



## **THE ELEVENTH FRAME**

**THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION**  
**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER , January, 2018**  
The governing body of wheelchair bowling with the USBC  
**AWBA.org**



From Our Chairman, Eddy Hutchens,

Hello AWBA Members,

Happy New Year!!!!

Welcome AWBA Members to 2018. I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Let us make this an awesome year for your American Wheelchair Bowling Association.

It was a great 2017 and I am looking forward to many new and exciting things for us in the New Year.

Sponsors of our tournaments are the primary financial supporters of our Wheelchair Tournaments. Your Board of Directors has met with most, if not all of our Sponsors to try to insure the relationships to continue for many years to come. We are always looking for new ways to strengthen the AWBA, so please share your thoughts and ideas with us if you know of other companies that could partner with us to strengthen the AWBA.

Mark, Gary and I had a successful meeting in 2017 with the USBC to find the best way to introduce a Wheelchair Division into the National Championships each year. The USBC was very receptive and is in the process of working with us on this. Gary Ryan, Shawn Beam and their staff are working hard to ensure another awesome National Championship in Fort Worth. We need to get the National Raffle Tickets sold as soon as possible.

Wayne has given each of the Board Members the tickets to sell. Thank you for that Wayne: you are 'the Man.' Please help us to get them sold as quickly as possible by either buying them or helping to sell them. Just ask a Board Member for the tickets you can sell. We understand it is tough to sell them months before the Tournament but please start working on getting them sold now. A great National Tournament depends on the money those tickets generate. It is a win/win for everyone: 3 top-dollar awards will be won by someone, so increase your chances by buying multiple tickets.

One last thing I would like to touch on, PLEASE come to as many of the Tournaments as you can. Encourage others to come with you as well. Our attendance at these events was lower last year. I am planning to make all but one tournament this year and would love to see you there as well. Come out and show your skills, mingle with your friends and compete to win. Colby is keeping the Rankings up-to-date after each tournament. Keep track of your progress and see where you rank in your division.

Happy New Year to one and all! Let's make it a great year for your American Wheelchair Bowling Association. Please come to me or one of our other Board Members with your thoughts.

### **FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

There is no better place to be in February than Tampa, Florida!!!! The Florida State Championship is right around the corner and Wayne and his committee are making things ready to welcome all of us to Florida. This is one of the oldest events we have and always starts off the year. So, lets all make plans to attend this great event. Good friends, great weather, wonderful food, and a great bowling center. So, fill out the entry form contained in this newsletter or go on line and enter electronically. This have a great time in Florida. See ya there!!!!!!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Happy New Year to all. 2018 will be another great year for the AWBA and the sport of wheelchair bowling. As we move into the new year, let's all make a commitment to do all we can to improve our organization, put petty differences aside, work to bring the sport of wheelchair bowling to all parts of our country, and dedicate a part of your year to volunteer to serve on a committee where you feel you can make a difference. Let me give you an overview of the most recently held board of directors meeting in Las Vegas. First, we had a very productive meeting with the World Bowling Federation. Kevin Dornberger, CEO, along with Danny Santos, were kind enough to join myself along with Eddy Hutchens and Mark Shepherd, to discuss the AWBA and its role in International bowling. There were some very positive ideas shared between those attending and we believe this is a step to place the AWBA on the World stage. We will keep you posted as progress is made. We also met with Ken Keegan, President of Logo Infusion. This meeting as well was well received by all that attended and our agreement with Logo Infusion was renewed for another year. Your Board has made few changes to how tournaments will be managed in the upcoming year. First, the board temporarily suspended the use of the "AWBA Tournament Average" in determining entering averages at a tournament. For the foreseeable future entering averages will be assigned using either your most current League Average or your USBC Book average, whichever is higher. It was the feeling of the board that by using current information will give each tournament director a better and more accurate picture of a true average. The board also changed the manner in which the divisions were determined. For the foreseeable future, all bowlers with a 135 average or lower, will be placed in the "B" Division. All those above that do not elect to bowl Scratch, will be placed in the "A" Division. The Board also changed the number of games required to establish an average to participate in an AWBA Tournament. Previously, the number of games was 21. That has now been adjusted to 12 games which is how most leagues establish averages for their bowlers. It is hoped by making this change will allow more of our newer members to attend a tournament in a quicker fashion. The board voted to adopt the "Roberts Scoring System" which is a system developed by Dave Roberts that has been used at many tournaments with great success. We will recommend and support to all Tournament Directors the use of this system. The board also reestablished the AWBA Auxiliary to assist where needed, in the operations of the AWBA and Tournament Directors around the country. The Auxiliary will function as a committee under the direction of the Board of Directors. In 2018, we will continue to attend various Ability Expos around the country as well as the USBC Convention. These expos have proven to be an excellent place to put the name of the AWBA in front of thousands of people and has led to a number of new members. We will continue to work to build the financial security of the AWBA by securing new sponsors along with working with all current sponsors to promote their products and services. Finally, the 2018 AWBA Nationals in Ft. Worth are just around the corner. This year, the Schedule of Events has been changed with the event starting on Wednesday. By doing this, it will save you one or two nights of Hotel cost and provide a fun filled event. Entry forms along with schedules, payouts, hotel info will go out within the next few weeks. So, off we go into a new year filled with exciting and rewarding happenings. Will see you on the Lanes.



45 AWBA Bowlers from around the country gathered at Sunset Station at the Strike Zone for the 2017 Las Vegas Invitational and a great time was had by all. Many of our bowlers or their wives had good luck at the tables as well, so most went away from Las Vegas with a little additional money in their pocket. Opening Ceremony's was held on Thursday and was followed by the opening two sets of Singles. While the lanes were challenging, which they always are in Vegas, they were more than fair to all. On Friday the Doubles took place and in the end, James Gilbank and George Holscher were the winners. Friday night the Up/Down was held and it was well attended. Our bowlers along with the general public were honored to have a number of Storm Bowling's top Professional Bowlers along with the top Storm coach's attend the event. They were kind enough to sign autographs and meet with most all the bowlers that attended. Thanks to Gary Hulsenberg for making this happen. The winner was Stephen Smith and his team. It was a great night for both the AWBA and the Nevada PVA. Saturday and Sunday featured the final 3 sets of Singles along with the roll off. In the "B" Division, new AWBA member Bill Burns outlasted Tim Crowley, 224-216. Bill then took on David Nelson with David winning the match 223-199. David then moved on to take on Grant Buehler with Grant winning, 219-181. Grant then bowled the top qualifier, Toddie Perry. It was a great match with Grant outlasting Toddie for the championship. In the "A" Division, Andy Bernt took on James Gilbank with Andy prevailing. Andy then faced Al Uttecht with Al winning out. Al then faced Henry Walters with Al moving on into the Championship match against top qualifier Jim Rice. Al showed once again what he is made of winning his second consecutive "A" division Championship 215-209. In the Scratch Division, Eddy Hutchens took on National Champion Peter Arballo with Eddy coming out victorious, 192-181. Eddy then took on "Mr. 300" Shawn Beam. After 10 frames they were tied and moved into a 2 frame roll off with Shawn moving on. Shawn then faced Mark Shepherd with Mark winning 195-159 moving Mark to the Championship round to face top qualifier George Holscher. George out bowled Mark winning the Scratch Division, 192-142.

Other bowlers that attended were Johnnie Baylark, Paul Cook, Walt Roy, Van Schneider, Gary Ryan, Kevin Schaefer, Jimmy May, Wayne Webber, Dan Spotts, David Spotts, Gary Poole, Mike DeLoach, Phillip Daniel, Terry Stewart, Lee Curtis, Lester Wood, Allen Neu, Marc Fenn, Dan Formento, Lawrence Brown, Debra Freed, Keith Green, Chuck Karczewski, and Domonic Cirino.

We would like to extend our thanks to the staff at Strike Zone and the Nevada PVA staff for doing a great job of handling the tournament. We also want to express our thanks to Storm Bowling, ABC Medical, Logo Infusion, USBC, BPAA and Sport Aid for the great support of the sport of wheelchair bowling. Finally, to Julie Johnson, TD, for doing a great job in managing this event. A great deal of work goes into this event and Julie did a great job. Finally, to the City of Las Vegas and those that came and bowled with us. We enjoy having you each and every year. So, until next year, Merry Christmas and all the best in the new year.



**Paralyzed Veterans  
of America**  
Florida Gulf Coast Chapter

**54<sup>th</sup> Florida State  
Wheelchair bowling Tournament  
Pin Chasers – Tampa, FL  
February 23-25, 2018**

**Entry - Closing Date ` February 16, 2018 A & B DIVISIONS ONLY**

**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: \$110.00**

Doubles \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ 30.00**

Total **\$140.00**

**Doubles Partner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Shirt Size** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**NOVICE DIVISION FOR PERSONS WITH NO LEAGUE AVERAGE YOU'LL BOWL SCRATCH**

**\$40.00 LINEAGE FOR 12 GAMES & TROPHYS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE WINNERS**

**V.A. IN PATENTS ONE DAY 6 GAMES TROPHYS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE FRIDAY**

**Average Verification: Your current League average will be used; you'll be required to send in your league sheet.** In all cases where the League average is higher than USBC year ending average, the League 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply: (X) \_\_\_ Power Chair \_\_\_ Manual Chair \_\_\_ Para \_\_\_ Quad \_\_\_ Stick User





**“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”**

**December, 2017 thru June, 2018**

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Andy Bernt	221			598			
Phillip Daniel			517				
Eddy Hutchens	214,236				628		

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

Chuck Karczewski 4,7,10 Split      Grant Buehler 6-7-10 Split      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!!!!!!**

**There are still a number of our annual members that have not paid their dues that were due in August. Please check to see if you might be one of those. Your dues go to offset the expenses of the AWBA which includes supporting some of our tournaments around the country. So, please send in your dues to:**

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

**REMEMORANCES**

Judy Mosher, longtime AWBA member and the only woman to win a National Championship in 2008, returned to her maker in December. Judy was also a member of the BOD of the AWBA. Well liked by many and a leader in her field. May she rest in piece with her maker. Our thoughts are with her family.

Kathy Schaefer, the wife of Kevin Schaefer, past away just before Christmas. Many of us will remember her smiling face when she attended a tournament. She had suffered for quite some time and is now at rest with her maker. Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to Kevin and the family in this very difficult time.

**2018 AWBA Tournament Schedule**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>BOWLING CENTER</u>	<u>T'MNT DIRECTOR</u>
<b>Feb 23-25</b>	<b>Florida State Championship</b>	<b>Pin Seekers</b>
<b>Wayne Webber, 727-460-4887</b>		
<b>April 12-15</b>	<b>MidAmerica Invitational</b>	<b>Fire Lake</b>
<b>Rich Harrell, 405-997-8319</b>		
<b>May 3-6</b>	<b>PVA/AWBA Midwestern Int.</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Robert Arciola, 708-947-9790</b>		
<b>June 5-9</b>	<b>AWBA National Championship</b>	<b>City View Lanes</b>
<b>Gary Ryan, 713-444-7588</b>		
<b>July 12-15</b>	<b>Great Plains Invitational</b>	<b>Thunderbowl</b>
<b>David Nelson-402-208-4841</b>		



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**PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE ABOVE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS**

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

The AWBA belongs to you!!!! Your Board works very hard all year to make sure that things are run for the benefit of our members. However, are we meeting your needs and desires as a member?? We don't know!!! So, this is your opportunity to voice your thoughts and opinions. We want to hear from you so please take a minute and answer these questions as to your feelings and what we as a board can do to improve the AWBA.

1. What is the one thing you would like to see more of??
2. What is the one thing you would like to see changed?
3. What is the primary reason you attend Tournaments?
4. Is the prize money offered at tournaments an important factor to you at Tournament?
5. What would you like to see more of that would increase your attendance at tournaments?
6. What can the AWBA do for you as a member?
7. Do you support the AWBA pursuing support for the Para Olympic Games?
8. What would you like to see more of at the AWBA National Championship?
9. What would you like to see less of at the AWBA National Championship?
10. Please add any personal commit you would like to us to consider.

Again, please take the time to reply. You can either respond to [garyryan210@gmail.com](mailto:garyryan210@gmail.com) or return your comments and suggestions to:

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16006 Congo Lane  
Houston, Texas 77040

Take a few minutes. Remember, as board members, we are only stewards of the organization. This belongs to you.



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



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*New Life Members*

**James Tipton-Florida**

**Mike Delgado-Texas**

*New Members*

**Bill Burns-Nevada**

**Dan Formento-Florida**

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!!!!!!



**STORM Bowling PROS AND STAFF JOIN US IN VEGAS**

Gary Hulsenberg was kind enough to have a number of Storm's top men and women pro's join us at the Las Vegas Invitational along with Storm's Top Coaching staff. They spent time meeting a number of our members along with others bowling in the Up/Down on Friday night. We were also joined by Ken Keegan, President of Logo Infusion, one of our great National Sponsors. These two companies continue to bring great support to the sport of wheelchair bowling as well as bowling in general. The AWBA would like to extend our thanks to those pros and staffers that gave of their time to come out and spend some quality time with the AWBA bowlers and general public. Bowl Storm!!!!!!



**THE BEST BALLS IN BOWLING**

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