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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Many many thanks to Lake County for hosting our annual meeting and helping to make it a success, even though it was cold at least we did not have the weather we had last year. We were privileged to have Senator Melinda Bush speak as well as John Wing and Pam Klass proprietors of the centers being used for our State Tournament. The workshop was very informative, and we thank Darlene Baker for making the arrangements and helping to make that a great workshop with the audience participation. The information on Hosting a state tournament, annual meeting, the myth busters and question were great.

I know we are all looking for spring, and no more snow.

April is around the corner, with the USBC Convention in mind, there are quite a few proposals on the floor; please make sure you review them before arriving in Omaha to understand the impact that they will have on our members. There will be seminars to attend and educate ourselves on the upcoming future of our sport.

After the convention most of our leagues will be winding down and summer will be here. Stay connected with your league friends! Start now recruiting your neighbors and friends for the fall league.

Enjoy your summer, vacations with family and friends, rest and relax.

Allow yourself to be bored. Learn to pause, or nothing worthwhile will catch up to you!!

Betty J. McCann, President

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

As the bowling season draws to a close for another year, I would remind the Association Managers to send in the final award forms as quickly as possible so that all may be processed and received prior to this bowling season on July 31, 2015. If there is a change of officers for your association, please be sure to send that information, so that your members will not miss any of the updates that are happening at the Illinois State USBC WBA.

The fall mailing with new forms and information on the new awards will be mailed about the middle of July as we are the hosts for the Midwest Women's Tournament this year and some of the mailings will be delayed by a couple of weeks.

The 2016 Tournament Entry form should be ready for publication and in the mail by July 15 this year. The Summer Workshop has been set for July 18 in Springfield, Illinois. A copy of the registration form is included with this Channel Chatter as well as motel information should you wish to stay over in Springfield after the workshop.

A reminder a bylaw amendment was passed at the Annual Meeting in February increasing the Illinois State USBC WBA Membership dues to \$2.00. beginning August 1, 2015.

Earlene M. Nelson, Association Manager

SUMMER 2015 WORKSHOP

The 2015 Summer Workshop will be held on July 18, 2015 at the VFW in Springfield. A reservation fee of \$12.00 will be charged to cover the cost of the lunch. So, we hope everyone can make it and bring your own ideas to add to the discussion. Please mark your calendars and we will see you on July 18, 2015.

Registration form is included with this mailing

Cathy Hall, Chairman Summer Workshop Committee

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

20 YEAR CLUB NEWS

The Illinois State USBC WBA 20 Year Club held their annual luncheon, hosted by the Illinois State USBC WBA, this past February 22nd at Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center in Mundelein. There were 91 guests present.

Our members continue to donate to our charities, BVL, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum. Again, thank you ladies for your continued generosity.

New members honored at this luncheon and presented their pins were Joyce Mancini-Springfield, Ellen Bradley-Peoria, Dorinda Miller-Champaign Area and Katherine Zeilman-Streator. Another member attending her first luncheon was Cathy Poff-Princeton. Welcome ladies and glad you could join us this year.

Members are asked to keep their dues, addresses, phone, and emails current with the club. Saving money is a big need in today's economical world! REMEMBER, if you are not current with your dues you will not receive an invitation to next year's luncheon. Next year the luncheon will be held in Rockford.

The club has purchased a new pin and it can be bought by any member of the 20 Year Club. The pin is being sold for \$5.00 and can be purchased from Melinda.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mmcats13@comcast.net or 217-753-1857.

Melinda M Calvert, Chair

GENESEO USBC WBA

The Geneseo United States Bowling Congress Women's Bowling Association held their annual spring banquet at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

New inductees into the Hall of Fame are Lohman Brothers (Sponsor), Dolores Riekema for Service to the Association and Verla Lohman for her good bowling skills.

Winners of the Women's City Tournament were announced. Members on the winning team, Hawkeye ChemDry are Terri Millam, Tina McCarty, Patricia Fleming, and Donna Lawrence with a winning score of 2834. Second place went to Lee's Lanes. Third place is C & H Custom, C & S Antiques taking fourth, and Sunflowers, fifth.

Doubles event winners are Tonia DeLong and Cindy DeSmith with a winning score of 1414. Marty Hannah and Diane Stichter were second with Bev Grant and Cindy Hancock, third.

The Singles event winner is Ashley Emerick with her score of 767. Second place went to Misty Eng and Patricia Fleming is in third place.

The All Events winner is Patricia Fleming with a grand total of 2193. Terri Millam took second and Mimi Drehman, third.

The Della Barrett Award went to Styphanie Palmer with the high scratch game of 264

Submitted by Nancy Lyford, Association Manager

JACKSONVILLE USBC WBA

We have just completed our 68th Annual Association Tournament. What a big success for a small association. We have 166 women sanctioned in our association, and 120 of them enter in either team or doubles/singles. Several high games were bowled with the highest series and game of the tournament going to Beth Brickey whom rolled a 645 scratch series and a 245 scratch game.

The Jacksonville Association is very proud of its members and how they not only support the local tournament but continue to send teams to State and the Midwest tournament.

Again, this year we will have seven teams entered in the Midwest Women's Tournament in June. The past two years we have sent 8 teams to the MWT. We chartered a bus and had so much fun the ladies want to go back every year.

Submitted by Dottie Konrad, Association Manager

PEORIA USBC WBA

Our Association attended the 86th Annual Meeting on February 21st at Lake County. This weekend started off with a bang with the Delegates Party. Our Association wore blue shirts and straw beach hats with multi-color lights. We

were surprised that we won a prize for our attire. At our Board meeting, we shared our can of cookies with everyone. We really enjoyed this weekend, especially eating out and connecting with Directors.

Our 2014-2015 season high game to date is Danielle Davis with a 300 and our high series is Danielle Davis with a 760.

The Peoria USBC WBA Anna Mae Brown City Tournament started on February 28th and ended on March 22, 2015. Our Association held a bake sale with the donations going to the Midwest Book Bank and our Association to help defray award expenses. The Ways and Means held a raffle with prizes consisting of: Bowling Ball, Keurig Coffeemaker, Intex Queen Air Mattress w/sheet set and a Galaxy 4 Tablet. This drawing will be held at our Annual Meeting held in April 2015.

The Peoria USBC WBA Association meeting will be held April 16, 2015. An election will be held consisting of one officer and five directors. We will also be selecting delegates for the 2016 Illinois USBC WBA Annual Meeting and delegates to the National Convention.

The Mixed Couples Tournament was held on February 21 and 22nd and the last weekend was February 28 and March 1st. We hope to increase our entries in 2016.

Our PWBA & GPBA just completed a Bowling Clinic. More information will follow.

Our Ways & Means held a Winter Bazaar in 2014. We are always finding ways to raise money for our Association. We will also hold a Spring Bazaar in April 2015.

Our Membership Development Committee's participated in the Salvation Army ringing of the bells in December 2014. We placed third in our division. We really had a lot of fun and met interesting people. The children were great too putting their donations into the kettle.

Our Association made a contribution to the Journal Star Red Stocking Fund in December in lieu of gifts and Christmas cards to our Board members.

Our Joint Hall of Fame held in November 2014 had a great turnout. We also had a DO and the food was great. Preparations are being made for the upcoming Joint Hall of Fame in November 2015. More information will follow.

Our Association is looking forward to attending the workshop in Springfield, Illinois in July, 2015.

Our bowlers are ready to bowl in the Midwest Tournament in Rockford, Illinois in June. We plan on having fun, networking, eating and bowling too! We hope to see you there! fun facts about bowling

Fact 7: The maximum number of holes allowed in a bowling ball is 12.

Fact 8: Bowling is the number one participation sport in America.

Fact 9: The youngest person to bowl a 300 game was Chaz Dennis at the age of 10 years, 2 months in Columbus, OH.

Fact 10: The origins of bowling can be traced about 5,000 years back to Rome and Greece.

Words from our President Pro-Tem Sharon Bailey: Your

value does not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth.

Submitted by Ellen Bradley, 2nd Vice President

ROCKFORD USBC WBA

The Rockford USBC WBA held its annual meeting on Saturday, March 14.

Elections were held. Laura Heller was reelected as president. Marianne Corrigan, Jan Welsh, Ashley Matts and Bobby Shuga were reelected as directors. Delegates were elected for the USBC (Las Vegas 2016) and Illinois State USBC WBA (Rockford 2016) meetings.

City tournament winners and champions received their shirts. Handicap Team 2712 "Lucky 4". Scratch Team 2563 "B & B Beauty's. Handicap Doubles 1426 Kailey Hoppe and Ashley Matts. Scratch Doubles 1418 Sue Williams and Karen Cree-Neuliep. Handicap Singles 773 Cjay Levine. Scratch Singles 701 Sue Williams. Handicap All Events 2251 Cjay Levine.

Scratch All Events 2049 Karen Cree-Neuliep.

Tournament prize monies were awarded. The meeting was then adjourned.

Laura Heller, President Rockford USBC WBA

SPRINGFIELD USBC WBA

Greetings from Springfield. First, we would like to congratulate Lisa Bumgardner for being inducted into the Illinois USBC WBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. An honor well deserved. Lisa had served on our board for many years and then was a very active president for us.

Another year is coming to a close, unfortunately with less membership than in previous years. Our board is constantly trying to add new things for our existing bowlers to help maintain bowling enthusiasm. Our awards program changed this year with the discontinuation of the USBC awards. We changed to a pins over average basis, rather than just a game/series achievement. Our average categories for game were 124 & under/25 POA; 125-149/30 POA; 150-174/40 POA; 175-224/50 POA and 225 & over/25 POA. The series average categories are 100 & under/50 POA; 100-124/75 POA and 125-150/100 POA. This has proven pretty successful and we feel like the goals are achievable for most bowlers. We continued with our previous local awards of All Spare Game; Sour Apple; Dutch 100; Triplicate; Progressive; Big 4 and 7/10 Conversion; Clean Game and Clean Sweep. Our award items are everyday articles that we feel our bowlers can use. They are pill box containers, pens, carabineer key chain, shopping bags, etc. I think the bowlers are liking most of the items

Another big change we had this year was our association tournament format. The doubles and singles were held at King Pin Lanes on a Saturday and a Sunday of two different weekends. If teams wanted to come to King Pin and bowl that was fine, but the team event portion could be bowled during league play. Teams could set up to bowl 3, 4 and/or 5 woman teams, maximum of 3 teams. Having only two Springfield houses, we declared King Pin winners and champions and Strike 'n Spare West winners and champions. I think the bowlers liked this new format too as we had a large increase in participation. We are considering a change to allow bowlers to participated in more team events than just 3.

Our board again passed out Christmas ornaments to our member bowlers the first week of December. They all seem to wait for that week to see what their ornament for this year will be. We recently held our association wide 50/50 drawings for our charities. It was very successful as we earned \$1,666.50. This money will go to some of our Illinois Veteran's Homes and a women's charity still to be determined.

Submitted by Margaret Holmes, Association Manager

STERLING USBC WBA

The night of March 13th started just like every other Friday night. Paone's Blackhawk Lanes in Sterling has two leagues on Friday: one men and one women

During the last frames of game three, I heard screaming and applause. I went down and found out one of our women bowlers had accomplished a 300 game. She rolled games of 192, 190 and 300 for a series of 682.

Destinee Howard was a youth bowler and bowled on the Sterling high school team. She has since graduated and just started bowling with her mother and sister on Friday's. She is actually their substitute. What a night to sub!!!

Congratulations Destinee!!!

Jo Dell Cruz Association Manager/ Director IL State USBC WBA

ILLINOIS WOMEN'S 600 BOWLING CLUB

Scholarship applications are due May 15, 2015. Application forms are available at iw600bc.org.

The Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club, Harriet L. Day, Scholarship is awarded to a female high school graduating senior who continues her education the following school calendar year. Applicants must have participated in an Illinois USBC Youth certified program.

Previous applicants may re-apply in succeeding years. The scholarship award for 2015 will be paid directly to the institute of continuing education.

Laura Heller, President, IW600 Bowling Club

MIDWEST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

The Illinois State USBC WBA will be hosting the Midwest Women's Tournament in Rockford, Illinois starting May 16 and ending June 28, 2015. Entries close on April 16, 2015. As of March 26, 2015 we have 743 paid entries with 1,486 doubles and 2972 singles.

The Opening Ceremonies for the tournament will be held at 10:30 on May 16, 2015 at Cherry Bowl in Rockford.

Earlene Nelson, Tournament Manager

ANNUAL MEETING WORKSHOP

The Illinois State USBC WBA held its annual meeting workshop on Sunday morning of annual meeting weekend. After an icebreaker, there were presentations on mythbusters, brackets and how an association goes about submitting a bid for hosting the state tournament and annual meeting.

On Saturday at the meeting a dues increase was approved by the delegation effective with the 2015-2016 season. The awards presented by the state association have been expanded, but the state board wants to hear from the members about what kinds of services you would like to receive from the state association. During the workshop some suggestions received were more educational opportunities and help with conducting coaching clinics to meet the new USBC performance standards.

Regardless of if you were at the meeting or not, please think about your local association's relationship with the state association, and send recommendations for consideration. If you're not involved in your local association, that's ok, we want to hear any suggestions, whether it's a service to the local association or a service for members individually. Don't be restricted to what has always been. We need to think outside the box and work on making (or keeping) Illinois one of the greatest states to bowl and be a member.

We also are looking for topics for both the annual meeting workshop and the summer workshop. We need to know what you want to know! Please also think about topics you'd like more information about so the committees can make the workshops productive and worth your while to attend.

Mahomet, IL 61853 or via email at darlene930@earthlink.net.

Suggestions may also be sent to the Illinois State USBC WBA office at 402 W. Hamilton Road, Bloomington, IL 61704.

Submitted by Darlene Baker, Illinois State USBC WBA Director

Send your suggestions to Darlene Baker, PO Box 138,

ILLINOIS STATE USBC WBA
SUMMER WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

JULY18 2015 VFW
2349 Stockyard Road
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702

REGISTRATION \$12.00 INCLUDES LITE LUNCH

REGISTRATION AT 9:00 A.M. WORKSHOP 10:00 A.M.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO THE ILLINOIS STATE USBC WBA (No Cash)

DEADLINE DATE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION JULY 10 2015

ONE REGISTRATION PER FORM FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ASSOCIATION _____

OFFICE HELD (ASSOCIATION) _____

LEAGUE OFFICER _____

Return registration form and check to:

ILLINOIS STATE USBC WBA
EARLENE M. NELSON, ASSOCIATION MANAGER
402 W. HAMILTON ROAD
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61705

Upcoming Events for 2015

SUMMER WORKSHOP ON JULY 18, 2015

USBC Annual Meeting Omaha, Ne April 28 thru APRIL 30, 2015.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

THE 2015 ILLINOIS STATE USBC WBA SUMMER WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY JULY 18, 2015 IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

Listed below is the Hotel Information:

Northfield Inn and Suites

3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702

Rate is \$87.00 plus tax and room reservations must be made prior to July 2, 2017.

Phone No. is 217-492-5553 Indicate you are with illinois State USBC WBA.