



## **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 AWBA Chairperson, **Eddy Hutchens**,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to You!

There are so many things to share in this Newsletter. It is my pleasure to be the Chairman of the AWBA and I only hope all of our members feel I am doing a good job. We have had one heck of a year or should I say, two years with Covid ruling our lives. I would love to see this go away soon but it doesn't look like that will happen. With that said, your Board of Directors are going to do our best to keep our tournament trail rolling as it should. Please remember that we are here, so do not hesitate to call or write your BOD with any questions you may have.

After 8 years of working to get Wheelchair Bowling onto the International Stage, it has happened! The USBC took Shawn Beam, Toodie Perry, Debra Freed and myself to Dubai this past November for the Super World Championships. This was the "first ever" International Wheelchair Competition for the United States. At this World Championship, Singles was the first event that we faced. I took the Gold Medal on the outdoor Lanes at the 2020 Expo with Shawn Beam taking the Bronze Medal in the men's division. Toodie and Debra both took Bronze in the women's division. Doubles was our next competition with Shawn and I taking Gold in the Men's Division, Toodie and Debra taking the Silver in the women's division. In the mixed Team event, Toodie and I took the Silver Medal. Finally, Shawn, Toodie, Debra and myself brought home the Gold Medal in the Team Event. We are very thankful to be a part of the World's first ever Para Competition and only hope that there are many more to come. A very special thanks goes out to Gary Ryan for heading up this venture and to the USBC for taking our AWBA Members to Dubai for the Super World Championships. A lot of the Wheelchair Competition can be seen on Strike Cloud on the internet.

The AWBA's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tournament was held in Las Vegas Nevada during the first week of December. CO-Chairmen Curt Wolff and Eddy Hutchens put on their first National Tournament. Overall, the tournament was a success although there were some major hiccups throughout the week. In the end, we got it done and crowned three new National Champions: Eddy Hutchens won the Scratch Division, Frank Goebel won the A Division and Jamie Rodriguez-Burgos won the B Division. There was some great bowling done by all the participants. Curt and I will be hosting the 2022 61<sup>st</sup> AWBA Nationals in Wheatridge, Colorado again, in October. Gary Ryan along with Storm Bowling live-streamed a lot of the bowling in Las Vegas and this is viewable on AWBA.ORG, AWBA's Facebook page as well as Storm's Facebook page.

Once again, please remember to contact your BOD with any questions, thoughts or suggestions.

Happy Holidays! I hope to see you all at many Tournaments in 2022



Gary Ryan, Secretary

It was so wonderful to put 2020 behind us and move into 2021. We were able to begin to bowl once again in most areas of our country and while this pandemic is not totally behind us, it is certainly in the rear view minor and hopefully will soon be under control. I am hopeful that you and your entire family have not suffered any lose of life in your family throughout this horrible ordeal. 2021 has been a great year for the AWBA. We were able to co-host 3 regional tournaments and finally, after 2 1/2 years, were able to have the 60th National Championships in Las Vegas. While our bowling was held in limbo, you board continued to work extremely hard to make the AWBA stronger and more productive in many areas. I want to extend my thanks for Kenneth Hill for working so hard for 8 years serving on the board and bringing the AWBA to new levels of excellence. Kenneth served as our public relations director as well as serving on the Executive committee for 5 years. He was also instrumental in the development of our logo bringing it into the 21st Century. In addition, he brought our website to new levels as well. Your members elected Kevin Schaefer as a new director to the board. Kevin will assume his duties beginning January 1st. Welcome Kevin. I want to extend the boards thanks to a few members that took on the challenge of selling raffle tickets for our Annual raffle. Tim Crowley, Kevin Schaefer, Marlon Benn, Gary Poole, and top seller and new member, Mike Macheskie. This raffle is very important for your organization as it helps the Annual Tournament directors in putting on as great event for you, the members.

There were a number of motions this year that your board passed that will improve the organization as we move forward. We adopted the International Rules of play so that all members will have the chance of representing our country at an International level of play. We will be announcing the 3 qualifying tournaments for Team USA after the first of the year. You will need to attend at least 2 to qualify. We adopted certain proposals that support two of our sponsors. One being that only IAMBOWLING jersey's will be allowed at our tournaments around the country and two, that only Storm manufactured balls will be given away at our sanctioned events. National Sponsors are very important to our organization to assist us in simply paying the bills and we are very appreciative of all they do for our organization. We purchased the needed equipment to allow us to live stream our events which began at the 60th Nationals. This will bring high visibility to our organization and help us to continue to grow for years to come. Our new website will be coming very soon. Curt Wolff has been working very hard to make this happen and we want to extend our thanks to him. We also adjusted the definition of an associate member to allow anyone who wishes to become an associate member to do so. This will spread the word of our organization around the country.

The beauty of the last 2 years is that we weathered the storm. It certainly wasn't easy and your board had to make some very difficult decisions which raised some questions in your minds. That is very understandable. However, each decisions was made to protect you, our member and your organization. 2022 will bring additional challenges for us to face and we are well positioned to address those challenges always keeping in mind our members and the organization which is our job.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the new year. We have many things to be thankful for and we look forward to making the AWBA the place for all wheelchair bowlers.





“A DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

“B DIVISION FINAL STANDINGS

JIM RICE	3365
MARC FENN	3312
FRANK GOEBEL	3300
RICK MAHANAY	3272
PHILIP DANIEL	3131
STEPHEN SMITH	3130
AL UTTECHT	3105
JOHN MELVIN	3049
JOHNNIE	3045
MIKE DELOACH	2964
WAYNE WEBBER	2938
RALPH STEW-	2912
KENNETH HILL	2863
GIL HERRERA	2830
TIM CROWLEY	2813
GRANT BUEH-	2783
KEVIN	2738

MICHAEL TUCKER	3366
DAN FORMENTO	3243
JAIME RODRIGUEZ-BURGOS	3207
JIMMY MAY	3193
TOODIE PERRY	3132
BILL BURNS	3095
MICHAEL MARCHESKIE	3092
LAWRENCE BROWN	3071
DEBRA FREED	3069
KATHY TILBURY	3051
GARY POOLE	3032
DOMINIC CIRINO	2949
STACY SANDERS-CLOWERS	2794
ROY GRAY	2737
JENNIFER HOOTEN	2722
GLENN DAVIS	2645
JOHNNY HOLLAND	2041
BRYAN HILL	1620

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2021**

Scratch Champion

**Eddy Hutchens**

“A” Division Champion

**Frank Goebel**

“B” Division Champion

**Jaime Burgos Rodriquez**

**SCRATCH DIVISION FINAL**

EDDY HUTCHENS	3873
DAVID NELSON	3778
JASON NELSON	3567
WALT ROY	3479
DOUG DALTON	3438
MARK SHEPHERD	3392
CURT WOLFF	3351
BROOKS MARTIN	3320
LEE CURTIS	1844
COLBY KORTUM	1802

SENIOR CLASSIC CHAMPION

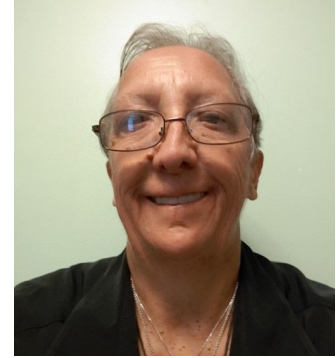
**Mark Shepherd**

**RICHARD CARLSON**

**ALL EVENT CHAMPION**

**Eddy Hutchens-SCRATCH**

**Michael Tucker-HANDICAP**



**PARA TEAM USA**

**BACK HOME WITH THE  
GOLD**



**2022 AWBA Tournament Schedule**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>BOWLING CENTER</b>	<b>T'MNT DIRECTOR</b>
February 24-26	Florida State Championship PIN CHASERS	Wayne Webber, 727-460-4887
April, 29 thru May 1	Chicago Invitational Bowlero	Johnnie Baylark, 630-699-0732
Memorial Day	US Open Championship Las Vegas Southpoint	Gary Ryan, 713-444-7588
July 28th-31st	Great Plains Invitational Thunderbird Lanes	David Nelson, 402-208-4841
Aug, TBD	TENTATIVE	Roy Gray, 502-264-3926
Sept, TBD	Mid Atlantic Invitational TBD	JimmyMay, 804-240-6913
<b>Oct 19-22</b>	<b>AWBA National Championship</b> Bowlero Wheatridge	<b>Hutchens, Wolff, 303-915-7943</b>





**FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
TO  
ALL OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS  
AND  
THEIR FAMILIES**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**





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*New Life Members*

*Mike Marcheskie*

*Jamie Burgos Rodriguez*

*New Members*

*John Melvin*

*Ralph Stewart*

**WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU**

**Keep me posted as to all your high scores  
so they can be posted in the newsletter  
each quarter.**

**BOWL UP A STORM!!!!**

**2021 NATIONAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

