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2025 Club Championship Qualifiers

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- 1.*MIKE BASS 148
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- 3.MATT EHMANN 151
- 4.ADAM NOONAN 155
- 5.ZACH PARIS 155
- 6.STEVE PRUNELLA 157
- 7.PAUL CASEY 157
- 8.GREG KOSTYNIK 158
- 9.NICK LOWERY 160
- 10.GREG HARRINGTON 166
- 11.MATT MARICONDA EXEMPT
- 12.CLAUDIU MIHAI EXEMPT

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- 2.FRANKIE CEFALU 160
- 3.TONY POPE 162
- 4.CHARLIE GALLUZZO 162
- 5.BILL MELLEN 163
- 6.RICH FRIES 164
- 7.CARSON GAUGHAN 164
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- 3.GEOFF HICKS 175
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- 9.MARK HY 183
- 10.JOE ATTEA 183
- 11.CHARLIE BURGIO 185
- 12.KEVIN KELLY 185
- 13.BOB PATTISON 189
- 14.DAN LACH 189
- 15.BOB HALTER EXEMPT

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- 1.*PAUL SZYDLOWSKI 65
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- 3.JOHN SMOLINSKI 67
- 4.TOM CORBETT 67
- 5.RICK EVERS 68
- 6.JIM GOSDECK 68
- 7.JOHN SCINTA 70
- 8.JIM SHELDON 71
- 9.DEAN BECKER 71
- 10.MIKE AUDET 72
- 11.STEVE ADAMS 72
- 12.JIM MARTIN/FRANK PASSAFIUME 74
- 13.CLEO KING EXEMPT
- 14.JAKE WATKINS EXEMPT
- 15.PAT MANZELLA EXEMPT

*denotes medalist

Be sure to check the bulletin board in the clubhouse for tee times for Saturday, August 2. Class A will be first, followed by Class B and then Class C. Tee times for Sunday will be determined based upon Saturday's results. The order on Sunday will be Class C, then Seniors, then Class B, and finally Class A.

Due to a variety of circumstances, minor changes may be necessary within some classes. Affected players will be notified of any changes. Players in the A/B/C classes on Saturday, August 2 with the top nine scores will move on to the final round on Sunday, August 3. Tee times for Sunday will be determined by the Saturday scores.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

Volunteers are needed to help make the club championship weekend (August 2 and 3) a success. Some areas where help is needed are marshals (ball spotting and keeping things moving), checking score cards, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, and cleaning up after the picnic. If you are able to help, please sign the list in the clubhouse. Thanks for your support!

VERY IMPORTANT – TIME SENSITIVE!!!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FAMILY PICNIC – SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 STARTING AT 3:00 PM

Please sign up on the RSVP list in the clubhouse. Re: number of guests –when you sign your name, please put the number including how many other immediate family members will be with you (for example, if a member is coming alone, write 1. If they are bringing their spouse, they would write their own name and indicate that their total party size will be 2). We need to know the number of guests ASAP so that we can make arrangements with the restaurant for an appropriate amount of food.

Also – please be aware that there will not be a tent or any additional chairs this year. Please consider bringing your own lawn chair.

2025 Match Play Championships

Matches are still being completed in most of the classes (A/B/C/Senior). Results will be included in the September newsletter.

President's Cup 2025

Congratulations to Tom Corbett who defeated Mike Bass in the final match to claim the President's Cup championship.

HOWIE BIONDI BGC INVITATIONAL

Please submit your entry form and/or let Joe Attea know that you plan to play in this tournament ASAP. The date is Saturday, August 9. The cost of \$70/person includes golf, cart, and dinner – 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 attached as a separate document and can also be downloaded from the BGC website:

<https://www.bgcgolfclub.com/PDFs/InviteForm.pdf>

HARVEST CUP QUALIFIER

Qualifying for the Harvest Cup tournament runs through August 10 at 5:00 pm. The

qualifier is a two-man team better ball tournament. The top 16 teams will qualify to play in a team match play tournament. See the bulletin board for details. If you are planning to play your qualifier on the weekend, keep in mind that the BGC Invitational is August 9.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The election will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday, September 13. There will also be the opportunity to vote via email if you can't be there that day. Details to follow. There is a sheet in the clubhouse requesting nominations. Board terms are for three years. Terms ending this year are Frank Altieri, Greg Kaszubski, Chuck Sentman, and Kevin Starr.

REMAINING 2025 WNYPLGA (PUBLINKS) SCHEDULE

Application forms are available on the BGC website. There are also paper copies available in the clubhouse.

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 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.](#)*

COUNTY CUP VS. ELMA MEADOWS – THE BGC WINS!!!

After a disappointing 2024 loss to the team from Elma Meadows, the BGC team returned the County Cup trophy to Grover Cleveland GC with a great victory on July 19 and 20. Congratulations to our BGC representatives.

Buffalo Golf Club 2025 County Cup Selections:

“A” Grouping - Matt Mariconda - Matt Ehmann - Mike Bass - Tom Noonan

“B” Grouping - Greg Harrington - Mark Piatkowski - Adam Noonan, Nick Lowery

“C” Grouping - Gregory Ha – Tom Alajko - Mike Keller - Eric Paradowski

Note re: the selection of our Class A, B, and C representatives:

Since the Grover and Elma courses have different slopes and ratings, we can't just pick members based on their handicap class at Grover. The basic reason that USGA assigns slope and rating to courses and handicap indexes to players is to allow them to compete fairly at different courses (and different tees at the same course). **Since this was a competition against players from a different course, we had to define the classes for the tournament using handicap index brackets.** We defined the brackets used by both golf clubs as 9.9 or less as A, 10.0-17.9 as B, and 18.0 or higher as C using handicap indexes on July 1. This helps ensure that groups of comparable skill levels are competing against each other (at least theoretically).

Special thanks to BGC Board of Directors member Greg Kaszubski for coordinating the selection of teams and the logistics of the two-day event.

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathies to John Golonka and family on the passing of John's wife Francine on July 20 after a long and brave battle with cancer.

As most of you are aware, longtime BGC member Tom Fries is fighting a battle with kidney disease. In addition to the benefit that his family and friends have organized (see below), Jim Burzynski is also organizing a tournament which will be like our present Sweeps events. Golfers may enter as often as they'd like during the course of the event. See Jim and/or look for info. in the clubhouse regarding this.



BENEFIT

honoring

TOM FRIES



**Friday,
September
19th**



**7:00 to
10:00 PM**

**Fraternal Order of Eagles
4569 Broadway, Depew, NY 14043**

\$30 per ticket includes beer, wine, pop, pizza,
dessert and entry to win a door prize

Tom is a loving husband, father, coach and community advocate who is battling end stage kidney disease and is in **urgent** need of a kidney transplant. Dialysis is keeping him alive. His condition has resulted in overwhelming medical expenses and he will need lifelong medication and medical care. Lets get Tom the kidney he needs!

BASKET RAFFLE - 50/50 - BIG TICKET RAFFLES - MUSIC

Tickets and Donations:

Amanda Fries: 716-901-4478 Joanne Middagh: 716-652-7253
Karen Rayer: 716-725-3628 Jen Chmurzynski: 716-628-0930
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**Ticket purchases and monetary donations can
be made via Venmo @Kidney-for-Tom** →



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