

STRIKING NEWS



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1ST PLACE CHAMPS

On March 18th, 2007, the Sports Arena Bowling Team rolled into Des Moines to bowl in the Iowa WBA State Bowling Tournament. After checking with the tournament office for their lane assignment, the gals went to check the standing sheet to see what was leading in Division II.

When the shift was finished, they discovered they were leading the division.

The team checked the web site every weekend to see if their score still held. Their 2643 was still leading the remainder of the tournament. They were really surprised!

All the girls bowled their respective averages or above. What a year they had, as they also won 1st place in their league (Satellite).

Congratulations to Andrea Gibbs, Julie Martin, Mandi Hall, Kelly Clement and Cathy Gabbard, the Sports Arena Team for your 1st place win.

By Judy Henry

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5TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come One! Come All! Join us for breakfast on October 21st at the UAW Hall (Local 838), located at 2615 Washington Street in Waterloo. Serving time will be from 8 AM to 1 PM.

All you can eat pancakes, plus eggs, sausage, hash browns, juice, milk or coffee for only \$5.00. Children five and under can eat for free.

All proceeds will go for the GCV Youth Scholarships, BVL and Salvation Army.

A \$50.00 gift card will be given to the top youth ticket seller from each bowling center (minimum of 10 tickets). In addition, every youth who works the breakfast, will receive \$5.00 off the entry fee to the Youth Scholarship Tournament.

Come on, take a little time from your day to help support these organizations and, as a bonus, enjoy a great meal!

OFFICERS JAMBOREE

The Officers Jamboree will be held October 28th at Cadillac Lanes @ 1:00 PM. This is a three game singles handicap tournament with a men's, women's and youth division.

Members who can participate in the tournament are all league officers, team captains, board of directors and Hall of Fame. If a league officer or team captain cannot bowl, someone else from his/her league can enter as a representative for them.

Participant's cost will be \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. This will include your meal after bowling. Non-participants may purchase a meal ticket for \$6.00.

So let's get together, have a great time and make this jamboree the biggest ever!

Iowa State USBC WBA "BVL" Mail-in Singles Tournament HELP US HELP OUR VETERANS

During the week of November 4 through 10, 2007, you will have a chance to help change the lives of many of our veterans. The Iowa State USBC WBA is hosting the 1st annual "BVL" mail-in tournament. The entry fee is only \$5.00. You will use your scores bowled in your league during that week. What an easy way to send money to the veterans of past and present conflicts. Entry deadline for the tournament is October 27, 2007. Entries may be left at each of the bowling centers or you can mail them to Connie Rommel, 4039 Sager Ave. Waterloo, 50701.

Entry forms are at the bowling centers now or you can go to the web site, IOWAWBA.COM and download the form. You may enter as often as you bowl league. There are WBA and BA divisions. This is open to men and women, but no youth at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Rommel, 234-8620 or email crbowler@aol.com.

ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS!



HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!

November 10 & 11, 17 & 18 are the weekends for the GCV Association Mixed Tournament at Maple Lanes. Enter from your mixed leagues or make your own teams. This is a 4 person handicap tournament. There must be at least one person of the opposite gender on each team. Call Loretta if any questions. 277-6745.

Departures from our bowling

Family

Shirley Whitmore	6-12-07
Joe Danielsen	8-24-07
Donna B. Hurley	9-18-07

Entries for Men's State Tournament (at Council Bluffs) and Women's State Tournament (in Waterloo) are NOW OPEN. Let's see if we can't get the best representation from our area at these events.

There are many events to take place in the following months. Refer to the last issue for your calendar of events and listen for announcements at your bowling houses.

Gone but never
forgotten



MEET THE BOARD

BY JUDY HENRY



Meet Dennis Peters.

He was elected director to the GCV Board at the annual meeting, held May 9, 2007. He has served, in the past, on the Waterloo B.A. and Youth Boards.

Dennis bowls in the John Deere Sportsman League and with his wife, LuAnn, in the Square Ball Mixed League.

He started the high school bowling program in Denver, IA and following in their dad's footsteps, his sons remain active in bowling.

Dennis is retired from John Deere and is currently employed by Denver School System.

When not bowling, he enjoys fishing and stock cars. He owns a 1965 Chevelle Super Sport and is restoring a 1947 Chevy pickup.



Meet Mary Ann Hesse.

She is currently serving as a director on the GCV Board and had previously served as a director for approximately 10 years on the Waterloo Metro WBA Board.

She is the secretary/treasurer of the Wednesday night Satellite League.

She and her husband , Gary, have three children and six grandchildren.

Mary Ann is employed at UNI. When not involved with bowling, she enjoys crafts, counted cross stitch and when weather permits, working in her flower garden.

WANTED

April 4-5-6, 2008 your Greater Cedar Valley Bowling Association will be hosting the IWBA State Convention in conjunction with the state tournament and we are looking for talent!!! Friday evening, April 4th, we will be hosting a banquet followed by entertainment. With our theme being "Celebrate America", we had an idea that our own bowling association must have many talented individuals and we could showcase our own "American Bowlers Have Talent". What do you have that you would be willing to share with bowlers from around the state? Do you sing, dance or maybe play an instrument alone or with a group, or maybe you perform a great comedy routine? Whatever it might be, let us know and you might be just the individual we're looking for. Contact any board member and let us know what you might be willing to do.

GUYS IN PARTICULAR, our grand finale will be a male dance line-we promise, it will bring down the house, so if you enjoy having a good time and don't mind a few hundred individuals (mainly women) watching you perform a dance routine, we want you!! Help your association and have a good time in the process.

Remember, we're offering a \$20.00 rebate for each team from our association, bowling in the state tournament,. So although you might not be able to perform, you can perform on the lanes, so get out there and support your association at state tournament. KEEP THOSE ENTRIES COMING!!! Remember, use the gold state form and return it to Loretta Wander, NOT to the state office.

By Charli Pals

REGIONAL AND PRO-AM TOURNAMENT

The weekend of August 19 & 20 saw the pros back in Waterloo for the first time in a number of years. The two days of competition saw some 50 bowlers hit the lanes Saturday morning to begin their 2 days of competition. Many spectators showed up to cheer on their favorites, but the overwhelming favorite seemed to be local star, Shannon Buchan.

Shanon sailed through the first days competition qualifying 6th as the field was cut to 16. However, he faltered in his 2nd day of qualifying losing out in the first round Sunday morning. Making it to the sweet 16 did guarantee him a check for his weekend's work. Shannon supports his local association in many ways, and generously offered a portion of his check to help support the pancake breakfast being held October 21 at the Local 838 UAW Hall.

Bowling in his first regional tournament was Nathan Johnson, just a year out of junior bowling. Nathan stated that he just wanted to bowl for the experience and finished a respectable 27th in the field of 51. Others bowling from the area were Jacob Bedard, Zach Beschoerner, Gary Grieves, Fred (Peanut) Johnson, Mickey Konen, Rick Miller and Brad Reeves.

Outlasting the field which was cut to eight and then four were pros Steve Jaros and Pete Weber with Jaros prevailing to beat Weber. Jaros picked up a 4-9 split in the 7th frame of the title game to help seal the 225-201 victory.

On the lighter side, many local league bowlers bowled the Pro-Am and had an enjoyable time bowling with the pros. Each pro bowled 5 frames before moving to the next pair, so all got a chance to bowl with 6 pros. Following the 7 p.m. shift on Saturday, Pete Weber demonstrated some trick shots to the delight of the crowd (see pix below).

Both Weber and Jaros stated that they enjoy the pro-am's as it gives the amateur bowlers a chance to bowl and chat with the pros in a more relaxed venue. Yes, a good time was had by all.

Let's get out and support events of this type whenever they're in town. Your local board of directors, especially President Jim Johnson, worked hard to get this regional to Waterloo and plans are underway to, hopefully, get another regional back here next year.

By Charli Pals