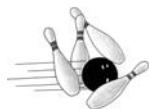


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LEAGUE SECRETARIES:
PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOUR BOWLING SESSION
AND PASS IT THROUGH YOUR LEAGUE.

KARMEN MUNSON ROLLS BACK TO BACK 300 GAMES



March 26, 2010 will be a date, a time, and an event that Karmen Munson will never forget.

After bowling for 15 years, Karmen had that special night when everything just seemed perfect at her bowling league session. And perfect it was! Karmen's first game of the night was a 300 game!

But Karmen wasn't done! After getting over the "nerves" that came with the 300 game, she settled into her second game, and just kept striking! All in all, Karmen put together a string of 26 strikes that very special night. She was bowling in the I Wonder league at the Lucky Six Lanes in Marengo that Friday night. Her third game was a 171 for a 771 series. Karmen's average at the time was 185.

Being the first woman to bowl a 300 at the Lucky Six was special, but to roll back to back 300's was even more incredible! Munson always hoped to someday roll a perfect game, but never dreamed this could have ever happened.

Towards the end of the games, Karmen was thinking of some bowling advice given to her a month earlier by proprietor Dick McBride. She made the adjustment, and kept rolling the ball. While other bowlers around her thought she looked smooth on the outside, Karmen stated she was a mess on the inside!

The following day, Karmen's ladies team and ten other teams traveled to Fort Dodge for their shot at the 2010 ISUSBCWBA State Championship tournament. It didn't take long for word to spread through the Fort Dodge bowling centers about the bowler from Marengo who bowled two 300's the night before!

What an incredible experience! Karmen will receive her 300 game(s) award from the state association during the 2011 ISUSBCWBA annual meeting in Ottumwa.



Karmen Munson

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CHARLA'S WEB

WELCOME to our 2010-2011 bowling season!

Fall leagues are in full swing and the fun and camaraderie of bowling is abundant!

Is your league or association doing anything different this year? Are your leagues full and do you have a few new bowlers/members? If you have new bowlers, did you give them a hearty "welcome" the first session of bowling, and tell them you're glad they're bowling? Do you have unsanctioned/uncertified leagues/bowlers in your community?

Unfortunately, we don't always have a positive response to these questions and more. What can we do to encourage more people to join our game? We're having a lot of fun, we look forward to our league session, the competition, the social aspect of the game, getting some exercise, getting out of the house, spending time with friends every week, and the list goes on and on and on. All are good reasons to bowl! Now, how can we recruit new bowlers? We all need to try; the health of the game as we know it depends on us, the bowlers!

I'm often asked what a bowler gets for the dues money they pay each fall at the start of the new season. I explain that \$10.00 goes to USBC, the national headquarters for bowling, \$1.00 stays right here in Iowa in support of the women's or men's state associations, and the remainder stays within the local association to help fund their programs and awards. After explaining what a local and a state association is and why they are supported, the next question is what do I get for that \$10.00 for national dues? I'm sure many across our state get asked the same question.

First, I tell the bowler or bowlers that there are advantages to having a national governing body. One of the most important advantages, I feel, is a standardized set of rules for ALL bowlers, otherwise known as the USBC Playing Rules book. Without the national rules book, all leagues would create their "own" rules, or possibly have no rules at all. That could certainly turn into a "situation"!

We have bowling centers and lanes that are certified by USBC and that have met the criteria in place at USBC. Correctly weighted pins and proper lane specifications make the game fair for all players.

Certified tournaments, whether local, state, or national, are conducted on certified

lanes with rules in place, again to ensure fairness to all participants.

USBC provides bonding insurance for our league funds against misappropriations or theft, and liability insurance for our association leaders, all at no cost to the associations.

USBC offers bowling opportunities for everyone, now and for future generations. Team USA, youth bowling, collegiate and high school competition, Sport bowling, our associations, research and technology, keeping up with the latest trends, and coaching, all are supported by USBC.

USBC offers a broad range of products and services for youth bowlers, the future of our game! From scholarships to tournaments to awards, there is something for every youth bowler.

High school bowling has come a long way in recent years, and the program continues to grow here in Iowa and across our nation. And that helps bring more bowlers to USBC!

USBC gives back as well. Bowling, friendships, the opportunity to work for the women bowlers in Iowa are some of the ways bowling has given back to me personally. It's given me more

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than I can ever pay back, but USBC and bowlers support Komen for the Cure (breast cancer) and BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) in huge style each and every season.

The awards program USBC has benefits all bowlers. The bowling leaders are constantly changing and tweaking the program but all in all, they're just trying to make it a great program for all bowlers while maintaining cost effectiveness for USBC at the same time. USBC spends \$3.5 million dollars seasonally on their awards programs.

The "support system" as I refer to it at USBC, being able to get answers either by calling or emailing. Bowl.com is a huge asset with many resources available to all who visit, and it's maintained to have the latest in bowling news in the forefront at all times.

USBC also has their Member Rewards program, available only to USBC members. If you haven't checked into the program, you might find some personal savings available just because you are a card carrying, bowler member of USBC!

The average bowler would not notice the value of the Win Labs program, which is the computer program used by local and state associations for transmitting dues to USBC, for tournament management, for maintaining average records and other important functions. Have you priced computer software lately? And USBC provides Win Labs at no cost to the local and state associations.

It is my hope that when you are asked by new bowlers and even seasoned bowlers what they get for their \$10 national dues that you can tell them about the advantages mentioned here and you might even have some more of your own.

I won't go into the local and state dues in this issue; I think I've run out of time and space for now. We'll save that topic for the December issue!

Keep promoting bowling! Help your proprietor, help your fellow bowlers! We're all in this great sport together!

Happy Bowling!

Until next time...

Charla



20 Year Club Raffle

For information or to purchase raffle tickets, contact Lynne Riordan at lknepp@mchsi.com or contact the state office.



2010 SENIOR STATE TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

By Charla Green, ISUSBCWBA Assn. Mgr.

The 4th annual ISUSBCWBA Senior State Tournament brought our older set from across the state to Carroll Bowl in Carroll for the 2010 event.

The tournament was a doubles, singles and optional all events format. The tournament is a handicapped tournament using 100% handicap from a 225 base. There are two divisions, by age, not average! Division 1 is for ages 65 years old and older, while division 2 is for those entrants from 55 years old to 64 years of age. For doubles event, just add the ages together to determine the correct division.

Division 1 doubles had 72 entries, while Division 2 fielded 45 for a total of 117 entries.

Division 1 singles hosted 133 entries; division 2 had 101 bowlers.

Top finishers from the tournament were:

DOUBLES

Division 1 Beverly Fredericks & Karen Book
Denison USBC, 1,438

Division 2 Dianne Messerly & Wyn Ann Allen
Eagle Grove USBC, 1,527

SINGLES

Division 1 Fern Langbein, Carroll USBC WBA, 747

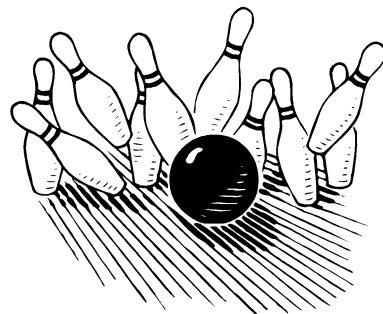
Division 2 Debbie Baker, Ottumwa USBC WBA, 758

ALL EVENTS

Division 1 Mary Hanson, Clarinda USBC WBA, 1,482

Division 2 Debbie Baker, Ottumwa USBC WBA, 1,523

The 2011 Senior tournament will be held at Plaza Bowl of Clinton in Clinton, IA. Dates are May 7, 14, 15, 21, 22, 2011. Entry forms will be mailed to all local associations and are available on the website, www.iowawba.com, downloads tab.



GREATER SIOUXLAND USBC

Submitted by: Toby Varvais

Stormy Ott of the Greater Siouxland USBC (Sioux City) rolled a 268 game on March 4th.



2010 TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

By Charla Green, ISUSBCWBA Assn. Mgr.



Fort Dodge hosted the 2010 ISUSBCWBA State Championship Tournament and annual meeting. The tournament began on Feb. 6th and concluded on May 16th and included 14 weekends of competition.

Although the entry numbers were considerably less than in past events, the 2010 tournament was very successful and provided a great visit to Fort Dodge and a fun bowling experience to our bowlers.

Each tournament has special memories for me, but with Fort Dodge being “home”, this event will always occupy a special spot in my heart as I watched and helped the Fort Dodge girls plan, organize, and work the tournament to ensure a successful event for our guests.

The 2010 tournament fielded 745 teams, 1,834 doubles, 3,668 singles, and 3,453 all events.

Top finishers in the various divisions were:

Team

- Division 1 Thunderbowl II, Council Bluffs USBC – 3,214
Cindy Kesterson, Margo De Bar, Judy Gurney, Brenda Stevens and Melody Felton
- Division 2 The Loo Crew, Greater Cedar Valley USBC – 2,755
Denise Jungen, Jo Homolar, Robin Thomas, Brenda Roth, and Dana Homolar
- Division 3 Phil & Larry’s, Davenport Metro USBC WBA – 2,639
Lisa Petersen, Brenda Petersen, Tami Griffith, Teresa Sheredy, and Rachel Neilson.
- Division 4 Imperial Ladies, Boone County USBC – 2,398
Jennifer Luetkeman, Sandy Lebeck, Joyce White, Heather Frank and Laura Heath

- Division 5 Greene’s Pasture Clearing, Des Moines Area USBC WBA – 2,190
Diana Anderson, Stacy Chapman, Melissa Greene, Sherry Greene, and Sheila Durham

Doubles

- Division 1 Linda Henderson & Cindy Gruber
Fort Dodge USBC WBA – 1,303
- Division 2 Trisha Brooks & Lucinda Brooks
Sigourney USBC – 1,201
- Division 3 Mary Jane Breashears & Alisha Rutan
Anamosa USBC – 1,114
- Division 4 Teresa Reinhardt & Rashell Gomez
Tama-Toledo USBC – 1,016
- Division 5 Ashley Ring & Judy Ring
Glenwood USBC – 1,012

Singles

- Division 1 Cathy Everett, Muscatine USBC, 791
- Division 2 Kathy Fink, Tripoli USBC, 662
- Division 3 Donna Banta, Davenport Metro USBC WBA, 684
- Division 4 Sara Carson, Clarke & Decatur USBC, 569
- Division 5 Dianne Messerly, Eagle Grove USBC, 572

All Events

- Division 1 Judy Gurney, Council Bluffs USBC, 2,067
- Division 2 Rena Eide, Des Moines Area USBC WBA, 1,842
- Division 3 Donna Banta, Davenport USBC WBA, 1,727
- Division 4 Deb Pietig, Carroll USBC WBA, 1,621
- Division 5 Dianne Messerly, Eagle Grove USBC, 1,442

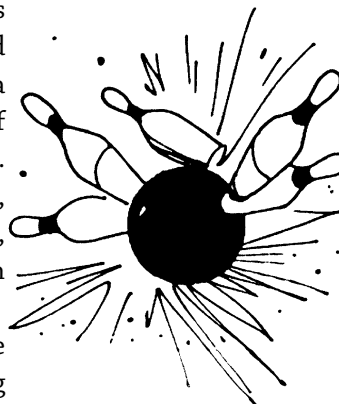
2010 IOWA 600 CLUB MAIL-IN TOURNAMENT

By Shannon McHugh, Iowa 600 Club Secretary-Treasurer

The Iowa 600 Bowling Club held its annual mail-in tournament last March. This tournament features league scores from any USBC women’s or mixed certified leagues rolled during a specified week with entry paid ahead of the participation week. 1st place went to Lisa Westercamp, Mt. Pleasant USBC, with a score of 849. 2nd place went to Sue Strothman, also of Mt. Pleasant USBC – 831, 3rd place – Tricia Nederhiser, Cedar Rapids USBC – 810; 4th – Linda Lovell 755, Cedar Rapids USBC WBA; and 5th – Shirley Johnson 746, Dubuqueland USBC WBA.

The mail-in tournament was open to multiple entries, with 70 paid entries and 55 bowlers mailing

in their scores. It was decided by the members at their annual meeting in Fort Dodge to continue to allow multiple entries in the 2011 tournament, with one entry per league of which the bowler is a member. The 2011 mail-in tournament will be held during the week of March 6th. If bowler is unable to bowl league during that week because of weather, illness, or other emergency, league scores from the week of March 13th will be allowed. Entry forms will be returned to members upon renewal (or new membership) of their 600 club dues, and are also available on the web site (www.iowa600club.com). Entries are \$5.00 and close March 1, 2010.





2010 ISUSBCWBA Annual State Tournament

Held in Fort Dodge, Iowa

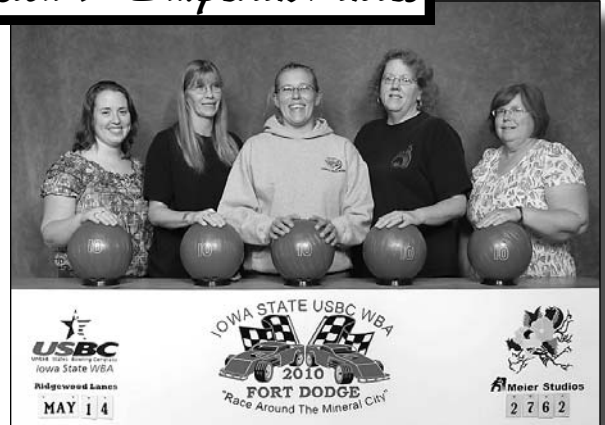


Division 1 - Thunderbowl II



Margo DeBar, Cindy Kesterson, Judy Gurney,
Brenda Stevens, Melody Felton
3214

Division 4 - Imperial Ladies



Heather Frank, Sandy Lebeck, Jennifer Luetkeman,
Laura Heath, Joyce White
2398

Division 2 - The Loo Crew



Denise Jungen, Robin Thomas, Brenda Roth,
Dana Homolar, Jo Homolar
2755

Div. 5 - Green's Pasture Clearing



Stacy Chapman, Colleen Nichols, Sherry Greene,
Melissa Greene, Sheila Durham, Diana Anderson
2190

Division 3 - Phil & Larry's



Rachel Neilson, Teresa Sheredy, Brenda Petersen,
Lisa Petersen, Tami Griffith
2639

THANKS!

Submitted by John & Vickie Woodford,
Spare Time Lanes, Jefferson, IA

We would like to thank everyone for coming to participate in the Iowa 600 Bowling Club tournament held in Jefferson. It has been our pleasure to host this tournament over the last several years and we look forward to more years to come.

We are very excited about the upcoming year and seeing familiar faces as well as newcomers. We have so many great moments to remember, and can't wait to see what happens next!

We wish you all a great new bowling season. Let's Go Bowling!!!

RAFFLE WINNERS

By Charla Green

Raffles were held during the 2010 ISUSBCWBA State Championship Tournament in Fort Dodge and Senior State Tournament in Carroll for the benefit of Bowl for the Cure®, and the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL).

This year's raffles included 12# bowling balls, purses, quilts, and decorated bowling pins. All the items were available either in the Bowl for the Cure® theme, or in an Americana theme for the BVL.

The bowling balls were purchased by the ISUSBCWBA for the raffle and are always a popular choice among the tournament participants. The quilts were made by ISUSBCWBA President, Kristi Reidy, and the unique and beautiful decorated bowling pins were crafted and donated by Elaine Thomes of Burlington. The purses were donated by ISUSBCWBA Assn. Mgr. Charla Green and were made by Linda Debus of Cedar Rapids.

Rosemary Possehn, Sgt.-at-Arms of the Fort Dodge USBC WBA went to the ISUSBCWBA office on May 24th and drew the winning tickets from the many boxes which held the blue and pink tickets for the various items.

Winners of the drawings were:

BVL quilt	Karen Sutton	Tama-Toledo
BFTC quilt	Donna Banta	Davenport Metro

BVL purse	Sheryl Lyons	Webster City
BFTC purse	Wyn Ann Allen	Eagle Grove

BVL bowling pin	Pat Addison	Council Bluffs
BFTC bowling pin	Shellie Gebel	New Hampton

BVL bowling ball	Anjee Dencklau	Fort Dodge
BFTC bowling ball	Tammy Walker	Forest City

All the raffle items were mailed on May 25th, except the BVL bowling ball which was delivered to the winner.

The Iowa State USBC WBA extends a sincere thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets or donated to the BVL "fine" program for not having your USBC card to show at tournament check-in. Through these fund raiser events, the ISUSBCWBA generated funds in the amounts of \$1,460.72 to the BVL, and \$778.44 for Bowl for the Cure®.

Fund raisers for these worthy causes are being planned for the 2011 tournaments in Ottumwa and Clinton! Look for more on this later!



JUDY HENRY RETIRES

Submitted by Loretta Wander, Greater Cedar Valley USBC Assn. Mgr.

Judy Henry was honored by her local association, Greater Cedar Valley USBC on the occasion of her retirement from their board of directors.

Judy started bowling in 1962 and held all league offices over the years. She bowled in countless local tournaments and claims a 278 as her career high game.

Judy became a member of the board of directors of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Women's Bowling Assn. in November of 1973. This association later became the Waterloo Metro WBA. In 1981 she was elected 2nd Vice President, and in 1992 became 1st Vice President. She served in that capacity until the merger of the men, women and youth in 2006. The new association, Greater Cedar Valley USBC was formed and Judy served as a director until her retirement.



Judy served on all committees during her tenure, and was the chairperson of many of those committees. She was instrumental in contributing articles and ideas for the local bowling newsletter.

Judy is also a member of the 600 club and served as vice president and sergeant-at-arms.

In 1968, Judy bowled in her first state tournament and never looked back. She is a member of the Iowa 20 Year Club.

Sioux City hosted the IWBA state tournament and convention in 1975. This was Judy's first experience as a state delegate. She continued as a yearly delegate until 1989 when she became a member of the IWBA Board of Directors.

Judy's first trip to the WIBC national tournament and convention was in 1972 in Kansas City; this trip began her 32 years of participation at the nationals!

When asked about her bowling career, Judy said "it is time for someone younger to step in and learn the administrative end of bowling". Judy will continue writing for the local newsletter.

Thank you Judy, for all you've done for all these years.



500 Club

By Connie DeGreef, President



Have you bowled a 500 series once in your lifetime during league play? If so, you are eligible to bowl in the Iowa 500 Club tournament.

Membership dues or renewals are just \$3.00 per year!

The 23rd Annual 500 Club bowling tournament will be held at Mustang Lanes in Monroe, IA; just 14 miles south of Newton, IA. The date of the tournament is October 16 & 17, 2010. There are two shifts on Saturday; team at 10:00 am and doubles & singles at 12:30 pm. On Sunday, there will also be two shifts; doubles & singles at 9:00 am and team event at 12:30 pm.

This is a handicap tournament. You may enter team (4 women), doubles/singles and all events (optional). If you are unable to bowl six games, you may enter team only, doubles only with a partner, or singles only.

Mustang Lanes has eight lanes so early entry may be to your advantage!

Entries close October 1, 2010, first come, first served. Entry forms are available from Barbara Tarantino, Secretary-Treasurer, 641-792-4854 or also on the state website, iowawba.com. Be sure to include your membership dues in your remittance.

The 500 Club annual meeting and banquet will be held after the 2nd shift on Saturday evening at the bowling center. The meal will be catered by the Monroe women. There is a box on the entry form to indicate how many will be attending the dinner and the meeting.

For more information, please contact Barbara at the above number or email President Connie DeGreef, conniejo@iowatelecom.net.

IOWA 600 BOWLING CLUB

By Shannon McHugh, Club Secretary-Treasurer

Attention 600 Club Members/Secretaries/Association Officers: It's time to mail in your dues for the Iowa 600 Bowling Club. Your dues must be received in order to receive your entries to the ISUSBCWBA "Triple Dip" Tournament (scores used from team/doubles/singles events) held in conjunction with our ISUSBCWBA State Tournament being held in Ottumwa (entries close February 12th), and entry blanks for our mail-in tournament which you use league scores rolled during the week of March 6th (or the week of March 13th) (entries close March 1st). Call Shannon with any questions (515-386-2043) or email at mchugh@netins.net.

The 2010 Iowa 600 Club Doubles & Singles Tournament will be held in October at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson. Entry fee is \$12.00 per event, with an optional scratch and/or handicap All Events for \$1.00 each. The dates are Saturday, October 9; Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17; Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24; and Saturday and Sunday, October 30-31. Saturday shift time is 1:00 p.m. and the shifts on Sundays start at noon. If you don't see a date that works for you, please call and we'll see what we can arrange. Come bowl with us - we would love to have you!



IOWA WOMEN'S 700 BOWLING CLUB

By: Charla Green, Secretary-Treasurer

Welcome to our 2010-2011 bowling season!

The Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club is an Iowa club for women who have rolled a scratch 700 series in certified/sanctioned play. The club was formed in 1997 at a meeting in Council Bluffs.

Membership is \$5.00; yearly renewal dues are also \$5.00. Membership is for lifetime.

The group hosts two yearly tournament events. The last Saturday in September each year is the 4 games across 8 lanes Singles tournament. The tournament is hosted at various locations. The 2010 event will be September 25th at Lightning Lanes in Manchester and is open to all current members. The tournament is handicapped at 100% using a 220 base. The entry form was mailed to those members with dues paid within the

past five seasons, and it is also available at www.iowawba.com, downloads tab.

The club holds its annual meeting following the completion of the singles tournament at approximately 2:45 pm.

The other tournament event is the annual Mail-In tournament. This tournament uses certified leagues scores during a specified week during the bowling season. The 2010-11 event is planned for the week of January 9 through January 15, 2011. This tournament is also handicapped at 100% using a 220 base. The entry form for this event was also mailed to current members and is also available at www.iowawba.com, downloads tab.

Also available at www.iowawba.com is the New Member application form and the rules for the club.

Membership is open to any ISUSBCWBA and USBC member who has rolled a scratch 3 game 700 or more series in certified (sanctioned) play.

For more information, contact Charla Green, Secretary-Treasurer at 515-576-1805, 939 So. 24th St., Fort Dodge, IA 50501-6146 or crgreen@frontiernet.net.

Officers for the current season are: President Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids, 1st Vice President Sue Strasburger, Cedar Rapids, 2nd Vice President Bonny Prucha, Cedar Rapids, Secretary-Treasurer Charla Green, Fort Dodge, and Sergeant-at-Arms Robbin Jones, Cedar Rapids.



2010 IOWA 600 CLUB/ISUSBCWBA "TRIPLE DIP" SINGLES TOURNAMENT

By Shannon McHugh, Iowa 600 Club Secretary-Treasurer

The 2010 Iowa 600 Club "Triple Dip" Singles Tournament was held in conjunction with the Iowa State USBC WBA State Tournament held last spring in Fort Dodge. Bowlers were able to submit scores in each division (team, doubles, singles) for each event in which they participated during the state tournament. If they bowled in the team event more than once, only scores from the first time they bowled were accepted.

TEAM EVENT – top 5: 1st place Marlys Fear, Mt. Pleasant USBC – 866; 2nd – Joyce Hoyle, Greene County USBC – 859; 3rd – Monica Niedert, Independence USBC WBA – 855, 4th – Jan Thomas, Des Moines Area USBC WBA – 852, and 5th – Tiffany Frey, Dubuqueland USBC WBA - 850. There were 82 entries in the team event.

DOUBLES EVENT – top 5: 1st place – Tiffany Frey, Dubuqueland USBC WBA – 882; 2nd – Amanda Hruska, Fort Dodge USBC WBA – 878; 3rd – Debbie Faust, Stuart USBC WBA – 846; 4th – Teri Jennings, Ames Area USBC – 817; and 5th – Joyce Hirsch, Dubuqueland USBC WBA – 816. There were 79 entries in the doubles event.

SINGLES EVENT – top 5: 1st place – Vickie Woodford, Greene County USBC – 821; 2nd – Becky Johnson, Mt. Pleasant USBC – 819; 3rd – Judy Rohwedder, Waverly USBC WBA – 818;

4th – Kathy Mackie, Burlington USBC WBA – 810; and 5th – Rita Hunt, Dubuqueland USBC WBA – 803. There were 83 entries in the singles event.

The 2011 tournament will be held in conjunction with the state tournament in Ottumwa beginning February 19th. You can enter any one, two or all three of the events, your choice, but the scores must be from the event for which the entry fee was paid. Entry forms will be returned to members upon renewal (or new membership) of their 600 club dues, and also available on the web site. Entries are \$6.00 per event and close February 12th. \$1.00 of each entry fee will be going to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and "Bowl for the Cure®." This year's donation was \$244.00.

Membership in the Iowa 600 Bowling Club is open to any female rolling a scratch 600+ series in USBC certified league or tournament play. The first 3 games of a 4-game series will be recognized.

For information or questions concerning the 600 Club, please contact Shannon McHugh, 700 West South, Jefferson, Iowa 50129, phone 515-386-2043, fax 515-386-8531, email mchugh@netins.net, or contact any officer (www.iowa600club.com).



IOWA 20 YEAR CLUB

By Lynne Riordan, Sec.-Treas.

The Iowa 20 Year Club is looking for all you ladies who have bowled in 20 or more IWBA and ISUSBCWBA state tournaments! We cordially invite you to join our prestigious club as we honor those who have bowled in our state tournament!!

Is that an uuugggghhhhh???? I hear?! Never fear ladies! Our meetings are held once a year during the ISUSBCWBA annual meeting, with a short meeting and luncheon on Saturday of the annual meeting weekend. Our dues are ONLY \$1.00 per year!!! Can you believe it! Where in the world can you get anything for a dollar in this day and age? You may ask, "What do I get for my dollar?" You get recognition for all your years of tournament participation, your support of the game of ten pins, and you can pass on to our younger bowlers how important it is for us to keeping bowling alive and well. It's also an honor to be recognized by our state bowling association.

Now, are you unsure of how many tournaments you have bowled in? You may contact me, Lynne Riordan at lknepp@mchsi.com or you may call me at 641-660-0679 (cell) or mail me at 641-Chesney St., Keota, IA 52248, and I will check our records. Please remember to list all names (first, last, nick name, previous maiden or married names) that you may have bowled under. Also a good way to check your years of participation is to dig out your state bowling pictures and let me know the years on those. Also, if you have changed your last name, please let me know what year. I also have a list of the tournament years and the location; if you would like one I would be happy to email it to you.

I hope to hear from many of you as I know there is a LOT of you out there that have bowled 20 or more tournaments!

Happy Bowling!!!!

PS – The list of tournament years and locations is available at www.iowawba.com, Downloads tab.



ISUSBCWBA RECEIVES 3RD PLACE USBC MEDIA AWARD

By: Charla Green, Assn. Mgr.



USBC annually conducts media contests for local and state associations. Awards are presented for newsletters, websites, and overall communication.

The Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. was awarded 3rd place in the Best Overall Communications contest.

The state office received a letter from USBC Executive Director Stu Upson stating the ISUSBCWBA had been selected from applications from across the county, along with USBC's monetary award.

Mr. Upson's letter included his comment, "Your association's hard work in communicating information to your members through your various outlets shows your dedication to your members and your passion to grow the sport".

2010 ISUSBCWBA Senior Tournament

By Shannon McHugh, ISUSBCWBA Director

"The books are closed" on the 2010 Senior Tournament! The ISUSBCWBA hosted their 4th Annual Senior State Tournament, and 234 of our senior members participated by bowling in Carroll in May.

The tournament hosted 117 doubles, 234 singles and 234 all events. The tournament ran from May 1st through May 16th. Carroll Bowl and the Carroll USBC WBA warmly greeted our bowlers and showed their appreciation of our event being held in their center.

Winners in the 2010 tournament were:

Div. #1 - Doubles

Karen Book & Beverly Fredericks of Denison USBC - 1438

Div. #1 Singles

Fern Langbein of Carroll USBC WBA - 747

Div. #1 All Events

Mary Hanson of Clarinda USBC WBA - 1482

Div. #2 - Doubles

Dianne Messerly & Wyn Ann Allen of Eagle Grove USBC - 1527

Div. #2 - Singles

Debbie Baker of Ottumwa USBC WBA - 758

Div. 2 - All Events

Debbie Baker of Ottumwa USBC WBA - 1523

The Senior Tournament is an annual event for our bowlers, aged 55 and over, and willing to admit it! The tournament uses a handicap format and is also in divisions by age, not average. The handicap is 100% of 225 base, and the age divisions are 55 to 64 for Division 2, and 65 and over Division 1. For the doubles event, the ages of the two partners are added together and placed in the appropriate division.

The prize fund payout for the Senior Tournament was \$3,068.60 which included the ISUSBCWBA's 25% proceeds from the 50/50 raffle conducted during the tournament.

There were numerous USBC achievement awards earned during the Senior Tournament. 28 games of 200 or over were rolled, with the high game for the tournament being a 244 bowled by Janean Haukap of the Carroll USBC WBA. High series of the tournament was 676 rolled by Shelly West from Council Bluffs USBC. There were 5 series of 600 and over and 35 series of 500 to 599.

The 2011 5th Annual Senior Tournament will be held May 7, 14-15, 21-22, at Plaza Bowl in Clinton. Entry fees remain the same at \$13.00 per event per entrant, and an optional \$2.00 All Events is available. Entry forms will be mailed to the local associations in January, and are also available on the web site, www.iowawba.com.

NEW HAMPTON USBC WBA

Submitted by Charlotte Markle, Assn. Mgr.



Merrilyn

average. Carol's game also tied the league high game for the season in the Coffee Cup League. (see photo)

Merrilyn Knight also saved the best for last in the Coffee Cup League! She had been struggling to raise her 100 average, and during one of her games, Merrilyn rolled 4 strikes in a row! She ended with a 164 game and everyone was very excited for her accomplishment! (see photo).

During the final session of league competition this past spring, Carol Cordes had a super game! Carol's average was 135 for the league session. She started this game with a spare; continued with 6 strikes in a row, another spare, another strike, and then opened in the 10th for a whooping 237 which was 102 pins over her



Carol

Share Your Thoughts....

The Special Tournaments committee is considering **TWO** new statewide tournaments.

First, an Iowa "Queens" tournament, open to all members of the Iowa State USBC WBA with a 170 or above final average from the previous season. This would be a scratch tournament formatted similar to the Greater Iowa tournaments.

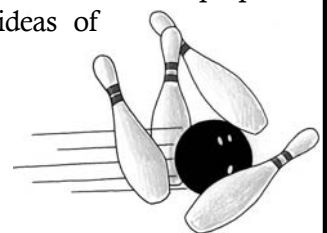
Second, we are in contact with the Iowa State USBC BA (the men's state association) about the possibility of conducting a statewide mixed tournament. Possible events would be a 4 person mixed team event (2 women and 2 men), a mixed doubles event, and an optional all events. This would be a handicapped tournament.

GIVE US YOUR THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS!

Email the state office at isusbcwba@frontiernet.net, and share your thoughts and ideas for these proposed tournaments and/ or other ideas of yours!

You can also respond through our website, www.iowawba.com.

Thanks!





2010 Iowa 600 Club Annual Meeting



By Shannon McHugh, Secretary-Treasurer

The Iowa 600 Bowling Club met on Saturday, April 10th in Fort Dodge, with 49 members attending. Re-elected as vice president was Sue Strasburger from the Cedar Rapids USBC WBA, and Shannon McHugh as secretary-treasurer from the Greene County USBC. Each member in attendance was presented a "600 Club fan."

The membership of the 600 club as of March 19th was 625, with 26 new and 599 renewed members. Since the report of the membership was prepared, several more renewals and new memberships have been received but have not been included in the totals.

Dues for club membership remain at \$2.00 for both new members and renewals.

Donations were approved of \$50.00 to each of the three existing VA facilities, and \$350.00 to the Iowa Bowling Council for their scholarship fund.

The 2010 Doubles and Singles Tournament will be held in October at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson, with the entry fee to remain at \$12.00 per event, and \$1.00 optional all events handicap fee and \$1.00 optional all events scratch fee.

Plaques were presented for "Bowler of the Year" awards for high game and high series – these are the honor scores that were reported. 5 women bowled games of 300 during the 2008-2009 season – Tabitha Bieri and Triscia Klein, both from the Muscatine USBC, and Anne Jorgensen, Brenda Stevens and Margo DeBar, all from the Council Bluffs USBC. Stephanie Beck of Dubuqueland USBC WBA was presented the plaque for her high series of 835.

In addition to the Doubles & Singles Tournament held in October, we will also have our "Triple Dip" tournament that is held in conjunction with the ISUSBCWBA State Tournament and the mail-o-graphic tournament which we use our league scores from a specific week of league bowling. The Triple Dip tournament has 3 divisions, one division for your score in the team event, a division for your score in the doubles event, and a division for the singles scores, and you will be able to cash in each division. You may enter all 3 divisions or any 1 or 2 of your choice. Entries are not transferable to another division and if you should bowl more than once in the team event, you will only

be able to use the scores from the first team event bowled. The mail-o-graphic tournament allows multiple entries. The entry fee will remain the same in both tournaments - \$5.00 per entry for the mail-in with multiple entries, and \$6.00 for each entry in the singles tournament with \$1.00 of the entry fee going to Bowl for the Cure.

This year the club raised \$244.00 from its entries to benefit Bowl for the Cure.

Attention 600 Club Secretaries/ Association Officers: If you haven't mailed in your dues in the Iowa 600 Club, please do so ASAP. Your dues must be received in order to receive your entries to the ISUSBCWBA "Triple Dip" Tournament (scores used from team/doubles/singles events – please note the new format) held in conjunction with our ISUSBCWBA State Tournament being held in Ottumwa (entries close February 12th), and entry blanks for our mail-in tournament which you use league scores rolled during the week of March 6th (or the week of March 13th) (entries close March 1st). Call Shannon with any questions (515-386-2043) or email at mchugh@netins.net.



DARLENE HELLMAN HONORED AS 2010 CRESCO USBC WBA HALL OF FAME RECIPIENT



This year's Cresco Women's Bowling Hall of Fame recipient has competed in 2 local leagues, many State tournaments and has attended a few national tournaments. She started bowling in Cresco when it was an outing to have some fun and adult conversation, hopefully without children present.

She does not have one of the highest averages in her league.

She is not a "diehard, have to win" bowler, but she does enjoy winning. She is the leader of her team. She always starts her team lineup. Having bowled 40 years she has earned this privilege.

Attending a state or national tournament with her would sometimes

turn into a real adventure. Plane connections for a national event sometimes made things quite interesting especially when the flight had been cancelled and no one had been notified until 10 eager bowlers arrived at the Rochester Airport for a 6 am flight the day after Easter.

State Tournaments sometimes held even more interesting experiences. One time there was a flat tire and team members had to be delivered to the bowling alley by a police car with red lights flashing and all.

The best or worst, depending who you are, was the night she broke her nose at a tournament in Dubuque and she hadn't even been drinking.

There are other stories that her team shares and laugh with Darlene about.

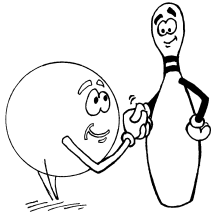
May I present, Cresco Women's USBC 2010 Hall of Famer, Darlene Hellman.



Darlene and Cindy

TOURNAMENTS FOR 2010-2011 SEASON

State Tournament - Entries open August 1st and close December 1st. Tournament is in Ottumwa and starts February 19th and concludes May 15th (unless extended). Team event is at Bridge City Bowl, and D/S is at Champion Bowl. Don't wait until the last minute to send in your entry! (There will be no bowling the weekend of the annual meeting - April 9-10.)



BVL - same rules and divisions as the Bowl for the Cure (below) with exception of the dates of the tournament and entry deadline. The entry deadline is November 1st and the bowling dates are November 7th thru 13th, and the second week of November 14th thru 20th if unable to bowl the first week. Entry fee is \$5.00 with \$2.00 of each entry going to the BVL (Bowlers for Veterans Link). Also available to all bowlers, both WBA and BA members. Connie Rommel is the contact person @ 319-234-8620 or email at crbowler@aol.com.

Bowl for the Cure - uses league scores from certified league bowling being held the week of February 6th thru 12th, and if unable to bowl uses scores from the following week of February 13th thru 19th. Entry deadline is January 19th, and the entry fee is \$5.00 per entry and \$2.00 of every entry goes to the Bowl for the Cure, and accepts multiple entries. Also accepts entries from BA members which include women that only join leagues as BA members and the men. There will be 5 divisions. 3 divisions for WBA members - averages 135 and below, averages 136 to 155, and averages 156 and above. 2 divisions for BA members - averages 175 and below and averages 176 and above. Shannon McHugh is the contact person - information above.



State Seniors Tournament - For our ladies age 55 and over - doubles, singles and optional all events. You must enter both events, \$13.00 per event and optional all events is \$2.00. Weekends of May 7, 14, 15, 21 and 22 (no bowling on Mother's Day), at Plaza Bowl in Clinton, and is sponsored by the Iowa State USBCWBA. Charla Green is the contact person @ 515/576-5561, fax 515/576-4969, or email at isusbcwba@frontiernet.net. This a handicapped tournament with 2 divisions: doubles - ages 110-129 and ages 130+ (combined ages), singles - ages 55-64 and ages 65+.



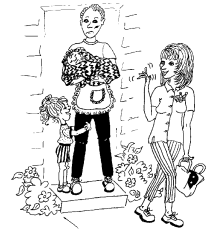
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500 Club - Handicap tournament with 4-man team, doubles and singles events, and optional All Events. Held at Mustang Lanes in Monroe on October 16th and 17th, with 2 shifts each day. \$16.00 per event, \$2.00 optional all events.

Do not have to bowl all three - can bowl just team, just doubles, just singles, doubles and singles. Must do all three for all events. Banquet to be held on Saturday, October 16th, following the last shift (approximately 6:00 p.m.) and will be catered at a cost of only \$7.00. Must be a paid member of the Iowa 500 club and the Iowa State USBCWBA. Contact person is Barb Tarantino @ 641/792-4854 (no email) or Connie DeGreef - emailconniejo@iowatelecom.net.

600 Club - sponsors 3 tournaments for all 600 club members:

Doubles and singles tournament - held 3 weekends in October - 9, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and 31 at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson. Do not have to enter both doubles and singles, may bowl multiple times in doubles with different partners. Also has optional all events, both scratch and handicap divisions. Entry fee is \$12.00 per event, and \$1.00 for each of the optional all events divisions.

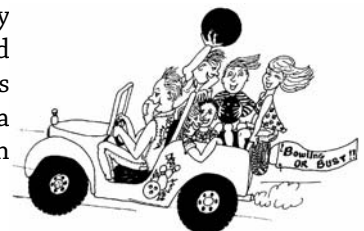


"Triple Dip" tournament - held in conjunction with our state tournament. Use scores that are bowled in each of the events of the state tournament (can do any or all 3 events; if bowl team event more than once, then first score bowled is used. Entry fee is \$6.00 per event with \$1.00 going to Bowl for the Cure. Entry deadline is February 12th, one week before the tournament starts on February 19th, and is handicapped.

Mail-in tournament - uses scores from league bowling. Can enter multiple times for as many certified leagues that you bowl in. Bowling is the week of March 6th thru 12th, and if are not able to bowl that week, then may use scores bowled the following week March 13th thru 19th. Entry fee is \$5.00 and the entry deadline is March 1st, and is also a handicapped tournament.

You must be a paid current member of the Iowa 600 Club and a member of the Iowa State USBCWBA to enter these tournaments. Shannon McHugh is the contact person @ 515/386-2043, fax 515/386-8531, or email mchugh@netins.net.

700 Club - Annual singles tournament is a 4-game singles format being held this year at Lightning Lanes in Manchester on Saturday, September 25th at 1:00 p.m. Annual meeting is held following bowling. Entry fee is \$20.00. Mail-in tournament is same format at the 600 club mail-in tournament, being held January 9th thru 15th, and if unable to bowl that week, then can use scores from the following week of January 16th thru January 22nd. Entry fee is \$6.00 and the entry deadline is January 5th, and deadline to send in scores is January 31st. Charla Green is the contact person - information above.





ISUSBCWBA to Sponsor “Bowl for the Cure®” Mail-o-Graphic Tournament

By Shannon McHugh, ISUSBCWBA Director



The Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association will conduct a mail-in singles tournament for all current Iowa adult USBC members in support of “Komen for the Cure” and “Bowl for the Cure®.” The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Promise: To save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality of care for all and energizing science to find the cures. For more information on the Komen Foundation, please contact them at 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244, visit www.komen.org or call 1.800.I’m.Aware® (1.800.462.9273).

The tournament accepts scores from BA members (men and women members of the state BA) and will have 2 divisions in addition to the 3 divisions for WBA members.

There are two forms which must be used. The entry form must be returned to the Tournament Director postmarked no later than January 19, 2011. The score verification form must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2011. Sanctioned league scores for the week of February 6, 2011, through February 12, 2011, will be used. If, however, your scheduled league bowling is postponed that week or you are unable to bowl due to illness, etc.,

scores bowled the week of February 13, 2011, through February 19, 2011, will be accepted. If there are any questions about using scores from a different week (other than listed above), please call the Tournament Director ASAP.

This tournament will be handicapped at 100% of 225, and will have three (3) WBA divisions (averages 135 and below; averages 136 to 155; and averages 156 and above); and two (2) BA divisions (averages 175 and below, and average 176 and above). One entry may be submitted for each USBC certified league/tournament (team event) in which the participant is bowling. Photocopies of the entry form and of the score verification form will be accepted. Female entrants must specify BA **OR** WBA division (if not marked WBA will be the default division). Cash prizes will be paid on a ratio of 1 to 5 entries. Entry fee will be \$5.00 (\$2.00/prize fund; \$2.00/Komen for the Cure and “Bowl for the Cure®,” 75¢/expenses; 25¢/director fee). The prize fund will be returned 100%.

All of the funds raised will be returned to Iowa to our 4 affiliate organizations: Davenport - Quad Cities affiliate, Ottumwa - Southeast Iowa affiliate, Sioux City - Siouxland affiliate, and Des Moines - Des Moines affiliate.

Winners from last year’s tournament were Courtney Juran, Manchester USBC WBA, with a score of 850 in the WBA Division 1 (averages 135 and below); Iona Hoyle, Greene County USBC, was 1st in the WBA Division 2 (averages 136 thru 155) with a score of 863; and Sheila Schwebach of the Sheldon USBC received 1st place honors in the WBA Division 3 with a score of 879 (averages 156 and above).

The winners in the BA divisions were Nick Howe, Ames Area USBC, with a score of 873 in the BA Division 1 (averages 170 and below), and there was a tie for first place in BA Division 2 - Ben Kirby, Mt. Pleasant USBC, and Randy Slawson, Fort Dodge USBC BA, both had a score of 863 (averages 171 and above).

We had a record number of entries (2,112) and raised \$9,588.19 which includes money collected from the raffle prizes, entry fees, and donations from local associations.

Information and entry forms for the 2011 mail-in tournament were distributed to all local associations with their new season supplies, and can also be obtained from ISUSBCWBA website (www.iowawba.com).

BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK (BVL)

By Barb Elliott, Dubuqueland USBC WBA

This year, 2010, was my first opportunity to attend a USBC national convention and it did not disappoint me.

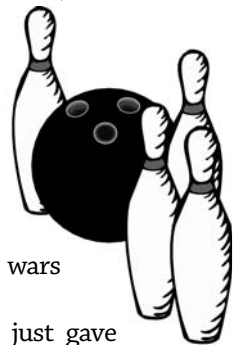
I was especially moved by the performance of the young teen group “Re Creation” who performed by singing all the theme songs of each division of the armed forces of America. In addition, they left the stage to shake the hands of all the veterans in the audience.

As the performance progressed, the “big screens” displayed the donations from across the country. This was when I became embarrassed by the small amount that the bowlers from Iowa contributed to this worthwhile cause. There were single associations throughout the country that were able to raise as much as five (5) times the amount the entire state of Iowa raised.

This is a very important cause and close to my heart as I have a nephew currently serving in Afghanistan and a son-in-law about to embark on this second tour of duty to Iraq in November. It is important to remember that we have thousands of veterans from these current wars that need our help and assistance.

Just think, if all the state bowlers just gave \$1.00 how much we could raise for this cause. I urge and ask all leagues, tournaments, and bowling events to work harder to make bowlers aware of the BVL fund and how important it is to our soldiers who fight everyday for our freedom.

Please start promoting and collecting to support the BVL.



Did YOU Miss the Picnic??

By: Shirley Bloodsworth, Director, ISUSBCWBA

One of the most important services and goals of the Iowa State USBC WBA is COMMUNICATING with our members. In addition to our timely mailings from the association office, our website and our newsletters, two workshops are held annually. One workshop is held during the Annual Meeting week-end; the other during the month of July.

On July 10, approximately 86 women, representing 23 associations traveled to Newton for the Summer Workshop. As the workshop chairman, I had chosen the theme, "Going on a Picnic" and had packed my picnic basket for the event. The morning program (Main Course) for the picnic was guest speaker, Rich Eighme (Fran's Pro Shop) of Waterloo. Rich presented a very informative program about many different aspects of bowling. Using slides, he talked about bowling balls - the different types of cover, drilling differences, how bowling balls react to ball speed and lane conditions and the care and conditioning of our bowling equipment. Rich then answered many questions from the audience.

After a break for lunch, the picnic theme resumed with our Association Manager, Charla Green serving the Salad course. Just as salads contain many ingredients, Charla reported on the many different bowling issues she has been dealing with.

The next items taken from the picnic basket were different types of condiments. These choices were reminiscent of the many different opinions our bowlers shared about changes in the State Tournaments. Connie Rommel gave a report on the final rules for the 2011 Tournament in Ottumwa. And what would a picnic be without fun and games? Fourteen women volunteered to participate in a left and right story game.

The picnic basket was opened once again and a can of snacks was unpacked. Snacks are sometimes a preview of what is coming in the future. Sally Reighard gave a report on workshops she

attended before the USBC Convention in Reno. The workshops she discussed were changes in the bowl.com website and also on the future of the WinLABS program.

Two types of fruit were removed from the picnic basket - an Apple and a Lemon. The legislation which was voted on at the USBC Convention provided many different opinions. Some of the legislation was approved by the delegates (apples) and some were not (lemons) Carolynn Lee gave a summary of the legislation.

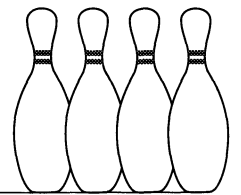
The last item was taken out of the picnic basket, a package of peanut butter/chocolate chip cookies (dessert) - always a plus. In my opinion, one of the most positive decisions by USBC has been the hiring of Regional Managers. Several of the Iowa State USBC WBA Board traveled to the Quad Cities and met our new Regional Manager, David Bartlett. David has been active in bowling (in some capacity) since the age of 5. He prides himself in returning e-mails and phone calls as quickly as possible and is eager to meet the bowlers of Iowa and helping in any way he can. If you need his e-mail address or cell phone, please contact Charla at the Association Office.

We are sorry if you missed our picnic, but we will be holding another workshop at the Annual Meeting in Ottumwa. It will not be a picnic, but another surprise theme will be chosen. Plan now to attend!

Shirley Bloodsworth, Workshop Chairman



HIGH SERIES HONOR ROLL



Brooke Flannagan	Cedar Rapids	824	3/11/2010
Laurie Hiatt	Manchester	778	3/13/2010
Karmen Munson	Cedar Rapids	771	3/26/2010
Linda Eighme	Greater Cedar Valley	751	3/8/2010
Tonia Bails	Cedar Rapids	745	4/1/2010
Heather Zamastil	Cedar Rapids	738	3/9/2010
Brooke Flannagan	Cedar Rapids	737	3/25/2010
Vikki Bartosh	Cedar Rapids	735	3/20/2010
Erin Carter	Cedar Rapids	729	3/7/2010
Diana Sidler	Greater Cedar Valley	727	3/15/2010
Sue Weiss	Fort Dodge	722	3/22/2010
Lillian Bloom	Mt. Pleasant	721	1/18/2010
Shawna Sailor	Cedar Rapids	717	3/28/2010
Jan Donner	Cedar Rapids	714	3/1/2010

Shelly Hamer	Greater Cedar Valley	714	3/3/2010
Tammi Castillo	Cedar Rapids	713	1/13/2010
Mariah Early	Cedar Rapids	713	2/16/2010
Jerry Bloom	Mt. Pleasant	710	9/28/2009
Tina Allsup	Cedar Rapids	710	2/12/2010
Cheryl Porter	Greater Siouxland	710	4/22/2010
Sandy Irish	Des Moines Area	709	
Terri Kilts	Cedar Rapids	707	2/13/2010
Nancy Hanson	Cedar Rapids	707	3/2/2010
Jerry Bloom	Mt. Pleasant	702	12/14/2009
Nicole Collins	Des Moines Area	702	4/24/10
Julie Brown	Council Bluffs	701	9/22/2009
Anita Kern	Cedar Rapids	700	2/23/2010
Terry Schulte	Des Moines Area	700	4/7/10

2010-11 Iowa State BVL Mail-In-Tournament

By **Connie Rommel, ISUSBCWBA Director
and BVL Mail-In Chair**



You can make a difference in the lives of our Iowa Veterans!!

The BVL (The Bowlers to Veterans Link) is a national organization which provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services to veterans at our nation's VA Medical Centers, Vet Centers and State Homes. BVL picks up where government funding leaves off, providing the extras that brightens spirits and boosts morale. Thanks to BVL, music, the arts, recreation and sports are incorporated into the rehabilitation process-speeding recovery and sending a message of care and remembrance to our country's heroes. For

many of our veterans, being able to participate in a fun and normalized experience such as bowling has aided in their health and recovery to a significant degree.

You have an opportunity to support this nations veterans and all you have to do is bowl your regular league night. The Iowa State WBA helps support the BVL every year by hosting an annual mail-in-tournament, raffles at the state tournaments and donations. This year's tournament will be held November 7 -13. Cost for each entry is \$5. You can enter in every league you bowl.

To enter this tournament, obtain an entry form by contacting your local association manager, your bowling center or you can download the form off the Iowa State WBA website. www.iowawba.com

This is the 4th year of hosting this tournament. From your entries and generous donations, we have submitted over \$10,500 to support our veterans. The monies are submitted to BVL with a request that our funds come back to the three veteran's facilities in the state of Iowa. Charla Green and I were privileged to travel to Iowa City, Des Moines and Marshalltown with last years checks and personally hand over the funds you, our Iowa bowlers, raised for Iowa's fine veterans. What an honor it was.

In early August, nearly 3,000 Iowa Army Guard soldiers left their homes for what will be a one year deployment to Afghanistan, making it the largest deployment since World War II. These men and women along with others, who were deployed previously, will be our veterans of the future. Chances are some of these men and women will be using our Iowa veterans facilities. They will need our help.

Please take time to pick up some entries and talk with each and everyone of your league bowlers about the need of our veterans. Be your league tournament coordinator.

These men and women have given so much to each of us so we can have our freedoms to live in this great country. Let us do our small part to show we care and will support them in their time of need.

2010 USBC Convention Highlights

by **Sally Reighard, ISUSBCWBA Director**

For the second year in a row, the USBC Convention was held in Reno, Nevada. The 2010 event was held April 28, 29 & 30 and May 1. Delegate registration, the various workshops, the USBC Merchandise Store and the exhibit booths were set up in the Grand Exposition Hall in the lower level of the Silver Legacy Resort and Casino. After the conclusion of the workshops Friday morning, the registration area was moved to the Reno Ballroom for the afternoon's opening session of the Annual Meeting.

Day 1 (Friday afternoon):

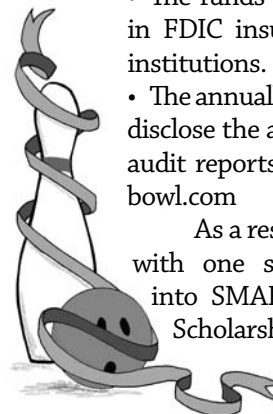
The meeting began with the usual opening activities – the National Anthem, the introduction of the board, a credentials report, and a video about USBC. Next came a memorial video presentation honoring several prominent members of the bowling industry who had passed away since the last annual meeting, and a presentation of BVL awards to recognize those local and state associations who had made large contributions to the BVL program. During the BVL presentations, the delegates were entertained with several selections by Recreation, a group of young singers who travel across the country entertaining the nation's veterans.

Reports from the president, Jeff Bojé, and the executive director, Stu Upson were next. In his report, Mr. Upson confirmed rumors that WinLABS is on its way out, as it is no longer supported by Microsoft. It will be maintained in 2010-2011 for adult processing and youth management. An adult online processing system will be developed for 2011-2012. In summation he stated the keys to the future success of USBC would require communication, trust, commitment and industry focus.

The meeting was recessed following his report, and was immediately followed by a 2-hour Town Hall question and answer session.

The main topic of the Q & A session concerned the SMART scholarship program and Proposed Amendments B7 and B10. Concerns about Smart scholarships centered on inquiries from providers, parents of scholarship recipients and others interested in the solvency of the program. A response by USBC to those concerns as of 16 Feb 2010 stated:

- The funds are Restricted Funds, not employed for any purpose other than funding promised scholarships less the costs of administering the Program, which are modest.
- The funds are more than sufficient to meet all current and anticipated scholarship payment obligations.
 - The funds are conservatively invested (over 70% in FDIC insured CD's) with responsible financial institutions.
 - The annually audited financial statements of USBC disclose the amount and status of the funds. These audit reports are available to interested parties on bowl.com



As a result of all these concerns, and problems with one specific entity not depositing funds into SMART as required, the SMART Bowling Scholarship Funding Corporation, a new,

Continued

independent corporation has been created for the preservation and protection of SMART assets and the updating and enforcement of SMART policies.

Discussion on the proposed amendments was heated at times, but there were no abusive verbal altercations. It was noted the debate would be settled the next day during the legislative session.

Day 2 (Saturday):

The morning session began with the Susan G. Komen Meet for the Cure™. Breast cancer survivors attending the convention marched into the darkened auditorium while hundreds of glow sticks swirled in the darkness. A check for \$1,161, 707.86 was presented to the Komen for the Cure Foundation, bringing the eight-year total to well over \$7 million.

Hall of Fame inductees were announced and shown via a video presentation. Honorees were Marshall Holman, Medford, Ore., and Kim Terrell-Kearney, Grand Prairie, Tex., for Superior Performance, John Handegard, Spring, Tex., in the Veteran category, and Betty Barnes, Reno, Nev., for Meritorious Service.

Winners in the various other awards categories were also announced and shown via video. Honored were Harry Stewart, Coon Rapids, Minn., Helen Baker Outstanding Association Volunteer; Jamie Brooks, Wylie, Tex., Proprietor of the Year; Tina Martin, Novato, Calif., Joyce Deitch Trailblazer award; Jim Zebehazy, Leesburg, Fla., Kerm Helmer Horizon award; Donald Armstead, Philadelphia, Pa., David Dahms Coach of the Year; and Karl Nickolai, Waterford, Mich., Youth Volunteer of the Year. Also recognized were Blair Blumenscheld, Columbus, Ohio, and Kevin Russell, Markham, Ill., as Youth Ambassadors of the Year.

Honored in person were the Stars of Tomorrow. Recipient of the Alberta E. Crowe award was Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y. She follows her brother who won the boy's award in 2003. Recipient of the Chuck Hall award was Andrew Koff, Miami, Fla. He is already showing promise in PGA Regional tournaments.

The strategic planning report and the nominating report wrapped up the morning session.

Delegates returned after lunch and were handed electronic keypads for voting as they entered the auditorium. The meeting proceeded immediately into the legislative session. The seven proposed amendments concerning league rules and the seven PAs concerning tournament rules were covered quickly, either approved or rejected by large margins.

Only one PA to the USBC national bylaws was approved. To be approved, proposed amendments to the bylaws must receive a two-thirds majority vote.

Approved:

- B1 - which provided for electronic balloting. Yes 97% - No 3%.

Those rejected included the following:

- B2 – would have required non-merged local associations to be merged by Aug.1, 2011. Yes 49% - No 51%.
- B3 – would have raised state and local dues maximums in the same increments as national. Yes 15% - No 85%.
- B4 – would have changed maximum USBC adult state membership dues from \$1 to \$5. Yes 24% - No 76%.
- B5 – would have changed maximum USBC adult membership dues from \$10 to \$15; state membership dues from \$1 to \$2 if the association is merged adults, and state adult

membership dues from \$1 to \$3 if the association is merged adult and youth. Yes 8% - No 92%.

- B6 – would have changed requirements for board nominee credentials to be filed with USBC from 24 hours to 90 days. Yes 59% - No 41%.
- B7 – would have given the board the authority to make important decisions anytime of the year. Yes 12% - No 88%.
- B8 – would have allowed affiliate associations to have delegates and voting rights at the Annual Meeting. Yes 58% - No 42%.
- B9 – would have allowed legislation for the General Playing Rules, League Rules and Tournament Rules to be conducted in even years. Yes 55% - No 45%. (*Author's note: USBC seems to be doing this anyway as they have stated the Playing Rules book will be in effect for two years . . . 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. How can the book be official if it is not reprinted to include any possible changes that might be made at the 2011 annual meeting?*)
- B10 - would have changed the national bylaws. There was a long discussion of this PA as it involved a complete overhaul of the national bylaws and was to be voted on as a package. Each of the 28 separate items was considered before the vote was taken. Yes 49% - No 51%.

In the board elections, USBC had presented a slate of just four candidates for the four positions that were open, but an additional four people were nominated from the floor. Voting was again via the electronic keyboard. Those elected were Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Tex., Mark Martin, Waterford, Mich., and Deanna Rose, Fairport, N.Y., original nominees presented by the nominating committee, and Michael Italia, Warrington, Penn., a current board member who was nominated from the floor.

President-elect Darlene Baker gave closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned a few minutes after 4 p.m.



Naomi Clark 1921 - 2010

Naomi Clark, long time, and well known bowler from the Davenport Metro USBC WBA passed away on August 11, 2010.

At Naomi's request, her family has made a contribution in Naomi's name in the amount of \$500.00 to Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL).

In a note included with the memorial check, Naomi's daughter wrote: "Mother loved her bowling and was very proud to have been in the service. We hope this aides with the BVL endeavors."

Naomi served in the US Women's Army Corps during World War 2. She met her husband while in the service and was married in Manila, Phillipines.

Naomi served as president of the Davenport-Bettendorf WBA, secretary-treasurer of the Davenport 500 Club as well as the state and national 500 clubs.

Naomi is greatly missed by her family, friends, and bowling family as well.

2010 USBC NATIONAL CONVENTION

by Carolynn Lee, ISUSBCWBA Director

At the National Convention held in Reno April 28 – May 1 during the Legislative session the delegates were presented with 24 proposals for consideration. Of those only eight were approved. They are listed below.

League Rules

1. It is now required that the bank statements be sent to the league president.
2. The time frame for retaining treasurer records has been changed from 120 days to one year from completion of the season.
3. You will now be allowed to bowl each game or frame on a different pair of lanes. (Allows for a new fun format.)
4. A request will no longer need to be made at least 48 hours before the scheduled bowling time for pre or post bowling. The 48 hours has been removed and a request need only be made prior to the scheduled time.

Tournament Rules

1. All averages, including summer averages will be treated the same. You will be using your highest average (summer or winter) as long as 21 games have been bowled.
2. Each tournament game or frame may be bowled on a different pair of lanes. (Goes with #3 of the league rules.)
3. The time frame for protesting rule infractions has been changed to 72 hours and the time frame for appealing tournament management's decisions is 10 days.

USBC National Bylaws

1. Electronic balloting will be used for voting, unless the president determines the circumstances require a different method.

League awards (League Champion, League High Average, Most Improved Average) will be sent to the local Association Manager rather than the league secretaries.

Yes, we will have the award magnets for one more year. USBC is looking into other options but for now it is the magnets.

Be sure to include your email address on your membership application. The US Bowler magazine will no longer be sent to you via regular mail. Instead you will receive it as an email. You will also receive an email birthday greeting.

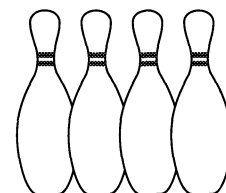
Hold on to that copy of the USBC Playing Rules at the end of the season! The current book is good for two years. Another cost saving measure.

USBC has begun to listen. They admitted they tried to do too much too fast this past year. They recognize there are problems with WinLabs, the on-line processing for the Youth, and Bowl.com. They have brought back the field reps, gave them a new name—Association Development Regional Manager, but they are back. Have you tried the new on-line processing for the National tournament? This is another step in the right direction that has been long overdue.

We, the delegates, attend the convention to represent all of you and we need to hear your concerns, comments, and suggestions.

I still remember my first National convention as a delegate and the lesson learned. Legislation may again be brought to the floor for further discussion and a second vote, usually the following day, even after it was rejected by the delegation. The delegates had been advised to “do their homework” and that is exactly what the delegates did! We made your voice & wishes known during the national convention

HIGH GAME HONOR ROLL



Brooke Flannagan	Cedar Rapids	300	3/11/2010
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Karmen Munson	Cedar Rapids	300	3/26/2010
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Tonia Bails	Cedar Rapids	300	4/1/2010
Tammy Bockert	Council Bluffs	299	10/8/2009
Heather Zamastil	Cedar Rapids	299	3/9/2010
Michelle Nunez	Council Bluffs	298	1/30/2010
Darla Wolfe	Des Moines Area	298	7/20/10
Laurie Hiatt	Manchester	297	3/13/2010
Karla Rice	Fort Dodge	297	3/18/2010
Shelly West	Council Bluffs	290	12/14/2009
Linda Eighme	Greater Cedar Valley	290	3/8/2010
Diana Sidler	Greater Cedar Valley	290	3/15/2010
Shari Bianchi	Des Moines Area	289	10/17/2009
Shelly Hamer	Greater Cedar Valley	289	3/3/2010
Julie Brown	Council Bluffs	288	9/22/2009

Shawna Sailor	Cedar Rapids	287	3/28/2010
Dee Conrad	Council Bluffs	279	9/14/2009
Brenda Stevens	Council Bluffs	279	10/5/2009
Tina Allsup	Cedar Rapids	279	2/12/2010
Mariah Early	Cedar Rapids	279	2/16/2010
Nikki Abben	Cedar Rapids	279	2/19/2010
Sherri Bierman	Cedar Rapids	279	3/8/2010
Tammy Sheker	Fort Dodge	279	3/22/2010
Sandy Irish	Des Moines Area	279	
Dee Conrad	Council Bluffs	278	10/26/2009
Lillian Bloom	Mt. Pleasant	278	1/18/2010
Colleen Kane	Cedar Rapids	278	2/14/2010
Diane Hawkins	Cedar Rapids	278	3/7/2010
Erin Carter	Cedar Rapids	278	3/7/2010
Kathy Mackie	Burlington	278	3/30/2010
Nikole Blewett	Dubuqueland	276	4/8/2010
Jan Mellott	Des Moines Area	276	4/18/10

AND THE SURVEY SAYS.....

IOWA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT

IOWA STATE USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSN., INC.

An Iowa State USBC WBA committee is studying the possibility of creating an **IOWA MIXED STATE TOURNAMENT** for adult Iowa bowlers. Possible events would be a 4 person team event (2 men & 2 women), a mixed doubles (1 man, 1 woman), singles for men, singles for women, and optional all events for men, and optional all events for women. The tournament will probably be held annually in October.

		Please circle	
Would you be interested in a Mixed State Tournament?	YES	NO	
Do you think others from your local association would be interested in the tournament?	YES	NO	
Would you continue to bowl in the women's state championship tournament?	YES	NO	
If you bowl in the men's state tournament, would you continue to participate?	NA	YES	NO

What suggestions or ideas can you share with us for the creation of this tournament? _____

Please return this survey to the state office and/or email your ideas to isusbcwba@frontiernet.net. Thank you!!!

IOWA STATE USBC WBA - QUEEN'S TOURNAMENT SURVEY

If the tournament is held, it will probably be hosted in central Iowa the first year.

As an Iowa State USBC WBA bowler with an **average of 170 or higher**, would you be interested in:

Participating in an Iowa State USBC WBA Queen's scratch singles tournament? Yes_____ No_____

If bowling the tournament requires 2 blocks of 6 games each and a final ladder bracket, what would be an appropriate entry fee considering lineage (minimum of 12 games), expenses for tournament management and prize fund? \$_____

If the tournament qualifying rounds were on Saturday, and the ladder finals on Sunday, would you participate? Yes_____ No_____

What time of year would you prefer to have this tournament?

Fall_____ Winter_____ Spring_____ Summer_____

Please return this survey to the state office or email your comments & suggestions to isusbcwba@frontiernet.net. Thank you for participating in the survey!



Something New on the Horizon!

Midwest Regional Women's Bowling Tournament

Survey conducted by:

Illinois USBC WBA, Indiana USBC WBA,
Iowa USBC WBA, Michigan USBC WBA,
Ohio USBC WBA, Wisconsin USBC WBA



1. Would you participate in a Midwest Regional Women's Bowling Tournament held in the Midwest (on a rotation basis) in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin?

Yes No

2. Which month you would prefer to participate? (mark one)

May June



Handicap Format: Team (4 women) / Doubles / Singles / All Events

Tentative Start Date - 2013

HERE'S JOHNNY!

By: Johnny Carr

BALL MAINTENANCE

HOW IMPORTANT IS BALL MAINTENANCE?

For those of you who are using reactive equipment, it has become more important due to the fact that the resin used in making those balls is even more micro-porous and also has more friction between the ball and the lane. Second of all, the oil the proprietors are using, due to EPA regulations, has the tendency to affect the reaction of the ball much sooner. Therefore, good maintenance will help the ball from over-reacting (hooking too much or not enough hook).



HOW OFTEN SHOULD I CLEAN MY BALL?

For those of you who bowl once a week (3 games), the ball should be cleaned once a week or at least every 2 weeks. For those bowling 2-3 times a week, a lot of bowlers will clean the ball prior to each league bowled.

WHAT SHOULD I USE TO CLEAN MY BALL?

There are a lot of good ball cleaners on the market. Therefore it's good to check with your local pro shop. However, there are other safe chemicals you can use such as Windex, alcohol, or Dawn dishwashing liquid. Soak your ball in a sink

full of hot water with Dawn for 10 minutes, rinse thoroughly, then repeat for another 10 minutes and rinse again. Dry with a towel and allow the finger and thumb holes to dry thoroughly.

For those of you who have a resident pro shop, they have temperature-controlled ovens that bring the oil to the surface to be cleaned off by your resident pro.

The one thing you should NOT use on resin balls is ACETONE. Acetone has the tendency to change the surface of the ball.

If your ball is made of urethane or plastic, the above mentioned cleaners will work on these as well. Again acetone is not recommended.

I guess the bottom line is having a good cleaning schedule, because as we bowl, the pores are being filled with oil and dust particles which creates an essence a smooth surface causing the ball not to finish on the back end.

If you happen to roll a straight ball (no hook to speak of) you might say "I don't need to clean my ball." I would say to you - "Yes you do!" All bowling balls must finish on the back end. As your ball is being filled with oil and dust particles, it will not finish and deflect, leaving the 5 pin, 7 pin and 10 pin more often. Hopefully, not all at once. Therefore, by having a clean ball, the ball will finish much stronger, whether we hook the ball or roll it straight.

Now is a good time to check the ball track which may have a lot of scratches. Your resident pro will know what grit of sandpaper or pad that will remove the scratches and bring the surface back like new again.

Now is also a good time to check your finger and thumb inserts because they wear and become larger, therefore not giving you the proper fit.

If you have any questions about this article, you can e-mail me at: carlottaacarr@hotmail.com

Have a good 2010-11 bowling season!!!

BVL SPONSORS NATIONAL VETERANS TEE TOURNAMENT IN IOWA CITY

By **Connie Rommel, ISUSBCWBA Director & BVL Chair**

The 17th Annual National Veterans TEE Tournament was held September 6-9 at Riverside and Iowa City. The BVL chose to be a Gold Medal Sponsor of this tournament. They donated over \$10K.



Sally Reighard, Jean Mumm, Kristi Reidy, Carma Bouska, Charla Green, Connie Rommel with the BVL Sponsor plaque at the Sponsor's Luncheon on Sept. 6, 2010 at Riverside, IA

I received a phone call from Elizabeth Montanya from BVL asking if I and some of our board would represent BVL at a Sponsors Luncheon on Labor Day at the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort. Kris Reidy, Charla Green, Carma Bouska, Jean Mumm, Sally Reighard and I attended the luncheon. We were presented a plaque for BVL being a Gold Medal Sponsor for the tournament.

After the luncheon, we drove out to the "Swing Studio" which is a golf driving facility. At this studio, they are able to video tape and critique the veterans in their golf game and then are able to find ways to adapt equipment to help improve their



William Plummer of Ohio left, Jody Sweeney, volunteer, Joseph Wallace from Ohio (wheelchair), Kim Kindred, volunteer

game play. After viewing this studio, a lady Air Force veteran nicknamed "Jersey Jeanne" came to the driving range to practice. She had a golf cart which was fitted with a special lift seat. She was able to turn the seat and lift it to a position for her place her feet on the ground and to be able to hit the golf ball. The pros at the studio were able to adapt a tee and a device to assist her to set the tee and place her ball on the tee. She can outdrive me and I have my two feet. We could see the determination in her face. Thinking she was in her early 30's she told us her 55th birthday was coming up. She boxes, snow boards, swims, shoots, hand cycles and does the Nordic bi-a-thalon. If you ever get that feeling that you can't roll the ball down the lane anymore, think of "Jersey Jeanne" and her disability and reconsider your thinking.

On Wednesday September 8, 2010, Carma, Sally and I were able to attend the bowling event at Colonial Lanes in Iowa City. What an honor it was to talk with the 30 visually impaired veterans as they were bowling. The veterans ranged from the middle 20's to 80 plus, were in wheelchairs, had seeing eye dogs,

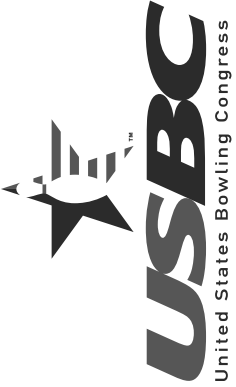


Sally Reighard, ISUSBCWBA Director, Paul George, tournament manager and manager of the National Cemetery at Keokuk, Carma Bouska, ISUSBCWBA Sgt.-at-Arms, and Connie Rommel, ISUSBCWBA Director and BVL Chair.

used canes and were assisted by volunteers to tell them which pins were left standing. Of the 30 there was one woman bowler. A few of them bowl in USBC leagues. We were introduced as representing BVL and were privileged to be able to present the medals to the winners of the tournament. I was able to speak about what we do here in Iowa and how BVL has helped all of the veterans in the nation with the donations from our league bowlers.

Bowlers, seeing these men and women who have sacrificed so much for you and I, I hope it gives you the incentive to help with donations for BVL whether through your own associations or our Iowa State BVL Mail-In Tournament. They need our help. Please take it upon yourselves to get those BVL donations collected. What an easy way to honor all those who have served you!

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