



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

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

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



From Our AWBA Chairperson, Wayne Webber,

I hope everyone is having a good year so far. Your board of Directors are working hard. We've attended a couple of expos, and have had some good feedback from members that manned the booths. I have heard we have some new prospective bowlers from these expos too. Great job to those that made this happen. The board members are selling raffle tickets, this we do to help support our National Tournament.

The AWBA raffle tickets are just \$50.00 each. Our prizes are so BIG, 1st is \$2,500, 2nd is \$1,500, and 3rd is \$1,000 not bad for a 50 dollar ticket. We have a limited number so get yours soon. We'll be selling them up to the time we draw if there are any left.

We have had 2 small tournaments so far this year. Both were a success with about 20 to 22 bowlers attending them. As you know our National Tournament is once again being held in Ft. Worth, I hope a lot of you can attend. Bring along a new bowler to see what a great sport bowling can be.

I hope everyone has voted as the deadline has come and gone. We elect people to better this organization and represent the membership. So I hope you voted for your candidate you wanted to represent you.

I hope to see a lot of you at this year's AWBA Nationals it will be a great tournament. Pack up your balls and I'll see you on the lanes.

**AWBA'S
56TH
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

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The Lone Star State

Gary Ryan, Treasurer

2017 is off and running and what a great start we are having. The Florida Tournament as well as the Oklahoma Tournament were a success in most every area. Our membership continues to grow as we have welcomed 7 new members to the AWBA since January and a number of them have already participated in one of our tournaments. The AWBA first Annual Report will be available for your review on the website by the end of the month. Should you want a written copy, simply let me know and I will email you a copy. The AWBA was well represented at the Los Angeles Abilities Expo in March. Al Uttecht, Peter Arballo and Linda Pratt provided the support for our booth. There was a great deal of interest in learning more about wheelchair bowling and over 100 new email addresses were secured to maintain contact with those that expressed an interest. Our thanks goes out to those that helped in this effort. The AWBA will be in Las Vegas in April attending the USBC convention and providing information to those in attendance on the sport of wheelchair bowling. We are also involved in meeting with the Executive Director of the USBC as well as the President of the USBC board. The purpose of the meeting is to further develop the relationship between the two organizations in a number of areas. We will report back to you the results of the meeting in a future newsletter. The 2017 Election is now over and the results have been delivered to our chairman. The results will be known once the Chairman releases them to the membership. We still need more participation in the election process as only 52 ballots were cast out of over 300 being mailed out. With the Annual Board of Directors meeting quickly approaching, a reminder that should you wish to submit a proposal for consideration by the board, please get it to me by April 30th. Your views are welcomed by the board members and any proposal will receive consideration. I would like to welcome Andy Bernt to the Board of Directors. Andy was appointed by our Chairman to replace Janet Korchak for the remainder of her term. Let me share a few things about the upcoming AWBA National Championships. We anticipate a large turnout for the Nationals as we already have 30 bowlers registered. The tournament committee has been working extremely hard to insure that things go well for the 56th Nationals in Ft. Worth. The first 50 that register will receive a dollar amount to offset some of the cost of your hotel stay. We have many wonderful raffle items as well as great silent auction items. The Up/Down is filling up fast and we anticipate a record crowd for this event. And we are returning to Billie Bob's of Texas for a great social highlighted by a "Washer" Contest and then back to Billie Bob's for the Award Banquet. Our guest speaker this year will be the incoming President of the National PVA. So, don't delay, get your registration in. This is going to be a wonderful event and I am proud once again to be your National Tournament Director. **Remember, "Silence is Golden unless you want to be heard".**



After the dust settled we had a total of 18 entries as some of our regulars were hospitalized and dealing with other issues that prevented them from participating this year. We wish better days ahead for Harold Bowman, Horace Boyd, Larry Chauncey and Paul Wolbert in particular.

That said, the doubles had 8 teams entered with the final match between Rich Gabory and Ron Johnson going up against Wayne Webber and Dave Roberts with Rich and Ron winning the Doubles Crown.

In the B division Millie Irizarry was defeated by Tom Maciosek (184-167). Keith Green pushed past Maciosek (225-193) before falling to John Bell (232-211). Top qualifier Chuck Karczewski also fell victim to Bell (235-194) as John won the B championship

The matches in the A began with Phillip Daniel besting Rich Gabory (222-192) before losing to Henry Walters (234-195). Ron Johnson eliminated Henry (184-170) but was unsuccessful in ousting top qualifier, Roger Templar (228-193) who had bowled very consistently throughout the tournament.

Once again, Wayne and the staff at Pin Chasers did a fine job providing an excellent venue for our group.

Thanks to all who participated and made this a fun and memorable event, especially the out of state bowlers. Thank you Nancy for your expert scoring and boosting 50/50 funds with Kim Green and Pat Farrington. Thank you all!

Lastly thanks to PVA National represented by Alan Earl, FGCPVA represented by Davis Celestine and our other sponsors for their continuing support. Hope to see more of you next year.

A Division:

Pl	Ent	Hcp	Name	Scratch TTI	Hcp TTI	\$\$	End	Adj
1	170	36	Roger Templar	2072	2504	800	172	172
2	162	43	Ron Johnson	1937	2453	500	161	161
3	159	45	Henry Walters	1864	2404	400	155	155
4	146	57	Phillip Daniel	1679	2363	300	139	141
5	145	58	Rich Gabory	1681	2377	200	140	140
6	171	35	Dave Roberts	1936	2356	100	161	166
7	160	45	Andy Bernt	1802	2342		150	155
8	161	44	Wayne Webber	1768	2296		147	156
9	149	54	Terry Rock	1610	2258		134	144
10	142	61	Wally Farrington	1483	2215		123	137

HHS – Rich Gabory 692, HHG – Roger Templar 247

B Division:

1	87	110	John Bell	1070	2390	800	89	89
2	119	81	Chuck Karczewski	1448	2420	500	120	120
3	108	91	Keith Green	1281	2373	400	106	106
4	130	72	Tom Maciosek	1487	2351	300	123	125
5	113	87	Millie Irizarry	1261	2305	200	105	108
6	112	88	Ed Linde	1202	2258	100	100	107
7	119	81	Jim Coffey	1261	2233		105	114
8	131	71	Norm Bissell	1259	2111		104	126

HHS – Keith Green 631, HHG – Chuck Karczewski 270

500+

Templar 544,513,510, 505; Gabory 518; Johnson 509, Roberts 505

The Mid America Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America strives to host the best wheelchair sports events on the PVA tournament trails. From bass fishing to billiards and bowling we try to be above average by hosting at the best facilities and providing the best prizes and payouts. Our bowling tournament proves this by hosting at the Firelake Bowling Center where the PBA Pros had competed just a few weeks earlier. Also we provided one of the largest prize pools with a \$1500.00 first prize in scratch, A Division and B Division. With our chapter paying 25 places and only 22 participants, everyone got checks

We thank the sponsors, without their support we could not host such a great event. The AWBA provided both financial and technical support. PVA provided a majority of the financial support as well as the shirts and trophies. Firelake Bowling Center provided the excellent facilities at a much-reduced cost. Storm provided a bowling ball and shirt certificate. STORMOR storage facilities in OKC provided monetary assistance. Once again, thanks to all of our sponsors.

We started the tournament without a computer program that most other tournaments use, therefore Scott Ellis entered and calculated all data by hand and did an excellent job. Thank you Scott! Thanks also to Bill Kokendoffer (chapter president), his wife Belinda Kokendoffer and Lisa Herrera for help with the 50/50s and raffles. Thanks again to Scott Ellis for his photography.

Doubles started on Thursday with 9 teams. After a 3-game set, 8 teams rolled off on a tournament style elimination. Kavin Monroe and Kenneth Hill won over Mike Deloach and Eddie Hutchens. Dave Nelson and Tom Richey placed in the money at third. Everyone had a fun time and got to bowl with new friends.

The UP/DOWN 9 PIN NO TAP event was held on Friday night and everyone had a great time. Kavin Monroe and his team won, followed by Stephen Smith and his 3 lady team members for second. We plan on making it even bigger and better next year.

The singles competition started Friday for 2 sets of 3 games. Shawn Beam won the \$40.00 bounty for the first 4 bagger, Mike Brewer won the bounty for the first turkey even though he had a 4 bagger and Kenneth Hill took home the prize for shooting (5) strikes in a row.

After Saturdays 2 sets, the 22 bowlers were ready to wrap it up on Sunday. The scratch roll offs started after the fifth set of 3 was completed. In scratch division, Kenneth Hill finished fifth since he did not compete on Sunday. Phillip Daniels (4) took on Mike Deloach (3) who won 186-168. Next Mike bowled against Shawn Beam (2) with Shawn winning 192-165. Shawn then went on to win the scratch division over top qualifier, Eddie Hutchens (1) 192-180. Congratulations to Shawn. In the handicap A DIVISION

Local bowler Gil Herrera (5) bowled against Gary Poole (4) with Gil winning 189-185. Next Gil bowled Kevin Schaefer (3) and Kevin won 231-155. Mike Brewer (2) beat Kevin 212-185. The number one qualifier, Kenneth Mumford (1) now faced Mike for the championship. Kenneth bowled a great game to defeat Mike 271-226. Congrats to Kenneth. The B DIVISION roll offs started with Addis Gonte (5) defeating Kavin Monroe (4) 239-212. Addis then defeated Bryan Shaner (3) 201-199. Addis then lost to Stephen Smith (2) 197-266. Stephen then bowled against Ivenhoe (Tom) Richey (1) who had the High Handicap game and the High Handicap Series. Ivenhoe won 244-219. Congratulations to him for bowling his best ever. Also, congratulations to Kenneth Hill for High Handicapped Game of 272 and to Eddie Hutchens for High Scratch Series of 630.

Thanks to all who participated and to those who worked to make this great event possible.



“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

January thru July, 2017

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Shawn Beam	214,235	270					719
Paul Cook			503				
Rich Gabory			518				
Eddy Hutchens	245,226,212,,216				625		
Ron Johnson			509				
JK Johnston	201						
Dave Roberts	202		505				
Gary Ryan			526				
Roger Templar	211		544,513,510,505				

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.

2017AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER		T'MNT DIRECTOR
June 6th 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
Seot 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





LOGO INFUSION!!! THE BRAND CHOSEN BY THE AWBA FOR ALL JERSEY'S AND APPARELL THE BRAND THE PROS CHOOSE!!

AWBA Rankings Through 2016 Las Vegas

Scratch Division

Mark Shepherd

Shawn Beam

Walt Roy

Eddy Hutchens

George Holscher

Peter Arballo

Curt Wolff

Dave Roberts

Ron Johnson

Doug Dalton

“A” Division

Phillip Daniel

David Nelson

John Budd

Andy Bernt

Gary Ryan

Terry Rock

Wayne Webber

Kenneth Hill

Gary Poole

“B” Division

Kenneth Mumford

Jim Coffey

Allen Neu

Doug Buerta

Harvey Clowers

Mike Brewer

JT Terry

Chuck Karczewski

Bryan Hill

Gil Herrera

To view the full list of bowlers and their rankings and the explanation as to how the rankings are done, go to www.awba.org.



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



IN MEMORY OF THOSE THAT PASSED

Bobby Willis, a long time member of the AWBA passed away in March. Bobby had been ill for quite some time but never lost his love for life. A great family man, the last AWBA tournament he bowled in was in Houston at the AWBA Nationals in 2010. He brought his entire family with him to the event. On a personal note, I didn't know him well but the time I spent with him made me feel as though I had known him forever. He hosted the 2007 AWBA Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.. Bob will be missed by many but his love for his family and friends will always be something that he will be remember for. RIP Bobby

Don Trigg has gone to meet his maker. Bob passed away after a long illness. Bob lived in Kansa and was still bowling. RIP Don.

56TH AWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 6th thru June 10th

CITY VIEW LANES

Entry - Closing Date – May 1st, Postmark to receive National Shirt

Payment by May 20

After May 1st entry no National Jersey offered

Games Bowled At:

City View Lanes
6601 Oakmont Blvd
Ft. Worth, Texas 76132

AWBA # _____ USBC # _____

SHIRT SIZE: _____ Collar: Polo Style _____ Tournament Style _____

Mail Entry To:

Gary Ryan, TD
16006 Congo Lane
Houston, Texas 77040
(H)713-849-9052 (Cell)713-444-7588

Singles Entry Fee	\$125.00	_____
Up/Down	\$ 25.00	_____
Doubles	\$ 30 .00	_____
Team	\$ 30.00	_____
Side Pot (Scratch)	\$ 15.00	_____
Side Pot (Handicap)	\$ 15.00	_____
Banquet	\$ 35.00	_____
Number Attending --	_____	_____
Wednesday Night Social		()Y ()N
How many will attend Social		_____
TOTAL -----	\$	_____
Paying by Check	_____	Credit Card _____

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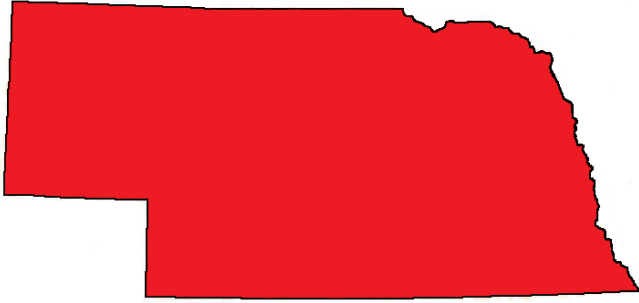
CHECK DIVISION ENTERING:

SCRATCH _____ HANDICAP _____

AVERAGE VERIFICATION: Entering Average will be the highest average of either the AWBA Tournament Average or your USBC book average using bowl.com. No League Averages accepted unless you are a new bowler having a league average with at least 21 games bowled.

Highest 2016 USBC Sanctioned League Average _____ # Games _____
Highest Summer League 2016 Sanctioned League Ave: _____ # Games _____
Senior (65+) _____
(BIRTHDAY OR N/A)

Please pay all fees with one check made payable to: **56th AWBA National Tournament and mail to 16006 Congo Lane, Houston, Texas or simply pay via Credit Card at AWBA.org with the donate button.**
Confirmation of your entry will be returned via email with your entering average.



GREAT PLAINS PVA/AWBA INVITATIONAL

JULY 6TH THRU 9TH

Start making plans to join us at the 1st Annual Great Plains PVA/AWBA Invitational. David Nelson and his committee are putting together a great event at Thunderbowl Lanes and you don't want to miss it. Entry forms and other material will be up on the website in a few weeks.

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New Members

Ivanhoe Richey-Oklahoma
Christopher Cross-Arkansas
John Bell-Florida
Doug Moore-Arkansas
Debra Moulies-Florida
Jesse Berlin-Michigan
Brandon Bluford=Arkansas

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

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