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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to the 2006-07 bowling season...are you ready for the challenge?

As we start another bowling season, I would like to address MEMBERSHIP DUES. The \$1.00 state dues applies to all female bowlers bowling in a USBC certified league. There is a rumor flying around the state that it is not necessary for the WBA member to pay the \$1.00 state dues if she is not planning to bowl in the Illinois USBC WBA State Tournament.

I would like to provide some important information indicating why it is important that every WBA member pay the \$1.00 dues. For instance, three or four short years ago, to participate in a WIBC league, we were obligated to pay WIBC dues which included national, state and local dues. This has not changed; to participate in a USBC league, we are obligated to pay USBC dues which includes national, state and local dues. This pertains to merged and non-merged associations.

For instance Rule 101a entitled, "Membership Fee Payment Requirements" states "All bowlers participating in USBC leagues must complete an individual membership application and pay or have paid USBC dues and the required association membership fees in effect for the current season. The only exception is those paying dues in another league which starts its schedule after the first night of competition in the league in which the application is being submitted shall so indicate on the individual membership application forms and provide proof of payment of dues through the other league."

Also Rule 101b states "any team using a player who has not satisfied USBC membership eligibility requirements, subjects the games in which the bowler participated to forfeiture."

To continue: In the Illinois USBC WBA State Association Bylaws, Article IV reads: "Individuals who have obtained USBC and local association membership, in accordance with USBC and local association bylaws, become members of this association through payment of applicable annual state dues, if any". The dues structure is set forth by USBC.

I do urge the Local Association Manager/Secretary to pass this important information on to the league secretaries. Please know that the line of communication with our bowlers, league secretaries and association manager/secretary is always open.

Anyone who might have questions or concerns related to the information in this article may contact me via email: buffymd@hotmail.com or by phone 309/444-3024.

By the way, we are looking forward to your participation in the 2007 Illinois USBC WBA State Tournament in Peoria, Illinois.

Wishing you happy bowling and high scores.

Madeline Dotta, President

FROM THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER'S DESK

Greetings to all and welcome to the 2006-07 bowling season. I know that for most of you it will be a year of learning and growing with your USBC WBA or USBC Associations as many are new to the position of Association Manager and will need time to learn and grow into the job. We at the Illinois USBC WBA office are here to help you with any of the questions and/or problems you may have.

A mailing in August provided you with a magnet that had all of the pertinent information that could be placed in a prominent spot near your telephone. Also included in that mailing, was a new awards form which included the league awards that are available to the members of your association.

The Illinois USBC WBA is working hard to provide service to all of the members and have asked for information from the Association Managers to make our service to each of you in the association easier.

First, we have asked for a listing of all members of each association who paid the state dues so that we may process our awards in a timely fashion. If the state dues are not paid, you are not a member of the Illinois USBC WBA and not eligible for the awards or services.

Secondly, if you did not pay the dues and were elected a delegate, you are not eligible to come to the Annual Meeting.

Lastly, if the dues were not paid, you are not eligible to participate in the state tournament. At the present time there is only one provision to collect dues at the state tournament and that is as an associate membership which is \$19.00 (unless your local dues are known).

Hope all of you have a good bowling season.

Earlene M. Nelson, Association Manager

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said!

INVITATIONS FOR WORKSHOPS

The 2007 Illinois USBC WBA Workshop will be held in the Bloomington USBC WBA area on June 23, 2007.

A form was included in the mailing for Presidents and Secretaries for inviting the Illinois USBC WBA Workshop for the year 2008. If your association is interested in inviting this workshop, complete the form and mail to the Illinois USBC WBA Office in Bloomington.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN

ATTENTION PRESIDENTS: It is time to appoint your publicity chairman – information should be sent to the Illinois USBC WBA 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 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 Illinois USBC WBA and Associations around Illinois during the months of September to December

Bloomington Hall of Fame on October 14, Moose Lodge
Springfield Hall of Fame on October 14, Northfield Center
Banquet Hall

State Senior Tournament – Peoria, IL – October 28, 29,
November 4, 5, and 11, 12, 2006

Decatur Hall of Fame on October 14, 2006, Decatur
Convention Center, formerly Holiday Inn

Rockford Hall of Fame on November 11, Tebala Shrine
Temple

Peoria Hall of Fame on November 19, Ramada
Convention Ctr.

Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club

The tournament will be held at Plum Hollow Recreational Center in Dixon, IL on October 7, 8, and 14. The dinner/ meeting is at the Elks Lodge in Dixon, IL on October 7. All entries and reservation forms for the dinner/meeting will be mailed to all members somewhere around the 1st of September.

For more information you may contact Donna Schmidt, 403 W. Barker, W. Peoria, IL or call at (309)673-3850. You can e-mail Donna at djschmidt5@insightbb.com.

Donna Schmidt, Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club
Tournament Director

The time is always right to do what is right

2006 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The following will be inducted into the Illinois USBC WBA Hall of Fame on February 17, 2007

Outstanding Bowler – Barb Duffie-Beasley, Bloomington USBC WBA

Meritorious Service – Cathy Hall, Gibson City USBC WBA
Member of the Year – Mary Valeu, Bloomington USBC WBA

Marlene Coffman, Chairman Hall of Fame Committee

Summer Workshop News from Kankakee

The Summer Workshop was held on July 22, 2006, at the VFW Hall in Kankakee with 83 in attendance. The main topic of the day was Strategic Planning. Darlene Baker gave a very informative presentation. Libby Hall added some input on the Self-Assessment for the associations. All in all, it was a very good workshop. And we thank Kankakee for hosting this event. Next summer the workshop will be held in Bloomington at the Moose Lodge on June 23. I hope to see you all there.

If your association would like to host a summer workshop, please contact the Illinois USBC WBA office in Bloomington. They will be glad to assist you.

Cathy Hall, Chairman and Director Illinois USBC WBA

2007 ILLINOIS STATE USBC WBA TOURNAMENT ROLLING ON THE RIVER IN PEORIA

It's coming!!!! We are really looking forward to hosting the 2007 Illinois State USBC WBA Tournament and Annual Meeting. It opens February 3 and closes May 20, 2007, and we're hoping you all make a super effort to join us at this wonderful tournament. Committee chairs are busy lining up every little detail and having a fun time doing it. Entries close November 5, 2006, so make sure you get your entry in on time. We do not want you to miss out on the fun!!!! This is an opportunity to meet and bowl with ladies from all over the State of Illinois.....we have great motels, eating places and fun things to do.....and remember the Paradise Gambling boat is nearby!!!!

Esther Torry, President

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 USBC 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 USBC WBA 600 Bowling Club is on a roll for the 2006-07 season. At the annual meeting three tournaments for the 2006-07 season were scheduled and approved by the membership. Parkside Lanes will host a Mixed Scotch Doubles Tournament on September 30, 2006. January 28, 2007, a Mixed Scotch Doubles Tournament will be held at AMF Valley Bowl. Hometown Lanes will host the Annual Singles Tournament on April 22, 2007.

The following were elected at the meeting:

Donna Butz, Vice President
Sally Miller, Secretary/Treasurer
Nancy Tinsley, 2nd Director
Theresa Tinsley, 3rd Director

Submitted by Sally Miller, Aurora USBC WBA

BLOOMINGTON USBC WBA

The Summer workshop was held on July 26th at the Louis E. Davis Post with approximately 50 in attendance. League supplies for the 2006-07 bowling season were distributed and items of interest for the league secretaries were discussed.

Bloomington USBC WBA and the Bloomington USBC BA will host the Hall of Fame on October 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge. Inductees are Ann Tuttle and Helen Durham.

The Senior Tournament will be held that same weekend at Circle Lanes with squads at 1:00 each day.

Submitted by Earlene Nelson, President

Chicago 600 Bowling Club

The Chicago 600 Bowling Club held their annual meeting on July 13, 2006 at Burr Oak Bowl. The following were elected for the 2006-07 bowling season:

President: Marge Lawson
Director #1: Delphene Brands
Director #2: Grace Werkmeister

The club elected to donate \$500 towards a scholarship for an outstanding female bowler from the Chicago area youth. The bowler will be chosen by the USBC Chicagoland Youth Board.

Submitted by Lois King, Illinois USBC WBA Director

Decatur USBC WBA HIGHLIGHTS

Does a pretzel really have a flat side? Will the salt on the pretzel cause Elmer's glue to not stick? If you eat a marshmallow that's been glued to a paper plate for 2 months (with Elmer's glue) might you pop a crown? These are but a few of the concerns the publicity committee is pondering as they

create over 300 invitations to be distributed to team captain, advising members of the annual membership meeting/wiener roast on September 18. (Recipe: start with a small paper plate, use different size pretzels to simulate the fire--insert a little piece of red paper to simulate coals, glue 'hot tamale' candies to simulate wieners, use a cocktail pick to simulate a wiener fork, and put some miniature marshmallows around the edge cause you always need marshmallows at a wiener roast.) All of this is part of our Strategic Plan. Our Goal is to create enthusiasm for being a member of a USBC association -- were trying to figure out the next part of the plan.

One thing we tried, with puny results, was our participation in Relay for Life. The enthusiasm was there; the tent was set up, and food/drink packed for an all-night stay. Where things went wrong was the violent thunderstorm that rolled into town just as the event opened. Some ran for cover, while others held onto the tent until help could be rounded up to take it down. Needless-to-say the evening was a complete washout.

Other efforts were much more rewarding. Race for the Cure was the charity chosen for the PBA National Senior Decatur Open held Aug 11-15 at Spare Time Lanes. The money raised for the charity during the 4-day event totaled \$5,540. PBA bowlers and local participants were very generous in donating to the cause, and the 'dunk tank' was a fun and profitable highlight of the activities. Several local celebrities (excluding Marlene) were willing to get 'all-wet' to help raise money. Fun was had by all including Charlie Tapp, Kalamazoo, MI who took home the \$8,000 winners check.

Submitted by Vivian VanderBurgh, Publicity Chairman

TWENTY YEAR CLUB LUNCHEON

Illinois USBC WBA will again host a luncheon for its 20 Year Club active members this year at the Ramada Inn in Peoria, February 18th at 12:00 noon. All current members should receive their invitation, included minutes from last year's luncheon, mid December. Your reservation is due back no later than the 1st of February.

If you make a reservation and you are unable to attend, I must receive notification prior to February 14th or you will be asked to reimburse the Illinois USBC WBA for the cost of the luncheon as they will be billed for all meals.

If a reservation is not received, you will be unable to attend. Due to the rising cost of the luncheons, no exceptions will be made. Due to space limitations, guests of 20 year club members can not be invited to attend this luncheon. It is solely for those attaining 20 years of tournament/delegate participation/attendance.

Melinda M. Calvert, 20 Year Club Chair

REMINDER OF NONE SMOKING SQUADS AT THE ILLINOIS USBC WBA STATE TOURNAMENT.

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

FIRST SQUAD OF EACH EVENT ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

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NO BOWLING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES OF THE TOURNAMENT:

FEBRUARY 17-18, 2007 – ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND

MARCH 28 THRU APRIL 1, 2007 – USBC CONVENTION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

APRIL 7-8, 2007 – EASTER WEEKEND

IBA/IWBA STATE SENIOR TOURNAMENT

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. Blanks are out and can be downloaded from the Illinois USBC WBA web site.

You may also obtain an entry from your local association manager. Anyone that submitted an entry last year also received an entry in the mail, if I had their correct address. Entry forms can be obtained from your center as each center was mailed a form also, again depending on the fact that USBC had their correct mailing address listed under centers.

If you are unable to get hold of an entry, you may call me, Melinda M. Calvert, at 217-753-1857. Entries close October 13, 2006.

Melinda Calvert, Tournament Manager

ILLINOIS STATE WOMEN'S 500 CLUB

The Illinois State Women's 500 Bowling Club is planning their 6th Annual Tournament and Meeting for October 21 and 22, 2006 in Dixon, IL

Plum Hollow Bowling Lanes will be the host bowling center with the dinner and annual meeting held at the White House Restaurant in Dixon.

Tournament forms will be mailed to all members in early September. For those wishing to participate and are not a member of our club, please call Barbara Leckbee, secretary, at 630-844-1488 or email baleckbee@sbcglobal.net.

To become a member of the club, you must have bowled a (3-game) 500 series. Lifetime membership fees are \$15.00.

Submitted by Barb Leckbee, Secretary Illinois State 500 Club

ROCKFORD – 75 YEARS IN THE MAKING

After the Rockford WBA completed hosting the Illinois WBA's 75th anniversary party, we began to plan for our own 75th. Here is some historical background. Our charter season was 1930-31. (Now, remember that is year #1. You get "credit" for your first year). We were presented our WIBC 50th anniversary plaque in 1981. We completed our 75th year in 2004-05. In February 2005, in Belleville, we received 75th recognition from the Illinois WBA.

We requested our 75th congratulatory plaque at the 2005 closure meeting in Tulsa and were advised that we had to complete the 2004-05 season in order to qualify for the plaque. We were assured by a member of USBC staff "that USBC had confirmed that the recognition program would continue and that we would be receiving our 75th recognition plaque in Orlando in 2006." Our thoughts were that the plaque would be presented on behalf of the USBC and not the WIBC as the latter had ceased to exist.

We were patient. As the time for the Orlando convention approached, we reviewed all the materials that we were

mailed and emailed. We noticed that an awards presentation evening had been implemented for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and special recognition programs. Since there was no indication in the convention agenda that awards would be given out during the convention, we thought that the anniversary awards must have been moved from the convention to the evening presentations.

At the end of March, we made inquiries to HQ at Greendale as to when and where we were to receive our plaque. The response was curt and to the point. Whereas we were scheduled to receive our 75th plaque in Orlando, since there was no longer a WIBC there could be no recognition. The program had been discontinued.

We were very upset and issued an additional appeal to Greendale to reinstate the program. We ran out of time but went to Orlando as planned as delegates. We told our tale of woe to everyone that would listen. Most were sympathetic and supportive. Some were amazed. They did not know that the recognition program had been cancelled. Some tried to help (they know who they are and we appreciated their efforts on our behalf). No plaque in Orlando. We came home depressed.

We weren't finished. There was a glimmer of hope. If we could convince the CEO that our historical count was correct. If we could prove our age perhaps something could be done for us. The initial response was: The Rockford WBA was chartered with WIBC in the 1930-31 season. Therefore, you would be recognized for the 2005-06 season. You would not even be completing your 75th anniversary season until Aug. 1, 2006, we cannot send you this award.

Let's try again. The RWBA was chartered for the 1930-31 season (remember year #1?). We received our 50th anniversary plaque in 1981 during our 1980-81 season, after having completed our 50th year in 1979-80. The 75th anniversary plaque should have been presented in 2006 during our 2005-06 season, after having completed our 75th year in 2004-05. Confused? A spreadsheet proved the reasoning and is available upon request.

The CEO had to review the information. We all were busy and two months passed. Meanwhile, friends, as a joke, took it upon themselves to help ease our disappointment. Congratulatory certificates arrived. Springfield, Belleville, Bloomington, Aurora, Decatur, Clin-Clair, Peoria, Waukegan, Chicago and Champaign-Urbana all sent their best wishes. We all laughed and it was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of those who helped us laugh.

Great news finally arrived. Upon further review the CEO chose to instruct the staff to procure an anniversary scrapbook for us. Staff contacted us this week and offered us a presentation book, a commemorative scrapbook or a plaque. One guess as to what we chose.

Submitted by Laura Heller, Rockford USBC WBA President