



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

**THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING
ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER,
January, 2017**

**The governing body of wheelchair bowling in
association with the USBC
AWBA.org**



From Our AWBA Chairperson, Wayne Webber,

Dear members of the AWBA, we have made it through another year of bowling. I hope your Holidays were good for you and your families. I want to thank the board of directors for all the work you've done this past year, let's make 2017 better.

We have a number of tournaments this year (2017), and we would like to see more of you attending. I hope we can get you to come out, and support the AWBA, and PVA bowling events. If you have a problem getting to one, or about any tournament please let me know. We want to make these tournaments better and enjoyable for our members. We need you our members to also spread the word and bring in new members. Hopefully they can travel to other tournament as well as local ones.

The AWBA raffle tickets are in the hands of every board member, so buy your ticket or tickets know. If you can sell some ask a board member for some. Our goal is to sell all 400 tickets, so let's support this great Organization. Also we need door prizes for our National Tournament that's coming up in June this year. So please anybody that can get anything to help make our AWBA National Tournament more successful we would appreciate it. This would include, liquor baskets, bowling balls, celebrity items, etc..., or re-gift that odd Christmas gift you don't want. So come on buy tickets, bring or send in door prizes to the National Tournament, and bring in some new bowlers and let's have fun bowling.

2019 is coming up fast, so if there is anyone out there that would want to put on a National Tournament in 2019 it's coming up faster than you think? The AWBA is looking for anybody that would like to put on one. AWBA has guideline papers, and there is plenty of help from other tournament directors for anyone wishing to bring a tournament to their home lanes. Now is the time to start putting in bids, and fundraising for a 2019 National Tournament. Ask Gary or me for info if you want to put one on.

FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAPVA/AWBA INVITATIONAL

FEBRUARY 22-24

MARCH 23-26



Gary Ryan, Treasurer

Well off we go into a brand new year, 2017. It is hard to believe that 2016 is in the books as it went by so fast. I always look forward to the holiday season however, I also look forward to getting back to normal once it is over. Nominations for the upcoming AWBA elections have closed and the ballots will be in the mail to you within the next 2 weeks. I would ask that you take time to review each candidates qualifications for serving and then please vote. Voting is something that many have fought for over many years and in many countries they wish they had the right to vote. We do, so please spend a few minutes and cast your vote. Our tournament season kicks off next month with the Florida State Championships in Tampa. You can get all the information you need to enter by going to www.awba.org. There is no other place to be in February than Florida, so lets start out the year right with a great turnout. This tournament will be followed by the Mid America Oklahoma Invitational to be held in March. Rich Harrell and his committee have done an excellent job in securing a great bowling center which I know you all will enjoy. All the information should be to you very shortly. Lets again have a great turnout as the Oklahoma folks have worked very hard to put on a great event. The AWBA will be producing its first Annual Report in April. This report will contain all the information you and the general public would need to truly evaluate our organization. One of the purposes for this report is to insure that our organization is as transparent as possible to you, the member. The first one will be a large undertaking but well worth the time to produce a professional document for all to review. In 2016 the AWBA experience outstanding growth in our membership. At year end, our bowling membership grew 24%!!! This was do to hard work by a number of people around the country by putting on bowling clinic's in their area, forming leagues, and in Las Vegas, we had 7 new members join and participate in the tournament in December. 2017 is focused of continuing the process by attending Ability Expo's around the country as well as our presence at the USBC Convention and Bowl Expo. As we spread the word and the name of the AWBA, you may well be called on to volunteer at one or more of these events. Please consider doing so. While the financial position of the AWBA is very strong, we want to use volunteers in the given area's of these events to keep the cost under control while not sacrificing the quality of the event itself. A quick word on Nationals, things are well underway and you will once again, have a great experience in the Ft. Worth area. While the event will be at the same location, a number of things are being added for your enjoyment. We will put on a great show for all that attended. One word of advise, do not delay in securing your room. We are offering 4 hotel locations all within 2 miles of the bowling center so get your room soon. Here is hoping that 2017 is as beneficial as 2016 was. Your board will do their part and we ask you to do yours!!!!



(We are pleased this month to have Gary Hulsenberg, Director of Marketing with Storm, write an article for our newsletter)

Hello my friends at the AWBA!

It's an honor to be able to write to you this month and share some information about Storm. When bowlers think of Storm, most think of a manufacturer of high-end bowling products. That is true. We take pride in the work we do every day to create the finest bowling equipment in the world. As bowlers get to know us more, they realize that we are so much more than just a manufacturer.

At Storm, our 'PURPOSE' is to 'Grow the Sport of Bowling'. As we work on new projects and interact with bowlers all around the world, we're reminded daily that the sport is larger than any one single brand. We try to make every event about the bowlers. At Storm, sponsoring events is more than just sending a check. It's about connecting with the bowlers and helping them enjoy the game more. This is the reason Storm started the AWBA Storm Training Group on Facebook. We have tried groups like this for other tournaments we have been part of with great success. It's not always about the content that we post. Sometimes it's more about the connection between us. These groups enable us to keep in contact between events, share stories and learn together. We hope you will join the group, keep in contact, and share it with your friends.

I also wanted to share some insight on performance equipment and ball speed. The bulk of today's modern bowling balls are designed to perform well on heavy oil. Many may require a higher ball speed to keep the ball on line and avoid it from over-hooking. If that doesn't sound like you, that's okay! Luckily, Storm manufactures a wide range of equipment for players of all ball speeds and styles. If your ball speed is on the slower side, some of the 'big' balls in our product line won't be the best choice. Instead, look for balls that combine a higher RG value and have less differential. Some of the balls that fit in this category are the Match and Match Pearl. If you'd like to see even a more controllable reaction, consider one of our urethane options, the Pitch Black or the Pitch Blue. These balls will give you control while maintaining the performance needed to maximize pin carry. Of course, if ball speed isn't a problem and you're hurling it down the lane above 15 mph, there are a plethora of choices. More information on each ball in our line can be found on our website. Hopefully you live in an area where a great pro shop operator can help you select the best equipment for your game. If you need help, send us a question through that AWBA Storm Training Group and we will be happy to assist.

Lastly, we'd like to thank you for your support of Storm Products, Inc. With your assistance, we're able to give back to our sport all year round. We sponsor more events in a calendar year than there are actual days in a year and we also support several charities. In fact, the owners of Storm, Bill and Barbara Chrisman have their own foundation called the Chrisman Foundation. In 2014, the Chrisman Foundation built a new wing in neighboring Ogden, Utah for the YCC (Your Community Connection). The YCC provides assistance to abused men and women so they can find shelter and recover. Projects like this are only possible because of the bowlers who choose to support our brands. Thank you.



The 2016 Las Vegas Invitational was held at the Strike Zone Bowling Center in the Sunset Station Casino and hosted 40 bowlers making the trip and participating in this end of year bowling tour stop. It was a pleasure to welcome for the first time 6 new AWBA tournament bowlers; Lawrence Brown, Dominic Cirino, Marc Fenn, Bryan Hill, Jim Rice, and Lester Wood, all from the great state of Nevada. The Tournament began Thursday with a warm welcome and opening ceremony followed by the first and second sets of singles play. Friday morning, Doubles competition began and in the end J.K. Johnston of Texas and Doug Bureta of Wisc. bested Kenny Mumford and Phillip Daniel of Texas. 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 both Gary Hulsenberg from Storm bowling and PWBA Leanne Hulsenberg bowl and raffle off autographed memorabilia.

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 seed Shawn Beam took the title by defeating 2nd seed Mark Shepherd. In the "A" Division top seed Kenneth Hill made a 10 pin shot in the 10th frame for the win and held off Big Andy Bernt who battled all the way from the 5th seed. In the "B" Div. Kenny Mumford fell to top seed Bryan Hill who wins his first title in wheelchair bowling. 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 2016 Las Vegas Invitational. We are looking forward to years of fun, great bowling, and developing new friends. See You Next Year!!!!

VOTE

Your AWBA Ballot will be in the mail to you by the end of January. The Board asks that you please take some time to review the nominees and cast your ballot for those you feel will best serve your organization. Should you have any questions please direct your questions to either Wayne Webber, Chairman or Gary Ryan, Election Committee Chairman. Thanks in advance for your vote.





“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

January thru July, 2017

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Shawn Beam	214,235	270					719

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 April 1 2016 thru March 31, 2017 and must be reported by the 1st of April, 2017.

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE!!!!!!

For those members that pay their dues on an annual basis, your dues are now past due. The Board of Directors has instructed me that all interaction from the AWBA will be restricted to those that have paid their dues. Please forward your payment to Gary Ryan, 16006 Congo Lane, Houston, Texas 77040. Your dues support the efforts of your organization. This will be the last communication you will receive from the AWBA until your dues are brought current.

2017AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER		T'MNT DIRECTOR
February 24-26	Florida State Championships	Tampa Pin Chasers	Wayne Webber, 727-460-4887
March 23-26th	Mid America Invitational	TBD	Rich Harrell, 405-997-8319
June 4th thru 10th	AWBA National Championships	City View Lanes	Gary Ryan, 713-849-9052
July 6th-9	Great Plains PVA/AWBA Int'l	Thunderbowl	Dave Nelson, 402-208-4841
Aug 24-27	MSCPVA Invitational	King Pin Lanes	Mark Shepherd, 719-210-5733
Sept 23-25	Mid Atlantic PVA/AWBA Invitational	Brunswick Zone	Jimmy May, 804-794-7447
Nov 30-Dec 3	Nevada PVA/AWBA Invitational	Strike Zone	Julie Johnson, 702-646-0040





WE ARE PLEASE TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR AGREEMENT WITH LOGO INFUSION HAS BEEN RE-NEWED FOR ANOTHER YEAR!!!! THE AWBA ALONG WITH LOGO INFUSION ARE OFFERING THE ABOVE DESIGNED JERSEY AT A VERY AFFORDABLE PRICE. OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, SOME DESIGNS WILL BE REMOVED AND OTHER ADDED. CHECK THE AWBA WEBSITE FOR THE GREAT NEW DESIGNS THAT WILL BE INTRODUCED. BY PURCHASING ONE OR MORE OF THESE JERSEYS HELPS THE AWBA WITH ITS BRANDING EFFORTS. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS AS WELL AS LOGO INFUSION.

AWBA Board Of Directors – 2017-2019

Effective 8-1-2015

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PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

AWBA And ABC Medical Renew Our Partnership

ABC Medical and AWBA announce the renewal of our agreement to help build a stronger, healthier, as well as a more active wheelchair bowling community at AWBA. Being a strong bowler requires strong mental and physical health, and well-being. Our sponsor, ABC Medical gets this and understands AWBA's needs both on and off the bowling alley. In 2017, our partnership with ABC will focus our efforts on a number of things:

- 1- Create and publish stories about wheelchair bowling, authored by AWBA members to increase member engagement.
- 2- Build awareness in the community by sharing news and updates from the wheelchair bowling world and to attract new members to our organization.
- 3- Educating our members on health, wellness and active lifestyle by building a library of resources where **they** have access to.
- 4- Educating members on quality equipment, such as medical supplies and wheelchairs, leveraging ABC Medical's expertise in the field. For instance, check out [this product, Melio Leg Bag](#). It is a self-emptying leg bag system designed to improve quality of life for many.
- 5- Increasing our communication on and off the alley. For this one, we encourage you to check out the ABC display table at our tournaments and go say hi to their rep. ABC's Marketing Manager, Işıl Tanyeri, who, some of you might remember, also presented at our membership meeting at the Richmond Nationals in 2014, will be our primary contact. If you have questions about ABC's services/products or interested in getting involved by writing on their blog, email me and I'll connect you with her. She is excited to work with us closely and take this partnership to the next level.

I'm wrapping this section up by sharing our very own Kenneth Hill's blog entry, published on ABC Medical's website. Go to www.abc-med.com/abcmedicalblog/why-i-play-wheelchair-bowling) to check it out. If you have any questions about our partnership with ABC Medical, let me know.

Işıl Tanyeri
Marketing Manager, ABC Medical

NEW AWBA LOGO PATCH NOW AVAILABLE. CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER TO RECEIVE ONE



**55th Florida State
Wheelchair Bowling Tournament
Pin Chasers – Tampa, FL
February 24-26, 2017**

Entry - Closing Date ` February 16, 2017

A & B DIVISIONS ONLY NO SCRATCH

All Games Bowled At:

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

USBC # _____

AWBA # _____

Mail Entry & Fees To:

FGCPVA
15435 N. Florida Ave
Tampa, FL 33613
813-264-1111

Entry Fee: \$100.00

Doubles \$ 25.00

Total \$125.00

Doubles Partner _____ **Your Shirt Size** _____

Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

NOVICE DIVISION \$35.00 12 GAMES AND TROPHY FOR THE WINNER

V.A. IN PATENTS 6 GAMES ONE DAY EVENT FREE

Average Verification: The AWBA adjusted tournament average designee will provide adjusted tournament average information for those entrants having same. In all cases where the adjusted tournament average is higher than USBC year ending average, the adjusted tournament average will be the entrant's entering average. If the USBC year ending is higher entrants will use that average.

Entrants without qualified averages must bowl scratch.

Entrant's Signature _____



MID AMERICA CHAPTER PVA/AWBA INVITATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
 MARCH 23-26, 2017 ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 17, 2017
 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_____
Doubles	\$ 30.00_____
Up-Down	\$ 25.00_____
Sidepots: Scratch	\$ 15.00_____
Handicap	\$ 15.00_____

TOTAL: \$ _____

AWBA AVERAGE_____CURRENT BOOK AVERAGE_____

HIGHEST 2015 USBC SANCTIONED LEAGUE AVERAGE_____# GAMES_____

HIGHEST 2015 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. The AWBA adjusted tournament average designee will provide adjusted tournament average information. In all cases where the adjusted tournament average is higher than USBC book average, the adjusted tournament average will be the entrant's entering average. **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.



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New Members

Jim Rice-Nevada

Domonic Cirino-Nevada

Lester Wood-Nevada

Marc Fenn-Nevada

Bryan Hill-Nevada

Lawrence Brown-Nevada

New Life Members

Mike Brewer-Texas

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

When we move or change our email address, it is important to remember to notify those people or organizations of the change. That way you don't miss out on upcoming events and happenings. We would ask that you put the AWBA on top of your list so that you don't get lost in the shuffle. Also, if you have an email address and are still receiving your newsletter by mail, please email Gary Ryan with your email address. We try to save every dime where we can and postage is not cheap nor is printing. So, let us hear from you if you have an email. You will receive things much quicker than you currently do. Thanks so much for your consideration and support of the sport of wheelchair bowling.

Exclusive Rebate for the AWBA

**PURCHASE A STORM MASTER OR PREMIER LINE BALL
BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND RECEIVE A \$20 REBATE!**

Send a copy of your receipt, the information barcode sticker from the bowling ball box, this completed form, and your information to:
Storm Products, Inc. - AWBA Rebate - 165 S. 800 W. Brigham City, UT
84302

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

