

STRIKING NEWS



Spring 2011

HALL OF FAME NEWS & NOTES

What a banner year for the Greater Cedar Valley! We have two new inductees in the Iowa State BA Hall of Fame. On Saturday, March 26th, Emmett Tragord was inducted in the bowling skills category and Roger Yordy was inducted posthumously. We also have five extremely well qualified candidates being inducted into the Greater Cedar Valley Hall of Fame. Tom Kendall, Wanda Holm, Dennis Marquart, and Cindy McCalley. In addition, Jeannette Young will be inducted posthumously.



Emmett Tragord and
Pat Yordy

As if these aren't enough honors for the Cedar Valley, the Iowa State BA has a new president in Gene Wandro who is also from our association.



Gene Wandro

Congratulations to all of you, you do our association proud!



Loretta's Lines. . .

Pancake breakfast: \$750 donated to both Iowa's Bravest and GCV Youth Scholarship Fund. Thank you.

We want to thank the family of Marian Gray for \$120 in memorials given in memory of Marian who served on the Waterloo Metro board for many years as director and vice president. Remember that any donation made to the GCV is tax deductible. Receipts can/will be given.

Secretaries: Please submit the Officer's Report for the 2011-2012 season, also the yearbook report that asks for 250+ games, 600 & 700 series for women and 1st 700's bowled by men in your league.

Remember - Keep your rule books. They will be used for the 2011-2012 season.

Update on awards presented

Through March 26, 2011: 4,409 awards have been processed for youth and adults, more than five times the number awarded last year.

The 17th annual Bob Ganahl Memorial Golf Outing will be held on May 18, 2011, commencing promptly at 9 am at Gates Park Golf Course. Cost will be \$33.00 for green fees and 1/2 cart with \$5.00 going for prizes. A minimum of 80 players is required by May 10 for a shot gun start, so get your entries in early. If the minimum number is not reached, tee times will be assigned.

Golf Outing

Call Gates Park at 291-4485 for your reservation; or contact Jim Johnson or Kurt Krull. Organize a team (men, women, or mixed) and join us for prizes and lots of great fun. Lunch will be available!

DO NOT contact the association office, as Loretta will be unavailable.

GENE'S SENIOR MOMENTS . . .

There's a number of reasons that Senior bowlers bowl more than one league. Following are only a few of the many reasons for bowling a senior league.

1. Bowling is a sport that you can enjoy as long as you're able to walk and lift a bowling ball. Most senior leagues can be started when you reach the age of 50 years and continue through life. However, bowlers will not be able to receive USBC awards until 55 years of age.

2. Bowling is a great social club. Seniors have the enjoyment of their own team members and other league members whom they compete against. Nearly all of your local leagues have coffee breaks of about 15 minutes so they can relax and socialize with all members of the league.

3. A senior bowler in most leagues will bowl on a mixed team (great way to meet people). There are 400 plus

bowlers in the senior age group in the Greater Cedar Valley and 80% bowl in more than one league.

4. In most leagues, if the bowler is absent and can't find a replacement, the bowler will pay only 50 cents into the prize fund instead of their regular league fees. Subs in most senior leagues will pay for their own bowling, differing from evening bowling in that an absent bowler pays the total cost for a sub or absent bowler spot.

5. Most teams are made up of only 3 or 4 bowlers and bowl at 9:00 am or 1:00 pm (daylight hours only) throughout the season.

6. Maple Lanes has one basic set of rules covering all daytime leagues with the only difference being the cost of bowling or absent bowler fees. The cost of many senior leagues is only \$6.00 or \$6.50, very inexpensive as compared to evening leagues where you will more than likely pay at least twice as much. The Senior Classic

League at Cadillac Lanes charges \$10.00 per bowler, still less expensive than evening leagues.

All leagues have the normal officers, President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Each league will elect their own officers. These officers conduct preseason meetings, calculate year end awards and plan a year-end banquet. In some leagues an eight or nine pin sweeper is held in conjunction with the meal.

In conclusion, if you are 50 plus years and are sitting around with nothing much to do but watch TV, get out of your rocker and enjoy the friendship of senior bowlers. They are some of the greatest people in the Cedar Valley!

*** JOIN A SENIOR LEAGUE ***

P.S.....3 strikes in a row means hugs from the opposite sex!!! All this for just a small expenditure in time and money.

The Best Yet???

Farewell to another great bowling season. As this season draws to a close, I can't help but reflect on some of the highlights. The great scores, such as 61 year old Judy Toepfer's first 300 game and 700 series. What about Brittney Dyer's perfect game in the WBA state tournament. Some terrific nights in the Viking League with a veritable host of big scores. As if to cement the fact, Emmett Tragord shoots 299 and 824 immediately after returning from his induction into the BA Hall of Fame. Nearing the end of this season, Roxie Bush shoots her first ever 298 game. Hard to imagine with all the big scores Roxie has posted in her career. Another personal highlight for Jaime Clay, a 158

average bowler not only shoots her first 600 earlier this season, but nearing season's end follows up with her first 700 series. The Masters League is trying something new the last 8 weeks, a short 8 week league competing on the tough shot featured at the USBC BA Tournament in Reno. Many of these bowlers will be heading to Reno for competition following the conclusion of their season. Be on the watch for some big scores from local bowlers competing in Reno.

Can you believe it's over so fast? Why not keep your bowling game in shape for 2011-2012 and join a short summer league? Both of our local centers offer summer leagues, just check with your local center and find out what's available. You're sure to find something to your liking and a perfect fit for your schedule.

Practice, Practice, Practice is the word for this summer!

If you choose not to bowl in the off-season, have a terrific summer and we'll see you back out on the lanes in late August or early September.

33rd Annual
W.T. Ormston Award
High Handicap Series in Team Event
GCV USBC Open City Tournament
Ed Feese
795
2010 - 2011

3rd Annual
Maggie Mennenga Award
High Handicap Series in Team Event
GCV USBC Women's City Tournament
Trina Barth
738
2010 - 2011

BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) Mail-In Tournament 2010

On behalf of the Iowa State WBA Board of Directors, I salute you, the league bowlers and those of you who coordinated your associations BVL Tournament entries. Our fourth tournament is the best ever. We had 1123 entries in the WBA divisions and 1121 entries in the BA divisions for a total of 2244. I was overwhelmed by the entries, but am not complaining. The hours sitting in front of my computer entering names and scores was well worth it. I will be sending a check to BVL for more than \$4488 which is the amount from the entries. This does not include any donations received and any other money from our state tournament raffles, etc. I will request that the majority of the funds submitted be returned to our state association to personally hand the funds over to the veteran's facilities in the state of Iowa.

Congratulations to our five division winners:

Women's Division 1
Billie Goyette, Davenport Metro
Women's Division 2
Tammy Rhine, Creston
Women's Division 3
Lindsey Johnson, Greater Cedar Valley

Open Division 1 - David Peer, Mt. Pleasant
Open Division 2 - Jack Garrey, Ames Area

The top associations entering were:

Greater Cedar Valley - 482
Ames Area - 308
Ft. Dodge - 232

The final prize listing is available by clicking the tournament tab on our web site www.iowawba.com. A check in the amount of \$4201.72 was sent to BVL from the 2009 tournament and donations. Charla received three checks in the amount of _____ each to be given to the three veterans facilities in Iowa. In December, Charla and I made our annual round trip to the Iowa City Veteran's Medical Center, the Des Moines Veteran's Medical Center and the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown. All three centers were very appreciative of our donations. David Worley, the Commandant in Marshalltown has bowled in leagues in other states. We expressed our desire for him to work with the bowlers in Marshalltown to submit entries from that association.

Some of our funds are kept by the BVL to help support other veteran's events, along

with "Recreation", an entertainment troupe of young men and women who entertain our veterans, Winter Sports Clinic Wheelchair Games and new this year, the TEE (Training Exposure Experience) Tournament held in Riverside Iowa. This was an event BVL asked our state board to represent them. Some of us attended the dinner to receive a plaque for BVL being a Gold Sponsor of the event. This meant they had donated at least \$10,000 to support this golf and bowling event for our veterans. The bowling event was at Colonial Lanes in Iowa City. A few of us were able to attend that event where 30 visually impaired bowlers had fun on the lanes. What a pleasure for us to be asked to present the medals to the winners.

BVL is there for our Veterans. We need to support it in every way possible. I want to thank all of you who submitted all the entries and ask that you go out this year and increase your entries once more. Each and every one of us knows a veteran. They are probably a family member or dear friend. We need to be there to support them. This tournament is an easy way to do that. Help us support BVL.

2010 - 2011 Greater Cedar Valley USBC WBA City Tournament

Team ~

Team: Kim's Cosmetic Crew Hdcp 3416
Denise Glenny
Jeanie Lindgren
Pam Sauer
Kim Herbst
Loretta Wander

Team: The Darkside Scratch 2678
Trina Barth
Candi Retterath
Patricia Davis
Lorna Bormann
Kristine Wroblewski

Doubles: Sylvia Gavigan & Kris Wilson Hdcp 1445
Rachael Rusley &
Kim Van Hauen Scratch 1228

Singles: Kim Van Hauen Hdcp 809 & Scratch 752

All Events: Lorna Bormann Hdcp 2206
Kim Van Hauen Scratch 2027

On January 10th of this year I got to witness a small piece of history. On lanes 41 & 42 at Cadillac Lanes on a Monday night, I got to see first hand one of the prettiest 300 games I have ever witnessed. Not like a 300 game is that big a deal in today's bowling world, but this one was special. Why? Because the person that shot it would be looked at by most as being a very unlikely candidate. I happened to be bowling on lanes 39 & 40 right beside Judy Toepher that night. And at age 61, she threw 12 straight strikes and rolled a truly perfect 300 game. To roll a 300 game many would say you have to get a few breaks, some lucky shots, but all who witnessed Judy's 300 will agree she earned every one of them.

To say that it was special is an understatement. Firstly Judy's a woman and only 9 other local women bowlers had ever done it before her in Waterloo history. Secondly, Judy is 61 years old, far from what most bowlers would consider her bowling prime. Most bowlers would feel that their best scores were behind them. By the way Judy also scored her first 700 series in her 31 year bowling career, a 724.

I think this is why those who love to bowl, love the game of bowling. Bowling is one of those special sports where you do not have to be a great traditional athlete (run fast, jump high, hit a ball with a bat, or shoot a ball through a hoop) to be a great bowler. Trust me, it helps, but is not always necessary. Bowlers do not have to be in his/her prime to achieve success in our game. In fact you only have to be young at heart. If you can walk, you can bowl and participate in a great game for everyone. At age 61 Judy shows us all that in bowling it's never too late to accomplish your dreams no matter how high they are. That's what makes bowling a true "life" sport.

Rich Eighme

