



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER , April, 2019
The governing body of wheelchair bowling with the USBC
AWBA.org



From Our Chairman, Eddy Hutchens,

It is that time of year again and our Tournament trail began with a bang in Florida. I heard it was a very successful and fun tournament. Wayne once again did a great job. I am very sorry I could not attend but my Father's passing kept me home.

We then had our first-ever Wheelchair Division at the USBC National Tournament. I want to thank Gary Ryan for not giving in to all the obstacles he faced in putting this together. We had over 50 Wheelchair Bowlers attend with all of us having a great time. The USBC Celebration Weekend for the AWBA was a great success. I am looking forward to next year in Reno for the 2020 USBC National.

I just returned from Las Vegas where the USBC flew in representatives from their Affinity Partner Groups, with the AWBA being one of those partner groups. At this meeting Roger Noordhoek (USBC's Senior Director of Marketing) expressed to all of the attendees that he was very pleased with how this year turned out. He also expressed that the USBC is looking forward to future years with the AWBA attending their Tournament.

Each Affinity Group in attendance shared a brief explanation of our organizations and where we feel our groups struggle. I shared that the AWBA is constantly looking for new members as well as ways to get to those members. I explained that the PVA is and has been our source of new members although Wounded Warriors may be a good source as well. Roger expressed that they would work with us where he could from this point forward. Overall, this was a great meeting for the partnership of the AWBA and the USBC. Again, thank you Gary Ryan for all the time you have put into this venture.

The Oklahoma Tournament in April was Spectacular. Our Tournament Director, Rich Harrell, put on a fabulous event. Thanks to Rich as well as the Mid-America PVA for all their efforts once again. I am also looking forward to next year in Shawnee Oklahoma.

Many great Tournaments are coming in the months ahead so let's all plan to attend these. Illinois is our next tournament so I hope to see you all there. Remember, we need attendance at these tournaments so your Tournament Directors can continue to put them on. Illinois will be a great warm up for the AWBA National in Fort Worth in June. Gary has another great National set up so get those entries in and bring/encourage all your buddies to attend.

The AWBA has so many great things on our plate, I am very proud to be your Chairman. I am a phone call or email away for your thoughts and concerns.

As you have seen in Gary's emails, the National raffle is a huge part of our funding revenue, get those tickets sold or buy them yourself.. The AWBA National relies heavily on these funds. Sell Sell Sell

LET'S BOWL!

2nd Chicago Invitational

The AWBA is happy to bring back for the 2nd year, the Chicago event. Robert and his committee have put together a great event so consider attending. The Chicago area is a wonderful place to be in early May as spring has truly sprung in the area at that time of year. Lets make plans to show support for this event and show our appreciation for supporting the sport of wheelchair bowling. It will be a great event!!!! For all the info, go to www.awba.org for entry forms and all other related material.



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Hello my AWBA friends and Family!!! What a great first quarter of the year we have had!!! The Florida Tournament was a great success and while I had to depart early due to a breakdown in my motorhome, I was able to bowl doubles but more importantly, was able to see a number of friends that I had not seen a couple of years. This event is beginning to show life again with increased participation which is exciting for both Florida and the entire AWBA. We then traveled to Las Vegas to participate in the USBC's celebration of the AWBA. It was a wonderful event and I want to extend my deepest thanks to those who participated. Also want to thank Chad Murphy, Executive Director of the USBC, Roger Noordhoek, Director of Marketing, and Brant Houghton, USBC for their support of the AWBA and helping make all this happen. We are now working on next years event and will keep you posted as time draws near. We then ventured to Shawnee, Oklahoma for the Oklahoma Invitation at Fire Lake. Again, Scott and Rich put on a great event as usual and while the winter maintained it hold on the State, the hospitality was warm and welcoming. The first quarter proved to be great for new members as we had 4 new Life Members and two annual members join the AWBA. We continue to see good growth which will over time increase participation in our tournaments. The International Wheelchair Ten Pin Federation finalized its by laws and have filed with the IRS the needed documents to secure its 501C3 Tax Exempt status. Once that is approved, we will begin to solicit other members from countries around the world leading to international wheelchair bowling events over time. We are excited to be the leader in bringing this organization into being and feel it will bring worldwide recognition to the sport of wheelchair bowling. The 58th AWBA National Championships are right around the corner. We have been working hard to insure that this years event will exceed the last 3 years of competition in Ft. Worth and are looking forward to seeing all of you there. **We do want to remind you that in other to receive your National jersey, your entry must be received before May 10th.** There is no need to pay the entry fee until the end of May. Go to awba.org and enter electronically or print off the entry forms and mail them in. We are hoping for a great turnout this year. As some of you know, we are present on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Kenneth Hill and Grant Buehler have been heavily involved in our social media platform. Now that Grant has gotten his feet wet over the last 8 months, he will now take over the social media work. These platform are very important to the AWBA as it keeps up in contact with many throughout the world. So, if you have a special event or pictures you would like to share, please send them to Grant at grantbuehler2017@gmail.com. In the next few months we will begin looking for members to consider placing their name in nomination for a place on the board. If you have an interest, please let me know. We have a great organization that has gone through a number of growing pains over the last few years and have become a much stronger unit of people. Change is a good thing as long as it is well thought out and discuss with many. We are hopeful that you voice has been heard and will continue to be heard. Remember the AWBA belongs to you, the member. See ya at Nationals.



Prior to bowling we had enrolled 22 bowlers for the tournament this year but we had several bowlers drop prior to the end of qualifying for various reasons. Still we had a good competitive event throughout the doubles and singles competitions.

Things started out on Friday morning with George Holscher (VA) and Dave McGinnes (FL) capturing the Doubles crown over Rich Gabory (FL) and Chuck Karczewski (FL) in the pins over average format.

There was not a scratch division this year as the bowlers were split into an A and B division. There was an extra added challenge in the roll offs as the bowling center had committed to another party for extreme bowling, where they turn the house lights off and use loud music and strobe lighting. The participants chose to go directly into the roll off rather than wait till the party was over.

The A division pitted Rick Mahaney (LA) against Phillip Daniel (TX) with Mahaney advancing (204-172). Tournament director Wayne Webber successfully dispatched Mahaney (208-168) before losing to Brooks Martin (WV) 241-196. Brooks took on High qualifier George Holscher to capture the A champion (204-176). Congratulations Brooks. George had averaged 200.3 throughout singles.

In the B roll off Chuck Karczewski lost to his doubles partner, Rich Gabory (214-195). Gabory edged out Jim May (VA) by one pin, 219-218 advancing to face Deb Moulies (FL) who eliminated Rich (192-169). She also dispatched High qualifier Dave McGinnes in a very close match (221-219) to win her second consecutive B title.

Handicap honors went to George Holscher 755 HHS and Brooks Martin 289 HHG in A, Dave McGinnes 756 HHS and Rich Gabory 269 HHG in B. Brooks also took home most improved with +375 pins improved Congratulations to all the bowlers who won prizes this year.

My thanks to all the individuals who helped this year, our sponsors Storm, ABC Medical, Logo Infusion along with our volunteers, Maryann, Kim, Sue & Nancy for 50/50, Belinda Formento for all her efforts and many others whose contributions helped in so many ways. I am grateful to Nancy and Dave for the scoring assistance as our official scorers. Lastly thanks to the bowlers who were able to participate this year. Until next time,



KENNY MUMFORD

The AWBA lost a great member in April, Kenney Mumford of Dallas, Texas. Kenny had not been a member that long but the impact he had on all of us was well beyond his years with us. What a great competitor and person he was. A wonderful father and husband, a great fisherman, and an outstanding bowler always striving to do his absolute best. And he took on his challenge of Cancer just like he did everything else, head on. A wonderful smile never left his face, even in those moments when he was hurting. He participated in the Ballard vs the Big C for 2 years as he knew every dime went to fight Cancer. He will be missed by many but his memories will be with us forever. God bless you Kenny. We know your are bowling and fishing somewhere above.

The Weather in Oklahoma is always a surprise this time of year and this year was no exception. Thursday and Friday were beautiful however Saturday brought rain all day with a high temperature of 45 degrees. But that did not dampen the spirits of anyone as the event was a great deal of fun. The Ten Pin Meltdown kicked off on Thursday, April 11, 2019 with our doubles competition. The scores were close, but in the end the team of David Nelson Jr. and Eddy Hutchens took home first place. 2nd place went to Michael Galloway and Kevin Schaefer 3rd Place: Smiley Wallace and Phillip Daniel 4th Place: Gildardo Herrera and Richard Harrell 5th Place: Dan Spotts and Gary Poole 6th Place: Charles Potter and Stephen Smith 7th Place: Gary Ryan and Mike Deloach 8th Place: Ivenhoe Richey and Kavin Monroe 9th Place: Mark Linqvist and Jennifer Hooten. **Congratulations** to all!!!!

The Singles competition started Friday morning. After a break the bowlers who wanted to participate in the up/down tournament got to work on making their 9-pin no tap scores as high as possible. With a prize of \$25 for the first 300 game and a share of the entries pot valued at \$780 for the winning team the bowlers got after it. We also held our raffle during the bowling. We owe a great debt to our stand up bowlers who came out to support our event. First Place was team of wheelchair bowler Richard Harrell

Second Place was the team of wheelchair bowler Gil Herrera. Third Place was the team of wheelchair bowler Eddy Hutchens.

Sunday, April 14 concluded the bowling tournament. After 5 sets of three games the scores were tallied and the roll offs began. When the dust settled the results are as follows:

A Division:

1st: Eddy Hutchens \$1,000
2nd: Kevin R. Schaefer \$700
3rd: David Nelson Jr \$500
4th: Dan Spotts \$400
5th: Richard Harrell \$350
6th: Mike Deloach \$250
7th: Gary Ryan \$200
8th: Phillip Flip Danie \$200
9th: Smiley Wallace \$100
10th: Ivenhoe Richey \$100

B Division:

1st: Michael Galloway \$1000
2nd: Gil Herrera \$750
3rd: Gary Poole \$500
4th: Charles Potter \$400
5th: Kavin Monroe \$350
6th: Mark Linqvist \$250
7th: Stephen Smith \$200
8th: Jennifer Hooten \$100
9th: Robert "Ted" Smith \$100

We want to extend a big thanks to Storm, ABC Medical, Logo Infusion, Sportaid and the volunteers that helped with 50/50 ticket and raffle ticket sales. Without great volunteers and Sponsors, these event would be hard to manage. Also to Scott for doing a great job of managing the tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BOWLERS!!!!!!



“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

January 2019 thru June, 2019

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Smiley Wallace			502				
Gary Ryan	203		503,527				
Brook Martin	215,231,247					693	
George Holscher		265					736
Gary Poole	203						
Dan Spotts			507				
David Nelson			545				
Eddy Hutchens			535				
Rich Harrell	203			577			

Be sure to send your scores in to be recognized as an elite wheelchair bowler.!!!!!!Chuck Karczewski 4,7,10 Split Grant Buehler6-7-10 Split 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 April 1 2018 thru April 30, 2019 and must be reported by the end of April, 2019.



SPORTAID.COM

YOU NEED SOMETHING FOR YOUR CHAIR OR ANY OTHER PRODUCT. CALL THEM

2019 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR
May 23-26	Bowlero Lanes	Robert Arciola
<u>AWBA Nationals June 12-15</u>	<u>City View Lanes, Ft. Worth</u>	<u>Gary Ryan-713-444-7588</u>
<u>Great Plains Invitation Aug. 1-4</u>	<u>Thunder Bowl, Council Bluffs,</u>	<u>David Nelson-402-208-4841</u>
<u>MSCPVA Invitational TBD</u>	<u>King Pin Lanes</u>	<u>TBD</u>
<u>Mid America Invitational Sept. 13-15</u>		<u>Jimmy May-804-240-6913</u>
<u>Las Vegas Invitational—Dec 5-8</u>	<u>Sunset Station</u>	<u>Julie Johnson-702-646-0040</u>





58TH AWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 12th thru June 15th

CITY VIEW LANES

Entry - Closing Date – May 10st, Postmark to receive National Shirt

Payment by June 1st

After May 10st entry no National Jersey offered

Games Bowled At:

City View Lanes
6601 Oakmont Blvd
Ft. Worth, Texas 76132

AWBA # _____ USBC # _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____ Collar: Polo Style _____ Tournament Style _____

Mail Entry To:

Gary Ryan, TD
16006 Congo Lane
Houston, Texas 77040
(H)713-849-9052 (Cell)713-444-7588

Singles Entry Fee	\$140.00	_____
Up/Down	\$ 25.00	_____
Doubles	\$ 35 .00	_____
Team	\$ 35.00	_____
Side Pot (Scratch)	\$ 15.00	_____
Side Pot (Handicap)	\$ 15.00	_____
Banquet	\$ 38.00	_____
Number Attending --	_____	_____
Wednesday Night Social		()Y ()N
How many will attend Social		_____
TOTAL -----	\$	_____
Paying by Check _____	Credit Card _____	

Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

CHECK DIVISION ENTERING: SCRATCH _____ HANDICAP _____

AVERAGE VERIFICATION: Average Verification: Your average for the tournament has been set by the AWBA and there is no need to provide league sheets or any other information unless you are a new bowler with the AWBA in which a league sheet will need to be presented with at least 12 games bowled. Entrants without qualified averages must bowl scratch.

Please pay all fees with one check made payable to: 58th AWBA National Tournament and mail to 16006 Congo Lane, Houston, Texas or simply pay via Credit Card at AWBA.org with the donate button. Confirmation of your entry will be returned via email with your entering average.





Nelson Welker Doubles Entry
10AM Wednesday, June 12th

Entry Fee - \$ 35 per person

All teams bowl 3 games with full handicap. **The winner will be decided by the top Doubles team at the conclusion of 3 games with handicap. There will be no roll off. The top 5 teams cash.**

Check all that apply: (X)

I am entering the Doubles. _____ I decline to enter Doubles. _____

I will partner with (provide name) _____

I will need to be paired with another bowler. _____

The tournament committee will try to find partners for all requests. The doubles is an event counting towards the All Events Championships in both handicap and scratch divisions.

The tournament committee will try to find partners for all requests. The handicap team event is the First event to count toward the All Events Championship in both handicap and scratch divisions.

Gene Ramus National Handicap Team Entry

2:30 PM Wednesday, June 12th

Entry Fee - \$ 35 per person

All teams bowl 3 games handicap using 90% of 630 pins. **The top 5 scores cash.**

Check all that apply: (X)

I am entering the Handicap Team event. _____ I decline to enter Team. _____

I will partner with _____ & _____

I will need to be paired with partners. _____

Awards Banquet Reservation

5:45 PM - Saturday – June 11th

\$ 38 per person

Check all that apply: (X)

I will attend the banquet. _____ and need _____ tickets I will not attend. _____

Beef Entrée _____

Vegetarian Entrée _____

AWBA Members at the 2019 Open Championship



**South Point
Casino**



**THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR
BOWLING ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER ,
April, 2019**

**The governing body of
wheelchair bowling with the
USBC**

AWBA.org

Gary Ryan,
Newsletter Editor
garyryan210@gmail.com
713-849-9052 home
713-444-7588 cell



New Life Members

Jerry Padgett-Nebraska

Kathy Tilbury-Virginia

Joe Weiden-New Mexico

Dan James-Illinois

New Members

Calvin Choice-Illinois

Roy Roberts-Illinois

Welcome to all of you. You have joined an organization that will bring great joy, new friends, strong competition, and a fighter for the sport of wheelchair bowling at all levels. WE are glad you are with us. See you on the lanes!!!!!! For those of you that have an email address and still receiving the newsletter via snail mail, please email me your email address and I will add you to the list. This will get you far more info than you are currently receiving as we only mail newsletters and nothing more. Thanks



The USBC celebrated the AWBA at South Point Casino and Hotel in March and it was an outstanding event for those that attended. The AWBA had 11 5 man teams join in the celebration as the USBC made note of the AWBA and what our organization stood for over the years. To see the entire scoring wall of South Point showing the AWBA logo put chills on those that attended. The AWBA wants to extend its thanks to those with the USBC that worked hard over the last few years to make this happen. We will continue this for many years to come so start planning now as we will again be at the Open in Reno next March. We are hopeful to have 20 teams next year.



THE BEST BALLS IN BOWLING

BORN AND BRED IN BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH

