

THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER , July, 2018
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From Our AWBA Chairperson, Eddy Hutchens,

Summer is off to a great start. We have had multiple tournaments so far and many more to come. Florida, Oklahoma as well as Illinois have put on awesome tournaments and we thank them for that. This was the first year for the Illinois PVA to hold their Tournament and I have to say, it was impressive. Nationals was as great as expected. Gary and his committee put on the best tournament yet and have committed to holding 2019's National Tournament as well. If you have interest in hosting the 2020 National Tournament, please get in touch with Gary or myself. We head to Council Bluffs this week for the Omaha Tournament. I am sure it will be finished by the time this newsletter is published. 2017 was their first Tournament and it was AWESOME. Dave Nelson and the Great Plains PVA Chapter are expecting 38+bowlers this year which is excellent.

For the first time in the history of the AWBA, we will have our own Wheelchair Division within the USBC National Tournament. It is time that we all start pushing and planning on attending the USBC Nationals for next year. We will still hold our own National Tournament but this is extra for us. We need to have as many of our bowlers show up for this as possible so we can continue to be a division at the USBC Nationals.

There will be two ways to bowl in the USBC Nationals:

There will be a "Celebration" Weekend in which we get the majority of us there to compete in and against each other.

If you cannot make the "Celebration" Weekend, you just book it like we have always done, except you will check the Wheelchair division. You will then be added to all the scores from the "Celebration" Weekend scores and a champion will be crowned. Lots more to come on this from Gary as soon as possible.

The AWBA Board of Directors wishes to express a sincere "Thank You" to our friend, Mark Shepherd, for his dedicated and conscientious service as a Director and Treasurer of our Organization. As of June, 2018, Mark no longer serves as Treasurer, and is redirecting his focus on a new career path in which we wish him the very best. Mark remains a director of the AWBA and considering his years of experience and service with the USOC as well as his own personal international competition, is regarded as a very valuable resource to be utilized in AWBA's continual effort to initiate international competition. Toward that end, we have extended an invitation to Mark to head up that committee as our International Ambassador. We are in hopes that Mark will continue to take on this task with us.

Curt Wolff was voted in as our new Treasurer of the AWBA by your Board of Directors. Thank you, Curt, for taking on the position. We all know you will be an asset to our Board. In addition, John Budd has been named as the AWBA's first Chaplain. We know he will bring great things to our membership.

The future is looking great for the AWBA! Let's continue to work together to better the Organization. A special thanks to our Board of Directors, as we have spent many of hours on conference calls during our personal time as well as the meetings we have in person at our tournaments. We have a great Board of Directors with many personalities and this gives us many visions for the AWBA's future. Remember to bring your thoughts to one of us to be put in front of the board



Gary Ryan, Secretary

The first half of the year is now behind us and what a 6 months it was. The year started in Florida where we had good attendance with bowlers from all over the country. Best showing in a number of years. Then we went to Oklahoma where the winds blew and again a great turnout for a well run event. In May, the 1st Chicagoland tournament was held and for the first year, the turnout was good and the event was well run. Then off to the 57th AWBA National Championships where we welcomed over 60 bowlers in a fun filled week of meeting new people, renewing old friendships, and some great bowling. What a great 6 months!!!! Your board worked hard as well finalizing the plans for the USBC Open Championships next year, continuing to improve the manner in which tournaments are run by helping Tournament Directors, and putting in place the newly directed AWBA Hall of Fame. The board's first inductee into the Hall of Fame was Peter Arballo. In addition to Peter, Mark Shepherd was voted in as a new member of the Hall of Fame. Mark could not attend this years National due to some physical issues however, will be inducted at next years National. Well deserved recognition for two men that have done much for adaptive sports for many years. Congratulations Peter and Mark!!! The HOF committee is now working to put in place a timeline to insure that you, our members, will fully understand when nominations are due and what the nomination will consist of. Those guidelines will be published soon. Our membership continues to grow with many new Life Members as well as Annual dues paying member. Great job Johnny serving in the capacity of Membership Chairman. The board made a change in the refund policy regarding tournaments. Simply put, if a person withdraws from a tournament after the deadline passes, there will be NO refund of payment unless the withdrawal is due to a physical or family issue. In those cases, the tournament director will make the final decision. In hosting a tournament there are upfront cost based on the number attending, etc. We are confident that the director will make a fair decision based on the circumstances. The board also remove the use of league sheets to determine an entering average. The exception will be a new bowler bowling his or her first tournament. We will continue to watch the tournament averages and how they are truly reflecting the accurate averages. Therefore, only AWBA Tournament averages or USBC book averages will be used. The board elected a new Treasurer, Curt Wolff. Mark Shepherd is moving on to new adventures in his personal life which I know will be exciting for Mark and we wish him all the best. He will hopefully serve as our International Liaison on the board. He has a lot of experience in that area which we desperately need for future growth and development. Curt is more than qualified to serve as our Treasure and we welcome him to the board. So, with 5 months ahead, things are looking great. We are all off to Colorado for the 14th MSCPVA/AWBA Invitational, then we go to Virginia where Jimmy May does a great job of hosting and close the year in Las Vegas at Sunset Station. We are looking forward to great turnouts and good bowling. Elections will also happen in the 3rd Quarter, so if you are interested in running for the Board, please contact Wayne Webber. Don't be shy, we need good people!! Finally sorry for the delay in releasing the newsletter. My gallbladder decided it want out and took me down for a while. Now, lets get together to grow this great organization. Your organization needs you to promote who we are and what we are about.

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.AWBA bowlers and their families gathered in Ft. Worth, Texas to participate in the 57th AWBA National Championships held at Cityview Lanes. Bowlers came from all 4 corners of the United States to compete, renew friendships, develop new ones and all left with a feeling of accomplishment and great satisfaction. The week began with the Board of Directors meeting where your board spent most of the day reviewing proposals and putting in place rule changes that will make the organization better.

Bowling competition got started on Wednesday with the Nelson Welker Doubles Championship. With 26 teams competing, the bowling was outstanding. In the end, Jim Rice (NV) and Shawn Beam (TX) won the title with a pin count of 1290. Kevin Schaefer (CA) and John Budd (IN) came in second. Wednesday afternoon the Pfister/Ramus Team Championship was held where 16 team competed. The Texas Team of Stephen Smith, Mike Delgado, and Eric Sanchez ran away from the field with a total pin count of 1951. Closing out the day was the Al Uttecht Tournament of Champions where we had 12 past Singles Champions compete. In the Handicap Division, Wayne Webber (FL) won and in the Scratch Division, George Holscher (VA) won. It was enjoyable to watch the previous champions compete against one another. Wednesday night we held the social at Homewood Suites where we enjoyed music provide by Byron Haynie as he returned to entertain us with some great country music. The Mexican Fiesta was enjoyed by all that attended.

Thursday we were honor to have with us Anna Benton that sang the National Anthem. Then the AWBA bowlers took to the lanes to begin singles competition. The first two sets were a challenge as the lanes were difficult for some to read and adjust to. With 13 new members of the AWBA competing this year, it was enjoyable to watch as they overcame nerves and the competition itself. The house shot we faced for 4 days was a reverse block and gave some a great deal of trouble however many great scores were bowled by all divisions. Friday saw the continuing of Singles competition with the 3rd and 4th sets. Friday night the up/down was a huge success as we filled the house and were join by the Storm Ambassadors as well as 10 members from the USBC. The Up/Down was won by Andy Bernt's team with second place going to John Budd. It was a fun filled night with lots of people having a wonderful time.

Saturday saw the final set of Singles competition being conducted and the pin count in all divisions was very close. In the "B" Division roll off, Rick Mahaney defeat a new bowler, Danial Connelly, 237-200. Mahaney then moved on to defeat Bryan Shaner, 232-204. Rick then took on new member James Tipton, losing to Tip, 236-209. Tipton then took on new member and handle ball bowler, Glenn Davis. After 10 frames, they were tied and moved into a roll off where Davis won and was crowned the new "B' Division National Champ. In the "A" Division, Andy Bernt took on Tom Richey in his first National with Bernt winning, 193-175. Bernt then took on John Budd and defeated Budd, 205-200. Bernt then took on Brooks Martin, the 2017 Champ and Brooks outlasted Andy, 242-215 to advance to take on top qualifier Gary Ryan. Martin handle Ryan with ease, scoring a 235-169 victory and claiming his second consecutive National Title. Finally, in the Scratch Division, Peter Arballo, 2017 Scratch Champion took on Eddy Hutchens with Eddy outlasting Peter, 170-168. Eddy then took on Curt Wolff, a Ikan ramp bowler with Curt beating Eddy, 203-189. Curt then bowled George Holscher and George moved on, 194-169. George then took on top qualifier Shawn Beam, Mr. 300 against Mr. 300 #2! George out bowled Shawn winning his second National Scratch Title, 171-151. Saturday evening, we held the Awards Banquet at Billy Bob's where we had a great meal and wonderful time with friends.

On the individual awards, Jennifer Hooten won the Alma Ludwig Award, Gary Ryan won the Senior Championship for the 2nd year in a row, Smiley Wallace won the Buddy Cole, Randy Squier won the Bill Hart Award. Shawn Beam won the Scratch Richard Carlson Award and Glenn Davis won the Handicap award. Shawn Beam won High Scratch Series(590) Peter Arballo with high scratch game (222). Gary Ryan in A Division with the high hcp series 695, Brooks Martin with High Scr Series, 564, High Hcp Game, Gary Poole, 259. B Division High scr. Series, Glenn Davis,671, High Scr game, Rick Mahaney, 170, High hcp series, James Tipton, 682 and High hcp Game, Bryan Shaner, 285. National Achievement Awards: High Average, High Scratch Game, High Scratch Series, George Holscher. Most Improved Average, Mark Linquist. High Hcp Game, Curt Wolff.

In closing, let me first thank my best friend Onie for all the hard work she did during the event and the months prior to the event. She was a huge help in many areas. A number of others stepped up and volunteer to assist in many areas. Let me thank my very strong committee for a great job!!!! Thanks to all our National Sponsors for without you, this would be difficult to do. A big shout out to Carolyn and Del Ballard for keeping their Pro shop open during the event. Thanks to Ken and Kathy Keegan of Logo Infusion for your great support. Gary Hulsenberg, you're the man and thanks to Storm!! Thanks to the Girl Scouts for helping. Thanks to City View Lanes and their great Staff. Finally, thanks to all of you for coming. It was an honor to be your tournament director. See you next year!!!!

WELKER DOUBLES TEAM CHAMPION

Shawn Beam Stephen Smith George Holscher- Scratch

Jim Rice Mike Delgado Wayne Webber-Handicap

Eric Sanchez

ALMA LADWIG

Jennifer Hooten

BUDDY COLE

Smiley Wallace

Randy Squier

"A DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

NAME	SCR TOT	НСР ТОТ
BROOKS MARTIN	2386	3211
GARY RYAN	2554	3289
KENNY MUMFORD	2085	2895
JOHNNIE BAYLARK	2214	3039
WAYNE WBBBER	2284	3094
GABE DIAZ DELEON	1852	2692
RICH HARRELL	2179	3064
MIKE BREWER	1850	2735
PHILLIP DANIELS	2038	2773
TERRY STEWART	1933	2788
ALLEN NEU	1773	2883
KEVIN SCHAEFER	2123	3068
DAN SPOTTS	1984	2854
JIM RICE	2095	2905
KENNETH HILL	2330	3005
GIL HERRERA	1764	2694
GARY POOLE	1914	2799
DAVID SPOTTS	1983	2808
SMILEY WALLACE	2120	3020
MERV KAYA	2050	2725
COLBY KORTUM	2384	3119
GRANT BUEHLER	1779	2889
ERIC SANCHEZ	1935	3045
MARK LINQUIST	1880	2855
IVANHOE RICHEY	2223	3138
ANDY BERNT	2340	3165

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2018

Scratch Champion

George Holscher

"A" Division Champion

Brooks Martin

"B" Division Champion

Glenn Davis

SCRATCH DIVISION FINAL				
<u>NAME</u>	GRAND TTL (12 GAMES)			
SHAWN BEAM	3794			
GEORGE HOLSCHER	3710			
CURT WOLFF	3686			
PETER ARBALLO	3405			
EDDY HUTCHENS	3386			
AL UTTECHT	3322			
JASON NELSON	3243			

NAME	SCR TOT	HCP TOT
STEPHEN SMITH	1847	2972
KAVIN MONROE	1717	2872
JIMMY MAY	1684	2839
RICK MAHANEY	2015	3170
CHUCK POTTER	1716	2916
JAMES TIPTON	2008	3208
JAMES COFFEY	1625	2870
CHUCK KARCZEWSKI	1579	2839
DAVE NELSON	1538	2798
KEITH GREEN	1543	2848
DAVE MCGINNES	1668	2988
BRYAN SHANER	1852	3172
MIKE DELGADO	1752	3102
WES HARLEY	1456	2776
ADDIS GONTE	1704	3039
RANDY SQUIER	1624	3004
JOHN SCOTT	1727	2942
MILLIE IRRAZARRY	1403	2798
LARRY CHRISLIP	1533	2700
ANTHONY MITCHELL	0	1485
NAT MCFARLAND	0	1485
STEVEN RAY	0	1590
BILLY CAMPBELL	1245	2865
DANIEL CONNELLY	1449	3144
JENNIFER HOOTEN	1115	2930
LOIS WEST	1041	2871
GLENN DAVIS	1218	3213

RICHARD CARLSON

<u>ALL EVENT CHAMPION</u>

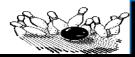
Shawn Beam-SCRATCH

Glenn Davis-HANDICAP

SENIOR CLASSIC CHAMPION

GARY RYAN





"STRIKES, SPARES, GREAT SHOTS"

June 2018 thru December 2018

Name	200+	250+	500+	550+	600+	650+	700+
Peter Arballo	222		526				
Shawn Beam	201,225.206,210		505	579,550,572			
Andy Bernt	201,221		502	598			
John Budd	205,205		501,533,512	563,560			
Phillip Daniel			512, 517,537				
Kenneth Hill	208,213		575,537,521,515				
Eddy Hutchens	214,236,234, 213		514,511,516,518		628,635		
Ron Johnson	205		515,503				
Colby Kortum	221,223		522,	557			
Brooks Martin			547,546,516,513	564			
Jason Nelson	212,209.211		527		609		
Dave Roberts	209		545,539				
Gary Ryan			548,530,519				
Henry Walters	201		510				
Curt Wolff	212	253	517				

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!

For those members that pay their dues on an annual basis, your dues will be do and payable in August. The Board of Directors in 2013 increased the annual dues to \$25.00. Your check should be payable and mailed to the following:

AWBA

5470 138th Ave.

Thornton, Colorado 80602

Please accept our thanks in advance for renewing your membership and we look forward to seeing you on the lanes!!

2018 AWB A	Tournament Schedule

DATES		BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR
August 16-19	MSCPVA Invitational	King Pin Lanes	Donna Debaca-800-833-9400
Sept 20-22	Mid Atlantic Invitational	Bowl America	Jimmy May, 804-794-7447
Nov 29-Dec 2	Las Vegas Invitational	Sunset Station	Julie Johnson 702 646-0040





14th Annual MSCPVA Invitational August 16-19, 2018

Entries close - August 6, 2018

This tournament sanctioned by the USBC and AWBA.

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Division:	Scratch Division	Handid	cap Division	Novice_	
Please check	each box for the events	you are entering:			
Sing	les				\$ 100.00
Dou	bles / Partner's Name_		Assign		\$ 30.00 each
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Side	Pot HDCP (any tourna	ment bowler may	enter)		\$ 15.00
Side	Pot Scratch (any tourna	ament bowler may	enter)		\$ 15.00
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King Pin Lanes

3410 N. Academy Blvd.

Colorado Springs, Colorado 80917 (719-574-0820)

Please return all mail entries to:

MSCPVA INVITATIONAL

12200 East Iliff Avenue, Suite 107

Aurora, CO 80014-5376 - Phone (303-597-0038) or

Go to www.awba.org to enter electronically and pay via credit card

David Nelson Tournament Director

Paralyzed Veterans of America Great Plains Chapter and Tournament Director Dave Nelson were pleased to welcome 34 bowlers to its 2nd Annual Great Plains PVA/AWBA Invitational. Everyone showed up ready to bowl, the enthusiasm was contagious, and it was a great tournament! Thank you to AWBA for its support with pre-tournament preparations and to National PVA for its generous funding and for coordinating the tournament apparel.

The tournament began Thursday, July 12th with 16 teams competing in the Doubles Division. After 1 set, the top 4 qualifying teams were: 1st James Beversdorf & Tom Stubbs, 2nd Mark Linquist & Randy Squier, 3rd Eric Sanchez & Kenneth Mumford, and 4th Robert Arciola & Stacey Deane. After an exciting roll-off, the final standings were: 1st Robert Arciola & Stacey Deane, 2nd Eric Sanchez & Kenneth Mumford, 3rd Mark Linquist & Randy Squier, and 4th James Beversdorf & Tom Stubbs.

There were 13 bowlers in the Handicap B Division and after 5 sets the standings were: 1st Larry Chrislip (3155), 2nd Stacey Deane (3153), 3rd Randy Squier (3126), 4th Roy Gray (3090), and 5th David Nelson (3054). After the roll-offs, the final standings were: 1st Stacey Deane, 2nd Larry Chrislip, 3rd Randy Squier, 4th David Nelson, and 5th Roy Gray.

There were 15 bowlers in the Handicap A Division and after 5 sets the standings were: 1st Phillip Daniel (3222), 2nd Kenneth Hill (3112), 3rd Stephen Smith (3112), 4th Andy Bernt (3106), and 5th Wayne Webber (3081). After the roll-offs, the standings remained the same: 1st Phillip Daniel, 2nd Kenneth Hill, 3rd Stephen Smith, 4th Andy Bernt, and 5th Wayne Webber. High Handicap Series was awarded to Phillip Daniel and High Handicap Game went to Wayne Webber.

There were 6 bowlers in the Scratch Division and after 5 sets the standings were: 1st Eddy Hutchens (2669), 2nd John Budd (2648), 3rd Shawn Beam (2644), 4th Jason Nelson (2577), 5th Albert "Brooks" Martin (2534). After the roll-offs, Eddy Hutchens successfully defended his 2017 Great Plains PVA tournament title and placed first. Second place went to Albert "Brooks" Martin, 3rd place went to John Budd, 4th place went to Shawn Beam, and 5th place to Jason Nelson. High Scratch Series was awarded to Eddy Hutchens and High Scratch Game went to Shawn Beam.

Thanks to all the bowlers who participated in Friday night's Up/Down Tournament. We had 30 teams participate and it was a full house! Congratulations to our winners: 1^{st} the Eddy Hutchens team, 2^{nd} the Curtis Wolff team, 3^{rd} the Roy Gray team, 4^{th} the Johnny Baylark team, and 5^{th} the Gil Herrera team.

At Great Plains PVA we look for ways to add special touches to our tournament. This year, Tournament Director Dave Nelson secured 5 bowling balls and all of the bowlers were entered into a free drawing. At the beginning of each Singles set, a name was drawn and that bowler received a free Storm bowling ball. Congratulations to our 5 winners: John Scott, James Beversdorf, Johnny Baylark, Kevin Schaefer and Gary Poole.

This year's tournament was honored to introduce the Mike Moore Spirit Award. Mike was a member of Great Plains PVA for over 18 years. He loved the spirit of competition and was passionate about sharing his love of sports with fellow veterans. He inspired them and encouraged them to find that same spirit within themselves and to become the best athlete they could be. The award was named in his memory. Participants were asked to vote for the bowler that most captured the spirit of competition, demonstrated good sportsmanship and was an inspiration to his fellow bowlers during the tournament. Congratulations to Tournament Director Dave Nelson for being voted the first recipient of the Mike Moore Spirit Award.

Everyone at Great Plains PVA had a great time being part of this tournament! We appreciate all the help from our volunteers and all the support from the bowlers. Thanks for making it a great weekend and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next year!

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3rd Annual MAPVA/AWBA Invitational September 28-30, 2019 Entry Closing Date – September 14th, 2018

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Chesterfield VA, 23236		Total: 3 rd Year Donation	\$: \$
Or Paypal at pvamidatlantic.org/pages/d	lonate.htm	- ,	
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New Life Members

Billy Campbell-Texas
John Short-Nebraska
Bobby Boehm-Texas
Glenn Davis-Texas
Seth Kotouc-Iowa
Kavin Monroe-Oklahoma
Rich Harrell-Oklahoma
Jim Rice-Nevada

<u>New Members</u>
Roy Gray-Nebraska
Jason Nelson-Missouri
Stacy Deane-Nebraska

WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU.



USBC CELEBRATES THE AWBA

After many years of negotiations between the AWBA and the USBC, wheelchair bowling will be recognized by the USBC as a division and will bowl in the USBC Open!!!! This is a major step in bringing the AWBA to the next level in the sport of bowling itself. We want to express out thanks to the USBC for understanding our position and their dedication to making it happen. Hence, A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION honoring the AWBA will take place on March 16 & 17, 2018 at the Open Championships in Las Vegas at Southpoint. Now it is up to you the members, to begin to make plans to attend. The final details are being worked out now and we should have a clearer understanding of the format and times within the next month or so. We will provide you continuous updates as we are updated by the USBC. This is a big step towards our long term goals of bring the sport of wheelchair bowling to the para pan am games as well as the Para Olympics.

