

STRIKING NEWS



2015 BVL Mail-in-Tournament (Bowlers to Veterans Link)

By Connie Rommel, BVL State Chair

On behalf of the Iowa State USBC WBA, thanks to all of you who entered our annual BVL Mail-in-Tournament in 2014. We had a total of 543 entries from the Greater Cedar Valley. Way to go bowlers. We were top in the state again.

As the manager of this tournament, I was able to send a check to BVL for \$12180.38 this year to help support our Veterans in the state of Iowa and this nation. This included the entries from the tournament, donations, items sold and tournament checks returned as donations.

When sending in our donations to BVL, I ask that \$3000 be used for the National TEE Tournament at Riverside Iowa and a portion to the 3 VA facilities in Iowa. This year, BVL added another \$3000 to the TEE Tournament.

Checks in the amount of \$2000 were presented to the Iowa City VA and the Marshalltown VA. We will also be presenting the Des Moines check in the near future. The Marshalltown VA uses our funds for their Veterans Bowling League. The Veterans pay little to the bowling center because of these funds we donated. Wow, they are enjoying our sport!!

Some of the state board members helped at the bowling and golfing venues at the TEE Tournament in Iowa City. What an honor to help the 67 legally blind and handicapped Veterans enjoy our support. We have made new friends seeing some of the same people year after year and look forward to helping them again next year. I was able to speak about the Iowa bowlers who helped support this week of entertainment for them through the BVL and about our bowling tournament we hold each year. I told them the bowlers of Iowa will never forget them.

This year's BVL Tournament will be the week of Nov 8-14. Either I, another board member, league secretary or an employee of the bowling centers will be around asking for your \$5 for your entry. What an easy way to help us support our Veterans.

Please help us keep the promise that was made in 1942, "We will never forget you".



A NEW SEASON

By Charli Pals

Yikes, another bowling season is upon us again, what to do, where to begin! Does anyone feel like I do, OMG, I'm back at square 1, starting all over again! The reason for this feeling, I didn't bowl all summer so I'm pretty much beginning anew. I struggled for the entire season in '14 & '15 so decided to take the summer off, no bowling at all until Mid-August. Will it help, only time will tell.

In the past I've continued to bowl at least 1 summer league just to try and stay in the groove. I know I will always miss a week or two due to summer fishing trips to Minnesota but what's a couple of weeks as compared to 3 months? We not only went fishing twice this past summer but made one more quick trip in September. (In case you're wondering, the fishing was the best we've had in quite some time.) I was completely discombobulated when I first started back but am now feeling somewhat more comfortable. The second week of the season, 2nd game on Thursday night, I decided to add something new to my bowling game and am hoping that helps.

So what's the general consensus, do you take the summer off or continue bowling right through the warm months? As for me, I'll probably be back to summer bowling in 2016 if I can find a league that fits my schedule. Whatever you did this summer, whether it was time off or continuing to bowl without that summer break, I sincerely hope that your summer was as good as mine.

Welcome back for a brand new season of league and tournament bowling. We've already seen our first tournament as the Fusion Realtors Open was held this past weekend with bowlers from many different states converging on Maple Lanes to test their skills against some of the best. Don't forget to get those entries in for City, State,

and National tournaments. For all the female bowlers out there, remember the Midwest Women's tournament which will be contested right here in Waterloo in May and June of 2016. We'd like to have all or most of our local women bowl this big tournament. There will be more information in our winter newsletter regarding this tournament.

May the current bowling season be your best ever! See you on the lanes!

SENIOR WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT 2016

Women's tournaments will dominate the scene here in the Cedar Valley this season as Waverly Bowl Inn prepares to host the 2016 Senior Women's Tournament. Any woman, at least 55, may bowl this tournament which is held in different venues around the state each year.

Tournament dates are April 30, May 1, 7, and 14 & 15. You have your choice of 2 squads on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. One squad only is offered on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

The tournament features a doubles and singles format only with 2 divisions offered. Divisions are determined by age, not average. If you are aged 55-64, you will be bowling Division 2 while the bowlers older than 65 will be in Division 1. The division for doubles is figured by adding the 2 bowlers ages together and if the total is 110-129, you will be in Division 2 while 130 and above will be Division 1.

This tournament is USBC certified and handicap is based on 100% of 220.

Entry forms will be available in all centers by January 1, 2016. Entries close April 1, 2016.

With this tournament being held so close to home we would like to see many of the senior women in the Cedar Valley bowling at Waverly Bowl Inn next spring.

PROMOTIONS

By Carma Bouska

Pull on those shorts and roll up your sleeves and get to your bowling lanes to enjoy a season of entertainment and socializing plus FUN!

Do you have friends you coffee with, shop, or enjoy some sporting event with? If so, ask them to join you for a night of bowling. Most people will not volunteer to bowl unless they are asked by someone. So let's all ask a couple of our friends to join your league.

Let's all ask someone who used to bowl but stopped when their children were involved in sports at school to join us again. Maybe these kids have graduated and Mom is ready to get out again. She needs to be asked! Give those past bowlers a call. You just might be surprised how many are willing to return to the sport of bowling.

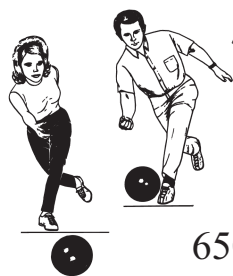
If your league has a story to share about bowling or some great scores, send those to Charli Pals, palsbc@mchsi.com.

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STATE BOWLING

Another State Open Tournament was hosted by the Greater Cedar Valley in 2016, finally wrapping up on Mother's Day weekend. To all who helped at either Cadillac or Maple, a huge thank you from all of us on the board. For a tournament of this size we definitely need help from our local bowlers as the board members can't do it alone. We continue to host tournaments such as the State Open so we can generate the cash needed to continue our services for the bowlers right here in the Cedar Valley. So, thanks again to all who helped and/or participated in another successful State Open hosted by your Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association.





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Mark your calendars NOW for the Midwest Women's Tournament coming right here to Waterloo Iowa in May of 2016. We are so excited to have landed this big tournament next spring. This tournament features 4 person teams as well as doubles and singles. The tournament is handicapped at 100% of a 240 base.

This tournament draws bowlers from around the nation and will keep us busy weekends from May 21 through June 26, 2016. Over the course of those 6 weekends we hope to host at least 1000 teams right here in Waterloo, IA.

This tournament was first held in 2013 in Lansing, MI, in South Bend, IN in 2014 and in Rockford, IL in 2015. The tournament has grown from 802 teams the initial year to 936 teams last year.

Entries are available at the 3 centers here in the Cedar Valley and are also available on the Iowa State website: www.iowawba.com. Get your reservations in soon! Although you have until April 21, 2016 to get your entries in, we encourage you to get them in sooner rather than later to secure your spot.

Teams event will be contested at Maple Lanes with the doubles and singles being held at Cadillac Lanes. We have two outstanding centers here in Waterloo and are so lucky to be able to host a tournament of this magnitude. Get out there, fill your teams, and help your association to the biggest Midwest tournament to date!



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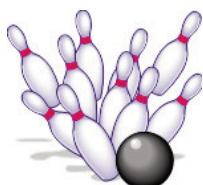
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2015-16 Adult Calendar of Events

Dates, locations are subject to change

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- October** 3 & 4 - Iowa State BA Officer's Jamboree (Fort Dodge)
 4-10 - 50/50 Raffle for Youth Scholarship Fund & local charity
 24 - Entries close Iowa State Mixed Tournament (Lancer, Cedar Rapids)
 31, Nov. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 - Iowa State Mixed Tournament
- November** 7 - Entries close BVL Mail-In Tournament
- December** 1 - Entries close Iowa State USBC BA & WBA Tournaments
 1 - Entries open GCV Open & Women's Assoc. Tourn. (Jan 25 - Jan 31)
- January** 15 - Entries close GCV Association Tournament
 25-31 - GCV Association Tournament (Team @ Maple, D/S @ Cadillac)
 22 - Entries close Bowl for the Cure Mail-In Tournament
- February** 1 - Deadline for GCV Hall of Fame/Sponsor of Year Nominations
 1 - Entries open Iowa State USBC WBA Senior Women's Tournament (Waverly)
 1 - Entries open Iowa State BA Senior Men's Tournament (Cedar Rapids Bowling Center)
 21-27 - 50/50 Raffle for Youth Scholarship Fund & local charity
 27 & 28 - Fusion Realtors Cedar Valley Open Pro Am (Maple)
- March** 1 - Deadline for GCV All Star, Dedication, Sr. Scholarship & Board applications
 12 & 13 - Iowa State USBC WBA Annual Meeting (Wild Rose Casino & Resort, Clinton)
 19 - Iowa State BA Annual Meeting (Des Moines)
- April** 1 - Entries close Iowa State USBC BA & WBA Senior State Tournaments
 16 & 17 - 1st weekend of ISUSBC BA Senior Men's Tournament
 21 - Entries close Midwest Women's Tournament (May 21 - June 26 Waterloo)
 26 - 29 - USBC Convention (Las Vegas)
- May** 5 & 6 - 1st weekend of ISUSBC WBA Senior Tournament
 11 - GCV Youth Award Banquet
 18 - GCV Annual Meeting & Award Banquet, Golf Outing
 21 - Midwest Women's Tournament opens (Waterloo)

