



Gentlemen of the BTC

May 22, 2025

Well, our luck of good weather ran out as we went back to early April weather. Mother nature is a little confused; looks like it is going to be cool for about another week or so. Jimmy Mac and the boys played Thursday. I played with Bob Kennedy again and of course; I was no match for our president. He did get the cart girl Chrissy to laugh at me because I cannot say Yuengling. She did come back a few times so that was good.

Not much more to talk about. We are playing Silver Lake South next Tuesday, the 27th. June 3rd, we are playing Glenwoodie and it is the first week of the two-man tourney. I find Glenwoodie tough.

Since I don't have much to talk about, I will tell you my way of playing Silver Lake South.

1st hole: long straight par 5. Take your 6 or 7 and move on.

2nd hole: keep drive left and get your 4 or 5

3rd hole: easy par 3, get your 3 or 4 and move on to the next one

4th hole: a relatively short par 4, keep your drive right and you should make a 4 or 5

5th hole: a par 5 dog leg to the right. Even so, keep your drive a little left and get your 5 or 6

6th hole: long par 4. Kind of dog leg left, but you are able to get a 5 if you hit a good drive.

7th hole: par 3 around 155 yards. Get your 3 or 4 and move on to the next

8th hole: very tough par 4 with a creek before the green. 5 is a very good score on this hole

9th hole: long par 3 over water. It's tough but you should be able to make 4

Now onto the back nine:

10th hole: par 4, keep your drive a little left and get your 4 or 5

11th hole: short par 4. A narrow fairway, but you should be able to get 4

12th hole: dogleg left par 5, not that long, so you should be able to get a 5 or 6

13th hole: straight par 3, not that long and no trouble, should be able to get a 3 or 4

14th hole: narrow par 4, if you hit a good drive, it's not that long, should get a 4 or 5

15th hole: longer par 3. but you can get a 3 or 4

16th hole: long par 5 so a 6 or 7 is not that bad

17th hole: relatively narrow par 4 and tough green, a bogey is a good score

18th hole: short par 3 with water in front and on left side of the green, should get a 3

My goal is to always play the par 3's well. If you do, you can shoot a good score on this course.

Your secretary,
DJ

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Gentlemen please welcome our newest applicant to the Club:

Julian Lopez, 3015 Woods Creek Lane, Algonquin, IL 60102 cell: 630-276-8213
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Let's make this gentleman feel welcome in the Club and help him out as much as possible.

Sincerely,
Jerry Jasinski, Chairman

Golf News

There are two golf attachments with this newsletter. 1. Two Man tournament entries 2. Sign Up sheet for the upcoming week (May 27) at Silver Lake.

For the 2-man, look at the sheet and make sure that you are on there if you signed up. If you are not on there and are supposed to be, let Scott or Anthony know right away. The first round of the 2-Man Tournament will be June 3rd. All members with an established Builders Tee Club handicap index are eligible for the tournament. We have one person who entered that currently doesn't have a partner (Larry Konopacz). If you would like to be in the tournament but don't have a partner, Larry would be a good choice. He is relatively new to the club. He is a good at match play and a really good guy.

Look at the attached sign-up sheet. It is up to date as of any hotline messages received by 6:00pm Thursday May 22. If you plan on golfing May 27th and aren't checked off on the sheet let us know. If you haven't called in your group for next week (May 27) at Silver Lake, call the hotline (708-888-1355) right away. I would like to send out the tee sheet by Friday night.

Silver Lake will not let us do split times. Everyone will be teeing off on the first hole. The first tee time will be 8:06 and the last will be around 11:30.

Golf emails outside of the newsletter will come from **builderstee@gmail.com** (Senders Name: Builders Tee). Please add that address to your email contacts list so that the golf emails don't end up in your spam/junk folder.

From the "FYI" files. Some guys feel that the weather this past Tuesday wasn't as bad as some other days that we have golfed in the past and we could have toughed it out and played. The decision to cancel wasn't based solely on weather. The decision was also influenced by the condition of the golf course. When I spoke to Jacob at Green Garden Tuesday morning, he told me that not only were all the bunkers flooded but many of the fairways had standing water, and the overall condition of the course was pretty bad. Now I know what your thinking, water in the fairway would not be an issue for many of our golfers. But for the rare few that actually hit the fairway, it would have sucked.

Your 2025 Golf Guys,

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2025 GOLF SCHEDULE

(subject to change)

Date		Golf Course	1st Tee Time	
May	27	Silver Lake South	8:06	All Start On 1st Tee
June	3	Glenwoodie	8:00	2 - Man
June	10	Deer Creek	8:30	Split Tee Times
June	17	Hickory Hills	8:30	Split Tee Times
June	24	Green Garden Gold	9:30	2 - Man
July	1	Glenwoodie	8:00	Split Tee Times
July	8	Deer Creek	8:30	Split Tee Times
July	15	Silver Lake North	8:06	2 - Man
July	22	Green Garden Blue	9:00	Club Championship
July	29	Silver Lake South	8:06	All Start On 1st Tee
Aug	5	Hickory Hills	8:30	2 - Man
Aug	12	George Dunne	8:30	Club Championship
Aug	19	Glenwoodie (Italian Day)	TBD	Shotgun Start
Aug	26	Ravisloe	8:30	
Sept	2	Sanctuary	8:00	Club Championship
Sept	9	Deer Creek	9:00	
Sept	16	Silver Lake North	8:06	All Start On 1st Tee
Sept	23	Ravisloe	8:30	
Sept	30	George Dunn	8:30	
Oct	7	Green Garden Blue	9:00	Split Tee Times
Oct	14	Waters Edge	8:30	Split Tee Times
Oct	21	Naperbrook	TBD	Split Tee Times
Oct	28	Silver Lake	10:00	Shotgun Start

How to use the Rules of Golf to your advantage in 7 scenarios
(Plagiarized from Inside Golf.com magazine) (Newsletter filler)

ASK GOLFERS HOW the Rules of Golf impact their round, and almost all will say that they add strokes to their score. It's not an unreasonable perspective. We are conditioned, especially in sports, to view rules as things to avoid breaking so we won't be assessed some sort of penalty.

An offensive lineman holding a defensive end? Ten-yard penalty. Whack a player's arm on his way up for a layup? Two-shot foul. A catcher's glove interferes with a batter's swing? Automatic first base.

Yes, there are penalizing elements of the Rules of Golf, but that's not the end of the matter. Knowing the situations where the Rules can be used to your advantage can save you from difficult predicaments, and it's a great way to enhance your golf experience and maybe even lower your score.

Are you taking advantage of these scenarios when you tee it up?

Right-handed player taking relief for playing a left-handed shot

THE SCENARIO: An errant tee shot comes to rest beside a tree that impedes your ability to take your normal swing. You decide your best option is to punch the ball back into play using a left-handed swing but in doing so, you're now standing on the cart path.

THE QUESTION: Since a left-handed swing is not your normal stance, would you be allowed to take free relief from the cart path?

THE ANSWER: Yes, because using an abnormal swing doesn't preclude you from taking relief as long as the stroke you're trying to make isn't clearly unreasonable. Proceed by finding the nearest point of complete relief using a left-handed stroke. From that spot, you get a one-club-length relief area to drop the ball in.

The best part? After completing the relief procedure, you are then free to use a normal right-handed swing.

Re-tee a ball in play in the teeing area

THE SCENARIO: You topped your drive, but the ball comes to rest in the teeing area.

THE QUESTION: Does this count as a stroke, and, if so, can you re-tee the ball for your next shot?

THE ANSWER: If you tried to hit the ball, then you made a stroke by definition and are lying one. But when the ball is in play within the teeing area, which is defined as the area that extends 2 club-lengths behind the tee markers, you are allowed to lift and move the ball anywhere you want within that teeing area. That includes putting it back on the tee without penalty for your second shot.

Taking relief from the rough to the fairway

THE SCENARIO: You draw a bad lie in the rough, but a sprinkler head interferes with your stance. You wisely decide to take free relief. While your nearest point of complete relief is in the rough, you realize that your one club-length reaches the fairway.

THE QUESTION: Are you allowed to take free relief from the rough and drop it in the fairway?

THE ANSWER: Absolutely! In fact, this is the exact scenario used in Clarification 16.1/1 in the Rules of Golf to illustrate that this is permissible. The rough and fairway are part of the same area of the course – the General Area – and if taking relief results in you getting better conditions, then it's your lucky day. Feel free to drop and take your next shot.

An immovable obstruction that's in a penalty area

THE SCENARIO: Taking aim at the flagstick, your shot sails over the green and avoids the penalty area, but a bridge that's in the penalty area is interfering with your next swing.

THE QUESTION: Do you get free relief from this obstruction even though it's in the penalty area?

THE ANSWER: You're allowed free relief from immovable obstructions anywhere on the course except when your ball is in the penalty area. If the ball were in the penalty area, there'd be no free relief from the bridge. But since this ball is not in the penalty area, free relief would be allowed.

It's not about the location of the obstruction – it's all about the location of the ball.

Free relief for ground under repair

THE SCENARIO: Your golf course is working on the drainage system in the middle of a fairway. Your tee shot avoids the marked-off repair area, but your stance doesn't.

THE QUESTION: Can you take free relief when the ground under repair interferes with your stance and not your ball?

THE ANSWER: Ground under repair is treated the same as a cart path in that if you have interference with your lie, stance or swing, you can play it as it lies or take free relief by finding the nearest point of complete relief and dropping a ball within one club-length of that spot.

Accidentally move your ball while trying to find it

THE SCENARIO: You are searching for your ball off the fairway – and inadvertently interfere with the ball while doing so.

THE QUESTION: Is it a penalty if I accidentally move the ball while looking for it?

THE ANSWER: If you or anyone else accidentally moves your ball anywhere on the course while trying to find or identify it, there is no penalty. Simply replace the ball on its original spot. If you're unsure of the exact spot, use your best judgment to estimate and play on.

Plugged ball

THE SCENARIO: A rainstorm left the course wet and soft. You crush your first tee shot down the middle of the fairway but when you get to your ball, you see that it's plugged in its own pitch mark.

THE QUESTION: Am I allowed to pick the ball up and take a drop for my second shot or do I have to play it as it lies?

THE ANSWER: You could play it as it lies – but why when free relief is allowed? Take your drop within one club-length of the spot right behind the ball that's in the general area. You also have the option to clean the ball or change it out for a new ball.

Let Dave Jenner know if items like this interests you being part of the newsletter. From time to time articles of interest to golfers in general may appear. Good info to pass on weeks when we get rained out or if an article is found that is pertinent to our Club.

Andy Zilis