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From the Presidents Corner



Hello to all Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association Members.

A warm welcome to all our new board members and bowlers. Another year is upon us. Congratulations to all new Hall of Fame members. Inducted for 2007 are Bill Bengston, Rich Eighme, Florence Ramsell & Bob Redmond (posthumously). Thanks to all the GCV Board of Directors and general members.

We received the 2007 Tourism Award for the Event of the Year, for hosting the 2006 Iowa Open State Tournament. Coming in 2008 the Iowa State WBA Championship Tournament will be held here in Waterloo, hosted by the GCVUSBC. The dates will be held on weekends from February 9 through May 18.

Check the newsletter for the Calendar of Events for the 2007-2008 season. Thanks again in advance. See you on the lanes!

Jim Johnson

Too Much Information 2007-2008

by Mark Pregler

I am proud to be a member of this Association!

Your Association Board of Directors and League Officers truly work well together. This group of dedicated individuals is constantly striving to do what is right. For the most part, we ALL show up when we are needed to get things done.

Now is the time for all that hard work to come together...There is so much going on, that we can't possibly put it all into print. We're not even gonna try.

What we ARE going to try and do is focus more on communicating with our members. One of the best ways we can think of is to provide you with the tools to know everything about your bowling community. This newsletter is one way. An updated, constantly monitored web site is in the works—to Be Announced soon...

Looking at the topics "INSIDE THIS ISSUE" to the right should give you an idea as to the direction we are heading.

Of course, we are ALWAYS ready to listen if you have ideas or suggestions for things you might feel are important. Please remember we are human and make mistakes. But with your help and COMMUNICATION, we will make fewer mistakes and keep everyone better informed. Remember—Communication is a TWO-WAY STREET. We can't fix it if we don't know what's broken!

Having said that, here are some of our focal points for the upcoming season...

- **600 / 700 CLUBS:** We are hoping to breathe new life into these organizations by finding ways to make them more appealing, better run and worthy of your affections.
- **YOUTH BOWLING:** Simply put; "Kids are our future." What do we need to do to bring in new bowlers, and keep the ones we already have?
- **TEAM WORK:** You do not have to be a board member to participate in YOUR organization! We are always looking for help when it comes to fund raisers, scholarship ideas, running tournaments and brackets...We have over 2000 members, yet we struggle to staff events!! This shouldn't be a problem with over 2000 members! Feel free to approach, call or email any board member for more information on how you can be a part of your own organization!

2007-2008 SEASON CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GREATER CEDAR VALLEY USBC ASSOCIATION

- August**
1-31—League organizational meetings
17-19—Regional Pro Am at Maple Lanes
25—Youth sign up at Cadillac Lanes and Maple Lanes
26—National Bowling Day
25 thru 30—National Bowling Week
- September**
1—Youth sign up at Cadillac Lanes and Maple Lanes
1-7— League forms, membership applications and monies are to be submitted to local association office **within 30 days after league begins to bowl.**
29—Iowa women's 700 Club Singles & meeting-Maple Lanes, Waterloo
- October**
1—Entries open for Iowa State WBA (Waterloo) & BA (Council Bluffs).
1 thru Nov. 30—local qualifying for Pepsi Youth tournament (2 week time frame)
7 thru 21—Family Doubles Local qualifying
6 & 7—Iowa State BA Officer's Jamboree in Ottumwa
20—State BA 700 Club Jamboree. Tournament and banquet in Cedar Rapids, place TBA
21—State BA 700 Club meeting
21—Pancake Breakfast at UAW Hall
28—Officer's Jamboree at Cadillac Lanes
- November**
1—Reservation deadline for Iowa State BA Tournament in Council Bluffs
4—CVBC Scholarship Tournament at Bowl Inn in Waverly
5-11—BVL Week
10-11, 17-18—GCV Mixed Association Tournament at Maple Lanes
- December**
1—Averages as of December 1 due, centers will submit if on their system
1—Women's State entries close
8 & 9—Family Doubles districts
10—Entries open for Greater Cedar Valley Open Association Tournament
15—Entries open for the Greater Cedar Valley Youth Association Tournament at Maple Lanes
- January**
2—Entries close for the USBC Open Championship Tournament in Albuquerque, NM
5—Entries close for the Greater Cedar Valley Youth Association Tournament
12-14—Youth Family Doubles in Cedar Rapids
12—Entries close for the Greater Cedar Valley Open Tournament
19 & 20—Greater Cedar Valley Youth Association Tournament at Maple Lanes
25—Entries close for the USBC Women's Championship Tournament in Detroit
- February**
1—Entries open for Iowa State USBC Women's Senior Tournament in New Hampton
1—Phone reservations for Iowa State Youth State Tournament in Fort Dodge
2—2008 Open State Tournament opens in Council Bluffs
9—2008 WBA State Tournament opens at Maple Lanes in Waterloo
12—Entries open for Iowa State Youth State Tournament in Fort Dodge
- March**
9—Entries close for Iowa State Youth State Tournament
29—Iowa State BA State Convention in Council Bluffs
- April**
10-July 6—USBC Women's Championship Tournament in Detroit, MI
4-6—Iowa State WBA State Convention in Waterloo
5-6—Youth State Tournament in Fort Dodge starts (run for 5 weekends)
- May**
19 & 20, 26 & 27—State Senior Men's Tournament in Rockwell City
3 & 4—State Senior Men's Tournament in Rockwell City
3 & 4, 10, 17 & 18—State Senior Women's Tournament in New Hampton
7-11—USBC Convention in Kansas City, MO
14—GCV Annual Meeting
21—GCV Awards Banquet
- June**
20-22—Iowa State USBC Youth Convention and Annual Meeting in (Des Moines?)
- July**
5-11—USBC Junior Gold Championships
7-15—USBC Youth Open Championship in Detroit
14-16—Pepsi USBC Championship in Detroit

IOWA WOMEN'S 700 CLUB

The Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club will hold it's annual tournament on September 29, 2007 at Maple Lanes at 1:00 PM. The tournament is a 4-game singles tournament. The games will be bowled across 8 lanes. Handicap will be 100% of the difference of the entrants' average and 220. This is a Walk-In format but mail-in entries will be accepted. Entry fee is \$16.00. This will be USBC certified. New membership is \$5.00 with renewals are \$3.00.

This is a chance for all of you women 700 bowlers to bowl in your own tournament. Our annual meeting will be held following the conclusion of play. We will also be having a mail-in tournament sometime in Feb. We also award a plaque to the member bowling the highest game/series bowled each year.

Contact Connie Rommel at 319-234-8620 or 319-240-0117 for details.

LOCAL 600 CLUB & 700 CLUB

Our local 600 club has not had any activity for two years. We will be needing to have a meeting at a date to be announced (possibly in September) to revamp our rules/by-laws. I would like to invite all our local women who have had a 600 series, locally, to come and help us redesign this club.

This club was chartered on June 25, 1961 as the Waterloo Women's 600 Bowling Club. Sometime in the early 1980's it was changed to the Waterloo Metro 600 Club. So, once again, it will need to be changed.

It is being planned on having a 600/700 mixed tournament.

If any questions, 600 members can contact Cherie Derbyshire, president @ 232-8104.

All 700 members can contact Jerry Cassilas, secretary/treasurer @ 233-5249. The 700 Club tournaments will be announced at a later date.

Watch for the next issue for more information or postings at Cadillac Lanes & Maple Lanes. Thank you, Sue Neebel

IOWA STATE 600 CLUB

There are 3 tournaments for all 600 club members.

Doubles & singles tournament are being held Oct. 6, 7, 20, 21, 27, & 28 at the Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson.

Singles mail-in tournament is held in conjunction with the state tournament in Waterloo.

And a mail-in tournament uses scores from league bowling. Bowling the week of Mar. 9-15. If not able to, then the scores from Mar. 16-22.

You must be a paid current member of the Iowa 600 Club and a member of the Iowa State USBC/WBA to enter these tournaments.

Contact Shannon McHugh, secretary.

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HAWKEYE 600 "INVITATIONAL" TOURNAMENT

This is an invitational tournament for all 600 club members. It consists of team (4 women), doubles, singles and all events. You can bowl just team or just doubles & singles (must do both D/S not one or the other). The dates are the first two weekends in November (3,4,10, & 11). The entry fee is \$13.00 per event & \$1.50 for all events. It will be held in Marshalltown at the Totem Bowl. The dues for the Hawkeye 600 are \$2.00 a year. Betty Svoboda is the contact person for questions @ 319-842-2355 or email @ tobef@fmtcs.com. There is a banquet held with this tournament but the details are not finalized yet.

BRIEF HISTORY OF "700" Bowling Clubs of America (as per 700 Club Handbook) "Great oaks from little acorns grow" seems to characterize the early history of the "700" Bowling Clubs of America. The initial idea of organizing a purely local "700" Club was introduced by Ferd Lipovetz at the March 2, 1941 annual meeting of the La Crosse bowlers, explaining that his purpose was to recognize good bowling and to promote bowling fellowship. Unanimous approval was expressed.

On May 24, 1941, the La Crosse "700" bowlers, representative of the La Crosse Bowling Association and various bowling sponsors organized the La Crosse "700" Bowling Club. the signing of a local charter and the adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws followed. Elmer Baumgarten Secretary of the American Bowling Congress, was elected an Honorary Member.

The first annual meeting of the La Crosse "700" Bowling Club was held on May 23, 1942. Guests at the meeting included Elmer Baumgarten and the ABC Directors from Milwaukee and Minneapolis, seeing at first hand the operation and administration of a local unit recommended expansion into a national organization - a National "700" Bowling Fraternity. Ferd Lipovetz formulated National Rules and Regulations and designed appropriate forms, charts, cards, certificates, etc. On August 1, 1942 "700" Bowling Clubs of America was officially launch with Elmer Baumgarten as Grand King Pin (President) and Ferd Lipovetz as Grand Pin Buoy (Secretary / Treasurer)

Since August 1, 1942 the National Life Membership has passed the 54,000 mark with some 540 cities and 44 states, as well as Canada, Korea, Panama, West Germany, England and France represented on the national roster. The number of active chapters has likewise grown and more and more cities and areas are petitioning for charters.

Contributed by Mark Pregler

1. C 2. D (Held in South Korea) 3. B 4. True 5. False

Welcome to the 2007-2008 season and some changes. As many of you already know USBC has changed some of the awards previously awarded. When my supply of 100 Pins Over Average watches is gone, members will receive emblems while those with 298 and 299 games will earn 11-strikes-in-a-row plaques. Anyone wanting other forms of recognition for these achievements will be able to purchase them through USBC. The Siladium Honor Score ring is available for \$69.95 and the 10k & 14k yellow or gold rings top out at \$549.00.

Members can instantly obtain replacement membership cards by printing them from bowl.com. Members without Internet access can receive a printed verification letter from the association office. Your average will not be printed on your membership card this year.

USBC's goal to protect children who bowl from those who might cause them harm led to the development of the Registered Volunteer Program. Your association has been involved from the beginning, but all USBC associations should be active in the RVP by August 1, 2008. The \$25.00 registration and full background screening fee is valid for two years. All volunteers who work with the youth will have a background check with the National Center for Safety Initiatives.

If your number of honor scores listed in the yearbook is incorrect, please let me know. I have discovered some inconsistencies in some dates, and who knows better than you the number of honor scores you've had. If you have any questions or concerns please call the association office at 277-6745

Loretta, Association Manager

Attention Lady Bowlers:

The Greater Cedar Valley USBCBA will be hosting the 2008 Iowa State USBCWBA Bowling Tournament. This year's event will be held at Maple Lanes. Opening ceremonies will be held on Feb. 9. Shift times are Sat. 11:00 AM, 3:00 and 7:00 PM and Sun. 8:00 AM and noon. Starting on Fri. April 18 there will be shifts at 6:00 PM. All shifts will have doubles/singles and team events.

Entries open Oct. 1 and close Dec. 1. Each event is \$18 and the All Events is \$2. Every team having five members from the GCV association, will have \$20 of the team event fee paid by our association. As an added bonus, we have \$9000 added prize money to this years tournament thanks to the hotel/motel tax and Budweiser. Entries are at each bowling center. Do not send in your entry and money to the state office. This needs to be given to Loretta Wander. We are scheduled to fill in after everyone else is scheduled.

You may bowl the team event 3 times with at least 2 of the bowlers changing on each team. You can bowl doubles and singles only once. This is a smoke free tournament. Eating is allowed.

We would love to have all of you bowl in this fun tournament. You don't have to be a fantastic bowler since there are 5 different divisions for all of the events. If you don't have a team or a doubles partner to bowl, please contact Loretta at 277-6745.

We will also be needing volunteers to help with the running of this tournament. We will need score monitors and souvenir table help. More information will be in newsletters to come. by Connie Rommel



WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENT 2008

Iowa Women's State Tournament is already creating a buzz among Cedar Valley Businesses. Spurred by the economic success of last years Men's State Tournament, restaurants, motels, shops and other tourism-related businesses are being extremely cooperative when it comes to participating in our Tournament Directory. After acquiring permission from the State Board to put this guide together, we are doing everything we can to ensure professionalism in its publishing. Associations before us have not put such a guide together for Women's State, and we don't want to make it more difficult for any association AFTER us to do the same! The reason we placed this as the feature article is because our local bowlers may share in the benefits of how we put this together...

We have encouraged restaurants and other businesses to offer some kind of discount or special by showing your USBC membership card. All who agree to participate will be given a framed certificate to post for all to see, allowing whatever discount they have advertised for in the Tournament Guide.

One way to KEEP these specials, and others like it in the future, is to SHOW your USBC card, USE the specials whenever you can, and THANK THE BUSINESSES offering a discount!

This will show the power of membership to our sponsors, and help increase the benefits our members can receive through the future work of your Board of Directors!

Have a great bowling season!

Contributed by Mark Pregler



SENIOR MOMENTS

By Gene Spears



- 1 — Did you know that there are 401 senior bowlers in the Greater Cedar Valley USBC?
- 2 — 201 Male bowlers and 200 Female bowlers. Ages are: 90+ years—4 bowlers, 80+ years—88 bowlers and 70+ years —166 bowlers. All the other bowlers are 50 to 69 years old.
- 3 — They bowl in 14 different leagues in the Greater Cedar Valley USBC.
Two scratch leagues, Senior Stars at Maple Lanes & Senior Classic at Cadillac Lanes.
All other leagues are daytime & four person leagues bowled at Maple Lanes.
Also, some bowlers still bowl night time leagues.
- 4 — There are 62 husband/wife bowlers. Some bowl in the same league & some bowl on the same team. This tells us if we play together, we stay together, as long as we do not try teaching each other how to bowl. The story is a husband can't teach a wife to drive a car or how to bowl. Things happen when a husband & wife bowl in the same area. If she asks what she is doing wrong, he's in trouble if he doesn't tell her. And if he tells her, he's in trouble because she thinks he is wrong!
- 5 — This is a true story. A few years ago a husband and wife were bowling in the same bowling center, but at different ends of the house. She was having a bad night and he came to see how she was doing and tried to help her.
Later, he checked up on her. She was still having a bad time and politely told him, "do not help me ever again". Two weeks goes by and they are bowling again. She is still having a bad time and asks him what she is doing wrong. He told her he wouldn't tell her even if her boobs were hanging out!

A big Thank you to Adrian Erickson (Cadillac Lanes) and Bruce Strom (Maple Lanes) for their hospitality in having their Officer's workshop for the new season.

USBC WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENT

I visited our capital city of Des Moines last spring where the annual Iowa State USBC Women's Tournament was held last season. Although the bowling itself had its high points and also some low points, that is not the reason I felt compelled to write a bit about my visit. Each year I look forward to our bowling weekend in a different city and area of this great state of ours. We always have a great time, bowling well or not. We bowled at 3:30 on Saturday afternoon leaving us enough time to get together as a team for dinner. Following dinner we each went our separate ways. Some of us to Prairie Meadows to try our luck on the machines or at the table games. There's always a few who wish to do some shopping while others just congregate in one of the rooms to play cards, possible have a drink or two, or just to sit around and socialize with maybe a bit of gossiping thrown in. Yes, most years one or two will stay up too late and be dog tired on Sunday, but never too tired to bowl! This year I happened to be one of those, but was it worth it? YOU BET!! What a fun time I had, as I do every year. Following the bowling, Sunday afternoon, we all headed for home with no regrets. Oh, you always wish you'd have bowled "better" no matter how well, or badly, you may have bowled, but such is life, esp. the bowling life. Almost immediately upon returning home I was already looking forward to next year. As it will be held right here in Waterloo, there will not be a weekend away but what a great chance to spend some time at the local bowling center, maybe helping out a bit, in the office or at the craft table, or even as a score monitor, with the added benefit of getting to chat with other women from around the state. Each year I get a chance to talk to many different people, esp. from the host city and there's always one or two memorable moments. Another thing I look forward to is checking out the great bowling shirts that others have on. Being St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, we saw a number of memorable outfits, including one with a leprechaun's stove pipe hat atop her head. Naturally we did see many green beads. Bowling next to us were some gals whose shirts read "What Happens With the Girlfriends Stays With the Girlfriends", I loved it! What more fitting words to end with.

Hope to see many of you over the course of the tournament next year. Let's get out and "Celebrate America" at state tournament in 2008. As you may already know, the theme in 2008 is "Celebrate America". Hey, a great excuse to sport the red, white and blue in your team shirts next year! Will keep you posted as plans are finalized for another great tournament in Waterloo next year!

Charli Pals