



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

**THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER , July, 2015**



From Our AWBA Chairperson, **Wayne Webber**

I would like to congratulate the newly elected members of the board. May we all move this organization forward, to carry on into the future to promote Wheelchair Bowling. I would like thank the board for their dedication to this organization and the hard work they put in. Your board of directors is working hard for the sport of wheelchair bowling, so any thoughts to better this organization please bring it to a board members attention.

We just had members attend the Veterans Wheelchair Games to help promote the AWBA at their expo and to help enhance their bowling venue. Hopefully we have inspired some of those athletes to join our organization. We need everyone in the AWBA to bring in new bowlers. All you need to do is ask them, it's not a high pressure situation, just asking.

As the 2015 National Tournament director I think we had a good turn out and a great event. The bowling center was very accommodating and the hotel was also. I hope everyone had a good time. Next year's tournament will be in Ft. Worth, TX. and we're gearing up for it. So please help out and make it great. This is your/our (AWBA) Tournament and we all need to work on it. I've am working on the big raffle tickets, we need your help buying and selling tickets. Our goal is to beat last year's record of 184 sold as this is our biggest fundraiser.

Tickets are ready for sale, if you can sell or buy some call me @ (727)-460-4887 and I'll get them out to you.

Gary Ryan, Secretary

The 54th AWBA Nationals are now in the books and what a great time it was in the great state of Florida. The weather was good with cooling afternoon showers and a light breeze in the evening. Thanks goes out to Wayne Webber for hosting the event and to Pin Chasers for providing a wonderful bowling center for the Nationals. One of the highlights was watching Shawn "Mr. 300" Beam try to do it again and he came close bowling 11 in a row before leaving a 10 pin on his last shot posting a 289!! Your Board had a productive 2 day session passing a number of motions that will further the cause of the AWBA and its members. One motion passed was the formation of the International Wheelchair Bowling Association enabling this organization to take the lead in assisting others around the world that currently are experiencing difficulty in their country getting recognition for the sport of wheelchair bowling. Mark Shepherd is taking the lead on this as his experience and know how in this area due to his prior involvement with the USOC and other organizations will aid him in the formation of this new and exciting organization. You will note in this newsletter a list of committee's and the chair for each. Should you have an interest in serving on any of these committee's please do so by contacting the chair. Remember, this is your organization and your thoughts and suggestion are needed. The board also awarded the 55th Nationals to Ft. Worth, Texas and City View Lanes. I am honor to serve as the Tournament Director for this event once again. The committee for the event has been put in place and plans are well underway to provide you with an outstanding National Champion Championship. Hope some of you had the opportunity to spend some time with Randy Peterson with Storm. He is a great person to visit with and we appreciate Storm and Randy's support of the AWBA. Things with the USBC are moving as scheduled and we should have the release of the first video on the USBC website very soon. Will keep you advised when it is ready for viewing. Finally, the AWBA has picked up a number of new members over the last 6 months. With our new webmaster in place, the social media traffic continues to increase weekly. While I don't always understand how all of it works, I know the need for it and what it brings to our organizations, visibility. It is truly our window to the World. See ya on the lanes!!!!

One of the most common goals amongst Non-Profits around the world and especially the AWBA, has been related to increasing membership, attracting members and promoting the AWBA brand to members of the bowling, adaptive sports, and disabled community. No doubt this is a difficult task. How do we promote the AWBA to the public, especially the younger generation, and get them interested in the work our association does when in fact, the majority of our younger generation is not even slightly aware of what the AWBA really is. While a lot has to do with publicity, the fact of the matter is there's a lot of changes and implementations being made while more is needed to take place.

Through the efforts of committed members, we have 6 new members to join the AWBA since March of this year. This is great. We will continue to try and recruit new members and grow the AWBA as well as face as the ongoing challenge of current members. Although growing the association is important, it is equally as vital to maintain our current membership and foster the relationship between the leadership and these members as they are a great resource to stimulate the growth of the association. Simply put, if we are unable to retain our current members then what guarantee is there that we will be able to recruit new members and have them stay.

If we can get retention right then we can build the foundation to recruit new members upon. When an association has a high retention rate, they can be sure that they must be doing something right to have so many satisfied and content members. Satisfied members are more than happy to mentor new members and share the association's success stories with others.

In a technology driven world like ours, establishing a strong web presence is the best way to stay accessible and engage your target audience. If potential members are not able to connect with the AWBA easily, we will have a difficult time attracting new members, especially younger members. Most people today look online for information when they are interested in something and receive the latest updates via social media channels. In order to attract new members, The AWBA has to be where their audience is, and that's online. In February 2015, the AWBA contracted Mack-media, LLC to provide website management and updating services, as well as website hosting. Since then, there has been a direct positive correlation between consistent website updates and a gradual increase in website traffic. Traffic has increased 99% from February to May of this year. We are actively participating in social media (facebook and twitter) which is driving more visitors to our website. There is room for improvement and there are clear actionable steps to support improving value from our website.

In closing, we are only as strong as the unity between us. As we learn to grow together and not apart, the future of the AWBA will be brighter than ever.

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11th ANNUAL MSPVA/AWBA TOURNAMENT

Now that the Nationals are behind us, its time to make plans for a great event that MSPVA host in August. You will find the entry forms and all other information at: www.awba.org. Mark Shepherd and his staff always do a great job with this tournament and the weather, well, it is always beautiful in Colorado any time of year. So, make plans now to join all those bowlers in Colorado and lets have a wonderful event making new friends and renewing old friendships. For information, contact Donna Debaca at the MSPVA office for all the details. We look forward to seeing you there!!!!!!



The AWBA returned to Tampa for the 54th annual National Championship tournament at the Veterans Pin Chasers Lanes with a field of 48 bowlers. Greg Pietz and his wonderful staff were gracious hosts throughout the entire week and it seems from the overall scoring, they provided most of us an excellent shot.

The bowling started as we watched 16 past national champions vie for the Tournament of Champions titles with Walt Roy (CA) capturing the scratch (551) and Stephen Smith (TX) winning the handicap (612) titles respectively. That evening Millie Irizarry (FL) led her team to victory in the 9 pin no-tap event. Day two (Wednesday), she continued to be a factor as her and partner, Dave Nelson Jr. (Ne) took the Welker Doubles crown defeating Gildardo Herrera (OK) and Dan Spotts (CO) by 4 pins. Prior to bowling the doubles we competed for the Pfister-Ramus Triples Team event which saw Florida bowlers, Rich Gabory, Larry Chauncey and Ron Johnson take that title amongst a 13 team field.

The singles began on Thursday with a huge series bowled by George Holscher (VA) of 715 giving him the edge on high qualifier honors. Still, Shawn Beam (TX) set an all time single game mark, starting with the first 10 to roll a big 289. Many more high scores were bowled throughout qualifying. Top qualifiers by division were Holscher in scratch (4342), Ron Johnson in A (3216) and Gil Herrera in B (3204). Great bowling guys!!

In the A matches, Paul Wolbert (FL) lost to Gary Ryan (TX) (205-183). Ryan then eliminated Dave Nelson (179-175) before losing to Terry Rock (OH) (198-174). Terry was unable to hold off Ron Johnson who strung a 4 bagger at the end to just edge him out by just 3 pins (208-205). That makes 3 A division championships for Mr. Johnson.

Kevin Schaefer (CA) bowed out to Allen Neu (WI) (196-187) in the initial match in the B group. Neu was unable to advance as Wally Farrington (NH) rolled past him (201-186) and then eliminated Gary Towne (FL) (200-194). Gary can hold his head high as he was bowling in his first AWBA National. Farrington was not done as he defeated Herrera to capture his first B national title (214-164).

The scratch roll offs pitted fellow Colorado bowlers in the first match as Mark Shepherd passed Eddy Hutchens (181-161). Shawn Beam proved too much in match 2 advancing (225-204). Walt Roy bowled past Beam (211-203) and successfully captured his 6th Scratch crown (181-152) as George had his worst game in the finale. Congratulations to our 2015 champions.

George Holscher could take some consolation in losing that scratch match as he did collect a lot of hardware, his third consecutive Carlson Scratch All Events crown, the Buddy Cole Most Improved Award by improving 297 pins over last year. Ron Johnson also fared well taking the Carlson Handicap All Events title as well as the Senior Classic crown. Janet Norwood captured another Alma Ladwig Memorial Championship as the highest woman qualifier. Finally we honored Phillip Daniel for his years of commitment and dedication to the organization and its members as he got the Bill Hart Sportsmanship award. Last, and most certainly not least, Loretta Spotts was presented with an Outstanding Service Award by her compatriots already so acknowledged. Thank you Loretta and congratulations as well.

To all who chipped in in whatever manner please know that it was greatly appreciated, that includes our sponsors, our scorers, the people at the lanes, at the host hotel and especially my wife... always remember – it is people who make a tournament.

WELKER DOUBLES

Millie Irizarry
David Nelson Jr.

TEAM CHAMPION

Rich Gabory
Larry Chauncey
Ron Johnson

TOC

Walt Roy- Scratch
Stephen Smith-Handicap

ALMA LADWIG

Janet Norwood

BUDDY COLE

George Holscher

BILL HART SPORTSMAN

Phillip Daniel

"A DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

NAME	SCR TOT	HCP TOT	TOUR AVE.
RON JOHNSON	2466	3216	164
TERRY ROCK	2323	3133	154
DAVE NELSON JR.	2366	3131	157
PAUL WOLBERT	2163	3063	144
GARY RYAN	2201	3056	146
DAN SPOTTS	2417	3049	142
JOHN GOULD	2417	3032	161
LARRY CHAUNCEY	2301	3021	153
WAYNE WEBBER	2283	3018	152
MIKE DESTASIO	2236	2986	149
JANET NORWOOD	2238	2953	135
JOHNNY BAYLARK	2169	2934	144
PHILLIP DANIEL	2041	2926	136
CHUCK POTTER	1966	2896	131
HAROLD BOWMAN	2021	2846	134
RICH GABORY	1944	2799	129
KENNETH HILL	2091	2796	139
VAN SCHNEIDER	1898	2753	126
NORM BISSELL	1826	2696	121
STAN MOOREHEAD	1722	2487	114

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2015

Scratch Champion

Walt Roy

"A" Division Champion

Ron Johnson

"B" Division Champion

Walter Farrington

"B" DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

NAME	SCR TO-TAL	HCP TO-TAL	TOUR. AVE
GIL HERRERA	2094	3204	139
GARY TOWNE	1634	3134	108
WALLY FARRINGTON	2155	3115	143
ALLEN NEU	2018	3098	134
KEVIN SCHAEFER	2117	3062	141
CHUCK KARCZEWSKI	1885	3025	125
TOM MACIOSEK	2034	3024	135
MIKE BREWER	1898	3023	126
JIMMY MAY	1846	3016	123
ED LINDE	1637	3002	109
ANDY BERNT	2047	2992	136
STEPHEN SMITH	1746	2961	116
GARY POOLE	1975	2920	131
JIM COFFEY	1583	2888	105
KEVIN POINDESTER	1676	2846	111
MILLIE IRIZZARY	1540	2785	102
KEITH GREEN	1514	2714	100
JIM SULLIVAN	761	1736	50

SCRATCH DIVISION FINAL

NAME	GRAND TTL
GEORGE HOLSCHER	4342
WALT ROY	4147
SHAWN BEAM	4070
EDDY HUTCHENS	4027
MARK SHEPHERD	3996
DAVE ROBERTS	3613
AL UTTECHT	3206
HENRY WALTERS	3204

RICHARD CARLSON

ALL EVENT CHAMPION

GEORGE HOLSCHER-SCRATCH

RON JOHNSON-HANDICAP

**54TH
AWBA
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
TAMPA,FLORIDA**

"STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS"

JANUARY THRU JULY, 2015

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Shawn Beam		289					
Doug Dalton		276					
Eddy Hutchens		246,232,225			647,634		702
Dick Srpprizzirri	206						
Janet Norwood			501				
Gary Poole	228		523				
Chuck Potter	203		506				
Gary Ryan	209,223		512,523				

Spilt Conversions: **4-7-10: Dick Sprizzirri, Kevin Schaerfer**

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 May 1st, 2014 thru April 30th, 2015 and must be reported by the 1st of May, 2015.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!

For those members that pay their dues on an annual basis, your dues will be do and payable by August 1st. The Board of Directors in 2013 increased the annual dues to \$25.00. Your check should be payable and mailed to the following:

**AWBA
16006 CONGO LANE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77040**

Please accept our thanks in advance for renewing your membership and we look forward to seeing you on the lanes!!

2015-16 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR
August 20-23	MSCPVA Invitational King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs, CO.	Mark Shepherd, 800-833-9400
Dec 3-6	Las Vegas Invitational Sunset Station, Henderson, NV	Julie Johnson, 702-646-0040
Feb 26-28	Florida State Championship Pin Chasers, Tampa, FL.	Wayne Webber 727-460-4887
May 17-21	AWBA National Championship City View Lanes, Ft. Worth	Gary Ryan, 713-849-9052

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Chair: Dave Nelson

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The Board of Directors welcomes any member to come forward should they wish to serve on a committee they feel qualified for. The committee members need not be a board member to serve the organization. Should you wish to serve, please contact the Chairperson of that given committee. The stronger the committees are, the stronger the organization becomes. So, get involved. We need your thoughts and involvement to move ahead. Remember, this is your organization!!!!

Scratching the Surface-

By Steve Kloempken, Technical Director, Storm Bowling Products



Hello again! It's a real pleasure for me to be able to share my thoughts with you, and know that our relationship at Storm with the AWBA and all of its members is important to us. Thank you for your support.

We at Storm have always considered the coverstock, or shell, to be the most important part of a bowling ball. It is the surface of the ball that contacts the lane and determines friction levels, and is thus the most controlling and meaningful factor in ball reaction. C.A.T.S. testing has proven this time and time again.

Let's first discuss what the term 'surface' means. Many people define it as the finishing texture, i.e. dull or shiny. They are only partially right. It is important to realize that surface selection relates to BOTH the texture of the shell material as well as the actual material itself.

Now, how do you select the proper surface for your game? When do you choose a more aggressive cover versus a weaker cover? How about a dull, coarse finish versus a smooth and shiny finish? We should first classify what categories we have for different coverstocks and finishing textures.

Coverstocks can be broken down into the following groups:

Nanotechnology>> Highest Friction

Reactive>> Aggressive

Urethane>> Mild

Polyester>> Lowest Friction

We can categorize **Finishing Texture** like this:

Dull>> below 1000-grit Pad or Abralon®

Medium>> 1000/2000/3000-grit Pad or Abralon®

Shiny>> 1500-grit Polished

Is it really this simple? Absolutely! Make sure you understand this simple guide as it will remove a lot of confusion for everyone!

But now that we understand the variables, how do we relate which combination for which type of player on an average or medium amount of oil? To determine how much surface we need, we need to look at only the player's ball speed. An initial ball speed of 18 mph would require a lot of friction between the ball and the lane to produce a desirable ball reaction. Maximum velocity requires maximum friction, and we get maximum friction with a duller texture on a nanotechnology coverstock.

On the converse, a player who throws the ball less than 14mph would require little friction. This type of player would only be able to use an aggressive coverstock when it is polished. While it is true that different lane conditions will favor different types of players, both types can enjoy success with the correct match-up.

Best of luck to everyone! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at stevek@stormbowling.com.

Thanks to AWBA for publishing this article, and remember to always 'Bowl up a Storm!'

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New Life Members
Harold Bowman

Existing members and how you can help!!!!

We are always looking for company's that would like to join us at a National Level in sponsoring the AWBA. We have Storm, ABC Medical, USBC, and National PVA as our current National Sponsors and they do a wonderful job for us over the year. We want to continue to spread the word concerning the AWBA and the sport of wheelchair bowling. A sponsor not only receives the satisfaction of supporting challenged individuals, they also receive many benefits associated with doing so. So, if you may know of an individual that works for a company, visit with them to see if there is an interest. If so, contact Gary Ryan, chairman of the Sponsorship Committee, and we will take it from there. Remember, we are a totally volunteer organization so all that is raised annually goes right back to the sport of wheelchair bowling. Lets spread the word!!!!!!



2015 AWBA NATIONAL TEAM IN EL PASO