



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

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From Our Chairman, Eddy Hutchens,

Well, our World, as we know it, has been turned upside down. This Covid-19 has all of us worried. I am in hopes that you all are staying home and not out testing your luck. I believe you all are doing well and staying safe as well as healthy. I know some cannot stay home and we pray for you. Our government has asked us to do our part, so I am. Whatever lies ahead will depend on how we live our lives in the weeks ahead. Be smart. Do what you can to stay healthy and keep others healthy as well.

I believe we are in for many more weeks of this. I am ready to get out and do some bowling. I just came in from riding my Polaris RZR and it feels good to get outside. Remember, we can go outside, just not in large groups: "Social Distancing."

As most of you know, we have postponed the Oklahoma and Illinois Tournaments. Those may happen at a later date but it is up in the air right now. Your Board of Directors are staying on top of the news so we can keep you informed of what is in store for the AWBA. On Wednesday our Board of Directors had a conference call and determined we need to cancel the National Tournament as well. It is just too much work to continue trying to coordinate it when we are pretty sure it just won't be feasible. We are very sorry to say that we will not hold another National Tournament until June of next year. At this point, it is looking like early June in Wheat Ridge Colorado again. We will keep you posted.

After talking to Keith Cooper with the PVA, everything sponsored by them is canceled or postponed through July. That will leave the Great Plains, Mountain States, Mid Atlantic and Nevada's Tournaments up in the air. PVA National will let us know when they know if they will be supporting those Tournaments.

My thoughts are this: Our health is more important than any tournament we have scheduled this year. I also feel if we cancel a tournament then we should not just bump it out as that will affect the tournaments that are scheduled for those months. Our members can only afford so many trips so lumping them all together is not the answer. This will only get us to pick and choose which ones to attend.

Mark Shepherd has been assigned by World Bowling to be the Chair of the Paralympic Bowling. Mark and his committee will be in charge of everything it takes to set rules and regulations for Paralympic Bowling. That said, Mark is still on the AWBA's committee for International Liaison but not the Chair. I have asked Peter Arballo to take the Chair position and work hand-in-hand with Mark. Peter has accepted the position. Thank you for that, Peter.

As you can imagine, the AWBA was asked to be the organization helping to set up the qualifying procedures for the United States. We are currently in the organization process. Many of your board members have been asked by Peter to help get this moving. Colby has been doing our Ranking System but has been too busy with his own work to keep up with our Rankings. I have volunteered to take over the Ranking System for Colby. We are also talking about creating three Regional Tournaments as the other qualifying part. Whatever the qualifying procedures become, we will need to publicize this throughout the United States.

Please stay safe and healthy. We will fill you in on everything as soon as we can. I am off now to do a little more of nothing. Covid-19 is starting to put a few pounds on me. That is my story and I am sticking to it. I miss seeing you all but we will get back to normal soon!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Wow, how the world has changed over the last few weeks. This horrible virus has no question changed how our world will function in the years to come. I am hopeful that this shortened form of our newsletter finds you and your family and friends safe and healthy and finding ways to past each day in a productive manner. As our chairman note, we have been forced to make very difficult decisions over the last month. Rest assured that all decision made to this point have been very difficult to make but have always been decided in the interest of you, our membership, and the health of each member. We will continue to monitor this ever changing environment that we see ourselves in and make future decisions accordingly. This however have not stopped your board from working to better our organization. A great deal of time is now being spent on working with the World Bowling Federation for formulate all that will be required to get wheelchair bowling into the Paralympics. In this newsletter you will find a letter sent out by Mark Shepherd to the world announcing his appointment to the Chairman's position of this newly formed committee. With Mark's experience along with the AWBA's nearly 60 years of working together to place wheelchair bowling where it is now in the United States, we will be a leading force in the implementation of many of the rules and regulations for the world. The first International Para bowling competition will be held in Kuwait in March,2020. The AWBA is currently working on how participants will be select for that event. It could be through trials at one or more of our future events, it could be by appointment by our Chairman, it could be based on our current ranking system, or something that is not currently in place. In other words, there is a great deal to be developed over the next few months. Should you have ideas you feel should be considered, please contact Peter Arballo or send your thoughts to me and I will pass them on. The evolution of the sport internationally will be exciting to work on and will continue to evolve over the years to come. Just as the AWBA evolve from 1961 to today, much will change and much will stay the same. The exciting part about its evolution will be the AWBA will have a major role in its development.

While our Nationals has been canceled, we are still having the National Raffle. Its \$50 for 2 tickets with first place being \$2500!!!! We know that many of you buy tickets each year at the tournament so, please contact me for your tickets. We really need to sell some as some of the proceeds will be used to pay for our normal set expenses we have each year that are paid for by the profits from our Nationals. So please get a few. Deadline is May 20 to get one.

Our 6 National Awards will also be awarded and will be posted under a separate letter once the deadline for scores has passed. So, if you haven't sent in your scores for both single game and series, please do so asap so your not left out. The announcement of the winners will take place the first week of May.

In closing, let me say I miss bowling and am sure you do as well. I miss seeing my many friends at our events. I love going to Oklahoma and was going to Chicago this year. And to not have a Nationals hurts. This isolation makes me realize just how lucky I am to be a member of the AWBA and how much each of you means to me. In saying that, I ask that each of you take care of yourself and your families in this very difficult time. We will get through this and will be better for it. If you are in need of anything please let us know. We are a family and families help one another when in time of need. God Bless each of you.



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A LETTER SENT TO THE WORLD LEADERS IN BOWLING BEGINNING THE PROCESS

March 30th, 2020

Dear World Bowling Board members, IOC/IPC affiliates, WB regional, national and zonal federation representatives, and bowler members; it is indeed my honor to introduce myself to you as World Bowling's ParaBowling Chairman.

I enter this arrangement knowing that it will be extremely important for me to work with you all in this ongoing development. In the coming weeks, we will begin to establish the internal and external infrastructure to make ParaBowling a global reality.

There is much to do. We will begin this process by:

- Establishing the zonal, regional and national communications conduit for ParaBowling.
- Appointing the various committees to integrate ParaBowling into the World Bowling family.
- Creating the classificational parameters that comport with the IPC and Paralympic guidelines.
- Developing the Rules of Play for the various ParaBowling divisions.
- Organizing the competition schedule for international play.

To accomplish all of this, I will be working closely with the leadership and staff of World Bowling. I will also be communicating actively with the stakeholders of the international disabled community, the international disabled sports federations (IWAS, CP-IRSA, INAS, IBSA, IDSF); the national Paralympic Committees and the International Paralympic Committee to ensure that we capture the technical knowledge needed to be successful.

To begin, we must first determine which of our member federations currently have ParaBowling established, including what disciplines are competing (Wheelchair, Blind, Intellectually Disabled, or other). Please contact us if ParaBowling exists in your area.

I look forward to working with you all in the weeks and months ahead. I count on your wisdom, expertise and patience as we begin this process in earnest.

Given the ongoing pandemic affecting us all, I pray that you and your

loved ones *remain safe. Very respectfully,*

Mark E. Shepherd Sr., MBA Chairman Parabolwing mark@worldbowling.org 719.210.5733

This year we changed things up and bowled midweek hoping to attract additional bowlers. Unfortunately, with many people down with injuries and other reasons the field was originally set at 18 bowlers. Three had to withdraw prior to the event, and one dropped out during qualifying due to injury.

Wednesday we hosted 5 doubles teams. The team of Brooks Martin and Dave McGinness bested Curt Wolff and Rich Mahaney in the championship match.

In the qualifying, no one really took control and it seemed that everyone experienced their share of splits on the lanes in both divisions. However, things did heat up in the A division roll offs as Brooks Martin strung 6 strikes in a row to win match one over Dave Roberts (226+39) 265 to (191+45) 236. Match two went to Martin as well (200+38) 238 to (117+60) 177 as Phillip Daniel bowed out. Match three was close but Rich Gabory (157+64) 221 missing a 5 pin in the tenth to allow Brooks to sneak thru (191+38) 229 to face Curtis Wolff in the championship match. Martin returned to form (214+38) 252 against a split riddled game for Wolff (127+54) 181.

Marlin Benn and Rick Mahaney pretty much traded the lead in B division but Mahaney came out as high qualifier.

Match one pitted Dave McGinness going up against Keith Green with McGinness besting the match (147+68) 215 to (087+93) 180. Deb Moulies challenged McGinness in a very close match winning by 2 pins (099+99) 198 to (128+68) 196. She challenged Benn but lost (102+99) 201 to (194+75) 269. Mahaney proved to be too much for Benn in the championship match winning (159+72) 231 TO (127+75) 202. Congrats to all who participated.

Individual honors went to Curtis Wolff for HHS in A with a 730 (568 scr) bolstered by a 290 hcp game. Rich Gabory took HHG with his 241 effort as by rule that an individual can only win one with set taking precedence. In the B Marlin Benn won HHS with a fine 724 and Mahaney HHG of 246. Below is a summary of all the scores. Rick Mahaney was also most improved with +366 pins over previous year. Wow!!

My thanks to Pin Chaser for great service and FGCPVA for their continued support of the bowlers providing so much including great lunches throughout the event. Thanks also goes out to Storm Bowling for the donation of a ball and jersey.

Wayne Webber



A DIVISION

MARTIN, BROOKS	167	38	1893	2349	1	157.8
WOLFF, CURTIS	150	54	1993	2641	2	166.1
GABORY, RICH	138	64	1799	2567	3	149.9
DANIEL, PHILLIP	143	60	1716	2436	4	143.0
ROBERTS, DAVE	159	45	1816	2356	5	151.3
MILLER, RYAN	138	64	1559	2327		129.9
WEBBER, WAYNE	144	59	150	858		12.5
TIPTON, JAMES	142	51	WD			
TEMPLAR, ROGER	157	47	WD			

B DIVISION

MAHANEY, RICK	130	72	1830	2694	1	152.5
MOULIES, DEBRA	100	99	1316	2504	2	109.7
BENN, MARLIN	126	75	1790	2690	3	149.2
McGINNES, DAVID	134	68	1599	2415	4	133.3
GREEN, KEITH	106	93	1325	2441	5	110.4
LAGROTTERIA, CARL	134	68	1535	2351		127.9
FORMENTO, DAN	99	99	1155	2343		96.3
LINDE, ED	112	88	1270	2326		105.8
JOHNSON, SKIP	86	111	WD			





New Member

WILL BE UPDATED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

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.

JUST A FEW WINNERS



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 TO BE!!!!

