



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
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The governing body of wheelchair bowling in association with the USBC



From Our AWBA Chairperson,

Joe Fox, Sr.

This will be my Report for October 2013 to the Membership of American Wheelchair Bowling Association. It's been busy the last few weeks with traveling all the way to Savanna, Georgia and back to California for the California Wheelchair State Open in Norco, California.

The Event was held on September 27-29th at Norco Brunswick Lanes. The Tournament had about 17 members in attendance, and one PVA Sports Staff person in attendance for the event, Fabio Villarrel, as he was there to observe and was able to answer some questions from bowlers and others in attendance. Walt Roy won" A" Division, , David Aguilera won the " B" Division, there was also a large attendance for the Up and Down on Friday Night and everyone had a great time at this event.

Just a Quick reminder to the membership, we will be conducting the AWBA Winter Board meeting in Las Vegas so mark that down on your calendars should you wish to attend. Should you wish to submit a proposal for board consideration, please submit your proposal to Gary Ryan, Secretary, by the 25th of October. Mr. Walt Roy has sent out the Registration forms and they are also on line for the Las Vegas Invitational to be held December 5th through the 8th at the Texas Station, hope to see a large turnout for this event.

The AWBA Board has been working to make things better on all fronts, and we continue to look at issues which might come before us and we are open to new ideas and projects as we continue throughout the year. But as I have said before, we cannot take care of any situation, unless we the Board are made aware of it, so if you have a situation, let us know and we will try and address it. **Please**, do not wait till the National meeting to bring it to the floor, as if it happens right before the Nationals then that is a different situation.

As we move toward October and Halloween make the kids smile with lots of treats. November brings Thanksgiving and I hope that all of you will be in good health and celebrate Thanksgiving with your families and friends. Lets also remember those who are or maybe sick or in the Hospital and not being able to spend the Holidays with their families.

That is my report for now, hope to see you all in December as we will have another Great time in Las Vegas, until then, be Safe and Bowl the best you can.

AWBA NATIONAL RAFFLE UNDERWAY NOW!!!!

Jimmy May, 2014 National Tournament Director, says "Come One, Come All" or at least the first 400 buyers as that all the tickets there are for the National Raffle benefiting the 2014 AWBA National Championships. Each ticket is \$50.00 and is being sold at this point by Jimmy May and Gary Ryan. There will be others that will be selling these tickets so just ask one of the board members and they will assist in getting you to the right person. All proceeds over and above the 3 prizes awarded go directly to offset the expense of the tournament itself. This National Event's expenses exceed on average, \$50,000, so this raffle will help offset those expenses. The drawing will be held at the National Awards Banquet in June, 2014. So, get in touch with Jimmy or Gary to get your ticket or tickets. Remember, you will never win anything unless you get involved.

Gary Ryan, Secretary

Since you last heard from me, many great things have occurred that will or are benefiting the AWBA and you the member. I am sure many of you followed the bowling on TV this summer and our newest National Sponsor, Storm Bowling, dominated the professional ranks this summer. Another one of our National Sponsors and supporters, the USBC, assisted 8 of our members in Oklahoma City with their membership as the secretary of their league in OKC failed to pay the sanctions fees for a two year period therefore creating a major issue for our bowlers. The USBC stepped in and took care of the problem quickly and provided membership benefits for this years season at no charge. Just another way of working together to solve a problem that should never have happened. We are in process of developing with the USBC a wheelchair coach's lesson plan that will be used by both the USBC and 8 members of the AWBA in becoming USBC Certified Coach's. In doing so, the AWBA will be raised to another level of visibility and recognition throughout the country in many areas. Once developed, this lesson plan will be made available to USBC coach's throughout the country thereby providing another avenue to get those wishing to get involved in wheelchair bowling a resource to learn. Another National Sponsor, the PVA, has a brand new person heading the Sports Department. Ernie Butler took the rains in early September and is working hard to continue developing the relationship between the National PVA and the AWBA. Welcome Ernie, we look forward to working with you in promoting wheelchair bowling. You will also hear more in the next newsletter about our involvement in the Veterans Wheelchair Games next year in Philly. Paul Kenney, AWBA Treasurer, has done an excellent job in many areas over the last few years and has resolved the issue we had with the IRS regarding our non-exempt status. We are now in total compliance with all governmental agencies in all areas. Kenneth Hill, Public Relations Chairman, has developed a great flyer to be used around the country as well as done some work on our Membership Brochure that will be put in place once the current supply is exhausted. He has taken the bull by the horns and he is winning which is exciting. If you would like some brochures or flyers, please contact Kenneth. Our membership is showing positive signs as well. We have had 3 new members join in the last few months and other members have elevated their status to "Life Members". An number of inquires have also been received via the website so things are moving in the right direction. Many other issues are happening daily as we continue to look for every avenue to enhance and grow your organization. *A vision without a timeline is a dream. We are not dreamers, we are doers.* Until next edition, ya need me, just call me.

AWBA Auxiliary

"The helping hand of the AWBA"

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA!!

CALIFORNIA can't seem to decide if it wants to be 70 degrees or 107 degrees but at least, so far, no rain!!!!!!

Just finished the California State Tournament. While our numbers were small, the group was extremely compatible. Good to see David Aguilera back and we welcomed a new bowler, Michael Fattarusio. Hope to see him at many more tournaments in the future.

Our attention will now turn towards the Las Vegas tournament. The Auxiliary will again have a fund raising effort. Many thanks for your support in the past and in the future. If you have not been to the Vegas tournament, please give it a try. It is well worth the trip. It is always fun to watch the "Secret Santa's" at "Work"!!!!

Wishing everyone a scary "BOO" day and a super "Turkey" Day!!!!

Linda

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The 9th Annual MSCPVA Invitational proved to once again succeed amidst the challenges we faced this year. A total of 23 bowlers from across the United States participated in this four day event, which is our smallest tourney yet. Health issues and family emergencies forced quite a few of our regular attendee's to drop out.

Singles kicked off the event on Thursday, and continued through Saturday and Sunday, with the results listed below. There were some new faces this year, which is always nice to see. Friday hosted Doubles and the UP/down tournament. Richard Guerrero and David Spotts clenched 1st in Doubles with Sonny deGuzman and JK Johnson in a close 2nd. This year's Up/Down was the highlight of the tournament; the event continues to thrive, selling out for the second year in a row, with over 115 bowlers! A 50/50 and prize raffle was held with great items won by many. Next year, MSCPVA is contemplating increasing capacity to a 5 person teams on each lane.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Ms. Carol Doan - Owner and General Manager of King Pin Lanes for her hospitality and continuous support. We gratefully acknowledge all of our community based sponsors without whose support we could not have produced this event, in particular Halliburton, for their generosity in providing the delicious barbecue for our veterans and bowlers on Saturday afternoon. And a big thank you to our newest AWBA National Sponsor, Storm Bowling, for their support of wheelchair bowling.

A special thank you to the AWBA scoring officials, Mrs. Helena Roy and Mrs. Linda Schneider, for their assistance with the tournament and to the MSCPVA Auxiliary and volunteers for coordinating the 50/50 raffles throughout the tournament. Last, but certainly not least, MSCPVA would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those who assisted in external fundraising for the tournament.

We look forward to seeing you next year for the Annual MSCPVA Invitational Wheelchair Bowling Tournament in August 21-24, 2014! This marks our 10th anniversary, we have some great events planned, and we hope to see you all there!

SCRATCH DIVISION

1st Eddy Hutchens, **2nd** Mark Shepherd, Sr. **3rd** Walt Roy

"A" DIVISION

1st John Budd **2nd** Doug Dalton, **3rd** David Spotts

"B" DIVISION

1st Kelly Keyworth*, **2nd** Dan Spotts **3rd** Marge Samsel

DOUBLES

1st Richard Guerrero/David Spotts

2nd Sonny deGuzman/JK Johnston

3rd Walt Roy/Mark Shepherd, Sr.

* Denotes first time winner

2014 Board of Director Elections

Every organization is built on its members participation in insuring that the overall objective of the organization is always kept first and foremost when representing the organization itself. The membership directs to board of directors as to their wishes, needs, and desires to insure the success of a given organization. When both work together, an organization thrives and grows. The AWBA is such an organization. Board elections are just around the corner and numerous positions are open for either re-election or a newly elected person. All Executive positions are up for election, those being Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, along with 4 Director positions. Should you wish to seek one of the above mentioned positions, you will need to contact Walt Roy, Nomination Chair, by the middle of January, 2014 to put your name in the hat. New ideas, new and old faces alike, and those with a vision will help build our wonderful organization grow to even greater heights. So, get involved!!!! It is work but it is worth each minute you will spend helping build our organization together. We need YOU!!!!

Due to illness and other commitments, this years tournament had a lighter than usual turnout. We had a two (2) Division Tournament consisting of the "A" and "B" Divisions. The Bay Area and Western PVA Doubles event was won by Oliver Magbanua and Dallas Candy. On Friday night, the Up/Down No Tap portion of the tournament had several "300" games. One by Eddie Hutchens of Colorado and the other being Walt Roy of California. Congratulations to both for great bowling. Walt and his team of Dave and Valerie Batson won the Up/Down Event. Congratulations to all three.

"A" DIVISION ROLL OFF RESULTS

MATCH 1

PAUL COOK TX 159 + 55 = 214

MERV KAYA NV 210 + 39 = 249

MATCH 2

MERV KAYA 167 +39 = 206

KEVIN SCHAEFER CA 127 + 63 =190

MATCH 3

MERV KAYA NV 207 + 39 =246

DALLAS CANDY CA 146 + 39 =209

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

MERV KAYA NV 174 +39 = 213

WALT ROY CA 236 + 19 = 255

CONGRATS WALT!!!

"B" DIVISION ROLL OFF RESULTS

MATCH 1

MIKE FATTARUSO CA 113 + 86 =199

STACY CLOWERS CA 129 +92 =221

MATCH 2

STACY CLOWERS CA 112 + 92 =204

CHRISTIE RUDDER CA 130 + 94 = 224

MATCH 3

CHRISTIE RUDDER CA 108 + 94 =202

DAVID AGUILERA CA 148 + 77 = 225

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

DAVID AGUILERA CA 173 +77 250

HARVEY CLOWERS CA 131 +70 = 201

GREAT BOWLING DAVID

Special thanks go out to the staff and management of Brunswick Classic Lanes in Norco, California. Thanks also to the National PVA, Storm Bowling, Bay Area and Western PVA, Cal Diego PVA and CPVA for their sponsorships. The tournament ran without a hitch thanks for Linda Schneider and Helena Roy.

SCORES OF NOTE

HARVY CLOWERS 557- 203 HARVYS FIRST 550

WALT 202,219,211,210,211,206,277,632

EDDY HUTCHENS 203,219,202,213

MERV KAYA 203,235.

SPLIT DAVID AGUILARA 7,8,10. BACK ROW PICK UP

Standing Committee Chairpersons 2013-14

Executive Committee

Chair: Joe Fox, Sr.

Wayne Weber, Vice Chair
Paul Kenny, Treasure
Gary Ryan, Secretary
Mark Shepherd, Board elected

Awards/Constitution/Bylaws Committee

Chair: Dave Roberts, Awards, Gary Ryan, Bylaws

Dan Spotts
Harvey Clowers
Wayne Webber

Membership Committee

Chair: Wayne Webber

Sam Morton
Mark Shephard

Publicity Committee

Chair: Kenneth Hill

Wayne Webber
John Budd
Gary Ryan
Sam Morton

Sponsorship Committee

Chair: Mark Shepherd

Gary Ryan
Kevin Schaefer
Phillip Daniel

Nominating Committee

Chair: Walt Roy, Immediate Past Chair AWBA

Paul Kenney
Wayne Webber

Election Committee

Chair: Gary Ryan, Secretary

Paul Cook
Smiley Wallace

Finance Committee

Chair: Paul Kenny, Treasurer

Joe Fox, Sr.
Gary Ryan

Scholarship Committee

Chair: Dave Roberts

Dave Nelson

Tournament Rules/Site Committee

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

David Roberts
Joe Fox, Sr.

Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: Joe Fox, Sr.

Mark Shepherd
Gary Ryan
Allen Neu
Wayne Webber
Paul Kenney

New Equipment Committee

Chair: Dave Nelson

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Kevin Schaefer

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New Members to the AWBA

Mike Fattaruso –California
Eric Pun-Iowa
Marge Samsel-Colorado
Alvin Baugh-Virginia



New Life Members

Shawn Beam-Texas
Stephen Calabrese-Florida
Gil Herrera-Oklahoma
Chuck Karczewski-Florida
Kolby Kortum-Colorado



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.

A THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

The AWBA Board of Directors along with our Tournament Directors across the country would like to take this time to thank our many sponsors we have across the country for supporting the sport of Wheelchair Bowling. We would like to pay special recognition to the National PVA and the local Chapters that support what we do. We would also like to thank and welcome our newest national sponsor, Storm Bowling, for becoming involved with the AWBA along with the USBC for their support and direction they have given. There are many supporters throughout the country that support the AWBA and we thank each of you for giving your time and money to our athletes. Without you, this would be very difficult if not impossible.

WHAT A WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR

As you rise in the morning to that first cup of coffee, walk outside and take a deep breath of fresh, cool air, you feel the change in the air. The leaves on your trees have begun to look a little pail and the grass doesn't grow as quick as it did a month ago. As you take in the sites of your surroundings you notice that some of the birds that were so loud and busy with work, have now moved south and you realize, "it must be fall"!! The light northerly breeze has clear the sky to a deep and beautiful blue without a cloud to be found and a sense of calmness fills your thoughts. Halloween is just around the corner where kids will dress up like the weird little creatures they truly are and knock on your door with hands extended for a small little treat that will bring smiles to their face. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, the family begins to discuss that long awaited meal that takes so long to prepare and little time to consume, yet the excitement of the day with family and friends, makes the time to prepare worth every minute spent. Then Christmas, with the joy of celebrating a very special birthday of a very special person and sharing the time with those that we truly love. Yes, this is a wonderful time of year and from my family to yours, may you experience the joy of all seasons year round and all the blessings that they bring.