



# ***THE ELEVENTH FRAME***

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION BI-MONTHLY  
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AWBA.org



From Our AWBA Chairperson,

**Joe Fox, Sr.**

Well here we are once again!! Can you believe it, Santa Clause is coming again!! Seems like he was just here last year!! That's right, the Fat little man comes every year at Christmas! Wish he would bring me more Toys, we will have to wait and see!

Its been a little busy, as we have been working on several issues that directly effect AWBA. But rest assured, we are working on getting the answers we need to the issues at hand and you, the member, will be receiving the direct benefit from all the work that is being done. Many positive changes are in the works that will insure the stability and longevity of our organization. As time passes, you will hear and be involved in many of these changes which we believe you will support.

The Las Vegas Invitational AWBA/PVA Tournament is in the books and turned out great!! Walt Roy and Helena, Dick and Charlene, Van and Linda Schneider, the AWBA Women's Auxiliary, along with many others helped make this event a leader in how to run a bowling tournament!! Thanks to all of you that make this event a wonderful success every year.

Elections are coming up again with the ballots to be sent to our members in March, 2013. There are 4 positions that will be elected to serve the 3 year term. While in Las Vegas I ask a few members if they might be interested in running for the Board. Some expressed an interest and those names were passed on to the Nomination Committee Chair, Walt Roy. If any of you might be interested in placing your name in nomination, please send your name to either myself or Walt Roy.

The Board held its Winter meeting while in Las Vegas. A number of proposals were presented that will add to how the AWBA operates and serves its members. The minutes of the meeting are posted under the member tab on our web site.

We also had a meeting with the 4 AWBA Tournament Directors that are involved with National PVA to discuss the PVA funding and the procedural changes being made to that funding. One major change being "no more up front money from PVA". These changes were a result of procedural changes between the USOC and the National PVA. The funding for the last three years has in fact been grant money received from the USOC with the PVA serving simply as a pass through body with some control as to where and how the funds were to be spent. My job as your chairperson, is to insure the members of the AWBA are protected and the bowling events held throughout the country maintain the same quality as in years passed. Rest assured that will happen

In closing, let me congratulate George Holscher for bowling his first 300 Sanctioned Game which took place on November 26, 2012 at Indian River Lanes, great bowling George.

So that's it from me my Friends, if you need me call me, if you do not need me then, Please , enjoy a very Merry Christmas and NEW year from my Family to yours,

## **AWBA NATIONAL TEAM ANNOUNCED**

***Judy Mosher, AWBA National Team Captain announced those members that will make up the USBC Open Championship team in May, 2013. Those named are Toodie Perry, California, J.K. Johnston, Texas, Stacey Clowers, California, Harvey Clowers, California, David Nelson, Nebraska, and Judy Mosher, Virginia. Each year the AWBA sends a 6 person team to compete in the U.S. Open Championships. This year, the event will be held in Reno, Nevada. In sending a team to this great event, it brings a higher level of visibility for those that bowl in a wheelchair. Good Luck to each of you in May.***

**Gary Ryan, Secretary**

Its seems that each year passes a little faster than the last!!!! I am sure that age has little to do with that feeling but could well be how busy we have been over that passed 6 months working on behalf of you, the member, to insure the future development of our great organization. Since we last spoke, the Strategic Planning committee held a very productive meeting with the USBC in Arlington, Texas. The focus of the meeting was to begin discussions between the two organizations to raise the visibility of the AWBA within the bowling community. It is hoped over the next 4 months to develop the needed business strategy for presentation to the USBC Board of Directors in May to insure the growth of the AWBA over the years to come. We have also begun discussions with various corporate entities exploring the possibilities of formulating business partnerships focused on National Sponsorship of our organization. In return, the AWBA and its members would support the products these company’s offer to the bowling community, thereby creating a true partnership. There may well be some wonderful opportunities available but only time will tell. Your board in their Winter Meeting in Las Vegas had a lengthy discussion of bringing more value to you, the member. Over the next few months, you will begin to see some of those benefits directed at you the member. Your board wishes to introduce the word “professionalism” to in member, both in the tournaments we are involved with as well as the actions of the board itself. You will begin to see the impact of that word at our next tournament, The Korchak/Doty, in Virginia. We are working on many things that we believe will add value to your membership and help you, the member, secure NEW members for the AWBA. Many of the changes you will see are directed in a number of areas, one of which is a reduction in expenses that both the AWBA incurs as well as each tournament director. This will allow your board to direct those funds saved to you, the member. Value Added is something we as a board have a responsibility in delivering to you as well as raising the visibility of our sponsors. Rest assured, your board, while not always in agreement, if focused on making your experience at each event, as memorable as possible.

In closing this memorable year, Onie and I would like to express to you and your family all the best in this Holiday Season. We have so much to be thankful for, so my pledge to you for the upcoming year will be as it has always been, to work in the interests of you, the member of the AWBA and to the future growth and longevity of this great organization.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**AWBA Auxiliary**

**“The helping hand of the AWBA”**

**Linda Schneider, President**

MERRY HO! HO! HO!,

The Holidays are in full swing and it’s my favorite time of year. The Auxiliary Raffle in Vegas was a huge success!!! We made over \$400.00 thanks to the efforts of Loretta Spotts and the great support of everyone. Also saw several Secret Santa “Happenings”. It’s always fun to see all of the reactions.

We wish everyone health and happiness in the New Year!!!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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# **"STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS"**



**August 15th thru December 31st**

<b>Name</b>	<b>200+</b>	<b>250+</b>	<b>500+</b>	<b>550+</b>	<b>600+</b>	<b>650+</b>	<b>700+</b>
Shawn Beam	204,224,215,236,237			583		655	
Larry Binger			509,518				
John Budd	206		545				
Doug Dalton			503,515				
Mike DeLoach			544				
Paul Cook			507				
Bob Goddard	201		524,504,511,534				
John Gould	219,204		511,525	595			
Kenneth Hill			512				
George Holscher	300						751
Eddy Hutchens	236		543	553	606		705
J.K. Johnston	200,200,	502,507,,517,518,522,533		561			
Merv Kaya	211,233						
Colby Kortum	214						
Adrian Patterson	210,210		510,531	570			
Sam Morton	207,247,249						703
Janet Norwood	234						
Dave Roberts	211		518	565			
Walt Roy	203,221,230,202,212		507,515,524	577	602		
Gary Ryan	207		545,519,513				
Mark Shepherd	213,220,200,211,233	537,544			633		
Dan Spotts			513				
David Spotts			503				
Al Urtecht	243,215,236,206		549,548,525	570,569	645		
Wayne Webber	213,243			585			

**Spilt Conversions: 6-7-10: Richard Guerrero**                      **4-7-10: Nelson Samsel, Walter Farrington**

Updating of the **SPARES, STRIKES, AND GREAT SHOTS** will be reflected on a 4 month interval. Please report them using the Awards form on the AWBA.org website or email them to Gary Ryan to insure they are received. The 6 AWBA National Awards presented at the National Awards Banquet are scores reported between May 1st, 2012 thru April 30th, 2013. .

## **2013 AWBA Tournament Schedule**

<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>BOWLING CENTER</u></b>	<b><u>T'MNT DIRECTOR</u></b>
<b><u>April 4,5,6 2013</u></b>		
<b><u>Korchak/Doty Memorial</u></b>	<b><u>Indian River Lanes, Virginia Beach</u></b>	<b><u>Janet Norwood, 757-420-5840</u></b>
<b><u>April 25 thru 28, 2013</u></b>		
<b><u>51st Florida State Championship</u></b>	<b><u>University Lanes, Tampa, FL.</u></b>	<b><u>David Roberts, 804-512-1496</u></b>
<b><u>June 17 thru 22nd, 2013</u></b>		
<b><u>AWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</u></b>	<b><u>PAULDING LANES, DALLAS, GA</u></b>	<b><u>Harold Bowman, 770-443-1096</u></b>
<b><u>August 22-25, 2013</u></b>		
<b><u>AWBA/MSCPVA</u></b>	<b><u>King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs, CO</u></b>	<b><u>Donna DeBaca</u></b>
<b><u>Dec. 5-8, 2013</u></b>		
<b><u>Las Vegas Invitational</u></b>	<b><u>Texas Station, Las Vegas, Nevada</u></b>	<b><u>Walt Roy</u></b>

The time of year is December, so it must be Las Vegas Invitational time at Texas Station. This years tournament brought 48 bowlers from coast to coast and we hope you had a great time. As always, the staff at the lanes showed us a great time and a good and fair bowling shot from day to day. I hope the gamin was good to all as well.

This year we had 21 doubles teams that competed on Thursday. After several close matches, Richard Guerrero and David Spotts came out on top. The Doubles was followed by a tremendous turn ou8t for the Bob Murdock Up and Down. We came away with 32 teams and lots of fun for all. Tim Crowley and his team came out on top.

There was a lot of excitement during this years roll offs. Many of the matches were decided by two pins!!!!

In "A" division, the final match between Gary Ryan and Doug Dalton came down to the 10th frame with Doug beating Gary by 2 pins, 204 to 202. The "Scratch" Division final was also close, with Al Uttecht defeating Shawn Beam by 2 pins, 206 to 204. And in the "B" Division, Colby Kortum defeated Richard Guerrero with a score of 232 to 192.

I would like to extend my thanks to my sponsors, National PVA, Nevada PVA, Bay Area and Western PVA, and Storm. Without these great sponsors there would be no tournament. I would also like to thank Van and Linda Schneider for their never ending support and Linda's hard work. Also to Hilda Fox for selling raffle tickets during the Up and Down. Hilda, you are a great salesperson. Also, a special thanks to Dick and Charlene Bell, who take their vacation to come and help in any way they can with the tournament. Great Job guys!!!! And certainly last but not least goes out to my wife, Helena, for her computer skills and hard work.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my congratulations to George Holscher on his 300 game. Great Bowling George!!!!

The AWBA members would like to express our thanks to Walt Roy for his dedication to this great event. Walt, as usual, a job well done.

So, mark your calendars for next year's tournament. The dates are December 5th thru the 8th, 2013. I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's tournament and wish all a Merry Christmas and high scores in the new year.

### 2012 LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

#### SCRATCH DIVISION

1st Al Uttecht  
2nd Shawn Beam  
3rd Eddie Hutchins  
4th Henry Walters  
5th Walt Roy

#### "A" DIVISION

Doug Dalton  
Gary Ryan  
Joe Wheeler  
J.K. Johnston  
Merv Kaya

#### "B" DIVISION

Colby Kortum  
Richard Guerreo  
Gildardo Herrera  
Christie Rudder  
Bob Barnaby

#### DOUBLES

**1st** Richard Guerrero/David Spotts  
**2nd** Paul Cook/Adrian Patterson  
**3rd** Mark Shepherd/Walt Roy  
**4th** Toodie Perry/Al Uttecht

#### UP/DOWN

**1st** Crowley, Duffy, Pratt  
**2nd** Norwood, Korchak, Sheaffer  
**3rd** Baylark, Purdy, Hyburger  
**4th** deGuzmans, Strickland, Chattman  
**5th** Kortum, Ming, Hyburger

#### ALL EVENTS

Shawn Beam-Scratch  
Merv Kaya-"A" Division  
Colby Kortum-"B" Division

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

##### "A" DIVISION

**HSS**- DOUG DALTON 775  
**HSG**- MERV KAYA 233  
**HHS**- JAMES GILBANK 936  
**HHG**- DAN SPOTTS 267

##### "B" DIVISION

COLBY KORTUM-860  
RICHARD GUERRERO-188  
CHRISTIE RUDDER-904  
BOB BARNABY-257

##### SCRATCH DIVISION

SHAWN BEAM 1056  
AL UTTECHT 246

**CONGRATATONS!**

**Standing Committee Chairpersons 2012-13**

**Executive Committee**

**Chair: Joe Fox, Sr.**

Standing Members:

Wayne Weber, Vice Chair

Paul Kenny, Treasure

Gary Ryan, Secretary

**Awards/Constitution/Bylaws Committee**

**Chair: Gary Ryan, Awards, Wayne Weber, Bylaws Dave Roberts**

**Membership Committee**

**Chair: Dave Roberts, Wayne Webber**

**Publicity Committee**

**Chair: Gary Ryan**

**Sponsorship Committee**

**Chair: Gary Ryan**

**Nominating Committee**

**Chair: Walt Roy, Immediate Past Chair AWBA**

**Election Committee**

**Chair: Gary Ryan, Secretary**

**Finance Committee**

**Chair: Paul Kenny, Treasurer**

**Scholarship Committee**

**Chair: Gary Ryan, Secretary, Dave Roberts**

**Tournament Rules/Site Committee**

**Chair: Wayne Weber, Vice Chair, Gary Ryan, Sec, 2 Nat'l TD**

**YOU ARE NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!**

**Become a part of your organization. Get involved in being a part of the future.**

**2013 NATIONAL RAFFLE**

At the Annual Board meeting in June, your board approved a fund raising effort in the form of a National Raffle with total proceeds in excess of the prize fund going to the 2013 AWBA National Championships in Dallas, Georgia. The tickets have been printed and are now on sale. The cost of each ticket is \$50.00 with only 400 tickets that will be sold for the raffle. The prize fund is as follows:

Grand Prize: \$2500.00

Second Prize: \$1500.00

Third Prize: \$1000.00

Total potential proceeds after the prize fund for this great fund raisers is \$15,000.00 which again with be totally dedicated to the 2013 Nationals and the profits from the Nationals are returned to the AWBA for use to offset the cost of future National tournaments. The cost of a National Championship is in excess of \$50,000. Many tickets have already been sold and as always, you can't win without buying a ticket. For information on purchasing a ticket, contact Gary Ryan, Dave Roberts, Harold Bowman, or Wayne Webber for details. And remember, it is a donation to the AWBA, which makes the purchase tax deductible.

**IN MEMORY OF THOSE THAT HAVE PASTED**

In Life, there are no guarantees and we must live each day with the understanding that life itself is a treasure and must be treated as such. That holds true of friendships as well, friends in life are a true treasure and when they pass to the next life, that treasure turns into memories of great times spent together and a void in our hearts that will never be filled. The AWBA lost the following friends but their spirit will live on within our organization forever.

**LOREN VANDERMARK**

**NEIL FLOYD**

# **REQUESTS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWBA AUXILIARY OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

## **SELECTION RULES INFORMATION**

After reading the following rules for the Outstanding Service Award, please provide some of the following information which will help us consider your nominee:

How many years has this nominee been a member of the AWBA Auxiliary?

What have they accomplished? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC!!

1. On the local level: such as, have they participated in fund raising, helped with tournaments, or just been there when help was greatly needed(?)
2. On the National level: again, fundraising, helped put together tournaments, and promoted the AWBA.
3. Have they ever held office in the AWBA Auxiliary or in the AWBA? If so, what office, and for how long? What did they accomplish while in office?

These considerations are just that. They are not meant to limit you in any way to what you may include in your nomination letter. Please give us all the information you can on your nominee. The more information you can provide the better. These are just suggestions so that we can get a better idea of your nominee's outstanding service to our organization.

## **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RULES**

1. NOMINEE SHALL:

- A. Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary of the American Wheelchair Bowling Association.
  - B. Support the AWBA in promoting wheelchair bowling at the local, state, and national level.
  - C. Support the AWBA by helping raise money for the Association, through fund raising programs.
  - D. Be ready to assist any AWBA member at any bowling tournament.
  - E. Assist the AWBA as needed.
2. Any female or male auxiliary member may be nominated for an award by an Auxiliary or AWBA member.
  3. Names of nominees must be sent to the Chairperson of the Committee no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  4. All past active recipients of the Outstanding Service Award will make up the committee.
  5. Those nominated will be voted on by the Committee members with each nominee being given a point value from zero to maximum points. NOTE: A NOMINEE MUST RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF 60% OF THE POSSIBLE POINTS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTING, IN ORDER TO BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE AWARD. More than one nominee may be selected in a year.
  6. A nominee may receive more than one award. If a person is nominated, after having received the award, a secret vote of all auxiliary members in attendance at the National Meeting will be taken. This nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast in order to be selected for a second award. A gem of their choice will be added to their first award.
  7. Awards need not be presented each year. Awards will be presented at the AWBA Awards Banquet at the National Tournament by the Auxiliary President.

**Please send nominations to:**

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Riverside, CA 92505

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**Existing members and how you can help!!!!**

Your organization is always looking to reduce the cost of doing business while at the same time, never sacrificing the benefits to you, the members. One way costs could be contained is to have those of you with emails and still receiving your newsletter thru the US Postal system, to send the editor of the newsletter your email address so that all information can be sent to you via email. By reducing the cost of various projects that can be done more efficiently, it allows your organization, the AWBA, to direct those funds saved to other worthwhile causes that promote the purpose and direction of the AWBA. **So, send a quick note to Gary Ryan at [garyryan210@gmail.com](mailto:garyryan210@gmail.com) so that you can become a part of the "IN CROWD" electronically.**

Also, there are four position on the board that will be filled with the vote of the membership. Should you wish to place your name in the hat, please do so. Contact Joe Fox, Sr. or Walt Roy for more information.

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE  
AWBA!!!!!!*



**GEORGE HOLSCHER BOWLS AWBA'S 2<sup>ND</sup> "PERFECT" GAME**



"I know I said I can't feel my knees," Holscher says, "but let me tell you, they were weak." said George Holscher, Virginia, as he rolled the last ball in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame for his first "300" of his bowling career. For George and his team, it was just another Monday night, November 26<sup>th</sup> at Indian River Lanes where George bowls in league play. Little did he know how special this night was going to be for him and all those that watched as the 12<sup>th</sup> ball rolled down the lanes and George rolled into wheelchair bowling history. George became only the second person in the history of the American Wheelchair Bowling Associations 52 year history to bowl the "Perfect" sanctioned game. Shawn Beam became the first to achieve such an accomplishment in May of this year. "When you're on a streak like that, the whole house gets quiet," he says. "Everyone else stops bowling. It gets tense." With a deep breath to steady his nerves, he let the last throw leave his fingers. The 60 feet to the pins seemed like 60 miles. His heart pounded with each revolution of the ball. "Everyone just went crazy. It was amazing." For those of us that know George, he is one of the most personable people one will ever come in contact with, always willing to help his fellow bowler with their questions. He is simply a bowler that gives back to the sport. The AWBA extends its congratulations to George for his contribution to the sport of wheelchair bowling and his most recent accomplishment. We would also like to express our thanks to *Joanne Kimberlin and the Virginian-Pilot* for the coverage of this outstanding achievement. They say things happen in a series of 3, so who will be the next "Perfect" bowler to achieve their "300"? It could well be you!!!!!!!!!!