



# The Grove

## September 2025

### *The Official Newsletter of the Buffalo Golf Club*

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President: **Nick Lowery** Vice-President: **Matt Mariconda** Treasurer: **Joseph Attea**  
Secretary: **Kevin Starr**

Board Members: **Frank Altieri, John Barrett, Mike Bass, Joe Coyne, Tom Czerniejewski, Ken Hupkowicz, Greg Kaszubski, Chuck Sentman**

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#### **Election of BGC Board of Directors**

The four Board members whose terms end in 2025 are Frank Altieri, Greg Kaszubski, Chuck Sentman, and Kevin Starr.

There were seven members nominated to serve on the Board for the 2026-2028 term – Richard Fries, Greg Kaszubski, Dan Lach, Adam Noonan, Chuck Sentman, Gavin Sloan, and Kevin Starr.

The election for the four available spots was held on Saturday, September 13. There was also the opportunity to vote via email. In all, 48 members voted in the election. Here are the results:

**Kevin Starr: 42\***

**Rich Fries: 40\***

**Greg Kaszubski: 37\***

**Dan Lach: 21\***

Adam Noonan: 12

Chuck Sentman: 9

Gavin Sloan: 8

**There were also four write-in votes cast: Denis Lichtenberger (2); John Regensdorfer (2)**

**\* Elected to three year term**

Per the BGC by-laws, the new Board of Directors will elect the Club's 2026 officers soon – we will post the results on the BGC website.

*Nick Lowery will be stepping down as BGC president. He has earned a career opportunity that will require him to relocate from the Buffalo area. Nick will remain on the BGC Board of Directors for the remainder of his term (one more year) and will participate in Club activities when he is able. We all wish him well and congratulate him on this new venture.*

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## Re: Posting Scores to GHIN

Members are required to post all scores for handicap purposes through October 31, including match play rounds. 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.

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## Weekly Tournaments

The tournament schedule for this season has been completed.

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## Sweeps

Mike Bass has announced that due to popular demand, he will continue running Sweeps until participation tapers off. Members should check the bulletin board/BGC table to see if Sweeps are still active.

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## Holes-In-One This Season

Congratulations to **Rich Fries** for his ace on hole #13 on June 1 using a 5-wood (gale-force winds were against him) and to **Claudiu Mihai** for taking some of Rich's money with his ace on hole #13 on August 3 using a 7-iron. This is the first time in anyone's recollection that there has been a hole-in-one during Club Championship weekend. The last eligible day to win a share of the hole-in-one jackpot is October 31. Rich and Claudiu would like to encourage all BGC members to put their clubs away and try again next season.

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## Results of BGC Major Events

**President's Cup** – *Tom Corbett*

**Club Championship** – *Claudiu Mihai* (Class A), *Tony Pope* (Class B), *Bob Halter* (Class C), *Paul Szydlowski* (Seniors)

**Match Play Championship** – *Claudiu Mihai* (Class A), *Greg Harrington* (Class B), *Rick Rink* (Class C), *Pat Manzella* (Seniors)

**Harvest Cup** – The championship match is set –Bob Halter and Jim Klein will face Alan Mis and Kevin Kelly. Check the website or bulletin board for results.

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

**Challenge Cup vs. South Park** – Played September 6 and 7. Congratulations to our BGC team for winning the Cup for the third consecutive year! Here are the results:

***Day 1 Results at Grover Cleveland ( Best Ball - 6 Points)***

**Grover Cleveland 4.5    South Park 1.5**

### **Day 2 Results at South Park (Singles - 12 Points)**

	Grover Cleveland	South Park
"A"	1.5	2.5
"B"	3.0	1.0
"C"	3.0	1.0
Total	7.5	4.5

**Final Score: Grover Cleveland - 12     South Park - 6**

BGC team members:

A – Claudiu Mihai, Mike Bass, Tom Noonan, Greg Kostyniak

B- John Robinson, Harrison Swados, Rich Fries, Greg Freeland

C – Bob Halter, Derek Paradowski, Tom Alajko, Joe Coyne

**Thanks to Greg Kaszubski for coordinating both the County Cup and the Challenge Cup.**

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### **Grover Cleveland Golf Course Updates**

Aeration of the greens is scheduled for September 16 and 17. At this point the plan is to have 9 holes available for play each day. Any holes that have temporary greens in effect are not eligible for the hole-in-one payout. Also, USGA rules do not allow relief from aeration holes on greens. Play them as best you can! The BGC weekly tournaments are completed, so it won't affect tournament play, but remember the USGA rules if you're playing a Sweeps round!

*Facebook post from Erie County Parks, Recreation & Forestry, July 25, 2025*

*We are continually working on improving our parks and golf courses. We're making an important upgrade at Grover Cleveland Golf Course to improve playing conditions and protect the course during periods of heavy rain. By installing drainage from the ponds to the main storm drain, those spillovers that cause soggy areas will soon be a thing of the past! Thank you for your patience as we make these improvements.*



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**We hope you all enjoy the rest of the golf season!**