



## **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,

### **Happy New Year!!!**

2019 was a great year for the AWBA. We had our first annual USBC National Tournament as well as the approval for Wheelchair Bowling to participate in the Paralympics. The AWBA has great times ahead of us and I am very excited to be a part of it all. We should all be very proud of our collective contributions that has placed this all before us. We also need to continue to do what we are doing to promote our comradery as well as great competition. With that being said, get out there and practice for the 2020 Tournaments. Please encourage your buddies to accompany you to all the tournaments they can this year. I challenge you to attend at least one more tournament this year to make each and every Tournament better than it was in prior years.

Let's look ahead now to our 59<sup>th</sup> Annual National AWBA Tournament. We have secured Bowlero Bowling Alley in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. The dates are June 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. Curtis Wolff and I are very excited to be hosting this year's National Tournament. Please keep an eye out for potential cash and product sponsors which will help us to make it a great one this year. Curt and I are always open to suggestions and donations from our members as well. Since this is Curt's and my first time hosting, anything you can do to help is appreciated. We will start getting the information out to you soon in regards to transportation, hotels and the like. The National Raffle tickets are printed and ready to sell. Get yours now from Gary Ryan as this will help us to raise the prize fund as high as we can this year. Again, we are very excited and a bit intimidated by all of this! Woo Hoo!!

2020 is looking great for the AWBA. Let us all enjoy as many functions as we can. Keep the suggestions rolling in to your board members. We are all here to help with whatever your needs may be. Please keep all of our past members as well as their families in your prayers.

See you all on the lanes again soon!!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Welcome to a new Decade!!! The 7th Decade that the AWBA has been promoting the sport of wheelchair bowling. The last decade brought many changes to our organization of which some worked and others were adjusted as we moved through the process of change. All changes were meant to improve our organization and bring it into the 21st Century in many areas. While we still have much to do, great progress has been made to insure the organization will grow and prosper for many years ahead. Most certainly the biggest accomplishment that was a 5 year effort by many in obtaining approval of wheelchair bowling into the Paralympics. While much work is still ahead of us, the process of putting it in place has begun. Should you wish to be involved in the work ahead, let us know. It will take a great deal of effort and commitment by many to insure that the foundation is firm and well thought out. Your board has put in place a revised manner in the establishment of a tournament average for all that bowl in our tournaments. We can now be comfortable that all participants are competing at a level that is fair for all that bowl. We formally revised how the AWBA Hall of Fame is structured to insure that those recognized are worthy of such a prestigious honor by moving the Hall of Fame under the direction of the AWBA board of directors. We worked with the USBC in placing the sport of wheelchair bowling as a recognized entity within the USBC. We had the first of many appearances at the Open Championship in Las Vegas which brought great visibility to our organization. Work still needs to be done to work with the USBC to gain additional support but we have made great progress in this area. Our membership growth continues to be excellent and we believe these new members will be a great asset to the AWBA in the years ahead. There has also been changes to the structure of your board by reducing the number of directors. In the future, your board will consist of 4 executive officers and 4 Regional Directors. The intent of this change is to place more responsibility on Regions of the country with committees under each Director focused on getting members in given areas more involved in the activities of the AWBA. We are also seeking 4 new member of the board from the bowling industry that will act in an advisory capacity with no voting rights. It is hoped that with the knowledge they bring, we will move the AWBA into a more visible position within bowling itself. We will announce these individuals once they are found and agree to serve. Over the last 10 years we have secured some great National Sponsors. Without these wonderful companies, putting on tournaments would have been much more difficult. Storm Bowling, Logo Infusion, USBC, BPAA, Sportaid, and ABC Medical are just a few of our major sponsors that support the AWBA and the sport of wheelchair bowling. We have added two great new events to our members, Great Plains and Midwestern Invitational have both join our tournament list of great events.

In closing let me say we have a great deal of work ahead of us in many areas but with the determination of your board and the support of you, the owners of the AWBA, the future is bright and exciting. We look forward to what's ahead and will continue to work for you and our great sport. Happy New Year to you and your family!!!!



The MAPVA / AWBA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament was held September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> 2019, at Short Pump Bowl America. With 25 bowlers from 9 different states participating, we started Friday with 20 teams in the doubles, heading to the championship where Brooks Martin and Dave McGinnis won that event.

Friday night we hosted the "Up and Down" with Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> as the theme, encouraging attendees to dress up in costumes. Anne Heath won best costume as a clown. There were 16 teams competing and the winning team was Brooks Martin, Perry Wilson, and Steve Lickliter.  
2<sup>nd</sup> place was Dave McGinnis, Cynthia McDowell, and Teresa Brown.

Saturday morning we started with a healthy breakfast and with a full stomach we headed to the lanes to start the singles competition. As always, Short Pump Bowl American lanes were challenging.

**A division top five:** Frank Goebel, Johnnie Baylark, Randall Pope, Kenneth Hill, Wayne Weber,

Roll-off standings:

Wayne defeated Kenneth 207 / 179

Randall defeated Wayne 247/187

Randall defeated Johnnie 206/201

Randall defeated Frank 214/213, winning the A division

**B division top five:** Dave McGinnis, Randolph Stone, Dan Formento, Tony Turner, Kathy Tilbury

Roll-off standings:

Tony defeated Kathy 219/203

Dan defeated Tony 240/212

Dan defeated Randolph 237/201

Dan defeated Dave 204/201, winning the B division

**Scratch division top five:** George Holscher, Keith Scott, Eddy Hutchens, Dave Nelson, John Budd

Roll-off standings:

Dave defeated John 168/167

Dave defeated Eddy 156/147

Dave defeated Keith 187/155

Dave defeated George 190/171, winning scratch division

A Division HHG Randolph Pope 260

A Division HHS Frank Goebel 715

B Division HHG Dan Formento 262

B Division HHS Dave McGinnes 706

Scratch Division HHG Dave Nelson 216

Scratch Division HSS George Holscher 584

The silent partner was won by Wayne and Frank

On Saturday we held a bowling clinic with 8 participants coming from the McGuire VA Hospital to encourage new people to become involved in wheelchair sports.

The Mid -Atlantic chapter and A.W.B.A. would like to thank everyone who participated in the 4th annual tournament as well as their families, sponsors and supporters that help make this event a success, thank you! Thank you to the National PVA and Keith Cooper for attending. And thanks also to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, Storm Bowling, ABC Medical, The USBC, Logo Infusion, and Bowl America for their hard work and support towards this event. We also wish to thank the Bowl America team that provided our breakfast and lunches. Thank you as well to Sami, Belinda, Sue and Evelyn for working the check-in table and selling 50/50 and raffle tickets.

It was great to see all the return participants again this year and great to meet a few new attendees. We hope to see you all back again next year for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MAPVA



**The 2019 Las Vegas Invitational was held at the Strike Zone Bowling Center in the Sunset Station Casino and hosted 36 bowlers making the trip and participating in this end of year bowling tour stop. It was a pleasure to welcome for the first time 3 new AWBA tournament bowlers; Skip Johnson from Florida, Mike Tucker, Oklahoma, and Jamie Burgos, Nevada. The Tournament began Thursday with Doubles competition and coming away with the win for their first Doubles Victory, Marc Fenn and new bowler Jamie Burgos, both of Las Vegas. Congrats to both. Friday morning, The first set of Singles began and as usual, the Vegas lanes proved to be challenging. The evening was enjoyed by many participating in the Up/Down Event, where prizes, bowling equipment, apparel, as well as 50/50 raffle were won by very happy participants. We had the wonderful privilege of having 3 VIP's joined the crowd this year. The one and only Pete Weber, PBA Hall of Fame and with winner of every major bowling championship throughout his great career, Leanne Hulsenburg, USBC Hall of Fame, PWBA Hall of Fame, and the winner of 27 titles during her great career, and Darren Tang, one of the young guns of today's bowling world, bowled with many of those in attendance. A great night for all to enjoy.**

**Saturday and Sunday completed singles sets 3 through 5, with a stair step roll off of all divisions Sunday afternoon. In the Scratch Div. top 5 seeds were George Holscher, Eddy Hutchens, David Nelson, LE Curtis, and Peter Arballo. George outlasted Eddy for the Scratch Division Win. In A Division, the top 5 seeds were, Johnnie Baylark, Frank Goebel, Dan Spotts, Gary Poole, and Terry Stewart. In the end, Johnnie Baylark took the title. In the B Division, the top 5 were Bill Burns, Dan Formento, Mike Tucker, Lawrence Brown and Larry Chrislip. Dan Formento took his second title winning the B Division. Congratulations to all of the winners, and great bowling to everyone who participated.**

**To all the Sponsors and supporters that help make this event a success, thank you!!! We greatly appreciate The PVA, Storm Bowling, ABC Medical, The USBC, Logo Infusion, BPAA, and Mobility Works. A special thanks to the Nevada Chapter PVA and the staff of Strike Zone Bowling Center for their hard work and support towards this event.**

**Thanks to all the members of the AWBA for attending the 2019 Las Vegas Invitational. We are looking forward to years of fun, great bowling, and developing new friends. See You Next Year!!!!**

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**IN REMEMBRANCE**

**The AWBA has lost a wonderful long time member and former Texan, Sherman Kendall. Sherman was a member of the AWBA for many years and continued to support our sport after his move to the Northeast. He competed in many tournaments during years as a great bowler and leader. He will be missed by many but still loved by all. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends. Sherman, thank you for all you did and keep watch over us as we move forward to bring to our members the wonderful sport in which we compete. God Bless you my friend, may you rest in peace.**



**“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, 235,202,241,269,284		517,541,513,543,549	573,585,597	639,640		757
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.



**2020 AWBA Tournament Schedule**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>BOWLING CENTER</b>	<b>T'MNT DIRECTOR</b>
March 4-6 Florida State Championship	Pin Chases	Wayne Webber- 727-460-4887
March 28-29 Open Championship	Reno, Nevada	USBC
April 9-12 Mid America Invitational	Firelake	Rich Harrell- 405-721-7168
May 1-3 Midwestern Open	Bowlero, Romeoville	Johnnie Baylark-630-699-0732
June 3-6 AWBA National Championships	Bowlero, Denver	Eddy Hutchens-303-915-7943



## 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](http://WorldBowling.sport) or please contact: Megan Tidbury, PR & Marketing Director, Telephone: +41 78 830 3651; Email: [megan@worldbowling.org](mailto:megan@worldbowling.org)





Paralyzed Veterans of America

Florida Gulf Coast Chapter



58<sup>th</sup> Florida State Wheelchair bowling Tournament

Pin Chasers – Tampa, FL March 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Entry - Closing Date ` February 28, 2020

All Games Bowled At:

Pin Chasers  
5555 W, Hillsborough Ave  
Tampa, FL 33634  
(813) 884-1745

USBC # \_\_\_\_\_

AWBA # \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Mail Entry & Fees Made Out To:\*\*

FGCPVA  
15435 N. Florida Ave  
Tampa, FL 33613

# 813-264-1111

Entry Fee: \$130.00  
Doubles \$ 30.00  
Novice Division \$ 10.00

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Raffle tickets \$20.00 each - 1<sup>st</sup> \$500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100.00 Drawing 3/6/2020

Doubles Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Average Verification: The AWBA adjusted tournament will be the entrant's entering average. If not a league sheet of 12 games must accompany your entry form, or Entrants without qualified averages must bowl scratch. Entrant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: (X) \_\_\_ Power Chair \_\_\_ Manual Chair \_\_\_ Para \_\_\_ Quad \_\_\_ Stick User

PVA Member? \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N Branch of Service? \_\_\_\_\_



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Mid-America Chapter



MID AMERICA CHAPTER PVA/AWBA INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 9-12, 2020 ENTRY DEADLINE: April 3, 2020

FIRELAKE BOWLING CENTER: 40945 HARDESTY ROAD, SHAWNEE OK

Please print:

NAME- \_\_\_\_\_ AWBA# \_\_\_\_\_ USBC# \_\_\_\_\_
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK DIVISION ENTERING: SCRATCH \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_
Doubles: Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Please assign \_\_\_\_\_
Up-Down: Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Please assign \_\_\_\_\_
Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Please assign \_\_\_\_\_
Partner \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ Please assign \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ENTRY TO:

MID AMERICA CHAPTER PVA
6108 NW 63rd Street
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73132
405-721-7168

Singles entry fee \$100.00 After April 3, \$150.00
Doubles \$30.00 After April 3, \$50.00
Up-Down \$25.00
Sidepots: Scratch \$15.00
Handicap \$15.00

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT BOOK AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST 2018 USBC SANCTIONED LEAGUE AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_ # GAMES \_\_\_\_\_

HIGHEST 2018 SUMMER LEAGUE USBC SANCTIONED LEAGUE AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_ # GAMES \_\_\_\_\_

AVERAGE VERIFICATION of 21 GAMES OR MORE: FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED VERIFICATION WILL RESULT IN PRIZE MONEY AND OR DOOR PRIZES BEING WITHHELD.

Entrants without qualified averages must bowl scratch. ENTERING AVERAGE WILL BE DETERMINED USING THE AWGA TOURNAMENT AVERAGE. SHOULD YOU NOT HAVE ONE, YOUR LEAGUE SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED. AWBA and USBC member cards must be presented.

Please pay all fees with one check made payable to: MAPVA at 6108 NW 63rd Street, Oklahoma City OK, 73132. To pay by credit card, go to AWBA.org and press the DONATE button. Confirmation of your entry will be returned via email with your entering average.

Bowling will start at 10am on April 9,10,11, and at 1pm on April 12, 2019. Bowling will conclude each day at the end of each set.





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*New Life Members*

**MIKE TUCKER**

**SKIP JOHNSON**

**WIN JAN JUS**

*New Members*

**JAMIE BURGOS**

*James Glisky*



**WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU.**

**2020 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONS-RENO, NEVADA**



March 28-29th is the place to be in Reno, Nevada bowling in the Open Championships!! Put your team together and get in touch with me to get you registered for this great event. I will have all the information you will need to get registered, pay your fees, hotel info, and much more. Represent the AWBA in the largest bowling tournament in the world. We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

