



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We do thank President Esther Torry and the Peoria USBC WBA Board of Directors for a wonderful Annual Meeting weekend. The Retro Delegates Party was a "blast from the past" and a great fun time.

When you receive this edition of the Channel Chatter, the Illinois delegation WBA and BA will have returned from the USBC Convention in Nashville, TNbursting with information, some good and some not so good.

Again this year, the Illinois USBC WBA contributed \$1,500 to BVL. In support of the National Women Bowling Writers and at their request we donated a music box to help with their annual fund raising efforts.

Reminder: Do encourage your leagues to save used "stamps for the wounded". Our contributions of these used stamps will help the hospitalized veterans by providing them with the necessary tools for stamp collecting, a successful recreational therapy which productively occupies their time, their eyes, their hands and above all their minds.

Cut off stamps leaving a good 1/2 inch of envelope on all sides and mail to : Stamps for the Wounded P.O. Box 297, Dunn Loring VA, 22027

Think about this:

Avoid ending any speech with "thank you", these are weak words. Just imagine Patrick Henry winding up his famous address like this: "As for me gentlemen, give me liberty or give me death". Thank you.

MADELINE DOTTA, PRESIDENT

"Take time to smell the roses"



FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

The Illinois USBC WBA 78th Annual Tournament has reached the half-way mark. Thanks to all of the Peoria USBC WBA ladies for making this a great tournament and for all of their help, it has been fantastic to work with all of them. Thanks also to all of the bowlers for helping to keep the squads on time and for being very very helpful this year.

As the bowling season is winding down, I would remind the Association Managers to send in the officers reports so that all materials will reach the proper individual come July 15 when the information is mailed out of the Illinois State USBC WBA office.

Award forms are being received in a timely fashion and we are processing them as quickly as they return from the engravers.

Another reminder is to send in the Service Award forms after August 1 but before September 15 so that we can get those processed in a timely fashion.

Hopefully, the tournament checks will be in the mail by mid June and the entry blanks for next years tournament will be mailed shortly thereafter. The reservation forms for next years tournament will be sent along with the tournament checks.

Should any association be interested in hosting the Illinois USBC WBA Summer Workshop the 3rd Saturday in June for 2008, please call the office for information on the requirements for this workshop.

Again, thanks to all of you for making this a wonderful year.

Earlene M. Nelson, Association Manager

*"Nothing is ever achieved
without enthusiasm"*

TRIP TO BRANSON, MISSOURI NOVEMBER 15, 2007 TO NOVEMBER 18, 2007

The trip to Branson is finalized and here are the particulars if any of you are interested in going for 4 days and 3 nights of fun and fellowship with other bowlers from all over the State of Illinois.

This cost includes: transportation, lodging, show tickets and 3 dinners.

Double \$520.00; Single \$685.00; Triple \$465.00 and Quad \$435.00.

Anyone interested in going should contact Earlene M. Nelson, 402 W. Hamilton Road, Bloomington, Illinois 61704. Phone 309/829-2942.

SENIOR TOURNAMENT MANAGER RESIGNS

I'm sad to say that I have had to resign my position as Tournament Manager for the State Senior Tournament. Due to my many other VOLUNTEER positions that take up so much time, I felt it was time for a new manager. I am happy to announce that Sandy Darnstaedt was appointed by the Senior Committee as my replacement. I'm sure Sandy will enjoy working with our seniors as much as I have. Thanks to all of my seniors for making that VOLUNTEER job a joy! Next year's tournament will be held at the Stardust Bowl in Addison, IL and I hope to see some of you there when I BOWL!

Thanks to Betty McCann and the other members of the committee for the plaque presented at the state annual meeting. Was I surprised and very pleased to be thanked for something that I enjoyed doing so very much these past five years!

Melinda M. Calvert Past Senior Tournament Manager

Illinois USBC WBA 20 Year Club

The Illinois USBC WBA 20 Year Club held their annual luncheon, hosted by the Illinois USBC WBA, this past February 18th at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Peoria, IL. There were 143 members present along with guests Jeremy Rakowski and Ruth Calvert. Jeremy entertained the members with two beautiful songs, one after the invocation and the other during the memorial service.

Members donated \$100.00 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, \$210.00 to the BVL Veterans' Fund, And \$180.00 to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. Thank you ladies.

New members honored at this luncheon and presented their pins were- Laura Heller, Rockford - Nancy Lindsey, Champaign/Urbana Linda Willcox, Waukegan - Dianne Brandt, Peoria - Arla Scarcliff, Peoria - Gerry Hullman, Springfield. Other new members that were unable to attend the luncheon were Sandra Postma, Chicago - Marge Lawson, Chicago - Gladys Williamson, Rockford.

Melinda M. Calvert, Chairman

PRESIDENT OF THE STATE YOUTH ORGANIZATION ROY BARNWELL NOT SEEKING RE ELECTION.

How do you say "thank you" to a person who has dedicated over 40 years of his life to youth bowling activities? Maybe you get a chance to shake his hand and say thank you, or you may have shed a tear for losing a leader that has always put youth bowling first, but most who knew him will carry him in their heart, remembering the special contributions he made in youth bowling. There will be other dedicated youth leaders, but there will never be another Roy Barnwell. Roy announced at the Illinois USBC WBA

Annual Meeting that he is stepping down as President of the Illinois USBC Youth Organization. Roy says he doesn't agree with the USBC direction for youth and cannot work with an organization that he doesn't believe in.

(Reprint of an article that was in the *Frame* by Frame published in Decatur) Thanks Viv for the tribute to Roy Barnwell.

NOTICE FOR TOURNAMENT BOWLERS

The Board of Directors of the Illinois USBC WBA voted at their last board meeting to increase the cost of the tournament entry to \$20.00 per event to help cover the cost of the lineage, prize and expense. This increase will go into effect with the 2008 tournament in Decatur. Cost for team will be \$100.00; doubles \$40.00 per set and singles \$20.00 with \$2.00 for optional all events.

Other changes include changing the average rule to using the highest certified average from USBC certified leagues based on 21 games. Changed the number of games to 12 for the December 1, deadline and incorporating the tournament average ruled 4e into the tournament rules. Also included is the tournament opening and closing dates of 2/2/08 and 5/4/08.

Tournament entry blanks and reservation forms should be in the mail in mid June to all entered in the 2007 tournament in Peoria.

FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB

The FOX VALLEY 500 CLUB held its first tournament of the 2006-2007 bowling season on Sunday, January 14, 2007. The tournament was a sanctioned doubles tournament. The tournament was held at Elgin Lanes, 401 Shepard Drive, Elgin, Illinois 60123. The winners were:

- 1st Place-Tina Motter & Maria Calamia
- 2nd Place-Christine Kliebhan & Gail LeBarron

Submitted by: Karen Keniston Chairperson

"Many ideals are becoming real"

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Aurora USBC WBA #84408

Saturday May 12, 2007 will be an organizational meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and directors and approve the by-laws of the new organization. The effective date of the new Aurora USBC WBA #84408 association will be June 1, 2007. The meeting is open to all Aurora USBC WBA and USBC BA members. Application forms have been sent to league secretaries and placed at all Bowling centers.

Date: May 12, 2007

Time: Registration: 12:00 Noon, Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Place: Aurora Turners Club, 1335 Mitchell Road,
Aurora

Submitted by Sally Miller, Aurora

BLOOMINGTON USBC WBA

The Bloomington USBC WBA Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, March 24, 2006 with 25 members in attendance. Election of officers, directors and delegates were the business of the day.

Again, this year the Bloomington USBC WBA and BA are sponsoring the Relay for Life in McLean County by purchasing the shirts for those participating in the relay to wear. This is funded by doing 50/50 during the months of October and February at the bowling centers.

The Mixed Team Tournament was held in January with 50 teams participating and was a great success.

Bloomington will be hosting the Illinois USBC WBA Summer Workshop on June 23, 2007. We invite all to join us at the Moose Lodge for a day of fun and entertainment as well as some education on the side. Hope to see you there.

Submitted by Earlene Nelson, Association Manager

PEORIA USBC WBA

With 5 weeks in the record books Peoria is definitely "rolling on the River" as the bowling scores continue to rise. The tide has been coming in high with a perfect 300 game rolling in followed by a large wave of two 299's coming ashore.

Peoria wants to thank all who have already bowled and welcome those on their way where the lanes are hot, the food is great and the fun is Memories in the making.

Peoria held our annual board meeting and officers, President Esther Torry and Sgt. Of Arms, Edna Gaines, were reelected. Directors- Rhea Wolf, Cindy Telsrow and Barb Fuller were also reelected. The Board welcomes two new Directors aboard; Marcia Naderhoff and Rae Cannon.

Peoria is also working on the following projects:

Joint Sr. Tournament will be held Sept 22 & 23rd, 29 & 30th at Town & County Bowl.

The local 600 club banquet will be held June 7th at Barracks Inn in Peoria.

Membership development is selling chances on a fleece blanket with the Cure Pink Ribbon Emblem on it. This raises money for the Relay for Life.

We are also looking forward to the IDOT Highway cleanup coming up April 14th. You would be surprised what we have found along our highways.

Remember your always welcome in the great town of Peoria.
Publicity Chairman Betty J. Cortes

DECATUR USBC WBA

The 79TH Illinois USBC WBA Tournament will be moving farther south in 2008. The Decatur USBC WBA is getting ready to host all of the women in Illinois who participated in Peoria and then we need 100 more teams to beat the entry of 1421 in Peoria. So we are saying that we need you to help us pull ahead of Peoria with another record entry. The cost of the tournament is going up to \$20.00 per event; but if you save \$0.25 a day, you will have your entry fee saved by the tournament entry closing date of November 5, 2007.

Us ladies in Decatur hope to see you in 2008.

Decatur Ladies will again be doing the highway 121 cleanup starting in mid April thru October.

Reprinted from the *Decatur News Letter*

JOLIET AREA USBC WBA

Whew! The Joliet Area Board of Directors has been busier and accomplished more this bowling season than I can remember since we hosted the state tournament in 1976. Along with the usual services we provide for our bowlers, we have projected goals, taken on some big projects, and completed them within our time slots. Our finished projects have outshone the dreams we had at the start.

We have created a trifold which extols the Joliet Area USBC WBA. It is beautifully designed and colored, using our purple and white, patriotic red, white, and blue, and bold black print. With our eye-catching logo on the front, it opens up to reveal our mission statement, vision statement, and a bit of bragging about our organization. It explains why you should join a league, the benefits of certification, and how to join, along with a list of the bowling centers in our area with their phone numbers. It also contains a calendar of events of most important happenings each month without actual dates so it will not become outdated.

Our fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation was held the first week of February. Thanks to our board members, volunteers, and especially our generous bowlers, we collected \$8,496.85, by doing 50/50 raffles in all our bowling centers during league play. It's a really tough week, but extremely gratifying.

March was a very busy month for us. We, along with the Joliet Area USBC BA and the Will County Bowling Proprietors, joined forces to bring the game of bowling to the attention of the public at the 2007 Mall Expo, "Joliet On Board - Business Making it Happen." Along with introduc-

ing our new trifold at the expo, we offered our new cook-book for sale. A beautiful book containing 532 tried and true recipes, and a vast array of hints and tips, it is truly a bargain at \$15.00, and worthy of adding to your collection.

March 3 through 11, our local tournament, co-sponsored by Donnelly Secretarial Services, was hosted by Lemont Lanes. Scratch champions are Quarters B, 4-Person Team (Barb Greenfield, Jody Smrekar, Pat Petzoldt, Denise Driscoll) (2030), Joliet Town & Country #1, 5-Person Team (Jodi Ackeret, Dawn Stanford, Vickie Trouper, Nikki Lunsford, Cindy Kontos) (2633), Eileen Ramos, Singles (570), Vickie Trouper and Nikki Lunsford, Doubles (1107), and Nikki Lunsford, All Events (1673). Handicap winners are Us, 4-Person Team (Jennifer Howard, Peggy Cafferty, Annette Berry, Nikki Berry) (2588), Donnelly Secretarial #1, 5-Person Team (Julie Franzen, Cheryl Jewell, Patrice Daigle, Judy Donnelly, Debra Ledford) (3188), Rebecca Muno, Singles (727), Charlotte Bachar and Tracy Kersey, Doubles (1368), and Libby Hall, All Events (2059). Nikki Berry was high roller of the tournament, she had a 628 series, which included a 268 game. Sister Lourdes Boyer won the bowling ball which was raffled, with proceeds going to BVL and Susan G. Komen.

A 500/600 Clubs Sweeper was held in conjunction with the local tournament. The scratch winner was Nikki Berry with her 628. Winner of the 166 Average and Under Handicap Division was Rebecca Muno with 757, and the winner of the 167 Average and Above Handicap Division was Annette Berry with 694

On March 31 and April 1 our Senior Handicap Tournament will be held at Comet Lanes in Crest Hill. Our 108 entries are divided equally, 54 men and 54 women are slated to bowl doubles and singles. Libby Hall and Barb Smith are true blue board members, they are flying back from Nashville on Saturday night so they can bowl in the Senior Tournament on Sunday.

Carol A. Johnson, Director

ROCK ISLAND MOLINE MILAN USBC WBA

The annual local tournament was held from January 20 thru January 27, 2007. The Ray Colman Memorial Roll-Off and the Jeanette Nelson Memorial Roll Off were held on February 4, 2007. Handicap winners were as follows: 1st place team; Women on a Mission (Deborah Davis, Tracey Hopkins, Marsha Jones, Carol Hanson, Kayretha Brown) 3394; 1st place doubles handicap; Jessica Anderson-Jenny Pruett 1424; handicap singles Jenny Pruett 779 and 1st place all events Rhonda Bayne 2201. Scratch Winners: Team Strike force (Paulette Guerrero, Diane Guerrero, Karla Bateman, Cindy Wagoner, Kim Hinkle) 3133; Doubles Paulette Guerrero-Diane Guerrero; Singles Kayretha Brown 689; All Events Scratch 2073 Donna Slane; Series 738 Kayretha Brown; Game 279 Arethe Williams and Jennifer Morris;

Mother and Daughter handicap winners: Doubles 1366 Diane Guerrero and Paulette Guerrero; Game Mother 260 Dianne Guerrero; Game Daughter - 281 Jennifer Morris;

Senior Handicap winners team series Dianne Guerrero 722

Doubles series 746 Karen Dau; Singles Series 716 Jean Hunter and All Events Series 2011 Diane Guerrero

Ray Coleman Memorial Roll Off in honor of Veva Stoit was Donna Goyette with a 688.

Jeanette Nelson Memorial Roll Off with a 676 Paulette Guerrero.

Submitted by Teresa Lynch, Publicity Chairman

TRI COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

The Albino Bowler: Fact or Fiction?

On a trip to Chicago with my family, we stumbled upon a comic book shop. My husband having a few old comics of his own, we just had to go in. What a great place. Not only did they have comics, they also had "action figures" ranging from Jesus to Ozzy Osbourn to Annie Oakley, (which I purchased for a friend).

In the sports section, I found an action figure of the "Albino Bowler". Now not having a life other than bowling, it peaked my interest. I had to have this toy! I love collecting bowling memorabilia ranging from old lapel pins I find in antique stores to novelty items. I couldn't wait to get home to search the World Wide Web. Low and behold, it popped right up! It showed a painting by Pietro Ramirez and my recently purchased "action figure". COOL! Scrolling down, it told the story. Here is that very story.

The legend of the Albino Bowler began on a crisp October night in 1974, at a small 12-lane alley just outside of Roundlake, Illinois. League night was winding down and, as usual, some of the guys decided to stick around and roll a few games for money. About midway through the first game, the doors swung wide open and a pale figure with a bowling bag stood in the doorway. He walked slowly, pointed to lanes nine and ten, than sat down to change his shoes. The locals' games had all but stopped as they gazed at him with curiosity and amusement. They noticed that just above the stranger's breast pocket was a hand-stitched name; Dick. Paying no mind to their low murmurs and stifled laughter, Dick put a brace around his wrist and pulled a gleaming white bowling ball from his bag. He squinted at the lane for a few seconds, then took a slow steady approach and sent the ball speeding towards the pins. The ball rumbled out toward the ten board, drowning out the whispers and chuckles, then slammed into the pocket with a thunderous crash. As the pins lay scattered, some still spinning from the force, Dick turned back toward the ball return, nodded and smiled. For the next half hour, the locals were treated to an extraordinary display of bowling virtuosity. They watched in awe as he rolled strikes and picked up spares with an amazing array of shots, all executed with uncanny precision and artistry. He never said a word - he didn't even keep score, and he barely noticed the spattering of applause when he was finished. And then he was gone. Before the other bowlers could ask him to join their league he vanished out the door into the night. Those who were there that night never forgot what they witnessed, and many people have

since claimed to have seen his thick sideburns, steely pink eyes and gleaming white ball in some small bowling alley, in some small town on some memorable evening.

Could this be true? Is it an Urban Legend? Somebody help me out!

Why wasn't he bowling with the pros? Why doesn't anyone know his last name? WHO WAS THIS MAN?!? If anyone can shed some light on this for me, I would certainly appreciate it. You can e-mail me at QBOB300@aol.com and I will see that the answer(s) to this inquiry makes the next edition of the Channel Chatter.

Until then,

Sandy Darnstaedt President – Tri-County Illinois USBC Association and Director – Illinois USBC WBA

ROCKFORD USBC WBA

The Rockford USBC WBA held its 67th annual local tournament, on the weekends, January 27 - February 11, 2007. At our annual meeting on March 10th, winners were announced and awards and prizes presented.

Top handicapped team honors went to the White Eagles. Handicapped doubles winners were Melissa Hammond and Kristin O'Hern. Kristin O'Hern took firsts in handicapped singles and tournament all events.

Scratch honors went to the Who Cares #2 team. Sue Salberg and Megan Roman led the scratch doubles. Kris Hall placed first in scratch singles. High scratch all events, with a score of 2007 in 2007, was rolled by Toria Funderburg.

Elections were held. Debra Roy (2nd Vice president), Louise Quaid (Sgt-at-arms), LaRae Thies, Georgia Gray and Sue Waller (directors) were reelected to three year terms.

Submitted by Laura J. Heller, President

SPRINGFIELD USBC WBA

The Springfield USBC WBA held their local association tournament the first two weekend in March.

Scratch Champions were:

Five man Team: Bowlers Performance Training 3232

Three man team: Hall of Fame Lettering 1810

Doubles: Tracie Stoops - Trish Lind 1370

Singles: Linda Carter 785

All Events: Kathy Stade 2134

Senior: Janet Anderson 606

Handicap Winners were:

Five man Team: Alley Girls 3422

Three man Team Hall of Fame Lettering 2068

Doubles Tracie Stoops & Trish Lind 1479

Singles: Linda Carter 785

All Events Sandi Borhman 2189

Seniors: Janet Anderson 714

High scratch game of the tournament was Kathy Stade 300 and high scratch series was Linda Carter 785

Tammy Jones was recognized by USBC as having the top average last season for women with 233 (shot in a man's scratch league.)

Tammy has also received special recognition for tying the world record for most 300 games shot by a woman in a season.

The Ways and Means Committee sold tickets on a bowling ball, two treat baskets, two bath and body baskets, red/white/blue afghan (crocheted by Anna Hughes) and held a bake sale both weekends.

The annual meeting will be held April 10, 2007 at King Pin Lanes. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Prize winners of the local association tournament will be recognized.

Submitted by Melinda Calvert, Association Manager

WAUKEGAN AREA USBC WBA

Waukegan Area USBC WBA finished up their association tournament at Brunswick Zone - Fountain Square with an exciting high game of 298 by Linda Letto, high series 717 by Jennifer Litewski and Ann Christian taking the Senior Singles Division with a handicap score of 733. "We Deliver" captured the team event with Chris Rawls as captain and teammates Georgia Bizzell, Nancy Packard, Barbara Washington and Mary Thedford, in the doubles division Kelly Morse and Terri Crawford managed to take both handicap and actual event as well as Nicole Rudd enjoying the singles title both handicap and actual. Next will come the annual meeting to distribute trophies, tournament money and inform members of the important legislation that was either accepted or rejected at the National USBC Meeting as well as information presented at the Illinois USBC WBA Meeting.

USBC still comes with a great deal of emotion for many and business as usual for others. Naturally, several proposals are of interest to Illinois the dues increase proposal, the mandated merge as well as legislation every two years. Once again I would like to remind all members that the Illinois USBC WBA is not in existence for tournament purpose only, the dues structure has no bearing on the tournament. With membership declining and lose of revenue, increasing economic expenses it will be difficult to provide the services that are received now. With scholarship functions, awards, service awards, workshops, and still bringing camaraderie of members together are items that are very important to the

Illinois USBC WBA this could be in jeopardy if membership continues to decline with lose of revenue. The mandated merge is another very hot topic. In some associations this process will work very well and in others it will not. There again, what is good for some will not be good for all, therefore it is felt that this process should be considered very carefully to continue with the option of merging or not merging. As of today 64% have not merged. Last, but not least, the legislation every two years could be devastating for delegates input and rights for process, another proposal to be considered very carefully. Stay tuned for the results.

Submitted by Betty McCann, Association Manager
Waukegan Area USBC WBA and 3rd Vice President of Illinois USBC WBA

Upcoming Events

Illinois USBC WBA Summer Workshop June 23, 2007,
Moose Lodge, Bloomington, Illinois

Registration forms available at office

Illinois USBC WBA-Email addresses:

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