



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
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From Our AWBA Chairperson, **Eddy Hutchens**,

This is the best time of year, right? HOT HOT HOT. I do not like hot but not really fond of the COLD either.

I hope the summer is treating you all good and you have plans on attending all the AWBA/PVA Chapter Trail Stops. I will be at the Great Plains tournament, and I hope to see you all there too. Mary, Amanda, Dave, and all of them at the Great Plains Chapter, put on an outstanding tournament each year. Let's make this year their biggest attendance year to date. We will then have the Kentucky Tournament in between Dave's and Jimmy's Tournament so let's all meet at them to sharpen our skills for Nationals in October.

Our National Tournament will be held in Wheat Ridge Colorado in October this year. I know you all are going to be there, right? Curt and I as well as your Board of Directors are going to put on a great event again this year. Be sure to get your reservations booked asap so you can take advantage of the events discounted prices. Remember, October is a great time of year, not too hot and not too cold in Colorado. The trees will be changing colors too so a drive through the mountains might deserve an extra day or two here in Colorado. There will be some transportation set up so investigate that too if needed, the sooner the better.

If you would like to be considered for Team USA, remember that your resume needs to be turned in before the end of July. [https://www.bowl.com/Team_USA/Team_USA_Home/Team_USA - Para Bowling/](https://www.bowl.com/Team_USA/Team_USA_Home/Team_USA_-_Para_Bowling/) and the direct link to application is <https://form.jotform.com/221367050205141>

Again, I am looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming tournaments and remember your board of directors are here if you have questions or concerns. Reach out to us. Also remember to get your proposals into Gary if you have something you think will better the AWBA. It's your organization so help us keep on growing.



Gary Ryan, Secretary

For those of you that have not realized it yet, it is SUMMER TIME for sure. Texas is on fire temperature wise as we have been experiencing 100 degree days since June!!! We normally don't get there till August. So August should be almost unbearable for many. Be sure and check on your friends and family to make sure they are safe. The Chicago event was a true pleasure to attend. Many new bowlers, a number of novices, and a great time had by all that attended. And the weather was great. Chilly nights and cool days made it very enjoyable. The bowling center did a great job of taking care of all the bowlers and their food was really good. A big thanks to Johnnie Baylark and his great committee to putting on a wonderful event. We live streamed the event and had over 1700 viewers over the 2 day period. We're getting the word out and are hopeful for the same results in Iowa.

Now we are moving on to the Great Plains Invitational where 36 bowlers are scheduled to attend. Mary Bushman and her great staff always do a wonderful job along with help from BIG Dave in putting on a great event. I will be live streaming the Singles event starting on Friday through the roll off on Sunday so go to Facebook and search for the AWBA Facebook page to view all the activities. We will be giving a Storm ball away during one of the sets so you need to be turned in to win. Looking forward to seeing many friends there along with some new faces.

It is time for elections again this year so if you wish to seek an office or directorship, please have your name to me by the end of AUGUST. Officers up for election are the secretary and vice chairman. There will be 2 director position open as well. After 11 1/2 years as serving as your Secretary, I will not be running for re-election. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Secretary and while I will retain a few activities, I will miss a number of things. I have done the best job I could over those years, made many new friends, and have always done the absolute best for our great organization never putting forth any personal gain ahead of the organization. As set forth in our bylaws, I will continue to serve on the board for a 3 year period with no voting rights. At this point I believe our Chairman intends to combine the Secretary's position with the Treasurers however that will need to be put before the board and then the membership in October. You will hear more from him about that I am sure. I want to express my thanks to all of you that have supported me over the last 11 1/2 years. The position is a challenging one requiring many responsibilities and duties. Some of those have brought fairly harsh words directed at me but always know, I was simply following our rules and bylaws.

Our organization has never been stronger from a direction standpoint. We will continue to be however, as strong as our membership for this is your organization and will be forever.



First, I would like to thank all bowlers and their families who attended the 3rd Annual Midwestern Invitation Bowling Tournament. Secondly, I would like to thank the Bowlero staff and the Joliet USBC members for being lane judges for our roll-off and the great sponsors and volunteers who supported this event.

After a brief break, we could reconnect with old friends for the love of bowling. Everyone in attendance said they had a wonderful time and looked forward to our next tournament. The Bowlero staff had nothing but great things to say about our game and expressed their interest in hosting future events.

Vaughan has received very positive feedback from the participants. Please note that Vaughn is working with AWBA and Bowlero to clarify expectations of the lanes' oil conditions and plans on providing this info to the bowlers before next year's tournament.

Having excellent communication with all bowlers is essential for having a successful tournament. Overall, the game was a great success, with special thanks to the hard work of the tournament committee.

Sincerely,

Johnnie Baylark, Jr.

Vaughan Sports Director Keith Cooper is very excited about the future of the Vaughan bowling tournament and engaging more new athletes in wheelchair bowling. Keith is particularly passionate about dynamic ramp bowling and the instructional clinic, explicitly making sure all interested individuals have the resources and knowledge to access the sport of wheelchair bowling.

Tournament Results.

Dave Nelson triumphed over Mark Shepard for top honors in the Scratch Division. George Holscher placed 3rd, Albert Martin Placed 4th, and Shawn Beam rounded out the scratch division roll-off finalists in 5th place. The A division top honors were taken by Charles Scott, a dynamic Ramp bowler. The final standings in the A division are Michael Marcheskie in Second, Vaughan Chapter Associate member Kenneth Hill, William Leavitt, and Henry Walters. Three First time tournament participants from the Vaughan Chapter were in the B Division roll-off. At his first tournament was Vaughan Chapter Member Dylan Pickett, who took home the first-place award. New Vaughan Bowler Cheryl Gerdes placed second. Rob Duckworth placed third. Accomplished USA tennis athlete Roosevelt Anderson placed third and could be overheard saying he was bringing his competitive accomplishments in tennis to the bowling community.

Twenty-Three of the Thirty-Five bowlers are Veterans. The Midwestern tournament had two novice bowlers and five first-time tournament bowlers. Six-chapter presidents were present at this year's tournament. Tony Jungblut, a novice bowler, took home the Up Down bowling Prize. We want to thank our National Sponsors, Storm Bowling, IAMBOWLING, USBC, BPAA. AND SPORTAID for the continued support of the sport of Wheelchair Bowling.

Interviews with Josue Cordova, Vaughan Chapter President, and Vaughan Sports Director can be found here. <https://www.facebook.com/AWBAorg>

2022 COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON

Nomination Committee: Gary Ryan

Election Committee: Gary Ryan

Executive Finance Committee: Curt Wolff

Bylaw's and Rules: Wayne Webber

Membership: Kevin Schaefer

Strategic Planning: Eddy Hutchens

Sponsorship Committee: Gary Ryan

Publicity Committee: Curt Wolff

New Equipment Committee: Curt Wolff

Hall of Fame Committee: Eddy Hutchens

International Liaison: Mark Shepherd

Rankings Mark Shepherd

Hall Of Fame Committee: Wayne Webber, Peter Arballo, Kevin Schaefer, Mike DeLoach, Kenneth Hill, Jimmy May

By providing you with the above information helps you go to the right person to get information or express concerns or comments and suggestions you may have. Each persons email in on our website

2022 AWBA Tournament Schedule

DATES	BOWLING CENTER		T'MNT Director
July 28th-31st	Great Plains Invitational	Thunderbird Lanes	David Nelson, 402-208-4841
Aug, 19-21	KENTUCKY	KINGPIN	Roy Gray, 502-264-3926
SEPT 9-11	Mid Atlantic Invitational	BOWLERO	Jimmy May, 804-240-6913
Oct 19-22	AWBA National Championship	Bowlero Wheatridge	Hutchens, Wolff, 303-915-7943

Each year I think we should highlight our National Sponsors as they do so much for us at all Regional Events and play a major role at our National Championships. So this page is dedicated to them and we extend our thanks for your support of the sport of Wheelchair Bowling.



Gary and Leanne Hulsenberg plus Blair, Bill and Barb Chrisman



Ken and Kathy Keegan, Brian Cooper



Chad Murphy and Roger Noordhoek



Mike DeStacio



Stacy Green

Finally we cannot leave out the general public and local businesses the bowling centers that work with each tournament director that support our events, our up/downs and everything that we do throughout the year. Thank all of you so very much.



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New Life Members

CHRIS PARNELL

New Annual Members

CHRISTINE LEDGER

STEVE KIRK

TED RAKE

WILLIAM JAKOVAC

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!!!!

IN REMEMBRANCE OF

We received word that we lost 2 great people in our organization this month. Ron Johnson of Florida passed away. A large man in both his bowling skills and spirit. He won many tournaments over the years but more importantly had many friends. He will be missed.

We also lost a wonderful lady, Mary Ann Templar, the wife of Roger Templar. Mary Ann always had a smile on her face, played a big role at every tournament she attended, worked with the Ladies Auxiliary, and had so many friends and loved ones. She also loved seafood as I recall. Such a wonderful and giving person. Roger our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time and will always be here for you should you need us. May she rest in peace.