



## **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,

With 2018 gone, I am looking forward to an awesome 2019. Who's with me??

As most of you know, my Dad passed away on December 31st. With his passing, I realize how important it is to live life to its fullest. As Chairman, my New Year resolution to the AWBA is to continue to make the organization as strong as its ever been. I would like to see all of our members take part to "better" OUR organization, and we can all make a difference with your input. I am always available to hear your thoughts, but you can contact any one of your board members.

I know we are all excited to participate in our very first USBC OPEN National Tournament, Wheelchair Division: March 16th and 17th are our set dates for the "Celebration Weekend". Please get in touch with Gary or me to get you on a team if you are not on one already. Please, lets get everyone we can to attend. Reach out to everyone you know and make sure they join us in Las Vegas for this great event. The USBC as well as your board have put a lot of work into making this happen for us! Let's impress the USBC with a high-attended turn out. "If you build it, they will come!!!" Let's make that a truism this year with attendance.

We have many great AWBA/PVA Trail Tournaments coming up as well. Again, we need as many participants as possible at these events. Without attendance, our Tournament Directors cannot continue to put these on for us. Florida is the first one of the year. Let's use this tournament to ready ourselves for the USBC National in March.

2019 is here and the American Wheelchair Bowling Association is ready for a great year. I will see you all at most if not all of this year's tournament.



Gary Ryan, Secretary

Hello Fellow AWBA Members and welcome to 2019!!!! As we enter a new year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on 2018. As we all should do, we entered the year with an optimistic outlook on the months ahead knowing that we had much to do to insure that the AWBA continued to grow and prosper. As we always do, we traveled to the State of Florida to participate in the 1st event of the year. This event has been struggling but in 2018, they may have turned the corner welcoming more bowlers than in the previous 5 years. An exciting start to the year for sure. Your board was focus on many things that would improve the AWBA and one was increase attendance at events around the country. We then moved on to OKC where once again, the attendance was up and the event was great. Scott and his members did a great job of hosting an wonderful event. Next stop, a brand new event in Chicagoland!!! While the turnout was not exceptional, the event was for a first time putting on a bowling tournament. Then it was Nationals time to shine. We hosted over 65 bowlers for 4 days of great fun, awesome bowling, and good ole Texas Hospitality in Ft. Worth. Some repeat winners and a few brand new winners but in the end, all that came were winners and were back again for the 4th year in Ft. Worth for the Nationals. Not going to bore you with the balance of the year other than to say, each tournament was better than the year before and the Tournament Directors and their committees worked hard to put on a great show and they did.

Your Board worked hard on many difficult issues during the year, one of which was the entering average to our tournaments. After a number of starts and stops, we believe we now have a system that takes into consideration both your tournament bowling and league bowling. We are hopeful that over time, you will see that it is a true example of your skills in bowling. We also worked with the USBC putting together the Celebration of the AWBA in March, 2019. This was an on going project over a 5 year effort to bring the AWBA to the next level. We are excited about the future. Our membership continued to grow throughout the year with many new members both Life and Annual that join the ranks of this great sport. The AWBA was the first member of the newly formed International Wheelchair Ten Pin Federation which was formed by the AWBA 2 years ago. The IWTPF how has it approved By Laws, Board of Directors, and will shown have its 501C3 certificate as well as constitution and will be prepared to bring other countries into the organization to promote wheelchair bowling around the world. The board just received notification from the World Bowling Federation that they are proposing to the International Bowling Federation that Wheelchair Bowling be brought into the International arena. Should this take place, we believe this will position the AWBA to be the leader in the World for wheelchair bowling and bring the sport closer to the Para Pan Am games and Paralympics'. These are just a few things that your board has been working on over the last 12 months and we do this for you, our members, and the organization itself. We are in this together so lets work hard to be a part of what's going on. We owe it to the sport itself that has given each of us so much. Until next time, bowl well, enjoy what God has given you, and find a new member to show what and who we are!!!!

WELCOME GIL HERRERA TO YOUR BOARD. HE WILL BE A GREAT ASSET



**THE BEST BALLS IN BOWLING**

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## USBC CELEBRATES THE AWBA

After many years of negotiations between the AWBA and the USBC, wheelchair bowling will be recognized by the USBC at the Open Championship. This is a major step in bringing the AWBA to the next level in the sport of bowling itself. We want to express our 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. Each board member is forming their own team so if you would like to be a team member with a board member, simply contact them so you can be added. If you would like to form your own team, let Gary Ryan know and he will get you the entry form to complete. This event may be the biggest thing that has ever happened to the AWBA and we need you!!! 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.

**57<sup>th</sup> Florida State Champion  
Wheelchair bowling Tournament  
Pin Chasers – Tampa, FL  
February 22-24, 2019**

**Entry - Closing Date ` February 15, 2019 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 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 league sheet will need to be presented with at least 12 games bowled. 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”**

**January thru June 2019**

<u>Name</u>	<u>200+</u>	<u>250+</u>	<u>500+</u>	<u>550+</u>	<u>600+</u>	<u>650+</u>	<u>700+</u>
Smiley Wallace			502				

Great scores should be recognized and celebrated. So, when you bowl that great game or series, be sure and get those to me either by email or text. The first newsletter of the year is always short of scores but I know it will fill up fast. Remember, the 6 National awards presented at the National Championships in June will be based on the scores receive from May 1st, 2018 to April 15,2019 so if you have great scores from last year and have not been reported to me, please do so now. You don't want to be left out for not reporting your great scores or series.

**2019 AWBA Tournament Schedule**

<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>BOWLING CENTER</u></b>	<b><u>T'MNT DIRECTOR</u></b>
<b>Feb 22-24</b>	<b>Pin Chasers</b>	<b>Wayne Webber, 813-264-1111</b>
<b>April 11-14</b>	<b>Fire Lake Bowling Center</b>	<b>Rich Harrell, 405-721-7168</b>
<b><u>AWBA Nationals June 12-15</u></b>	<b><u>City View Lanes, Ft. Worth</u></b>	<b><u>Gary Ryan-713-444-7588</u></b>
<b>June 27-30th</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>Robert Arciola</b>
<b>Great Plains Invitation Aug. 1-4</b>	<b>Thunder Bowl, Council Bluffs,</b>	<b>David Nelson-402-208-4841</b>
<b>MSCPVA Invitational TBD</b>	<b>King Pin Lanes</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Mid America Invitational Sept. 13-15</b>		<b>Jimmy May-804-240-6913</b>
<b>Las Vegas Invitational—TBD</b>	<b>Sunset Station</b>	<b>Julie Johnson-702-646-0040</b>



41 AWBA Bowlers from around the country gathered at Sunset Station at the Strike Zone for the 2018 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 any from Las Vegas with a little additional money in their pocket. Opening Ceremony's was held of Thursday with 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. Friday night the Up/Down was held and it was well attended. Thanks goes our to LE Curtis to putting the event together this year. 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 Grant Buehler was ousted by Rick Mahaney. Rick then took on 2018 National Champ Glenn Davis and Rick sent Glenn to the sidelines. Rick then took on new member Jerry Padgett with Jerry outlasting Rick moving on to take on top qualifier Dan Spotts. Jerry bowled well winning the B division title. In the "A" Division, Andy Bernt took on Kevin Schaefer with Andy prevailing. Andy then faced his Florida Buddy Wayne Webber with Wayne sending him home. Wayne then faced Terry Stewart with Terry taking down Wayne. Terry then face top qualifier Jim Rice. Jim sent the Texan home and taking the title once again. In the Scratch Division, Colby Kortum took on Jason Nelson with Jason out bowling Kolby. Jason then took on the AWBA Chairman, Eddy Hutchens with Eddy prevailing. Eddy then faced Mr. Nebraska, David Nelson with David sending Eddy to the Showers!!! David then faced the Las Vegas native, LE Curtis and Mr. Curtis paved his way to the title. All Divisions had some great bowling a lot of fun was had by all.

Other bowlers that attended were Johnnie Baylark, Paul Cook, Walt Roy, Gary Ryan, Kevin Schaefer, Jimmy May, Wayne Webber, Dan Spotts, David Spotts, Gary Poole, Phillip Daniel, Terry Stewart, Lee Curtis, Lester Wood, Marc Fenn, Dan Formento, Lawrence Brown, 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, National PVA, 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.





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## **PROUD SPONSORS OF THE AWBA**



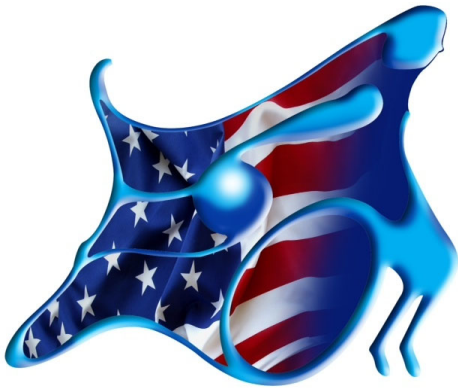
*KEN AND KATHY KEEGAN ARE MORE THAN JUST BUSINESS OWNERS OF LOGO INFUSION, THEY ARE PEOPLE THAT CARE ABOUT OUR SPORT AND THOSE THAT PARTICIPATE IN IT. THEY ARE INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE, CARING PEOPLE THAT WANT TO PUT THE BEST PRODUCT OUT IN THE MARKETPLACE THAT SHOWS WHO THEY ARE. AND THOSE THAT WORK WITH THEM IN THEIR GREAT COMPANY ARE DUPLICATES IN STYLE AND MINDSET. IN WORKING WITH MANY COMPANIES OVER THEYEARS, THEY ARE TRULY THE MOST CARRING GROUP OF PEOPLE I HAVE HAD THE PLEASUREOF WORKING WITH. GUYS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE AWBA!!!*

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**New Member**

**William McElroy-Newark, DE**

**Welcome as new Member of the AWBA.**

**Help Needed**

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**JUST A FEW WINNERS IN 2018**



**AWBA IS THE PLACE  
TO BE!!!!**

