



The Grove

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The Official Newsletter of the
Buffalo Golf Club

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Fraudulent Emails

Many of you have received suspicious emails, supposedly from Kevin Starr, asking for assistance with gift cards and other payments. They are not coming from Kevin's Gmail account – we believe that one of our members may have had his email account hacked and that the scammer has gotten access to our membership list. Please delete these emails along with any others like them that you may receive in the future.

Election of BGC Board of Directors

The four Board members whose terms end in 2026 are Joe Attea, John Barrett, Ken Hupkowicz, and Nick Lowery.

There were four members nominated to serve on the Board for the 2027-2029 term – Joe Attea, John Barrett, Ken Hupkowicz (incumbents) and Matt Ehmann. Since there were the same number of nominees as there were spots available on the Board, there is no need for an election this year.

Per the BGC by-laws, the new Board of Directors will elect the Club's 2027 officers soon – we will post the results on the BGC website.

Re: Posting Scores to GHIN

Members are required to post *all scores*, both for rounds played at Grover and at other courses, for handicap purposes through October 31, including match play rounds. Unfortunately, some of our members have not been posting scores regularly when they play. If this continues, we may need to consider disqualifying members from tournament competitions if they do not faithfully follow this policy. We are a handicap driven club, and accurate handicaps are a must in order for our tournaments and competitions to be fair for everyone.

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 weekly tournament schedule for this season has been completed.

SHOOTOUT INFO – to be played Sat. 9/19. PLEASE NOTICE THE EARLIER TIMES!!!

8:00 AM Start

“A” Qualifiers 8:00 AM – WILL START ON HOLE #2, SINCE THERE ARE ONLY 9 GOLFERS

Bill Russo – 71

Claudiu Mihai - 72

Tom Noonan - 75 (moc)

Matt Mariconda - 75

Matt Ehmann - 76 (moc)

Greg Kostyniak - 76

Mike Bass - 76

Harrison Swados - 77

Adam Noonan – 78

“B” Qualifiers 8:00 AM – WILL START ON HOLE #1

Jim Burzynski - 77 (moc)

Greg Freeland -77

Rich Fries - 77

John Regensdorfer - 77

Dave Butterini - 79 (moc)

Bill Mellen - 79

Harvey Gress - 81

Tony Pope - 82

Gary Callaghan - 83 (moc)

Steve Bochniarz - 83

First Alternate - Gregory Ha – 85

"C" Qualifiers 8:20 AM – WILL START ON HOLE #1

Ken Hupkowicz - 81

Vincent Lombardo - 83 (moc)

Bob Pattison - 83

John Barrett - 83

Tom Fries - 86

James Klein - 87 (moc)

Bob Fries - 87

Robert DiPasquale - 88 (moc)

Charlie Burgio - 88

Bob Vaccaro Jr. - 88

First Alternate - Stephen Vukelic - 90 (moc)

Seniors 8:40 AM – WILL START ON HOLE #1 THE SHOOTOUT ROUND WILL BE PLAYED *WITHOUT* HANDICAP, AND ALL SENIOR GOLFERS WILL USE THE RED TEES

Dave Mohr 89-24-65

Pat Manzella 82-16-66

Rick Evers 78-10-68

Steve Adams 79-10-69 (moc)

Robert Halter 81-12-69

Kevin Kelly 91-21-70 (moc)

Jim Sheldon 96-26-70

Dean Becker 95-21-74

David Ambellan 102-26-76

Dan Lach 100-22-78

Shootout chairperson Greg Kaszubski will keep all participants updated regarding additional details.

Sweeps

Mike Bass 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 **Gavin Sloan** for his ace on hole #13 on June 26. 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. Gavin 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 – *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 – The final match is set – Pat Manzella and Dave Mohr will play Bob Pattison and Charlie Burgio for the 2026 Harvest Cup championship.

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! Here are the results:

Day 1 Results at South Park (Best Ball - 6 Points)

	Grover Cleveland	South Park
“A”	.5	1.5
“B”	1.0	1.0
“C”	2.0	0.0
	Grover Cleveland 3.5	South Park 2.5

Day 2 Results at Grover

	Grover Cleveland	South Park
“A”	2.0	2.0
“B”	3.0	1.0
“C”	4.0	0.0
Total	9.0	3.0

Final Score: Grover Cleveland – 12.5 South Park – 5.5

BGC team members:

“A” - Claudiu Mihai, Tom Noonan (Saturday), Mike Bass (Sunday) Paul Rubino, Greg Kostyniak

“B” - Harrison Swados, Steve Bochniarz, Tony Pope, Greg Kaszubski

"C" - Bob Halter, John Barrett, Greg Ha, Rick Rink

Please make an effort to thank Greg Kaszubski for coordinating the County Cup, the Challenge Cup, and the Shootout. Each event involves significant time, effort, and challenges.

