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From Our AWBA Chairperson, **Wayne Webber**

I hope everyone is having a great summer; this is my last report as your Chairman Eddy Hutchens is your new Chairman, I know he'll be very good.

It has been an honor to serve you over the past 40 plus years in many ways since I've been with this great Organization. I have done the best that I can, but we are all human and make mistakes. I'm very proud to have been so active on behalf of the membership over the years. One person can't do it all that's why you the members elect a board of directors in hopes that they look out for the best interest of you the members, and the Organization. I'm hoping the membership speaks up for themselves in the future and puts forth proposals to help this great Organization say strong and keep going on for many years to come.

Many tournaments are coming up, please help support them by going to them or donate something to them. This helps make this Organization stay strong.

Our big raffle tickets will be handed out soon at the Las Vegas Tournament so get your lucky numbers early while they are still out there. Contact any Board of Director, so you can get your lucky number or numbers, so save up to buy one or two. Maybe you can sell some just ask any director for some. Our goal is to sell all 400 of them so come on get 5 of your friends to go in for \$20.00 each or 2 friends for \$50.00 dollars.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as your Chairman.



MSCPVA INVITATIONAL

The 12th Annual MSCPVA Invitational is just around the corner in Colorado Springs. Mark and his great staff always put on a wonderful tournament and this year will be no exception. Mark has add a Team event allowing for more bowling with your friends. And the weather, you cannot beat the weather in Colorado in August. Nice days and cool nights. So make plans now to attend this great event. King Pin Lanes will once again host the event and we thank them for continuing to support the PVA and AWBA. The dates are August 24-27. So, go to www.awba.org and enter the event electronically or print off the entry form and mail it in. This is an event well worth supporting so lets do that. See you all there!!!!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Well, we are now half way through 2017 and the AWBA is on track for continued growth for the balance of the year. The 56th National Championships were a great success largely due to those that attended and the hard work of a great committee. History was made this year as Peter Arballo at age 79 won the Scratch Division National Championship. Peter attributes his win to lots of practice during the year to maintain his game. A lesson we should all learn for this great accomplishment. Your board also renamed the Tournament of Champions to the Al Uttecht TOC. Something well deserved by an individual that has won it 12 times. The committee is already at work for the 57th National to once again be held in Ft. Worth, June 5th thru the 9th. So, make plans now to attend. I am hopeful that many of you took the time to review the first AWBA Annual report that was released in April. You can find it on the AWBA website. Your Board of Directors had a productive board meeting in June. There are many opportunities your board is currently reviewing that could have a positive impact on the organization. We are currently reviewing 3 different scoring programs to use for our tournaments around the country. Once completed, we will select one which will then be used for all tournaments the AWBA sanctions. This will simplify the scoring for those charged with doing the scoring for our events. Also, on Facebook, like and get involved on the AWBA/Storm page. Let's share ideas!! We attended the USBC Convention this year in Las Vegas. We met with the Executive Director of the USBC, Chad Murphy, along with the President and Vice President of the USBC Board. The meeting was very successful as we discussed many areas in which the USBC and the AWBA can work together towards common goals and objectives. We have a follow up meeting with the USBC in Arlington August 17th and will bring you up to speed as to the results of that meeting. We would like to welcome Jimmy May and Shawn Beam to the Board of Directors. They will bring a fresh thought process to the board which is always a great thing for any organization. Also, we want to wish Eddy Hutchens all the best as our new Chairman. Eddy has a number of creative and exciting changes he will be offering that will promote the growth and visibility of the AWBA. We are excited about his vision and dedication to the AWBA. Eddy is well suited for the challenges ahead and we believe will do an excellent job in leading the AWBA. We will be pushing forward on the formation of the International Wheelchair Ten Pin Federation over the next year. The thrust will be focused on taking the sport of wheelchair bowling to the next level by involving an international flavor to the sport. In doing so, the AWBA will be the leader in promoting wheelchair bowling around the Globe. While we know this will be a tremendous amount of work, we believe the effort is well worth the time spent. We will be calling on you to assist in a few areas and are hopeful that you will see fit to get on board. Our membership continues to grow as we welcomed 5 new bowlers at the Nationals and 6 new members at the Great Plains PVA/AWBA event. So if you see someone in a chair at your local bowling center, talk with them about the AWBA. It could change their life. Lets discuss Tournaments and your attendance at one or more of our events. Tournament Directors and their committee work very hard to put on an AWBA tournament. A Regional event cost in the area of \$10-\$12,000 dollars to put on and those funds are raised by the TD and his committee. Most Regionals offer 3-4 days of bowling, fellowship, competition, and in most cases, lunches or dinners, all for the price of an average of \$150 entry fee. That is a true bargain. The bowling center welcomes us with open arms and blocks out a high percentage of the lanes for our use. The hotel offers reduced room rates to assist in your travel expenses, and local businesses support by either donating merchandise for raffles to help offset the cost of an event. The AWBA provides the insurance, website support, electronic entry, assistance in all areas of the bowling portion, and in some cases, financial support to help with the success of the event. So, as you can see, much goes into putting on a Regional event. What is needed??? YOU!!! We need to begin to show our support by making plans to attend these events in larger numbers. We understand that some of you can only attend one along with the AWBA National. But some have the ability to attend more. So, please begin to give more consideration to supporting the AWBA and these Regional events. Without support, they may not be able to continue and that would be a loss for all of us. And, please begin now to budget for the 2018 AWBA National Championships. This is one you should always plan on attending. And this event is the best bargain we offer. Looking forward to seeing many of you on the lanes. What better place to spend a few days than around friends and fellow bowlers. WE are all in this together. Let's make it happen.

AWBA bowlers and their families gathered in Ft. Worth, Texas to participate in the 56th AWBA National Championships held at Cityview Lanes. Bowlers came from all 4 corners of the United States to compete, renew friendships, develop new ones and all left with a feeling of accomplishment and great satisfaction. The week began with the Board of Directors meeting where your board spent most of the day reviewing proposals and listening to two presentations which may directly benefit the AWBA and our members. It was a day full of well thought out ideas to promote the AWBA.

Competition got started on Wednesday with the Pfister/Ramus Team Championship. With 15 teams competing, the bowling was outstanding. In the end, Henry Walters (GA) new member Mike Delgado (TX), and Kavin Monroe (OK) won the event with a 1815 pin count. Wednesday afternoon the Tournament of Champions was held where 14 bowlers competed. In the Handicap Division, Wayne Webber (FL) won and in the Scratch Division, Peter Arballo (CA) won. It was enjoyable to watch the previous champions compete against one another.

Wednesday had many highlights beginning with Opening Ceremonies where we were honored to have the Color Guard from Shepherd Air Force base in Wichita Falls, Texas. These young men and women were very impressive in the presentation of our nations colors. Then the AWBA bowlers took to the lanes to begin singles competition. The first two sets were a challenge as the lanes were difficult for some to read and adjust to. With 8 new members of the AWBA competed this year, it was enjoyable to watch as they overcame nerves and the competition itself. Wednesday evening, we returned to Billy Bob's to a great social. By popular demand, Byron Haynie return to entertain us with some great country music. Thursday saw the continuing of Singles competition with the 3rd and 4th sets. The lanes were much more favorable and some great scores were bowled.

The Nelson Welker Doubles competition was held of Friday under the newly adopted format using 3 games bowled plus the bowler's handicap determining the winner. At the end of competition, the Doubles National Champion is Eric Sanchez (TX), a new member of the AWBA and JT Terry (TX) bowling a total pin count of 1369. Andy Bernt (FL) and Wayne Webber (FL) came in second. Total pin separation between 1st and 4th was less than 100 pins. Friday night was the up down and once again, the bowlers from the area supported the event in a big way. Over 100 walking bowlers took part in a fun event.

Saturday saw the final set of Singles competition being conducted and the pin count in all divisions was very close. In the "B" Division, roll off, Wes Harley was defeated by Keith Green. Green then moved on to defeat Mike Delgado, 253-206. Green continued his climb by outlasting Stephen Smith, 232-188. Green now bowling for his 2 "B" Division National Title, ousted top qualifier JT Terry to claim the title. In the "A" Division, Wayne Webber took on Johnnie Baylark and winning, 208-205. Webber then took on Kenny Mumford and defeated Kenny, 224-189. Then Webber took on Gary Ryan and proceeded to roll an all spare game against Ryan, winning 229-181. Webber then took on top qualifier Brooks Martin, new member and first time at the Nationals for the title. Martin outlasted Webber, 238-187 to capture his first "A" Division National Title. Finally, in the Scratch Division, Peter Arballo took on Dave Roberts defeating Roberts, 169-153. Arballo then took on Eddy Hutchens outlasting Hutchens, 200-184. Staying on the move, Arballo hand Mr.300 Shawn Beam beating him, 169-162. In the final match, Peter took on top qualifier George Holscher and winning 180-168 giving Peter his 2nd National Scratch Championship at the age a 79!!! An AWBA record setting performance. We topped off the event by naming the TOC the Al Uttecht Tournament of Champions. Great dinner and awards banquet.

On the individual awards, Lois West won the Alma Ludwig Award, Gary Ryan won the Senior Championship, Stephen Smith won the Buddy Cole, Kenneth Hill won the Bill Hart Award. George Holscher won the Scratch Richard Carlson Award and JT Terry won the Handicap award. Gary Ryan won the High Scratch game (215) and Series (577) as well as High Hcp Game (268) and Series (736) in the "A" Division. Stephen Smith won high scr. Series (464) and game as well as High Hcp game (277). Mike Delgado won High Hcp Series in "B" Division. In Scratch, Eddy Hutchens won high Scr. Series (616) and George Holscher won High Scr. Game (233).

In closing, let me first thank my best friend Onie for all the hard work she did during the event and the months prior to the event. She was a huge help in many areas. Let me thank my very strong committee for a great job!!!! Thanks to all our National Sponsors for without you, this would be difficult to do. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for helping. Thanks to City View Lanes and their great Staff. Finally, thanks to all of you for coming. It was an honor to be your tournament director.

WELKER DOUBLES**TEAM CHAMPION****TOC**

JT Terry
Eric Sanchez

Henry Walters
Mike Delgado
Kavin Monroe

Peter Arballo- Scratch
Wayne Webber-Handicap

ALMA LADWIG**BUDDY COLE****BILL HART SPORTSMAN**

Lois West

Stephen Smith

Kenneth Hill

"A" DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

NAME	SCR TOT	HCP TOT	TOUR AVE.
BROOKS MARTIN	2248	3193	149.87
GARY RYAN	2388	3183	159.20
KENNY MUMFORD	2124	3114	141.6
JOHNNIE BAYLARK	2321	3086	154.23
WAYNE WBBBER	2355	3060	157.00
AL UTTECHT	2407	3022	160.47
RICH HARRELL	2010	3015	134.00
MIKE BREWER	2072	2972	138.00
PHILLIP DANIELS	2040	2940	136.00
TERRY STEWART	2160	2940	144.00
KAVIN MONROE	1907	2937	126.80
KEVIN SCHAEFER	2017	2917	134.7
DAN SPOTTS	2152	2912	143.47
JIMMY MAY	1813	2893	120.87
STAN MOOREHEAD	2155	2890	143.67
GIL HERRERA	1921	2866	128.07
GARY POOLE	2048	2858	136.53
DAVID SPOTTS	2042	2852	136.13
SMILEY WALLACE	1274	2294	106.17

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2016

Scratch Champion

Peter Arballo

"A" Division Champion

Brooks Martin

"B" Division Champion

Keith Green

SCRATCH DIVISION FINAL

NAME	GRAND TTL (12 GAMES)
GEORGE HOLSCHER	3904
SHAWN BEAM	3646
EDDY HUTCHENS	3527
PETER ARBALLO	3460
DAVE ROBERTS	3224
KENNETH HILL	3135
MERV KAYA	3129
CURT WOLFF	2712

"B" DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

NAME	SCR TO-TAL	HCP TO-TAL	TOUR. AVE
JT TERRY	1883	3338	125.53
MIKE DELGADO	1781	3311	118.73
STEPHEN SMITH	2021	3281	134.73
KEITH GREEN	1846	3241	123.07
WES HARLEY	1707	3177	113.8
JIM COFFEY	1847	3122	123.13
LOIS WEST	1123	3103	74.87
DEBRA MOULIES	1299	3084	86.6
RICK MAHANEY	1723	3073	114.87
KATHY WRIGHT	1268	3023	84.53
DAVID NELSON	1488	3018	99.2
MIKE GALLOWAY	1395	3015	91.00
ADDIS GONTE	1648	2998	109.87
TED SMITH	1440	2955	96.00
BRYAN SHANER	1469	2849	97.93
GRANT BUEHLER	1658	2843	110.53
DEBRA FREED	1485	2760	99.00
MILLIE IRIZZARY	1379	1744	93.33
CHUCK POTTER	1176	2361	98.00

RICHARD CARLSON

ALL EVENT CHAMPION

GEORGE HOLSCHER-SCRATCH

JT Terry-HANDICAP

SENIOR CLASSIC CHAMPION

GARY RYAN

56TH

AWBA

NATIONAL



“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

JANUARY THRU JUNE, 2017

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Shawn Beam	214,235	270					719
Paul Cook			503				
Rich Gabory			518				
Eddy Hutchens	245,226,212,,216				625		
Ron Johnson			509				
JK Johnston	201						
Dave Roberts	202		505				
Gary Ryan	208,213		526,509,577				
Roger Templar	211		544,513,510,505				

Be sure to send your scores in to be recognized as an elite wheelchair bowler!!!!!!

Millie Irizarry 4,7,10 Split Gary Ryan 4-7-10 Split Wayne Webber All Spare Game

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

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!

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 annu- al 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!!

2017 AWBA Tournament Schedule

<u>DATES</u>	<u>BOWLING CENTER</u>	<u>T'MNT DIRECTOR</u>
August, 18-21 MSPVA Invitational	King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs	Donna DeBaca, 303-597-0038
September,23-25 MAPVA Invitational	Bowl America	Jimmy May, 8047947447
Nov 30-Dec 3 Las Vegas Invitational	Sunset Station	Julie Johnson, 702-646-0040



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PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

On behalf of Tournament Director Dave Nelson and the Great Plains PVA, thank you to all the bowlers who attended the inaugural Great Plains PVA/AWBA Invitational. We can only have one "first" tournament and thanks to everyone involved, it was a success! Great Plains PVA is honored to join the PVA/AWBA bowling series and we appreciate the support we received from Alan Earl at National PVA and Gary Ryan at AWBA before and during the tournament.

We had 20 bowlers compete in this year's tournament and six of them were from Great Plains PVA. For five of the six, it was their first AWBA sanctioned tournament and they saw first hand the high level of skill and competition this series presents along with the good-natured camaraderie of the bowlers.

Congratulations to all the division winners including: Wayne Webber and Dave Roberts for taking 1st Place in Doubles. Kenneth Mumford outlasted Phillip Daniel, Johnnie Baylark, Gil Herrera and Gary Ryan to win the Handicap A Division, Randy Squier, a new AWBA bowler, took on John Scott, David Nelson, Mile Galloway, and James Beversdorf to calm 1st Place in Handicap B Division, and Eddy Hutchens ousted Kenneth Hill, Doug Dalton, and Dave Roberts for his 1st Place finish in the Scratch Division! Eddy's team also took 1st Place in Friday's Up/Down tournament.

Special thanks to Thunderbowl Lanes for being a great host, to Terry Nelson for being our tireless scorekeeper, to our awesome PVA volunteers, and to all our local and regional sponsors. We also really appreciate the kind words, compliments, and suggestions from this year's bowlers. A big thank you goes out to Mary Bushman, Amanda, and the balance of the PVA staff for a wonderful job hosting their first Regional Tournament. We also want to extend out thanks to the National PVA, Storm Bowling, Logo Infusion, and all local sponsor for the great support. Without their support, this event would have not been possible. Our continued goal is to put on a first-class tournament and welcome bowlers from across the country. Tournament Director, Dave Nelson and the Great Plains PVA members and staff are already gearing up for our 2018 tournament and we look forward to seeing everyone next July!

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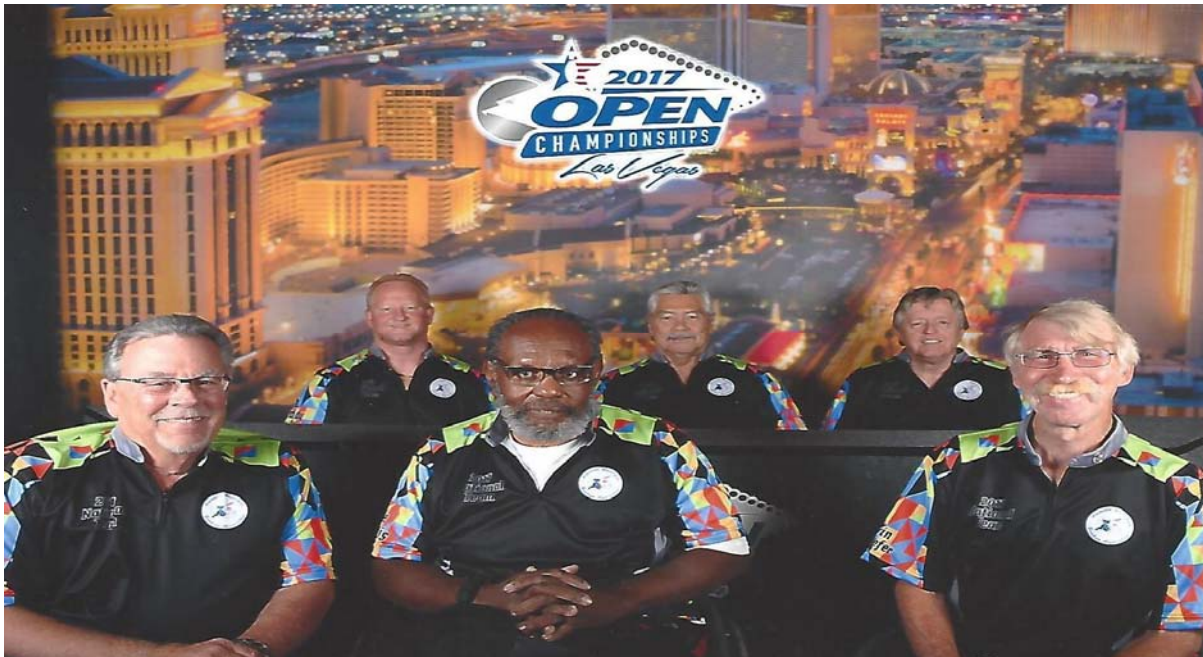
Thomas Stubbs-Nebraska

Randy Squier-Nebraska

John Scott-Nebraska

James Beversdorf-Nebraska

Tom Stubbs-Nebraska



2017 AWBA NATIONAL TEAM

BACK ROW, EDDY HUTCHENS, MERV KAYA, WAYNE WEBBER

FRONT ROW GARY RYAN, LEE CURTIS, KEVIN SCHAEFER