



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.

Can you believe it, yes it is another year gone by and we the members of AWBA are moving into 2014 with great optimism and wonderful opportunities!!!!

As Chairmen I hope all of you have now had what I hope was a Wonderful and Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. 2014 brings what I believe will be things of new and wonderful possibilities for the AWBA.

It was just a month ago that some of us were in Las Vegas. It was cold but we all bowled our best. The AWBA Board held its Winter meeting there and we got a great deal of work done and completed, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

This New Year brings a little change in the way we do things regarding Tournaments, but it also brings us other exciting opportunities. Storm Bowling Discounts, another PVA/AWBA MOU, a new sponsor, ABC Medical, along with new ideas regarding marketing, and possible new design for our banners are just a few things your board will be involved in during the upcoming year.

We, the Board of AWBA, continues to seek out the younger bowlers to ask for their input toward what will be their organization as the older bowlers, at some time, may move on. It is their ideas and understanding of today's youth that will lead this organization into the future, so we started asking for their input and got some very good ideas while we were in Las Vegas.

We have some great events in the first part of this year beginning with the Texas Shootout in March held in Ft. Worth, Texas and hosted by Gary Ryan. In addition, in late April, the Florida State Championships will be held in Tampa, Florida. You will be receiving information about these events if you have not already. In June we will come together again in Glen Allen, Virginia for our 53RD AWBA Nationals at Bowl America. Jimmy May is working very hard to make this event a memorable one. Let's all do what we can to help him not just with the Tournament but trying to bring a large attendance to this event. Jimmy and his committee are doing all they can to keep the cost manageable for all those that attend so let's show our thanks and appreciation for serving as your National Tournament Director. All the information regarding the 53rd Nationals will be available on the AWBA website with the next 30 days. So, make plans now to attend. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

I'm shutting down now and wishing everyone a Very Bright and Prosperous New Year and good Health for 2014, any questions, please give me a call, 1-202-255-3431, Happy New Year.



MARTIN FROST GOES HOME

When you first met this man, he would extend his large, loving hand to you, introduce himself, and welcome you to an event in that deep voice and say "do well and have fun".. This was my first interaction with Martin at my first AWBA event in Fountain Valley, California. He and his lovely wife Debra express their pleasure in having Onie and myself join the AWBA and looked forward to developing a friendship between the four of us. Martin was controversial in some ways but "doers" most often are as they rarely walk the fence. Martin was inducted into the AWBA's Hall of Fame in 2010 reflecting his dedication to the sport of wheelchair bowling. He worked with many of us in an attempt to make us just a little bit better. He worked with kids as well mentoring them to raise their sites and be the best they could be in life, no matter the challenge. He would fix wheelchairs for fellow competitors, bowl with folks like Grant Buehler, his doubles partner, even though Martin would most certainly exceed Grant's score, he never left him hanging, looking for another partner. Martin you will be missed by many. On the AWBA's Facebook page, the announcement of Martin's passing received over 11,000 hits. Rest in peace my friend and ready the lanes for others to join you. We will cross paths again. Please excuse the personal notes as I know no other way to write.

Gary Ryan, Secretary

Since the last newsletter was published, much has taken place to enhance your organization. We recently struck an agreement with ABC Medical which will bring many benefits to our members for years to come. We are continuing to work with the Coaching Staff at the USBC to put the final touch on a program that will allow some of our wheelchair bowlers to become certified USBC coach's allowing those coach's to work with our members along with walking bowlers to improve their skills and bring more recognition to the sport of wheelchair bowling. Wayne Webber and his rules committee have been working extremely hard with the USBC to improve our rules that govern wheelchair bowling which will in turn improve the sport itself through a better understanding of the do's and don'ts of wheelchair bowling. And Kenneth Hill, PR chairperson, has redesigned not only our membership brochure but created an "AWBA Flyer" that can be placed in those places where those in wheelchairs can become aware of the AWBA. We have enhanced our relationship with the National PVA and approved a new agreement to insure those events that are partly sponsored by the PVA will remain funded through 2014 and our relationship with Storm Bowling continues to be a great success for both organizations. You will find in this newsletter an article from Steve Kloempken of Storm Bowling. He will be submitting an article to enhance your bowling skills in future editions as well. We are however, continuing to struggle with a small downturn in membership. We need for all of you to participate in membership growth. The new brochures that Kenneth has developed can assist you in that effort by having them placed in bowling centers, wheelchair shops, rehab centers, etc. so that our name can get out to those in wheelchairs. Kenneth has a supply of them so contact him and get a few. Jimmy and Sue May are working extremely hard on the 53rd Nationals. You will see a great deal more on the website in the weeks ahead. For those of you that cannot attend, help them out by purchasing a raffle ticket to support your organization. Jimmy's phone number is located in this newsletter under upcoming tournaments so please support your organization and at the same time, have a chance to win some CASH!!!! Finally, I heard a great saying recently that said "You can't look at the future if you are focused on the past". Your board continues to look at the future and appreciates the past. Happy New Year to all!!!!

AWBA Auxiliary

"The helping hand of the AWBA"

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA!!

From Our Auxiliary "Family"

Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with Eddy Hutchens and his family.

Linda Schneider, AWBA Auxiliary President

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One of our newest National Sponsors will be enhancing our newsletter with an article that will help you to improve your game!!!!

Make Your Move

By Steve Kloempken, Technical Director, Storm Bowling Products

January, 2014

Greetings! It is rare that lane conditions and lane surfaces remain the same from year to year, or even week to week, so you are probably experiencing a need for minor changes or modifications to your game. This article will address some common questions about making proper adjustments on the lanes.

From time to time, bowling centers will change their lane conditions. This usually happens during the summertime when the proprietor has a slower league schedule and is least likely to upset their most cherished clientele. Different lane conditioners, or oils, have different chemical properties and do not perform alike. Certain lane oils are extremely slick while others allow the ball to slow down faster. Some conditioner travel to the backend easily, often called 'carrydown,' while others do not.

Have you ever bowled in a center that started the night with plenty of oil and, by the third game, you felt you could do nothing to keep the ball off the nose? While it is possible that the excessive amount of hook is created due to bowler fatigue, the most likely cause is a lane conditioner that breaks down quickly. Highly aggressive bowling equipment will also cause a lane conditioner to 'dry up' faster. Bowlers with higher rev rates, those rebellious ones also known as cranks, also have the same effect on a normal lane pattern. Add a piece of high-flaring, dull equipment to the cranker, and you can almost watch the oil disappear right before your eyes!

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber will tell you that it is imperative to make constant adjustments with your feet and target in order to manage an ever-changing lane condition. If, for example, you throw a shot and it goes high, do not waste any time making a move with your feet and/or your eyes. Generally, house conditions have more oil in the middle of the lane than the outside. So if you roll a shot and it leaves the baby split, for example, feel free to immediately move inside two boards with your feet and at least one board (maybe two) with your target. Maybe it wasn't a 'perfect' shot, but it is important to trust your ball reaction.

Renowned coach Ron Hoppe has trained bowlers from all parts of the globe. A few years back he pointed out that for better bowlers the difference between a great shot and a bad shot is within five or ten percent! This theory was quickly proven to me when shortly thereafter I used a popular video software to record a few shots. I taped one 'great' shot and immediately followed it up with a 'horrible' shot. Even a highly-detailed video could barely distinguish the two. The point of this story is for you to realize that it is important to make your moves and adjustments on your ball reaction not your physical execution. Move your feet and your eyes, change ball surface or layout, and then lastly make a physical adjustment. The top professionals will tell you that they move their feet and eyes constantly throughout a game! If it works for them it will work for you too.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at stevek@stormbowling.com. Thanks to AWBA for publishing this article, and remember to always 'Bowl up a Storm!'

The following is information provided by the AWBA Hall of Fame Chairman setting forth the requirements for consideration into the Hall of Fame and the deadlines require for submissions to be received.

American Wheelchair Bowling Association
Hall of Fame Selection Criteria

A: Purpose

To recognize publicly, and perpetuate the name of those members of the **American Wheelchair Bowling Association**, who through their ability, conduct, and tireless efforts to promote, improve, and increase participation in the game of American Tenpins, that have directly, or indirectly proven beneficial to the members of the **American Wheelchair Bowling Association** in particular, and the USBC, or the Women's International Bowling Congress in general.

B: Qualifications

Any nominee for the AWBA Hall of Fame should demonstrate exemplary achievement or participation within the following qualifications or accomplishments. The nominee shall have been a member of the AWBA, and the USBC/WIBC for a minimum of ten (10) years. Further, they must never have been suspended from competition by any of the above organizations for any reason whatsoever.

Consideration should be given the nominee regarding:

- **League Accomplishments** – i.e., average, or outstanding games or series bowled.
- **Participation** – in local, state, and National tournaments and achievements or outstanding performance therein.
- **Service** – As league official in local, state, or National level as an officer or director of it.
- **Conduct** – While competing or participating in league or tournament events

In summary, an particularly, consideration should be weighted with regard to the nominee by reason of pure devotion to the game, and its promotion relative to the national level. The nominee should have as an important component, demonstrable service to the AWBA through volunteerism, attendance at regional and national tournaments, administrative participation on the national level for consideration and induction to the AWBA Hall of Fame in the category of Meritorious Service.

C: Nomination Procedures

Sponsors wishing to nominate individuals must be good standing members of the AWBA and nominations must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the HOF prior to February 1 of the coming calendar year.

1. They should include all pertinent information the sponsor feels relevant for the prospective nominee thereby helping the selection committee make their decision.
2. Nominees shall remain on the ballot for three (3) calendar years. Not having been inducted after that period, their name will be removed from the ballot

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT PASSED

The AWBA wishes to express our deepest thoughts to the members of the following families that have lost loved ones. We know we will not be here forever, yet our memory will live on forever. Bless each of you for what you gave to each of us, your friendship.

Rich Stetler of Houston, Texas passed away recently. He was known by many and loved by many more.

Jean Boyd of Dade City, Florida, the wife of Hall of Fame member Horace Boyd, passed away. We will all remember her dedication to getting Horace up those ramps so he could bowl.

Martin Frost, California, a long time member of the AWBA, past board member, and Hall of Fame inductee in 2010 passed away after a long illness and fight with cancer. Debra Frost asked that all donations be given to the California Wheelchair Bowling Asso.

Melvin Eisenberg passed away in November. No details were made available.

Bruce "Skip" Bohnwagner passed away this passed October. He is survived by his wife and two stepsons. My you RIP.

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!!

- A. On the local level: such as, have they participated in fund raising, helped with tournaments, or just been there when help was greatly needed(?)
- B. 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 May 1st 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 MEMBER 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:

Linda Schneider, Chairperson
5670 Peacock Lane
Riverside, CA 92505

"STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS"

June 1st thru December 31, 2013

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Shawn Beam	212,241,213,235,205				637,618.		
Larry Binger		263		597			
John Budd	214		535				
Harvey Clowers	203			557			
Phillip Daniel	200						
Mike DeLoach	201,212,223,227		541	584,594			
John Gould			517,505,533				
Kenneth Hill	204						
George Holscher	214,235,223,248				608,642,604		
Eddy Hutchens	243,212,203,221			556,586,597		688	
J.K. Johnston	226		532,529				
Dave Roberts	200,222		534,543,548				
Walt Roy	224,227,214	267,277			632,638		
Gary Ryan	213,203		523,547.	587			
Kevin Schaefer	228						
Van Schneider			517				
Keith Scott	236,211,230,214		549	558,556,554			
Mark Shepherd	246,206,218,211	268		599,576,563,	615,635		
Roger Templar	208			594	629,625		
Al Uttecht	228,215,214,221,203		512	569,577			
Paul Wolbert	244						
Wayne Webber	212,204			551			

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, Gary Ryan, or a board member. 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, Gary or a board member to get your ticket or tickets. Remember, you will never win anything unless you get involved.

2014 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	Event	BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR
March 21-24th	Texas Shoot Out	City View Lanes, FT. Worth, Texas	Gary Ryan, 713-444-7588
April 25-27th	Florida State Championship	Brandon Crossroads Bowl, Tampa, FL.	Ed Linde, 813-672-2342
June 9-14th	AWBA Nationals	Bowl America Short Pump, Glen Allen, VA.	Jimmy May, 804 794-7447
July 18-20th	Southern Open	TBD	Harold Bowman, 404-374-0331
August 21-24th	MSCPVA Invitational	King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs, CO.	Donna Debaca,
Sept 12-14th	Golden State Open	Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA	Kevin Schaefer, 714-343-8895
Oct 22-26th	NE Invitational	TBD	Debra Freed,
Dec 4-8th	Las Vegas Invitational	Texas Station, N. Las Vegas, NV	Walt Roy, 530-241-6297

Well, another Las Vegas Invitational has come and gone, and once again it was a rousing success. After shifting around to accommodate the remodeling of Texas Station, fun was had by all. Hilda Fox enjoyed the slot machines, along with several of the other wives.

The week started with the Doubles event on Thursday, followed by an Up/Down not to be believed. We had such great support from the staff at the lanes, we were able to put 3 up bowlers with each wheelchair bowler. The evening ended with Walt Roy’s Team winning the event. The Doubles event is always a great event to watch, as the winner never rises to the surface until the very last match. The winners of this year’s doubles were the team of Mike Fattaruso and Paul Kenney. Congrats to both.

The Singles started on Friday and ended with the roll offs on Sunday. The spectators saw many exciting matches. The winners of the three divisions were as follows: Scratch Division, Mark Shepherd, “A” Division, Richard Guerrero, and “B” Division was won by new AWBA member Mike Fattaruso!!! The tournament had many exciting games to watch, but the game by Paul Wolbert was one of the best. He struck 7 times in a row for a 244 game. This was in the roll offs and was 100 pins over his average. Needless to say, he won that match.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the tournament and I know that next year’s tournament will be bigger and better. We know that the remodel will be finished and we can enjoy the new room décor and all the good things Texas Station has to offer. I would also like to thank Dick and Charlene Bell, who make this their vacation week, to come down to Vegas and work very hard to make sure that everything goes smoothly. Also, I would like to thank Hilda Fox for selling raffle tickets, and Van and Linda Schneider for their never-ending support and counsel throughout the tournament. I also want to thank my wife Helena for her work and support. Finally, the great sponsors which make this event possible, the Nevada PVA, Storm Bowling, ABC Medical and others for their continuing support of this great event. Thank you all again and see ya next year.

FINAL DIVISION ROLL OFF RESULTS

<u>SCRATCH</u>	<u>“A” DIVISION</u>	<u>“B” DIVISION</u>
Mark Shepherd	Richard Guerrero	Mike Fattaruso
Shawn Beam	Kenneth Hill	Terry Stewart
Walt Roy	Paul Wolbert	Joe Fox
Eddy Hutchens	James Gilbank	Johnnie Baylark
Al Uttecht	Sam Morton	Gary Poole

DOUBLES

- Mike Fattaruso/Paul Kenney
- Kevin Poindexter/Paul Wolbert
- Debra Freed/Roger Templar
- Grant Buehler/Walt Roy

ELECTIONS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Each of you will be receiving within the next 30 days your ballot for election of new officers and directors for your organization. Please take time to review the bio’s of each prior to making your selection. We have a number of great candidates that have placed their name up for consideration and hope that you take the time to select the best one’s you feel will serve the organization. Voting is a right that many of you fought for so don’t let the return deadline slip by. Voting is something that is a responsibility so please do your part.

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WELCOME

New Members to the AWBA

Terry Stewart-Texas

New Life Members

Terry Stewart-Texas

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. We have made great progress over the last 12 months in increasing our email listing of our members. So, help us to continue that trend and send me an email so that you can become part of the "IN CROWD". The cost of printing and mailing is extremely costly to the AWBA and we would like to put those funds to a better use. So, take a minute and send me your email so that you can help us help you in managing expenses!!!!



AWBA ANNOUNCES "ABC MEDICAL" AS IT'S EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER

The AWBA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2014, ABC Medical has joined the growing list of National sponsors supporting the efforts of the AWBA. Joe Fox, Sr., Chairman of the AWBA made the announcement at the most recent board meeting in Las Vegas. "ABC Medical is the premier provider of urological supplies focused on the wheelchair athlete and their needs. We feel supporting this company will bring additional benefits to our members as well as the tournaments that ABC Medical will support throughout the year" said Joe. Developing strategic partners is something the AWBA is focused on and desperately needs to meet the ever changing economic environment we face today and securing ABC Medical is a great step in that direction. You can contact ABC Medical by visiting their website at www.abc-med.com to review what products they offer that may fit your needs. "I ask you to support them in their efforts to provide those products to you" said Fox. "All of our partnerships the AWBA enters into are two way streets" said Mark Shepherd, Sponsorship Committee Chair, "and our members need to support our sponsors as they support our efforts to grow the sport of wheelchair bowling".

As Keith Jones, CEO of ABC Medical stated, "ABC Medical is proud to partner with the American Wheelchair Bowling Association as they continue to promote the sport of wheelchair bowling, providing competitive and challenging opportunities to its members. As the first and only provider of urological supplies committed to the financial and practical support of adaptive sports, partnering with the AWBA is a natural, and welcome addition to our team of sponsored adaptive sports organizations. The Executive Board of the AWBA does an incredible job and we look forward to meeting AWBA members, participating in their events and, together, furthering our mission of encouraging individuals with disabilities to Adapt. Believe. Compete."

Welcome ABC to an exciting and ride!!!!!!



growing organization. Your gonna love the