



# ***THE ELEVENTH FRAME***

**THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER , July, 2014**



From Our AWBA Chairperson,

## **Wayne Webber**

Fellow AWBA members, I'm honored to be your Chairman. We all are working very hard to insure this organization keeps going for many years to come. We have a few National Sponsors now and are always looking to add to the list. So if you win the lottery think of AWBA.

I want to extend the AWBA's thanks to Jimmy and Sue May for doing an outstanding job of acting as Tournament Directors for our recently completed 53rd National Championships in Richmond. For those of you that have never hosted a National, it is a daunting task to undertake and our thanks goes out for a job well beyond the call of duty. I am sure they are ready for a short rest before they place another bid in for their next National.

We are starting our raffle now for the 54th AWBA National. As most of you know, all proceeds from this raffle go to offset the expenses of your National Championship. If you would like a ticket contact Dave Roberts or myself as we will be managing it. For those of you that would like to get involved in selling tickets, please let me know and I will insure that you receive the number of tickets you request. Remember, there are only 400 sold and I think we can sell them all if we put our minds to it. We also need items for raffles at all our events, so if you have those special contacts, see what you can dig up for the Nationals. Remember, this is your National so begin to plan now to attend.

In closing, I would like all of you to remember those that are sick and all that have passed. I would also like to extend my thanks to Storm Bowling, ABC Medical, the USBC, and the National PVA along with Independent Wheels for playing a major role in our 53rd National. We appreciate your support at not only the Nationals but many of our other events across the country. Now members, it your turn to help us grow. Bring a friend bowling, ask someone new to bowl, or just contact local groups in your area that work with the challenged individuals. Lets build up this great organization and make it stronger than ever.

See you all in Tampa, Florida next June or at an event elsewhere around the country.

## **WE'RE COLORADO SPRINGS BOUND!!!!**

Now that the Nationals are behind us, its time to make plans for a great event that MSCPVA host in August. You will find the entry forms and all other information at: [www.awba.org](http://www.awba.org). Mark, Donna, and the rest of their staff do a great job each year of putting on this event. With the weather always a plus, lets all plan on meeting in Colorado Springs to enjoy a great bowling experience, some great people, and the beautiful sites of Colorado. For more information, contact Donna DeBaca at Mountain States PVA Office. I know they are looking forward to having a great turnout from our members throughout the country!!!! See All of you there.



## Gary Ryan, Secretary

The 53rd Nationals are now in the books and for those of you that were unable to attend, you missed one of the best Nationals in years. Jimmy and Sue May went well beyond as Tournament Directors to showcase the AWBA and all it has to offer to those in wheelchair. They certainly set the bar high for Nationals in the future to reach. We continue to work towards many issues in an attempt to make your organization the best it can be. Our progress in working with the USBC to place wheelchair bowling as a division within the USBC is moving in the right direction. We should have our newly adopted rules in the USBC rulebooks beginning next year. Our ability to become USBC Certified Coach's is moving in the right direction as well and the Paralympics effort, in the hands of Mark Shepherd, to bring wheelchair bowling to the world, is making progress. Your Board of Directors voted at the most recent meeting in Richmond to take over the management of the AWBA Nationals. This simply means that the Tournament Director will not feel as though they are on an island all by themselves to put on the event. This will mean additional manpower and financial assist to insure the event truly represents the AWBA and wheelchair bowling. The minutes of the board meeting along with actions taken can be found on the AWBA website under the member tab within a week or so. The AWBA will have a large presence this year at the Vet Games in Philadelphia. Working with the VA over the last few months, the AWBA will be putting on clinics as well as working with bowlers at the Games in an attempt to provide a better understanding of the game itself. The bowling venue at the Games represents over 400 bowlers, the largest participation at the Games, and will provide to the AWBA the opportunity to add many of these bowlers to the AWBA roles. We are hopeful this will provide successful results for all involved. You will notice in this newsletter a list of committees and the chairs of those committees. We are always wanting to get you, the member, involved in the work needed to continue to bring the AWBA to the forefront in your community. So, please give some consideration to serving on a committee. The Board also passed to provide back swatches for all Life Members that have become a Life Member within the passed 5 years. We are in process of designing the swatch itself however, if you fit into the 5 year time slot, please let me know and I will insure you receive your swatch. For those Life Members outside the window that wish to have a swatch, a charge of \$30 will be made to offset the cost of the swatch. Finally, a big thanks to those National Sponsors that attended this year's National. Storm Bowling, ABC Medical and the USBC. Your presence at our Nationals shows your support and dedication to the sport of wheelchair bowling. So, until next issue, remember, "**Applaud and appreciate the past and embrace the future**".

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## AWBA Auxiliary

### "The helping hand of the AWBA"

HI TO ALL,

Huge "ATTABOY'S" to Jimmy and Sue May!!!! By far one of the best Nationals we have ever had. Their hard work was evident everywhere.

My apologies to Mary Ann Templar and Helena Roy for neglecting to introduce them as our Special Service Honoree's. Will have to start writing memo's on my hand!!!!

Thanks to you all for your continuing support, for without it, we could not provide for the AWBA, which is always our goal.

The pleasure of seeing our extend "Family" is always tempered, when we remember our family members that will no longer be joining us. We know they would be with us, if Heaven wasn't so far away.

Down the Road with Love,

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After a 14 year absence, the AWBA returned to the Richmond, Virginia area for the 53<sup>rd</sup> National Championships, hosted by Jimmy and Sue May. To say they went beyond the call of duty would be an understatement as the 60 bowlers that attended experienced 6 days of gracious treatment and wonderful accommodations. Bowl American did an excellent job in addressing most every need of all that attended.

The event kickoff with the Up/Down held Monday night. The Colorado team of **Mike DeLoach and Mark Shepherd** along with two local bowlers with excellent games as well, took the Up/Down Crown. It certainly didn't hurt to have one of those locals be an ex PBA bowler. Great job by all!!!!

Tuesday began the Welker Scratch Doubles with 24 teams competing for the Doubles Crown. In the end, **Kevin Schaefer, (CA), and John Budd (IN)** won the event. It was Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> National Doubles Crown, the first coming with Billy Birch as his partner. They were closely followed by John Sharp and Ronald Richardson of Virginia for second place. In order to advance to the finals, Kevin and John won a 2 frame roll off against Walt Roy and Eddy Hutchens.

Wednesday began the Handicap Team event was conducted with 15 teams were vying for the title. In the end, **John Sharp, (VA) Keith Green, (VA) and Phillip Daniel, (TX)** were crowned the 2014 National Champions. Little did Keith know he had bigger things in store for the "B" Division. Wednesday afternoon the Tournament of Champions was contested among all present that had won prior National Championships. In the Scratch Division, **Mark Shepherd** was crowned the new TOC winner and in Handicap, **Mike Destasio** was crowned the new TOC winner. Wednesday evening we were all treated to a wonderful social as the food was wonderful and the music, performed by "Back in Da Day", was outstanding. Numerous door prizes were given to those present. The evening ended with the performers giving tribute to those in wheelchairs that have overcome numerous obstacles to attain greatness. Just a great evening.

Thursday morning began with an introduction of those sponsors that were present. We were blessed to have a young high school girl sing our National Anthem, and the ceremonial first ball was rolled by a County commissioner which did a great job with the second ball and the singles competition began. In the scratch division, great bowling as always even though they found the lanes to be somewhat difficult. In the end, **George Holscher** of Virginia was the High Qualifier. In the "A" Division, **Johnnie Baylark** of Illinois was the High Qualifier and in the "B" Division, **Ladon Chambers** of Virginia was the High Qualifier.

In the "B" Division roll-offs, **Don Porpora, (FL)** defeated reigning champ **Tom Walthall (VA)**, 237-213. He then went on to defeat **Andy Bernt (FL)**, 236-200. Don then met his match being defeated by **Keith Green (VA)**, 230-220. In the match for the B division championship, Keith Green defeat fellow Virginia native **Ladon Chambers**, 246-191, giving Keith his first National Singles title.

In the "A" Division roll-offs, **Terry Stewart, (TX)** defeated **Mike VanDyke, (VA)** 213-193. He then took on **Keith Scott (VA)**, being defeated 223-170. Keith then faced **J.K. Johnston, (TX)** and was defeated 216-192. For the "A" Division title match pitted JK against **Johnnie Baylark (ILL)** with JK coming out victorious in the end, 197-185 capturing the "A" Division Crown. It was JK second National title, winning the "A" division some 14 years ago.

In the Scratch Division roll-offs, 4 contestants were passed National Scratch Champions!! The first match placed **Walt Roy, (CA)** 5 time National Scratch Champion, against **Mike DeLoach (CO)**. Mike defeated Walt, 188-177. He then took on 2013 Scratch Champion **Mark Shepherd, (CO)**, winning 194-154. Next victim was **Shawn Beam (TX)**, winning handily, 170-145. For the Scratch Championship, Mike faced high qualifier and native Virginia son, **George Holscher**. Mike defeated George by reverting to his backup ball release winning 202-170 for his first National Singles Title.

Other awards given were the Buddy Cole Award to **Keith Green** for an improvement of +298. **Janet Norwood** won the Alma Ladwig award as the top female bowler. The prestigious Richard Carlson All Events Champion went to **George Holscher** in the Scratch Division and **Johnnie Baylark** and **Andy Bernt**, Handicap Division, tying for the championship. The Bill Hart Sportsmanship Award went to Jerry Mills of Virginia and Johnnie Baylark captured the Seniors Title. The 53<sup>rd</sup> ended with a wonderful Awards Banquet Saturday night at the host hotel with all the awards being presented to the winners.

Finally we want to thank some very special people and sponsors. But we first want to thank the 60 bowlers that attended and we hope you enjoyed your stay. A special thanks goes out to the AWBA Auxiliary for their support throughout the year. We want to thank Linda Schneider and Helena Roy for once again handling every issue in a calm and professional manner. Our National Sponsors, Storm Bowling, National PVA, ABC Medical, and the USBC for your continued support of our National Championship and the sport of wheelchair bowling. To Independent Wheels, Mid-Atlantic PVA, Hilton Hotels, Bowl America, all those that purchased raffle tickets, and to those AWBA members that assisted financially with your gift to this event, thank you all so very much. Sue and I truly enjoyed having you all in Virginia for this event and we are now looking forward to a few days of rest and then helping where we can, to make the 2015 AWBA National Championships in Tampa, Florida a huge success.

#### WELKER DOUBLES

**Kevin Schaefer**  
**John Budd**

#### TEAM CHAMPION

**John Sharp**  
**Keith Green**  
**Phillip Daniel**

#### TOC

**Mark Shepherd- Scratch**  
**Mike Destasio-Handicap**

#### ALMA LADWIG

**Janet Norwood**

#### BUDDY COLE

**Keith Green**

#### BILL HART SPORTSMAN

**Jerry Mills**

"A DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCR TOT</b>	<b>HCP TOT</b>	<b>TOUR AVE.</b>
JOHNNIE BAYLARK	2419	3274	161
JK JOHNSTON	2501	3206	166
KEITH SCOTT	2599	3169	173
TERRY STEWART	2354	3164	156
MICHAEL VANDYKE	2410	3130	160
JOHN BUDD	2502	3117	166
GARY RYAN	2351	3116	156
KEVIN SCHAEFER	2209	3079	147
DAVE NELSON	2381	3071	158
JAMES CARVER	2245	3070	149
MIKE DESTASIO	2389	3064	159
PAUL COOK	2218	3028	147
PAUL WOLBERT	2136	3006	142
BILL WARREN	2216	2996	147
HAROLD BOWMAN	2116	2956	141
HENRY WALTERS	2358	2928	157
PHILLIP DANIEL	2072	2897	138
WAYNE WEBBER	2309	2894	153
LARRY CHAUNCEY	2173	2893	144
VAN SCHNEIDER	2105	2885	140
ROGER TEMPLAR	2537	2882	169
TERRY ROCK	2049	2874	136
DAN SPOTTS	1996	2836	133
JAMES SULLIVAN	793	1633	132
STAN MOOREHEAD	843	1608	140

"B" DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCR TO-</b>	<b>HCP TO-</b>	<b>TOUR. AVE</b>
LADON CHAMBERS	1962	3312	130
KEITH GREEN	1819	3274	121
ANDY BERNT	1969	3274	131
TOM WALTHALL	2210	3245	147
DON PORORA	2353	3238	156
TONY TURNER	2007	3237	133
FRED SISOLAK	2243	3128	149
CHARLES POTTER	2149	3124	143
DAVID SPOTTS	2212	3097	147
JANET NORWOOD	2138	3083	142
JIMMY MAY	1777	3067	118
CHRIS BACON	1411	3061	94
RONALD DENNIS	1346	3056	89
CHARLES KARCZEWSKI	1920	3045	128
JOHN SHARP	1514	3044	100
WALTER FARRINGTON	2098	3028	139
GARY POOLE	2079	3024	138
ALVIN BAUGH	1747	3007	116
STEVE EDGAR	1748	2873	116
CRAIG HARVEY	1698	2868	113
CHARLIE HAYDEN	1451	2861	96
PAUL KENNEY	1839	2754	122
JERRY MILLS	706	2356	47
SAM MORTON	1016	1901	84
RONALD RICHARDSON	0	1395	0

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2014

Scratch Champion

**Mike DeLoach**

"A" Division Champion

**J.K. Johnston**

"B" Division Champion

**Keith Green**

SCRATCH DIVISION FINAL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRAND TTL</u>	<u>TOUR. AVE</u>
GEORGE HOLSCHER	3970	192
SHAWN BEAM	3959	190
MARK SHEPHERD	3909	186
MIKE DeLOACH	3809	184
WALT ROY	3807	182
EDDY HUTCHENS	3802	185
MERV KAYA	3698	177
DAVE ROBERTS	3371	168
AL UTTECHT	1990	165

**RICHARD CARLSON**

ALL EVENT CHAMPION

**GEORGE HOLSCHER-SCRATCH**

**JOHNNIE BAYLARK AND ANDY BERNT**

**HANDICAP**

**53ND**

**AWBA**

**NATIONAL**

**CHAMPIONSHIP**

**GLEN ALLEN,**

**VIRGINIA**

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

**JANUARY THRU JULY, 2014**

<u>Name</u>	<u>200+</u>	<u>250+</u>	<u>500+</u>	<u>550+</u>	<u>600+</u>	<u>650+</u>	<u>700+</u>
Shawn Beam							717
Larry Binger		263		597			
Harold Bowman			522				
John Budd					601,632		
Harvey Clowers	203			557			
Phillip Daniel	200						
Fred Sisolak	200						
Kenneth Hill	204						
Eddy Hutchens	213,241,221,224,200,203	267,277,251		576,580,575		666,684	
Paul Kenney			514				
J.K. Johnston	226		532,529				
Dave Roberts	202,225		541,529	579			
Walt Roy	215,234,209			558,580,575			
Gary Ryan			527				
Charles Schena	232		542				
Roger Templar	202		511	571			
Wayne Webber	212,204		525	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, 2014 thru April 30th, 2015 and must be reported by the 1st of May, 2015.

**For those members that pay their dues on an annual basis, your dues will be do and payable by August 1st. The Board of Directors in 2013 increased the annual dues to \$25.00. Your check should be payable and mailed to the following:**

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77040**

**Please accept our thanks in advance for renewing your membership and we look forward to seeing you on the lanes!!**

**2014 AWBA Tournament Schedule**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>BOWLING CENTER</u>	<u>T'MNT DIRECTOR</u>
<b>August 21-24th</b>	<b>MSCPVA Invitational King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs, CO.</b>	<b>Donna Debaca,</b>
<b>Sept 12-14th</b>	<b>Golden State Open Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA</b>	<b>Kevin Schaefer, 714-343-8895</b>
<b>Oct 22-26th</b>	<b>NE Invitational TBD</b>	<b>Debra Freed,</b>
<b>Dec 4-7th</b>	<b>Las Vegas Invitational Texas Station, N. Las Vegas, NV</b>	<b>Walt Roy, 530-241-6297</b>

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**The Board of Directors welcomes any member to come forward should they wish to serve on a committee they feel qualified for. The committee members need not be a board member to serve the organization. Should you wish to serve, please contact the Chairperson of that given committee. The stronger the committees are, the stronger the organization becomes. So, get involved. We need your thoughts and involvement to move ahead. Remember, this is your organization!!!!**

# The Innovation Process

By Steve Kloempken, Technical Director, Storm Bowling Products



July 2014

*Greetings again! With a continued effort in developing the BEST high performance bowling equipment, my job is to help ensure Storm's success far into the new millennium. I consider it to be a great opportunity to discuss some very important topics in bowling today and look forward to future contributions.*

It has been quite an exciting year for us. With help from Jason Belmonte, Pete Weber, and more, Storm has continued to dominate the PBA Tour for 8 years running now. And that success comes from a deep commitment to developing the finest product on the market.

What does it take to develop these fine pieces of equipment? There are numerous steps involved in developing a new ball, and in this article we will discuss how we, at Storm, take an idea and make it a reality. To illustrate this process, let us take a look at what transpired in the development of our new Optimus™.

The first item we look at is the amount of desired flare potential. More flare equals more hook. Consider the fact that bowlers will be able to cover more boards on higher scoring conditions and shorter oil patterns. This is an important concept. When the oil pattern is very long, bowlers often try to use a lot of flare to make the ball hook on oil. This usually results in an over-under reaction that leaves them scratching their head.

This very issue was important in considering how we constructed the Optimus. It is an awesome medium-heavy oil ball in the fact that it has a low RG (radius of gyration), high differential (flare potential) and aggressive coverstock. Consider RG to be a 'length potential' and differential to be 'hook potential.' Remember this rule of thumb and you will always know how a weight block is designed to perform!

Looking to the conception of the Optimus, we needed a ball that rolled heavy without hooking too early. The new Tri-Sphere™ symmetrical core allows for a strong midlane reaction and ample flare potential needed to create a dynamic ball reaction. The development of that shape alone takes a lot of time, money, and effort, but we're sure you'll see the benefit on the lanes.

Now that we have decided on a specific weight block performance, the next step is to choose the coverstock. We selected the proven R2X™ pearl shell to create higher dry-lane friction, or backend reaction, without picking up too early. It will glide through even torched heads, and it's a great option for players with slower ball speed.

Testing equipment on the lanes with real bowlers is the best way to develop great equipment. This commitment to 'hands-on' R&D is what helps Storm produce the best possible bowling ball each and every time. And we don't just use professionals since we design and sell bowling equipment to the recreational and league player as well.

The finishing touch was to determine the proper surface preparation. Since we were looking to create more motion in the backend, we selected the highly polished 1500-grit finish. Now, don't be confused with the numbering system for many surfacing pads. Storm's 1500-grit polished finish is still smoother than even a 4000-grit pad finish, often resulting in surface roughness figures in the single digit micro inch range...or millionth of an inch. As you can image, if the height of the peaks and valleys of the shell are 7-8 millionths of an inch, that's a pretty smooth finish!

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

## IN MEMORY OF THOSE PASSED

### Dallas Candy, California

Dallas Candy recently returned to his maker. Dallas was a member of the CWBA and won the Las Vegas event in 2009. With a smile on his face no matter the condition, Dallas will be missed by many.

### Dr. Sam Morton, Virginia

"Doc" as he liked to be referred to returned to his maker this month. Sam was the newly elected board member and a very active member of the AWBA for many years. Even though his health was in decline, he managed to attend the most recently held Nationals in Richmond. He was dedicated to the youth of today working with many to insure their lives were headed in the right direction. He was a father and grandfather and in years pasted, a remarkable baseball player. Sam had a huge heart rarely thinking of himself always placing the needs of others before his own. "Doc" you are with the man you placed so much faith in. May you rest in peace and I will miss your weekly phone calls!!!

The 10th Annual Southern Open was held in Marietta, Georgia at The Brunswick Zone. Harold and Linda Bowman once again extended great southern hospitality to those attending this wonderful event. This year it felt weather wise as though we were in the northern part of the country as the temperatures stayed in the 70's with a little rain for most of the weekend. The lanes for the morning sets were very fair to all however, the afternoon proved to be a different story as most struggled attempting to bowl their average.

The event began with Doubles competition. In the end, it boiled down to Keith Green and Phillip Daniel taking on Paul Cook and Don Porpora for the Doubles Championship. In the end, Keith and Phillip out dueled Paul and Don for the title. Great match between the two teams.

Friday evening the Up and Down event was held. It was a wonderful event as we were able to renew old friendship from those walking bowlers that have bowled with us for many years. There were some great scores bowl as Walt Roy had an 800 series. No tap or not, that is awesome bowling no matter the format. The winners were Gary Ryan and Dave Clark barely sneaking by the Tournament Director Harold Bowman and his partner, Eddie Johnson. A great time had by all.

Singles Competition began Saturday morning with the format being 3 sets of 4 games. In the "B" Division, it boiled down to two Virginians going head to head to the title. Janet Norwood took on "B" Division National Champion and High Qualifier went to Keith Green. Keith held off a late charge by Janet to take the "B" Division Title. Some say it may be time to re-rate Keith!!!! Great roll off to watch. In the "A" Division, it came down to the Tournament Director and High Qualifier Harold Bowman attempting to take the title facing Texan Paul Cook. When the dust settled, Paul won the "A" Division with some great bowling. Harold had a wonderful tournament however, bowling a 666 scratch series in the first set. Must have been the "666" that got him in the end. In the Scratch Division, Walt Roy, High Qualifier, took on Floridian Dave Roberts for the title. Dave chose a bright Orange ball to use against Walt hoping he would be partially blinded. However, the rumor is that Walt is color blind and it had no effect on his bowling. Walt outlasted Dave to take the Southern Open Scratch Title. Other notables in the Divisional Roll Offs were Phillip Daniel, Gary Ryan, and Wayne Webber in "A", Steve Edgar, Robert Kimrey, and Tom Maciosek in "B" and Eddy Hutchens and Roger Templar in Scratch. Those not making the roll offs but having a great time bowling was JK Johnson, Don Porpora, Dave Nelson, Jackie Jordan, Norm Bissell, and Judy Mosher.

After the roll offs and winners were decided, we were treated to a great barbeque dinner to bring an end to another wonderful Southern Open. I would like to thank our National Sponsors, Storm Bowling, the USBC, and ABC Medical for being a part of the 10th Southern Open. Of course, I cannot forget Little Caesar's Pizza for that continued support of the AWBA and Wheelchair bowling. Also, a big thanks to the staff of Brunswick Zone for all they did to insure that those attending had a great time. Thanks to all that attended. We always try to put our best foot forward when putting on this event and hope you all enjoyed.

**"A" Division**

**"B" Division**

**Scratch Division**

High Qualifier: Harold Bowman

High Qualifier: Keith Green

High Qualifier: Walt Roy

HSS: Harold Bowman-666

HSS: Janet Norwood-618

HSS: Eddy Hutchens-776

HSG: Wayne Webber -198

HSG: Robert Kimrey-180

HSG: Walt Roy -234

HHS: Paul Cook - 860

HHS: Keith Green- 903

HHG: Phillip Daniel -238

HHG: Steve Edgar- 255

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The AWBA National Team, Captained by Kevin Schaefer, took on the difficult lanes at the US Open in Reno this year. Again as in years pasted, the team represented our organization well and was award one of the best dressed teams in the competition. While their scores certainly did not represent the level in which all can bowl under normal conditions, they gave it their all over the 3 day period. The AWBA wishes to express our thanks to Kevin for taking on the task once again as Captain and he will continue in that role for the 2015 US Open in El Paso. We also would like to thank Storm Bowling for the great looking shirts provide for the event. This team shows the bowling public that wheelchair bowling has come a long way and will continue to offer a place for those in wheelchairs to compete. Pictured from left to right are: Kenneth Hill, Harvey Clowers, John Budd, Christie "Dancing Queen" Rudder, Kevin Schaefer, and Mike Fattarruso.

