



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
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The governing body of wheelchair bowling with the USBC
AWBA.org



From Our Chairman, Eddy Hutchens,

Good Morning! Good Afternoon! And Good Evening AWBA!!!

We all know what spring means: BOWLING TOURNAMENTS. Woohoo!
Bowling---Got to have it!!

Wayne put on the Florida State Championship in February and had a great turnout. Thank you to all of the Bowlers that made it to Florida and Congratulations to the winners there. Let's make it a priority to attend as many tournaments as possible as these Tournament Directors cannot continue to put them on for us without participants.

With the AWBA National Tournament quickly coming in June, we can use these next two tournaments in Oklahoma and Illinois to ready ourselves. This will be the first annual tournament in Chicago. Remember, practice makes permanent.

The AWBA has a lot going on right now and lots of great things ahead for us. Our most exciting conquest is the inclusion of our own Wheelchair division in the USBC Open starting in 2019. In addition, we are working to contact other countries to try and get the International Ten Pin Association off the ground. We already know there are many Asian Countries already competing with each other. I would love to see us competing with them sooner than later.

All of your AWBA Board of Directors have the Raffle Tickets available for purchase, so make sure you get yours as there are only 400 total. Buy some and or help the BOD's to sell them so we can be sure to get ALL of the tickets sold this year. This money helps to insure we have a great National Tournament. I will be attending most if not all of the tournaments for the remainder of the year. I would love to see you at them as well. LET'S BOWL!

Remember, I am always available and wanting to hear your thoughts to better the AWBA. Please call me or shoot me an email anytime

1st Chicago Invitational

The AWBA is moving towards another mid west location going to Chicago in May. The local Vaughan PVA chapter is hosting its first bowling tournament. They are excited about the opportunity of welcoming many of the AWBA bowlers to this event. So, the Chicago area is a wonderful place to be in early May as spring has truly sprung in the area at that time of year. Lets make plans to show support for this event and welcome them to the AWBA/PVA bowling trail. It will be a great event!!!! For all the info, go to www.awba.org for entry forms and all other related material.



Gary Ryan, Secretary

What a beautiful time of year. Spring brings so much color, fresh air, and warmer temperatures after a long winter. I hope all of you had a blessed Easter holiday. Mine was very special as my middle daughter, Lori, got engaged to a fine young man. Now that the first quarter is in the books, it is time to focus on the tournaments that will take place in the next few months. The AWBA board had a busy first quarter renewing our sponsorship agreements with both Storm, ABC Medical, and Logo Infusion. We also revisited a few decisions that were made at the Winter board meeting involving how tournaments were conducted. One was the AWBA Tournament Average which the board removed in December. We also took a look at how the divisions are laid out. We used the Florida State Championships as a test to see how the rule changes would effect the event. We received a report from Wayne Webber, TD for Florida, and the board decided to return to the Tournament Average method of establishing an entering average. It continues to be a problem of having our members present their League sheets for consideration hence the decision of the board. We also went back to dividing those entering a tournament in the handicap division by 2 establishing an equal number of bowlers in each division. We will continue to look at both these issues to insure that everyone is being treated equally. I will be working on our 2nd Annual Report and should be out by the end of April. Our membership continues to grow with many new Life members as well as Annual Members. Johnnie Baylark is doing an excellent job as the membership chair. Remember for those Annual members, you can become a Life Member and receive a free bowling ball from Storm. So, give it some thought. We are now in contact with a few foreign countries regarding their bowling program. We are hopeful this will bring positive results as we continue to promote the sport of wheelchair bowling around the world. I want to take this opportunity to thank a few individuals that have served on the National Tournament Committee for the last 4 years. Phillip Daniel has been a huge help both financially as well as bringing in a number of new members that are now traveling around the country bowling in tournament. Smiley Wallace is the man that has provided the lunches for all the bowlers at Nationals while at the same time fighting Cancer. Stephen Smith has been handling the volunteers, special projects, and sponsorships while at the same time bringing in a number of new members. Shawn Beam has been handling the Up/Down as well as all the scoring for the entire event. And Candice Lee, Shawn's mom, has been involved with volunteers as well as handling the raffle, silent auction, and Lady's Day out. Without this team of dedicated individuals, putting on a Nationals would not have been possible. When you see them just let them know you appreciate what they have done. The 57th National will top the last two without question. We will have 5 Storm Ambassadors with us for the Up/Down, the Wednesday night Social you will have a full meal with no charge but its BYOB other than beer. We will have great entertainment that night as well. We have reduced the number of days to 4 keeping the cost of the event under control, and the Silent Auction will be something you have never seen before. So make plans now to attend. In order to received your National jersey, you must register by May 1 with no payment due til May 20. We have already had a number register. So, come join us for the 57th. And we are looking for a bid for the 2019 Nationals which must be to me by May 1st. Until the next issue, remember, the AWBA is yours, be a part of it. WE need you!!!!



58TH FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WAYNE WEBBER, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

We started out with 25 bowlers with 3 having to withdraw due to health reasons. This was a great improvement over previous year and we thank all the bowlers that came from far and wide to bowl and enjoy the event.

The Doubles began on Friday with 10 teams competing for the Ronnie Ritcherson Trophy. In the end, Brooks Martin and new AWBA member James Tipton won. Congratulations to both.

Singles started on Saturday and the shot was tough, but as they say, "We all have the same shot". In the "A" Division, Rich Gabory defeated Henry Walters. Rich then took on Dave Roberts with Roberts prevailing. Dave took on challenger and long time friend and Tournament Director, Wayne Webber. Dave showed no mercy defeating Wayne, 222-197. Dave then took on Ron Johnson with Ron coming out as the winner of the "A" Division.

In the "B" Division, Millie Irizarry took on Jim Coffey and after 10 frames there was a tie. Millie won the tie breaker then facing James Tipton with James winning out. James then took on David McGinnes with James once again the winner. James then took on Ryan Miller, new member, with Miller winning by a slim margin of 4 pins. Ryan then took on top qualifier Debra Moulies with Debra winning the "B" Division championship by 3 pins. Congratulations to all that attend.

There was some great bowling by many with a number of 500 series being recorded: 500 series were recorded, D. Roberts 545, 539, R. Johnson 514, 503, B. Martin 547, C. Wolff 517, H. Walters 510.

High games of 200 are A. Bernt 201, R Johnson 205, D. Roberts 209, H. Walters 201.

We want to extend our thanks to the National PVA and Storm for their sponsorship of this event. We appreciate the bowling center for some difficult but fair conditions and again thanks for all of those that traveled to Tampa this year. See you all next year!!!!

Wayne Webber TD





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“STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS”

December, 2017 thru June, 2018

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Andy Bernt	201,221			598			
Phillip Daniel			512, 517, 537				
Kenneth Hill	208,213		575				
Eddy Hutchens	214,236				628		
Ron Johnson	205		515,503				
Brooks Martin			547				
Dave Roberts	209		545,539				
Henry Walters	201		510				
Curt Wolff		253	517				

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



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2018 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR	
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
July 12-15	Great Plains Invitational	Thunderbowl	David Nelson-402-208-4841
August	MSCPVA Invitational	King Pin Lanes	Mark Shepherd 719-210-5733
Sept 20-22	Mid Atlantic Invitational	Bowl America	Jimmy May, 804-794-7447





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57TH AWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 6th thru June 9th

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	\$135.00	_____
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	_____

Please Print:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

CHECK DIVISION ENTERING: SCRATCH _____ HANDICAP _____

AVERAGE VERIFICATION: Entering Average will be the highest average of either your AWBA Tournament Average or your USBC book average using bowl.com.

Highest 2017 USBC Sanctioned League Average _____ # Games _____
Highest Summer League 2017 Sanctioned League Ave: _____ # Games _____
Senior (65+) _____
(BIRTHDAY OR N/A)

Please pay all fees with one check made payable to: 57th 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.

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN, PLEASE TAKE TIME FOR RESPOND!!

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 or return your comments and suggestions to:

Gary Ryan
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.



AWBA/LOGO INFUSION RENEW THEIR AGREEMENT

Eddy Hutchens, Chairman of the AWBA, announced that the agreement between the AWBA and Logo Infusion has been renewed on a 3 year term. There were many enhancement to the contract one of which is a 25% discount on ALL Logo Infusion products. This will allow our members to purchase quality jerseys, etc. at a substantially reduce cost. In addition, this agreement increased Logo Infusion's sponsorship financially to our National Championships. Currently Logo Infusion is working on the development of an ordering arrangement so that you will be readily identified when you log on to their website. This will automatically identify you as an AWBA member giving you all the discounts that are available when ordering products. "We are fortunate to have an arrangement with a stare of the art company such as Logo Infusion" stated Eddy. " We look forward to a long relationship with them benefiting our members as well as Logo Infusion". Currently Logo Infusion provides special jerseys for those that win Regional events and a very special jersey for those that win our National Championship. We thank Ken Keegan, Executive Director of Logo Infusion, for his support and dedication to the sport of wheelchair bowling. Additional jersey styles will be offered in the near future.

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New Life Members

Dan Formento-Florida

Mark Liguist

Randy Squire

David McGinnis

Larry Chrislip

James Tipton

Michael Delgado

New Members

Bill Burns-Nevada

Robert Arciola

Richard Armstrong

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 WE are glad you are of wheelchair all levels.



AWBA MEMBERS APPOINTED AS STORM AMBASSADORS

Eddy Hutchens and Kenneth Hill have been appointed by Storm Bowling as Ambassadors for the sport of bowling and Storm. They work closely with Gary Hulsenberg, Director of Business Development, in a number of areas involving Storm and Storm products and initiatives. We are honor to have them in a position where their efforts will further advance not only the sport of wheelchair bowling, but the branding of the AWBA around the country. Thanks to both of you and to Storm for all you do for the AWBA.



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