Szydowski

8:40: Cleo King, Tom Corbett, Jake Watkins, John Smolinski

8:50: John Golonka, Jim Sheldon, Larry Hamilton, Pat Manzella

Senior tee times were determined by golfers' choice of walking or riding.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Volunteers are needed to help make the club championship weekend (August 3 and 4) a success. Some areas where help is needed are Marshals (ball spotting and keeping things moving), checking score cards, 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!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FAMILY PICNIC – SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 STARTING ABOUT 3:00 PM

Please be aware that there will not be any tents or additional chairs and tables this year. If you do not want to use the picnic tables on the patio or the tables and chairs in the clubhouse, please consider bringing your own lawn chair and/or portable table.

BGC HOWIE BIONDI MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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 10. The cost of \$70/person includes golf, cart, dinner, and prizes – 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 2:30. The application forms are in the clubhouse and can be downloaded from the BGC website:

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

We may have some open holes if we don't fill the course. We will make these open holes (8:00 am tee times) available to people who are not in the Invitational if we don't fill the course. Contact Alan Mis or Joe Attea if you would like to be put on the waiting list for these spots. You will be notified on August 6 or 7 if there is a spot for you.

All of us in the BGC mourn the passing of BGC legend Howie Biondi on July 18 at 103 years old. We have honored him in the past and we continue to honor his memory by attaching his name to our annual BGC Invitational.

HARVEST CUP QUALIFIER

Qualifying for the Harvest Cup tournament runs through Sunday, August 11 4:00 pm. The qualifier is a two-man team better ball tournament. The best 16 teams will qualify to play in a team better ball 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 3-4 and the BGC Invitational is August 10. Tee times will be limited on those dates. You need to play your qualifier with your teammate and another member to attest your card.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The election will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, September 21. (Date is subject to change.) There will also be the opportunity to vote via email if you can't be there that day. Details to follow. There will be a sheet in the clubhouse requesting nominations. Board terms are for three years. Terms ending this year are Alan Mis, Matt Mariconda, Mike Bass, and Brian Fries. There will likely be a couple openings on the board since Alan and Brian are not planning to run for re-election due to personal/family reasons. Please consider running for a position to help keep the club running smoothly.

REMAINING 2024 WNYPLGA (PUBLINKS) SCHEDULE

Application forms are available on the BGC website and in the clubhouse. There will also be paper copies available in the clubhouse. Members are responsible for the full cost of the WNYPLGA tournaments, although there is an exception for the Elma tournament if you have a season pass covering both county courses (see note below).

Friday August 16th, 2024 - Flighted by Age of Team - Senior Two-Man Best Ball at Audubon G.C.

****Saturday August 24th, 2024 - A, B, C Flights -Two-Man Scramble at Elma Meadows*

******Re: Tournament at Elma on 8/24: team entry fee on application form is \$117. Golfers with Elma season pass are only responsible for the \$20/person entry fee and the \$25 cart fee (\$12.50/person for a shared cart). Total of \$65/team if both golfers have the Elma season pass. WRITE PASS NUMBERS ON THE APPLICATION FORM.***

COUNTY CUP VS. ELMA MEADOWS

Played at Elma on July 20 and July 21 Elma emerged victorious this year. The BGC plans to rectify this situation in 2025.

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 course with a significantly different slope and rating, 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).