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The new generation

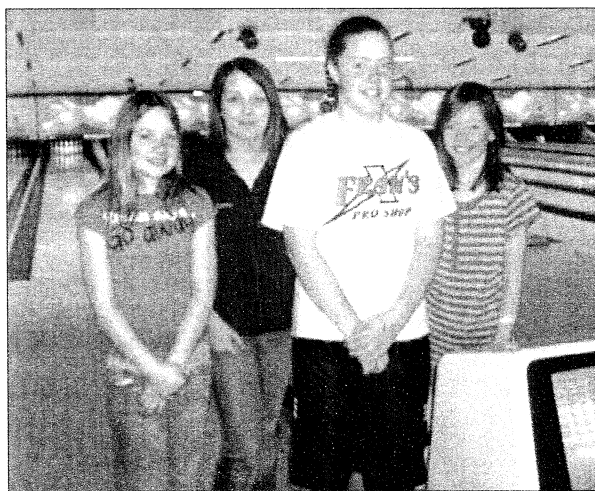
Though there are many second—third- and fourth-generation bowlers in Waterloo junior leagues, the unique thing about the four young ladies bowling in the Split Ends league at Cadillac Lanes Saturday mornings is that all are second-and third-generation Waterloo bowlers. The Fran's girls team bowlers are Brianne Eighme, Alexis Reeves, Makenzie Ruddy and Alexis Wilson. This is their first year together as a team.

Brianne Eighme is 10 years old and a fourth-grader at St. Edwards. She has been bowling for seven years. Brianne is the daughter of Rich and Kathy Eighme and granddaughter of Fran and Linda Eighme. Her current average is 142, and she has a high game of 231 and a high series of 575. Brianne plays softball when not bowling, and math is her favorite subject in school.

Alexis Reeves is 11 years old and a fifth grader at Hudson. She is a second-generation bowler, and the daughter of Brad Reeves. She has been bowling for three years. In her first state tournament in 2008 she won first place in singles and placed in the top five in doubles. She currently carries a 122 average and sports a high game of 213 and 455 series. She enjoys playing soccer, and her favorite subject is language.

Makenzie Ruddy has been bowling for six years and she is also a second-generation bowler. Makenzie is the daughter of Ken and Kris Ruddy. She is 12 years old and

attends Hoover. She currently carries a 137 average and has rolled a 244 games a 495 series. When she isn't bowling she participates in softball and basketball. Her favorite subject is ELP (reading). Her late great-grandfather, Tom McLaughlin of Clinton, served as Iowa State BA president.



Left to right: Alexis Reeves, Alexis Wilson, Makenzie Ruddy, Brianne Eighme.

Alexis Wilson is the other third-generation bowler. Her father is Brad Wilson and her grandparents are Greg and Sheila Wilson. She is 11 years old and in the sixth grade at Central. Alexis currently carries a 144 average and her high game is 207 with a 509 series. When not bowling she also plays softball. Her favorite subjects are language, art and math.

The girls will be soon be bowling in state tournament, with this being the second state tournament for Alexis Reeves and the third year for Makenzie, Brianne and Alexis Wilson. These four ladies, based on ages, may well be bowling together

for the next six to seven years as a team.

Coaches Brad Fangman and Rick Wilson say the girls are there 99 percent of the time and, when not able to bowl, pre-bowl and turn in their scores. The function well as a team and show good sportsmanship. At least one or two always stay if there is a seminar, and they are like sponges, soaking up all the help and advice they can.

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Tournament tidbits

With another city tournament in the books, I took some time to reflect on this year's tournament. For those who chose to participate in this year's event, CHEERS, for those who chose non-participation, you should regret it. Despite the fickle nature of the game, a really fun time was had by all. Of course, there were those of us who had the one good game, then came right back with a bad one. And...what about all the pesky ten pins and those d*** splits! Bowlers do tend to be of an optimistic nature, there's always next year, so please plan on joining us.

For those of you who chose non-participation, you should regret it and definitely give it a try next year. Some feedback would be great if you didn't bowl. Why did you choose not to bowl? Is there anything we can do differently in the future that would help increase participation in this, "YOUR" city tournament. This writer truly believes in supporting your local association! What better way to do so than participating in the associations' tournaments; such as through participation in both the open and women's city tournaments, mixed city tournament, 600 and 700 club events. Hope to see many more of you joining us in next year's association sponsored events.

Another great way to show support is to plan

on attending the annual awards banquet and business meeting both coming up in May. Also, for the golfers we will once again host our annual golf outing at Gates Park preceding the awards banquet.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bowling is the world's #1 participant sport. 70 million bowl at least once per year in the USA alone.:

46.0 million adults

12.5 million, ages 12-17

11.5 million, ages 6-11

BOWLING CENTERS

12,000 centers worldwide

63% of revenue is bowling related.

37% is non-bowling related

78.6% from food & beverage

21.2% from arcades, billiards, etc.

42% of floor space to non-bowling related items

82% have a pro shop

87% have a bar or lounge

88% have a snack bar

Awards Banquet & Golf Outing

The awards banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. It will once again be held at the UAW Hall on La-Porte Road in Waterloo.. Unfortunately, we can't invite everyone, so the banquet itself will be by invitation only this year. We will be inducting two very deserving individuals into the Hall of Fame, Mike Weltzin and Ron Schoephoerster.

The golf outing will be held earlier that same day. All men and women bowlers/golfers are invited to participate.

Tee time is set for 9:00 am at Gates Park. The cost is set at \$35.00 and includes green fees, half cart rental and lunch. There will no walking the course. For reservations, call Skip at gates, 291-4485 or Jim Johnson, 269-2745.

Business Meeting

Your Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association's annual business meeting will be held at Cadillac on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, just 1 week after the awards banquet. The time has been set for seven p.m. This meeting is "open" to all members. There will be an election for Vice President and director.

We encourage everyone to attend and participate as this is your association.

Senior moments

By Gene Spears

Meet Doc Robert Duven

About 12 years ago "Doc" was a left handed bowler. At that time he was bowling in the Blue Monday league and just starting to bowl in a few senior leagues when he hurt his left shoulder. At that point, the doctor said his bowling days were done. "Doc" loved bowling and began bowling right-handed. After a few years, his bowling started to improve so much that he now bowls all the time and just keeps improving. In the past few years, he has placed first in the Maple Lanes senior match games, was elected to the senior all star team, and has placed first in the Iowa games bowling competition, winning two gold medals. He is currently a league president and teams he has bowled with have

placed five times in the last six years. While bowling left-handed, he was a 180+ average bowler and is now averaging 169 as a righty. Congratulations Doc!

Meet Dennis Kruger

About 5 years ago, Dennis started bowling a few senior leagues following a short hiatus from the game. He said at that time he likes senior bowling because there is not the pressure that he

experienced in regular leagues. Dennis was elected to the senior all star team two years ago. He sponsors a team in the Independent league. Unfortunately, he states the the pressure is back while bowling and like everyone else, leaves the old "10 pin". His favorite saying is, "I hate this game" or "I'm going to quit". However his team did place first in the league his first year back. For someone who is "going to quit" he is a very good bowler averaging in the 190's. In fact he joined the senior classic league at Cadillac and bowled his first 300 game on 1/6/09. I asked, "still hate the game?" His response, "not as much now". Despite his negative words, Dennis really does love the game and will bowl for a long time to come. Congratulations Dennis.



Hileman beats new bowler nerves

Marilyn Hileman bowled her first state tournament on March 7th in Cedar Rapids.

Marilyn started bowling as a substitute for the Four Seasons team in the Thursday night Maple league and became a regular this January.

She said she was nervous, but in spite of her nervousness, she rolled a 300 plus series. Each game was over her average of 96. Marilyn said that she is still trying to find her niche. Maybe she's found that niche in the bowling community

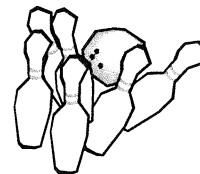
here in the Greater Cedar Valley!



Join a Summer League

It's the time to start thinking about signing up for a summer league. What better place to get in some good practice than a short, fun summer league. Break in those new shoes, try a different approach or various hand positions. Just might be the key towards a higher average next season.

Have a great summer!



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at
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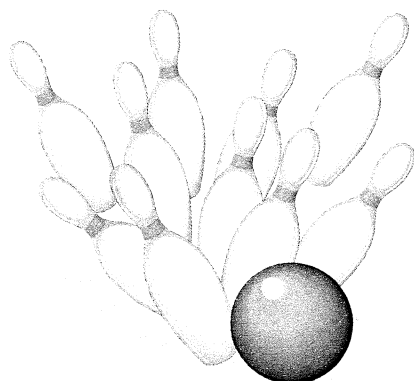
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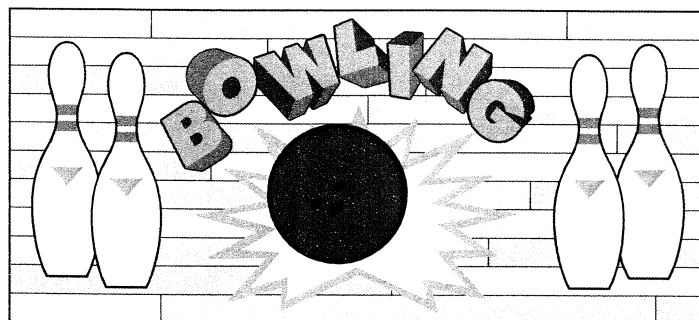
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Calendar of events

May 13, Golf Outing & awards banquet

May 20, annual business meeting

(Nominations are still being accepted for all star teams and special service awards.)



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yahtzee	big four	posthumous
bowlers	pins	meritorious
equipment	head pin	event
rack	centers	eligibility
sour apple	lanes	lineup
recap sheet	head pin	scoring
tournament	alley	open