



The Grove

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The Official Newsletter of the Buffalo Golf Club

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

Qualifying begins on July 1 and runs through July 20 at 5 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 for the Club Championship Tournament in each division A, B, C, and Senior (age 70+ by the time the qualifier starts). 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 2 and Sunday, August 3. Scratch play in Classes A, B, and C (Players with the best nine scores in each class will play a second round on Sunday). Seniors play one round only (Sunday) with full handicap.

The family picnic is Sunday, August 3 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!

It is very important that members sign the sheet in the clubhouse indicating their plans to attend AND that they remove their names from the list if they find out that they will be unable to be there.

HARVEST CUP QUALIFIER

Qualifying begins on Monday, July 21 and runs through Sunday, August 10 at 5 PM. Two-man teams – DO NOT ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY UNLESS YOU CAN COMMIT TO PLAYING MATCHES THROUGH OCTOBER 5.

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. Use the chart in the clubhouse to determine the handicap allowance. The score on each hole for a team is the net best ball.

BIG WINNERS AT THE JUNE 21 LUCKY MEMBER STAG

2025 membership dues – Pat Manzella and Jim Burzynski

Everyone present won a prize.

PARTY ATTENDANCE

There has been a gradual decline in participation at the BGC social events / meetings. There has been about a 30% decrease at the club's stags and even more of a decrease at the club championship picnic. The Board would like to know if there are any things we can change to have more members attend again. Is it the food? The venue? Family or work commitments? The day of the week? The prizes? Are the presentations too long or irrelevant? Something else? Please email Nick Lowery (nicklowerygolf@gmail.com) if you have any comments about this and/or any suggestions regarding our social events, or talk to any of the Board members.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Play is progressing in this year's President's Cup. The semifinal matches are: Mike Bass vs. Zach Paris and Bob Halter vs. Tom Corbett.

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

HOLE-IN-ONE

Congratulations to Rich Fries for his hole-in-one on #13 on June 1. Hitting into a stiff wind (he claims it was at least 75 mph), Rich used a 5-wood to record the BGC's first ace of the season.

SWEEPS OVERVIEW

Separate tournament that runs weekly

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

Sweeps results are now being posted on the BGC website. Sweeps participants can view the results by clicking the Sweeps Results link on the BGC home page. Please be patient if there are startup glitches with this new web page.

HOWIE BIONDI BGC INVITATIONAL

Saturday, August 9. 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 3:00. The application form is included at the end of this newsletter and can also be downloaded from the BGC website.

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.

REMAINING 2025 WNYPLGA (PUBLINKS) SCHEDULE

Application forms are available on the BGC and WNYPLGA websites. There are also paper copies available in the clubhouse.

Tuesday July 22, 2025 - Flights by Age & Handicap - Senior Championship at Hickory Stick

****** *Saturday and Sunday July 26 & 27, 2025 - AA, A, B, C Flights - Individual Championships at Grover Cleveland Golf Course.*

Friday August 15, 2025 - Flighted by Age of Team - Senior Two-Man Best Ball at Audubon G.C.

****** *Saturday September 6, 2025 - A, B, C Flights - Two-Man Scramble at Elma Meadows*

****** *Re: Tournament at Grover on 7/26 and 7/27: per person entry fee on the application is \$91. Golfers with Grover season pass are only responsible for the entry fee/cart fee of \$45/person. [WRITE PASS NUMBER ON THE APPLICATION FORM.](#)*

******* Re: Tournament at Elma on 9/6: 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.**

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 Frank Altieri, Greg Kaszubski, Chuck Sentman, and Kevin Starr. 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 19-20. The July 19 round will be at Elma, and the July 20 round will be at Grover.

BGC team members will be selected based on USGA handicap index on July 1. Handicap flights are slightly different from our standard BGC handicap classes (9.9 or less, 10.0-17.9, and 18.0 and higher).

CHALLENGE CUP VS. SOUTH PARK

September 20 (at Grover) and 21 (at South Park). 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.

NEW BUFFALO GOLF CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome the following new members who have joined during 2025:

Michael Audet, Michael Bubniak, Paul Benz, Brandon Cefalu, Peter Cimino, Carson Gaughan, Dalton Gaughan, Ken Gossel, Michael Keller, Kevin Kelly, Don Kilian, Zach Matecki, Dave Mohr, Jim Norton, Adam Paradowski, Derek Paradowski, Eric Paradowski

New members who have not yet received their BGC bag tags should see any Board member when you're at the course (they are stored in the BGC locker).

2025 HOWARD BIONDI INVITATIONAL

GROVER CLEVELAND GOLF COURSE

SATURDAY August 9, 8AM (CHECK IN @7:30)

COST \$140.00 PER TEAM (\$70 PER PERSON)

COST IS \$40 PER PERSON FOR DINNER-ONLY

INCLUDES, GOLF, CART, DINNER, DRINKS, AND
PRIZES

(BEER AND POP - YOU CAN BYO BOURBON & WINE)

DINNER AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED AT

HARRIS HILL FIRE HALL (NO PARKING IN THE FRONT LOT)

8630 MAIN ST. WILLIAMSVILLE

MEMBER _____

GUEST

PHONE # _____

PASS # _____

If you would like to play with another twosome list their names below

Email the completed form to Joe Attea (usaph@aol.com) or just put your check and application in the sweeps box. Please let us know promptly if you intend to play.