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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Toni Maddux

It's only a few weeks away until the opening of the state tournament in Ft. Myers on May 7th. I always enjoy working the state tournament because I get to see so many of the bowlers from all over the state; many that I've known for a lot of years. It has been awhile since we have been in the Ft. Myers area so I hope everyone has an opportunity to see the area after bowling; as there are a lot of things to see and do.

The convention for the delegates will be a little different this year. It will be the first time we will hold an awards luncheon instead of a night time awards dinner. I hope everyone likes the change; as this allows the delegates to go out Friday night and have a good time before bowling on Saturday. There will be a delegate get together right after the meeting for the delegates to visit with one another.

Congratulations to Dalia Keyes, the recipient of this year's FS USBC WBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. Dalia is very deserving of this award. She has put in many years of service and hard work for the sport of bowling on a state, local and national level. Congratulations Dalia!

Congratulations are also in order to Kay Wilson, who will receive the Pilar Cohalla award at this year's luncheon. Kay has been around for a long time and has done so much for bowling in her area along with promoting bowling around the state. She has been attending conventions as long as I can remember. Kay was speechless when I called her to tell her about winning the award. She said she was so proud and so honored to be receiving the award; she couldn't believe it. Kay believe it, you deserve it! Pilar will be on hand to present the award to Kay. I know everyone always enjoys seeing Pilar.

Katheryn and I went to Sarasota/ Bradenton area recently to do site inspections for the 2012 tournament and convention. The local association officers treated us like royalty and gave us a chauffeured tour through town to the centers and hotels. Again another area we haven't been to in awhile and there are many things to do in the Sarasota/ Bradenton area.

I will be attending the National USBC convention in Texas in June this year. There will be a log of proposals this year. Once again, a proposal for mandatory merging is on the agenda. It will be interesting to see how it goes this time!

For those of you who are interested but unable to attend the meeting, you can watch the convention live on the web.

I hope everyone has a very Happy Easter and Passover. I look forward to seeing you all in May.



SOUTH BREVARD USBC WBA

Charlotte Mateo

We have finished over half of our season and have had some interesting events. As of this report, our membership is at a total of 824.

First let me start by letting you know that some of our bowlers have had some exceptional scores. Great bowling ladies!! Here are just some of the high scores that we have had this season:

Dorene Crickon – 720 Series
Andora Andrew – 712 Series
Carol Wood – 697 Series
Betsy Davis – 664 Series
Missy Miller – 662 Series

Andora Andrew – 267 Game
Dawna Hoff – 267 Game
Sandra Loveless – 266 Game
Marti Pope – 258 Game

For our upcoming events, please mark your calendars, our Annual Open Membership Meeting will be held on April 16th at Harbour Center at 10:30 am. We will be having our elections, award presentations, door prizes and refreshments. We hope to see you there! In addition, we have been awarded to host the Florida State Senior Tournament in

November 2011 (first two weekends), which will be held at Harbour Center. Fliers will be available at our local bowling centers sometime in the late summer.

Our Local Tournament which was supposed to take place during two weekends (February 26 & 27 and March 5 & 6), had a rather disappointing turnout. At the closing of the entry deadline, there were only 9 teams entered. It's hard to say exactly why there had been such little response to the tournament. Some of the comments that I had received regarding the lack of entries were that the event was not promoted enough, the economy is to bad, or that the lanes are too tough (I thought that was what tournaments were about – having a challenge). Whatever the reason, we felt that by changing the tournament we would attempt to avoid a bigger disappointment for those bowlers who wanted to participate. There was one question that was consistently asked while speaking with the team captains: “why bother to have the tournament for only 9 teams?” To answer that question: We are mandated by USBC to provide at least one local tournament to our bowlers. The only exception would have been to host a State Tournament. After discussing the situation with our Association President and the 9 team captains, it was decided that the tournament would be changed to a Doubles/Singles Tournament (on March 12th at 10:00 am at Harbour Center). The 9 teams were contacted to give them the option to still participate and we hoped that they passed on the information to encourage others to join in. The final count of participants was 14 sets of Doubles and 28 Singles entries (not counting any walk-ins).

After reviewing the comments we received about the tournament response, it seems that the general consensus felt that the “promoting” of our Tournament had the most concerns. Based on this and all the other comments we received, your Board will be addressing this issue in the coming months and will try to improve on this situation.

We are continuing to raise money for our youth (High School Bowling) and hope you have seen some of our events and were lucky enough to participate in them. One of the events held was our Garage Sale in February. Thank you to all of our members who donated items for this event. We were able to raise a small amount of money from this event, but every little bit helps. On April 9th there will be a “Sock Hop” in Titusville in which a large portion of the cost will contributed to the youth funds. If you are interested in attending, please contact any of the Board members or myself and we can assist you.

We would like to say a final farewell to one of our membership's great ladies, Nell Massingill, who past away last December. She was an active bowler in our Travel League up until her passing and will be greatly missed. We can all hope that we can walk, let alone bowl, at the tender age of 85 as she did.

We hope that you have a wonderful remaining season and safe summer. See you on the Lanes!!



WOW how time flies. Seems like we were holding our annual league officer's workshop, organizing leagues, holidays crept up and now we are ending the fall leagues and working on filling those summer leagues. Old adage of "time flies" when you get older seems to be right on point. Our local City Championship was held the end of February and first part of March and the winners will be honored at our Annual Awards Banquet. Our guest speaker was to be Jim Zebahazy; however, he has been called to Texas for a meeting, so we will just have to spend time with friends, eat/drink and honor those who were winners during the year at our local attorneys.

Most of the certified leagues that formed this fall season have had vacancies on teams or are bowling with a bye ... seems that the economic situation has hit our area hard and is not recovering so we are still losing bowlers. Hit hardest is the youth bowlers. Our youth leagues keep losing bowlers and without youth bowlers coming up through the ranks there will be no adult leagues. What will happen at that point in time - no one knows for sure.

Our annual meeting will be held on April 9, 2011, and as we do every year we hope for a good turnout. Seems that most of the bowlers do not feel that attending the annual meeting is an important enough event to take time out of their weekend to sit and listen to reports, elect officers/directors and delegates so that the majority of the association is represented by the minority. Guess we could take it as a compliment that they feel we are doing a good job - or they just don't care. We have tried everything to increase participation and / or interest in the annual meeting to no avail.

The USBC National Convention should prove interesting this year as there was not supposed to be any legislation; yet there will be a few things being brought to the floor such as the merge - yet again. Seems this issue will not go away. There are pros and cons to the merge; however, continually shoving it down the throats of volunteers is not the way to make friends and influence people. Workshops appear to be the same old, same old, with a couple new ones thrown in. It will be interesting to see what the "Certified League Officer" workshop will be all about and how it will be used by USBC.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. held a clinic at AMF West with a question and answer session, a 1-on-1 instruction/suggestion session (there was a charge for this) and then he and Brian Brazeau (one of our local pros) went head-to-head in a 1 game match with Brian Brazeau winning 245-226. 24 bowlers signed up for the 1-on-1 instruction and from the sounds of cheering and laughter a good time was had by all. Trying out the "recommendations" is up to each bowler but it couldn't hurt to try what the pro suggested, seems to work for him. Mr. Williams shared some stories about his growing up and how horse shoes helped him become the bowler he is today. Since this clinic proved to be a success we will see if we can hold another one in the fall.

Guess that brings us up to speed on the happenings in and around Ocala/Marion County. Till next time - keep those balls rolling.



SEMINOLE COUNTY USBC WBA

Patricia L. Harbin

How many bowlers in this state can remember having the opportunity to go bowling as part of the activities offered by the sports program of the public school they attended? Maybe you were fortunate enough to be part of the competition against another school or just went for fun instead.

As a young person we all have the tendency to take it for granted that those things just magically happen. We assumed the person who accompanied us to the bowling centers or chaperoned the bus to the bowling center and back to the school was a teacher like our Math or English instructor who had been assigned to oversee our activities.

In most instances the person is associated with the school they represent, usually already involved in bowling and has a high level of bowling skills and knowledge. These are the qualifications of the director of the Seminole High School Girls bowling team. Deborah has been director of the girl's team since 1987/1988.

I have watched Deborah Govocek working with her team many times when I was practicing at Airport Lanes in Sanford, Fl. Some of the girls were not regular league bowlers and did not have the experience that comes from years of bowling. Debbie is very patient with the unskilled amateur and quick to point out just what could help the student. Debbie's assistant is Nicole Farley who donates her time to help the girls and together they have kept these teams bowling.

Each school year the girls join the team for the season that starts the last week of August and ends the second week of November. Bowling practice is twice a week with competition between other schools twice a week. There are on an average, eight or ten bowlers that finish the season. I had heard that the Seminole Girls team went to the High School State tournament this year so I asked Debbie how the team qualified to compete. She told me that her school is in the Seminole Athletic Conference and competes with other school teams in the District Tournament for the privilege of going to State. One team member, Lisa Freyman finished 13th in the state this year in the competition.

They must support all their own financial needs, so the girls take part in many fundraisers. Seminole High School qualified for the State Tournament that was held in Orlando, Florida at Boardwalk Bowling. That eliminated the need to earn travel and hotel expenses since Sanford is about 25 minutes away from Boardwalk when you travel the toll road across Lake Jessup to Hwy 50.

Her long day at work, then her hours working with the girls, Debbie still has the energy for bowling in the evening on two different leagues a week. She serves as a director on

the Seminole County WBA board of directors in various positions. She is a YABA representative and also an inspector for lane certification. Her association with the schools in Seminole County qualifies her as an excellent candidate for another position as Director. She has served the Seminole County USBCYABA for years as the representative for the high school.

Debbie takes time to raise flowers in her gardens, keep her home for her family and assist with other activities such as tournaments for both the women's association and youth groups. I did not ask her about what she does that her job would require and I'm glad I didn't. I could probably fill a book.

This is my last letter for the 2010-2011 season. The Women's State Bowling tournament starts the first week in May and I hope to see you there. Fort Myers is a beautiful historic city with many interesting places to visit. Plan to enroll in a summer league if you do not take a vacation from bowling. Summers fly by as quickly as the bowling season does each year. The end of August will be here and the 2011-2012 season will be upon us. Enjoy each day, enjoy your family, and remember to bowl a game in your mind while relaxing.



GULF COAST USBC

Celeste O' Neill

Happy Easter to everyone....

On February 19th & 20th we held our Youth City Championship Tournament at Liberty Lanes. A \$300 scholarship was given out to the TOP Boy & Girl in both handicap & scratch divisions for ALL EVENTS.

Winners of the \$300 Scholarship went to:
Handicap Girls – Samantha Rayner – Liberty Lanes
Handicap Boys – Jordan Thornton – Seminole Lanes
Scratch Girls – Marissa Gavin – Seminole Lanes
Scratch Boys – Jeff Campbell – Seminole Lanes

Congratulations to these kids and thanks to Liberty Lanes and their staff...

We had our Ladies & Men's Championship Tournaments at Sunrise Lanes on March 12 & 13th, and the winners are:
Team – Liberty Lanes TGIF'ers – 2942
Doubles – Penny Zglinicki & Robin Hintz 1483
Singles – Gillian Dean 753
All Events – Gillian Dean 2222

Team - Injured Reserve – 2992

Doubles – Steve Weyand/Jason Read 1578
Singles – Chris Ritter 830
All Events – McKenzie Jones 2392

Congrats..... And thanks to Sunrise Lanes and their staff.....

Our OPEN Championship Tournament will be at Twedt's Lanes the weekend of May 14 & 15th. Entry deadline is April 30th at midnight. Entry forms have been taken to all centers and are available at our office.

The BCAF International Family Tournament was held at Seminole Lanes on March 19 & 20th. One of our youths, Alexandra Matthews who bowls in the Seminole Youth Saturday Morning League & also the Youth/Adult league at Liberty Lanes and recently became a Youth Director on our board along with her father, Wayde they came in 1st place in the Parent/Teen Division, which won her \$1000 scholarship and a paid entry to the National Family Tournament in Louisville, KY. We are so proud of her.

The 58th Annual St. Petersburg Women's Classic entry forms are out and are available on our website at www.gcusbc.org to print. Please tell your friends about this tournament and if you would like an entry form emailed to you, please email us at gcusbc@tampabay.rr.com and we will be happy to email one to you. The entry forms will also be available at the Florida Women's State Meeting. The entry deadline is midnight, October 15th, must be POSTMARKED, by midnight this date.

There will be more tournaments coming up this summer. We have Harry Beierlein Youth Scholarship, Champion of Champions for all first place teams bowled within all 5 centers this season, Maddie Dalrymple Youth/Adult Scholarship Tournament.

We are in the process of trying to re-create our 600 Club. We have a scratch doubles tournament scheduled at Seminole Lanes on April 17th @ 1 pm. Entry deadline is April 9th. The format is a 600 bowler, bowling with someone who has never had higher than a 599. If you have not seen the entry form please email us at gcusbc@tampabay.rr.com and we will email one to you.

Hope everyone has a great summer.



BROWARD COUNTY USBC Association

Bob Foreman

Hello again from Broward County! It's been a while since we last posted an update, but you will be happy to know that bowling is alive and well and better than ever down here. This was a busy period as our two largest tournaments were held in January and March.

For the women bowlers in Broward County, the Broward County USBC Women's Tournament held last January was a big success - Attendance was nearly the same as last year, and here are the high rollers:

TEAM - Handicap Winners with 2576

Denim Dolls

Catherine Adams

June Wagner

Dorothy E. Thomas

Jeannie Delane

DOUBLES - Handicap Winners with 1391

Juanita Tomlin

Nina S. Grinion

SINGLES - Handicap Winner with 739

Donna L. Daniels-Block

ALL EVENTS - Handicap Winner with 2061

Donna L. Daniels-Block

Congratulations to all of the entrants!

Regarding the Broward County Open Championship Tournament, again the attendance was steady compared to last year's event.

There were a actually four 300 games and one 800 series bowled during the two week event - Glenn Del Campo bowled a 300 game with an 800 series in his Doubles and then bowled another 300 in his singles.

In county league play, Bobby Walters, Jr. bowled a triplicate 279 games for an 837 series in the Monday Knights at Sawgrass Lanes on February 7, 2011 a first for Broward County!

So the scores and league bowlers both seem to be on the upswing this year, as bowling center owners have been busy upgrading the lane conditions and equipment in nearly all of the houses. Indeed, the sport is once again seeing a resurgence and new life here.

With the above in mind, I urge all of you throughout the State of Florida to rededicate yourselves this year to your local association and the bowlers in your area. If you are an association director, be there for all of your meetings whenever possible and always remember that your bowlers are your Number One priority. League secretaries, continue to do that good work that you do each week and stay up on the latest rules and stay open to new ideas to spark up your leagues. Bowlers, welcome back to the lanes and know that with the economy starting to rebound, bowling in a league with friends and family is still the best value around. Happy Rolling!



Spring has sprung and the weather is heating up. Even hotter were the scores during our Annual City Tournament. We experienced good lane conditions and Mike Hamilton (Open Division) took advantage by throwing a 300 game and some amazingly high sets. Our tournament chairs, Glenda Beckett and Danielle Graham rounded up a good crew of helpers and the result was fun for all along with one of the best turnouts we've experienced in the last few years. Kudos to all who made this happen!

The first place finishers in the Women's Division of the tournament are as follows:

Hdcp. Team - 2924 -TNBA All Stars (Jackie Yaniz, Anetrice Kornbluth, Janeka Butler, Johanna LaRosa)

Scratch Team - 2427 - Tap That 10 (Michelle Sanchez, Mireya Gomez, Rosie Mendez, Graciela Dube)

Hdcp. Doubles - 1443 - (Caitlin Graham/Melissa Coile)

Scratch Doubles - 1309 - (Caitlin Graham/Melissa Coile)

Hdcp. Singles - 796 - (Janeka Butler)

Scratch Singles - 670 - (Caitlin Graham)

Hdcp. All-Events - 2330 - (Janeka Butler)

Scratch All-Events - 1992 - (Michelle Sanchez)

Congratulations to all of our winners. The next tournament will be our Seniors Event on April the 10th and we expect an awesome number of bowlers for this one.

Well, this is our last newsletter for the 2010-2011 bowling season and I would be remiss if I didn't write about one very special league at Bird Bowl. They are called the Morning Stars and just what is so special about them? They try their best every week, they cheer for one another even if they are on the opposing team, and they take you back to a time when you did things just for fun. The members of this group have physical or intellectual handicaps along with some very unique personalities. Some of them are very accurate at picking up spares or getting strikes and others bowl off of the wrong foot, only getting a few pins down each frame. Many of them have their own bowling equipment and a locker at the lanes. Some of them wipe off their ball before rolling it down the lane, not even knowing why it is done. Everyone should make a point of coming out to watch them bowl or even better; volunteer to coach this great group of people. I'm sure that many of you have bowled in highly competitive leagues where the atmosphere sometimes becomes very intense, yet this league takes things down to their most basic and innocent levels and that allows everyone to have a good time. Try it in your town.....before you know it you will be cheering out loud, too.

We are looking forward to the State Tournament and hope to see as many of you as possible during delegate's weekend. May everyone have safe trips to and from the event and as always, may the good scores be yours.



“The Die Hard Bowlers”

Most people who love to bowl actually bowl more than one night a week. My girlfriends that I bowl with are multiple days per week bowlers. I have found that most die-hard bowlers actually bowl at more than one bowling house too. They experience different lane conditions and also different types of bowling management styles and love meeting a different crowd of people. I only bowl once per week so I am the exception to this rule. *My die-hard girls bowl more than once a week and they bowl at two different houses too.* My sister lives up north and she bowls four times per week at two different houses. I wonder if she prefers to bowl so she can forget how cold the winters are in Missouri? I think it is another excellent reason to live and bowl in sunny Florida.

During the summer is when everything changes with my girls. We attempt to bowl together but one girl takes the summer off every year, and the other two girls and I attempt to make another team strictly for the summer. Sometimes we end up together and other times partially we stay together and I hate to say it, but one year I bowled the summer season with strangers!

This summer my die-hard bowling ladies are all having surgeries (two knees and a hip) that way they can have their rehab and recovery and be back to bowl by the fall bowling season. Yes my team name (from the “Smart Asses” to “The Die Hards”) should be changed so that it reflects the serious dedication and huge commitment that these ladies feel to the sport of bowling. That their physical pain and suffering is being delayed (currently in pain and taking Advil to make it through the league night) until this season is complete so that they only miss the summer season of bowling!

It’s unbelievable but true, to try to imagine what their physicians said to them in those momentous appointments when they each discovered that they would require surgery to alleviate their serious pain.

I can imagine what *they* said to their doctors.....“I’m sorry Doctor but I’ll have to wait until my bowling league is done in May and then there is the Women’s State tournament in Ft. Myers, Florida and then Nationals is in Syracuse this year, I’ve already paid for my flight” . Whether the next explanation is for the physicians benefit or the last team member standing, I imagine they continue with, “This surgery will have to wait until all my bowling season is complete then I can concentrate on the surgery and the recovery before the fall leagues start again”! Did I mention that my girls are die hard bowlers?

So I want to say that I am totally being dumped this summer and left to fend for myself. I want to wallow in self pity and then eventually find another team that will take me for the summer only. It’s a difficult task and I may have to wait until someone doesn’t show up and be “placed” on a team of strangers once again! Oh the horror! But I’m selfish to feel any of that when my die hard girls are really the courageous and strongest friends of all.

They will continue to bowl at the best of their ability while feeling pain and wearing pain patches, knee braces and Biofreeze. They are committed to finishing their season and their commitments to the sport of bowling, their various bowling teams and to their friends. They are arranging their healthcare around the sport of bowling! That's an amazing thing to imagine since we aren't professional bowlers but you know most bowlers are pretty die hard about our sport.

My girls love the sport of bowling and it shows. Plus, I know they are coming back in the fall season just for me! So we can all bowl together again one more year.



SUNCOAST USBC WBA

Gloria Murro

“So long... Farewell... It's time to say goodbye...” It's time for me to leave you. This will be my last newsletter regarding our Suncoast Women's Bowling Association.

It has been such a great pleasure reporting all the news that has been available. I have been reporting all scores and association news for quite a while, but my greatest pleasure was winning the plaque for “Outstanding Feature Article.” That was way back in May 2008. I missed that meeting but my dear sweet directors accepted it for me. Then at our annual meeting, to my surprise, they presented it to me. What a surprise! Tears and more tears... Thank you to all who made it possible for me at that time. Enough about me.

On April 10th, the Suncoast USBC will have a meeting in regard to the dissolution of the five merging associations, election of officers and directors for the new Suncoast USBC. Several members of the Suncoast Women's BA will be seeking election to the new board. We are hoping we have a great turnout and a lot of support!

Don't forget the weekend of October 21, 22 and 23 for the 500 State Tournament sponsored by the Suncoast 500 Club. For further information, contact Lois Hault at (727) 938-3434 or Brenda Walker at (727) 843-0484.

In closing, keep up with Great Friends and Great Bowling!

Editor's Note:

I'd like to thank each of our writer's for another informative and interesting season; I'm sure the reader's thank you as well. I sincerely appreciate the time it takes to write your articles and your dedication in sharing your association news. Each one of you makes being the Editor a job I love to do! Whether or not you win an award, ALL OUR WRITER'S ARE A WINNER IN MY BOOK!!!

“WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER & PASSOVER”

