



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

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From Our AWBA Chairperson, **Wayne Webber**

Well the fall leagues have started and I hope everyone is doing well at bowling this year. The Las Vegas event is right around the corner, get your game in. November 23rd is the deadline so get your entry in, hope to see you there.

Gary Ryan is putting on the Nationals tournament, and the AWBA Raffle tickets are being sold, let's make it a record year. We need everyone's help, just buying or selling a ticket will help benefit the AWBA.

If anyone of you want to buy a ticket, or could sell some tickets please call me at 727-460-4887 we need your help. There are a few ways of selling the tickets, one is to get five people at \$10.00 each, 2 people at \$25.00 each, or \$50.00 for one.

You have time to set aside a few dollars a month to buy a chance at winning \$2,500.00, \$1,500.00, or \$1,000.00. This is a fundraiser and it's a tax deductible donation, we are a 501-C-3.

The AWBA has this raffle to help put on your AWBA National Tournament. **SO BUY AND/OR HELP SELL TICKETS.**

Chairman AWBA

Wayne Webber

Gary Ryan, Secretary

What a wonderful time it is to be alive!!!! And the Sport of Wheelchair bowling has never been stronger. Since the last newsletter, much has occurred to bring the AWBA up front and center in many areas. We have secured 2 additional National Sponsors for our organization. BPAA, Bowling Proprietors Association of America, has come on board to support the National Tournament and wheelchair bowling. This will be an important alliance over the years as the BPAA works with each bowling center we bowl in around the country to insure that the sport itself retains its creditability. Logo Infusion has also come on board which will bring to the AWBA unique shirt designs exclusive to the AWBA. Logo Infusion is much like Storm when it comes to branding their product and we believe this will help the AWBA in further developing our own brand. We look forward to working with both of these great organizations for many years. If you haven't seen the 2015-16 USBC Rules book, will be surprised to learn that the AWBA rules that have not been addressed in prior years, are now in the rule book. This came about through many meetings and discussions with the USBC over the last 3 years. This step is simply one step in the process of bringing your organization and sport to the forefront of those around the country. We are elated with the USBC's decision to place the rules in the rule book and are looking forward to many more great things over the next 12 months. Stay tuned!!!! Now to 2016 Nationals, things are well ahead of schedule and the event will be a true showcase of what the AWBA is all about. The Host Hotel has been selected as well as the location for the Social and Awards Banquet. City View Lanes is excited about having the AWBA Nationals at their center and the Ft. Worth and Dallas area are playing a major role in the success of the event. There will be MANY surprises you will be made aware of over the next few months which all of you will participate in. With the new Schedule of Events, there will be much free time for you and your family to enjoy the city and all it has to offer. The Prize fund has been increased and other costs are being brought down. So, begin to make plans to attend the 2016 AWBA Nationals. Without you, there is no National Tournament so let's bring together 75 or more and have one to remember. We look forward to having you in Texas. All information will be forthcoming within the next 30 days.

SEE YA'LL SOON!!!!!!



MSCPVA celebrated the 11th year of the MSCPVA Invitational Wheelchair Bowling Tournament. Again, we had a colossal year! A total of 25 bowlers from across the United States participated in this four day event.

The Up/Down 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament was a huge success, filling the house with over 120 bowlers who turned out to bowl with tournament bowlers. The event (which had a team costume theme) also hosted a spectacular raffle with prizes given away throughout the entire night.

MSCPVA would like to thank and acknowledge Ms. Carol Doan – Owner and General Manager of King Pin Lanes for her hospitality and continuous support. We gratefully acknowledge all of our community based sponsors (Performance Mobility, Ent, Craig Hospital Foundation) without whose support we could not have produced this event. In particular, our long time sponsor Halliburton proves once again their generosity in providing the delicious barbecue for our veterans and bowlers on Saturday afternoon. In addition, our thanks to Storm Bowling for their support and the USBC for your continued leadership and sanctioning of our tournament.

A special thank you to the MSCPVA Auxiliary and volunteers for coordinating the 50/50 raffles throughout the tournament. Last, but certainly not least, MSCPVA would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those who assisted in external fundraising for the tournament and for the friends and family that came out to support the event.

BOARD CANDIDATES NEEDED

Your AWBA organization is overseen by a group of dedicated members that live throughout the country and the AWBA is only as strong as the officers and directors of the Board that you, the member elect. Dan Spotts, Nomination Chairperson, is now seeking members to be considered to be placed on the 2016 AWBA Election Ballot which goes out in March to you the member. To be a member of the board, you must be a member in good standing with the AWBA and willing to attend board meeting held over the 12 month period. You must also be willing to serve as a Committee Chair and perform those tasks that are associated with that give responsibility. Should you wish the Nominating Committee to consider placing your name in nomination to be elected, please contact Dan Spotts @ 719-510-7735 or email Dan at danlor2000@msn.com. You need to contact Dan before the end of the year to be considered.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US ONCE AGAIN!!!

It seems as though we were just celebrating the new year yet now we are entering into the Holiday season. The AWBA has had a wonderful year under the leadership of Wayne Webber and we are very excited about the future of the sport of wheelchair bowling. The Board of Directors would like to extend to all our members and their families all the best during the months ahead, wishing all the happiest of Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas. We have much to be thankful for but most importantly, the friendship that we all share. Be safe during your travels and we will see you on the lanes.



"STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS"

August thru December, 2015

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Andy Bernt	211		503				
Ron Johnson	215		527	555			
Michael VanDyke			530				
Wayne Webber	230			553			

Be sure to send your scores in to be recognized as an elite wheelchair bowler!!!!!!

Larry Chauncey Triplicate 150!!!!

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
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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
Dec 3-6	Las Vegas Invitational	Sunset Station, Henderson, NV
Feb 26-28	Florida State Championship	Pin Chasers, Tampa, FL
May 17-21	AWBA National Championship	City View Lanes, Ft. Worth
July 29-31	Southern Open	Stars and Stripes, Dallas, GA





INTRODUCING OUR NEW PVA REPRESENTATIVE



My name is Alan Earl and I am the associate director of sports and recreation for the Paralyzed Veterans of America. I have been with PVA for over 10 years overseeing the fishing and billiards programs. Recently, I have been asked to take over the PVA bowling program.

I do not have very much experience with bowling, but recently being introduced to the sport has taught me a great deal. My goal is to learn the anatomy of a bowling tournament and be able to assist whenever needed. I am also learning how the PVA member fits into the bowling program. I want to make sure our members have every opportunity to participate and have an enjoyable experience. I will be reaching out to a lot of members to see what the PVA can do to attract more members to this sport. I will be working hard to introduce more memorabilia and other fun things to enhance the participant's experience. In addition, I am looking forward to continuing working with the AWBA and making these events the best they can be.

I recently attended the Mountain States PVA bowling tournament and had a great time. Bowling is a very enjoyable sport and the bowling community seems like a great family. It is impressive to see how all skill levels can compete and interact with each other. The atmosphere is very inviting and lots of fun. I did not bowl, but still felt like I was part of the event. I am looking forward to sharing my experience with our members and encouraging them to be part of these tournaments.

In closing, I want to make sure everyone knows how to get in touch with me. I want to hear from everyone and learn as much as I can; what is working well and what needs help with these awesome events. I cannot wait for the Las Vegas event in December and will be working closely with the Nevada PVA Chapter to ensure its success.

Please feel free to contact me at alane@pva.org or 703.462.0504. See you all in Vegas!

VIVA LAS VEGAS

The Las Vegas invitational is just around the corner and the Nevada PVA and Sunset Station, our new host for this year's event, are making all the final preparation for a great event. This is always a fun tournament to end the year with and this year will be no different. Lots of raffle items, great food at the new hotel, shopping a few steps away, and the tables will be loose or so they say!!!! So, make plans now to join your friends and fellow bowlers to put a cap on a great year. For all info, go to www.awba.org to get signed up. We look forward to seeing you there.



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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!!!!

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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!!!!!!



REMEMBRANCES

The AWBA lost two long standing members this past quarter with the passing of Jerry Mills and Tom Walthall.

Jerry was a true inspiration to all that came in contact with him. He arrived at the bowling center with a smile on his face and left the same way, no matter the results. His unique style of bowling he developed with a “Can Do” attitude. Jerry was a “B” Division National Champion and was inducted into the AWBA Hall of Fame in 2010. Jerry will be missed by many but forgotten by no one as his image will always remain on the lanes.

Tom Walthall fought a great fight against cancer and in the end, won the battle in his way of thinking. A 2 time “B” Division National Champion, Tom was a man who didn't allow much to get in his way. His big smile and positive attitude about life help others see their lives in a much different way. The AWBA's thoughts and prayers go out to those that surrounded Tom in the end. He will be missed on the lanes.

We never know when we will be called home which makes it so important to let those we love and admire know they are special. Rest in Peace Jerry and Tom and keep the lanes busy.