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**AND PASS IT THROUGH YOUR LEAGUE.**

**Charla's Web**

*Greetings to all our bowlers across our great state!*

At the time of this writing, I am, again, waiting on the arrival of the mailman, and with him/her, of course, more tournament entries! To date, (November 20<sup>th</sup>) we have 500 entries for the State Championship tournament. That number is about 11% less than the total entry for the 2009 event. However, the last ten days to two weeks of November, I expect an avalanche of entries and I'm very hopeful our bowlers will come through again this year!

Even though our number might not be as high as years past, we will have a great tournament in Fort Dodge. Both the local Board and the community of Fort Dodge are working hard to ensure a successful event.

The less than wonderful state of our national economy is a major player in the diminished numbers for the 2010 tournament. I have been in contact with our counterparts in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio and am receiving much the same story from them.

At any rate, Fort Dodge, the community, is anxiously

awaiting the arrival of all the bowlers. Fort Dodge has made many cosmetic improvements to the city in recent months, with many more planned for 2010.

The bowling centers are also continuing to prepare for the arrival of the state tournament entrants. New pins are in place in both centers, and will be nicely "broken in" by the time the tournament starts!

The Fort Dodge USBC WBA is meeting monthly and then weekly to keep excellent communication between all parties involved in this great event. The Fort Dodge Area USBC BA is helping out by handling the Brackets event for the tournament; the tournament bowlers will want to stop by and visit with them!

As you can tell, Fort Dodge is very excited to have our state tournament bowlers visit and enjoy their community and their hospitality.

Time goes so fast these days!! It won't be long after the tournament starts that we'll be getting ready for Annual Meeting weekend. That is April 9th, 10th, & 11th. Local Association Managers, make sure you file your delegate credentials with the state office no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010! And hopefully, most of

you won't have any deceased members to report, but if you do, please remember to get them emailed or mailed to me by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

And let's not forget our Senior State Tournament! Carroll Bowl in Carroll, IA (about 60 miles west of Ames) is our hostess association and center for this fun event. Please encourage your senior (55+) bowlers to enter. Check out the article in this newsletter for more details on this fun event!

Have you all visited bowl.com recently? The "new" bowl.com was launched in early August, and I must admit, it still takes me awhile to find what I'm looking for, but generally I can get what I need. The "Find A" function is a great help in the state office when verifying averages and memberships.

There are many current bowling stories and events all posted and available for reading or downloading on bowl.com. Please take the time to check out these stories and be current with all the bowling news!

Are we all reading the E-Connection that usually comes from USBC each Thursday? It also highlights many current and

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important items of interest; please take the time to read through this communication and again, keep up to date with the goings on in our great sport!

BVL – Connie Rommel, ISUSBCWBA director from Waterloo and I are planning to visit our four VA centers, Des Moines, Knoxville, Iowa City and Marshalltown, in December to present checks from BVL to our veterans. These funds came from OUR Iowa bowlers via our mail-in tournament from 2009, and raffles at our tournaments. I'm really looking forward to being a part of the presentation. What a great supporter Iowa bowlers are for our veterans!

Bowl for the Cure is coming, just around the corner! Don't forget this great cause and our Mail-In tournament for breast cancer too. Especially since the recent announcements regarding how often women should have a mammogram. Seems a lot of confusion has been brought about by this latest news.

Getting back to bowl.com, and USBC, I have been following the releases from USBC regarding the new Chief Executive Officer. From what I'm reading, this gentleman is geared more toward the "grassroots" of the organization, and the volunteers, and wants to turn USBC's focus back to this area. It also appears that USBC is instituting a program where we will have a liaison between the locals, states, and USBC. Sounds like the former Field Representatives we had in the past. Although these positions will be housed at USBC, these representatives will be out traveling one week a month.

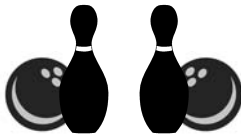
Well, once again, I've rambled on about this and that regarding our great sport.

I hope you're all having a great 2009-10 bowling season, and that you're bowling well and having fun.

It's time for me to get back to work; I'm sure the mailperson will be here any minute!

Until next time,

*Charla*



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Please call on us at any time. Web site: iowawba.com

## 2010-2011 State Tournament

Ladies, we have talked about changes for the state tournament format for a couple of years now. After many hours of work, the Board of Directors has voted, the changes are here. The tournament in Fort Dodge will be the last scratch events tournament. Beginning in Ottumwa, there will be four (new) handicap divisions for all events. Handicap (new) will be 100% of 240. There will be optional scratch (new) events for singles and all events. Cost of the optional events will be \$5.00 each.

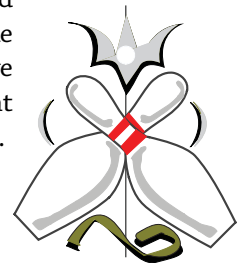
The divisions are as follows:

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Team	786 & above	721-785	676-720	675 & below
Dbls	315 & above	289-314	261-288	260 & below
Sgls	158 & above	145-157	131-144	130 & below

Multiple participation will be allowed in the team event only, allowing you to bowl on an unlimited (new) number of teams. At least three (new) members of the team lineup must be different on each entry.

The Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors thank all of those who took the time to fill out the surveys at the state tournament and also the comments emailed. There were pros and cons for both the scratch and handicap tournaments. We didn't take your comments lightly. Hopefully we have changed the format for "your" tournament to better serve the majority of our bowlers.

Tournament Committee Chair  
Connie L. Rommel



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# NIKKI WEIS WINS 700 CLUB SINGLES TOURNAMENT

## JANET HELBLE ROLLS 300 GAME

By: Charla Green

The Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club held its annual 4 games across 8 lanes singles tournament on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at Lancer Lanes in Cedar Rapids. The tournament hosted 25 entries, representing five different local associations.

**Nikki Weis**, Cedar Rapids took first place with her winning 998 total. Nikki rolled 189-208-247-190 for a scratch 834 series.

Only 6 pins back in second place was **Janet Helble**, also of Cedar Rapids. Janet bowled a 300 game during the first game of the tournament, and finished with a scratch 828 series, 992 handicap total. Third place went to Stacy Starry, Cedar Rapids. Stacy's 892 scratch series consisted on 267-209-202 and 214 games; her handicap total was 980.



Pictured here is Janet Helble holding her bowling ball following her 300 game in the singles tournament. It was a very exciting moment to watch Janet roll her 300 game and to be there to congratulate her on her accomplishment.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club was held immediately following the tournament.

Current officers are President Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sue Strasburger, Cedar Rapids, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bonny Prucha, Cedar Rapids, Secretary-Treasurer Charla Green, Fort Dodge, and Sergeant-at-Arms Robbin Jones, Cedar Rapids.

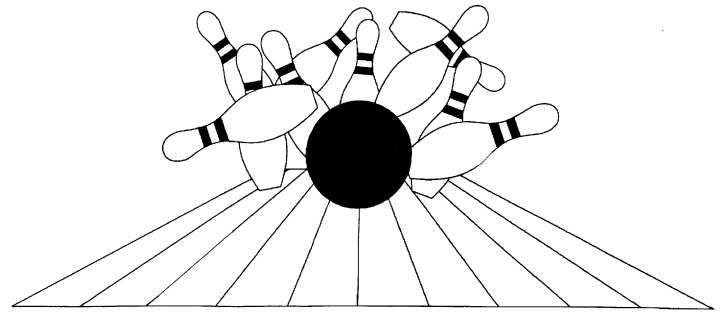
High game & high series for 2008-09, as reported, was awarded to Kim Gerst of Greater Cedar Valley USBC (Waterloo) for her 295 game and 756 series.

The 2010 singles tournament will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Lightning Lanes in Manchester.

The annual Mail-In tournament of the 700 club is planned for the week of January 10, 2010 through January 16, 2010. Entry forms were mailed to club members, but are also available on the ISUSBCWBA website, iowawba.com, downloads tab.

Membership in the Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club is open to all female bowlers who have bowled a certified (sanctioned) 700 or more series in league, tournament, or youth competition.

For information, contact Charla Green at [crgreen@frontiernet.net](mailto:crgreen@frontiernet.net).



## HONOR ROLL

### HIGH SERIES

NAME	ASSN	SERIES	DATE
Stephanie Beck	Dubuqueland	815	09/03/09
Stephanie Beck	Dubuqueland	779	10/29/09
Sheila Chapman	Dubuqueland	761	11/12/09
Stacy Starry	Cedar Rapids	740	10/22/09
Nicole Weis	Cedar Rapids	731	09/17/09
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuqueland	723	10/29/09
Heather Brothers	Dubuqueland	718	09/09/09
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuqueland	716	08/27/09
Michelle Hochrein	Dubuqueland	714	11/13/09
Jenni Nading	Cedar Rapids	711	09/23/09
Jerry Lynn Bloom	Mt. Pleasant	710	09/28/09
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuqueland	707	11/05/09
Amy VanderMeulen	Dubuqueland	703	09/21/09
Laurie Hiatt	Dubuqueland	702	09/10/09
Laurie Hiatt	Dubuqueland	700	09/17/09

### HIGH GAME

NAME	ASSN	GAME	DATE
Shelly Tucker	Davenport Metro	300	8/24/2009
Janet Helble	Cedar Rapids	300	9/26/2009
Julie Arnold	Davenport Metro	300	10/28/2009
Stephanie Beck	Dubuqueland	299	10/2/2009
Deb Solum	Des Moines Area	297	11/9/2009
Heather Brothers	Dubuqueland	290	9/9/2009
Molly Vogt	Dubuqueland	287	10/29/2009
Stephanie Beck	Dubuqueland	279	9/3/2009
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Holly Howe	Cedar Rapids	279	10/9/2009
Andrea Ard	Cedar Rapids	278	8/27/2009
Becky Clark	Des Moines Area	278	8/31/2009
Lisa Gregerson	Des Moines Area	278	10/9/2009
Charla Green	Fort Dodge	277	10/8/2009
Cindy Tippet	Cedar Rapids	277	10/17/2009
Stacy Starry	Cedar Rapids	277	10/22/2009
Amy Schultz	Dubuqueland	277	10/29/2009
Sheila Chapman	Dubuqueland	277	11/12/2009

## CONGRATULATIONS



# SHANNON McHUGH – OUTSTANDING MANAGER 2010

By Sue Strasburger, Special Awards Committee Chair

Shannon McHugh of Jefferson, IA, and the Greene County USBC has been selected to receive the Iowa State USBC WBA's Outstanding Local Association Manager Award. The award will be presented during the Annual Meeting of the ISUSBCWBA on April 10, 2010 in Fort Dodge.

John Woodford, president of Greene County USBC, and their Board of Directors nominated Shannon for this prestigious award. Shannon has served her local bowling association, Greene County USBC, and its predecessor, Greene County Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. for over 20 years.

Her dedication to the sport of bowling and to her local and state association is always a priority with Shannon. Her knowledge on and off the lanes has helped her local association become what it is today. Shannon stays informed and up to date on all the current events of the sport. She is also involved by assisting and being a member of the Youth Registered Volunteer Program for youth bowlers.

Shannon has a passion for bowling, and it is evident as she is always first to volunteer when needed for any area of bowling, at her local level as well as for her state association. Shannon is a Director on the Board of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc., a position she has held since 2006. She also served as a Director for the previous state organization, the Iowa Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. for four years.

The ISUSBCWBA annually sponsors a "Bowl for the Cure®" Mail-In tournament for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation. Shannon acts as the coordinator for this



**Shannon McHugh**

state-wide event, a task she has handled since its inception. She also serves several other committees in support of the Iowa State USBC WBA.

Shannon is a member of the Iowa Women's 600 Bowling Club, and is the secretary-treasurer for this group, a position she has held for 10 years. This group sponsors an annual doubles & singles tournament which is held in Jefferson. They also conduct a mail-in tournament for their members across Iowa, and also feature a side tournament called the "Triple Dip" which uses scores bowled by their members while competing in the ISUSBCWBA State Championship tournament. All this is handled

by Shannon!

Shannon participates in as many tournaments as possible, and also volunteers to help when needed. She plans to spend as much time as possible in Fort Dodge to help and support the Fort Dodge USBC WBA and the Iowa State USBC with the 2010 State Championship tournament. The 2010 ISUSBCWBA Senior State Championship tournament will be held in May, 2010 at Carroll Bowl in Carroll, and Shannon has already volunteered to help with this tournament!

Shannon has lived in Jefferson for 35 years with her husband Mark, who is also a bowler. They have two children, Alex, Fort Dodge, and daughter Quinn, a student at Iowa State University in Ames.

Shannon, congratulations, and thank you for all you do for your local, state, and satellite organizations. Your passion, dedication, and willingness to help are always evident. We know who to call when we need help!

## BETTY N. MEYER • 1921 – 2009

Betty Meyer of Fort Dodge passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at Tompkins Memorial Health Center in Fort Dodge.

Betty served the Iowa Women's Bowling Assn. Inc., the predecessor of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc., for many years.

Betty led the IWBA from 1975 through 1984 as President, and served in other positions in years preceding her presidency. Upon retiring from service in 1984, Betty was elected a Life Member of the IWBA.

During a ceremony of the IWBA on March 18, 1972, Betty was inducted into the IWBA Hall of Fame for service to the sport and the association.

While Betty's service to bowling was always a priority, she claimed many personal accomplishments on the lanes as well. Most notably, she was a member of the state championship team, Gene's Place, for many years.

A member of the Fort Dodge WBA, now known as the Fort Dodge USBC WBA, Betty will always remain in their hearts as the woman who gave it her all. She started the junior bowling program in Fort Dodge and served her local association in many capacities. Betty was a mentor to many of today's leaders, both in Fort Dodge, and across Iowa. Betty was inducted into the Fort Dodge WBA Hall of Fame in 1969.

Left to cherish her memory is daughters, Nadene (Terry) Kirton of Woodward, IA, Jaci (Steve) Sanks of Canby, OR, and son, Robert (Linda) Meyer of Dayton, IA. Six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and three sisters also survive Betty. Husband Don, passed away in 1991.

While Betty was active in bowling for over 50 years, she also helped with the family farm at Clare, IA, and in later years was secretary to the Director of Nursing at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, and was also the receptionist for the outpatient center. Betty retired in 2001 at the age of 80.

Services were held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Fort Dodge. Betty was laid to rest in North Lawn Cemetery in Fort Dodge.



# MAQUOKETA USBC WBA WORKS TO “STRIKE OUT BREAST CANCER”



*By Kathy Seyfert*

The week of October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Maquoketa USBC WBA held their first annual “Strike Out Breast Cancer” event at Timber Lanes in Maquoketa.

A committee met early in the season to come up with some ways to involve the entire bowling center in a Bowl For the Cure event. What they came up with was numerous activities to raise funds, and fun ways for everyone to participate.

This group of dedicated ladies was present at the bowling center during this week for every league. During the league, bowlers were asked to pledge a “penny a pin” using their ending series, or a flat \$5 donation, and there was almost 100% participation.

The bowlers, men and women, were encouraged to wear pink. Pink bowling pins were also purchased from USBC for the event. One pin was placed in the rack of each lane and

when the pink pin came up as the head pin or 5 pin, bowlers received a ticket which put their name in a drawing for prizes. Over 70 local merchants and individuals donated prizes for the event. Spectators and open bowlers were allowed to make a donation and receive a ticket for the prizes too.

Members of the Maquoketa USBC WBA sold 50/50 raffle tickets during the nine different leagues too. There were also decorated cans set out for the bowlers, leagues and open play, to place their “spare” change.

Co-Chair persons, Lonnie Herman and Kathy Seyfert were overwhelmed with the great response from all the bowlers, men and women! Through the hard work and dedication of the committee and the numerous volunteers who helped sell raffle tickets, the event raised \$2,000.00 for the Susan G. Komen For The Cure.



*Selling Raffle Tickets*



*Pink Pins used for Prize Drawings*



*Some of the Ladies on the Committee*



*Some of the Prizes*



*Lonnie and Kathy*

# TICKETS, TICKETS, GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!

By: Charla Green, Assn. Mgr.

The Iowa State USBC WBA supports the BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link), and the Bowl for the Cure® annually with mail-in tournaments for each cause, and also with a raffle during the State Championship Tournament.

For the past several years, the raffle items have included a pink Bowl for the Cure® bowling ball, and a bowling ball with a patriotic theme.

The winner of the pink Bowl for the Cure® bowling ball from the 2009 State tournament in Cedar Rapids was Nancie McClure of Cedar Rapids. Winning the BVL bowling ball was Linda Curtis of Churdan. These items will again be raffled during the 2010 tournament in Fort Dodge.

In addition to the bowling balls, we have two beautifully decorated bowling pins available. The unique pins were created and donated by Elaine Thomes of Burlington USBC WBA.

Also available for the raffles to benefit the BVL and the Bowl for the Cure® is two purses; one in a red, white & blue patriotic design and the other in the pink ribbon fabric which we all recognize for breast cancer. These two purses were donated by ISUSBCWBA Assn. Mgr., Charla Green to our raffle with all proceeds going to BVL and Bowl for the Cure®. The purses were made by Linda Debus of Cedar Rapids, sister of Sharon Carpenter who was the chair of the Concession committee during the 2009 ISUSBCWBA State Championship Tournament. Linda donates the proceeds of her labor making these purses to the American Cancer Society.

Kristi Reidy, President of the ISUSBCWBA, not only bowls, but she also quilts! Kristi has created, and donated two

beautiful quilts, one for BVL, and the other for Bowl for the Cure®. These will also be included in the raffles during the 2010 State Championship tournament in Fort Dodge.

The bowling balls will be displayed at the team center, Ridgewood Lanes. The decorated bowling pins, the purses, and the quilts will be displayed at Family Bowling Center, the doubles & singles center.

Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.

If you are not scheduled to bowl in the tournament, but would like to purchase chances for any of these items, please contact the state office.



## BELLE PLAINE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

By Marilyn Mittan, Association Manager

What do these five people all have in common? They have all bowled at the Belle Plaine Bowl for fifty years and were recently honored with a plaque from their associations and the Belle Plaine Bowl.

The Belle Plaine Bowl had its grand opening in August of 1959 and Shirley Rieck, Russ Rieck, Fran Magdefrau, Don

Walton, and Gaynelle Van Gampleare have been there bowling in various leagues at different times since then.

Gaynelle has bowled on the team sponsored by Town and Country Wholesale for those fifty years.

The averages of these bowlers have changed during these years; we won't say by how many pins!

The owners have also changed. Belle Plaine Improvement Corporation owned the building. Paul Nielsen had a ten-year lease with an option to buy and he became the first owner. Paul's ownership was followed by Darrell & Ida Mae Kettlesen, Don Redman, back to Darrell & Ida Mae, and managed by Larry and Lori Beal, Dick and Shirley Raabe, and Bernie and Helen Higgins. Current owners are Glenn and Kelly Clark.

The Belle Plaine USBC Women's Bowling Assn. and the Belle Plaine USBC Bowling Assn. thank these dedicated members for the active participation in bowling and for holding various positions in their leagues and associations.

How many of us can say we have bowled for 50 years (or even will be able to)...

Once again, THANKS!!!



# HERE'S JOHNNY

**Bowling Tips by Johnny Carr**

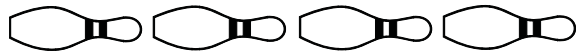
## DO WRIST BRACES REALLY HELP?

This is another frequently asked question. The answer is yes!

There are several reasons why the answer to this question is yes. A good wrist brace will keep the wrist straight allowing the fingers to be positioned under the ball. If you will notice in your stance, your wrist should be straight (the hand should not be bent back) with or without a brace. As you start the ball into your arm swing, it is very easy for the wrist to break, making the fingers closer to being on top of the ball instead of staying underneath the ball. So what's the big deal???

If the fingers are underneath the ball all the way to the release point, at which time you relax the thumb, the fingers actually pull the ball off the thumb for a smooth release. Also this allows the fingers to come up through the ball. Not only does it create a smooth release, it will give the ball more revolutions, which is forward spin. This makes the ball drive through the pins with less deflection, which creates more pin action.

If your wrist breaks during your arm swing with your fingers rotating closer to the top of the ball, the ball will slide too



## CEDAR RAPIDS USBC WBA COOKBOOKS - \$8.00

Cedar Rapids USBC WBA has a supply of the 2009 Cookbooks available at a reduced price!

Do you need a Christmas gift for a bowler friend, or family member, or a Secret Santa gift? Do you know someone who loves to cook or collect cookbooks? The Cedar Rapids USBC WBA can fix you right up!

Their cookbook, which initially sold during the 2009 ISUSBCWBA State Championship Tournament, contains over 600 wonderful recipes in a variety of categories. These recipes came from many of their local bowlers, their local Board members, and the State Board of Directors.

These cookbooks originally sold for \$10 each. In order to help deplete their supply, the Cedar Rapids USBC WBA is now offering their books for just \$8.00. Postage for mailing each book will be an additional \$3.00.

If you wish to purchase a CRUSBCWBA Cookbook, please contact Jackie Mundorf 319-857-4382 or PO Box 45, Swisher, IA 52338



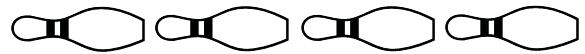
far down the lane before it starts to pick up a roll. As I stated in past articles, without a good roll on the ball as it enters the pins, the ball will deflect. For the right-hander, the ball will deflect to the right, causing the ball to miss the 5 pin. For the left-hander, the ball deflects to the left, missing the 5 pin. Another common leave caused by deflection for the right-hander is the 2-4-5-8 bucket. For the left-hander it is the 3-5-6-9 bucket. Not to mention the 5-7 or the 5-10!

As you can see, this is just a few reasons why keeping the wrist straight is very important.

When looking for a wrist brace, we highly recommend a wrist brace that goes 3 to 5 inches above the wrist. There are several different styles of wrist braces to choose from. Your pro shop can recommend and allow you to try out 2 or 3 so you can decide which one is best for you.

Do yourself a favor, don't just roll 4 or 5 frames and say "I don't like this!" Like any change you make in your game, it takes time before it becomes comfortable.

I'm in hope that for those of you who decide to try a wrist brace, that it will help in raising your average.



## SENIOR STATE TOURNAMENT

The Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. conducts an annual Doubles & Singles tournament for our senior members.

The 2010 event will be held at Carroll Bowl in Carroll, about 60 miles west of Ames. The dates are set! May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, no bowling on Mother's Day!

Entries open on February 1<sup>st</sup> and will close April 1<sup>st</sup>. Entry is open to any Iowa State USBC WBA member who is 55 or more on or before May 1, 2010. Entry forms will be mailed to all local association managers in January, but the entry form is available right now on our website, [www.iowawba.com](http://www.iowawba.com), downloads tab. Entry forms will also be mailed to all entrants from the 2009 tournament.

The Senior State tournament is a doubles & singles format, and it is handicapped at 100% of a 225 base. There are two divisions, by AGE, not average! The divisions are: Division 1 – ages 65 and older, and Division 2, the younger set, ages 55 to 64. Entry fee is \$13.00 per person per event; there is an optional all events for \$2.00 per bowler.

It takes about 3 ½ to 3 ¾ hours to bowl doubles and singles, so this tournament can make for a fun day away! A little drive time, a little bowling time, time for eating somewhere new, and maybe a little shopping too!

The Carroll USBC WBA is busy making plans for fun things during the tournament, and the Carroll community will be excited to have visitors during May.

ISUSBCWBA director Shannon McHugh of Jefferson will be on hand to assist the Carroll USBC WBA with the operation of the tournament.

Mark the dates, make your plans, and don't forget to do the paperwork!

The ISUSBCWBA looks forward to seeing you in Carroll at the Senior tournament!



# REMINDER!!! Entry Deadline January 19th!!! 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 the "Susan G. 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](http://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, 2010. The score

verification form must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2010. Sanctioned league scores for the week of February 7, 2010, through February 13, 2010, 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 14, 2010, through February 20, 2010, 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. 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/Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 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.

Questions???  
Contact Shannon McHugh  
(515-386-2043 or  
[mchugh@netins.net](mailto:mchugh@netins.net)).

**Together we can make a difference!!!**



## BVL MAIL-IN TOURNAMENT UPDATE

By: *Connie Rommel, BVL Chair*

The 2009-2010 BVL Mail-O-Graphic Tournament is underway. When everything is done, (I don't have everything entered as of this writing), we should have around 1300 entries which is about what we had last year. The scores are starting to come in. Hopefully you entered the tournament to help our state association in support of veterans.

For those who didn't enter, please consider doing so next year.

In July of 2009, I wrote a check to BVL for \$4023.91. This check included \$2726.00 raised from the entries into this tournament from 2008-09, \$131.41 for donations sent along with the entries, \$1111.50 from the State Tournament donations and raffle, \$29.00 from the State Senior Tournament donations and \$29.00 for tournament winners signing their checks back over to BVL.

I received four checks back from the national office of BVL in the amount of \$855.00 each to present to the four Veterans facilities in the state of Iowa. We are going to make a trip to each of the sites to personally present the checks from the bowlers in this great state of Iowa.

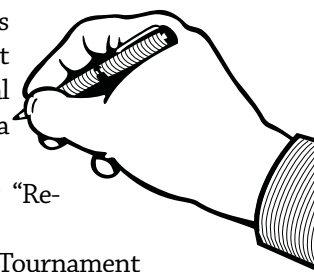
The other portion of the funds will be used by BVL to help support many very important national BVL efforts from which your area veterans benefit:

- Tours of the extremely popular "Re-Creation" entertainment troupe
- The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual VA/BVL Bowling Tournament

Support for the following events:

- National Veterans Creative Arts Festival
- National Veterans Winter Sports Clinic
- National Veterans Wheelchair Games
- National Veterans Senior Games

On behalf of the Board of Directors of our Association, thank you again for your much needed support for the BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link). With the world we are living in today, we are going to have to support our veterans for many years to come. Keep all of our veterans and service men and women in your thoughts and prayers.



# ANNUAL IOWA 600 CLUB DOUBLES & SINGLES TOURNAMENT

By Shannon McHugh, Club Secretary-Treasurer

The 2009 edition of the Iowa 600 Club Doubles & Singles Tournament was held in October at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson. There wasn't any flashy transportation this year but all who came, came to bowl and have fun, and they accomplished that in grand style. The doubles event had 45 entries, 86 singles entries, 86 all events/handicap entries, and 67 all events/scratch entries, with 12 different associations represented.

After 11 years of bowling together, Vickie Woodford and Shannon McHugh (Greene County USBC) FINALLY brought the doubles crown home to Spare Time Lanes with a total score of 1586. There was a tie for 2nd place between Carla McCollough and Judi Katschke (Webster City USBC WBA) and Debbie Faust and Alicia Pote (Stuart USBC WBA) with a score of 1471,

4th place – Maxine Whitmore and Sue Forcht (Stuart USBC WBA) with a score of 1467, and 5th place went to Joyce Hoyle and McHugh (Greene County USBC) with a score of 1453.

The singles crown was captured by Lisa Gregerson (Des Moines Area USBC WBA) with an 809 handicap series. Peggy Gracey (Des Moines Area USBC WBA) finished 2nd with a score of 802, 3rd place went to McHugh with a 799, 4th place went to Woodford with a score of 790, and rounding out the top 5 was Hoyle with a score of 760.

McHugh also captured the all events/handicap title with a total score of 1548. Gracey was 2nd with a total handicap score of 1531, Woodford was 3rd with a total handicap score of 1522, Gregerson was 4th with a score of 1519, and rounding out the top 5 was Faust with a total handicap score of 1517.

Gregerson won the all events scratch title with a score of 1285, 2nd – McHugh 1248, 3rd – Gracy 1243, 4th – Brenda McWhorter 1233 (Gr. Mason City USBC), and 5th – Sue Boals 1214 (Des Moines Area USBC WBA).

In the doubles event the high individual scratch game was a 268 shot by McWhorter, and the high individual scratch game in the singles event was a 255 rolled by Gregerson. High scratch individual series in singles was Gregerson with 692 and the high individual scratch series in doubles was McHugh with 659. The high scratch doubles game was shot by Woodford and McHugh of 469. The high scratch doubles series was 1265 and was also rolled by Woodford and McHugh.

A complete listing of the tournament standings can be viewed at [www.iowa600club.com](http://www.iowa600club.com).

A group of 19 bowlers from Fort Dodge participated in



Photo is of the group of bowlers from Mason City, along with Arnie and Elaine Danker of Fort Dodge (daughters are Carri of Fort Dodge and Brenda of Mason City), and Vickie Woodford and Shannon McHugh.

the tournament on Saturday, October 24th. They all came in sporting new tee shirts created just for the tournament, which included a Halloween/bowling theme, and all 19 bowlers' names were listed on the back. Shannon McHugh, tournament director, and Vickie Woodford, proprietor, were also presented with shirts of their very own!

15 gals from Mason City also bowled October 24th. That was a very popular day for the 600 Club tournament; an additional squad was added to accommodate the entries. Special thanks to Elaine and Arnie Danker for bringing food and snacks for the Mason City squad. The Mason City girls and sisters Carri and Brenda enjoyed an evening of bowling, food, karaoke and friendship. That's really what it's all about.

A great big THANK YOU to everybody who participated in this year's tournament, and a special thanks to Spare Time Lanes and John and Vickie Woodford, proprietors, and their staff. WE HAD A GREAT TIME! We couldn't have done it without any of you.

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) held in conjunction with our ISUSBCWBA State Tournament being held in Fort Dodge (entries close January 30th), and entry blanks for our mail-in tournament which you use league scores rolled during the week of March 7th (or the week of March 14th) (entries close March 1st). Call Shannon with any questions (515-386-2043) or email at [mchugh@netins.net](mailto:mchugh@netins.net).

# Humboldt County USBC WBA Bowlers Qualify for State Special Olympics Competition

By: *Mary Johnson, Humboldt County USBC WBA*

The Humboldt County USBC WBA Four Liner bowling league includes league members which can qualify for state Special Olympics bowling in Des Moines.

Ranae Seefeld, Christy Lomax and Shari Wright were on one team that qualified for state competition. Deb Janssen was a member of the second team to qualify.

These girls are members of the Humboldt County USBCWBA. We are proud to call them "Our Girls"!

Finals for the Special Olympics state bowling competition was November 21<sup>st</sup> in Des Moines.

Watch for an update on the Humboldt girls' competition in the March issue of this newsletter!

Ranae Seefeld, Christy Lomax, Shari Wright, Deb Janssen



"SPECIAL OLYMPICS"

# OTTUMWA PREPARES FOR 2011

Submitted by: *Nancy Butler, Assn. Mgr., Ottumwa USBC WBA*

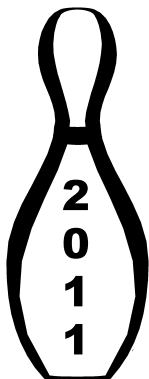
The ladies of the Ottumwa USBC WBA are busily preparing for the 2010 ISUSBCWBA Annual Meeting weekend.

Nancy Butler, Assn. Mgr. of Ottumwa USBC WBA advises they have their delegate gifts ordered, and also have shirts on order which will be available to the delegates in Fort Dodge on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Members of the Ottumwa association are also busy preparing crafts and other items for their fund raiser in preparation of hosting the 2011 ISUSBCWBA State Championship tournament and annual meeting.

Among their activities, a dinner show featuring a spaghetti supper will be held in March 2010. Entertainment for the show will be a magician. Sounds like a fun and exciting evening!

While the Ottumwa USBC WBA is busy preparing for the 2011 ISUSBCWBA events, the Ottumwa USBC BA is putting finishing touches on their events as they await the arrival of the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association tournament, which starts Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>.



# VICKY J. HOWREY INDUCTED IN WASHINGTON IOWA USBC HALL OF FAME

By: *Sally Reighard, Assn. Mgr., Washington Iowa USBC*

Vicky J. Howrey was recently inducted to her home association, Washington Iowa USBC's, Hall of Fame.

Vicky has bowled for about 30 years, with 25 of those years at Melody Lanes and as a member of the Washington association.

She currently bowls twice a week, in the Sunday Rollers mixed league, and the Wednesday night Lane Leaders. She is a past member of the Friday Night Mixers as well.

Vicky has been a member of, or the representative of, the league championship team and has participated in the Champion of Champions tournament nine times in the past 14 years, and consequently was a member of the Champion of Champions winner three different years; 2002, 2005, and 2008.

Vicky's presence is also felt in the local championship tournaments where she has earned four titles; singles in 1995, scratch all events in 1998, scratch all events in 2002 and scratch all events in 2004. She also had the tournament high game of 256 in 1999 and the tournament high series of 611 in 2007. She has carried the association high average seven times in the past eight years including the past six years running. Her association high average is 179.

The record books for Washington show she has had 29 series of 600 or more in the past eleven years, ranging from a 600 to her personal high of 673 which was rolled in January 2009. Her personal high games include three games of 250 or more ranging from a 255 to 266.

Vicky has made many trips to the state tournaments and has traveled to five national tournaments.

As a director on the Washington Iowa USBC, and past director for the Washington USBC WBA for six years, Vicky's commitment to bowling goes beyond the lanes.

The youth leagues of Washington also feels Vicky's presence as she has coached for years, and continues to coach even though her own child has graduated from high school and now bowls in the adult leagues. Vicky is also District 10 Director for the Iowa State USBC Youth Assn.

Vicky's induction to the Washington Iowa USBC was based on her Superior Performance.



# **BASS PRO SHOPS OPEN INAUGRAUL FACILITY IN ALTOONA**

*Information submitted by Norma Rose, ISUSBCWBA Director*

When traveling through or visiting the Des Moines area, you'll want to check out the new bowling facility which is a part of the new Bass Pro Shop which opened in Altoona, IA on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl and Grill in Altoona is the only one of its kind in the United States, so far! It was become a big hit in Altoona, and will most likely be replicated across the U.S. as more new Bass Pro Shops are built.

This new facility has 12 bowling lanes, six on each side with a bar in the mid section. The lanes are standard synthetic USBC certified lanes, manufactured by Brunswick. They are unique by having a one of a kind design with a fish theme down the lanes. The center also offers cosmic bowling. The lighted sections on the lanes give a very nautical effect, and the atmosphere is very "kid friendly".

Bowling is available at this new facility; the cost is by the hour with different rates available at different times during the week, day and evening. Shoe rental is \$3.00.

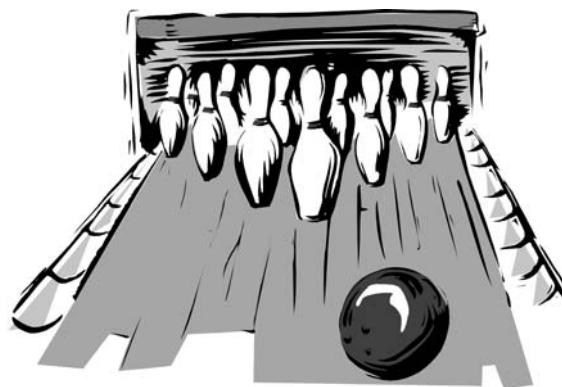
The Bass Pro Shop also has billiards available at an hourly rate. Two private rooms are available with or without bowling lanes included, with banquet/buffet menu available.

There are children's party packages which include bowling, food and drink with themed tableware, and a personal party director.

The restaurant offers lots of choices and great food.

It's a unique underwater experience with fish hanging from the ceiling. You just have to see it to believe it!

For further information, contact the management at Bass Pro Shop, 1000 Bass Pro Dr. N.W., Altoona, IA, phone 515-957-5500.



## **500 CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**

*By: Connie DeGreef*

The 500 Club held its annual tournament on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Premier Bowling & Entertainment in Pleasant Hill, IA.

Twelve teams competed, along with 23 sets of doubles, 47 singles, and 44 all events.

Winning the team event was The Misfits from Monroe. Team members included Michelle True, Elizabeth Rozendaal, Kathy Masterson and Ruth Jerue. Their winning score was 2519 including 510 pins handicap.

Roxanne Hopkins and Carla Vos of Monroe won the doubles event with a score of 1313. The singles crown went to Barb Schmauss of Eagle Grove with a scratch 569, handicapped 680 total.

Elizabeth Rosendaal took home the all events with a 2094 total.

The group held their annual meeting on Saturday evening at 6:00 pm. The meeting was attended by 23 members and four guests. All enjoyed a pizza/salad buffet provided by the bowling center.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Wyn Ann Allen, Eagle Grove, was re-elected vice president, and Barbara Tarantino of Newton was re-elected secretary-treasurer by acclamation. It was noted, the club has 20 new members and 14 members bowled in the tournament for the first time.

In other business, the club voted to donate \$300.00 to the Iowa Bowling Council for the Youth Scholarship Fund.

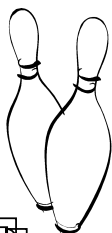
Door prizes were given out during the meeting.

The 2010 tournament will be held at Mustang Lanes in Monroe on October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There were no invitations for the 2011 tournament. If your bowling center would like to host the 2011 tournament, please send bids to Barbara Tarantino, 1807 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E., Newton, IA 50208, or email to Connie DeGreef, [conniejo@iowatelecom.net](mailto:conniejo@iowatelecom.net).

### **AMES AREA USBC WELCOMES NEW CENTER**

*By Teri Jennings*

The Ames Area USBC would like to welcome our newest bowling center. Perfect Games open during the summer. Perfect Games have 24 lanes, a game area, laser tag, restaurant and lounge. Check out their website for more information, [www.perfectgamesinc.com](http://www.perfectgamesinc.com).





# A BOWLER'S CHRISTMAS

Written to the tune of The 12 Days of Christmas



On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
one brand new bowling ball.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
a pair of bowling shoes, and  
one brand new bowling ball.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and one brand new bowling ball.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
the big four split,  
a triple ball bag on wheels  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and one brand new bowling ball.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split,  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and one brand new bowling ball.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
six rolls of thumb tape,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split,  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and one brand new bowling ball.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
a 111 in the 7<sup>th</sup>,  
six rolls of thumb tape,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split,  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and one brand new bowling ball.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me  
eight spares in a row,  
a 111 in the 7<sup>th</sup>,  
six rolls of thumb tape,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes  
and a brand new bowling ball.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
a ringing 9 pin leave,  
eight spares in a row,  
a 111 in the 7<sup>th</sup>,  
six rolls of thumb tape,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and a brand new bowling ball.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
ten filled frames,  
a ringing 9 pin leave,  
eight spares in a row,  
a 111 in the 7<sup>th</sup>,  
six rolls of thumb tape,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and a brand new bowling ball.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
the eleven in a row award,  
ten filled frames,  
a ringing 9 pin leave,  
eight spares in a row,  
a 111 in the 7<sup>th</sup>,  
six rolls of thumb tape,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split,  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and a brand new bowling ball.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, my true love gave to me,  
twelve strikes in a row,  
the 11 in a row award,  
ten filled frames,  
a ringing 9 pin leave,  
eight spares in a row,  
a 111 in the 7<sup>th</sup>,  
six rolls of thumb tape,  
five blows in a row!  
the big four split,  
a triple ball bag on wheels,  
a pair of bowling shoes,  
and a brand new bowling ball!



*Author to remain anonymous, but inspired by many bowlers past and present!*

# HIGHLIGHTS

## FROM AROUND THE STATE

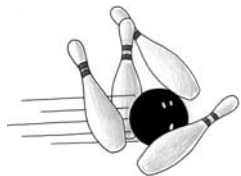
### Boone County USBC

*Submitted by Michael Stout, Assn. Mgr.*

The ladies in Boone County have been rolling some great scores! The Alley Angels team rolled a 651, while the Pin Up Girls shots 627. The Dolls with Balls rolled a scratch 1818 series, and the Lady Luck team posted a 1638.

Some individual highs were Debralee Carroll with a 253 game, and Terrie McKinnie with a 213. Mindy Mills rolled a 579 series, and Brenda Babberl, a 517 series.

Nice bowling ladies! Keep it up!



### Davenport Metro USBC WBA

*Submitted by Jan Edwards, Assn. Mgr.*

300 games are rolling in Davenport Metro USBC WBA! Shelly Tucker rolled a 300 game on August 24<sup>th</sup>, and Julie Arnold rolled her perfect game on October 28, 2009.

Way to go ladies!



### Des Moines Area USBC WBA

*Submitted by Jean Halbfass, Assn. Mgr.*

Lisa Gregerson rolled a 278 game on October 8, 2009, finishing her league session with a 670 series. On November 9, 2009, the pins were flying high for Deb Solum as she penciled a 297 game. Deb's average was 176. She left the 6-7-10 split on her last shot.

Congratulations to Lisa and Deb for their super scores!!

### Muscatine

*Submitted by Gene Logel, Assn. Mgr.*

The Muscatine Ladies Scratch League on September 14<sup>th</sup> experienced a couple of "firsts". Lisa Madsen had on outstanding league session rolling games of 257 - 254- and 300 for an 811 series. This was Lisa's first 300 game, and also, her first 800 series. Congratulations Lisa!!!



### Ottumwa USBC WBA

*Submitted by Nancy Butler, Assn. Mgr.*

Tara Gooden bowled a 614 on September 25, 2009. Her games were 213, 211 and 190, and her average was 153 at the time.



### St. Ansgar USBC

*Submitted by Beth Duenow, Assn. Mgr.*

Barb Meitner roller her first "600" series on March 11, 2009 on games of 216, 237 and 204 for a whopping 657 during league play in the National League. Congratulations Barb!



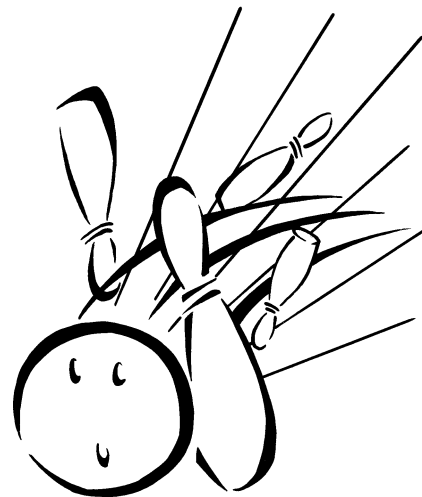
### Tripoli USBC WBA

*Submitted by: Carma Bouska*

Was it the ghosts and goblins that possessed Audrey Dettmer, Tripoli USBC WBA, the night she bowled 152 pins over her average during her regular league play night?

On Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Audrey rolled three nice games of 168-175-157 for a 512 series. Audrey said it was a lot of fun bowling that night and she would like it to be like that every week. Who knows, maybe it will. Perhaps this was just the beginning of a "new roll" on the ball.

Keep up the nice bowling Audrey. Congratulations!



### Waverly USBC WBA

*Submitted by: Carma Bouska, President,  
Waverly USBC WBA*

#### Mary Hazlitt Returns To Bowling

Beginning her bowling career as a youth, Mary Hazlitt of the Waverly USBC WBA has returned to the sport of bowling after many years of absence. Mary started bowling last season, 2008-2009 and ended the season with a 72 average. Mary had so much fun enjoying the great sport of bowling that she decided to bowl in a summer league to improve her average. Mary ended the summer league with an average of 87, which was an increase of 15 pins over her fall average. Currently Mary's average is 109, an improvement of 37 pins from 2008-2009 and 22 pins from her summer league. Mary is really enjoying bowling again as her increased average shows.


#### This Is Your Night

That's what her bowling partners were saying Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> after Liz Kurtt of the Waverly USBC WBA shot a 565 series with games of 149, 195 and 221. She had a couple of four baggers (hambones!) in those last two games. Liz carries an average of 158; her great series is 91 pins over her average. Of course some credit was given to her husband who was there watching. Great bowling Liz! Keep it up!

# Welcome!

## FROM THE FORT DODGE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

*By: Kerrie Kuiper, Director, Fort Dodge CVB*



The Fort Dodge Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend the Iowa State USBC WBA 2010 State Championship Tournament. Our local bowling association has worked hard to help make this tournament a success. The community is ready to welcome you and make your time here enjoyable. You can check out our lodging facilities by going to our website [www.fortdodgecvb.com](http://www.fortdodgecvb.com) or call us at (888) 573-4282 for a Webster County Visitors Guide. Also on our website, is a listing of local restaurants, attractions and upcoming events.

While you are here, we want you to enjoy our community. We encourage you to visit our restaurants, shopping businesses, enjoy our night life, or visit our local attractions like the Blanden Memorial Art Museum and Tea Thyme

at Sadie's. In order to help you enjoy our community, we will be providing you a coupon book when you get to town with some special offers for the 2010 IS USBC WBA Tournament participants.

We hope you like it so much in Fort Dodge that you will come back when the weather is nicer. Whether you enjoy spending time outdoors, experiencing fine arts or enjoying festivals, Fort Dodge and Webster County has a recreational opportunity for everyone. During the warmer months guests can be seen wandering through history at the Fort Museum and Vincent House, hiking the trails at Dolliver Memorial State Park or enjoying the arts at the Blanden Memorial Art Museum and Hawkeye Community Theatre. Whether watching the Dayton Rodeo, enjoying indoor and outdoor concerts, picking out your own fresh apples at the Community Orchard, tantalizing your taste buds at Tea Thyme at Sadie's tea room or riding Dragon Boats at Kennedy Park, Webster County and Fort Dodge host some unique and spectacular experiences.

Thank you for choosing Fort Dodge to host the 2010 IS USBC WBA Tournament. We hope you have a safe trip to Fort Dodge and look forward to seeing you in town. The Fort Dodge Convention and Visitors Bureau would like to wish you Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas!

## Greetings from Fort Dodge!

*By: Tammy Sheker, President, Fort Dodge USBC WBA*

As February draws closer our Fort Dodge board is staying busy with the continual planning for a successful state tournament. I certainly hope you were able to get your entries sent in to join us as we "race around the mineral city in 2010".

Our monthly meetings are bringing all our ideas together. Considering I was new to our board back in '95 when we last hosted the state tournament, and more than half of the directors are newcomers since then, this is a real "eye opener" to all of us with the planning and preparation that is involved...we are so grateful that Charla is among us!

We are welcoming all and any help and ideas from our surrounding associations of Eagle Grove, Humboldt, Manson and Webster City. As the tournament and convention weekend draws closer, these associations have volunteered their help in many areas and for that we are very thankful.

Our shirts designs have been decided and the initial order is placed. We hope you

enjoy one of our ideas brought back from the past to add to your collection. We are still deciding what other novelties and craft items we will have for sale during the tournament.

Once January hits, we will start our scorekeeping schools and our plans are to involve a lot of our youth bowlers in this area, along with many others who have started volunteering.

Though it seems there is still plenty of time, it seems as though it was just a couple of months ago that we were at convention putting on our skit to get the bid for state tournament and now it is only a couple of months away. It is a lot of work but "fun" work just the same, and I know from past experience that in the end the experience is very rewarding.

Whether your plans are to venture to Fort Dodge in the middle of winter or hold off till early spring, we will be ready to welcome all of you as you come to "race around the mineral city in 2010".

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**State Tournament Bowlers**

Visit our website to make your  
reservation for the tournament

[http://www.countryinns.com/  
iowastatebowling](http://www.countryinns.com/iowastatebowling)

Or call the hotel direct and ask for  
the "state bowling" rate.

515-955-2259

The tournament package includes:

Welcome gift in each room

Late check out on Sunday



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3259 5th Ave South

Fort Dodge IA 50501

Conveniently located between both bowling houses

**Our Hotel features:**

- Completely non-smoking building
- Refrigerators and microwaves in all rooms
- Newly remodeled bathrooms
- Updated guest rooms
- Complimentary deluxe continental breakfast
- Indoor pool and hot tub
- Free wireless internet connection