



STRIKING NEWS



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Lane Inspections Certification

By President Connie Rommel

How many of you know that the lanes at all three of our area bowling centers need to be certified each year in order to be USBC certified? Did you know that your local Board of Directors and association volunteers perform this before you start bowling in the fall?

Lanes Certification is done to verify the lanes are in compliance with USBC specifications. Without this inspection, the lanes could be warped, shorter/longer in length, narrower/wider in width, foul lines not working, pins not spotting properly, gutters to deep/shallow, and many other minor concerns.

Measurements are taken on the pin deck between the kick plates (sides) and must be between 60" and 60-1/4". Gutters are measured and must be between 3-3/8" and 3 5/8" deep. Crosswise tilt (side to side) of the pin deck must be with 40/1000". The length-wise tilt (front to back) can be no more than 187/1000". Crosswise tilts are also taken three different areas of the lane bed and depressions are taken on three specific boards on each lane. The bowling lane is 60 feet long with an additional 2', 10 3/16" of pin deck and an approach of a minimum of 15 feet. The width of the lane is 41-1/2 inches. Bowling pins must weigh between 3 lbs., 6 ozs. and 3 lbs., 10 ozs and are 15 inches high and must be USBC certified.

Lane dressing checks are made a minimum of

once a year per USBC at each center. The dressing is checked with a lane dressing pick-up device. The tape used is 1" transparent tape applied to the lane with the adhesive side down and then another piece of tape is applied as the pick-up device picks the tape up removing the oil from the lane and incases the oil between the two tapes. The tape is put into a tape reading machine reading the units of oil of each of the boards on the lane bed. A minimum of three units of oil must be on each board across the lane.

All these checks are done by your association to safeguard the proprietors investment, protect your equipment and maintain scoring potential. If gutters are too deep it will prevent pin action, a gutter to shallow could create excessive pin action and therefore each could affect scoring. The lanes checks being done in the fall will help with consistency and standardization at our centers. If you would like to learn more about lane certification and dressing go to www.bowl.com, go to equipment specifications and lane-center certification and click on the video about center and lane certification or go to You Tube and search for USBC Lane Inspections.



*Happy
Holidays!!*

TIS' THE SEASON

By Charli Pals

Yes, it is the season for all things bowling! Things such as our league bowling, now at or near the halfway point for the season, and you know how bowlers love sharing their own unique Christmas treats during this special month, 9-pin tournaments, bowling specials, pro shop specials for gifting, and the list goes on. At Maple Lanes, they will be having their shake, rattle & bowl on New Year's Eve featuring 3 different times: from 5:30-7:30 p.m., from 8:00-10:00 p.m., and for those who like to ring in the New Year at the bowling center, there will be a shift beginning at 10:30 and not ending until 1:30 a.m. In addition to the evening festivities they will have colored pin bowling during the day on the 31st. Maple will host a 9-pin tournament on January 1st for those who might prefer bowling to parades and football. Cadillac Lanes has nothing special prior to Christmas as they host many company parties for the holidays. New Year's Eve is another story as Cadillac has activities going on all afternoon and evening. If you like lights and sound, Cadillac Lanes is the place to be. They host Family & Friends Galaxy at 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, and 6:00 pm. The two earlier session last two hours while the 6:00 session is 2 ½ hours. The afternoon & early evening sessions feature party favors, hats & horns. Their Late Night Party begins at 9:30 p.m. and lasts until 12:30 am. There you will receive party favors, hats and horns, plus a countdown toast at midnight. The pro shops are kept busy with bowlers needing new bowling balls as well as all items bowling for holiday gifting. You can always find good prices on bowling items and apparel at the area pro shops.

Did you remember to get those state tournament entries in by the 1st of December? Time now to get those city tournament entries in, entries

close January 15 for the city, both open and women's tournaments. This season's city tournament will be held the week of January 25th through January 31st. Directors will be out covering all leagues soon for city tournaments.

Since Christmas is the season for loved ones, let's think ahead to the Breast Cancer Mail-In Tournament coming up in February. Let's all show our true heart and compassion for all those suffering from not only breast cancer but for anyone suffering from any form of cancer. Remember, if a cure is found for breast cancer, it stands to reason that a cure will eventually be found for all cancers. Be generous when a director covers your league for donations.

Entries will open on February 1st for both the state senior women's and open tournaments. The state senior women's tournament will be held right here in the Cedar Valley at the Waverly Bowl Inn and the Open will be contested in Cedar Rapids (Cedar Rapids Bowling Center). As you can see, these are both close enough for you to easily travel to either tournament. Let's see a big turnout from our "young at heart" seniors for their state tournaments.

With all this talk of heart, let me extend my heartfelt hope that your holidays will be merry and bright and may the new year of 2016 bring nothing but good things your way.

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

By Connie Rommel, Tournament Mgr.

The bowlers of the Greater Cedar Valley have done it again. If you are one of the 682 of our bowlers who entered the BVL Tournament, I can't thank you enough. We increased our entries by 139 bowlers. What a great way to help our Veterans.

I am getting the last of the scores

entered from around the state and should have checks out right after Christmas. Maybe you will be one of the lucky ones. Because of you, our association alone will be donating almost \$1400 to BVL. There were over 3600 bowlers entered this year from all over the state.

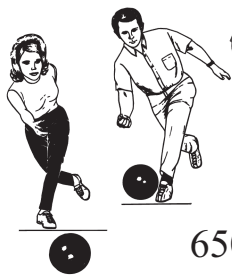
I also want to thank all of you who helped get entries from your leagues. As our past president Jim Johnson always said, "Super Job".

DON'T FORGET!!!

February 1 is the deadline for those Hall of Fame and Sponsor of the Year nomination forms to be submitted. Those forms may be found at the centers or on the GCV website (www.gcvusbc.com). February 21-27 we will once again be covering your leagues for the 50/50 raffle benefitting the Youth Scholarship fund and our local charitable organization.

March 1 brings up the deadline for the GCV All Star, Dedication, Sr. Scholarship & Board Applications. These forms will also be available on our website or at the centers.





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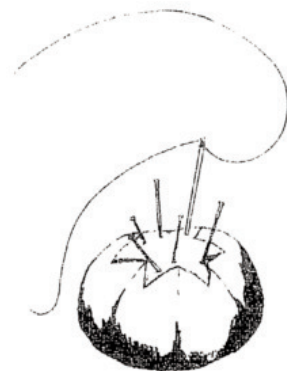
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SOME BOWLING ETIQUETTE

Be ready to bowl when pins are set.

Observe 1 lane courtesy. The bowler on the right bowls first.

Refrain from taking too long to aim or get set up as it delays the game.

Remain in your approach area while delivering the ball.

Step back off the approach following your delivery.

Good bowling requires concentration. Excessive movement and/or noise is distracting to others.

Excessive "lofting" hurts your game and could damage the lane.

Get permission to use another's ball.

Refrain from using abusive language or obscene gestures.

Play to win, but be a gracious loser.

Practice good sportsmanship!

Wet shoes are a safety hazard,
watch where you walk.

(Following these few simple guide-
lines will help make your bowling experience more
enjoyable.)



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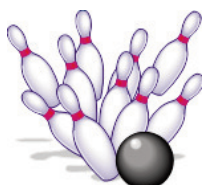
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2015-16 Adult Calendar of Events

Dates, locations are subject to change

- December** 1 - Entries close Iowa State USBC BA & WBA Tournaments
 1 - Entries open GCV Open & Women's Assn.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)

