



# THE ELEVENTH FRAME

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From Our Chairman, Eddy Hutchens,

Another Day and another Tournament in the books. I just returned from Virginia where Jimmy May put on another awesome Tournament. Ivan Schwartz is the Executive Director for the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the PVA. Ivan and Jimmy put on a flawless Tournament and many thanks go out to the entire Mid-Atlantic Chapter for a Job Well-Done last weekend.

Dave Nelson, Mary and the rest of the Great Plains PVA Chapter hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Plains PVA/AWBA Invitational Tournament in late July. Once again it was held in Council Bluffs Iowa and a great time was had by all. The Tournament Committee of the Great Plains Chapter PVA sure know how to put on an event. If you have not been to a Council Bluffs Tournament, you need to plan on it next year. You won't regret it. Thanks, and praise to all involved in putting on this Tournament.

I am very honored that the AWBA as well as the USBC chose me as well as Shawn Beam, Toodie Perry and Debra Freed to be Para Team USA. TEAM USA is going to Dubai, UAE in November to compete in the International Bowling Federation's Inaugural International Wheelchair Competition. We are all in high hopes of making the United States proud. Wish us luck and safe travels as we are all excited as well as a bit nervous about this journey abroad.

With that all said, the AWBA is heading into the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual National AWBA Tournament in Las Vegas in December. Curt Wolff and I are excited to be teaming for the AWBA. Curt and I want to thank all past Tournament Directors for their help and guidance in putting on this National. Once again, our Tournament's success is hugely dependent on the National Raffle. The National Raffle is done each year to help fund the Tournament we all look forward to each year. Without the sales of these Raffle Tickets, we cannot offer the Prize Fund that we do each year. Please, if you have not already done so, ask for a pack of these Raffle Tickets so you can do 2 things for this year's event. First, by selling a book of tickets, you will get a free Singles Entry into the Event. And second, you will take a load off of your Board of Directors as we must sell them all. As most of you are, I am excited that we can hold this National Tournament again with all the Covid-related issues. Curt and I are thrilled to be your Co-Tournament Directors and we look forward to a great turn out this year. Get signed up ASAP if you would as that will take out some of the "Crunch" work as we get closer to the date.

Gary Ryan just sent out all of our updated Tournament Rules to the Members of the AWBA. Please note that these are effective immediately and will be enforced at all AWBA Tournaments. Your BODs are doing what we feel is best for the AWBA as well as for our very important Sponsors. Without our Sponsors, our Tournament Directors would have to do a lot more to put on our Tournaments. Please also know, your input is welcome, and Proposals can be made to modify all Tournament Rules as well as By Laws. Work with us to make the AWBA the best that it can be for all our members.

My phone is always on so please call, text or email me with your thoughts. I feel the future looks bright for the AWBA, let's keep it up.

Remember, Bowl up a STORM!!!!



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Hello Fellow Members. It is wonderful that we are getting close normal again. It has been a difficult road for many of us and now the light at the end of the tunnel is getting very bright. Hope you and your family members are all safe. We were so excited that the historical Para Wheelchair International Tournament will be held in November in Dubai, UAE. As you may have seen, the USBC Selection Committee select two teams, one men's team and one women's team. Named to the men's team were Eddy Hutchens and "Mr. 300", Shawn Beam. Named to the women's team were Toodie Perry and Debra Freed. We want to wish them all the best in this historical event. This will open many doors for our organization over the years to come. Due to the fact that no qualifying tournaments were held over the last year due to Covid, the committee relied on applications submitted to the USBC for consideration. In 2022, we will hold 3 qualifying tournaments that will be announced soon. Exactly how, when, and where these will be managed is still being discussed by your board. We are hopeful that quads and ramp bowlers will be additional teams next year. However, this decision does not rest with the AWBA but the USBC but we will do all we can to insure the levels are inclusive. Our new and exciting web page will be introduced soon. Curt Wolff who now manages our web page is working hard to make sure that the improve page will attract many new members. Our 60<sup>th</sup> National Championship is just around the corner. Eddy Hutchens and Curt Wolff are Co-Tournament Directors and are working hard to make these years National a memorable event. We will, for the first time, be live streaming the event on our Facebook page. The Schedule of Live broadcasts will be set soon and forwarded to each of you. Let your friends know on Facebook so they can tune in. Our intention is to live stream all events in 2022. **And remember, if you want to insure you receive the National jersey, your entry must be received by October 29<sup>th</sup>!!!! We also have a way you can get your Singles entry FREE. Just sell 20 National Raffle tickets and you save \$150!!!! Contact me for tickets. Can't beat this.** The Annual Membership meeting will be held in Las Vegas Wednesday morning. The time will be posted prior to the event starting. Each of you should have received a copy of the Rules of the AWBA Tournament Play. **Please pay particular attention in forming your National Doubles and Teams please.** We ask you to become familiar with these rules so that you are familiar with them. This prevents any misunderstanding between players at the Tournaments around the country. Finally, you will be receiving soon your ballot for election of Directors. Please vote!!!! Remember, this is your organization but if you fail to express yourself and vote or give us your thoughts, its not the boards fault, it is yours. Until Next time, Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Looking forward to seeing you on the lanes.



**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC PVA / AWBA INVITATIONAL-----JIMMY MAY, TD**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic PVA / AWBA Invitational was held September 24-26<sup>th</sup> at Short Pump Bowl America in Glen Allen, Virginia, with 23 bowlers from 13 states registered to compete.

The festivities began with a bowling clinic co-hosted by PVA and the AWBA and attended by a dozen bowlers, many of whom were newcomers to the sport hoping to hone their skills and potentially enter bowling events in the future.

Our doubles competition featured 9 teams, with the winning duo of Carl LaGroterria and Wayne Webber followed by Brooks Martin and Dave McGinnes in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Rick Mahaney and Michael Tucker finishing third.

On Friday evening, Mid-Atlantic PVA hosted an Up & Down event, pairing each of our registered wheelchair bowlers with a pair of stand-up bowlers representing our partners throughout the community. With 20 teams and a total of 60 bowlers, it was a night of friendly competition, and a chance to showcase wheelchair bowling as a sport which displays genuine *ability*, and not *disability*. The team of Rick Mahaney, Jeff Rodgers and Jarrett Barbee held-on to secure 1<sup>st</sup> Place honors.

Saturday and Sunday featured our singles competition. In the A-Division, Carl LaGroterria was a roll-off winner over Wayne Webber to lock-up the 1<sup>st</sup> Place prize. Michael Marcheskie was the winner of the B-Division, with a roll-off victory over Dave McGinnes. Our Scratch Division had Dave Nelson Jr. and George Holscher going head-to-head in the roll-off finals, with Dave finishing on top in 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

As always, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of PVA is honored to host this event in association with AWBA. A strong expression of appreciation goes out to each participant and their families, along with our partners, supporters and volunteers. A special thank you to Keith Cooper of PVA National for attending the event and coordinating our highly successful and well-attended clinic. Additionally, our thanks to Storm Bowling, ABC Medical, USBC, Logo Infusion and Bowl America for their unwavering support. And when it comes to support, we must also thank the PVA Mid-Atlantic team of Sarah Lake, Sue May, Evelyn Jones, Sabine Coiner, Dee Hunter, Hailey Radcliff and Madison Lathrop for their dedication and effort in making the event a huge success.

My thanks to all who attended the event, and we look forward to seeing you again next fall for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic PVA / AWBA invitational.

*Jimmy May*

Tournament Director



## VIRGINIA RESULTS

### A Division

Carl LaGrotteria  
Wayne Webber  
Frank Goebel  
Randall Pope  
Richard Mahaney

### ROLL OFF

Frank Goebel defeated Richard Mahaney 139/136  
Frank Goebel defeated Randall Pope 128/127  
Carl LaGrotteria defeated Frank Goebel 137/131  
Carl LaGrotteria defeated Wayne Webber 161/160

**These Scores are WITHOUT the handicap**

### B Division

Michael Marcheskie  
Dave McGinnes  
Keith Green  
Michael Tucker  
Johnny Holland

### ROLL OFF

Michael Tucker defeated Johnny Holland 225/212  
Dave McGinnes defeated Michael Tucker 200/190  
Dave McGinnes defeated Keith Green 223/212  
Michael Marcheskie defeated Dave McGinnes 226/202

### Scratch Division

Dave Nelson Jr.  
George Holscher  
Brooks Martin  
Eddy Hutchens  
Keith Scott

### ROLL OFF

Brooks Martin defeated Keith Scott 151/144  
Brooks Martin defeated Eddy Hutchens 183/151  
Dave Nelson Jr. defeated Brooks Martin 160/159  
Dave Nelson Jr. defeated George Holscher 231/194



Paralyzed Veterans of America Great Plains Chapter and Tournament Director Dave Nelson were pleased to welcome 35 bowlers from 16 states to its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Plains PVA/AWBA Invitational. This past year presented many challenges due to COVID-19 and we were grateful to have so many returning bowlers and new bowlers join us as we got back to the lanes! Thank you to AWBA for its support with pre-tournament preparations and to National PVA for its generous funding and for including the event in its PVA Bowling Tournament Series.

The tournament began Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> with 14 teams competing in the Doubles Division. After an exciting roll-off, the final standings were: 1<sup>st</sup> Eddy Hutchens & Mike DeLoach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Standley & Rick Mahaney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Nelson & Brooks Martin, and 4<sup>th</sup> Carl LaGrotteria & Walt Roy.

There were 14 bowlers in the Handicap B Division and after roll-offs, the final standings were: 1<sup>st</sup> Gary Standley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Tucker, 3<sup>rd</sup> William Burns, 4<sup>th</sup> Randy Squier and 5<sup>th</sup> Glenn Davis.

There were 13 bowlers in the Handicap A Division and after roll-offs, the final standings were: 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Mahaney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johnnie Baylark, Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Henry Walters, 4<sup>th</sup> Will Leavitt, and 5<sup>th</sup> Carl LaGrotteria. High Handicap Series was awarded to Rick Mahaney and High Handicap Game went to Mike DeLoach.

After an exciting Scratch Division roll-off, Shawn Beam took 1<sup>st</sup> place with Brooks Martin finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jason Nelson in 3<sup>rd</sup>, Eddy Hutchens in 4<sup>th</sup> and Walt Roy placing 5<sup>th</sup>. High Scratch Series was awarded to Shawn Beam and High Scratch Game went to Walt Roy.

This year's bowlers received goody bags filled with Storm products donated by Nelson Brothers Painting and cooling towels and pens courtesy of Great Plains PVA. Ladies traveling with our bowlers received their own goody bag of gifts and treats. Special lane treats greeted the bowlers each morning and bowlers received complimentary lunches on Friday and Saturday.

Thanks to all the bowlers who participated in Friday night's Up/Down Tournament. We had 32 teams of 5 participate and it was a full house! Thank you also to the bowlers who contributed to the incredible 50/50 raffle and supported the "Christmas in July" silent auction and raffle. We really appreciate your support and generosity! Congratulations to our winning Up/Down teams: 1<sup>st</sup> the Frank Goebel team, 2<sup>nd</sup> the Eddy Hutchens team 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> the Eddy Hutchens team 2, 4<sup>th</sup> the Mike DeLoach team, and 5<sup>th</sup> the Rick Mahaney team.

Bowlers were invited again this year to a Saturday night pizza social held in the party room at Thunderbowl. Bowlers and their guests, enjoyed pizza, salad, soda and cookies before participating in trivia. Two attendees were the winners of Storm single ball bowling bags.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the tournament included six free bowling ball drawings! Bowling balls were donated by Nelson Brothers Painting and all of the bowler's names were entered into the drawing. Before the Doubles set, and at the beginning of each Singles set, one name was drawn. Congratulations to our 6 winners: Mark Linqvist, Jimmy May, Mike DeLoach, Jennifer Hooten, Gary Standley and Robert Arciola.

This year's tournament was honored to once again present the Mike Moore Spirit of the Games Award. We consider this to be the most prestigious award given at our tournament. 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 Brooks Martin, winner of the 2021 Mike Moore Spirit of the Games 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. We also want to express our appreciation to Storm Bowling, IAMBOWL, USBC, BPAA and Sportaid for their support of wheelchair bowling at all AWBA events around the country. This year marks Great Plains PVA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are so pleased to have been able to include this tournament in our year of celebration. Thanks for making it a great weekend and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next year!



**AWBA HALL OF FAME  
NOMINATION FORM**

The following procedures should be followed when submitting a nominee to the AWBA Hall of Fame for consideration. All submissions should be submitted to the **AWBA Chairman no later than February 15** of the year in which they are to be considered. The person submitting this form must be a member in good standing with the AWBA. Please see the Hall of Fame Procedures to aid you in your completion of this form.

**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Under what category is the Nominee to be consider?** Bowling Achievement \_\_\_\_\_  
Meritorious Service \_\_\_\_\_

**How long has the individual been an member of the AWBA?:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What are the MAJOR accomplishments that have been achieved by the nominee in either category?**

**Please provide an in-depth reason that you wish this nominee to be considered for such a high honor.**

**Please provide ALL accomplishments related to the nominee that you wish to be considered by the HOF Committee.**



# *PARA TEAM USA*

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO LET ALL OF YOU, OUR MEMBERS, THAT THE FIRST PARA TEAM USA HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE USBC. THE MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MENS TEAM:

EDDY HUTCHENS

SHAWN BEAM

WOMENS TEAM:

TOODIE PERRY

DEBRA FREED

THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL COMPETE IN THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DUBAI, UAE IN NOVEMBER. WE SHOULD ALL BE SO PROUD THAT OUR SPORT HAS BEEN FINALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OLMPIC COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD TO SEE. WITH ME, PLEASE WISH THESE FOUR GREAT BOWLERS ALL THE BEST AS THEY REPRESENT OUR COUNTRY.

## *GO PARA TEAM USA*





**60<sup>TH</sup> AWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Sunset Station Strike Zone Lanes**

**Entries Must Be Received by ~ Oct 29<sup>th</sup> to receive National Shirt**

**Payment for shirts must be made by Oct 29<sup>th</sup>(no exceptions).**

**Games Bowled At:**

Sunset Station  
Strike Zone Lanes  
1301 W Sunset Rd.  
Henderson, NV. 89014  
(702) 547 7777

AWBA # \_\_\_\_\_ USBC # \_\_\_\_\_  
SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_ Collar: Polo Style \_\_\_\_\_ Tournament Style \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Entry To:**

Eddy Hutchens  
3291 Flintwood Rd.  
Franktown Co 80116  
(Cell) 303-915-7943

Singles Entry Fee \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Up/Down \$ 30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Doubles \$ 40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Team \$ 40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Side Pot (Scratch) \$ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Side Pot (Handicap) \$ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Banquet/person \$ 50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Social: Yes, No. How many? \_\_\_Y \_\_\_N Number \_\_\_\_\_

Paying by Check \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**CHECK DIVISION ENTERING:** SCRATCH \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

**AVERAGE VERIFICATION:** Average Verification: Your average for the tournament has been set by the AWBA and there is no need to provide league sheets or any other information unless you are a new bowler with the AWBA in which a USBC sanctioned league sheet will need to be presented with at least 12 games bowled. Entrants without qualified averages must bowl scratch.

**If payments are not made on-line, payments must include all fees with one check made payable to: 60<sup>th</sup> AWBA National Tournament and mail to: 3291 Flintwood Rd. Franktown Colorado 80116, or simply pay via Credit Card at AWBA.org with the donate button. Be sure to submit entry before clicking the donate button. Confirmation of your entry will be returned via email with your entering average. Payments must be postmarked no latter than October 29<sup>th</sup> for Shirt or November 15<sup>th</sup> for Entry. (please contact Eddy Hutchens for exceptions).**



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**NEW MEMBERS  
LIFE**

MIKE MARCHESKIE  
ROY GRAY  
JAMIE BURGOS

**ANNUAL**

JOHN MELVIN  
RALPH STEWART

**OUR MEMBERS WELCOME YOU TO OUR  
ORGANAZATION**

**“TOGETHER WE CAN”**

