

FLORIDA STATE USBC NEWSLETTER

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Unsure what brought about the change of heart at USBC regarding the awards program but for at least one more year things will be status quo. The powers that be will be reviewing the program and at this time they are unsure what direction it will take.

Again the powers to be have made the final decision to move USBC Headquarters to Texas. Again not sure what was wrong with the facilities in Wisconsin that was more than likely paid for so that they did not have that overhead. Spend the money they don't have as membership keeps decreasing.

The economic situation had an impact on our local City Championship as entries overall were down dramatically from last year. The largest drop was in the doubles/singles event. We had ladies who bowled team but advised that they did not desire to bowl the double/singles event for a variety of reasons – the main one being that they could not afford it. Those that did participate had a good time and our ways and means ladies did an outstanding job of raising funds for our Association's pro-grams.

Due to the decrease in membership we will be proposing an increase to our local dues at our Annual Meeting to be held in April. We possibly will lose more bowlers as it is a never ending circle of de-crease in membership. Where will it all end? Does one know? Anyone have any suggestions?

See you in Missouri.

SUNCOAST USBC WBA GLORIA MURRO

Spring has sprung and another season is almost finished. Easter was early this year . . . so here's a belated Happy Easter to all!

The first two weekends in March we held our annual City Tournament . . . Our 27th.

The scores were great and everything went very well. We had our raffles for BOWL FOR THE CURE, our ways and means table with a great selection of bowling necessities and other things. We also had our candy drawing which everyone enjoys.

The winners of the team event, HOT MIX 4 is in their second year of the tournament. They are Jennifer Lanzer, Monica Kramer, Linda Knight and Erin Kramer. Monica and Linda also placed 4th in the doubles event. **Great Bowling Girls!** First place in the Doubles were Amy Osieczonek and Tine Breitbarth. Tina also came in second in the Singles. Victoria Primosch was top bowler in singles. We are already looking forward to next year . . . our 28th.

We were very honored to have the daughter of one of our directors, Lois Holt. Her daughter SSG Lorie L. Jelll was on leave from Bagdad where she is stationed and is an assistant to A Command Group with 4 Star General David Pietras. Lorie's son who is also Lois's grandson SPC Anthony Russell is also stationed close by. Lorie was able to bowl on the team with her mother. It was a pleasure meeting Lorie. Good luck to both Lorie and Anthony! Thank you Lois for sharing with us!

We are also proud of Hudson High Girls Bowling Team who took home the 1007 - 2008 League Divisional Championship after winning all three of their matches. Their team name is the COBRAS'. Congratulations.

Till next time . . . GREAT FRIENDS AND GREAT BOWLING! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!

PALM BEACH COUNTY USBC WBA GAY ESTEVES

Does the economy affect whether you'll bowl this summer? The cost of everything is a huge issue right now for everyone. Did the cost of summer bowling affect me or anyone for that matter who reads this? But here are the facts!!

Gallon of milk	\$4.25
Gallon of gas	\$3.50
One game of bowling	\$4.25
Shoe rental (one)	\$3.25

When the economy tightens its noose around the neck of the middle class, you can only guess what's affected first? Charities, donations, volunteer service-based organizations, churches. We are expect-ed to run everything the same as we have in the past with less people and less resources. Life does go on, women have babies, couples get married, couples get divorced,

people still get sick, and children grow up. Whether we have the money or not all these things still happen. Life goes on.

Everyone has commitments. Everyone has some bills to pay. But when we start to limit ourselves because we feel that we can't afford something, the quality of our lives is affected and changed. We should be living, not just "getting by". We shouldn't be worrying about the cost of gas or bowling. Yet we are an economic society to some extent. The USA is somewhat sheltered itself from most concerns. We are involved and yet unattached to some situations. Other countries have their issues much closer to the front of their thoughts every day. I have always felt that the United States is an exceptional place to live and have a "life"! My thoughts and prayers are with those who must struggle at this time. But even in the struggle I want to fight to get out and play and have fun and compete in the sport that we all love.

GO. PLAY. BOWL.

FIRST COAST USBC ASSOCIATION

MARY FRANK

The FCUSBC's Annual Championship Tournament, held the weekends of Feb. 23rd and March 1 & 2, boasts of an extraordinary number of high games. Clarence Caldwell, Jim Graham and Chad Fairbanks all achieved perfection with 300 games. Numerous games over 250 were rolled, including "11 in a row" games by David Amirault and Wayne Van Doren. In the women's Division, Mary Ann Ward rolled 253, Barbara Batt shot 256, and Debbie Rudd posted High Scratch Game with 257. She also won Women's Handicap and Scratch Singles. Open Doubles winners were Christopher John/Oscar Hoilman -1446, Women's Handicap Doubles winners were Barbara Dacundo/Mary Ann Ward - 1375; Scratch winners were Barbara Batt/Madlyn Brandon - 1145. In the Open Division, the winning team was "#1 Cline Commercial Services", with 2821. Team members were Stephen Casino, Jack Cline, Jerry Catone and Lou Serridge. The Women's Handicap Team Winner was "Petry" with a score of 2704. Members were Gloria Powell, Sherry Pierson-Angerer, Linda McAdams and Linda Petry.

The Women's Scratch Team winner was "Save Yourself" with a 2249 series. This team has won this event numerous times with members Sherri Howell, Madlyn Brandon, Debbie Rudd and Barbara Batt.

Congratulations to all!

On April 13, all Hall of Fame members will meet to review the applications that were submitted.

A ballot vote will then be taken and candidates will either be elected or held over for one year. Following this election, a ballot vote will be taken to determine the Life Member. To receive this award, a member must be in the Hall of Fame for at least ten years. All recipients will be recognized during the Annual Meeting, which will take place on Saturday, June 7. The

FCUSBC will also be honoring two other individuals on June 7. The are” Board Member of the Year - Buddy Craven, and Secretary of the year - David Laird, Sr. The Board Member is chosen by the Officers and Office Manager, and the Secretary is chosen only by the Office Manager. Both individuals have excelled in their areas and deserve to be recognized for their outstanding achievements.

Twelve scholarships were awarded for the Youth City Tournament. In the 12 and over group, first place was awarded to Austin Faircloth and Alyssa Coates, second place to Josh Johnson and Amber Meyer, and third place was awarded to Nathaniel Brown and Ariana Hantz. In the 11 and under age group, first place was awarded to Colton Molchan and Charna Wallace, second place went to Hodges Hunter and Marleigh Garren, and third place was captured by Ryan Sessins and Maria Rayn. The “James Burroughs Award”, which recognizes the highest scratch all events for male and female, was awarded to Josh Johnson - 2225 (averaged 247) and Jennifer Smith - 1867 (averaged 207). “Gold” winners include Trevor Harris, Michael Cousins, Joe Majzer 11, Jennifer Smith, Jessica Cousins and Jade Rankin. The winner of the Coaches Memorial Tournament Trophy for 2008 was Brittani Britton, with a score of 858.

In the Jax Blast Youth League, the “Do Work” team consisting of Johnny Coyle, Kali Irving, Colton Molchan and Josh Johnson rolled a Team Series of 2845, which is currently 2nd in the Nation for 2008. They rolled a team game of 1035 which is currently 4th in the Nation for 2008. Coyle and Johnson both rolled a 300 game of the three game series. Congratulations!

The FCUSBC continues to remain a much involved organization in the community. Plans are underway to host the Nielsen Organ Transplant Tournament as well as the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tournament. Donations are already being accepted for these two events.

A meeting to define the rules and guidelines for the Annual 190+ Average Tournament will be held in the near future. This event is a test of skill and endurance. Each five-game block is bowled in a different center. Pin fall carries over until the stepladder finals, which is bowled immediately following the final block. This is a ‘must see’ event for great bowling and high scores.

It’s almost time to start packing the suitcases for the annual trek to the USBC Convention. A questionable issue may be USBC’s potential move from Wisconsin to Texas. The local delegates are also looking forward to the women’s State Convention on May 16. In addition to attending to the business at hand, this meeting allows the delegates to rekindle old friendships and make new ones throughout our great state of Florida. For those of you who will be traveling, the First Coast USBC wishes you a safe trip and God speed.

SEMINOLE COUNTY USBC WBA PATRICIA L. HARBIN

It's only six or eight weeks until the 2007-2008 Bowling Season will be over. I feel we've only just begun. I am seriously thinking about enrolling in a summer league if I can find one that is both sanctioned and that will be within the Seminole County boundaries.

This week as I bowled I could not help but think of all the reasons I like to bowl so much. Bowling, like so many other sports, has such a diversity of personalities involved. Some team members treat their bowling night out. All cares seem to be [ut aside and they are really having a good time. They talk and laugh with their teammates. Some have their evening meal while bowling and even lift a few mugs of the old grog. As the game progresses and the score is either for or against their team the height of laughter increases but there is never any animosity or anger against any one else on the team that won that game. There is the attitude that if we had a slow game this week we'll do better next time.

Does your team have hotel reservations, sights you want to see while at FLORIDA STATE USBC WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSN. TOURNAMENT in DAYTONA BEACH, Florida? I look forward to sitting outside on the beach for about ten minutes in the sun, covered in sun screen, with a sixty inch wide sombrero to protect my many times tanned skin. I will take my entertainment inside to the nearest bowling center or to some of the many other well known events that take place during this event under a roof with air conditioning.

Have as much fun as you can while at State and don't forget to think about a summer league. Keep bowling on your mind and you will always have something challenging to look forward to during the hot summer days.

Take care and see you next year at the beginning of the new 2008-2009 season.
