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*The Official Newsletter of the
Buffalo Golf Club*

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Election of BGC Board of Directors

The four Board members whose terms end in 2024 are Alan Mis, Brian Fries, Matt Mariconda, and Mike Bass. Alan and Brian are stepping down from the Board due to personal/family reasons. We are very grateful for their longtime service to the BGC – please express your appreciation to them in person.

There were eight members nominated to serve on the Board for the 2025-2027 term – Matt Mariconda, Mike Bass, Dan Lach, Tom Czerniejewski, Joe Higgins, Gavin Sloan, Frankie Cefalu, and Joe Coyne.

The election for the four available spots was held on Saturday, September 14 at the hole-in-one celebration hosted by Bill Mellen and Tom Alajko. There was also the opportunity to vote via email. In all, 56 members voted in the election. Here are the results:

- * **Mike Bass (incumbent) – 50 votes**
- * **Matt Mariconda (incumbent) – 42 votes**
- * **Tom Czerniejewski (new board member) – 33 votes**
- * **Joe Coyne (returning board member) – 27 votes**

Dan Lach – 22 votes

Frankie Cefalu – 21 votes

Gavin Sloan – 10 votes

Joe Higgins – 9 votes

There were also two write-in votes.

* **Elected to three year term**

Per the BGC by-laws, the Board of Directors will elect the Club's 2025 officers soon – we will post the results on the BGC website.

Thanks to Tom Alajko and Bill Mellen for arranging the tee times and groups for the hole-in-one event on September 14 and for hosting the celebration recognizing their holes-in-one this season. It was a very nice event attended by many of our members.

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 tournament schedule for this season has been completed.

Sweeps

Mike Bass has announced that due to popular demand, he will continue running Sweeps until participation tapers off. Members should check the bulletin board/BGC table to see if Sweeps are still active.

Holes-In-One This Season

Congratulations to **Bill Mellen** for his ace on hole #13 on August 1 using a 7-iron from 134 yards and to **Tom Alajko** for taking some of Bill’s money with his ace on hole #7 on August 13 using a driver from 200 yards. The last eligible day to win a share of the hole-in-one jackpot is October 31. Bill and Tom would like to encourage all BGC members to put their clubs away and try again next season.

Results of BGC Major Events

President’s Cup – *Bob Vaccaro, Jr.*

Club Championship – *Claudiu Mihai (Class A), Adam Noonan (Class B), Gavin Sloan (Class C), Pat Manzella (Seniors)*

Match Play Championship – *Claudiu Mihai (Class A), Nick Lowery (Class B), Gregory Ha (Class C), Rick Evers (Seniors)*

Harvest Cup – The championship match is set –Matt Ehmann and John Peterson will face Joe Attea and Matt Mariconda. Check the website or bulletin board for results.

County Cup – Elma took the Cup back from Grover this year.

Challenge Cup vs. South Park – Played September 14 and 15. Congratulations to our BGC team for winning the Cup for the second consecutive year. Here are the results:

Saturday, September 14, Day 1 - at South Park

Format: 2 Man Best Ball Match Play (6 Pts. Available)

“A”

Matt Mariconda / Greg Kostyniak (0) - South Park (1)

Tom Noonan / Mike Bass (0) - South Park (1)

“B”

Adam Noonan / Mike Vaccaro (0) - South Park (1)
Harrison Swados / Greg Harrington (1/2) - South Park (1/2)

“C”

John Barrett / Bob Halter (1) - South Park (0)
Gregory Ha / Rick Rink (1/2) - South Park (1/2)

Round 1 Score: BGC 2 - South Park 4

Sunday, September 15, Day 2 - at Grover Cleveland

Format: Singles Match Play (12 Pts. Available)

“A”

Matt Mariconda (0) - South Park (1)
Greg Kostyniak (1) - South Park (0)
Tom Noonan (1) - South Park (0)
Mike Bass (0) - South Park (1)

“B”

Adam Noonan (1) - South Park (0)
Mike Vaccaro (1) - South Park (0)
Harrison Swados (0) - South Park (1)
Greg Harrington (1) - South Park (0)

“C”

John Barrett (1) - South Park (0)
Bob Halter (1) - South Park (0)
Gregory Ha (1) - South Park (0)
Rick Rink (1) - South Park (0)

Round 2 Score: BGC 9 - South Park 3

Final Score: BGC 11 - South Park 7

Thanks to Greg Kaszubski for coordinating both the County Cup and the Challenge Cup.

Grover Cleveland Golf Course Update

Aeration of the greens is scheduled for September 26 and 27. Be aware that the course may be closed during the aeration. Call before you show up to play golf. If the course is open, any holes that have temporary greens in effect are not eligible for the hole-in-one payout. Also, USGA rules do not allow relief from aeration holes on greens. Play them as best you can! The BGC weekly tournaments are completed, so it won't affect tournament play, but remember the USGA rule if you're playing a Sweeps round!

Wall of Honor

It has been seven years since the Board of Directors determined that there were BGC members worthy of receiving the wonderful distinction of being added to our Wall of Honor. This honor is awarded to members in recognition of their sportsmanship, years of dedicated service to the club, and their love for the game. The names of members who had previously earned this recognition are: Joseph Walz, Howard Biondi, Jim Burzynski, William Degen, James Harkins, David Rader, Joseph Attea, Donald Day, Thomas Smith, Paul Andruczyk, and Thomas Fries.

At the Club Championship picnic on August 4, the two newest members of the Wall of Honor were recognized. Congratulations to Alan Mis and Richard Fries for achieving this very rare pinnacle of recognition.

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