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*The Official Newsletter of the
Buffalo Golf Club*

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Board of Directors Elects BGC Officers for 2027

President: **Kevin Starr**

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We'd also like to welcome **Matt Ehmann** to the Board of Directors. His three-year term will start in 2027.

If you have any suggestions regarding how the BGC could run more efficiently, you may contact President Kevin Starr or any board member with your thoughts.

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Results of 2026 BGC Major Events

President's Cup – *Rick Evers*

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

Match Play Championship – *Claudiu Mihai* (Class A), *Harrison Swados* (Class B), *Bob Halter* (Class C), *Larry Hamilton* (Seniors)

Harvest Cup – Congratulations to the 2026 Harvest Cup champions, **Charlie Burgio and Bob Pattison**.



County Cup – The BGC retained the County Cup by defeating the team from Elma Meadows.

Challenge Cup vs. South Park – Played August 29 and 30. Congratulations to our BGC team for winning the Cup for the fourth consecutive year!

Shootout – The first annual BGC Shootout was held on Saturday, September 19.

Class A Champion: Claudiu Mihai

Class B Champion: Greg Freeland

Class C Champion: Bob Pattison

Senior Champion: Rick Evers

Thanks to Pat Kilian and Fran Barone for helping on the day of the event – and special thanks to Greg Kaszubski for bringing the idea to us, for coordinating the details, and for generously sponsoring the event.

Sweeps

Sweeps have concluded for the 2026 season. Thank you to Mike Bass for doing a great job for us again this year.

Recording Scores for Handicap

Remember to record scores for handicap purposes through October 31. Winter scores should also be recorded if they are played in warm weather areas.

Hole-in-one Jackpot

As of October 1, Gavin Sloan, with his ace on hole #13 on June 26, is still the only BGC member with an ace at Grover this season (while playing with another BGC member/s). Mark Piatkowski and Claudiu Mihai also had aces this season at Grover, but they were not playing with BGC members at the time. The last eligible day to win a share of the hole-in-one jackpot is October 31.

Spring Stag

The BGC Board of Directors will be meeting in January to set the schedule for our 2027 stags. Look for details in the February 2027 newsletter.

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A public golf course on Main Street doesn't sound like the kind of place that would host a U.S. Open, but in 1912 it did. 🚩 The club had already moved to its current Main Street site a decade earlier, and that summer it welcomed the entire national championship field.

A nineteen year old named John McDermott walked away the winner, the youngest champion in U.S. Open history and the first American born golfer to ever take the title, on a course most Buffalonians now just call the local muni.

The club later took on the name Grover Cleveland, honoring the former president, and Erie County still runs it as a public course today. Somewhere out on that Main Street fairway, a teenager once made golf history. 🏌️

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FINAL THOUGHTS...

Overheard in an online conversation: "The goal of golf is to play less golf." Think about it....

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous winter. See you in 2027!