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From Our AWBA Chairperson, **Eddy Hutchens**,

Happy New Year to all of you. Seems late to be saying that but it is our first newsletter since the new year. I have seen several of you in Florida but that is it.

I want to welcome Frank Goebel as our new Secretary. Frank has been doing a really good job as he continues to learn as we go. As you all know, Frank has been bowling with us for several years as well. Also, a big welcome to Mark Shepherd as our new Vice Chairman as well as George Holscher

By the time this letter gets out to you, we should know more about Nationals. We were hopeful that the Nationals would be in Nebraska this year but that will not be the case. I am going to work with Shawn and Gary to see if we can get it put on in Dallas again this week. If that fails, we may just have to forgo the Nationals this year. We could still hold the National Raffle, so the AWBA gets the funds needed to operate during the upcoming year. Anyone who might have suggestions, please contact me.

As you all have probably heard, the USBC has chosen to roll the current Team USA over for another year. This is since the current Team USA was only onboard for 4 months. Also, there was no international competition held last year. USBC has stressed that they will give us the information on any upcoming competitions, as they get it. All Team USA Members are and will always be selected by the USBC, not the AWBA. At this point, the USBC uses the rankings of the AWBA Standings as well as a resume application.

While Team USA was in Las Vegas in January, I spoke with the owner of I AM BOWLING about the bowling jerseys the AWBA requires us to wear. All I can say is the AWBA is very grateful for all the support I AM BOWLING is giving to us and we hope for a long relationship between the two organizations. That said, we will no longer require a worn Bowling Jersey at our tournaments to be an I AM BOWLING Jersey. What I really want from you all is to at least give I AM BOWLING a shot at selling you the new Jersey. We get a great discount from them each time we order. I am also asking that every Tournament Director allow I AM BOWLING to bid on whatever shirts and towels you need for your tournament. I am betting they will give you a much better quality for your dollar. Just get with me when you're ready for your next order.

We have many more tournaments upcoming, please attend if you can. Have a look at the website, all the details are on there now. Oklahoma is next and then Chicago. I am looking forward to both tournaments and I hope you are too. Let us support our Tournament Directors by going to as many of these events as possible.

As always, your board of directors are here for your thoughts, and I encourage you to vocalize those thoughts to any of us. We need your input.



Mark Sheppard, Vice Chairman

AWBA Members, Dedicated Volunteers , Sponsors, Partners and Donors,

It is March and the AWBA has held it's first tournament of the season. Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of PVA hosted this event February 21-24, 2023 at Pin Chasers Bowling Center in Tampa, Florida. The results of that event should be incorporated within this newsletter.

The AWBA will be hosting their quarterly BOD meeting in March. We will address this years Nationals' event, including a permanent structure of the AWBA Nationals format, new rules modifications, new logo development, our website, fundraising, and member issues brought to the BOD. If you have recommendations, please contact me our your BOD representatives in your area so they may bring your concerns forward. Remember the BOD was elected to serve you!

In past months, I responded to a concern regarding Team USA selection and how such is handled through the USBC. The AWBA is honored to be an affiliate member of the USBC. We are also proud that the USBC has chosen to serve as the international representative of Para Bowling for the USA. In it's infancy, Para Bowling is beginning it's international representation. Please remember that processes take time to develop and mature. We ask for your continued patience as Para Bowling continues to develop.

We thank our current sponsors, partners and donors for their continued support. Our sincere thanks to the USBC, Storm Bowling, Logo Fusion, BPAA, BVL, and MackMedia. We would especially like to thank the PVA and their chapters that sponsor and facilitate many of our competitions.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the above listed email address or cell phone number. Until next time, keep bowling!



Frank Goebel, Secretary

Several years ago, I took over as secretary of a bowling league. I did have some knowledge of rules and maintaining records, but that first season I was very much a "newbie". I knew most of the league members, but I would have to live through multiple issues and solve problems.

What followed was twenty seasons of personal and league growth, experiencing many highs and lows with the many people with whom I would contact over that time. I have no way of knowing just how many different bowlers I met through that secretarial role.

In the same manner, I'm growing into the role a secretary of this fine organization. There will be adjustments to be sure. But even in our latter events of 2022, I drew on my league secretary experience to respond to questions and concerns then raised by members. Now holding the Secretary title, I will continue to do so.

In my first few years as an AWBA member, I've gotten to know and recognize so many people with a wide variety of experiences and abilities, both on and off the lanes. I continue to be amazed at many of the successes I've observed and experienced. I'm happier to have shared in those successes with the bowlers achieving them.

As I write this, I'm looking forward to several tournaments coming up for 2023. Wayne Webber has just finished the Florida State tournament; Jennifer Hooten has posted about the Mid America tournament at the end of March in Oklahoma; Kenneth Hill will be repeating the Vaughan tournament in early May. Before long, we'll be hearing about later events that year and I'll be directly involved in setting up our 2023 National.

In the meantime, I've taken several opportunities to mention wheelchair bowling when meeting new people, or significantly in multiple social media settings. Many of these conversations have been fruitful; there is a strong potential for interest in our organization, and it just takes a little time to go for it.

I thank the members of this organization for your trust and will give you my very best in this role as Secretary.



2023 -- 61st FLORIDA TOURNAMENT REPORT

Prior to bowling we had enrolled 28 bowlers for the tournament this year, but we had several bowlers drop prior to the beginning of qualifying for various reasons. Still, we had a good competitive event throughout the doubles, teams and singles competitions.

Things started out on Wednesday morning with Jimmy May and Dan Formento capturing the Doubles crown over George Holscher and Chris Murphy in the pins over average format.

The Team event went well as the team off Dan Formento, Skip Johnson, and Andy Bernt defeated the teams of Jimmy may, Kyle Kennon, Rick Mahaney, who came in 2nd. Also, the team of Chris Murphy, Eddy Hutchens, Mark Shepherd who were 3rd.

There was a scratch division this year as the bowlers were split into Scratch, A and B division.

The A division started out with Tournament director Wayne Webber pitted against Gabriel Diaz, Gabe won to go against Tom Jomisko with Tom advancing. Tom took on Rick Mahaney and successfully dispatched Mahaney before winning over the High qualifier John Melvin. Congratulations to A champion Tom Jomisko.

In the B roll off Dave McGinnes lost to Jimmy May. Jimmy edged out Debra Freed by a little over 12 pins, advancing to face Dan Formento who was eliminated by Jimmy. Jimmy also dispatched High qualifier Chris Murphy in a very close match to win the B title Congratulations.

The Scratch Division of 5 bowlers went like this in there roll-offs. Mark Shepherd went up against Brooks Martin. Brooks eliminated Mark to challenge Kyle Kennon, Kyle defeated Brooks to move on to Eddy Hutchens who put Kyle away. Then Eddy challenged George Holscher for the title but couldn't handle the pressure that George through at him Congratulation George Scratch Champion.

Handicap honors went to John Melvin 677 HHS A Division and Rick Mahaney HHG 249 in A. Chris Murphy had a 736 HHS and Jimmy May had 253 HHG in B. Brooks also took home most improved with +375 pins improved Congratulations to all the bowlers who won prizes this year.

My thanks to all the ladies who helped this year, Sherrie Johnson, Balinda Formento, Kim Green, Sue May for all their efforts and many others whose contributions helped in so many ways. I am grateful to Pin Chasers Veterans for their hospitality in supporting this event.

I would like to thank our sponsors National PVA, Florida Gulf Coast PVA, , Mathew Patton Foundation, the Tuesday night leagues, Tim's Fast Lane, and to the Families of Kennedy & Chong, Formento's, Johnson's, Webber's for their donations. Lastly thanks to AWBA for the bowler's names and averages.

Wayne Webber, TD

FGCPVA Sports Director/Vice-President



61st Florida State Results

Feb. 22-24, 2023

Scratch

Ent	Hcp	Name	Scratch	Handicap	End Avg
188	0	George Holscher	2378	na	198
172	0	Eddy Hutchens	2172	na	181
165	0	Kyle Kennon	2171	na	180
182	0	Mark Shepherd	2144	na	178
174	0	Brooks Martin	2134	na	177

A Division

Ent	Hcp	Name	Scratch	Handicap	End Avg
126	74	John Melvin	1657	2545	138
151	49	Rick Mahaney	1921	2509	160
150	50	Tom Jomisko	1845	2445	153
140	60	Gabriel Diaz	1717	2437	143
139	61	Wayne Webber	1699	2431	144
147	53	Andy Bernt	1752	2388	146
142	58	Phillip Daniel	1592	2288	132
135	65	Carl LaGrotteria	1470	2250	129

B Division

Ent	Hcp	Name	Scratch	Handicap	End Avg
109	91	Chris Murphy	1736	2828	138
122	78	Dan Formento	1677	2613	139
101	99	Debra Freed	1418	2606	118
116	84	Dave McGinnes	1543	2551	128
107	93	Jimmy May	1430	2546	119
97	103	Boob Yensko	1239	2475	103
111	89	Keith Green	1385	2453	115
124	76	Rich Goebel	1501	2413	125
69	131	Skip Johnson	820	2392	68

600's George Holscher 618, 603

Brooks Martin 603

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Brooks Martin 501, 539,

200's George Holscher – 247,217,202,214,202



The 2022 Las Vegas Invitational was held at the Strike Zone Center in the Sunset Station Casino and hosted 21 bowlers. Everyone had a great time on and off the lanes. The bowling clinic was a huge success. Thursday night was the Up/Down Bowl with a nice turn out. This year we did scratch 9 pin no tap and everything went smoothly, and we were done by 10pm. A huge thanks to L.E. Curtis and Mary Habib for putting the event together. Friday was opening ceremonies and the color guard was the Air Force cadets from Rancho High School, they did amazing.

Saturday and Sunday featured the final three sets of Singles and the Roll Offs.

B Division –started with 1. John Melvin, 2. Bill Burns, 3. Stacy Clowers, 4. Michael Tucker, 5. Stephen Smith and the winner was John Melvin 214 a win over Bill Burns 187

A Division – started with 1. Jim Rice, 2. Gary Poole, 3. Jaime Rodriguez, 4. Marc Fenn, Kevin Schaefer and the winner was Jim Rice 197 a win over Gary Poole 193

Scratch - started with 1. Dave Nelson, 2. Eddy Hutchens, 3. L.E. Curtis, 4. Walt Roy and the winner was Dave Nelson 202 a win over Eddy Hutchens 137

Other Bowlers who attended Kevin Schaeffer, Lawrence Brown, Marc Fenn, Frank Goebel, Toodie Perry, Michael Tucker and Wayne Webber

We would like to extend our thanks to the staff at Strike Zone, Frank Goebel, and Mary Habib for doing a great job of handling the tournament. We also want to thank our sponsors Paralyzed Veterans of America, AWBA, Storm Bowling and Bowlers Mart for your continued support

AWBA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MID AMERICA PVA/AWBA 3-31/4-1 FIRE LAKE BOWLING CENTER RICH HAROLD

VAUGH PVA/AWBA 5-5/5-7 BOWLERO LANES, ROMEOVILLE KEITH COOPER

GREAT PLAINS PVA/AWBA 7-27/7-30 MOCKINGBIRD LANE, OMAHA DAVID NELSON

MID ATLANTIC PVA/AWBA 9-22/9-24 SHORT PUMP BOWL AMERICA JIMMY MAY

AWBA NATIONALS 10-24/1028 CITY VIEW LANES, FT. WORTH SHAWN BEAM

LAS VAGAS PVA/AWBA TBD



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ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!

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New Members

Jordan McQuoid

Elvia Garmon

Andrew Hartman

Kenny Marchant

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!!!!

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