



# *THE ELEVENTH FRAME...*

THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR BOWLING ASSOCIATION'S BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER / May - June 2009

## **Chairman's Report:**

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Harold and Linda Bowman, for their hard work and wonderful hospitality they showed to not only the bowlers, but the families as well. We were given a large dose of Southern hospitality.

The auxiliary members were given a wonderful brunch, by Gabriel's Restaurant, and a lovely blanket throw from the kind ladies of the Chamber of Commerce of Paulding County.

I felt the Board of Directors meeting was very productive, as well as informative. The upcoming National Tournament, to be held in Houston, Texas, is in very good hands.

Besides being your 2010 National Tournament director, Gary Ryan is also in charge of the Web site. He is doing a fine job with both. Don't forget to submit pictures and stories for the web site, as this will make his job easier.

I would like to thank all of the Board of Directors. Without their input and help, my job would be impossible.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Roger Templar and Don Porpora for their induction into the AWBA Hall of Fame. We are a richer organization for their input and knowledge.

**Walt Roy, Chairman**

## **Secretary's Report:**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual is part of history now (report included) and I want to acknowledge the tremendous job that Harold & Linda Bowman did for the group attending the tournament. I also want to thank the staff of Paulding Lanes, especially Kara, Maria, Jim, Jeff, Linda, Jimmy, William and Tim for the hospitality they provided us. A full report of the tournament is included with this newsletter. We hope the bowlers that had to drop with be returned to good health and be joining us on the lanes soon.

Among the topics discussed at the Board meeting and General membership meeting were first, members must present their USBC and AWBA cards at all tournaments. Those participants that cannot do so will be required to purchase temporary cards prior to bowling period. Secondly, Jim May had submitted a proposal to have individual league averages be included as part of the tournament average computation. That was defeated after some discussion, as it could give some individuals an unfair advantage in boosting their individual handicap totals for a given event ~ 5 pin increase per game would translate into 60 pins for a 12 game event and 75 for a 15 game event. Another dealt with having members opt to access the newsletter from the website to save printing and mailing costs over the year ahead. Many members have already opted for that and will now download their newsletter off the website.

Importantly, the members approved National tournament sites through 2014, beginning with Houston in 2010, previously approved 50<sup>th</sup> in Brockton, MA for 2011, Milwaukee, WI (2012), Tulsa, OK (2013) and tentatively Orange County, CA (2014).

Every one should have their entry for OK and CO tournaments as of this printing. Also, we have plans to come back to GA in October (11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>) for the Southern Classic in Augusta, GA and that entry will be mailed within the month.

**Dave Roberts, Secretary**

## **Auxiliary "Quips":**

**Linda Schneider, President**

Paulding Bowling Center, Dallas, GA

June 16-20, 2009

Seventy-four AWBA bowlers came to Paulding County and were treated to some genuine southern hospitality, on and off the lanes. Harold & Linda Bowman did an excellent job in making everyone feel welcome and comfortable as did the staff of Paulding Lanes. They had every detail covered throughout the week, especially managing the shift bowling that was required for the singles competition.

Given some late withdrawals, and dropping two after events had begun, 65 bowlers completed the tournament along with one novice bowler, **John Powers** from Hiram, GA. In all, 14 past champions were in attendance with 40 titles represented among them. Bowlers came from 17 states, with the most entries from Virginia. The only defending champion able to attend was **Bob Goddard** (MO) as **Judy Mosher** (VA) had to drop out due to transportation issues in traveling there. **Gabe Diaz de Leon** (TX) had another commitment that prevented him from attending as well. 12 bowlers were entered in their first national as well.

The County Commissioner, David Austin was on hand to welcome us as was Chamber of Commerce President Carolyn Delamont. Her husband Del sang stirring renditions of the National anthem and God Bless America.

We got things started on Monday night with the Up & Down event won by **Horace Boyd** (FL), **Jim Coffey** (FL) and their partners Susan & Stan Schalgen (FL). On Tuesday, the Welker Scratch Doubles was contested with 27 teams entered. In the end the team of **Mark Shepherd** (CO), and **Walt Roy** (CA) took the championship besting **Jim Sullivan** (FL) and **Don Porpora** (FL). Wednesday was a busy day as the Pfister/Ramus Handicap Team event was held prior to the Tournament of Champions and the Auxiliary tournament. The event fielded 18 teams with **Mike Cannizzaro** (FL), **Robert Kimrey** (NC), and **Tom Maciosek** (WI) taking the handicap team honors (1900 hcp ttl). **Walt Roy** won the Tournament of Champions scratch portion (530), and **Norm Bissell** (GA) took the handicap title (660). Darlene Chauncey (FL) won the Auxiliary event with Joe Fox Jr. (CA) and Jessica Sluder (NC) close on her heels.

The congestion of bowlers eased as we entered the singles phase of the competition, our main purpose to crown three divisional champions for this year's event. The 'red' squad was first to take the lanes early on Thursday and bowl all six qualifying games for that day. On Friday, the 'blue' squad bowled first. It all worked well and the scores remained competitive throughout the qualifying rounds. On Friday night the Scratch match play got underway with the top 8 qualifiers bowling head to head matches, which concluded on Saturday morning while the handicap divisions wrapped up their 5<sup>th</sup> qualifying round. Top qualifiers by division were **George Holscher** (VA) in Scratch (3932), **Wayne Webber** (FL) in A (3253), and **Stephen Smith** (OK) in B (3362), all receiving \$100 and USBC High Qualifier Plaques. The roll offs were held immediately following the announcement of the top five finishers in each division.

The B division roll off was made up of 4 bowlers bowling their first national along with past champion **Pete Poulin** (FL). Match one of the B division pitted **Chuck Turek** (GA) against Pete Poulin, with Poulin advancing (214-191) to face **Bill Wilson** (GA). They tied (195-195) in regulation and rolled a 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> extra frame match with Pete besting Bill (41-28). He was sidelined in the next match by **Robert Kimrey** (246-237). Kimrey faced top qualifier, **Stephen Smith** who was successful in holding out to win the "B" championship (225-195).

The "A" division roll off showcased veteran AWBA bowlers, each having roll off experience previously. The first match saw **Bob Willis** (OK) fall to **James Carver** (VA) (232-187). Carver faced fellow Richmonder, **Jim May** (VA) in match two. Jim bettered James (207-178) advancing to battle **Horace Boyd**. In a close match May eked out a narrow victory (226-224). In the final match both bowlers wanted to claim their first National title but **Wayne Webber** proved too much for Jim (224-178) to win his first National.

The first match in the scratch division was contested between the defending title holder **Bob Goddard** and multiple champion **Al Uttecht** (CA) with Al emerging (190-143) to face **Mark Shepherd**. Uttecht dispatched Shepherd (181-176). **Walt Roy** was Uttecht's next victim (203-190) as he seemed poised to claim number 13. In the final match **George Holscher** took charge (191-160) to win his first National. Thus all three divisions had first time champions – inspiration for those still chasing the dream.

A number of other awards were presented at the awards ceremony on Saturday evening. The auxiliary honored **Bill Birch** (CA) with their "Outstanding Service Award" for his continued support of the auxiliary and tournaments by his generous donations of time, and handiwork for so many years (everyone covets his wind chimes). Hall of Fame chairman, **Jim Sullivan** took center stage to present first, **Roger Templar** (FL) as an inductee into the Hall of Fame for bowling achievement. Roger was most appreciative to be recognized by his peer group and cited this as the crowning accolade of his career. Mr. Sullivan then introduced **Don Porpora** (FL) for induction as well in the category of meritorious service for his long standing participation in AWBA tournaments (more than 300) over the years he has been a yearly member. Similarly, Don was grateful and expressed his sentiment that he considered the AWBA as his second family. Congratulations to both inductees.

Next we announced the National Achievement honorees for the past season. High Average awards went **George Holscher** and **Walt Roy** both posting 186. **Mark Shepherd** took honors for his HSS of 720 bowled at the national last year. HSG was also shared with **Ron Johnson** (FL) and **Walt Roy** scoring identical 279 games. HHS was awarded to **Gary Ryan** (804) and **Ron Johnson** also posted 321 for the HHG award. Our most improved bowler over the year was **Joe Wheeler** (VA) improving 20 pins from 2007-08.

Other tournament awards were presented to the bowlers in various categories, beginning with the Buddy Cole 'Most Improved' awarded to a candidate who bowled in Fountain Valley last year. Not surprisingly, that went to **Gary Ryan** (TX) with his pin increase of 242 pins. (Gary has bowled every event in the past year since joining in

## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual AWBA Nat'l Championship Tournament (continued)

2008). Loretta Moon (OK) won the Alma Ladwig Memorial Award for being the women's champion (3149). Horace Boyd had a great tournament and won the Seniors (+65) Classic championship (3159). Walt Roy won the Scratch All Events honors (3432) and Pete Poulin won the Handicap All Events title (4600). Last but not least, David Spotts (CO) was presented with the Bill Hart "Sportsmanship" Memorial plaque.

Individual honors went to scratch bowlers Mark Shepherd HSS (664), and Eddy Hutchens (CO) HSG (256). In the A division, awards went to Wayne Webber HHS (706), Larry Chauncey (FL) HHG (277), John Gould (AR) HSS (562) and J.K. Johnston (TX) HSG (213). The "B" division honors for HHS (709) resulted in a tie between Chuck Turek and Stephen Smith. Jim Coffey rolled the HHG (281), Bill Wilson (GA) the HSS (489) and Doug Bureta (WI) HSG (205).

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Bowman family for their commitment and dedication to promote the AWBA and host such a great event, to their tournament committee and the generous people of Paulding County for making our tournament a success again this year. We look forward to coming back in the future.

### 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWBA NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – FINAL STANDINGS

#### "A" DIVISION

POS	ENT	HCP	NAME	ST	SCR	HCP	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	150	54	WAYNE WEBBER	FL	2443	3253	1400	162	162
2	140	63	JIM MAY	VA	2204	3149	1000	146	146
3	140	63	HORACE BOYD	FL	2214	3159	700	147	147
4	150	54	JAMES CARVER	VA	2330	3140	600	155	155
5	149	54	BOB WILLIS	OK	2311	3121	500	154	154
6	145	58	NORM BISSELL	GA	2240	3110	400	149	149
7	161	44	JOHN GOULD	AR	2449	3109	300	163	163
8	145	58	RAY DENNISON	FL	2232	3102	200	148	148
9	144	59	PAUL COOK	TX	2200	3085	150	146	146
10 - T	143	60	RICH GABORY	FL	2166	3066	110	144	144
10 – T	151	53	PHILLIP DANIEL	MD	2271	3066	110	151	151
12	148	55	JIM SULLIVAN	FL	2236	3061	100	149	149
13	150	54	GEORGE SIMPSON	IN	2240	3050	100	149	149
14	171	35	J.K. JOHNSTON	TX	2502	3027	100	166	166
15	151	53	DAN SPOTTS	CO	2215	3010	100	147	147
16	154	50	BILL BIRCH	CA	2252	3002		150	150
17	139	63	TOM MACIOSEK	WI	2055	3000		137	137
18	139	63	ALLEN NEU	WI	2039	2984		135	135
19	157	47	VAN SCHNEIDER	CA	2273	2978		151	152
20	139	63	PAUL KENNEY	NH	2004	2949		133	134
21	144	59	GARY POOLE	CO	2063	2948		137	139
22	165	40	LARRY CHAUNCEY	FL	2347	2947		156	160
23	154	50	DON PORPORA	FL	2165	2915		144	149
24	148	55	STAN MOOREHEAD	GA	2087	2912		139	143
25	149	54	GARY RYAN	TX	2032	2842		135	144
26	144	59	JOE WHEELER	VA	1910	2795		127	139
27	146	57	STEVE LUCAS	VA	1934	2789		128	141
28	157	47	JOHN BUDD (9 GMS)	IN	1281	1986		DNF	DNF

#### "B" DIVISION

POS	ENT	HCP	NAME	ST	SCR	HCP	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	95	103	STEPHEN SMITH	OK	1817	3362	1400	121	121
2	97	101	ROBERT KIMREY	NC	1729	3244	1000	115	115
3	131	71	PETE POULIN	FL	2173	3238	700	144	144
4	137	65	BILL WILSON	GA	2264	3239	600	150	150
5	101	98	CHUCK TUREK	GA	1756	3226	500	117	117
6	123	78	JACK THOMAS	GA	1986	3156	400	132	132
7	96	102	LORETTA MOON	OK	1619	3149	300	107	107
8	131	71	HAROLD BOWMAN	GA	2065	3130	200	137	137
9	127	74	JIM COFFEY	FL	2003	3113	150	133	133
10	135	67	DOUG BURETA	WI	2099	3104	120	139	139
11	122	79	JARED JOHNSON	AR	1911	3096	100	127	127
12	110	90	DAVE ROBERTS	VA	1708	3058	100	113	113
13	118	82	BOB BARNABY	VA	1814	3044	100	120	120
14	76	120	MIKE CANNIZZARO	FL	1238	3038	100	82	82
15	127	74	SMILEY WALLACE	TX	1908	3018	100	127	127
16	124	77	JOHN STASNEY	FL	1840	2995		122	122
17	105	94	KEITH GREEN	VA	1560	2970		104	104
18	130	72	DAVID SPOTTS	CO	1889	2969		125	125
19	126	75	KEVIN SCHAEFER	CA	1808	2933		120	121
20	122	79	DOUG BECKLEY	VA	1739	2924		115	117
21	120	81	JIM STEWART	FL	1699	2914		113	115
22	127	74	TOM RICHEY	OK	1782	2892		118	122
23	133	69	FRED SISOLAK	MA	1842	2877		122	128
24	138	64	JOE FOX SR.	CA	1890	2850		126	133
25	136	66	CHARLIE SCHENA	MA	1757	2747		117	131

**48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWBA NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - FINAL STANDINGS (continued)**

**"SCR" DIVISION**

<b>POS</b>	<b>ENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>SCR</b>	<b>BONUS</b>	<b>TTL</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>	<b>END</b>	<b>ADJ</b>
1	193	GEORGE HOLSCHER	VA	3752	180	3932	1400	187	188
2	183	AL UTTECHT	CA	3613	120	3733	1000	180	180
3	193	WALT ROY	CA	3747	120	3867	700	187	188
4	181	MARK SHEPHERD	CO	3757	90	3847	600	187	187
5	186	BOB GODDARD	MO	3539	150	3689	500	176	181
6	185	JIM GOGOLIN	FL	3586	60	3649	400	179	180
7	170	MARTIN FROST	CA	3393	180	3573	300	169	169
8	177	EDDY HUTCHENS	CO	3371	120	3491	200	168	172
9	178	ROGER TEMPLAR	FL	1989		1989		165	173
10	178	KEITH SCOTT	VA	1962		1962		163	173
11	182	MIKE DELOACH	CO	1950		1950		162	177
12	174	MERV KAYA	VA	1873		1873		156	169
13	184	ZIGGY TKACZENKO	IL			WITHDREW			

**"NOVICE" DIVISION**

<b>POS</b>	<b>ENT</b>	<b>HCP</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>SCR</b>	<b>HCP</b>	<b>\$\$\$</b>	<b>END</b>	<b>ADJ</b>
0	0		JOHN POWERS	GA	1135	1135	0	75	75

**Overview of 2009 Board Meeting/Actions on Proposals:**

- Members must present their certified USBC and AWBA cards at all tournaments. Those participants that cannot do so will be required to purchase temporary cards prior to bowling period. **Approved**
- Sanctioning - withdrawn after passing the first proposal.
- Moral support – to award a moral support appreciation award to the member most deserving. **Defeated**, as the tournament director should make award on its merit if they so deem it appropriate.
- Honor the intention of Richard Carlson and award Carlson Trophy to the high qualifier regardless the number of qualifying games at each national. After a long discussion this was **approved**.
- That each divisional qualifier be awarded a high qualifier award with a similar appearance (pedestal/wheelchair) to those individual high qualifiers as well. **Approved**
- The AWBA should reinstate the booster raffle if the Auxiliary has no objections. **Approved**
- Jim May had submitted a proposal to have individual league averages be included as part of the tournament average computation. That was **defeated** after some discussion, as it could give some individuals an unfair advantage in boosting their individual handicap totals for a given event ~ 5 pin increase per game would translate into 60 pins for a 12 game event and 75 for a 15 game event. When you look at the placement, one can easily see how that would impact the overall standings.
- Novice bowlers must follow the same entering requirements expected of all participants in our tournaments. **Approved as amended**
- Tournaments should be standardized to have the preliminary events used to allow bowlers to familiarize themselves with the surroundings, lane conditions, etc. While the board stopped short of demanding that tournaments follow a set format, they did recommend that tournament directors be encouraged to adopt such a standard as it could improve participation in our events by saving members motel and other expenses not specified. To aid in this process it was recommended to have those board members present on site to be committee members for the said event.
- Proposed that the National team members be open to any member wanting to participate understanding that cost would be borne by them. The first six members opting to participate would be the team members for a given year. **Defeated** The board feels the current system works well and gives those in the area an opportunity to represent the AWBA regardless of ability or financial considerations.
- It was recommended that we have an additional board meeting each year, probably in Vegas to address those issues that might arise needing immediate consideration. **Approved** with stipulation that a quorum be present to conduct such business as necessary.

Other topics discussed at the Board meeting and General membership meeting were having members opt to access the newsletter from the website to save printing and mailing costs over the year ahead. Many members have already opted for that and will now download their newsletter off the website.

**No actions taken by the board this year impacted the bylaws or constitution.**

Last, the membership did approve hosting National tournaments in 2010 – Houston, TX with Gary Ryan as TD, previously had approved 2011 – Brockton, MA with Wayne Webber as TD, approved 2012 for Milwaukee, WI area with Wisconsin Wheelchair Sports Assn as our hosts, approved 2013 – Broken Arrow, OK with Bob Willis as TD and will entertain a bid from CAPVA for Fountain Valley with Joe Fox as TD for 2014.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MPVA Bowling Tournament

Skore Lanes, Taylor MI

Scot Severn, TD

May 28-31, 2009

The AWBA returned to Michigan after a long absence for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MPVA tournament and was treated to a fine event. We had enlisted two novice bowlers, Geoff Hopkins from VA and Ray Brown from MI. Unfortunately, neither of them was able to complete the tournament. We appreciate Geoff coming out to represent the National office and hope he gets his arm issues resolved so that he can resume bowling in the near future. Ray had personal commitments that prevented him from competing as well.

A couple of MI bowlers returned to tournament competition as well, as Ron Buhl and Kevin DeBono both completed the tournament. Fortunately, some other Michigan bowlers stopped in, including charter member and Hall of Fame member, Larry Seymour, Chuck Schafer and Chris Estep. We hope they will bowl next year!

Harold Bowman and Norm Bissell won the doubles event held on Thursday afternoon. Al Uttecht teamed with Cathy Hikade to win the Up and Down event on Friday night.

Overall, the bowlers found the center lane conditions challenging but the event was highly competitive throughout the qualifying rounds. The top five scratch scores advanced to the scratch division after qualifying. Mark Shepherd (Scratch), Wayne Webber (A) and Scot Severn (B) were the high qualifiers respectively.

Individual honors went to Al Uttecht HSS (605), Mark Shepherd HSG (245), John Gould HHS (685) and Gabriel Diaz de Leon HHG (251).

Thanks to PVA National, Michigan PVA, and a special thanks to Scot Severn and the entire MPVA crew Mike Harris, ED, Kevin Elya, President, Jan Black, Jaclyn Kochis, Bonnie Welbaum, Bonnie Williams, Linda Highland and Service Office volunteers, Chuck Henning, Marilyn Kittrell and Stephanie Strickland. We all had a great time and we hope to see you all next year!

## Roll-Off Results:

	<u>Scratch</u>	<u>A Division (Hcp Scores)</u>	<u>B Division (Hcp Scores)</u>
<b>Match 1</b>	Uttecht d Johnston(179-126)	DeBono d DiazdeLeon(179-172)	Bissell d Bowman(175-172)
<b>Match 2</b>	Goddard d Uttecht(188-147)	DeBono d Porpora(219-218)	Turek d Bissell(204-200)
<b>Match 3</b>	Tkaczenko d Goddard(255-161)	Gould d DeBono(191-168)	Turek d Roberts(185-157)
<b>Match 4</b>	Shepherd d Tkaczenko(189-162)	Webber d Gould(211-181)	Turek d Severn(203-182)

### 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MPVA TOURNAMENT

#### "A" DIVISION

POS	ENT	HCP	NAME	ST	SCR	HCP	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	152	52	WAYNE WEBBER	FL	2210	2990	1000	147	147
2	161	44	JOHN GOULD	AR	2314	2974	800	154	156
3	148	55	JOHN KEVIN DEBONO	MI	2098	2923	600	139	143
4	154	50	DON PORPORA	FL	2176	2926	400	145	149
5	152	52	GABD DIAZDELEON	TX	2137	2917	200	142	147
6	157	47	RON BUHL	MI	2175	2880	100	145	152
7	150	54	GARY RYAN	TX	2061	2871	75	137	145
8	147	56	STEVE LUCAS	VA	2021	2861	50	134	142
9	146	57	PAUL COOK	TX	1989	2844		132	142

#### "SCR" DIVISION

POS	ENT	NAME	ST	SCR	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	177	MARK SHEPHERD	CO	2820	1000	188	188
2	184	ZIGGY TKACZENKO	IL	2760	800	184	184
3	187	BOB GODDARD	MO	2713	600	180	182
4	184	AL UTTECHT	CA	2627	400	175	179
5	171	J.K. JOHNSTON	TX	2336	200	155	166

#### "B" DIVISION

POS	ENT	HCP	NAME	ST	SCR	HCP	\$\$\$	END	ADJ
1	106	93	CHUCK TUREK	GA	1516	2911	1000	101	101
2	133	69	SCOT SEVERN	MI	1986	3021	800	132	132
3	109	90	DAVE ROBERTS	VA	1656	3006	600	110	110
4	145	58	NORM BISSELL	GA	2008	2878	400	133	140
5	134	68	HAROLD BOWMAN	GA	1867	2887	200	124	129
6	131	71	JIM COFFEY	FL	1784	2849	100	118	126
7	142	61	TERRY ROCK	OH	1915	2830	75	127	137
8	139	63	PAUL KENNEY	NH	1862	2807	50	124	134
9	145	58	RAY FIELDS	MI	1842	2712		122	140

#### "NOVICE" DIVISION

RAY BROWN	MI	WD
GEOFF HOPKINS	VA	WD

# **STRIKES, SPARES & MISSES:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>200+</b>	<b>250+</b>	<b>500+</b>	<b>550+</b>	<b>600+</b>	<b>650+</b>
Bill Birch			500			
Norm Bissell	225		508			
Ron Buhl			500			
Doug Bureta	205					
James Carver	201		540			
Larry Chauncey	237					
Jim Coffey	207*					
Phillip Daniel			517			
Mike DeLoach			527,518,508			
Ray Dennison			525			
Martin Frost	203,201		535,529			
Bob Goddard	208,203,201		540,539,539	577,575,560		
Jim Gogolin	225,219,217		529	574	601	
John Gould	215,204,200		515,510	562,553		
George Holscher	234,222,213			592,577	609	
Eddy Hutchens	203,200	256	528	552	600	
J.K. Johnston	213		533,514,508			
Merv Kaya	206		526,524,504			
Gary Poole			509			
Walt Roy	247,207,203		526,519	587,573	615,612	
Keith Scott	205		534,501	568		
Mark Shepherd	247,245,210		541,525,521	596,596,573	664,604	
Dan Spotts	211		522			
Roger Templar	214		518,515,504	558		
Ziggy Tkaczenko	222,220,210		532	589,585,567		
Al Uttecht	227,204,203		543,524,520		605	
Wayne Webber	202		544			
Bob Willis			503			

\* First Time Achievement

**150 over Average Series:**

**100 over Average Game:**

**All Spare Game:**

**Triplicate Award:**

**Spilt Conversions:**                      Jim Stewart 6-7-10      Gary Ryan 4-7-10

**PLEASE.... SUPPORT THE A.W.B.A.**

*We need you – and bring along a new bowling friend as well!*

## **IN REMEMBRANCE:**

† We lost **Daryl Pfister** (Menomonee Falls, WI) on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 69. Daryl had been admitted for rotator cuff surgery and complications arose that contributed to his death. After overcoming polio, he lived an independent and fulfilled life. Daryl was an avid sports enthusiast and especially enjoyed playing cards with friends.

Beyond his bowling accomplishments (GMBA Hall of Fame) and dedicated service to the AWBA, he was a strong family man, leaving behind his wife of 45 years, Bonnie (Lewinski), and daughters Lisa and Melanie. Lisa is married to Paul Reed and they have two children, Brendan and Arianna.

Mr. Pfister served the AWBA on the board for many years, was a past chairman. He was elected to our Hall of Fame even before becoming our Secretary-Treasurer for 3 terms from 1984 thru 1992. He was an advocate of/for the association, championing the best of what we could and should aspire toward ourselves.

I was able to lean on him whenever questions came up for his counsel and guidance. I was honored to attend his memorial service with my wife Nancy, along with a group of the Wisconsin bowlers.

† Don Trigg called to let us know that his father **Afton Trigg** passed away December 22, 2009 while hospitalized in Las Vegas due to a stroke. He would have been 92 this year. He was often seen at our tournaments with his daughter Erdine Hostetler in KC and Vegas rooting for all the bowlers in those events.

† We received word that **Robert Hooley**, (Kansas City, MO) had passed away last October from an email sent to the office. No details were included with the notice. Mr. Hooley bowled a few tournaments with us back in the mid 90's and was a good friend of Joe Coleman. They played basketball together for years with the KC team.

† Anna Korchak informed us of the passing of **Betsy Lamy** (Virginia Beach, VA) unexpectedly on June 6, 2009 at home. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Mike, and daughter Carrie Kirkpatrick. Betsy was an original member of the Tidewater Wheelchair Bowling League and a life member of the AWBA. She will be missed by all who knew her for her friendliness and willingness to help others. Memorial donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 760 Lynnhaven Pky., Suite 201, Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

### *Our condolences to their families...*

#### **FYI:**

**Well Wishes needed for:** all of our members with illnesses or difficulties, along with our immediate family members and others that we miss seeing on the lanes, in our travels, whatever the circumstances.

**Ralph E. Haskell II Scholarship Awards:** We had two individuals receive scholarship funding this year. They were Chrissy Willis (\$250) and Melanie Pfister (\$500). Congratulations to each for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

Any qualified dependent child of an active member of at least 5 years is eligible to apply for funding. Up to 3 individuals can be funded any given year. Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2010 for consideration next year.

**Vet Games – Spokane, WA:** The PVA has donated booth space for the AWBA in Spokane, WA on Expo Day July 13, 2009. Gary Ryan will be joining me there this year to man the booth in an effort to identify and recruit potential new members. Last year in Omaha roughly 45 of the athletes there stopped in to get information and some have started bowling but have not formally joined as yet.

**Website:** Those of you with internet access can help the AWBA reduce printing and mailing costs beginning with the next issue of the newsletter. All newsletters are posted on the website a few days prior to being delivered through the mail.

Many members have already opted to download the newsletter from the our website (AWBA.org). The next newsletter will be produced at the end of August and be posted on the internet sometime the first week in September. If you choose download yours from the website you simply need to send me an email ([DLR1745@aol.com](mailto:DLR1745@aol.com)) stating that and I will track those individuals accordingly.

Most of the tournament entries are also available on the website. Nonetheless, those bowlers that are actively participating in our tournaments will still receive an entry from the tournament director directly through regular mailings as will new members.