

STRIKING NEWS

October 2017



CHANGES

Welcome to the new bowling season of 2017-18. This season will mean the end of an era in bowling and a beginning to the next generation of bowlers. Not to worry as I feel that the average bowler won't even notice the change.

Starting in 2018-2019 there will be some changes made at the state level. There will be only one state office and one state association manager, plus one board of directors doing all the work and making decisions. The delegates to the USBC Convention in 2016 voted to force the merger of all unmerged associations, at both the local and state level.

This merger process started with a Transition Committee consisting of 3 representatives from our 3 state associations, Men's, Women's, and Youth. This committee met three times in order to complete the necessary work to start the merger. They drafted by-laws, established a first-year budget and set up a nominating committee. The next logical step in the process was to pick a date for the organizational meeting.

That meeting was held on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Adventureland Inn in Altoona. All went relatively well and the by-laws were approved and the Officers and Board of Directors were elected.

Our own Connie Rommel was elected President while Chris Birnbaum from Fort Dodge was elected 1st Vice President. Elected to the office of 2nd Vice President was Shannon McHugh of Jefferson; and Sue Strasburger of Cedar Rapids will be Sergeant-at-Arms.

Eight directors were elected and will include Charla Green, Fort Dodge, Ed Budzyn, Burlington, Jerry Robinson, Cedar Rapids, Shellie Kutsch, Dubuque, Laura Christensen, Des Moines, Randy Nabor, Muscatine, LeRoy Heatherington, Shenandoah, and Jack Powers, Council Bluffs. The three youth directors elected are Larry Brown, Muscatine, Elizabeth Stanley, Des Moines, and Cody McCormick, Des Moines. One officer and 4 directors will serve 3-year terms, five individuals will serve 2-year terms, and four others will be serving 1-year terms.

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The position of state association manager will remain a hired position. The new board is working on this job and hope to have that position filled by the end of the year.

.....And just to set your minds at ease, the Open State Tournament will continue, the Women's State Tournament will continue and the Youth State Tournament will also continue.

Welcome to another great season of bowling! Charli

Welcome back to bowling.

This bowling season we will be publishing a monthly newsletter that will be available at the centers and on our website at gcvusbc.com. If you have any items of bowling interest that you want to share contact communication committee members Charli Pals, Angi Fangman, Kathy Huffman, Brian MacLearn, Sue Neebel or any other board member.

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- Certified averages for all bowlers who compete in a certified league
- BOWL.com website for news and information
- Access to a network of dedicated volunteers to run USBC leagues and tournaments
- Local associations annually raising more than \$1 million for charities such as Bowlers to Veterans Link and Bowl for the Cure
- TV coverage of bowling's major events
- Supporting programs such as Bowlopolis to engage the next generation of bowlers
- Certifying 300-plus bowling balls each year
- Local, state and national awards and scholarships
- Working with SMART to manage scholarships
- Registered Volunteer Program to protect our youth
- Online resources for members such as the USBC Bowling Academy to improve your game and Member Rewards to save you money on your purchases.

USBC'S PROMISE: Celebrate the past, be mindful of the present and ensure bowling's future.

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Women's 600 Club

Our local association has lost a great deal of interest in the local 600 Club. It has ceased in being an active club. I am looking to hear from any woman that has had a 600 and would like to see this club return to an active state. If we can get enough women to show an interest, then I would like to set up a date, time and place where we could meet and discuss how to become active again. You only had to have one sanctioned 600 scratch series to become a member.

By the same token, we do have an active 600 club for our state and national level. The first state tournament in October, held in Jefferson, IA. There are tournaments being held for them all the time. I do have information on how to enter these tournaments. Shannon is the state secretary. mchugh@netins.net.

Please, contact me with any questions, ideas or feedback that you may have. Thank you,

Sue Neebel, smneebel@msn.com 319-290-0104

Women's 700 Club

There isn't a local 700 club, but there is a state and national club.

Any questions you may have, please contact Connie Rommel.

The Iowa State Mixed Tournament will be held at Maple Lanes October 28-29, November 4-5, 11-12, 2017. Saturday shift times are noon and 3:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Entries close October 21. This is a 2 men and 2 women team event, mixed doubles and all events. You can bowl everything in one day. Cost is \$20 per event per person and the optional \$5 all-events. Entries are at the bowling centers or it can be downloaded from the downloads tab on iowawba.com. Come and enjoy this fun tournament.



The annual Iowa State WBA BVL mail-in-tournament is coming in November. Board members and volunteers will be coming around asking for \$5 to enter you in the tournament. Bowlers use their league scores as their tournament scores the week of November 5-11 or if you don't bowl then the November 12-18 scores will be used. All you have to do is bowl. Everything else will be taken care of for you with the help of the centers, board members and volunteers. Last year a check was written to BVL for \$10,000 from this tournament and donations. \$8000 of that money came back to our Iowa VA centers and the National TEE Tournament at Riverside Iowa. The monies have to be used for entertainment for our Veterans. Please join us in supporting BVL and their mission to "Never forget our Veterans".

WEB SITES: Maple Lanes: maplelaneswaterloo.com

Cadillac Lanes: cadillacxbc.com

Iowa State USBC WBA: iowawba.com

Iowa State USBC BA: iowabowl.com

Upcoming events:

October: 6-8 NE IA HDCP Team Tournament (Cadillac)
7-8-IA State BA Officers Jamboree (Jefferson)
15-21-Cash Raffle for Youth Scholarship & local charity
20-22 NE IA HDCP Team Tournament (Waverly)
21-Entries close IA State Mixed Tournament
28,29,Nov.4,5,11,12-IA State Mixed Tournament
14,15,21,22,28,29-IA 600 Club D/S Tournament. (Jefferson)

November: 4-Entries close BVL Mail-In Tournament
5-BVL week
11-12-Last weekend of IA State Mixed Tournament
17-19 NE IA HDCP Team Tournament (Maple)
22-IA 600 Club singles mail-in Tournament entries close

December:

1-Entries close IA State USBC BA & WBA Tournament
1-Entries open GCV Open & Women's Assn. Tournament

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