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

What a great year 2019 is turning out to be for the American Wheelchair Bowling Association!

First, we received our own division at the USBC Nationals where we had 50+ bowlers in attendance in Las Vegas. The USBC is working with us to ensure this continues year after year with even more bowlers participating. The USBC flew me to Las Vegas for an Affinity meeting where we talked about what they could do to make it better in the future for us. There were 4 or 5 other organizations like the AWBA there as well to share their thoughts. So exciting!!!

Then, we had our Regional Tournaments beginning in Oklahoma and to this point ending in Colorado Springs. I feel very fortunate to belong to such a great organization. Our Tournament Directors are doing a great job coordinating these events for us. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Florida Tournament but I have been able to attend the rest. Thank you to all of you who have made these great events possible for us all. Don't forget to sign up for the Virginia Tournament which is coming up in September. I know Jimmy May and his committee will host another great time. We will then finish up this year's tournaments in December in Las Vegas!! Remember, what happens in Vegas ends up on the internet..LOL

In June, we had our AWBA National Tournament in Ft. Worth Texas. Gary Ryan and his Committee did an awesome job for the 4th straight year. Next year, the National Tournament will be right here in my home state of Colorado which scares Curt Wolff and me but we will "Git R Done". I am sure we will have all the help we need to insure this is a great one from all of our AWBA/PVA Tournament Directors.

We are also excited to have Keith Cooper, the PVA's Adaptive Sports Program Manager joining us. Keith was at the Council Bluffs Tournament where he got his first look at one of the Bowling Programs that the National PVA helped sponsor. The PVA is financially helping support 5 of our Regional Tournaments each year. I believe the PVA/AWBA partnership is making sure all of our members receive the best tournament experience possible. Welcome Keith, the AWBA looks forward to many more years partnering with the PVA with you as our contact person.

Lastly, but not least important (I am sure Gary will go into this deeper so I will just mention it here), Several years ago, Gary and I met with Kevin Dornberger who is the Chief Executive Officer for World Bowling while at our Las Vegas Tournament. Our purpose of this meeting was to inform Mr. Dornberger of our desire to pursue world competition. Well, we recently received a press release stating that World Bowling will become an Official Recognized International Paralympic Committee Sport. We will in the near future be able to compete in the Paralympic Games! This is not only the result of a lot of work on Gary's part but so exciting for the future of bowling and the AWBA.

Let us finish out this year of events in the same manner we have done all year. 2019 could possibly be the best year ever for the American Wheelchair Bowling Association since Richard Carlson started the AWBA back in the 1960's.



Gary Ryan, Secretary

First, let me apologize for the newsletter being a little late. With 4 tournaments in 4 months as well as the PBA/PWBA "Luci" Doubles tournament in Houston where I represented the AWBA, it has been a very busy summer. But what a summer it has been!!! Our National in Ft. Worth was a great success and we crowned 2 new winners this year with Jason Nelson and Daniel Connelly. We then traveled to Council Bluffs for the Great Plains Tournament and what an event it was. David Nelson and his staff of workers did an outstanding job of putting on the 3rd Annual with many new members joining us for 4 days of bowling and just pure fun. We then headed to Colorado for the 15th Annual MSCPVA Invitational. This tournament was the first joint venture for the AWBA to be involved in and it was a great success working with the PVA chapter. We now move on to the final 2 events of the year, the Mid Atlantic Invitational and Las Vegas!! Lets plan to close out the year with great attendance at both of these great events.

At the annual meeting of your board, it was moved that the number of directors be reduced to four and those four come from sections of the country that would give good representation for those residing in those given areas. The changes were presented to the membership and it was passed. Hence, there all be no election of directors this year. Also, the deadline for nominations to the Hall of Fame is quickly approaching. Should you wish to place a name in nomination, it must be received by the Chairman no later than January 15th to be considered. Should you need a copy of the nomination forms, please let me know and I will provide them to you. Other matters addressed by your board and approved were an adjustment to the length of time a member of the board must sit out before they can run again. It was reduced to 1 year. Also passed, a maximum of 100 pins per game can be given to a bowler at an AWBA tournament. And to let each of you know, the AWBA is in excellent financial condition for many years to come.

The 2020 Open Championship will be here before you know it so its time to start putting your team together for next year's AWBA Celebration in Reno. We had a great turnout this year but more bowlers and teams are needed. The plans are being putting in place by the USBC finalizing the dates and plans for the weekend but we believe it will be the last weekend in March. So, put your teams together and I will have entry forms for you soon.

Now for the big news, WHEELCHAIR BOWLING HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE PARA OLYMPICS!!!! We received the press release 6 weeks ago from the World Bowling Federation making the announce that the International Para Olympic committee had approved wheelchair bowling. A number of AWBA members have been working on this for many years as well as others throughout the bowling community. However, this is simply the first step of many steps that must be taken to make it a reality. We believe the AWBA is the most experienced in the sport since we have over 50 years of overseeing the sport in the US, however, moving forward will involve the world and in saying that, will mean a great deal of listening and learning from others. Much must be decided as to how the sport is managed and who manages it. Our Chairman, Eddy Hutchens, and our International Liaison, Mark Shepherd, will be traveling to Las Vegas for the first meeting on September 1st at South Point, to meet with the board of the World Bowling Federation to make a presentation about the sport and give an overview of how best we believe will be the best way to move forward. Mark's knowledge regarding international sports is vast and we could have no other person in a position to express how best to proceed. As I said, much has to be done, but it is a huge success to even get it to this point. Our hope is, as it always have been, that this will lead the world of bowling into the Olympics!! We will keep you informed as this moves forward. However, to say I am excited is an understatement. Hope to see many of you as the year comes to a close. We are blessed to be a member of such an wonderful organization. **And remember, bowl up A STORM!!!!!!**



.AWBA bowlers and their families gathered in Ft. Worth, Texas to participate in the 57th 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 putting in place rule changes that will make the organization better.

Bowling competition got started on Wednesday with the Nelson Welker Doubles Championship. With 26 teams competing, the bowling was outstanding. In the end, Jim Rice (NV) and Shawn Beam (TX) won the title with a pin count of 1290. Kevin Schaefer (CA) and John Budd (IN) came in second. Wednesday afternoon the Pfister/Ramus Team Championship was held where 16 team competed. The Texas Team of Stephen Smith, Mike Delgado, and Eric Sanchez ran away from the field with a total pin count of 1951. Closing out the day was the Al Uttecht Tournament of Champions where we had 12 past Singles Champions compete. In the Handicap Division, Wayne Webber (FL) won and in the Scratch Division, George Holscher (VA) won. It was enjoyable to watch the previous champions compete against one another. Wednesday night we held the social at Homewood Suites where we enjoyed music provide by Byron Haynie as he returned to entertain us with some great country music. The Mexican Fiesta was enjoyed by all that attended.

Thursday we were honor to have with us Anna Benton that sang the National Anthem. 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 13 new members of the AWBA competing this year, it was enjoyable to watch as they overcame nerves and the competition itself. The house shot we faced for 4 days was a reverse block and gave some a great deal of trouble however many great scores were bowled by all divisions. Friday saw the continuing of Singles competition with the 3rd and 4th sets. Friday night the up/down was a huge success as we filled the house and were join by the Storm Ambassadors as well as 10 members from the USBC. The Up/Down was won by Andy Bernt's team with second place going to John Budd. It was a fun filled night with lots of people having a wonderful time.

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, Rick Mahaney defeat a new bowler, Danial Connelly, 237-200. Mahaney then moved on to defeat Bryan Shaner, 232-204. Rick then took on new member James Tipton, losing to Tip, 236-209. Tipton then took on new member and handle ball bowler, Glenn Davis. After 10 frames, they were tied and moved into a roll off where Davis won and was crowned the new "B" Division National Champ. In the "A" Division, Andy Bernt took on Tom Richey in his first National with Bernt winning, 193-175. Bernt then took on John Budd and defeated Budd, 205-200. Bernt then took on Brooks Martin, the 2017 Champ and Brooks outlasted Andy, 242-215 to advance to take on top qualifier Gary Ryan. Martin handle Ryan with ease, scoring a 235-169 victory and claiming his second consecutive National Title. Finally, in the Scratch Division, Peter Arballo, 2017 Scratch Champion took on Eddy Hutchens with Eddy outlasting Peter, 170-168. Eddy then took on Curt Wolff, a Ikan ramp bowler with Curt beating Eddy, 203-189. Curt then bowled George Holscher and George moved on, 194-169. George then took on top qualifier Shawn Beam, Mr. 300 against Mr. 300 #2! George out bowled Shawn winning his second National Scratch Title, 171-151. Saturday evening, we held the Awards Banquet at Billy Bob's where we had a great meal and wonderful time with friends.

On the individual awards, Jennifer Hooten won the Alma Ludwig Award, Gary Ryan won the Senior Championship for the 2nd year in a row, Smiley Wallace won the Buddy Cole, Randy Squier won the Bill Hart Award. Shawn Beam won the Scratch Richard Carlson Award and Glenn Davis won the Handicap award. Shawn Beam won High Scratch Series(590) Peter Arballo with high scratch game (222). Gary Ryan in A Division with the high hcp series 695, Brooks Martin with High Scr Series, 564, High Hcp Game, Gary Poole, 259. B Division High scr. Series, Glenn Davis,671, High Scr game, Rick Mahaney, 170, High hcp series, James Tipton, 682 and High hcp Game, Bryan Shaner, 285. National Achievement Awards: High Average, High Scratch Game, High Scratch Series, George Holscher. Most Improved Average, Mark Linqvist. High Hcp Game, Curt Wolff.

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. A number of others stepped up and volunteer to assist 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. A big shout out to Carolyn and Del Ballard for keeping their Pro shop open during the event. Thanks to Ken and Kathy Keegan of Logo Infusion for your great support. Gary Hulsenberg, you're the man and thanks to Storm!! Thanks to the 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. See you next year!!!!

WELKER DOUBLES

Phillip Daniel
Smiley Wallace

TEAM CHAMPION

Mike Galloway
Rick Mahaney
Gabe Diaz DeLeon

TOC

George Holscher-Scratch
Dan Spotts-Handicap

ALMA LADWIG

Kathy Wright

BUDDY COLE

Daniel Connelly

BILL HART SPORTSMAN

Gabe Diaz DeLeon

“A DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

BOWLER NAME	FINAL	FINAL
	SCRAT	HDCI
GABE DIAZ DELEON	2200	3370
KENNETH REID	2064	3099
SMILEY WALLACE	2151	3096
GARY POOLE	2133	3093
RICK MAHANEY	1987	3082
GARY RYAN	2292	3072
TERRY ROCK	2223	3063
SCOTT MILLER	2064	3054
KEVIN SCHAEFER	2137	3037
WAYNE WEBBER	2135	3005
PHILLIP DANIEL	2143	2998
ERIC SANCHEZ	1875	2985
DAN SPOTTS	2097	2967
GIL HERRERA	2019	2949
TERRY STEWART	1951	2911
BROOKS MARTIN	2353	2908
STEPHEN SMITH	1617	2712
ANDY BERNT	1780	2575

“B DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

	FINAL	FINAL
	SCRAT	HDCI
DANIEL CONNELLY	1814	3449
BILL BURNS	1843	3448
H. DAVE MCGINNES	1978	3313
DAN FORMENTO	1616	3281
MIKE DELGADO	1987	3217
MIKE GALLOWAY	1514	3149
KEITH GREEN	1691	3131
KATHY WRIGHT	1370	3125
BRYAN SHANER	1881	3096
STEVE RAY	1385	3080
JIMMY MAY	1791	3066
ADDIS GONTE	1707	3057
TED SMITH	1632	3057
KAVIN MONROE	1841	3056
JENNIFER HOOTEN	1150	3040
GLENN DAVIS	1152	2952
BILLY CAMPBELL	1304	2924
LARRY CHRISLIP	1318	2773
WES HARLEY		1410

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2018

Scratch Champion
Jason Nelson
 “A” Division Champion
Gabe Diaz DeLeon
 “B” Division Champion
Daniel Connelly

RICHARD CARLSON

ALL EVENT CHAMPION

George Holscher-SCRATCH
 Gabe Diaz DeLeon-HANDICAP

SCRATCH DIVISION FINAL

NAME	GRAND TTL (12 GAMES)
JASON NELSON	2087
GEORGE HOLSCHER	2408
DAVID NELSON, JR	2402
EDDIE HUTCHENS	2285
SHAWN BEAM	2051
MIKE DELOACH	1972
PETER ARBALLO	1877
JOHN BUDD	WITHDREW (INJURY)

SENIOR CLASSIC CHAMPION

Peter Arballo



“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

July 2019 thru December, 2019

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Peter Arballo	224		533	571			
John Budd	210,206,209,204		540,522,520,539,532				
Doug Dalton	209,204				608		
Mike DeLoach			542				
Gary Ryan	202		516,532				
Brook Martin	201,208		501,518	557,546			
George Holscher	245,237				657	736	
Gary Poole							
Dan Spotts			507				
David Nelson	235, 235,202,241,269	517,541,513,543,549		573,585,597	639,640		
Eddy Hutchens	236,226,235,202,204,212	513,543,500,511	578,585,573	601			652
Dan Spotts		513					
Colby Kortum	202,225,212,206		517,518		605		
Greg Suing	211,204,206,207		503,524,542	579			
Jason Nelson	205,203		549,523,532				
Chris Parnell			509				

Be sure to send your scores in to be recognized as an elite wheelchair bowler!!!!!! Updating of the **SPARES, STRIKES, AND GREAT SHOTS** will be reflected on a 6 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 2019 thru April 30, 2020 and must be reported by the end of April, 2020.



2019 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER		T'MNT DIRECTOR
Sept 13-15	Mid Atlantic Invitational	Bowl America	Jimmy May, 804-794-7447
Dec 5-8	Las Vegas Invitational	Sunset Station	Julie Johnson 702 646-0040



Press release

World Bowling Becomes an Official Recognised International Paralympic Committee Sport

LAUSANNE, June 27– World Bowling has been granted the status of International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Recognised International Federation (IF). World Bowling is elated with this momentous occasion which encompasses the accessibility of the sport and provides recognition and empowerment to an already flourishing sector of bowling.



World Bowling Tour Tokyo
Photo: Hero Noda

With accessibility being one of bowling's major distinguishing features, World Bowling has an already thriving community of participants and athletes with an impairment. The official collaboration with the IPC and the designation of para bowling will further develop this sector of the sport and provide more opportunities for organised play and official competition.

President of World Bowling, Sheikh Talal Mohammed Al-Sabah says "We are very excited to become an official IPC Recognised International Federation. We are certain that this recognition will further increase the number of Para Bowling participants from the grassroots level right through to elite athletes."

About the IPC: The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement. Its purpose is to organize the summer and winter [Paralympic Games](#) and act as the International Federation for ten sports, supervising and coordinating World Championships and other competitions.

About The World Bowling: World Bowling is the governing body for the sport of tenpin bowling and heads 114 national federations from five confederations. Bowling is played in the Asian Games, the Pan American Games and The World Games.

For more information on World Bowling, visit WorldBowling.sport or please contact: Megan Tidbury, PR & Marketing Director, Telephone: +41 78 830 3651; Email: megan@worldbowling.org



The 2nd Annual Midwestern Invitational was held this year at the Bowlero Lanes in Romeoville Illinois and hosted 17 bowlers making the trip and participating in this annual event. It was a pleasure to welcome for the first time 3 new tournament bowlers; Carl La Grotteria of New Jersey, Chuck Scott, and Daniel James, both from Illinois. Thursday kicked off our Doubles competition, and congratulations to David Nelson Jr. of Nebraska and Eddy Hutchens of Colorado who bested the field of teams in this 3-game match play.

Friday morning after registration we had a brief opening ceremony and began our 1st and 2nd set of singles. This year we included a Friday evening Up/Down community fundraiser event and had nothing but great responses by those who attend as well as those who watch and participated in the raffles. Team Andy Bernt took away 1st place followed closely behind by Team Dave Nelson. It was great fun had by all. Before Saturday's singles play, we were privileged once again to have USBC Hall of Fame and PBA Champion Carmen Salvino to come out to visit with us, give great bowling tips and to sign autographs and take pictures. Great bowler and true ambassador for the sport of bowling.

Sunday was set 5, with a stair step roll off of all divisions Sunday afternoon. In the Scratch Div. second seed David Nelson Jr. took the title by defeating top seed Eddy Hutchens (202 to 196). In the "A" Division the 5th seed Andy Bernt battled his way to the title match but fell short to top seed Gary Poole who took home the "A" Title (202 to 200-handicap). In a very close match in the "B" Div. top seed Jimmy May was defeated by the #2 seed Dan James who took home 1st place in his very first tournament! Congratulations to all of the winners, and great bowling to everyone who participated.

To all the Sponsors, supporters and volunteers that help make this event a success, thank you!!! We greatly appreciate the PVA, Storm Bowling, ABC Medical, The Chicagoland USBC, Logo Infusion, Bowlero Lanes Management and Staff, and the many local donors. A special thanks to Tom Menz and JF Pro shop in New Lenox who came out each day to the tournament with jerseys, bowling balls, food, raffle gifts and just a whole lot of love for the Midwestern Bowlers. All of you guys were TREMENDOUS!

And a heartfelt special thanks to the members of the AWBA who supported this 2nd Annual Midwestern event with your presence. We are looking forward to years of fun, great bowling, and developing new friends. See You On The Lanes!

"B" Division Final Standings

"A" DIVISION

Scratch

- 1st Daniel James
- 2nd Jimmy May
- 3rd Robert Arciola
- 4th Chuck Scott
- 5th Debra Moulies
- 6th Randy Squier
- 7th Angela Walker (Withdraw)

- Gary Poole
- Andy Bernt
- Gil Herrera
- Mark Linqvist
- Carl La Grotteria
- Johnnie Baylark
- Terry Stewart

- David Nelson
- Eddy Hutchens
- Kenneth Hill
- Albert Martin



Paralyzed Veterans of America Great Plains Chapter and Tournament Director Dave Nelson were pleased to welcome 32 bowlers from 16 states to its 3rd Annual Great Plains PVA/AWBA Invitational. The mix of 10 new bowlers and 22 returning bowlers made for an exciting tournament! Thank you to AWBA for its support with pre-tournament preparations and to National PVA for its generous funding and for including the event in its PVA Bowling Tournament Series.

The tournament began Thursday, August 1st with 14 teams competing in the Doubles Division. After 1 set, the top 4 qualifying teams were: 1st Brooks Martin & Dave McGinnes, 2nd James Tipton & Frank Goebel, 3rd John Budd & Kevin Schaefer, and 4th Dave Nelson Jr. & John Scott. After an exciting roll-off, the final standings were: 1st James Tipton & Frank Goebel, 2nd Brooks Martin & Dave McGinnes, 3rd Dave Nelson, Jr. & John Scott, and 4th John Budd & Kevin Schaefer.

There were 12 bowlers in the Handicap B Division and after roll-offs, the final standings were: 1st Dave McGinnes, 2nd Stacey Deane, 3rd John Scott, 4th Frank Goebel, and 5th James Beversdorf.

There were 13 bowlers in the Handicap A Division and after roll-offs, the final standings were: 1st James Tipton, 2nd Kevin Schaefer, 3rd Rick Mahaney, 4th Johnnie Baylark and 5th Chris Parnell. High Handicap Series was awarded to Dave McGinnes and High Handicap Game went to John Budd.

There were 7 bowlers in the Scratch Division and after roll-offs, George Holscher defeated the 2017 & 2018 Scratch Division winner Eddy Hutchens to take first place. Eddy Hutchens placed 2nd, 3rd place went Dave Nelson, Jr., 4th place went to Greg Suing, and 5th place to Jason Nelson. High Scratch Series was awarded to George Holscher and High Scratch Game went to Dave Nelson, Jr.

This year's bowlers were treated to goody bags worth over \$100 courtesy of Tournament Director Dave Nelson. Each bowler received a Storm single ball flip tote bag, Storm scented grip bag, Storm shammy, Storm ball cup, keychain, & pen and a Great Plains PVA LED flashlight and screwdriver tool.

Thanks to all the bowlers who participated in Friday night's Up/Down Tournament. We had 32 teams of 5 participate and it was a full house! Thank you also to the bowlers who contributed to the record-breaking 50/50 raffle and supported the "Rock & Roll" silent auction and raffle. We really appreciate your support and generosity! Congratulations to our winning Up/Down teams: 1st the Eddy Hutchens team, 2nd the James Tipton team, 3rd the Dave Nelson, Jr. team, and 4th the Robert Arciola team. There was a tie for 5th place so the teams of Jason Nelson and Dave McGinnes shared the honor.

New this year was a Saturday night pizza social held in the beautiful new party room at Thunderbowl. Bowlers and their guests, enjoyed pizza, salad, soda and homemade cupcakes before competing in two challenging rounds of bowling trivia!

At fun perk started last year is our free bowling ball drawing. Great Plains PVA supporter and bowling enthusiast Jimmy Chavez held a bowling tournament in the spring and used proceeds to purchase and donate 6 bowling balls for this year's tournament. All of the bowler's names were entered into the drawing. Before the Doubles set, and at the beginning of each Singles set, one name was drawn. Congratulations to our 6 winners: Dan Spotts, Kenneth Hill, Michael Galloway, John Scott, Mark Linquist, and Jason Nelson.

This year's tournament was honored to once again present the Mike Moore Spirit Award. Mike was a member of Great Plains PVA for over 18 years. He loved the spirit of competition and was passionate about sharing his love of sports with fellow veterans. He inspired them and encouraged them to find that same spirit within themselves and to become the best athlete they could be. The award was named in his memory. Participants were asked to vote for the bowler that most captured the spirit of competition, demonstrated good sportsmanship and was an inspiration to his fellow bowlers during the tournament. This year we had a tie. Congratulations to Tournament Director Dave Nelson and Great Plains PVA President Randy Squier for sharing the honor of the 2019 Mike Moore Spirit Award.

Everyone at Great Plains PVA had a great time being part of this tournament! We want to thank the sponsor's Storm and Logo Infusion for their great support as well as all the local sponsors. We appreciate all the help from our volunteers and all the support from the bowlers. Thanks for making it a great weekend and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next year!



The AWBA along with the MSCPVA hosted the 15th year of this great tournament at King Pin Lanes in Colorado Springs. This was the first venture for both organizations working together and the end results were well received by all. As usual, the weather was beautiful and the bowling was well above average by most. Want to extend our thanks to Laura Gibson for representing the local chapter in the absence of an executive director in place for the chapter.

The tournament started on Thursday with 10 teams competing for the Doubles title. In the end, the team of Colby Kortum and Doug Dalton won the Doubles title. I was their first doubles titles in their tournament career. Congrats to both!!!

Friday began the Singles competition for titles in the Scratch and Handicap division. The bowling by most all was outstanding with many achieving their highest series in their career. Saturday, we continued the 3rd and 4th sets of bowling with a break in between to the two where we enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Haliburton. We extend our thanks to them for providing the meal and being there for the last 15 years!!!! Saturday evening, we held the UP/DOWN and considering the short notice, it was a huge success. The raffle and 50/50 were very successful and the items offered for raffle covered 5 tables. A big thanks to the MSCPVA Auxiliary for doing an outstanding job putting together everything and to Gary and Cheryl Poole for the items they were able to have donated. Lots of fun and fellowship was had Saturday night.

Sunday brought the 5 and final set of singles and once again, the bowling was outstanding by many. In the Handicap Division, the High Qualifier was Rick Mahaney and in Scratch, Eddy Hutchens. In the roll off in Handicap, Gary Poole met Dan Spotts in the first match. Dan ousted Gary to move on to face David Spotts, his brother. We believe that history was made as to our knowledge, two brothers have never faced one another in an AWBA roll off. In the end, older brother Dan outlasted David and moved on to face Gary Ryan. Spotts took Ryan to the cleaners moving on to face top qualifier Rick Mahaney. Rick had bowled the entire event well above average and nothing changed in the finals, with Rick winning his first AWBA event. Congrats Rick. In the Scratch division, Doug Dalton took on Peter Arballo with Doug moving on to face John Budd. John outlasted Doug to face "Big Red" David Nelson. John got the best of David placing John in the finals against Eddy Hutchens. Eddy bowled an outstanding game and won the Scratch Division.

Once again, the AWBA and MSCPVA would like to extend our thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors that make these great tournaments possible. To the Auxiliary for an outstanding job. To Storm Bowling, Logo Infusion, ABC Medical, and the local sponsors for helping make the sport of wheelchair bowling a growing force around the country. We also want to thank Carol Doan, owner of King Pin Lanes for her wonderful support over the years!!!! The local PVA President committed to make the tournament next year bigger and better than ever. We look forward to returning next year to enjoy the great weather and great bowling.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DO

For those members that pay your dues annually, they are now due. You will be receiving a bill from our Treasurer within a few weeks and we ask you to pay your dues before the end of October. Annual dues are \$25 payable to the AWBA. Should you wish to become a Life Member, please let the Treasurer know so that you can receive your FREE bowling ball from Storm. Any questions contact Curt Wolff at curtisl.wolff@gmail.com If you have already paid your dues and have not received your membership card for the current year please let me know.

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New Life Members

Doug Dalton

Carl La Grotteria

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Lowell Setterland

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