



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
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The governing body of wheelchair bowling with the USBC
AWBA.org



From Our AWBA Chairperson, **Eddy Hutchens**,

“EXTRA, EXTRA*****Winter is a Comin’.”

We have had many a freeze already here in Colorado which can only mean one thing.....VEGAS BABY!!!!

That’s right! Our Annual Las Vegas Tournament will be here before we know it. We have had many great Regional Tournaments already this year with an ‘okay’ turnout of bowlers but let’s start now and get a huge turnout for the last tournament of the year in Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Tournament always draws a great crowd but this year, let’s take it upon ourselves to make sure you convince at least one other bowler to go with you this time. What better place to spend the beginning of winter than at Sunset Station? So, please, get your entry in today so you won’t miss out on the comradery we have come to know and love about the AWBA.

Next, the AWBA is being welcomed into the USBC’s National Tournament. This is a major step forward for the AWBA as it is the first year the USBC has made a wheelchair division. We have been working hard to make this happen for 5 years now. We cannot take this for granted; we all need to be there in March. The USBC is making a “Celebration Weekend” for us to bowl this great tournament. This Celebration is being held March 16th and 17th. We will have 5-man teams, doubles and singles during this time. I will not go any farther into this as Gary will, except to ask that you send your USBC entry to Gary and he will forward all of our entries to the USBC. I am so excited that this event has finally come together. All we have to do now is show up to ensure this continues to happen year after year.

Lastly, be sure you vote in this year’s election. Gary sent out an email with the ballot attached so if you did not download it, please do so now and get them sent off to Colby Kortum’s home ASAP. If you cannot find it, please contact Gary or me and we will send it to you.

I look forward to seeing all of the entries into these two great tournaments; the AWBA needs you more than ever. I will see you in VEGAS!!!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Fellow AWBA members, over the last few years, a number of your leaders have been working closely with the USBC, the governing body of bowling in the US, as well as the World Bowling Federation, to bring the sport of wheelchair bowling to a different level in the US. We have seen things such as our rules being placed in the USBC Rules for Bowling, we have seen the support by the USBC of our National Championships, the USBC recognizing the need for a para component to assist in placing bowling in the Olympics, and most recently, the completion of a tutorial video now on our website, to promote the sport of wheelchair bowling. All the above took a number of meetings with the leaders of both organizations educating both as to what each could accomplish by working together with common objectives and goals. It has been a tedious process but one that has brought the two organizations much closer together. Now, the final step, the recognition of the sport of wheelchair bowling being divisionalized within the USBC. In March, you, the members of the AWBA, will be recognized at the Open Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 16th and 17th at South Point Bowling Center. The title of the two day event will be "A Celebration of the AWBA". Richard Carlson will be proud as 5 man teams come together to participate in the largest bowling tournament in the World. For those of you that believe this is no big deal, I must say you are dead wrong. This will be the biggest thing that has ever happened to our organization. To be seen by the World representing the sport that we all love and have assisted in making the AWBA what it is today, is a very BIG deal. However, we need you to participate. We are hoping for a minimum of 20 5 person teams to enter. One half of the South Point Bowling center will be dedicated to the AWBA participants. I will be assisting each of you with hotel rooms, registration, registration fees, etc. to make your trip to Vegas as enjoyable as possible. You want to form your own team, let me know and I will send you the entry form. There will be much more regarding accommodations over the next few weeks as I am attempting to secure blocks of rooms at various hotels in the area. There are still a few things to work out regarding the Prize fund, bowling average, etc. with the USBC however we will have those answers very soon. So, WE NEED YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US!!! Any questions let me know. Your board recently approved an expenditure to form the International Wheelchair Ten Pin Federation. The initial steps are to work with lawyers in the development of a Constitution, Bylaws, a Board of Directors, and applying to the IRS to become a 501C3 non-profit organization. This effort is be overseen by Mark Shepherd, our international liaison for this project. Once that is completed, hopefully the AWBA will become its first member organization. We will then begin to bring together other countries that are involved in wheelchair bowling. We are hoping to lean on companies like our great sponsor Storm Bowling, to assist us by using their well developed International group to bring the world together. The long term objective is to bring wheelchair bowling to the Para Pan Am games as well as the Para Olympic Games. Investing in the future of our sport is something that is critical for the growth of the sport bringing new members and countries to all wheelchair bowlers around the world. This will be an exciting adventure into the future. For those of you that would like to work with Mark on this project, please contact him. Those with a vision of tomorrow are those that dream of what can be and make it happen. Until January, Happy Holidays to all of our members and Sponsors.



USBC CELEBRATES THE AWBA

After many years of negotiations between the AWBA and the USBC, wheelchair bowling will be recognized by the USBC as a division and will bowl in the USBC Open!!!! This is a major step in bringing the AWBA to the next level in the sport of bowling itself. We want to express our thanks to the USBC for understanding our position and their dedication to making it happen. Hence, A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION honoring the AWBA will take place on March 16 & 17, 2018 at the Open Championships in Las Vegas at Southpoint. Now it is up to you the members, to begin to make plans to attend. Each board member is forming their own team so if you would like to be a team member with a board member, simply contact them so you can be added. If you would like to form your own team, let Gary Ryan know and he will get you the entry form to complete. This event may be the biggest thing that has ever happened to the AWBA and we need you!!! We will provide you continuous updates as we are updated by the USBC. This is a big step towards our long term goals of bring the sport of wheelchair bowling to the para pan am games as well as the Para Olympics.



**Paralyzed Veterans
of America**
Nevada Chapter



NEVADA PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

“LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL”

November 29th-December 2nd

Entry Closing Date – Nov. 15, 2018 Postmark

Games Bowled At:

Sunset Station AWBA # _____ USBC # _____
Las Vegas, NV

Mail Entry To:

Nevada PVA
704 South Jones Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV. 89107
702-646-0040

Singles Entry Fee	\$125.00	_____
Doubles	\$ 30 .00	_____
Up/Down	\$ 25.00	_____
Sidepots: Handicap	\$ 15.00	_____
Scratch	\$ 15.00	_____
Silent Partner:	\$ 5.00	_____
TOTAL -----	\$	_____

Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

CHECK DIVISION ENTERING: SCRATCH _____ HANDICAP _____

Doubles: Partner: _____ **Handicap** _____ **Please Assign** _____

UP/DOWN: Partner: _____ **Handicap:** _____ **Please Assign** _____

Partner: _____ **Handicap:** _____ **Please Assign** _____

Partner: _____ **Handicap:** _____ **Please Assign** _____

AVERAGE VERIFICATION of 12 Games or more: FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED VERIFICATION WILL RESULT IN PRIZE MONEY AND OR PRIZES BEING WITHHELD.

A summer league average may be accepted if the entrant has no winter league average. Entrants without qualified averages must bowl scratch. The AWBA adjusted tournament average designee will provide adjusted tournament average information. In all cases where the adjusted tournament average is higher the USBC Book Average, the adjusted tournament average will be the entrant’s entering average. AWBA and USBC Member Cards must be presented.

Highest 2017-18 USBC Sanctioned League Average _____ # Games _____

Highest Summer League 2018 Sanctioned League Ave: _____ # Games _____



“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

June 2018 thru December 2018

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Peter Arballo	222		526				
Shawn Beam	201,225,206,210		505	579,550,572			
Andy Bernt	201,221		502	598			
John Budd	205,205		501,533,512	563,560			
Phillip Daniel			512, 517,537				
Kenneth Hill	208,213		575,537,521,515				
George Holscher	225,246	265					736
Eddy Hutchens	214,236,234, 213		514,511,516,518		628,635		
Ron Johnson	205		515,503				
Colby Kortum	221,223		522,	557			
Brooks Martin			547,546,516,513	564			
Jason Nelson	212,209,211		527		609		
Dave Roberts	209		545,539				
Gary Ryan			548,530,519				
Kevin Schaefer			530				
Henry Walters	201		510				
Curt Wolff	212	253	517				

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE THAT HAVE PASSED

We have just learned of the passing of James Coffey. Jim was a member of the AWBA for many years and attended many bowling tournaments around the country. What a great smile he had no matter the surroundings. Jim also traveled around the country participating in Cribbage tournaments and won many. Bowling was his love and while the ball trickled down the lane heading for the pocket, no matter the results, that smile always prevailed. We always saw Jim at the AWBA Nationals as well as the Florida tournaments. Jim, you will be missed my friend and thank you for being such a wonderful person. RIP

2018 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR
Nov 29-Dec 2	Las Vegas Invitational Sunset Station	Julie Johnson 702 646-0040

CHECK OUT THE JUST RELEASED TUTORIAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE, AWBA.ORG



Bowlers from around the country gathered in Colorado Springs for the 14th Annual MSCPVA/AWBA Invitational. During the 4 days, the weather was beautiful and as always, King Pin Lanes and Carol's staff went out of their way to accommodate all entrants into the event.

Thursday began the Singles competition with two Divisions competing for the Championship. Players found the lanes to be fair to both Divisions and the scores indicated they would accept well thrown shots by all. After the first day of competition, the top 5 in both divisions was very close.

Friday started with the Doubles event and was won by Phillip Daniel and Eric Sanchez, both from Texas. The Team event was then held and won by Shawn Beam, TX, and Colby Kortum and Doug Dalton, both from Colorado. Both events were very close. Friday evening brought a full house for the up/down event. We were honor to have Tish Johnson, USBC Hall of Fame, joined us as a spectator. She couldn't bowl as she was off the next day to compete in Canada where she and the team were the winners. At the end of the night, John Budd's team won the up/down championship.

Saturday the Singles competition resumed with sets 3 and 4. In between the sets, Halliburton was once again kind enough to feed all of those that attended the tournament and extended an invitation to all those that bowled in the up/down event Friday night. As usual, the food was outstanding, and we want to thank Halliburton and those that did the cooking and gave up their Saturday, for a wonderful meal. On Saturday night, Onie Ryan prepared her special shrimp gumbo for those that wanted to come to the "Trailer Park" in the parking lot of the bowl. Lots of laughs with those that attended the dinner and thanks to Onie for a meal well done.

Sunday began with the 5th set being bowled and again, after the set was completed, the scores were very close. The top 5 in the Scratch division were Eddy Hutchens, top qualifier, Doug Dalton, Shawn Beam, Curtis Wolff, and Colby Kortum. In the roll off, Curt eased by Colby winning a 2 frame roll off. Curt then took on Mr. 300, Shawn Beam with Curt eliminating Shawn, 212-199. Curt then took on Doug Dalton with Doug outlasting Curt, 204-171. Doug then faced High Qualifier Eddy Hutchens for the championship and Doug was up to the task, bowling a great 267-167 and winning the Scratch Division Championship. In the Handicap Division, the top 5 were Gary Ryan, Top Qualifier, Phillip Daniel, Larry Chrislip, Greg Clough, and David Spotts. The scores shown here are with handicap as Greg Clough ousted Larry Chrislip, 196-173. Greg then took on David Spotts with David coming out victorious, 215-193. David then faced Phillip Daniel with Phillip winning a very close match, 194-192. Daniel then faced top qualifier Gary Ryan for the championship. In the end, both bowled very well however, Ryan beat Daniel to win the championship 241-236.

The MSCPVA along with the AWBA would like to extend our thanks to King Pin Lanes and their staff. We would also like to thank Halliburton for the great meal. A big thanks goes out to the PVA staff for their hard work during the 4 days and also, Julet Hutchens for an awesome job scoring the event. It was her first time to do so. Special Thanks goes out to the National PVA for their support of the local chapter. We also extend our thanks to AWBA's National Sponsors, Storm, Logo Infusion, USBC, BPAA, ABC Medical and Sportaid for supporting the sport of wheelchair bowling. Finally, to Donna and her great staff for putting on an event under great stress. We enjoyed our time in Colorado Springs and are looking forward to celebrating with you next year, the 15th MSCPVA/AWBA Invitational. Dates will be announced soon.



The MAPVA Tournament began with 18 Bowlers from around the Country and if Hurricane Florence not made an appearance, , we probably would have had a few. We are hopeful that those effected by the hurricane recover quickly and get their lives back in order soon.

We started Friday with 6 teams in the doubles vying for the championship, Keith Green and Gary Poole won the event, with Chuck Karczewski and Brooks Martin coming in second.

Friday night we hosted the Up and Down event with 15 teams competing for the title. A few dressed up for the Hoe- Down, Ann Heath took home the best Costume and prize.

Up and Down winners were LaDon Chamber, wife Yonnette, daughter Ashley.

To start our day of singles Saturday, we had a health big breakfast provided by the PVA Chapter.

The Singles competition began right after breakfast and the lanes were challenging to say the least, After the 12 qualifying games 13 bowlers made the roll off, with George Holscher bowling 149 winning scratch, over Brooks Martin with a 148 it was an exciting game.

A Division, with handicap added, Wayne Webber bowled a 191 to defeat Steve Edgar 183.

A – HHG Steve Edgar 239, HHS Rich Gabory 610

B Division, Kathy Tilbury defeated Chris Bacon 213 to 183 for Kathy’s first win.

B Division, HHG Chris Bacon 245, HHS Kathy Tilbury 659

Scratch HSG Keith Scott 200, HSS George Holscher 479

The silent partner was won by Chris Bacon and Kathy Tilbury.

I would like to thank Mid – Atlantic Chapter, National PVA, AWBA, Storm, Logo Infusion, and our Volunteers. Also a great job by Bowl America Short Pump with helping out with scoring the event as well as providing the meals for the bowlers.

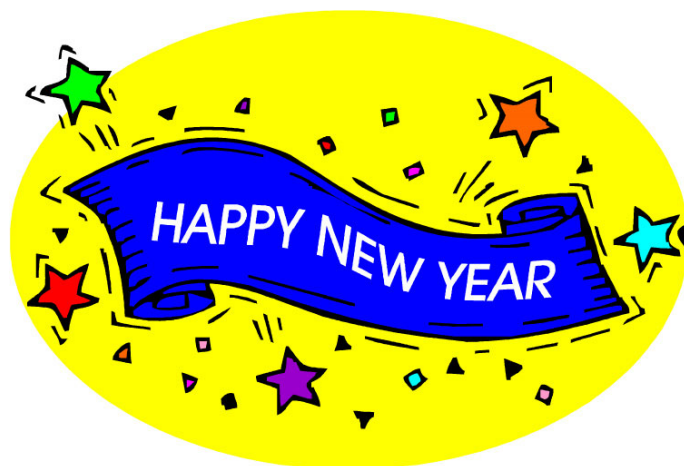
Most of all I would like to thank the bowlers that attended tournament and those who participated in the up and down.

Look forward to seeing you next year.



TIS THE SEASON

With the Holiday Season quickly approaching, the Board of Directors of the AWBA would like to wish all our members and sponsors all the best during the upcoming season. This time of year there is much to be thankful for, our family and friends, our health, the country in which we live, and much more. So, take time out this season to let those know you love them and how special they are to you. We live one life, one chance to do our best in life, and it starts with taking care of one another. Happy Holidays to all!!!!



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New Life Members

Marc Fenn-Nevada

Daniel Connelly-Texas

Welcome as new Life Members of the AWBA.

Help Needed

For those receiving the newsletter via snail mail while at the same time having an email address, we would ask that you contact Gary Ryan and provide your email address. In doing so, you will not only save the AWBA money to use in other areas by reducing our printing and mailing cost, you will receive information much quicker. So, please email Gary @ garyryan210@gmail.com to provide your address. Your assistance in this area will be greatly appreciated.

AWBA HALL OF FAME

With the recent changes in how the AWBA Hall of Fame is managed, the following dates are important for you to know should you have an individual that you feel deserves consideration for this prestigious award. Remember that nominees must have been an AWBA member in good standing for a least 10 years.

Dates:

Nominee must be submitted to Eddy Hutchens, Chairman, by February 1st. The nomination forms can be secured from Mr. Hutchens or Gary Ryan.

HOF committee to review nominees submitted 2nd week in February

March 1st, nominee notified should a nominee accepted by the Committee for HOF induction.

