

THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
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From Our AWBA Chairperson,

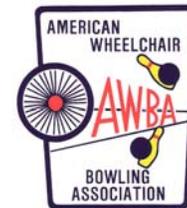
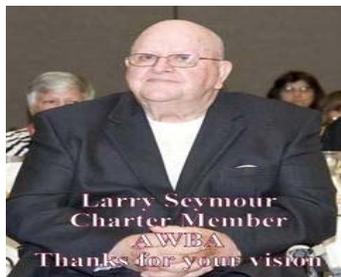
.Wayne Webber

Things have changed a little from December, Joe Fox has been elected National PVA Vice-President, so he has put in his resignation as AWBA Chairman. This moves me Wayne Webber to fill this position till June's Board meeting and the election results are counted.

As Chairman I was called on to sit at a meeting with USBC in Arlington, Texas just before the Texas Shootout Tournament. As a result of that meeting we will be more visible and hopefully get more exposure, along with USBC. Also USBC is going to make a Division for Wheelchair bowling in there National USBC Tournament. This should give AWBA lots of exposure. Hope you all voted, this is your Organization so you'll have noting to complain about if you didn't. We need everyone to spread the word and introduce someone to wheelchair bowling. Their was over 300 bowlers at the Vet Games this past year, about 1 to maybe 1 1/2 percent were AWBA members. Why don't we have more members??? Your not afraid of competition because that's why we have tournaments, to better ourselves I think.

Hope to see many of you at the Nationals!!!! It is going to be a great event!!!!

**LARRY
SEYMOUR**



The AWBA lost our last Charter Member when Larry Seymour (MI) passed away at age 78, Feb. 20, 2014 at Hines VA Hospital, Hines, IL. Lawrence was a United States Marine, and he loved bowling. He was inducted into the AWBA Hall of Fame in 1986, and was the National Scratch Champion Bowler in 1985. His personal best scores were a scratch series of 635 and scratch game 258. Lawrence is survived by his daughters Becky (Mike), and Rose. Some of us had the opportunity to spend some quality time with Larry at the 50th Anniversary of the AWBA. "Tenacity, that's what we had" said Larry during a conversation at the 50th. "We would not take no for an answer and that stance needs to prevail even today when you all promote wheelchair bowling" said Larry. "We have come along ways since the start of this but we still have a long ways to go to make sure we get the proper recognition we so justly deserve" Larry commented. "Those in wheelchairs can take advantage of many sports in today's world, you board members must look at the future, just like we did, to attract new bowlers to our organization. If you don't, we will not survive". Larry was a wonderful man full of life and a love for the sport of wheelchair bowling. He along with those original 13 had a vision of what they wanted and how they were going to achieve it in a world where the ADA did not exist. It is now time for those of us that remain carry on that vision. Donations may be made to the Hines Fisher House, Hines VA Hospital, 5000 S. 5th Ave Hines, IL 60141.

Gary Ryan, Secretary

This time of year is a very busy time of year for me as I have many responsibilities to take care of in preparation for the AWBA Annual Election, preparing for the Annual Board and Membership meeting and assisting the National Tournament Director in any area he needs assistance in for the National Championships. So, if you have tried to reach me, don't give up, just know that I have much on my plate. This quarter, we also have a Special Election for the Vice Chairperson of the organization which is somewhat unusual. Remember, the ballot is due back to me by the 11th of April and the Special Election ballot is due back by the 24th. I was one of the attendees at the most recently held meetings with the USBC to discuss 4 specific topics, Coaching, AWBA/USBC integration, AWBA Rules, AWBA/USBC Paralympics initiative. Others attending this meeting with the AWBA were Wayne Webber and Mark Shepherd. To say the meeting went well would be an understatement. All the topics discussed were well received by the USBC and will, over time, bring to the AWBA a much broader understanding of wheelchair bowling which in turn will bring validation to what we do and how we do it. As for the Paralympics initiative, the USBC will be looking to the AWBA to be the leader in this effort. All of the areas discussed will not happen over night, however, they will happen. I believe that our founders would be cheering us on with the efforts we are undertaking as it will lead to a solid future for the sport of wheelchair bowling. Over the next few months, you will be hearing more from ABC Medical. This company is our chosen provider and new national sponsor. We believe for those of you that are in need of their services, they are the best in the business in providing a superior product with great service. For those of you that are receiving this by mail, please consider sending me your email address. By doing so, you reduce the cost of printing and mailing. You will also receive items much faster via email.

Finally, let me address membership again. We need for each of you to take the time to look in your area and find those individuals in a chair that think life is not worth living and get them to a bowling alley. Kenneth Hill has some great brochures that need to get out to wheelchair shops, rehab centers, VA Hospitals, basketball courts, tennis courts, or anywhere where we can put our name in front of those people that want to learn how to bowl. Our membership is getting older and we need the youth to get involved. If this sounds like a plea, it is!!!!!! This is our organization and it is our responsibility to insure that it grows. So Take Charge and lets make it happen!!!!

AWBA Auxiliary

“The helping hand of the AWBA”

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA!!

From Our Auxiliary “Family”

I am convinced time is moving much faster pace than ever before. At one point, it seemed like we had a lot of time before the Nationals, and now it is approaching rather quickly. Hope, hope, and hope you all are making your plans to be at the 2014 Nationals in Virginia. Jimmy and Sue May are working hard to make it a great event for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Virginia!!!!!!

Linda

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Your Invisible Opponent

By Steve Kloempken, Technical Director, Storm Bowling Products

April 2014

Greetings! Oil patterns and lane conditions have long been one of the most controversial areas in our great sport. If bowler A scores well and bowler B struggles, many are quick to point out that the conditions favored bowler A's style of play more than his opponent's. Considering that these two players may not only differ in ball speeds and rev rates, but also the hands which they use to bowl, and if they bowl one-handed or two-handed, you have just stumbled on one of the touchiest topics today.

Is there really anything good that can be said about lane conditions? Actually, yes. With the development of the modern lane machines that can accurately distribute oil across each board individually, lane conditions have never been more precise or predictable. The PBA tour's system of using five different patterns of varying length and shape has really helped improve the credibility of our sport. While these professional constructed patterns have greatly helped tournament officials conduct an unbiased event, they also confirm that different lane conditions do favor certain types of players.

So the question is this: what can you do to match up to the oil pattern that is selected for any particular tournament?

Before we can answer that question we must first note that any given oil pattern will play differently depending on the lane surface. Several factors that one needs to consider are the age and hardness of the lane bed, material – synthetic or wood— and even the type of oil used in that center for the event. Depending on the lane surface and lane oil, any given condition can vary greatly from center to center.

The first thing a professional bowler looks at is the length of the oil pattern. This will determine how much hook you need to allow for on the backend. The length of the oil will help lead you to the proper break point; this understanding is crucial to understanding where to play the shot. The general rule is 'the longer the oil pattern, the deeper inside the break point.'

Consider the "Rule of 31" when finding your breakpoint. It's simple: just take the length on the oil pattern and subtract 31 to find the board which your ball should be on when it exits the oil pattern! For example, a 44' pattern would lead you to try to position the ball to exit the pattern on the 13 board ($44-31=13$).

This works because a 44' pattern would produce less backend hook than a 34' pattern, forcing you to move both your laydown and your target deeper inside. On certain occasions you'll see a player like Norm Duke still able to play the outside shot without any 'head belly,' but you know that warning about professional stunt people-- do not try this at home! Make it easy on yourself. Play the longer oil patterns inside and shorter patterns outside. I guarantee you'll have more success.

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!'





53rd AWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA
JUNE 9TH THROUGH 14TH
BOWL AMERICAN SHORT PUMP

The AWBA Tournament Committee chaired by Jimmy May, Tournament Director, have been working tirelessly over the past year to bring to you, the members of the AWBA, an event that all will be proud to call "Our National Championship". A week full of wonderful activities for all have been planned to insure that your stay will be one to remember for years to come. Now what is needed is you, the member and your family. Now is the time to return to large turnouts where new friends can be made, old friendships can be renewed, and great competition on the lanes. The AWBA is running a National Raffle in which all proceeds over and above the prize fund, is returned to the National Committee to offset expenses for this event. Your Board of Directors have tickets for sale as well as Jimmy May. If you are not able to attend, buy a ticket to support your Championship. This events expenses are in the area of \$60,000 and it is a challenge to raise that kind of money. So, lets plan on having at least 80 attend and if you cannot, please contact a board member or Jimmy to purchase a raffle ticket. Remember, this is your tournament and your organization and without your involvement in some fashion, the organization suffers. Make plans now to attend the 53rd AWBA National Championships. WE look forward to seeing you there.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT PASSED

The AWBA wishes to express out 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.

Melvin Eisenberg (MI) went to his maker in November, 2013. He is survive by his wife, Betty.

Karl "Joe" Coleman, (MO) died on January 21st at age 83. He and his wife, Rusty were married 62 years. Joe joined the AWBA in the early 80's and bowled many tournaments east of the Mississippi. For many years he was also involved with the basketball team from Kansas City before coming to bowl. He was never without a smile and a cheerful word for his fellow bowlers and though he had not bowled in tournaments in recent years this year was the first year he had not joined a league.

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"

JANUARY THRU JUNE, 2014

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Shawn Beam							717
Larry Binger		263		597			
John Budd					601,632		
Harvey Clowers	203			557			
Phillip Daniel	200						
Fred Sisolak	200						
Kenneth Hill	204						
Eddy Hutchens	213,241	267,277				666,684	
Paul Kenney			514				
J.K. Johnston	226		532,529				
Charles Schena	232		542				
Wayne Webber	212,204			551			

Spilt Conversions: 6-7-10: Richard Guerrero , Eddy Hutchens

Updating of the **SPARES, STRIKES, AND GREAT SHOTS** will be reflected on a 3 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. .

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, \$60,000, 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
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	Brunswick Zone, Marietta, GA	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 4-7th	Las Vegas Invitational	Texas Station, N. Las Vegas, NV	Walt Roy, 530-241-6297





2nd ANNUAL TEXAS SHOOT OUT

**GARY RYAN/SHAWN BEAM
CO-TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS**



The AWBA kicked off the 2014 wheelchair bowling season at the 2nd Annual Texas Shootout held at City View Lanes in Ft. Worth, Texas. Bowlers from all over the country came together for four days of bowling, fellowship, great food, and beautiful weather. The Doubles competition kicked off the event and Shawn Beam, Mr. 300, rolled an impressive 717 to open the competition. There were some high scores for the Doubles by most all that competed. In the end, Peter Arballo and Phillip Daniel walked away with this years Doubles title. Eddy Hutchens and Colby Kortum took second while Mark Shepherd and Shawn Beam came in third.

Singles competition began Friday morning with the first set. With all the bowling centers have in today's world of computerization, City View Lanes took charge of all the scoring and it went without a hitch throughout the event including the UP/Down event. In addition, we placed all bowlers within the same division for the 5 sets bowled. After the completion of the 5th set, the top 5 Scratch bowlers were identified and placed in the Scratch Roll Off. The top 10 handicap bowlers were then identified and seeded in order of their finish. A one game match play roll off was then held between the top 10 to identify the top 5 Handicap bowlers for the roll offs. In Scratch, Peter Arballo defeated Al Uttecht, then defeated Eddy Hutchens before being handed defeat by Mark Shepherd. In the end, Mark Shepherd defeated High Qualifier Shawn Beam for the Scratch Title after Shawn chopped a 3,6,10 in the Tenth. In the Handicap Division, Gil Herrera defeated David Nelson, in addition to Wayne Webber, before being ousted by John Budd. John then bowled High Qualifier Rich Harrell for the Handicap Championship with Rich winning the title. John Budd bowled an outstanding 632 during the event. While the format needs some review, it appeared to fair for all that attended.

The UP/Down was a huge success as over 150 bowlers participated in a night filled with fun. Team USA along with a number of Professional participated. The only regret was that we had to turn away bowlers as we had no room in the center to place them. We introduced a new event this year which we titled "A Session with the Pros" that was hosted by Carolyn DorinBallard, Del Ballard, and Lynda Barnes. This was open to the public as well and with little prior notice given, it was well attended. Many wheelchair bowlers had the chance to get professional advice from some of the most well known professionals and then tried their hand at bowling from a chair. Great to see they are as human as we are!!!!

Much thanks to the many volunteers for this event, notably Onie Ryan and Kandice Lee. Without their hard work throughout the 4 days, this would have not been as successful as it was. To the sponsors, **Storm Bowling, ABC Medical, and the USBC**, a big thanks for all you do for the AWBA. And to the individuals that help sponsor, you know who you are and we thank you very much.

SCRATCH CHAMPION

MARK SHEPHERD

HANDICAP CHAMPION

RICH HARRELL

DOUBLES CHAMPION

PETER ARBALLO

PHILLIP DANIEL

ALL EVENTS: SHAWN BEAM, SCRATCH
COLBY KORTUM, HANDICAP

Thanks to all of you that came and enjoyed the 2014 Texas Shootout. WE will see y'all next year!!

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WELCOME

New Life Members

Brian Hotaling-New York

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 to 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!!!!

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL



At the most recently held Texas Shootout in Ft. Worth, Texas, Lynda Barnes, Del Ballard, and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard hosted a Session with the pros. Many of our wheelchair competitors took advantage of their knowledge and received tips on how to better their game. This event was open to the general public as well and many got autographs from those Hall of Fame professionals. This will be an added feature to future tournaments held in Texas. We want to thank the USBC along with Storm Bowling for their assistance in putting this together as well as the professionals that gave their time.

