



MERITORIOUS SERVICE



Cathy Hall, Gibson City, has been chosen as the 2007 recipient of the Meritorious Service award and will be inducted into the Illinois USBC WBA Hall of Fame on February 17, 2007 in Peoria.

Cathy started bowling in 1968 with her mom and a neighbor who also got her mom interested. The league secretary asked someone to bowl to complete their team and

got Cathy hooked on bowling.

Cathy got involved with the youth bowling in 1980 when her daughter, age 8, was a member. The coach at that time decided not to show up and the proprietor asked Cathy to straighten out the books – and so she did. She was an active coach for 15 years, served as secretary-treasurer of the Champaign-Urbana YABA for 20 years.

On the state level for the youth, Cathy served 15 years as a member of the Board of Directors. That included 1st Vice President 4 years and tournament director for 7 years - taking over from Marlene Coffman.

Cathy served as Secretary for Gibson City WBA for 2 years and President for 22 years.

She has served on the Illinois Women's state board for 10 years. Cathy has served on many committees, most recently Hilda E. Schroeder Youth Invitational, Tournament Promotion/Rules and Study, Souvenirs/Social/Courtesy. Cathy serves as Chairman of the Summer Workshop Committee and for the Memorial Service Committee,. She still maintains a primary interest in the State Youth Association.

Her high game is 256, high series 602 and has carried a 171 average.

Cathy says she had lots of fun as a youth coach – taking kids to tournaments and watching their achievements. She always encouraged them to participate in tournaments and then helped some of those who couldn't afford to go.

Cathy and husband Don, of 34 years, have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Marlene Coffman, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman

OUTSTANDING BOWLER



Barb Duffy-Beasley, Normal, has been selected as the 2007 Outstanding Bowler and will be inducted into the Illinois USBC WBA Hall of Fame on February 17, 2007 in Peoria.

Barb began bowling in 1984 at the age of 10 in the Fulton County YABA and also the Greater Peoria YABA at Plaza Lanes in Washington. She bowled

the Illinois Young Bowlers Tour while in high school. She qualified for the National Junior Bowling Championships in 1989 and 1992 and was the female Illinois State YABA Star of Tomorrow in 1992 as well as the female National Youth Leader of the Year.

While bowling for Illinois State university from 1991 to 1995 her honors included: Academic All-American 1993, 1994, 1995, Association of College Unions Int. Singles Champion 1993, Sectional Tournament Team 1993, Collegiate Team Match Games All-Star Team 1993, 1994 and Las Vegas Invitational Doubles Champion 1994.

As a member of the Bloomington Women's Bowling Association she holds many championships and was inducted into their Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 2004.

Bowling with Jessica Underhill in a scratch doubles league they threw matching 299 games and at that time broke the record for a Women's doubles game, which held from March 2002 until March 2004.

In 1999 Barb became the 4th woman in the 70 year history of the Illinois WBA State Tournament to roll a 300 game in the tournament. She was the 1999 IWBA State Tournament scratch and handicap champion.

Barb has seven 300 games, five 299 games and an 804 and 813 series. Her high average is 224.

She has been married to husband Kevin since 1997 and is currently employed at the Chestnut Health Systems in Bloomington.

Marlene Coffman, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman

*“Love and Friendship are
the greatest things in life”*

*“Achievers are not born,
they are made”*

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Mary Valeu, Bloomington, will be honored as Illinois USBC WBA Member of the Year for 2007 in Peoria on February 17, 2007.

She served as President and Secretary of several leagues and is a 32 year member of Bloomington and Illinois WBA. She was a constant volunteer.

On the local level she was elected to the Bloomington WBA Board in 1985, where she served as a director, 1st Vice President and finally 11 years as President. Mary served on all committees except nominating. She is a member of the Bloomington WBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.

She has served the State Association on the Nominating Committee and the Credentials Committee.

Mary assisted with the State Tournament in Bloomington and was a director on the State 500 Club for 5 years.

Marlene Coffman, Chairman of Hall of Fame Committee

*“Smile and the world
smiles with you”*

IN MEMORIAM HONOREE

Melba Conlee, Springfield, has been selected as the in Memoriam Honoree for 2007

She served her Association in all offices and was given local service awards from Illinois WBA for 20, 25 and 30 years service. She was inducted into Springfield WBA Hall of Fame in 1988 and was also a Life Member. Melba supported and served the State WBA as a volunteer when asked.

Her Springfield Association wrote the following:

Melba was devoted to bowling and to the SWBA. She was at every local tournament every shift (unless ill). She worked at 50/50's for Veterans, Komen, Scholarships, etc. She NEVER missed doing anything that SWBA was doing, even after finishing her stint on the board. She was a TRUE LIFE MEMBER. She would go to Irene Kearney's and work when our BOARD was too busy!!

As a special reward from SWBA, when Melba became unable to walk down the hall to her meals in the Supportive Living Home, the SWBA purchased a scooter for her use, realizing that if she were unable to get to the meal room, she would have to go to a nursing home. Unfortunately, she did not get to enjoy the scooter long.

Melba also played golf every day but Wednesday and Friday (unless the SWBA has another job for her to do). Every association should be blessed with this kind of volunteer!.

Marlene Coffman, Chairman of Hall of Fame Committee.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well the holidays have come and gone and all the decorations are put away for another year. I hope Santa was very, very good to you. He was to me!!!!

Our 78th Tournament and Annual Meeting is just a few weeks away. We are looking forward to “camping out in Peoria” for 13 weekends. We always have a great time in Peoria.

I came across THE ABC's of Achievement by Art Niermann. Thought you might enjoy reading it – good thoughts for the New Year. Mr. Niermann wrote these words of encouragement for special people who want to make things happen. So special people, let's read through our A B C's and practice them everyday.

A. ATTITUDE: the foundation, mark of you Keep yours POSITIVE

B. BELIEF in your UNIQUE and TALENTED self. You're a WINNER

C. COURAGE..to try, and to keep trying until you ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS.

D. DISCIPLINE it pays off in results. You must have it.

E. ENTHUSIASM make it a part of you and share it with others.

F. FUN it has to be there for meaningful results. MAKE IT FUN.

G. GOALS..your success targets. AIM HIGH and then HIGHER

H. HOPE..the magic ingredient that sparks you into POSITIVE ACTION

I. INITIATIVE..do it now..it pays off in results. IT'S DETERMINATION IN ACTION.

J. JUST..honorable and fair in all your dealings and actions.

K. KNOWLEDGE...work hard to acquire it, but most of all, USE IT.

L. LOVE...in all that you do...love must set the pace.

M. MOTIVATION..that which forces you into action, it must be self -motivation for ACHIEVEMENT

N. NEGATIVES..avoid them, keep them out of your environment, especially negative people.

O. OPTIMISM... think you can because YOU CAN DO IT!

P. PRACTICE..to succeed, you must practice.. practice.. practice

Q. QUALITY & QUANTITY the twins of achievement, your calling cards as a person.

R. RESPONSIBILITY...doing the right thing because IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO

S. SELF-ESTEEM a POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE is priceless, work on yours

T. TOUGHNESS...mental and physical..an unbeatable combination GO FOR IT.

U. UNDERSTANDING..know your strengths and weaknesses. ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE.

V. VIRTUE...the quality of moral excellence it must be

“No 1” in your living philosophy

W. WINNING.... your reward for HARD WORK and a POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

X. XTRA MILE..can't achieve without it. YOU HAVE TO HUSTLE

Y. YOU..THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN YOUR SUCCESS

Z. ZEST...your go power TURN IT ON

Happy New Year Everyone, See you in Peoria
Madeline Dotta, President

ODD THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*Remember If It Is To Be,
It Is Up To Me*

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Hope everyone had a joyful holiday season and now you are ready for the new year. As for me, I am ready for winter to end and the spring season to begin.

The tournament opens February 3 and runs through May 20th, with a couple of weekends out and of course the Annual Meeting in February. Delegate packets will be mailed the 15th of January, 2007 and if you are a delegate and did not get your information kindly call the Illinois USBC WBA office to request the information. This is the first year that all members can come to the meeting, but only those with delegate status will be able to vote on matters presented at the annual meeting, election of officers and directors and site of the State Championship Tournament.

The association is still presenting awards for 275 to 297; 675 to 699, a charm for 100 pins over average and a bag tag for 150 pins over series and those award forms were sent to all Association Managers in the fall. It is up to your league secretary to submit to the Association Manager and then to the State Association Manager. We do try to have a short turn around time, but sometimes that does not happen if the forms are not received in a timely fashion.

Speaking of timely fashion, some of you have not returned the memos requesting the averages that were not included with the original entry blank. Be sure to bring all of that information to the tournament site with you.

Earlene M. Nelson, Association Manager

Remember:

*The only thing that
cannot be recycled is
“Wasted Time”*

TRI COUNTY ILLINOIS USBC

What a season so far! The challenges of bringing together a merged association have been many. Since the situation in our area is unique in the process of merging, it has made for quite a busy fall. Our men have been associated with Greater St Louis for a lot of years and now they have become members of an association on the Illinois side.

When I held the secretary's workshop in August, I had a lot of questions from the secretaries of the men's leagues. Unfortunately, with this merge, I was unable to pre-print cards for each league. The men understood the problem but were still concerned. I explained that USBC was able to merge the Illinois men into my database but not separate them into leagues. Not knowing which league they belonged to plus the fact that some are in multiple leagues, made it impossible to print cards for the new season. Luckily, most league bowlers have been understanding and have put their ID numbers on their cards making it easier for me to find them. Some, of course, do not and I have to verify by birth dates. The process of certifying the leagues has been long due to the fact that I have to build new leagues (mostly men's leagues) and enter each individual into all the leagues.

Awards have come in fast and furious. A lot to keep up but I am managing. I have not had the pleasure of processing so many honor scores as I have so far this season. I have had to justify, more than once, the need to get more award patches and pins from USBC. They don't seem to understand that we are a merged association and I am going through awards faster than I did when we were a women's organization. They still want to base things off last year's numbers and that just isn't going to work.

We have a wonderful board that has been working hard to organize this new association. We work well together and hope to continue meeting the challenges the rest of this season. I appreciate all the help I have received from the board and the bowlers. Enjoy the season!

Dorothy Appel Association Manager, Tri-County Illinois USBC Association and Director, Illinois USBC WBA

*“Don't forget to smell the
flowers along the way”*

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AURORA

The 7th Annual Mixed Tournament Invitational will be held on February 3 and 4, 2007 at AMF Valley Bowl, North Aurora.

Tournament forms have been mailed to all league secretaries and have been placed in the bowling centers.

This tournament is also open to currently certified league members from the bowling centers of Brunswick Zone of Naperville, Brunswick Zone of Woodridge and Lisle Lanes; However, for these league bowlers to bowl in this USBC certified tournament, they will need to join the Aurora USBC WBA and BA associations. Local fees are \$6.00 (WBA) and \$7.00 (BA).

Local sanctions applications can be mailed with the tournament entries to Barb Leckbee, Association Manager of Aurora USBC WBA, 8 Grant Street, North Aurora, IL 60542.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN BLOOMINGTON

Last fall the Bloomington USBC WBA co-hosted the following events with the Bloomington USBC BA Hall of Fame and Senior Tournament which were both very successful. In January the Mixed Team Tournament will be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th. A 50/50 was also held in October for the Relay for Life next June. Both organizations are co sponsors of this event as the shirts for the volunteers are purchased participating in the event.

Submitted by Earlene Nelson, Association Manager

WHAT'S GOING ON IN CHICAGOLAND

The following were installed in the Chicagoland Hall of Fame at Beau Jolie by Victoria in Schiller Park on October 29, 2006.

Superior Performance Keri Caduto
 Superior Performance Jonquay Flodin
 Meritorious Service Sandra Roberts
 Meritorious Service Lydia Rypeinski
 In Memoriam Tess Morris Small

Lindsey Siegel received the Bowler of the Year for Chicagoland Award and Shirley Kucik the Patricia M. Harte Love of Bowling Award. Congratulations to each of you on receiving these honors.

The 3-6-9 Tournament was held at Lakewood Bowl on October 14 and 15 with the following top six finisher's:

1st Place Wilma Frasz
 2nd Place Florida Chatman
 3rd Maggie O'Brien
 4th Doris Cajigas
 5th Virginia Herron
 6th Sallis Rogers

High Games per squad Kathleen Blecha, Celia Cheung, Barbara Barnes and Barb Blazina

Lois King, Director Illinois USBC WBA

WHAT'S GOING ON IN DECATUR

We're two for two in the 'successful projects' category. In November the WBA sponsored the Bowlers Salute America's Troops project. There was a bit of apprehension as the board committed to purchasing two Portable Bowling Kits (\$499 each) to send to bowlers serving in Iraq, not knowing if the bowlers would be receptive to the idea? (And, if the project fell short, well even Viv and Marlene were not sure they could absorb the difference.) Not to worry, the project was very successful. Mail call is going to be one 'happy day' when the soldiers receive the kits. Even today it's easy to smile just thinking about the surprise and enjoyment the kits will bring to the soldiers and their buddies – even if it is only for a short break in the action as time permits. The bowlers not only opened their hearts with price-less messages of thanks and prayers for the soldiers safe return, they opened their pocketbooks by contributing over \$2,200 – more than enough to pay for the kits and still send a sizeable donation to Danville Veterans Hospital in the name of BVL. We're mighty proud of the bowlers and volunteers that contributed to this effort.

While bowlers were in a giving mood we introduced our second project – the Food/Charity Drive. Again, we were overwhelmed at the generosity of the bowling community. Because of them we will be delivering several baskets of food and \$392 to the Good Samaritan Inn; \$500 to Cancer Care of Central Illinois, and \$500 for Race for the Cure. We're equally proud of the bowlers and volunteers – they are truly angels among us.

Debra Tucker won our city tournament All-Events title. So, what's so special about that? Well, Debra had never bowled in the tournament before...she only had a 107 average so winning was the furthest thing from her mind. She entered all three events, bowled above average in each, and came away the winner. Boy, is she one happy bowler. The moral to this story is 'no matter what your average is, just bowl it and then some' and you too can be a winner.

Vivian VanderBurgh, Publicity Chairman

WHAT'S GOING ON IN PEORIA

Peoria's joint Hall of Fame was held November 11 at the Paradise. Cheryl Ford was Inducted for Outstanding Bowler. Nancy Mounts, Jan Rogy and Pat Sphar were inducted For meritorious service. Peoria is back in business after that big ice and snow storm.

We would like to extend a Big Warm Welcome to all who

will be visiting us in the near Future when we host the 2007 State Tournament starting on Feb 3 through May 20th.

Score monitors are always welcome so if you are interested in helping please contact our local office. Peoria already has made their New Year's resolution... "To offer you a fun weekend filled with good food, good bowling fun entertainment and a weekend of memories."

Happy Holidays from Peoria.....

Betty Cortes, Publicity Chrm

WHAT'S GOING ON IN FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB

The FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB will hold its first tournament of the 2006-2007 bowling season on Sunday, January 14, 2007. The tournament will be a certified doubles tournament. One member of the doubles team may be a nonmember of the FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB. All entrants must be a current member of the SUBURBAN WINDY CITY USBC ASSOCIATION.

The tournament will be held at Elgin Lanes, 401 Shepard Drive, Elgin, Illinois 60123, 847-695-3777. The entry fee is \$20.00. Check-in begins at 11:30 A.M. Bowling begins at 12:30 P.M. For more details please contact Mary Edmunds, Tournament Director at 847-382-8319.

Karen Keniston, 500 Club Membership Chairperson

News from Mt Vernon USBC WBA

Not having any information regarding our local association on bowling, I thought this would be something cute for most of us, who have a computer and have gone through this.

I read this article in a newspaper the other day. They weren't sure if this was something that really happened or not, but felt it was something to share with anyone who has a love/hate feeling for their computer, as I do. I talk to my computer all the time and sometimes it is not nice things I am saying. Supposedly, Bill Gates made the comment "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that get 1,000 miles to the gallon". In response, General Motors issued a press release stating if GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars that:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it and reopen the windows before you could continue.
4. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
5. The oil, water temperature and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This car has performed an illegal operation" warning light.
6. Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would

have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner.

Hope all have had a great Thanksgiving Holiday, a great Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Phyllis Adcock, Mt. Vernon USBC WBA

WHATS GOING ON IN JOLIET

How many local associations know their History and have enough Memorabilia to be able to put up a display and share it with other people? Well, Joliet did just that. A special thanks goes to Mary Jane Sporar, Jean Tolle, and Maybelle Cooling that gave our board so graciously over 60 plus years of newspaper articles, scrapbooks, pictures and articles of clothing, etc that we used in our display. Last Spring Steve Yankey, director on the Joliet Area Men's board came to a council meeting and asked if we would be interested in displaying our artifacts downtown at the Joliet Area Historical Museum. A committee was formed of Steve and Rita Yankey, Libby Hall, June Kobzina, Joyce Woods Sims, Don Kochevar, Denise Mulcahy, and Barb Smith. We spent the next several months going through old bowling articles, reproducing and making many collages of old black and white pictures that came from the late 1920's to the present. We also contacted Association members that would be willing to share some of their favorite bowling items for example: black high-top bowling shoes, quilt made of old bowling shirts, ABC Championship trophy, old King and Queen trophies, an old brown bowling dress worn back in the 1940's, old bowling shirts from the 60's, Hall of Fame plaques, wooden bowling ball and pin, articles on Bowling Centers (past and present), old ABC/WIBC awards, pin collection from all over the United States, etc. The Joliet Historical Museum unveiled our display of the "History of Joliet Area Bowling" on Labor Day. It was to run throughout September, but by popular demand it was extended through October. We received many compliments and are planning to extend it even bigger next year.

Ladies it is not too early to review the USBC Local Association Performance Standards. I would also make a copy of the USBC Association Self-Assessment. Then compare the two to be sure you are in line with what your Association will be asked 60 days from your Charter date. Remember your Association Manager will get this Assessment and it has to be done on the computer. Joliet completed their first self-assessment last year and I had Barb Smith make a copy and we went through this assessment at a board meeting. Then Barb went back to her computer and filled out the form with the board recommendations. Also, remember to save a copy before you submit to USBC, otherwise the information will be lost and you will have no record to keep from year to year. After we finished the Assessment in August, Joliet decided to develop two new communication plans for 2006 - 07 bowling season. The first one we developed was a trifold, which will be passed out at each bowling center by the proprietors to inform new leagues of the bene-

fits of belonging to USBC and the local association. We will also use it at the upcoming 2007 Expo in March. We had a committee to rough out the information and Barb Smith designed the final product. If anyone would like a copy please contact Barb Smith at 815-436-7569. The second part of the plan is to develop a Website. We will be working on this for the rest of the year. Barb's son designs websites and we are excited to be working with him and hope to have it up and running by summer.

Barb Smith reported the following highs for the 2005 - 06 bowling season. High Average went to Andrea French with a 215, High Game went Patti Schultz and Sherry Carlson with a 300, High Series went to Sherry Carson with a 791. Congratulations ladies.

Joliet was informed that Nikki Lunsford won the State singles Tournament this past year with a 752 and Cindy Kontos won All Events with a 2095. Congratulations ladies we are so proud of you.

October 7, 2006 we held our Greater Joliet Area Bowling Council's Hall of Fame and 49th Annual Awards Dinner at Skateland in Channahon. Sharon Ciarlette was inducted for Meritorious Service and Sherry Carson and Tony Talley for Superior Performance. Nikki Lunsford was again crowned Queen.

November the Joliet board spent two weeks collecting 50/50's in all leagues for BVL. So far we have collected almost \$7500. We are up substantially from last year. We want to thank everyone that contributed to this worthy cause.

December 9 & 10, 2006 we had our 4th Annual Women's Will County Open, which was held at Fairway Lanes in Beecher, IL. There were 38 of the top average bowlers in our area that bowled a 6 game qualifying round on Saturday and the top eight ladies came back on Sunday to bowl match play which lead up to the stepladder finals. Nikki Lunsford once again won by beating Tara McNally 227 - 182. We would like to thank the Proprietors for running this tournament for all of our bowlers that like to bowl scratch tournaments.

December 17, 2006, we gathered at Libby's house for our annual sit down Christmas Lunch. We had 20 in attendance, missing Melinda and Ruth this year. What a beautiful day with 50 degree weather. We unveiled our Secret Pals and then drew for new ones for the upcoming year. The board voted not to do a gift exchange this year, but instead brought over 200 cans of food and a monetary donation which was distributed to Morning Star Mission. I would like to thank the entire Joliet Area USBC WBA board for all that they are doing for our bowlers and the continued support that they give both to Barb Smith and myself. USBC has helped us to reevaluate our entire organization. I feel that this has made us a much stronger and close net organization.

Are you looking for a new cookbook? Joliet has one in the making. It should be out sometime in February.

Libby Hall, Joliet Area USBC WBA President/IWBA Director

Illinois Women's 600 Bowling Club

The 8th Annual Meeting of the IW600BC was held on October 7, 2006 in Dixon with 32 members attending. Election of officers and directors was held: Laura Heller was re-elected as 1st Vice President; Myrt Stauche was elected to the new position of Executive Director; Janet Oprais was re-elected as Director #3; and Margaret Holmes and B. Joyce Feger were elected as Directors #5 and #7.

Three amendments to the by-laws were considered. The first was to allow the Tournament Committee and the IW600BC Board to select the tournament site thus taking the selection away from the members. That amendment was rejected. The next two amendments addressed the Purpose and the Objective of the Club---that the Club members be required to be members of the Illinois USBC WBA. Both of the amendments passed.

Other business voted on at the meeting was the selection of the 2008 tournament site. Decatur and Quincy were bidding for the tournament. A ballot vote was taken and Decatur beat out Quincy by a vote of 20 to 11.

As stated above, the club now has an Executive Director rather than a secretary and a treasurer. All Association Managers or local 600 club secretaries who have applications to the IW600BC will need to make a change as to where to send the applications. The new address is:

Myrt Stauche
Executive Director
IW600BC
38703 Sheridan Road #190
Beach Park, IL 60099
Submitted by Myrt Stauche, Executive Director

*Remember " You have
only today, if you lose it,
it is gone forever"*

SUMMER WORKSHOP

The Illinois USBC WBA Summer workshop will be held at the Moose Lodge in Bloomington, Illinois on June 24, 2007 with registration at 9:00 a.m. and Workshop starting at 10:00 a.m. Get your group together and plan on attending this exciting event. Registration forms will be mailed to the Association Managers of your Local Association or you can call the office at 309/827-6355 and request a form.

Submitted by Cathy Hall, Director Illinois USBC WBA and Chairman of Summer Workshop Committee

SENIOR TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

The Illinois Senior Tournament is over and the winners have been determined. The top winners in the All Events will have an opportunity to compete at the National Level in Reno, Nevada. This competition will take place June 26 & 27, 2007 at the National Bowling Stadium. This tournament has an estimated prize fund of \$50,000. There are five age classifications, which are: Super Senior: 75 and up, Class A: 70-74, Class B: 65-69, Class C 60-64: and Class D 55-59.

Participant packets have been received and will be going out to the winners in each of these categories in the very near future.

Marty Glenn,
Senior Tournament Committee

Strategic Planning

Each association needs a strategic plan to guide it for the next five years. At the convention, USBC provided seminars and training to assist your association leaders in the preparation of a strategic plan. It doesn't have to be complicated--just a map of where the association wants to be in the next five years. The goals should be measurable, with the plan providing the short-term steps needed to accomplish the long-time goals.

The strategic plan is not "poured in concrete." It should evolve as it needs to change and adapt to the needs of the association. New goals may be added as previously stated goals are met.

Once the association has prepared a strategic plan, it shouldn't be filed away and forgotten. Volunteers need to be appointed to accomplish the goals within the established timelines. Progress should be recorded.

Strategic planning is not a luxury, it is a requirement. It allows the association to have a plan for the future. It can serve as a valuable tool in deciding what changes, if any, are desirable and allow the association to be proactive instead of reactive to needed changes.

Jo Wangler, Illinois USBC WBA Director

*"A day of worry
is more exhausting
than a week of work"*

ILLINOIS STATE SENIOR WINNERS

This past October 28th and 29th and November 4, 5th, 11th and 12th the State Senior Tournament was held in Peoria, IL. The following won their divisions and may go on to participate in the National Senior Tournament that will be held next June in Reno, NV. We wish them all luck if they choose to participate!

Women's Division A - Ann McDonald, Quincy, IL
 Women's Division B - Jewel Hoskins, Chicago, IL
 Women's Division C - Sandy Sarnow, Loves Park, IL
 Women's Division D - Chris Rawls, Waukegan, IL
 Men's Division A - Roy Gray, Richmond, IL
 Men's Division B - Joseph Novak, Glendale Hts, IL
 Men's Division C - John Kerplan, Waukegan, IL
 Men's Division D - Rich Wunder, Libertyville, IL

More information may be obtained from Marty Glenn,
 Senior Tournament Committee Secretary at 217-896-2776.
 Melinda M. Calvert, Tournament Manager

NOTICES FROM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

FIRST:

This is the first year that all members of the Illinois USBC WBA are invited to attend the Annual Meeting, but only those with delegate status will be able to vote on matters presented at the Meeting. Those members attending will be asked to go to a special table to register and pick up the member badge. However, if any association knows of members that will be attending, it would be helpful to the Illinois USBC WBA staff to have a listing in order to prepare any materials that might be of interest to those members.

SECOND:

The Illinois USBC WBA and The Virginia State USBC WBA are jointly proposing an amendment at the USBC Convention in Nashville requesting that the State dues be increased \$1.00 making a total State dues \$2.00 and not to exceed \$3.00. The Illinois USBC WBA is asking for the support of all local associations in Illinois when attending the USBC Convention Meeting in Nashville.

Betty McCann,
 Chairman Legislative Committee and 3rd Vice President

Upcoming Events

- February 16 2007..... Delegates Party Peoria, IL
- February 17, 2007 Illinois USBC WBA Annual Meeting
- February 18 2007 Illinois USBC Workshop
- February 18, 2007..... 20 Year Club Luncheon

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BOWLERS OF ILLINOIS

The Bowlers of Illinois are planning a trip to Branson on November 15th thru November 18, 2007. The trip will depart from Bloomington, Illinois and we will have four fun filled days doing the Christmas Shows in Branson. Details are being worked out. Anyone interested in receiving this information may contact Earlene Nelson, 402 W. Hamilton Road, Bloomington, Illinois 61704. You may call 309/829-2942 in the evenings to receive this information.

Earlene M. Nelson, Coordinator

NEWS FROM IWBA 20 YEAR CLUB

This year's 20 Year Club Luncheon will be held at the Ramada Conference Center (formerly Brandywine Holiday Inn). Over 400 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 with Melina Calvert Chairman of the 20 year club to see if it was received. My number is 217/753-1857.

Melinda Calvert, Chairman 20 Year Club