

# CHANNEL CHATTER

## ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Illinois WBA annual meeting weekend was exciting, full of surprises as well as emotional.

The Delegates' Party was a blast! We were entertained the entire evening by Elvis Impersonator Irv Cass. He is a delight! Thank you Springfield WBA for an absolutely great time.

Saturday Morning the Board was escorted into the meeting room by the St. Andrews Bagpipes. This was different as well as exciting.

During the meeting we honored the 2006 Hall of Fame inductees Marty Glenn and Lee Abt and Member of the Year Myrt Stauche. Several Local Association Service Awards were presented to deserving recipients. Three Local Associations received anniversary recognition plaques. Congratulations, to each and everyone.

After all of the business related to the Illinois WBA was completed, the 77th Annual Meeting was officially closed.

After a lunch break the Illinois USBC WBA Annual Organizational Meeting was called to order. The delegates approved the new bylaws and elected the new Board of Directors.

And now we go forward with something new. The past tradition of this great organization will lead us to a successful future.

CLOSING THOUGHT: Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

MADLINE DOTTA, PRESIDENT

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for making "my weekend" in Springfield a very special weekend to be long remembered. Again, I steal a quote from a Waukegan WBA Hall of Fame inductee, "What a great honor it is to be recognized for doing something I thought was my job." It truly is a very great honor to be recognized as an IWBA Member of the Year.

Myrt Stauche

### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

The first USBC Annual Meeting was at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. This was the first meeting where WBA, BA and Youth delegates, alternates, members and guests attended together under one roof. The events were scheduled to begin on April 19. Workshops, Seminars and Clinics were held on April 19 and 20th, I do hope that all Illinois delegates registered for at least one of the Seminars or Clinics. The Awards Night/Hall of Fame was held on April 20th and John Sommer from Rockford was inducted.

As we start the 2006-07 bowling season, I would remind you that as of March 15, 2006 the USBC dues went to \$10.00 and the Illinois USBC WBA dues are now \$1.00. It would be very helpful if the merged association would include the dues for the women in their totals. So when you are issuing the 06-07 cards, it would be helpful for the associations that are merged to prepare and issue a card showing that the individual paid the state association dues of \$1.00.

The State Tournament is being conducted in Springfield and will conclude on May 21st. Prize checks should be mailed by June 21st as well as the entry blanks for next years tournament. Reservation forms for the State Tournament in 2007 to be held in Peoria for 8 or more teams will be included in the mailing with the entry forms/prize checks.

The Summer Workshop will be held on July 22, 2006 in Kankakee, Illinois. Hope to see all of you there.

Earlene Nelson, Executive Secretary

**"MANY IDEALS ARE BECOMING REAL"**

### TRIP TO PIGEON FORGE- SMOKEY MOUNTAIN AREA

The Bowlers of Illinois will be going to Pigeon Forge - Smokey Mountain Area on September 27 thru October 1, 2006 for four days of fun, shows and shopping. Cost of the trip is \$525.00 per person for a double, \$685.00 for a single, \$485.00 per person for a triple and \$455.00 per person for a quad. There are several openings and anyone interested in going should contact Earlene Nelson, 402 W. Hamilton Road, Bloomington, IL 61704 or phone after 5:00 p.m. 309/829-2942 or the IWBA Office for a complete itinerary.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### BLOOMINGTON WBA

The Bloomington WBA held their annual meeting on April 1, 2006 at the meeting room at Circle Lanes with 15 members and guests in attendance. Various reports were given, Tournament awards were distributed, delegates elected for the Illinois USBC WBA Annual Meeting in Peoria, Illinois and a delegate and alternate was elected for the USBC meeting in Nashville, Tn. Information was presented concerning the next Hall of Fame to be held in October, 2006..

Submitted by Earlene Nelson, President

### CLIN-CLAIR WBA

#### Ramblings

Spring is sprung and we all look forward to the new beginnings of the season such as warmer weather, blooming of early flowers, green grass, and a reason to shop for new clothes.

And here in the world of bowling, we embark upon a new beginning, too. This means changes. We no longer are able to do business as in the past. The business of bowling under USBC is more like a big corporation with more exacting requirements. We can no longer rest on our laurels but must create new ways to provide service to our members.

Although many of us were reluctant to proceed down this new path, it is now a fact of life and we must do the best we can to make it work for all bowlers.

Submitted by Jo Wangler, IWBA Director

### JOLIET AREA USBC WBA

Joliet Area USBC WBAL would like to congratulate Mary Jane Sporar on becoming Member Emerita of the IWBA. Mary Jane was elected as an IWBA Director on February 15, 1969 and served on the Board until 1986. For five of those years she served as Sergeant-At-Arms. She also started the first Channel Chatter in 1985. Mary Jane would love to hear from you. If anyone would like to contact Mary Jane she is presently living at:

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Joliet lost not only an icon but a dear friend on Thanksgiving night this past year. Maybelle Cooling was 95 years old and a Charter Member of the Joliet Area WBA. She served 10 years as a Director, Treasurer for 30 years, and 2nd Vice President the past 20 years. Maybelle served as League Secretary for over 20 years and worked with the

Junior program for 55 years. She went into the Greater Joliet Area Hall of Fame in 1980. Maybelle was elected IWBA Member of the Year in 1998. This year Maybelle would have received her 60 year plaque for Board service. Thank you Barb Smith for accepting her 60 year plaque.

This year the ladies collected \$7647.91 for BVL which included raffling off a bowling ball during our tournament and league 50/50's and \$8702.86 for Susan G. Komen which included league 50/50's, bracelets and scarves that Barb Smith made. I am so glad that USBC is still recognizing these two worthy charitable organizations.

March 3 - 4 the Women teamed up with the Proprietors and the Joliet Men's Association at the 2006 Expo. We bought a table and set it up with bowling information. We also raffled off a bowling bowl and bag free to anyone that would fill out an entry. The proprietors made up coupons for free games of bowling. We displayed our Hall of Fame Plaques and showed clips from former Will County Open Tournaments. The two days were enjoyed by all three organizations. We had lots of exposure and are presently compiling all entries into a data base for further use.

This year the Women's and Men's Association are Teaming up with the Proprietors to have exposure at every home Jack Hammer's Baseball Game. If a designated batter strikes out then everyone in the ball park will get one free game of bowling. August 5th will be the big promotional Pepsi Fireworks night where we will have a table set up on the concourse. We would love to see any of our bowling family attend this special night.

Finally, I do agree with Roger Dalkin's words when it comes to dues increase. "This decision emphasizes the new direction of needing to use all of our revenue sources to help develop new programs and grow the sport. While it is important to make sure USBC members continue benefiting directly from our programs and services, we also need to balance that with the need to create programs that help youth, grow the sport, support research and generally do what is right for bowling." Joliet is also going for a \$1 increase, so we can maintain and develop new programs and services to our bowlers.

Libby Hall, Joliet Area USBC President/IWBA Director

### WAUKEGAN AREA USBC WBA

March 19th marked the conclusion of the Waukegan Area USBC WBA's 38th Association tournament. The tournament drew 41 teams, 79 doubles and 158 singles. This year's tournament was held at Sunset Bowl in Waukegan two weekends for team, doubles and singles events. The tournament also brought in exciting scores as well as new bowlers.

Rounding out the winners were: Team Event - the Chic Unique 5, captained by Cynthia Wilson taking both handicap and actual titles; Doubles - handicap and actual winners Donna Hodap/Sharon Johnson; Singles - Marcie Smith taking handicap and Beverly Fortune actual; All Events - Donna

Hodap taking both handicap and actual; Senior Singles winner handicap Anne Jennings. High scores for the tournament were Donna Hodap with a 698; high game Kathy Atkins, 268. At the tournament accolades were also given to Caryn Evitts for her 773 series in league play which also broke the house record at Sunset that had been held by Sherry Bickett for many years, also Susan Caban for her 288 game during league play.

Again, Waukegan Area would like to congratulate Myrt Stauche on her induction as Member of the Year as well as thanking the Illinois USBC WBA for making her event special.

Submitted by Betty McCann,

### IBA/IWBA STATE SENIOR TOURNAMENT UPDATE

The 2006 State Senior Tournament will be held at Town & Country Lanes in Peoria, IL. Ramada Inn, formally Holiday Inn Brandywine, will be the host motel. More information can be obtained from the entry blank.

Entry blanks will go out in the month of May. If you need an entry form, please contact your local association manager/secretary after August 1st. Anyone that submitted an entry last year will receive an entry in the mail. Also, you may obtain an entry from your center as each center is mailed copies and told they can make copies for any one wishing to bowl in the tournament. If you are unable to get hold of an entry, you may call me, Melinda M. Calvert, at 217-753-1857. Entries close around October 15th.

Submitted by Melinda M. Calvert, Tournament Manager

### IWBA TWENTY YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON

This year's 20 Year Club Luncheon was held at the Hilton Springfield in Springfield, IL.

One hundred forty-three members attended the luncheon.

New members attending the luncheon and receiving their pins this year were Janet Oprais-Chicago, Anna Hughes-Springfield, Grace Kido-Chicago, Margaret Holmes, Springfield, Sharon Beegle-Kankakee, Anna Flaig- Princeton, and Sheryl Marsett-Princeton. Unable to attend were Mary Lou Johnson-Streator, Avis Haarcharik-Streator, Lu Schoenberger, Chicago, Joan Plywack, Chicago and Charlene Lundstrom-Moline Rock Island. WELCOME to all of these ladies

Members donated \$186.75 to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and \$194.75 to Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL).

Melinda M. Calvert, 20 Year Club Chair

“A HANDFUL OF PATIENCE IS WORTH MORE THAN A BUSHEL OF BRAINS.”

### USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - RENO, NEVADA

Eight senior individuals represented the Illinois Women's Bowling Association in the annual USBC Senior Championships held in Reno, Nevada. They were the champion or runner-up in their age bracket of the IWBA Senior Tournament held in October & November 2005.

Gladys Williamson - Rockford WBA  
Bonnie Stout - Illinois Valley WBA  
Nancy Hiltibidal - Bloomington WBA  
Libby Hall - Joliet Area USBC WBA

Chuck Rigg - Lincoln BA  
Kenneth Emling - Kankakee BA  
James Eaves - Chicago Metro BA  
Mike Perry - Quincy BA

This year the IWBA Senior Tournament will be held on the following dates: October 28th and 29th, November 4th, 5th, 11th & 12th, 2006 in Peoria at Town & Country. Watch for entry forms in your local establishments.

Marty Glenn, Senior Tournament Chairman

### FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB

The FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB held its third and last tournament of the 2005-2006 season. It was a 9-8-7 Pin No Tap tournament. It was held on Sunday, March 26, 2006 at Popular Creek Bowl, Hoffman Estates, IL. The winners were as follows:

Score	HDCP.
1st place Jeanne Hoogerhyde	874
2nd place Marianne Mueller	867
3rd place Barbara Sligowski	849
4th place Debbie Hauswirth	837
5th place Gloria Nelson	833

The FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB also had its Annual Meeting and held elections for the 2006-2007 season. The following officers were up for reelection: President, Carla Borowski, Secretary, Karen Keniston and Sgt. At Arms, Mary Hansen. Directors Carloyn Maniez and Pat Wagner were also up for reelection. All officers and directors were reelected and a new director Barbara Begalka was elected and a director.

### FOX VALLEY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The FVWBA held their ANNUAL TOURNAMENT March 4, 5 and 11, 12, 2006. It was held at Bowlway Lanes in Elgin, Illinois. Here are the 1st place winners in the divisions:

Team Event Handicapped      Bob's Girls      Dekalb, IL

**Upcoming Events**

Illinois USBC WBA Annual Workshop July 22, 2006,  
Kankakee, Illinois

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Team Event Scratch	Hoffman Hitters	Auora, IL
Doubles Handicapped	Stacy Fieck	Hanover Park, IL
	Christine M. Pernice	
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	Christine M. Pernice	
Singles Handicapped	Anna L. Dembowski	Elburn, IL
Singles Scratch	Karen A. Thompson	Elgin, IL
All Events Handicapped	Mariene Pokorny	Hampshire, IL
All Events Scratch	Jeannie C. Marak	Auora, IL

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