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THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
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From Our AWBA Chairperson, **Eddy Hutchens**,

Hello AWBA Members,

I am happy to be able to write this first letter as your new Chairman of the AWBA. I will do my best to be as great as Wayne was in the Chairman position. I know I will have Wayne as well as the rest of the AWBA Members to help make the AWBA as good as it has ever been.

Please remember, I am always available to hear from you about the AWBA, ways to make it better, changes that may need addressed or assistance in whatever is in front of us.

With the end of summer, we have the Fall leagues starting up. Be sure to get into your local bowling alleys and sign up for a league or two. A lot of us have wheelchair leagues set up already but if you do not and need help getting one started in your area, let us know. I bowl on several able-body leagues here in Colorado as well.

Every year, we have tournaments scheduled every other month if not more frequent, happening for you across our Nation. We seem to be having trouble getting members to attend these tournaments. Please check out those tournaments close to you, and do your best to attend as many as you can and encourage other members to join you. Our Tournament Directors cannot continue putting on these great tournaments without our attendance. It's a great opportunity to meet up with friends we haven't seen lately while enjoying the sport we all love! Come out and bowl with us!

The Las Vegas Tournament is the next one coming up in December! Make your reservations now so we can have a great showing this year. Vegas is always one of our more popular tournaments, so let's do our best to get there. Again, encourage your fellow bowlers to join you, and us, in Vegas!

Gary and the Nationals Team are working hard to get ready for another great National in Ft. Worth , Texas. Wayne will have the National Raffle Tickets ready soon. We need everyone to help get these tickets sold as quickly as possible by purchasing them or getting them sold. It takes work from all of us to keep the AWBA flowing smoothly.

Remember, the AWBA is your organization! The Board of Directors that you voted into office are here to listen and then act to make a difference!



VIVA LAS VEGAS

NOV 30 THRU DEC 3

Nevada PVA/AWBA Invitational at Sunset Station. Lots of fun for all.

See ya there!!!!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Hard to believe but the end of 2017 is quickly approaching. What a wonderful year this has been for the AWBA and its members. We continue to show growth with new members throughout the country and many of them have already attended their first tournament. We added this year the Great Plains Invitational and Dave Nelson and the PVA staff did a wonderful job with their first tournament. We also welcomed back the Mid America Invitational in Oklahoma. Rich Harrel and his staff did an excellent job of putting Oklahoma back on the schedule. We set a record this year at Nationals when Peter Arballo won the Scratch Division at the age of 79 not to mention Brooks Martin, a new member, winning the A Division. We welcomed two new members to the Board of Directors when you elected Shawn Beam and Jimmy May to the board. You also elected a new Chairperson this year selecting Eddy Hutchens. We wish Eddy and the new members all the best in performing their duties in the years to come. With a vacancy in the Vice Chair's position, the Board elected Kenneth Hill to serve out the one year term left by Eddy. The Board also elected Phillip Daniel to fill Kenneth Hill's spot on the Executive Committee for a one year term. There were many firsts in 2017 that will prove very beneficial to the AWBA in the years to come. We attended the USBC Convention in Las Vegas and met with the USBC with the purpose of securing a far reaching goal of unifying the two organizations. As a result of that meeting, we held a second follow up meeting with the USBC in Arlington to set attainable objectives and dates for specific areas for the USBC and AWBA to come together as one. In particular, the USBC will be setting dates for the 2019 US Open to host the AWBA for a weekend of competition do determine the USBC Open Wheelchair Champion. Once those dates are set, we will make an announcement so that you can make plans to attend and compete. While in Arlington, we redid the video that was lost some year ago and it should be release on the USBC and AWBA website very soon. We released our first Annual Report which can be view on our website and all sponsors received a hard copy of the report. Our AWBA Rankings were released this year as well and will be sent out after each tournament is completed. This will give each of you a target to shoot for in improving your game and ranking against other members. Thanks goes to Colby Kortum for taking on this task. We should extend our congratulations to George Holscher and Phillip Daniel for being install as new Hall of Fame members. Phillip continues to work in bringing in new members to the AWBA which is the life blood of this organization. Our National Sponsor list continues to grow with the addition of Sportaid. We are happy to have Stacy and her company on board. Our relationship with our National sponsors is in great shape. The National PVA and Storm Bowling continue to lead the way with Logo Infusion, ABC Medical, USBC and BPAA helping in many areas. We thank you for your support throughout the year. In closing, let me extend my thanks to each of you for being a part of this great organization. I am in my 10th year with the AWBA and love each and every moment in working for you to make sure that the Sport of Wheelchair Bowling moves forward. May each of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas Holiday and may 2018 grant you all your wishes. Treasure each moment in life as there are no guarantees about tomorrow.



I am very grateful to the 24 bowlers who competed in difficult lane conditions at Bowl America, Short Pump, VA. I especially want to acknowledge those who came from long distances (13 from 9 states) to support us.

On Friday after conclusion of the Doubles event which was won by Keith Green and Phillip Daniel defeating myself and Brooks Martin, we were honored to have a number of veterans from the VA Medical Center introduced to bowling through some open play and it was very well received. Additionally, we welcomed two novice bowlers into the mix to participate in the event as well.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter would like to thank everyone who participated and their families, for supporting this tournament. It was great to be able to bring in some novices in to participate, in hopes they will continue to be interested in bowling. Special thank you to Dave Roberts supporting, Jimmy May to make this a great tournament for the chapter. Finally, we include inpatients into all our programs but it especially nice to see all the bowlers take the time to make them feel comfortable and include them into the tournament. They had a great time.

Thanks to Storm Bowling, Logo Infusion, and the National PVA for their support of this tournament.

We hope that you will all make an effort to support this tournament again next year and by then I hope we have enlightened the management of the bowling center in making our conditions more favorable to all competitors.

The results are listed below along with some outstanding individual accomplishments. Again thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

FINAL STANDINGS

B DIVISION:

PLACE	EA	HCP	NAME	ST	SCR TTL	HCP TTL	END AVG	ADJ AV
1	81	116	DEBBIE MOULIES	FL	1108	2500	92	92
2	94	104	RICK RETTINGER	DE	1256	2504	104	104
3	111	89	KEITH GREEN	VA	1320	2388	110	110
4	106	93	RANDOLPH STONE	VA	1235	2351	102	102
5	106	93	LA DON CHAMBERS	VA	1223	2342	102	102
6	101	98	CHRIS BACON	VA	1112	2288	92	96
7	115	85	RON RICHARDSON	NC	1251	2271	104	110
8	119	81	JIM COFFEY	FL	1110	2082	92	114
9	128	73	JIMMY MAY	FL	1031	1907	85	123

A DIVISION:

1	163	42	AL UTTECHT	CA	1792	2296	149	158
2	144	59	TERRY ROCK	OH	1256	2360	137	139
3	156	48	JOHNNY BAYLARK	IL	1779	2355	148	153
4	166	39	KEITH SCOTT	VA	1879	2347	156	161
5	158	48	BROOKS MARTIN	WVA	1737	2289	144	153
6	140	63	PHILLIP DANIEL	TX	1508	2264	125	139
7	131	71	STEPHEN EDGAR	VA	1325	2177	110	126
8	159	45	JAMES CARVER	VA	1572	2112	131	154

SCRATCH DIVISION:

1	201	0	GEORGE HOLSCHER	VA	2003		166	196
2	193	0	MARK SHEPHERD	CO	2201		183	188
3	168	0	ROGER TEMPLAR	FL	1690		140	163
4	182	0	EDDY HUTCHENS	CO	1996		166	177
5	168	0	DAVE ROBERTS	FL	1733		144	163

NOVICE DIVISION:

1	NOV		RAYMOND KENNEY	FL	985		82	82
2	NOV		KATHY TILBURY	FL	925		77	77

HI HCP SERIES "A" AL UTTECHT / 654

HI HCP GAME "A" JOHNNY BAYLARK / 249

HI HCP SERIES "B" RICK RETTINGER / 657

HI HCP GAME "B" KEITH GREEN / 260

HI SCRATCH SERIES "S" MARK SHEPHERD / 684

HI SCRATCH GAME "S" TIE / G. HOLSCHER & EDDY HUTCHENS / 200

Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter hosted their 13th Annual Invitational again this year. Sponsored by PVA National and Performance Mobility Inc., it was once again hosted by King Pin Lanes, where it has been held for the last 12 years. The event was enjoyed by all.

17 bowlers participated in this years' event. As has been traditional for this event in the past, a new event was tried in a regional event. The 'Team Event', which is always held at National's, was tried and contested. It was contested in USBC format, meaning a team of three bowlers, bowling three games, the winners determined by bowling the top combined series.

Doubles was still contested, but also in USBC style, no roll-offs. Then, Singles was traditionally contested in the Scratch and Handicap divisions.

<u>Team Event</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Galloway, Sisolak and Stewart	1842	\$400
<u>Doubles</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Deloach/Hutchens	1224	\$400
<u>Up/Down</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Shepherd, Shepherd, Trimble, Cunico and Jonasen	3800	\$500

Perennial sponsor Haliburton, served up barbecue steak and all the trimmings for the Saturday afternoon that everyone has come to enjoy. The sponsor brought out their 18-wheeler barbecue rig to feed all the bowlers and the Up/Down participants as well. A big thanks to Storm Bowling, Logo Infusion, and ABC Medical for their support.

In Singles, in the Handicap Division, Rick Mahaney qualified 1st. In the roll-offs, Mike Galloway the 5th qualifier, bowled against 4th place qualifier, Dan Spotts. Spotts prevailed 212-113. Dan then bowled Colby Kortum, the 3rd Place qualifier, and lost to Colby 212 to 208. Kortum rolled on besting Greg Clough, the 2nd place qualifier, 186-178. Kortum didn't let up, defeating Mahaney in the final 233-223 to claim the 1st place spot. In the Scratch Division, the top qualifier was Shawn Beam. In the roll-offs, Curtis Wolf, the 5th place qualifier, challenged the 4th place qualifier Ed Hutchens losing to Hutchens 126-163. Hutchens then bowled Dalton the 3rd place qualifier, losing 172-160. Dalton also got on roll, like his friend Kortum. Dalton challenged Shepherd, the 2nd place qualifier, winning 191-178. Not to be defeated, Dalton then shot lights out, stringing 6 in a row and finishing with a 246-223 over Beam, to take top Scratch division honors. **Great Event and looking forward to next year. Let's have a crowd!!!!**

<u>Singles Handicap Division</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Colby Kortum	\$1200
Rick Mahaney	\$1000
Greg Clough	\$750
Dan Spotts	\$500
Mike Galloway	\$350

<u>Singles Scratch Division</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Doug Dalton	\$1200
Shawn Beam	\$1000
Mark Shepherd	\$ 750
Ed Hutchens	\$ 500
Curtis Wolf	\$ 350

<u>High Handicap Series</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Rick Mahaney	728	\$75
<u>High Handicap Game</u>		
Rick Mahaney	272	\$75
<u>High Scratch Series</u>		
Shawn Beam	631	\$75
<u>High Scratch Game</u>		
Doug Dalton	258	\$75



“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

JANUARY THRU September, 2017

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Shawn Beam	214,235	270			631		719
Paul Cook			503				
Doug Dalton		258					
Rich Gabory			518				
Kenneth Hill	204			560			
Eddy Hutchens	245,226,212,,216				625		
Ron Johnson			509				
JK Johnston	201						
Dave Roberts	202		505				
Gary Ryan	208,213		526,509,,516	577			
Roger Templar	211		544,513,510,505				

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

Millie Irizarry 4,7,10 Split Gary Ryan 4-7-10 Split Wayne Webber All Spare Game

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 2017 thru March 31, 2018 and must be reported by the 1st of April, 2018.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!

For those members that pay their dues on an annual basis and have not paid, please do so now. Your check for \$25 should be payable and mailed to the following:

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2017 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR
Nov 30-Dec 3	Las Vegas Invitational Sunset Station	Julie Johnson, 702-646-0040

2018 AWBA Tournament Schedule

Feb 23-25	Florida State Championship Pin Seekers	Wayne Webber, 727-460-4887
April 12-15	MidAmerica Invitational Fire Lake	Rich Harrell, 405-997-8319
May 3-6	PVA/AWBA Midwestern Int. TBD	Robert Arciola, 708-947-9790
June 5-9	AWBA National Championship City View Lanes	Gary Ryan, 713-444-7588



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The Innovation Process

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.

It has been quite an exciting year for us at Storm! Tournaments have been won with Storm equipment in every level of our sport, ranging from the top professional to beginning amateur and everywhere in-between.

I often get asked, "How do you guys design a bowling ball?" There are numerous steps involved in developing a new ball, and in this article we will discuss how we at Storm take an idea and make it a reality! To illustrate this process, let us take a look at what transpired in the making of our very popular IQ Tour.

The first item we look at in developing a ball is the amount of flare potential we shooting for. More flare equals more hook. Consider the fact that bowlers will be able to cover more boards on higher scoring conditions and shorter oil patterns, ones less than 33 feet. This is an important concept! When the oil pattern is very long, people often try to go with a lot of flare to make the ball hook on oil. This usually results in an over-under reaction that leaves the bowler scratching his/her head.

This very issue was important in considering how we constructed the IQ Tour. It is a very unique ball in the fact that this ball has a low RG, or radius of gyration, and a low differential, or flare potential. Consider RG to be a 'length potential' and differential to be 'hook potential.' Remember this rule of thumb and you will always know how a weight block is designed to perform! Looking back to the conception of the IQ Tour, we felt we needed a ball that rolled heavy and early for today's slicker oils and matched-up on tougher oil patterns which require a more direct line to the pocket.

We at Storm have always had a wide variety of equipment available. With the IQ Tour, though, we broke new ground in that most balls with low differential have a high RG, which produces more length. This has been widely seen in the conventional 3-piece, or 'pancake,' designs over the years, but these types of cores are typically seen only on the lower-end equipment like the Mix balls or Ice Storm.

Now that we have decided on specific weight block performance, the next step is to select the coverstock. Our options are as follows: particle or reactive, mild or aggressive, and pearlized or solid. For the IQ Tour, we selected a solid aggressive reactive shell. We knew we wanted to control the backends, so we immediately eliminated a pearl cover. In deciding whether to use particle, we looked at how much hook we wanted to get in the heads/midlane. Being that we were looking for a more direct line to the pocket, we opted to select straight reactive shell material. And lastly, we need to choose either a mild blend of coverstock material or an aggressive one. How responsive do we want the IQ Tour? With this question being the most difficult of the three, we felt best to sample both versions!

Testing equipment on the lanes with real bowlers is the best way to develop great equipment. This commitment to 'hands-on' R&D is what helps Storm produce the best possible bowling ball each and every time! After testing both versions of the IQ Tour on a variety of lane surfaces and conditions, we selected the more aggressive shell for it's slightly better performance across the board. It appeared to 'match-up' better to this new weight block design. While looking to control the backend with the low differential, optimum pin carry and entry angle was achieved with the more responsive shell material.

The finishing touch was to determine the proper surface preparation. With the low RG design for heavier oil, we opted for a 4000-grit matte surface for medium traction. Remember though that you can adjust the surface at any time to better match your style and lane conditions!



NEW SHIRT DESIGN BY LOGO INFUSION, THE AWBA'S CHOICE FOR THE BEST BOWLING APPAREL.

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New Life Members

Dave McGinnes-Florida

Rick Rettinger-Delaware

New Members

Randolph Stone-Virginia

Raymond Kenney-Florida

Kathy Tilbury-Florida

Angela Walker

Brandon Buford-Arkansas

Welcome to all of you. You have joined an organization that will bring great joy, new friends, strong competition, and a fighter for the sport of wheelchair bowling at all levels. WE are glad you are with us. See you on the lanes!!!!!!



AWBA SUPPORTS THE BALLARD VS BIG C CHARITY EVENT

Members of the AWBA supported the Carolyn Ballard Charity event benefiting Cancer in Dallas last month. This is an annual event and our third time to put a team together for this great event. As you know, Carolyn and Del are big supporters of the AWBA in all that we do throughout the year. Picture left to right is Kenney Mumford, Eric Sanchez, Smiley Wallace, Gary Ryan, and Stephen Smith. For those that aren't aware, Del Ballard had a bout with Cancer years ago and is doing well. The event was full and a great deal of money was raised. Great work Carolyn and thanks for all you do for the sport of wheelchair bowling.