



Gentlemen of the BTC

October 9, 2025

It was a so-so day for golf at Green Garden as it was raining in the morning up to our tee times, but nine of us stuck around to golf. It was a little misty and cold till about the 7th hole then it was ok.

So, the nine of us, me, Scott Lee, Anthony Serritella, Bob Vizdal, Bob Long, Roger Stewart, Dwight Hammond, Dennis Samoska and Randy Samoska got a lot of exercise cause it was cart path only and all shot our best rounds of the year. Yeah right.

Only three more weeks of golf and then bowling starts, we need bowlers so if you want to bowl, tell someone or contact Keith Tadevich at 708-912-8831. Playing Water's Edge this Tuesday 10/14/25, so I will give you my expert advice once more:

Hole 1: Par 5, dogleg left, water in middle of fairway, avoid water, make 5.

Hole 2: Par 4, water on right, avoid it, make 4 or 5

Hole 3: Par 3, short, should make 3

Hole 4: Par 5, kind of long, marsh on left, make 5 or 6

Hole 5: Par 4, trees on left, makes hole longer, 5 is good

Hole 6: Par 4, dogleg right, avoid trees and you can make par

Hole 7: Par 3, kind of longish, green can be tough, 4 is not bad

Hole 8: Par 4, relatively straight, but bogey is not bad

Hole 9: Par 4, not the longest, but still tough, get 4 or 5

Hole 10: Par 4, longer than it looks, but you can still par

Hole 11: Par 5, not that long, but tight woods on left, water all the way on right, 5 is doable

Hole 12: Par 3, about 140 to 160, downhill, 3 is doable

Hole 13: Par 4, really not that long, stay out of woods and make 4

Hole 14: Par 4, longer par 4, 5 is not bad

Hole 15: Par 5, just like the last, just longer, should par

Hole 16: Par 3, usually around 120 to 130, slightly uphill, should par

Hole 17: Par 4, not that long, stay right, make 4 or 5

Hole 18: Par 4, dogleg right not that long, make 4 or 5c

There you go, going to shoot 79 again.

Your secretary,
DJ

P.S. Go Cubbies, Go Bears

October Birthdays:

Larry Konopacz (1), Larry Garetto (4), Frank Kossman (15), Hal Eberling (16), Larry Gramith (16), Jack Heatter (17), Steve Ostrowski (17), Chuck Dinolfo (18), Jim Eppolito (22), John Bondi (23), Randy Samoska (25), Jerry Jasinski (26).

Please let us know if we missed any birthdays.

Fellow Members:

This past week we lost one of our longtime Members in **Jim Fowler**. I am adding the interview that I did with him back in 2022. Here it is:

This week I would like to tell you a little about another Past President who has overcome a severe neck injury and surgery to come back to playing golf and hopefully bowling with us. **Jim Fowler** moved to this area in 1977 from Columbus, Ohio. Jim has been in the shipping business his whole career, the past 28 as Vice President of Sales for Alliance Shippers Inc. who ship anything and everything all around the world. John Mann was the Member who brought Jim into the BTC back in 1991. In 1998 Jim was President of the club. After serving as an Officer, Jim was Chairman of the Membership Committee for many years and was also the "Jolly Fat Man" for the Kids Christmas Party - bringing huge smiles (and gifts) to all the boys and girls.

Jim played golf regularly and bowled with the Beggars Team and a few others since most good bowlers get recruited by other teams frequently. While bowling with **Jim Foster**, Gary's Father, Jim told me his "Claim to Fame" was bowling a 290 game the hard way. Throwing the first 11 and with only 1 ball away from perfection, Jim told me that Jim Foster told him to not be nervous and just go up to the lane and release the ball like he had been. Good advice but Jim says that he missed his outside line by a few boards to the right and managed to throw it right in the gutter. Still a great game and hopefully Jim can compete at bowling with us again and get the 12th strike next time. Either way we are glad that he overcame his neck surgery five years ago to be able to compete again. Jim is planning on finally retiring in the not too distant future and hopes to spend more time with his wife, Jody, of almost 50 years. Jody and Jim have three children, including one daughter and two sons, one of whom is career military, plus three grandchildren. We hope that when Jim is not with the family he is spending time on the course or at the bowling alley with us.

Jim, Rest In Peace.

Thanks for listening,

Your Historian
Bob Vizdal

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Please welcome our latest applicant to the Club:

Angel Nieves, 5633 N. Ottawa, Chicago, IL. 60631 Cell # (224) 619-6331
email address: cheetoxl@msn.com Sponsors: John Adreani and Mike Kampfert

Sincerely,

Jerry Jasinski, Chairman

Tennis Report – Al Baldermann

The BTC golf season ends October 28th. We will begin playing tennis on Tuesday, November 4th. The arrangements have been made with the tennis club. We will play from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, as always. You must have a Park Forest Tennis Club membership to play. The court time cost is \$12.00 per week including tennis balls.

Bring your racquet and tennis shoes. Looking forward to seeing you on November 4th!

Also, Chuck DiNolfo asked me to remind everyone that our semi-annual GIO trip is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11th. All are invited. Please let me know if you are attending so that we can make the reservation.

Bowling News

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It's that time of the year again as the golf season is winding down and the bowling season is getting ratcheted up! BTC bowling season will be starting on Tuesday 11/4 which is the week after the golf season ends. Next week, I will begin calling bowlers from last year to find out who all is planning on bowling this season, and with which teams. We are looking for individuals and/or full teams to join. There is room for everyone. Bowling, just like golf, is handicapped based on your skill level, which allows all skill levels to compete on a level playing field. If you are new to the BTC, or did not bowl last year, please do not hesitate to **call or text me at 708-912-8831**. I will find you a spot. If you would rather email, please do so at **keith@burroakbowl.com**.

Bowling Secretary,
Keith Tadevich

We need all the bowlers we can get, it's fun.

Golf News

Look at the attached sign-up sheet for Waters Edge this week. If you want to play, make sure your name is checked off. Any names in red font are part of a group that has already been called in.

Our attendance usually dips off quite a bit at the end of the season. I don't understand why but especially this year I would take advantage of what looks like some pretty good October weather to get a couple more rounds of golf in before the weather turns.

If you want to play Tuesday and are not signed up yet or your foursome hasn't been called in, please call the new hotline right away.

New Hotline Number (815) 242-1597

With only nine golfers we obviously didn't have a daily game but just for phone I ran a report as if we did have a game. Its attached to this newsletter if you want to take a look. There were only 4 blind draw best ball teams and we ended up with a 3-way tie for first place. There will not be any money paid out this week.

Your 2025 Golf Guys,

Scott Lee (312) 340-4171
Anthony Serritella (630) 430-5742

2025 GOLF SCHEDULE
(subject to change)

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