



THE ELEVENTH FRAME

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION'S BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER / June – July, 2008

2008 AWBA National Championships

Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA

Al Uttecht, TD

June 24-28, 2008

We may have had a smaller turnout than hoped, but Al Uttecht hosted one of the most competitive venues we've had in our 47th Championship Tournament. Certainly, many attendees felt that illnesses, other personal situations or circumstances, and the cost of traveling, all contributed to some extent.

As a warm-up we had a 9 pin No-Tap Up and Down event on Monday night. Grant Buehler (OR), his father, Larry Buehler and local bowler Mel Cabias won that event. On Tuesday, the Welker Scratch Doubles was won by Grant Buehler and Merv Kaya (NV). Wednesday began with the Ramus/Pfister Handicap Team Event as Grant returned to the winners circle with partners, Pete Poulin (FL) and Gabriel Diaz de Leon (CO). We also held the Tournament of Champions with the winners being Martin Frost (CA) (Scr) and J.K. Johnston (TX) (Hcp). Unfortunately, newly appointed Vice Chairman, Joe Fox Sr. (CA) had to drop out after bowling well in the doubles when he broke his leg Wednesday morning.

After a rousing opening ceremony, the singles competition saw the scoring across the divisions closely contested throughout qualifying rounds. Mark Shepherd (CO) tied the all time high game for our National - bowling an outstanding 278 scratch game. He kept up the good bowling, notching his first 700 series and personal best for a 720 scratch series in the opening qualifying round. At the conclusion of qualifying the top qualifiers in each division respectively were; Al Uttecht in scratch (4117), Gabriel Diaz de Leon in "A" (3319) and new bowler Gary Ryan (TX) (3289). The roll-off results appear elsewhere in this report.

The banquet was highlighted by the induction of Don Bruns (FL) into the AWBA Hall of Fame, a well deserved honor for his long service to the organization and our membership. Don was unable to be there due to his ongoing treatments for cancer, but we hope the cheers were heard across the country in Florida. The six National achievement awards were presented to Walt Roy (CA), High Average (198), High Scratch Series (778), and High Scratch Game (278). J.K. Johnston (TX) won High Handicap Series (792), Keith Scott (VA), High Handicap Game (301) and Charlie Schena (MA) was most improve this year with an increase of (+26) pins.

Judy Mosher (VA) was the High Woman Qualifier which gained her the Alma Ladwig Award. Bob Goddard (MO) captured the Buddy Cole Most Improved Honor with an increase of (406) over his total from the previous year. Stacy Sanders (CA) was bestowed the Bill Hart Memorial Award for her sportsmanship and determination. J.K. Johnston was crowned Seniors Champion. Al Uttecht won Scratch All Events and J.K. took the Handicap All Events title as well. Individual tournament awards went to Mark Shepherd HSS (720), Al Uttecht HSG (244) in the scratch, J.K. Johnston HSS (615), Russell Serr (CA) HSG (214), Gabe Diaz de Leon HHS (741) and Gary Poole (CO) HHG (260) in "A". In the "B" division, Judy Mosher HSS (488), Allen Neu (WI) HSG (178), Gary Ryan HHS (676) and Toodie Perry (CA) HHG (264).

The evening culminated by recognizing the three newest National Champions, Bob Goddard winning his second Scratch title and Gabriel Diaz de Leon presented with the "A" Division crown. Judy Mosher became only the second woman in the history of the AWBA to win a National title as she was crowned "B" division champion joining Lynette Giles Martinez who won in Indianapolis, in 1988. Congratulations to all for their achievements.

We gratefully acknowledge the PVA National contribution each year and especially recognize the California Paralyzed Veterans Association for their outstanding support of this year's tournament. He also acknowledged the hard work done by so many other individuals who helped especially Debbie Crooks, David Deason, Debra Frost and the Auxiliary members, Helena Roy and Linda Schneider for their scoring assistance as well as the staff of Fountain Bowl who went above and beyond to provide an excellent event, especially Dave Osborne, Gary Forman and Greg Kerr. Every aspect from the ramp construction to the lane conditions and food service were well above the usual standards. Al stressed all week that the tournament was not his, but rightfully belonged to the AWBA membership that supported his efforts as the tournament director. I have a sense he will be hosting another National in the near future. *Al... Thank you for a great tournament!*

Roll Off Results: Scratch

Match 1 DeLoach d Shepherd (180-162)

Match 2 Roy d DeLoach (213-185)

Match 3 Goddard d Roy (198-155)

Match 4 **Goddard** d Uttecht (197-160)

A Division

Serr d Poole (221-180)

Serr d Cook (198-197)

Johnston d Serr (204-188)

Diaz deLeon d Johnston (238-203)

B Division

Buehler d Neu (214-181)

Buehler d Coffey (249-179)

Mosher d Buehler (220-205)

Mosher d Ryan (221-214)

POS	ENT	NAME	ST	SCR	BONUS	S/TTL	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	183	BOB GODDARD	MO	3879	105	3984	1400	193	193
2	191	AL UTTECHT	CA	3967	150	4117	900	198	198
3	198	WALT ROY	CA	3821	150	3971	700	191	193
4	183	MIKE DELOACH	CO	3741	150	3891	600	187	187
5	182	MARK SHEPHERD	CO	3816	60	3876	500	190	190
6	178	ROGER TEMPLAR	FL	3670	150	3820	400	183	183
7	182	PETER ARBALLO	CA	3644	75	3719	300	182	182
8	171	MERV KAYA	NV	3498	120	3618	200	174	174
9	185	MARTIN FROST	CA	2120		2120		175	180
10	210	BOB CALDERON	NV	1979		1979		164	164
11	168	DAVE ROBERTS	VA	889		889		DNF	

"A" DIVISION

POS	ENT	HCP	NAME	ST	SCR	HCP	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	144	59	GABRIEL DIAZ DE LEON	CO	2434	3319	1400	162	162
2	173	33	J.K. JOHNSTON	TX	2798	3293	900	186	186
3	142	61	RUSSELL SERR	CA	2209	3124	700	147	147
4	146	57	PAUL COOK	TX	2316	3171	600	154	154
5	145	58	GARY POOLE	CO	2278	3148	500	151	151
6	142	61	KEVIN BRUNO	TX	2203	3118	400	146	146
7	153	51	DON PORPORA	FL	2351	3116	300	156	156
8	149	54	JIM SULLIVAN	FL	2290	3100	200	152	152
9	157	47	BILL BIRCH	CA	2367	3072		157	157
10	152	52	WAYNE WEBBER	FL	2262	3042		150	150
11	170	36	EDDY HUTCHENS	CO	2474	3014		164	165
12	154	50	ADRIAN PATTERSON	AZ	2257	3007		150	150
13	156	48	DAN SPOTTS	CO	2270	2990		151	151
14	162	43	VAN SCHNEIDER	CA	2259	2904		150	157
15	153	51	STAN MOOREHEAD	GA	2110	2875		140	148
16	142	61	RICHARD THOMAS	TX	1940	2855		129	137

"B" DIVISION

POS	ENT	HCP	NAME	ST	SCR	HCP	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	136	66	JUDY MOSHER	VA	2267	3257	1400	151	151
2	102	97	GARY RYAN	TX	1834	3289	900	122	122
3	105	94	GRANT BUEHLER	OR	1815	3225	700	121	121
4	125	76	JIM COFFEY	FL	2097	3237	600	139	139
5	129	72	ALLEN NEU	WI	2051	3131	500	136	136
6	97	101	SUSAN GODING	CA	1568	3083	400	104	104
7	133	69	PETE POULIN	FL	2047	3082	300	135	135
8	137	65	JIM MAY	VA	2097	3072	200	139	139
9	125	76	HARVEY CLOWERS	CA	1929	3069		128	128
10	135	67	PAUL KENNEY	NH	2044	3049		136	136
11	111	89	TOODIE PERRY	CA	1701	3036		113	113
12	118	82	ART LYLES	CA	1796	3026		119	119
13	136	66	DOUG BURETA	WI	2023	3013		134	134
14	127	74	DAVID SPOTTS	CO	1873	2983		124	124
15	137	65	TOM HEIN	CA	1948	2923		129	132
16	107	92	STACY SANDERS	CA	1504	2884		100	100
17	129	72	KEVIN SCHAEFER	CA	1780	2860		118	124

**REQUESTS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE AWBA AUXILIARY
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

SELECTION RULES INFORMATION

After reading the following rules for the Outstanding Service Award, please provide some of the following information, which will help us consider your nominee:

1. What have they accomplished? **PLEASE BE SPECIFIC!!**
 - A. On the local level: such as, have they participated in fund raising, helped with tournaments, or just been there when help was greatly needed.
 - B. On the National level: again, fundraising, helped put together tournaments, and promoted the AWBA.
2. Have they ever held office in the AWBA Auxiliary or in the AWBA? If so, what office, and for how long? What did they accomplish while in office?

These considerations are just that. They are not meant to limit you in any way to what you may include in your nomination letter. Please give us all the information you can on your nominee. The more information you can provide the better. These are just suggestions so that we can get a better idea of your nominee's outstanding service to our organization.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RULES

1. NOMINEE SHALL:

- A. Be a member in good standing of the Auxiliary of the American Wheelchair Bowling Association.
 - B. Support the AWBA in promoting wheelchair bowling at the local, state, and national level.
 - C. Support the AWBA by helping raise money for the Association, through fund raising programs.
 - D. Be ready to assist any AWBA member at any bowling tournament.
 - E. Assist the AWBA as needed.
2. Any female or male auxiliary member may be nominated for an award by an Auxiliary or AWBA member.
 3. Names of nominees must be sent to the Chairperson of the Committee no later than June 1st of each calendar year.
 4. All past active recipients of the Outstanding Service Award will make up the committee.
 5. Those nominated will be voted on by the Committee members with each nominee being given a point value from zero to points. NOTE: A NOMINEE MUST RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF 60% OF THE POSSIBLE POINTS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTING, IN ORDER TO BE SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE AWARD. More than one nominee may be selected in a year.
 6. A nominee may receive more than one award. If a person is nominated, after having received the award, a secret vote of all auxiliary members in attendance at the National Meeting will be taken. This nominee must receive a majority of the votes cast, in order to be selected for a second award. A gem of their choice will be added to their first award.
 7. Awards need not be presented each year. Awards will be presented at the AWBA Awards Banquet at the National Tournament by the Auxiliary President.

Please send nominations to:

Helena Roy, Chairperson
3620 Tamarack Drive
Redding, CA 96003

STRIKES, SPARES & MISSES:

Name	200	250	500	550	600	650+
Bill Birch	207		519			
Paul Cook	202					
Mike DeLoach	232,223	256	545	590,561		
Bob Goddard	206		526,522,513	584,559,552		
Craig Harvey	212		511			
Eddy Hutchens	206		542,528			
J.K. Johnston	222,210,206		537,526,519	595,566		
Walt Roy	226,223,213		522	555	609	
Van Schneider			524			
Keith Scott	233		549			
Mark Shepherd	215,213,209		543,534,529	578		
Dan Spotts			500			
Al Uttecht	223,216,209		529	582,563,559	637	
Tom Walthall			507			
Bob Willis			510			

4-7-10 Spare Makers: Paul Cook

6-7-10 Spare Makers:

Triplicate Series: *Loretta Moon 95-95-95=285

All Spare Games:

*First time to achieve particular award.

Have a great bowling season for 2008-09
and submit your scores!!

We need to honor you too!

**Yearly membership dues should be paid
by September 1st of each calendar year.
help save on our mailing costs and submit
yours so I don't have to send out
reminders!!**

Thanks

IN REMEMBRANCE:

† **Ken Medeiros**, 66, of Norton, MA passed away Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at home after a long illness with his wife Michelle at his side. We last saw him in December when he bowled the Vegas Invitational tournament demonstrating his determination and commitment to both the AWBA and bowling in general. Ken had bowled a high series of 585 and a high game of 245.

In 2002 Ken was the recipient of the Spirit of the Games award at the National Wheelchair Veterans Games and was also a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, further testament to his sports ability. At his death, he was the sitting President of the New England PVA and organization he had worked hard for since 1963, first as a volunteer. He was an instrumental figure in providing services to many veterans beyond chapter members.

† May he rest in peace. †

FYI:

Welcome to our newest members:

We want to welcome new members **Mohamed Ali**, GA, **Susan Goding**, CA, **Robert Kimrey**, NC, **Jim Ledesma**, (Lifetime) CA, **Richard Myers**, CA and **Chuck Turek**, GA. Also, Gary Ryan and Sheila Doolin have upgraded their memberships to life as well. Thanks to all for their commitment and support.

AWBA Board Changes:

Walt Roy has officially begun his term as your new Chairman. He will provide committee assignments in the next newsletter. Importantly, Joe Fox Sr. was appointed to the Vice Chairman position and Doug Beckley was appointed to fill out the remaining term of Mr. Fox. Mark Shepherd has resigned from the board and Walt has appointed Paul Kenney from New Hampshire to fill out the remainder of Mr. Shepherd's term in office.

Auxiliary Officers:

Similarly, Linda Schneider was elected President, Loretta Spotts elected as Vice President and Debra Frost will remain in her position as the Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer.

2008 Vet Games:

I want to extend my appreciation to the PVA for the invitation to host one of the booths at the EXPO held in conjunction with the Vet Games in Omaha, NE. I made the trip with information packets prospective wheelchair bowlers.

I am happy to report that I came home with over 30 names of potential bowlers, with information on several areas that already have wheelchair bowlers actively bowling and we expect positive feedback from many of those individuals. In fact, one of the bowlers has already signed on with the AWBA.

WEBSITE:

We are transferring the web site to another host and who will provide me the server login so that I can do my own updates to the web pages. I expect this to all be corrected and up and running in the next few weeks. I also will be putting video clips on the web site so that interested individuals can see wheelchair bowling up close and personal. Thank you for your patience.

Tournament Updates:

I am expecting to receive a bid to host the 2010 AWBA National Championships from Gary Ryan to be contested in the Houston, TX area. I have every confidence that he will have adequate funding well ahead of our general membership meeting next year in Dallas, GA. Also, Al Uttecht is planning on bringing the National back to CA in either 2013 or 2014 depending on a couple of factors.

Michigan PVA and Vaughn Chapters have both expressed interest in hosting a regional tournament in the near future. More on that as they develop their time frames and resources.

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under Section 501 (c) 3 of the
Internal Revenue Service Code

Upcoming Tournament Schedule

DATES:	BOWLING CENTER	T'MNT DIRECTOR
<u>August 15-17, 2008</u> PVA/Mid America Tournament	Heritage Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK	Richard Harrell, 405-721-7168
<u>August 29-31, 2008</u> PVA/AWBA Mountain States	King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs, CO	Mark Shepherd, 800-833-9400
<u>October 3-5, 2008</u> Golden State Open	Boardwalk Bowl, Santa Cruz, CA	Van Schneider, 951-354-6106
<u>December 4-7, 2008</u> PVA/Las Vegas Invitational	Texas Station, N. Las Vegas, NV	Walt Roy, 530-241-6297

2009 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Feb 28-Mar 1, 2009</u> Vandermark Classic	Liberty Lanes, Largo, FL	Wayne Webber, 727-738-1342
<u>April 3-5, 2009</u> Fred Doty Classic	Indian River Lanes, Virginia Beach, VA	Anna Korchak, 757-479-0030
<u>April 24-26, 2009</u> Florida State Championship	TBD	Jim Sullivan, 727-586-1785
<u>June 15-20, 2009</u> 2009 AWBA Nationals	Paulding Lanes, Dallas, GA	Harold Bowman, 770-443-1096
<u>May, 2009</u> KCWBA Invitational	Premier Lanes, Raytown, MO	Dick Blake, 816-765-4982
<u>July 24-26, 2009</u> PVA/Mid America Tournament	Heritage Lanes, Oklahoma City, OK	Richard Harrell, 405-721-7168
<u>August, 2009</u> PVA/AWBA Mountain States	King Pin Lanes, Colorado Springs, CO	Mark Shepherd, 800-833-9400
<u>September, 2009</u> Fall Classic	TRD	Don Bruns, 386-322-1053