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MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Marty Glenn, Champaign-Urbana WBA, has been chosen as the Meritorious Service Nominee 2006 by the Illinois Women's Board of Directors.



On the local level, Marty was elected as a Director in 1975, served as 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and in 1988 was elected President and is currently serving in that position. She is a certified lane inspector and has served in that capacity since CLI's inception.

Marty served on the Champaign-Urbana YABA Board for 5 years, one of those as its President.

Before being elected as a Director to the Illinois WBA Board of Directors in 1994, Marty served as a Teller, on the Credentials Committee and Nominating Committee.

Marty has served on or is currently serving on the following committees for the Illinois WBA: Legislative, Annual Meeting Workshop Chairman, Joint IWBA/IBA Senior Committee and Youth Invitational, Memorial Service, and Membership Development

Marlene Coffman, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman

ODD THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

IF YOU WATCH A GAME, IT'S FUN.

IF YOU PLAY IT, IT'S RECREATION.

IF YOU WORK AT IT, IT'S GOLF

OUTSTANDING BOWLER

Lee Abt, Des Plaines, Illinois is being honored as the 2006 Outstanding Bowler by the Illinois Women's Bowling Association Board of Directors.



On Saturday nights at the age of 8, Lee went bowling with her mother, father and uncle.

After high school someone saw me bowl and asked if I would be interested in bowling in a traveling league and as they say the rest is history. Lee has bowled in 30 national tournaments and in the

first Team USA (1987) and made the regional. She is a member of the Les Dames 700 club.

Lee has 4 Illinois WBA Titles, 1971 Singles, 1978, 1979 and 1985 Team Championships.

Her highest average 193, high game 266 and high series 701.

When Lee receives this honor at the Illinois WBA meeting in Springfield, it will be with a heavy heart. Her husband and biggest supporter passed away on October 24 after having bypass surgery.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Myrt Stauche, Waukegan WBA, has been chosen as the 2006 Member of the Year. Myrt has served her Association well in her 35 years+ of bowling. Her league membership included all offices except Sergeant-at-Arms and various committees.

As a member of the Waukegan Board of Directors, Myrt served as President 10 years, Vice President 3 years, Secretary 12 1/2 years and Director 3 1/2 years.

She has been a Delegate to the State and National Conventions 28 and 24 years.

On the Illinois WBA level, Myrt has served on the following committees: Credential 3 years (Chairman 2), Nominating Chairman 5 years, Teller 2 years (Chairman 1 year) and Assistant Sgt-at-Arms 1 year

She has been honored in the following: Waukegan WBA Award for 5 years of Service, Illinois WBA Awards for 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service to a Local Association. Myrt was a 1992 Waukegan WBA Hall of Fame inductee and is a Waukegan WBA Life Member.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

HAPPY NEW YEAR YEAR TO EVERYONE!!!!!!

Where has the time gone? How quickly 2005 has slipped by. It seems right, at this time of the year, to say thank you to our local association officers, league officers and bowlers for your support and dedication to bowling this past season.

The 77th Annual Meeting and Championship Tournament is just a few weeks away. The committee chairmen are finalizing reports. It is my hope that all associations have elected delegates to attend this meeting, as it will be a meeting to surpass all others.

The workshop on Sunday will be most informative, part of the format relates to "Steps to Charter" and "Audit".

The Annual Meeting and Workshop is also an opportunity for associations to "Swap Ideas" ... for instance, these questions can be addressed:

- How does your association present special awards?
- Does your association have a final average book?
- Do you have a hall of fame?
- Do you have a publicity chairman?

Your effort to "Swap Ideas" allows you to take new ideas back to your local association for some good discussion and possibly introducing new programs.

I'm looking forward to greeting everyone attending the Annual Meeting in Springfield.

My sincere best wishes to all of you for a happy, healthy 2006.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Madeline Dotta, IWBA President

ODD THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*Education is learning
what you didn't even know
you didn't know*

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Welcome to the year 2006, which is going to be a year of many changes for the Illinois WBA. At the annual meeting in February, which by the way will start at 10:00 a.m., instead of the usual 11:00 a.m, the delegates will be voting on the new Illinois USBC WBA Bylaws, electing a new board for the newly formed Illinois USBC WBA

I hope that all of you elected delegates will be attending this important meeting in Springfield at the Hilton Convention Center.

Another topic that I wish to discuss is the 2006 State Tournament. This year both of the centers in Springfield are the same size, so that meant eliminating an evening squad for the Team Event and only doing 2 squads of team per day instead of the 3 squads. It also means that there is only 3 squads per day for doubles and singles. If you did not get your choice of time or weekend, it is because there was not any lanes available for those days. Lots of you sent in reservations for the 8 teams, but when there is 4 teams that are received at the deadline, it is very difficult to give you the time or weekend which you requested. Also it would be very helpful if more than one month was chosen. The months of April, March and May, fill up early. Next year if you have 4 teams get the entries in by October not near the closing date. Also a great number of entries were received without averages being verified, this is a must especially if we do not receive an average book from your association.

The tournament for 2007 will be in Peoria Illinois at the Landmark Plaza a 50 lane house and Mt. Hawley Bowl at 24 lane house, so scheduling should be easier.

The Illinois USBC WBA is giving awards to our bowlers, so be sure that your association manager is getting the information and forwarding it to the office in Bloomington.

In September it became necessary for us to move to a smaller office due to future budget constraints and our new address is Unit 22, 1224 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. The phone numbers and fax number remained the same.

Hope all of you had a good holiday season and are now ready for 2006.

Earlene M. Nelson, Secretary

WHAT KIND OF TRAILS DO YOU LEAVE ??

One friend enriches my day by always leaving a trail of kindness. Cheerful smiles are his trademark.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN CHICAGO

The 600 Club 3-6-9 Tournament was held on October 12 and 13 at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont. The winners were:

Jean Turner	968
Mary Ellen Anderson	964
Laura Demby	958
Bonnie McKenzie	953
Diane Gruper	946

High Game out of Money:

1st squad	Lynette Galloway	278
2nd squad	Charity Musial	277
3rd squad	Kathy Chmel	282
4th squad	Sarah Horin	263

Lois King, IWBA 2nd Vice President and Chicago WBA 2nd Vice President and Treasurer Chicago 600 Club

WHAT'S GOING ON IN BLOOMINGTON

Bloomington WBA held the annual joint Senior Tournament on October 8th at Twin City Lane. The Hall of Fame was held on October 8th at the Elks Club in Bloomington with Jane Corum being inducted for Bowling Promotion and Amy Gargano Waller for Superior Performance. There was 100 in attendance.

Bloomington is working on assembling all of the materials for chartering with USBC as a women's only organization.

The mixed team tournament will be held the weekend of January 13, 14 and 15th at Circle Lanes.

Submitted by Earlene Nelson, BW President

WHAT'S GOING ON IN FOX VALLEY WBA

FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB

The FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB had its first tournament of the 2005-2006 season. It was a Sanctioned Doubles Tournament. It was held on Sunday November 13, 2005 at Wauconda Bowl in Wauconda, IL. The winners were as follows:

	HDCP.	Score
1st place Judy Oxford/Vera Utterback		1328
2nd place Jo Jaworski/Marianne Mueller		1228
3rd place Dorothy Eaton/Karen Keniston		1207
4th place Joan Bezdon/Gloria Nelson		1205

The FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB will have the next tournament on Sunday January 15, 2006 at Brunswick Zone, Deer Park, IL This tournament will be open to any FOX VALLEY sanctioned bowler. The tournament will start at 12:30 P.M. For tournament details please contact the tournament director Mary Edmunds at 847-382-8319

Submitted by Karen Keniston, Fox Valley WBA Publicity Chairman

NEWS FROM WAUKEGAN AREA USBC

Held their 20th Annual Senior Tournament at Bertrand Lanes. Mabeline Boddie topped a field of 45 bowlers to win the Waukegan Area USBC WBA's Annual Senior Ladies. Boddie's adjusted score with handicap was 640 and that was 12 pins better than second place and scratch winner Carol Eklof. Myrt Stauche was third with a 620, followed by Merilee Miller 602, and Evelyn Mattson 594.

Entry forms are also out for the Association Tournament which will be held in March at Sunset Lanes, forms are available at the Waukegan Centers.

Waukegan Area USBC Association would also like to congratulate Myrt Stauche on her induction to the Illinois USBC Women's Hall of Fame as Member of the Year.

Submitted by Betty McCann, Waukegan WBA Secretary and IWBA Director

NEWS FROM IWBA 20 YEAR CLUB

This year's 20 Year Club Luncheon will be held at the Hilton Springfield in Springfield, Illinois. Over 300 invitations have been mailed. Make sure you've returned your invitation marked you will attend. If you are unsure whether you have or have not returned your invitation, it never hurts to check in the IWBA office to see if it was received.

Melinda Calvert, 20 Year Club Chairman

ILLINOIS DELEGATE BREAKFAST

The Illinois Delegates Breakfast will not be held during the USBC Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

This is the first USBC annual meeting and we are not sure of all the procedures and protocol. Additionally, any USBC member can attend the annual meeting in addition to elected delegates and alternates. We felt there would be too much confusion at the first meeting to proceed with breakfast plans.

The Illinois USBC WBA will consider reinstating the breakfast after the first USBC annual meeting.

Jo Wangler, Director and Illinois Delegate Breakfast Chairman

NEWS FROM THE WEB MASTER

The holidays are over. You have survived another year. The bills have yet to arrive. Life is good... except for all the snow and ice and cold. I'm tired of cleaning off and warming up my car. Now, depending upon where you reside in this dear state of Illinois things could be different for you... but no matter this is winter. I don't venture out much (that cleaning off the car thing) except to work and to bowl. I surf the worldwide web to escape the cabin fever, winter blues.

I have gone in search of computer bowling games. Remember "Elf Bowling"? It was all the rage at holiday time a few years back. Then, a nasty rumor started about it containing a computer virus and most everyone deleted the game. It didn't have a virus attached to it but the damage was done. It was fun. You, as Santa, rolled a ball at ten elves and scored the game as in bowling. If you were doing poorly you could bounce the ball out of the channel and bring one of the reindeer down with a thud. Great, traditional, holiday fun! (<http://www.nstorm.com>) They are up to version three.

At Halloween I received a Cat Bowling game link. Ten cats this time and a ball that resembles a pumpkin. The game has lots of meowing and not much cat action on the spares but worth a try. Type http://www.club300.ru/public/content/media/humor/cat_new/cat_new.swf or type "cat bowling game" in your search engine.

HQ has a Snack Bar Hustle game on its site. There is no "real" bowling in this game. The object is to cross the lanes from one side, get to the snack bar for a snack, get back to the start side and give the snack to awaiting hands. You have to avoid balls rolling down the lanes and balls rolling up the returns. More of a dodge the ball game in a bowling center. Bowl.com games section. Brunswickbowling.com has two games online. These games are a bit different, as you "throw" at the pins not head on down the lane but rather from the side as from an overhead shot of the lane to your left. The language on the one is a bit rough but the "Viz-a bowling" is okay. They are a bit more difficult but try them.

I have received bowling games on disk to play. One is Alley 19, a fifties retro game complete with annoying teammates. Another one is a "goat" bowling game by the people who gave us the "Mouse". You aim your goat. He runs down the lane and knocks down the townspeople.

So, if the weather outside is frightful you can still "go bowling" on your computer "have fun".

Submitted by Laura Heller, Web Master and IWBA director

ILLINOIS STATE SENIOR WINNERS

UPDATE FOR 2005 SENIOR TOURNAMENT

The State Senior Tournament was held in Freeport, Illinois this year. We had 169 men's doubles, 118 women's doubles, 24 mixed doubles, 355 men's singles, and 252 women's singles. We had a total of 605 All Events. This year's All Event Champions that are eligible to represent their divisions are: Chuck Rigg, Bloomington-Ken Emling, Kankakee-James Eaves, Hoffman Estates-Mike Perry, Quincy and Gladys Williamson, Rockford-Marilyn McCrudden, Thomson-Nancy Hiltibidal, LeRoy-Stella Bass, Chicago.

Hopefully Illinois will have a representative from each division at the National Tournament in Reno.

Submitted by Melinda M. Calvert, Tournament Manager
Joint IWBA-IBA Senior Committee

SUMMER WORKSHOP

The 2005 Summer Workshop was held at Tangerine Bowl in Quincy on June 25, 2005, with 79 in attendance. We enjoyed some good food and time with some of our friends. The 2006 Summer Workshop will be held in Kankakee on July 22, 2006. Information about the workshop will be sent from the state office, so be sure to register and plan to come to Kankakee.

If your association would like to host the Summer Workshop, please contact the IWBA office for all of the information. Also, if there is a topic that you would like on the agenda, please contact the office or any of the committee members. Those members are Betty McCann, Darlene Baker, Libby Hall and Cathy Hall.

Respectfully,
Cathy Hall

Upcoming Events

- February 17, 2006 Delegate Party Springfield, IL
- February 18, 2006 IWBA Annual Meeting
- February 19, 2006 IWBA Workshop
- February 19, 2006 20 Year Club Luncheon

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