



# CHANNEL CHATTER

## ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION



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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As you are aware, WIBC, ABC, YABA and USA Bowling approved the Plan of Merger creating the United States Bowling Congress.

The following action, regarding USBC, was taken at our June Board of Directors meeting:

It is the majority decision of the IWBA Board of Directors to recommend that IWBA charter with USBC as a non-merged association. The final decision to join USBC will be determined by the vote by the delegates at the next IWBA Annual Meeting in Belleville. This decision resulted after a lengthy discussion in which the Board addressed many concerns. The following are just a few of them:

- IWBA could not financially stand on our own
- Our bowlers must have the opportunity and deserve the benefits of total sanctioning.
- We certainly must remain part of the Illinois YABA by continuing to support their programs and scholarship fund.
- Our small associations with a membership of 250 or less are part of our IWBA family. We will assist them in every way possible.

I'm urging all local association board of directors to take the time to review the Transition Manual to determine your options. Membership conversation is also very important.

If we can be of any help, please contact me or Secretary Earlene.

I opposed the SMO/USBC Plan of Merger from the beginning; however, as State President, I believe we must accept the challenge and continue to be the best state association that we have always been. We hope our member/delegates will support our recommendation.

Our primary objective is defined in our Mission Statement:  
"WORKING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE SERVICE AND RECOGNITION FOR ALL ILLINOIS WOMEN BOWLERS"

Happy new bowling season,

MADLINE DOTTA, PRESIDENT

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*"A Friend is a Present  
you give to yourself"*

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### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Welcome to the 2004-05 bowling season, to a year of learning about USBC and tying up loose ends of your WIBC organization. Remember to follow all of the steps in the transition manual for USBC. I know this will be a year filled with new experiences, learning and working toward a common goal of making your organization the best that it can. If you have any questions or concerns with USBC the IWBA office staff and the Board of Directors are here to help you.

If your association secretary hasn't sent in the new officers form as of this date, all of the information for the current year was sent to the previous secretary. This form should be completed as quickly as possible and sent to the IWBA office. Also, the President should appoint and forward the name and address of a Publicity Chairman. A complimentary copy of the Channel Chatter is sent to her 4 times a year.

The Service Award form should be completed and forwarded to IWBA with all those individuals that have served 10 or more years on your Board of Directors for your association. The high series and high game form was due on September 1 and should have been completed and sent to the IWBA office.

Tournament entry forms were mailed to each association in July for distribution to the bowling centers in your area. The Championship Tournament opens February 5, at Bel Air Bowl and St. Clair Bowl in Belleville, Illinois. Entries close on November 12, 2004. This year, for the first time, we will have "No Smoking Squads" on the first squad of each day on the second weekend of each month during the tournament.

The Web Site "illinoiswba.org" has been updated with the tournament form and all of the other tournament forms that will also be mailed to the team captains. These forms may be completed and e mailed to the IWBA office if you do not wish to use "snail mail" or they may be completed and faxed to the office.

If your organization has a news item that you wish to have published in the Channel Chatter, please send the article to the IWBA office. Channel Chatter publications dates are September 15, January 15, April 15 and July 15 (Special issue). I'm always glad to receive news worthy articles. I have one request – they must be typed or printed. If in media form must be in Micro-Soft Word or part of your e mail.

In closing, I hope you have a good bowling season with many high scores.

Earlene M. Nelson, Secretary

## 2005 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The following will be inducted into the IWBA Hall of Fame on February 19, 2005

Outstanding Bowler – Joan Pylwack, Chicago WBA  
 Meritorious Service – C. Darlene Baker, Clinton WBA  
 Meritorious Service – Betty McCann, Waukegan WBA  
 In Memoriam – Ruth Allen, Decatur WBA  
 Member of the Year – Marlene Folts, Aurora WBA

Marlene Coffman, Chairman Hall of Fame Committee

## NOTICE

The following has changed as it pertains to the IWBA Championship Tournament:

Substitutes will no longer be provided by the Illinois Women's Bowling Association starting with the 2005 tournament in Belleville.

The Belleville WBA will have a listing of substitutes available at the bowling centers for team captains. Phone numbers will be available and it is up to the team captain to call and secure their substitute after they reach the tournament city. RULE # 14

This change was necessary as Team Captains were calling as much as 3 months ahead of time indicating that a substitute was needed.

Anyone having the 5 or 6 person with them that is not bowling is asked to register at whichever bowling center they are scheduled to bowl in first as an available substitute.

LOOKING GOOD PINS OR APPROPRIATELY ATTIRED PINS HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED AS OF THE 2005 TOURNAMENT

RULE 16 – No unreasonable delay in the progress of any game shall be permitted. Any member refusing to proceed with the game after being directed to do so by a tournament official shall receive a zero for those frames missed and such games or series may be declared forfeited.

## Thanks for the Memories

To Madeline and the IWBA:

With the coming of August, my six years of directorship with this wonderfully working WOMEN'S organization is near its end. My life is richer from meeting so many bowlers. I'll miss the constructive board meetings and of course; I'll miss being with all of you. I do appreciate being allowed to continue to serve on the seniors committee.

As you know, I have not been a supporter of USBC but now that it is here, we should try and work with what has been PUT UPON US and make our state association the very best it can be. After all, our job is to serve our members and if this is the only game in town, lets show them our stuff! We did it before and we can do it again, in spite of the boundaries and restrictions USBC has given us.

The summer workshop is a good example of how we serve our membership. I am glad I was able to attend. It was a great day and the committee showed their broad imagination and creativity with all the skits and mind puzzles. With Madeline's Q & A regarding USBC, I know the girls who attended have a better sense of how the IWBA board has approached its passage, why we have recommended chartering with USBC as a non merge association servicing women only and that we, as a state organization, will always be there to help our members in any way we can.

Competition for membership will only fragment the bowlers and that is not good for bowling much less IWBA. "When the ship is sinking, you choose the best means of preservation that's available to you". With the dedication there is among us, I know IWBA will remain strong.

May God always be with you.

Toria Funderburg Past IWBA Director

## HANG ON, DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
 When the funds are low and the debt is high  
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
 When care is pressing you down a bit,  
 Rest if you must, but don't you quit

(Wright)

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*"If you want to be heard, whisper."*

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### MAIL IS BEING RETURNED:

Ladies, it would be very helpful if whenever you move or have any type of address change, you notify the Illinois WBA Office as well as your local utilities, credit cards or magazine companies. We have a lot of mail returned and it is very expensive to mail to an inactive address when one letter would take care of the address change.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

## AURORA WBA

The Aurora WBA 600 Bowling Club held it's Annual Meeting, Luncheon and Club Singles Tournament at Parkside Lanes, Aurora.

Officers and Directors for the 2004-05 bowling season are as follows:

President Dorella Wilson, Vice President Donna Butz, Secretary-Treasurer Sally Miller: Sgt-At-Arms Judy Lynd; Director Paula Paradis, Director Nancy Tinsley, Director Theresa Tinsley.

The following tournaments were approved and scheduled: 9 Pin No Tap Doubles, September 19 at Parkside Lanes Club Doubles, October 31 at Highway Lanes.

Mixed Scotch Doubles, January 29, 2005 at Parkside Lanes

Club Singles Tournament, Annual Meeting and Luncheon on April 10, 2005, at Hometown Lanes, Plano.

If you are a member of the Aurora WBA and have bowled a scratch 600 series and would like to join the 600 club, e-mail me at [smm279@aol.com](mailto:smm279@aol.com) for more information.

Submitted by Sally Miller, Aurora 600 BC Secretary

## BELLEVILLE WBA

Belleville WBA is on the way to closing the 50th year of its bowling season. The last official function of the year was the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. Eunice Huch was named The Hall of Fame winner. She was very surprised and very happy to see that a large group of her family was there to witness the presentation. After the business meeting and election of officers, attendance prizes were awarded. Sandy Monroe decided not to run for re-election to the Board of Directors in order to spend more time with her husband since he has retired. Sandy has been a member for many years and served as a director and an officer. As everyone knows, it takes a great deal of time to volunteer for an organization and Sandy did not take this task lightly. She was always available to the board members and all the league members. We thank her for her contributions.

With the 51st bowling season approaching, the BWBA can now give its full attention to the 2005 State Tournament. We are looking forward to meeting and bowling with you. "Belleville is Alive in 2005 with the 'Spirit of 76'."

Submitted by Audrey Mudd, Publicity Chairperson

## BLOOMINGTON WBA

The Bloomington WBA is getting ready for another bowling season. The joint BWBA and BBA workshop was held on July 28 at Circle Lanes Meeting Room with 60 people in

attendance. Supplies were distributed for the 2004-05 bowling season. The BWBA-BBA Hall of Fame dinner will be held on October 9th at the Moose Lodge. Tickets may be obtained from the BWBA and BBA Board Members. A joint senior tournament will be conducted on October 9 and 10 at Twin City Lanes All in all this fall we have a very busy schedule planned for our bowlers and board members.

Submitted by Earlene Nelson, President

## CHICAGO WBA

The Chicago 600 Bowling Club held their annual meeting on July 8, 2004 at Burr Oak Bowl.

Officers elected for a 3 year term were: 1st Vice President – Arlene Harms, Secretary – Janet Oprais, Treasurer – Lois King.

A 3-6-9 tournament will be held on October 9 & 10th, for active members only. Center to be announced.

Also, the Chicago WBA has a new director, Nancy Unger, taking office August 1, 2004.

Submitted by Lois King, Chicago 1st V.P.

## DECATUR WBA

### DECATUR'S TALKING TRASH

No, it's not USBC. A "trash attack" is sweeping the city as Myra Coy, chairman of "Keep Decatur Clean", has taken her responsibilities to new heights. She has had us at the roadside more than once and has several more days scheduled. Many of us are old... We Need Help! Marlene drafted her son Michael and Candy Tolladay bribed her daughter Sarah, age 14, to help. Myra even talked Sarah into writing about her volunteerism...so; here are a few excerpts on what Sarah thinks of TRASH.

"The main problem with garbage? It's everywhere. Face it; humans create more than ten million tons of garbage on a daily basis. But like I said, we're only human.

What a lot of people don't know is that most of the things that we throw out there take years to decompose! Take Styrofoam, for instance; it takes a minimum of thirty years for it to finally breakdown and is a leading contributor to both global warming and ozone depletion. Or glass for instance; it never breaks down.

I'm a current volunteer for the Decatur Women's Bowling Association that cleans up a section of highway in Decatur. Not to complain, but it amazes me how much garbage we actually clean up. By the time we're done, I'd wager that ten or eleven of us have gathered at least twenty bags.

So, what I guess I'm trying to say is that people shouldn't be lazy. At least wait until you get home or to the nearest

trash can to throw away trash, and an even better idea would be to recycle. After all, the world's just given us...a home to live on."

By Sarah Tolladay

When we're not walking the highway we're "hunkered down" in conference rooms, at workshops, at league meetings and anywhere else where bowlers are gathered to kick off the new season, and discussing the ramifications USBC will have on our associations. I assume you all are doing the same.

Be on the lookout for our new board members. Candy Tolladay takes on new duties as Treasurer. Betty Montgomery and Terri Heger threw their hat into the ring as new Directors. Not only will they be challenged to see how the board works now, they will also have to bone up on how it will function under USBC. Lots of reading in store – whether you are old or new!

Our Hall of Fame Banquet is shaping up. Inductees will be honored on October 23rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall. You are all invited – scrape up \$20.00 and let Marlene know you'll be joining us – we have lots of tickets.

Submitted by Vivian VanderBurgh, Publicity Chairman

#### JOLIET AREA WBA

Lockport's Betty Broderick, sergeant-at-arms of the Joliet Area Women's Bowling Association, will, with three male inductees, help commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Greater Joliet Area Bowling Hall of Fame.

Broderick's addition makes 125 members installed since the Hall started in 1979. The ceremony will be the focus of the 2004 GJAB Award Dinner October 2 at the Elks Club of Joliet. Host association, the Joliet Area Women's Bowling Association, will oversee the annual honoring of the GJAB King and Queen and their honor courts, 20 special people in all, who are determined by merit points.

Broderick has been a JAWBA board member for 19 years. She was the Joliet Area Senior Handicap Tournament director, and in its competition she claimed an all-events first place and shared two doubles titles. Betty is a JAWBA representative to the area's youth association meetings.

The JAWBA board underscored satisfaction with its operation by unanimously voting to be a "non-merged" association and looks for membership approval at the Spring May 10th meeting. Also the directors voted on rules, fees and location of the annual JAWBA tournament to be held in March at Riverfront Lanes in Wilmington and Channahon Lanes, both centers jointly owned.

Mary Jane Sporar, JAWBA Publicity Director

#### ROCKFORD WBA

The Rockford Women's Bowling Association rolls the ball again this October in support of the local YABA. The RWBA will sponsor a moonlight bowl with proceeds to benefit the local YABA city team tournament. An evening of bowling, prizes, give-a-ways and surprises is planned

On November 13th, the Blackhawk Valley 600 Club will host the Greater Rockford Area Bowler's Hall of Fame Dinner. This is a joint celebration with the Blackhawk Valley 600 Club, the Rockford Women's Bowling Association, the Rockford Bowling Association, the Belvidere Women's Bowling Association, the Belvidere Men's Bowling Association and the area proprietors. Featured events include presentation of our All-Star Teams, Bowler of the Year and the induction of our newest Hall of Fame members. It is good food, good friends and a good time.

Now that the RWBA has completed its portion of the IWBA 75th festivities, it is planning its own 75th anniversary party. Nothing definite yet, only that the "pirates" will have to go in search of more diamonds.

Submitted by Laura Heller, Rockford WBA President

#### SPRINGFIELD WBA

##### LET'S PUT THE RECORD STRAIGHT

No, the majority of Illinois bowlers were not and are still not for USBC. No, we do not think this is the best thing going for WOMEN BOWLERS. NO, some of our women bowlers will no longer bowl in sanctioned competition.

I believe WIBC has done Illinois a vast disservice. We have always been a strong supporter of sanctioned league bowlers, have always felt that we have promoted WIBC, IWBA and local bowling and totally supported all (or most) of their WISE decisions. The way our delegates, and especially our IWBA President Madeline Dotta, have been treated the last three years at national convention is appalling. What state had the most teams entered this year at National? What state is one of the top 10 in contributions to WIBC charities,

Susan G. Komen and BVL? What state is one of the top 10 in membership?

We have felt, AND WILL ALWAYS FEEL, that we have and will continue to have the good of our bowlers at heart. EVERYONE is entitled to THEIR opinion. I personally do not feel, as we attended the last three conventions, that WIBC felt that we were entitled to our own opinions!! Now the dye has been cast and we MUST consider what is best for our bowlers NOW. Please consider the pros and cons of Merging Chartered, Non-Merging Chartered and Disaffiliation and what it would mean to our tournament and our league bowlers. We must now vote our conscience and not our HEARTS!

Melinda M. Calvert, Springfield WBA Delegate

## TWENTY YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON

The 20 year club luncheon will be held at the Ramada Inn Convention Center, Fairview Heights, February 20, 2005 at 12:00 Noon. Invitations will be mailed early in December.

Melinda M. Calvert, 20 Year Club Chairman


## INVITATIONS FOR WORKSHOPS

The Quincy WBA will be hosting the IWBA Workshop for June 25, 2005. More information will be forth coming in the next issues of Channel Chatter.

The 2006 IWBA Workshop will be held in the Kankakee WBA area.

**ATTENTION PRESIDENTS:** It is time to appoint your publicity chairman – information should be sent to the IWBA Office. A complimentary copy is sent to all reported publicity chairmen. Also it would be helpful if those publicity chairmen would send an article concerning the activities of your association to the IWBA office so it could be included in the next publication of the Channel Chatter.

The articles submitted by Publicity Chairmen, may be submitted via the e-mail address if they so desire, but it must be submitted in Microsoft Word or typed as a part of the body of the e mail .



**Calendar of Events for IWBA and Associations around Illinois during the months of September to December**

Bloomington WBA Hall of Fame on October 9, Moose Lodge  
Springfield WBA Hall of Fame on October 9, Northfield Banquet Hall  
IWBA – IBA Senior Tournament – Camelot Bowl, Collinsville, IL – October 30, 31, November 6,7, and 13, 14, 2004  
IBA Council of Delegates and Hall of Fame, October 15, 16, 17, Peoria  
Decatur Hall of Fame, October 23 2004 at the Knights of Columbus  
Peoria Hall of Fame, November 13, at Brandywine Peoria

## UPDATE FOR 2003 SENIOR TOURNAMENT

Reservations are being taken and a few actual entries have been received. Remember, this year's tournament is being held in Collinsville, Illinois which is located in the Belleville, St. Louis area. The Drury Inn and Fairfield Inn are the hosting motels, both located in Collinsville, Illinois.

Remember that any reservations made must be received with all monies by September 19th and entries close October 11th.

Any questions, call Melinda at 217-753-1857.

## ILLINOIS WOMEN'S 600 BOWLING CLUB

The Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club's annual tournament will be held on October 2, 3 and 9, 2004 at the St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights, IL. The squad times are 1:00pm and 3:00pm on Saturdays and 10:00am and 12:00pm (noon) on Sunday.

The annual dinner/meeting will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2004 at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights, IL. The Belleville 600 Club will be hosting our tournament and dinner/meeting this year. Entries to the tournament and dinner/meeting reservations have been mailed. You must be a member of the Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club to bowl in the tournament or attend the annual meeting. For more information you may contact Donna Schmidt, 2403 W. Barker, W. Peoria, IL or call at (309)673-3850 or (309)360-8428. You can email Donna at [djschmidt5@insightbb.com](mailto:djschmidt5@insightbb.com).

Donna Schmidt,

Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club Tournament Director

## MEMBER OF ILLINOIS PLACES IN NATIONAL 600 CLUB TOURNAMENT

Kathy Kauzlarich, Decatur, IL, is a National 600 Club Champion. Kathy placed first in the National 600 Club Tournament in Division A, Team Senior Handicap event. The national tournament was held in Wichita, KS in conjunction with the WIBC tournament. There were only two women from Illinois that placed in the top three for Division's A, B, or C, in the Team, Doubles or Singles events. Kathy brought home a first place win and Carrie Thomas came in third in the scratch event in Division C. Just one more reason Illinois can be proud of their women bowlers.

Vivian VanderBurgh, Decatur WBA

NON SMOKING SQUADS AT IWBA STATE TOURNAMENT.

2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL AND MAY

FIRST SQUAD OF EACH EVENT ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

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**IWBA DELEGATE BREAKFAST**

The Illinois Delegate Breakfast is moving to another date and time. According to WIBC the Tulsa meeting is going to be held on Friday April 22, thru Sunday April 24, 2004. If this is the case the Illinois Delegate Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005.

Will keep everyone informed thru the Channel Chatter next publication in January, 2005.  
Earlene Nelson, Secretary