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From Our Chairman, Eddy Hutchens,

Well. Well. Well. Here we are again for another newsletter. I hope life is good with all of you as well as your families. Please use that common sense and keep yourselves healthy. Who really knows what this is, where it is going and when we can begin to see it going away? All we do know is it everywhere. Protect yourselves!

A lot is going on with the AWBA although not a lot has been progressing due to the Corona Virus. We are in the process of working with Keith at PVA National to put on a Webinar to give you an update on World Bowling and the AWBA in regards to the Paralympics. This Webinar will be on July 23rd; I am sure you all have seen the emails about it.

Mark Shepherd will be talking briefly about where we are with the World Bowling Competitions and then will be on hand to answer questions. This will be the perfect opportunity to get yourself caught up on the Paralympics and the chance to ask Mark, your executive board, and Keith with PVA any and all questions. It is going to happen on Zoom. So as long as everything goes as planned, you will get to see MY BEAUTIFUL, FAT Face again. LOL I truly hope you have signed up and are going to join us.

As you all know, we held the AWBA National Raffle and with all things considered, it went well. Congratulations to Kavin and his Mom for winning 1st prize. Tom Carr, Wayne's brother-in-law I believe, won second. And Kevin Schaffer won third.

Thanks to all that supported us by purchasing the raffle tickets. I want to especially thank those of you who sacrificed some of your personal time to help us sell these tickets. I know it is not fun but it is 'oh so easy' to sell them with the structure we now have set up: 2 tickets for \$50.00 instead of 1 ticket for \$50.00. In all honesty, I am surprised how many chose to *not* help out with this fund raiser. It helps pay the AWBA's Bills which affords us the ability to continue with our Tournament Trail. Please help us sell in the future and at the very least: Buy, Buy, Buy....

I look forward to seeing you all very soon, hopefully on the Webinar on the 23rd. Please pre-register. If I do not see you there, I hope and pray we will be back on the lanes in early 2021!

Stay Smart. Stay Healthy!!!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

First and foremost I am hopeful that this newsletter finds you and your family safe from this horrible virus we are all dealing with. It goes without saying that 2020 has been a difficult year for the entire world and I pray each night that a vaccine will be found soon that will overtake this virus. Personally what I miss most is not the actual bowling, not trying out new equipment, not the practicing, I miss seeing my friends and making new ones at the tournaments. Can't wait till the events resume. As we have all seen, your board has been put in a position of making decisions regarding our organization and the tournaments that were suppose to take place. It began by making a decision about the Mid America Tournament in Oklahoma which was canceled and since that decision was made, we took a wait and see approach as additional tournament dates grew closer. As we all know now, all of our tournaments for the balance of the season have been canceled. The ultimate decisions were always based on the safety of you, our members. It was felt that there was no way we could hold a tournament in a enclosed building with 60/70 people and guarantee the safety of all. These decisions have not come easily as we knew there would be those that felt we were over reacting. I believe after what we are now experiencing throughout the country, our decision was the right one. Your board did however, hold our Annual Board meeting in May. For the first time, an annual meeting was held in a virtual setting. The majority of proposals were tabled seeking further information prior to setting policy. We did have one proposals asking the our dress code for our tournaments be adjusted to allow the wearing of shorts. The proposal failed and there will be no adjustments made to our dress code at this time. One item that was tabled was changing the manner in which the 6 National Awards are determined. Further review was needed before making any change. In saying that I would like to announce the winner of the 2020 AWBA's National Awards. All 6 awards were won by David Nelson, Jr. HSG 284, HHG 329, HSS 757, HHS 853, High Average, 201, Most Improved. Congratulation to David for great bowling. He bowls in 5 leagues and when not bowling in a league, his is practicing. David's hard work and Great Storm equipment has certainly paid off. What to give a shout out to those that sold raffle tickets for this years raffle. The funds over and above the pay out amount go towards the support of our 2021 AWBA National Championships in Denver. The raffle was a success this year once again as the revenue over and above the prize fund was roughly \$3000. Great job by those that got out there and support this raffle. Next up on the AWBA schedule is the upcoming "Town Hall" meeting on; the 23rd of July at 4PM Eastern time. This will be a great chance for you to learn more about the Paralympics and how that will be manage by the AWBA and the USBC in the formation of para team USA to compete in Kuwait in March at the first Paralympic bowling competition. We will have with us Mark Shepherd, Director for the World Bowling Federation overseeing ParaBowling. So go to the AWBA website and register for this virtual "Town Hall" meeting. Finally, this newsletter is highlighting our National Sponsors. I have been in contact with all over the last few months simply offering any assistance the AWBA could be during these difficult times for businesses around the country. These great Sponsors have stood by the AWBA for many years and now its our turn to stand by them. These sponsors have not laid off one employee during these tough times. Storm developed the Morning Bolt to talk about bowling and were the first to host this type of media keeping their customers informed. So, ya need a new ball, go to your pro shop and by Storm. You need a few new jersey's, go to Logo Infusion and place the order. Renew your membership with the USBC. Need new chair, go to Sportaid. Remember, the AWBA relies of these great sponsors in supporting what we do. Lets support them in what they do. In closing, please stay safe. We will get through this if we all work together.





Wheelchair Bowling *And the* **Paralympics** **Webinar**

Presented By
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And the
American Wheelchair Bowling Association

Special Presentation By
Mark Shepherd of World Bowling

Thursday July 23rd 4pm Eastern
To Register go to AWBA.org



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Getting Back on the Lanes

With a continued effort in developing the very BEST high-performance bowling equipment, my job is to help ensure Storm's success far into the new millennium! I consider it to be a great opportunity to discuss some very important topics in bowling today and look forward to future contributions.

What a year it's been! Based on how the first two months of 2020 kicked off, with record entries in the Storm Utah Open and some amazing action on the PBA Tour with Jason Belmonte and Kris Prather bringing home Major Championship titles, I figured I would be saying 'what a year it's been' in a much different light.

But sadly, the world had something else in mind for us this year. Several in the bowling community have lost their lives to this deadly virus, while many more are struggling as their bodies continue to fight. So, with that in mind, hopefully we can all stay safe as we work towards a vaccine and treatment.

If you're bowling centers are like ours, they were likely closed for several months. Many tournaments have been cancelled, as have leagues, and the common question we have been receiving at Storm Headquarters is "What do I need to do when I do finally get back on the lanes after such a long break?"

It's a great question, and for most of us it is quite unrealistic to think that we can immediately pick back up right where we left off after not touching a ball for a very long time. First off, your ball is likely not going to fit your hand like it did this spring. My thumb and fingers have shrunk so much that I've had to drill a new Turbo Switch Grip thumb and go down a half size in the finger inserts! The fit of your bowling ball is a priority, and it's impossible to make a quality shot when the ball doesn't fit your hand.

Secondly, you might notice that your ball speed has dropped a bit during the time off. Bowling is like any other sport in that it takes time to build up the muscles and train them so that they fire in the proper sequence, allowing the body to function as efficiently as possible. And just like any weight loss program, it takes a lot of time and consistent effort to achieve small, incremental results. Yet, all those achievements and acquired skills can go away oh so quickly.

Lastly, be sure to look at your bowling arsenal to evaluate its diversity in ball motion. While it is true that Storm offers a wide array of performance options, many bowlers migrate strictly towards the highest hooking, heavy oil balls. But it is critical to your success to make sure that you have bowling ball with a variety of core designs and coverstock options.

Take the new Electrify balls, for example. Available in both a pearl and hybrid mild reactive cover, the Electrify produces a medium-low amount of flare potential, which is perfect for those looking to better manage drier lanes or those with lesser ball speed. Even if your center has an abundance of oil to start, it may quickly be depleted and, if you don't follow the transition and make the adjust with laydown, launch angle, and equipment changes, you'll likely find yourself struggling especially at the end of the night.

So, make sure that you stay up to speed with all of the latest offerings we have, and be sure to keep your eye on all of the performance lines to make sure that you are able to conquer whatever lane conditions are thrown your way!

If you have any more questions, feel free to contact me at stevek@stormbowling.com. And remember to always 'Bowl up a Storm!'



“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

January 2019 thru June, 2019

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
David Nelson		278,283					

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



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the Nomination committee for considera-
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prior to September 15th.



JOE FOX, SR.

The AWBA lost a great man last month as Joe Fox, Sr. returned to his maker. Joe had a great sense of humor as he served as Chairman of the AWBA for 2 years. I had the pleasure of serving with Joe as his secretary. We had many great decisions over the 2 year period. Joe also served as Executive Vice President of the Nation Paralyze Veterans Association helping many of his fellow veterans in a number of areas. Joe was an avid sportsman traveling the country on many hunting trips. Joe is survived by his wife Hilda and his son. Joe will be missed by many as he impacted many as he went through life. Our thoughts And prayers are with his family and friends that so loved Joe Fox, Sr. Joe may you rest in peace.