



# **THE ELEVENTH FRAME**

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From our AWBA Chairperson, **Eddy Hutchens**

Hello AWBA Members, and what a great day it is.

The sun is shining strong, but we have some cooler days ahead. I am ready for some cooler days but not sure I am ready for the cold ones that also bring the snow to Colorado.

Unlike our weather in Colorado, we need to stop and pray for those who have been affected by the last hurricane Helene, and for this next hurricane Milton. The devastating affects to so many along the east coast is horrific. Please know that if you are in these areas, that our thoughts and prayers are with you! And please reach out to us at the AWBA for any assistance we can give.

On a different note, some great news came from the USBC about a month ago. The memo stated that they will be putting together a Para Team to take to Hong Kong. Woohoo!! This is just another step towards that goal of the Para Olympics for what we have already been approved. It is just a question of when that could start happening. I am assuming that would mean the beginning of the different classifications that would be in competition, as well.

For now, we only move at the pace given to us. I, for one, am very thankful for being on the map. I know the closing date was September 30th so I hope you got your resume into the USBC already. I want to send out a huge thanks to the USBC for allowing the AWBA Bowlers to be included in this great opportunity.

The AWBA's 63rd American Wheelchair Bowling Association's National Championship will be held at Bowlero, in Romeoville, Illinois. This event will be the **63rd AWBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—Powered by Vaughan Chapter, Paralyzed Veterans of America**. It will be held May 7th to May 10th. This will be a great event, and we are excited as Bowlero always helps us make these events great. Much is already going on in the planning of the Tournament. The information will be on the AWBA Website shortly. Plan your trip now as you are not going to want to miss this one!

With the announcement of the 63rd National, comes the need to raise money to help it happen. I have already purchased the tickets for the AWBA's large raffle, and some of you already have them. This raffle is a necessity to enable us to put on the event. With that said, please contact me and let me know how many tickets I can send you to sell. Everyone can sell them, and we need you to step up and help with this year's sales. One book has 25 tickets in it. The tickets sell for \$20.00 each. By selling one book of 25, you will get a **free singles entry** into the Nationals in May 2025. So, contact me and I will send you the tickets. If we all pitch in and sell at least one book, the Nationals will get better and better. I am counting on all of you to help your Board sell these tickets. Let your buyers know that these tickets are a tax write-off due to our 501(c)(3) status. The Guaranteed Payout is \$2500 for first, \$1500 for second and \$1000 for third. Only 800 tickets will be sold. Get yours today so you have 5 months to sell them. I make my sales by texting family and friends, Facebook, as well as to my leagues I bowl on.

As always, I am asking you to let one of your Board of Directors know how we can make the AWBA a better place to be. We do what we do for the betterment of the AWBA, so it can serve you, our members better! This is very important to me, so please let your thoughts be heard. Get your proposals into Frank Goebel as soon as possible so he can add it to our agenda for the next Board of Directors Meeting. We cannot work on it if we do not know about it.

I'll see you all soon, email me right now for your National Raffle Tickets!!

**Eddy Hutchens**  
AWBA Chairman

**Frank W. Goebel II**, Secretary and Editor

I am pleased to be a key member of the committee preparing the 63<sup>rd</sup> National Championships. I start this article awaiting the committee's October meeting, and I conclude this article following that.

2024 **National Achievement Awards** were presented at the Mid-Atlantic tournament a few weeks ago. The six trophies were, High Average: **George Holscher**, 201; High Series: **George Holscher**, 724; High Game: **George Holscher**, 278. High Handicap Series: **Rich Goebel**, 725 (506 scratch); High Handicap Game: **John St. Andria**, 280 (201 scratch); Most Improved Average: **Debra Freed**, +11 (108→119).

With this, please continue to submit notable scores that you bowl in a league or local tournament, and/or if you cash in a local event. I got very few submissions for the above awards. I did get one summer league note:

Bowling with Summer Superbowl 2024 at Northgate Bowl, Salem, Oregon: **Grant Buehler**, then averaging 128: Bowled scores 137-157-167 — 462, 78 pins over average for the series.

Outside the AWBA: Congratulations to **Julet Hutchens** (Eddy's better half), a **300 game** bowled on October 4!

## DID YOU KNOW?



**IAMBOWLING** has supplied our jerseys and has been an awesome sponsor of the AWBA for several years. One membership benefit is that AWBA Members get their 25% off their orders. Here's how:

First, visit [IAMBowling.com](http://IAMBowling.com), then register from the upper left icon to create your account.

Next, call **Brian Cooper** at (702) 876-4153, extension **113**. Let him know that you just set up your account on IAMBOWLING and that you are an AWBA Member.

Brian will upgrade your account on the spot, as an AWBA Member and your all set. From that point on, you will get 25% off on all your orders.

On top of that, if you win one of the certificates that IAMBOWLING has given to the AWBA, you will get the additional \$50.00 off your order. Both will apply. 25% off is automatic due to your account and then you will put in your Certificate code on your order at checkout.

*A huge thank you to **IAMBOWLING**, your support is very appreciated by the AWBA!*

## SAVE THESE DATES

We are busy planning the 63<sup>rd</sup> National Championships, that will be powered by the Vaughan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), the second weekend of May 2025. Much coordination is necessary, so that the several things that must be present, accomplished, or performed as part of this event, are all assigned and covered, even with backups. This tournament will be held May 7 through 10:

**Tuesday** (Day before the tournament): Board of Directors meeting. Like most gatherings, many attendees visit the bowling center the eve of the tournament to socialize, some even bowl together on their own.

**Wednesday:** Three bowler **Team; Doubles; Social.**

**Thursday:** Opening ceremonies; First squad (four games); **Membership Meeting**; Second squad (four games); **Hall of Fame Dinner.**

**Friday:** Third squad (four games); **Scratch** cuts to top eight for first portion of **Match Play; Up/Down** fundraiser.

**Saturday:** Fourth squad (three games for handicap); remainder of **Scratch Match Play; Stepladders; Banquet.**

For the **Tournament of Champions**, we have decided to incorporate that by using the first three games of the Singles (Thursday morning). In this past, this has always been bowled separately, but many past champions have missed out because they didn't arrive at the tournament a day earlier. This will allow every past champion their opportunity to compete for that extra prize, \$100 for both Scratch and Handicap.

## **Curtis Wolff ~ Treasurer and Website**

Get ready for an exciting opportunity with our National Raffle! Imagine the thrill of winning one of the top prizes, with the first prize being a whopping \$2500! Not only do you get a chance to win, but every ticket you purchase supports our 501(c)(3) non-profit. Plus, if you're feeling the fever, sell a book of 25 tickets and earn an entry into the singles event of the 2025 AWBA National Championship Tournament. To purchase a ticket for the National Raffle, you can reach out to any of our board members. They will be delighted to assist you with the process and provide you with your raffle tickets. Remember, each ticket is an opportunity to win and a gesture of support for our nonprofit's mission. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this exciting event and the possibility of winning big while contributing to a great cause! It's a win win for everyone involved.

Past donations and sponsorship money continue to be invested in a managed Charles Schwab account. This is like a pension account as our by-laws state we can only invest in minimally risky investments. I continue to monitor these on a bimonthly basis however, these are completely controlled by the Charles Schwab investment management team. The current blend is 60% EFT stock investment with remainder in mutual fund type investments and money market cash. Growth has remained steady at approximately 12 ½ percent. We recently transferred \$5000 from this account to cover ongoing operating expenses into fiscal year 2025 as well as to cover donations we have made to various bowling tournaments including \$2000 then we just donated to the Mid-Atlantic PVA chapter bowling tournament sanctioned by the AWBA just held in Richmond VA. Special shout out and thank you to Jimmy Mays and Ivan Schwartz for hosting and conducting an outstanding and well-organized event.

The annual and renewal sanctioning fees for bowling enthusiasts remain an affordable \$25 per year. For those considering a deeper commitment, the life membership is a one-time fee of \$200, which not only offers lifelong affiliation but also comes with exclusive perks. Included in the life membership are a special 'I AM Bowling' Life Member jersey and a high-quality Storm Tropical Surge bowling ball, enhancing the overall bowling experience.

On a final note, the American Wheelchair Bowling Association's (AWBA) recent decision to waive tournament sanctioning fees represents a significant shift towards supporting the bowling community. This initiative not only alleviates financial burdens on tournament directors but also reinforces AWBA's commitment to fostering an inclusive and accessible sporting environment. By ensuring that bowlers' averages, rankings, and tournament sanctions are managed efficiently, the AWBA upholds the integrity of the sport. Moreover, the proactive approach to sharing tournament results and photos on the AWBA website enhances visibility and celebrates the achievements of wheelchair bowlers. This strategic move likely encourages greater participation and engagement within the bowling community, promoting the sport's growth and the spirit of competition.



## Mid-Atlantic PVA Tournament – September 20-22, 2024 – Glen Allen, VA

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-Atlantic PVA/AWBA Invitational was held September 20-22 at Bowl America Short Pump. A total of 25 bowlers participated.

Sadly, after the tournament concluded, we learned that defending B Division Champion **Daren Crespo** had passed away shortly before the tournament began. We deeply mourn this loss.

First off was Friday's Doubles, with a total of ten doubles pairings entered. Leading the qualifying were brothers Richard and Frank Goebel, followed by Rick Mahaney with Brooks Martin, Shawn Beam with Eddy Hutchens, and Jimmy May with Mike Marcheskie. These four teams competed in a two-round single-game bracket playoff, with very tight margins settling these matches. The winning team was that of **Shawn Beam/Eddy Hutchens**; runners-up were **Jimmy May/Mike Marcheskie**. Third were the **Richard/Frank Goebel** twins, and fourth place went to **Rick Mahaney/Brooks Martin**.

The Up/Down was held Friday evening. The top team was that of **John St. Andria** with 2612; **Brad Hughes'** team were runners-up with 2555. Third place was the team of **Rich Goebel** with 2533.

Saturday brought opening ceremonies, followed by two three-game qualifying squads. Sunday brought two additional three-game squads, after which the top five in each division bowled the stepladder playoffs. Our champions were **Richard Goebel**, B Division; **Chris Murphy**, A Division; **David Nelson, Jr.**, Scratch. Stepladder images follow:

### SCRATCH

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Result
1	George Holscher	162		RUNNER-UP
3	Dave Nelson, Jr.	182		CHAMPION

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Result
2	Brooks Martin	113		3RD
3	Dave Nelson, Jr.	177		ADV

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Result
3	Dave Nelson, Jr.	165		ADV
4	Shawn Beam	133		4TH

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Result
4	Shawn Beam	185		ADV
5	Eddy Hutchens	137		5TH

### A DIVISION

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
1	Bill Ingersoll	125		74	199	RUNNER-UP
3	Chris Murphy	146		65	211	CHAMPION

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
2	John St. Andria	145		74	219	3RD
3	Chris Murphy	167		65	232	ADV

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
3	Chris Murphy	140		65	205	ADV
4	Frank Goebel	146		57	203	4TH

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
4	Frank Goebel	181		57	238	ADV
5	Randall Pope	172		56	228	5TH

### B DIVISION

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
1	Rich Goebel	120		81	201	CHAMPION
4	Debra Freed	101		96	197	RUNNER-UP

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
2	Mark Hartney	100		96	196	3RD
4	Debra Freed	121		96	217	ADV

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
3	Anthony Turner	52		98	150	4TH
4	Debra Freed	92		96	188	ADV

	Bowler	Score	T/B	Hcp	Total	Result
4	Debra Freed	156		96	252	ADV
5	Chris Bacon	88		103	191	5TH

**Other Prizes:** High Scratch Set, **George Holscher**, 617; High Scratch Game, **David Nelson**, 245. A Division, High Set, **Bill Ingersoll**, 729; High Game, **Chris Murphy**, 262. B Division, High Set, **Rich Goebel**, 677; High Game, **Gary Poole**, 273.

**Bowlero Romeoville, IL** will host the **63rd AWBA National Championships** in May 7-10, 2025, powered by the **Vaughan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)**. Scheduling details are being developed and are in progress.

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