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“Happy Valentines Day”



2010 AWARD WINNERS

HALL OF FAME MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Vermell (Mell) Brooks ~ FS USBC WBA

PILAR COHALLA AWARD

Vicki Dice ~ FS USBC WBA

These deserving ladies will receive their awards at the FS-USBC-WBA Annual Meeting in Deland on May 21, 2010.

Dalia Keyes
Chairperson

Greetings from your state office. Here we are with half the 2009-2010 season behind us; where does the time go. With the early Championship Tournament entry closing at hand (Feb. 1st), the office is all a buzz trying to process the entries as quickly as possible. If you do not have your entry in yet, you can still meet the late closing of March 1st with a late fee. The tournament looks like it is going to be a good one. We are looking forward to spending six weekends with the ladies and gentlemen of West Volusia USBC Association in DeLand.

Congratulations to Vermell Brooks who will receive the 2010 Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service, and Vicki Dice who will receive the 2010 Pilar Cohalla Award.

Congratulations to two SPECIAL ladies . . . Mell and Vicki!

The 2nd Florida Women's Classic Tournament was held January 16th in conjunction with the FS-USBC-WBA's Winter Board Meeting at Cypress Lanes in Winter Haven, Florida. Thanks to Kegel Training Center and the management and staff at Cypress Lanes for their contribution in make the Classic Tournament a success.

2nd FLORIDA WOMEN'S CLASSIC TOURNAMENT WINNER
SAMANTHA LINDER
(Winter Haven)

Samantha received \$1,000 and a plaque for 1st place . . . Congratulations Samantha!

Also joining Samantha in cashing in the tournament were:

- 2nd Place: Kaidee Sutphin (Orlando) - \$400
- 3rd Place: Kendra Gaines (Orlando) - \$200
- 4th Place: Carol Teel (The Villages) - \$100
- 5th Place: Lucy Sandelin (Tampa) - \$85

The highest qualifier for the stepladder finals was Kaidee Sutphin who was presented with a certificate for a ½-day training session at the Kegel Training Center.

The FS-USBC-WBA is looking forward to sponsoring the 3rd Florida Women's Classic Tournament in July, 2010. We invite all Florida competitive bowlers to come and participate!

Our annual meeting is coming up . . . Friday, May 21st in DeLand at the Holiday Inn on International Speedway. Later in February, delegates should be looking for their delegate packets which will contain detailed information for this event. The meeting will start a 9 a.m. and should be over by 5 p.m. There will be a banquet on Friday evening with

cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. For the delegates' convenience, the host hotel will offer a prepaid buffet luncheon for the delegates. Information on the luncheon and how to purchase your tickets will be in your delegate packet.

The annual meeting event creates a special time for catching up with old bowling friends and making new bowling friends. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Following are some due dates to remember:

March 1st: Final Closing for State Tournament Entries

April 30th: Request for Meeting Lunch Tickets

Request for Meeting Banquet Tickets

GULF COAST USBC

Celeste O'Neill

Here we are; already February of 2010, Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Hi, my name is Celeste and I started this past year as a Director and I absolutely LOVE it. I have learned a lot and this will be my first article so I hope you enjoy it. I was just asked in December to do the Woman's article, so I have been preparing.

October 9th, 10th, & 11th we hosted the Florida State Jamboree which was held at the Hilton in St. Pete Carillon area. On October 9th, we hosted a golf tournament at Cove Cay Golf Course, we had 28 golfers. Then Friday night was a meet and greet at the Hilton. On the morning of the 10th at Seminole Lanes, we had a bowling tournament where there were 84 bowlers. The banquet was on Saturday evening where 233 people attended. Inducted into the Hall of Fame were Frank Collins from Orange Belt, Lakeland and Gary Sergel from Palm Beach County. Al Sanders from Space Coast BA was elected President of the Florida State Bowling Association and he replaces Jim Walker of the Tampa BA. There were 101 Delegates and 53 Alternates.

Our 43rd Annual Youth/Adult Tournament was held at Liberty Lanes on October 17th & 18th & 24th & 25th, 2009. The winners of each division were awarded \$300 scholarships. Those winners were:

Bantam Division: Tyller Bowling/William Wilder 1543

Prep Division: Alexis Genevie/Phylliss Meyer 1493

Junior Division: Stephen N. DellaMonica/Stephen K. DellaMonica 1490

Major/Senior Division: Madison Swartz/Ed Huett 1458

Special Division: Jordon Mason/Chris Laird 1447

I wanted to announce our winners from the 2009 – 56th St. Petersburg Woman's Classic held at Sunrise Lanes & Twedt's. We had 155 teams, 300 doubles, 600 singles, and 648 All Events.

Team:

AFTP – St. Pete – 2,887 – Penny Zglinicki, Tracie Cooper, Gillian Dean, Robin Hintz.

Doubles:

Ft. Myers – 1,562 – Teresa Skeese & Port Charlotte - Ona Wood

Singles:

St. Pete – 809 – Laquisha Roundtree

All Events:

Orlando – 2,255 – Monawn Weeks

We would also like to announce two outstanding honor scores:

Tiffany Crosby – St. Pete – 803 series

Denise Griffin - Hernando - 299 games.

We hope to see you back, and make sure you tell your friends about the tournament. If you go to our site at www.gcusbc.org and go to 2010 – 57th St. Petersburg Classic and as soon as we have it put together you will find the 2010 entry form. We will be adding a little extra to the site for you to get around town; all coming soon. We also would like to know if anyone has any ideas for our Ways & Means table. If you have any comments, please send them our way, we would love to hear from you. There is a CONTACT US button on our site.

On January 10th, GCUSBC had our first Annual BVL 9 pin no tap bowl-a-thon for the Veterans. It was a good turnout. We had 53 bowlers show up and I bet there were about 15 Veterans there. We had door prizes for everyone. GCUSBC will be turning in \$1500 that we raised. We will be doing this again this year at another one of our centers, so please be on the lookout for our 2nd BVL 9 pin no tap Bowl-A-Thon. Bowlers were asking if we had planned on doing this again. We were happy with the results.

On February 13 & 14th & 20th & 21st we will be having our GCUSBC Youth City Tournament. It is being held at Ten Pin Lanes. Each center should have flyers at their desk. I hope to see a lot of the youth out there this year. Please get your entries in ASAP, as there are no walk-ins. Entry deadline is February 7th.

In March we are having our GCUSBC Championship Tournament. The first weekend March 13 & 14th will be the Ladies Championship @ Liberty Lanes. And then on March 20 & 21st & March 27 & 28th will be the Championship OPEN @ Liberty Lanes. You will be able to go to our website and print an entry form, there should be entry forms at all our centers. Women's entries close midnight, March 6 & the Open entries close midnight on March 13.

Each year we have had a high average award for men called the Gresh Award; this award for 2008-2009 went to Keith Glasgow with a 243, he bowls at Sunrise. At our last annual meeting we decided that we are going to have a high average award for Women, Girls & Boys. So 2008-2009 Ladies award went to Marian Russo with a 215 average, Marian bowls at Liberty and the Girls award went to Emily Wollner with a 193 average and she

bowls at Sunrise Lanes in the youth program. And the Boys went to Dexter Martins with a 227 he bowls at Seminole Lanes.

I also wanted to let everyone know that our Annual Meeting is April 24th at noon at Seminole Lanes. If anyone would be interested in being a board member, you will need to contact us before hand, so we are able to get your credentials on yourself to present to the nominating committee. This is a position that is considered volunteer work. We have a number of weekends that help will be needed for tournaments, and other activities.

Hope everyone has a nice Valentines & St. Patrick's Day, till next time.....

SOUTH BREVARD

Lou Martin

February 2010? Who can believe this? (Not me). Time does fly by quickly doesn't it? Especially when you are having fun and enjoying your life, and I hope you all have your entries in for the state tournament, because Deland is a great place and you will have a lot of fun and adventure, I know that when my family and I visit there we do.

The South Brevard 500 Club voted to host two tournaments a year at our last membership meeting; so the first one will be held in April. We usually do this in February but SBUSBC WBA decided to hold our annual Championship Tournament in February this year. I am sure we all will have a great time bowling and seeing all of our friends at both events. The 500 club is also trying to set up a tournament involving 500 clubs within our area. I will report the results to you in the next newsletter, and maybe other clubs can try this also.

The following piece has absolutely no redeeming value. It is not in the least educational, as far as assisting us to write better articles, nor is it the least bit inspirational. However I thought it was clever enough to pass on to our bowlers, hope you all enjoy, as much as I did. I found this in an old NWBW article from 2003.

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Amazing huh? Just think; we might be able to develop an entirely new set of language skills. On second thought, maybe that is not such a good idea, proper English is difficult enough without complicating matters!

Well that is all for now and like I always say until the next time may God bless you and yours.

I hope to see everyone in Deland and at the convention.

SOUTH BREVARD USBC WBA

Goldie McGervey

Our BVL Chairperson, Shirley Mattley reports that so far she has received \$392.50 from the leagues for this worthy cause.

South Brevard Women's "Foxy Bowlers" 200 Club held their 9th Annual Singles Tournament on November 1st, 2009 at Harbour Lanes. The nine winners in order are Samantha Ingram 705, Denise Holsopple 695, Flo Samoyedny 666, Sharon Gainey 662, Joan Ingram 661, Mim Allen 644, Patti Yoniak 642, Diane Vess and Pat Rodgers tied at 628. All these ladies received a check and Samantha also received an award.

Association Manager, Charlotte Mateo and I presented a certificate to Andora Andrew for her high average achievement of 209 for the 2008-2009 season and a 700 Club shirt and certificate to Gloria Uzee (725). Both of these presentations were made at the Tuesday evening, Melbourne Maids League at Harbour Lanes. Three other ladies received 700 Club shirts and certificates. Karen Wood (714) at Monday Night Mixed League at Shore Lanes of Palm Bay, Bev Ineson (723) at A League Of Our Own at Shore Lanes of Palm Bay and Carol Becker (750) at Harbour Classic League at Harbour Lanes.

Our local tournament will be held on the weekends of February 27th and 28th and March 6th and 7th at Shore Lanes of Palm Bay. The board members voted to dispense with a theme and to hold our local tournament every year on the same two weekends.

On April 24th the South Brevard 500 Club will hold a "no Tap" tournament at Shore Lanes of Palm Bay.

The Wednesday morning Hi-Lows League at Harbour Lanes will be the first league in Brevard County to "Bowl For The Cure". In August of 2009 the league voted to donate \$0.25 per bowler per week for 36 weeks to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, this to begin in August of 2010.

I am sorry to report that on January 15th, Terry Meadows passed away. She had served as a Director on our association board during the 90's and was currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Wednesday Senior League at Shore Lanes of Palm Bay. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

The NEW YEAR came in like a LION - BRRRRRR!! I hope everyone endured the cold weather we had and didn't lose too much vegetation. My northern friends just don't understand that when it's 30 degrees in Florida, it's REALLY cold.

We ended the year with a bang. Our Annual Mixed Tournament was again successful. The winners were Cassie Carpenter and Nick Lawrence with a handicap score of 1431. Everyone seemed to have a great time and many pledged to bowl again next year.

We hosted our yearly Toys for Tots Event on December 5th at Colonial Lanes. Everyone was expected to bring an unwrapped toy as their admission. We encourage leagues and groups to share in our venture and ask them to have a specific date set up to collect the toys. We also put boxes in the Centers for the toy collection and hope that people will find it in their hearts to contribute to this great cause. Prior to our event, we go to the centers to pick up the toys. This year it didn't seem like the collections were going very well. However, when the event was over and it was time for the Marine's to load the truck, we were pleasantly surprised at how many toys we gathered. I went shopping after the event with hundreds of dollars in gift cards that we received. I made one more trip to the Centers, and including the toys I purchased, I ended up with a van full of toys to deliver to the distribution Center. It was a fun event where people were rewarded for their generosity with free bowling, cookies and punch. The Marines who were at our event told us that there are so many needy children in Central Florida, and this year they would need at least one and a half times as many toys than were donated last year. We hope that our effort helped to make a child "smile" during the holiday season.

We acknowledge the time and energy that is spent by our board during the year by hosting a dinner during the holidays. This year we went to LeCoq Au' Vin where everyone enjoyed the palatable French cooking and luscious desserts.

On a sad note two members of our association have passed away this month. Dolores (Peach) Stille, who was also a member of the Chicago WBA Hall of Fame for Superior Performance, and Sheila White who lost her long battle with cancer. We extend our thoughts and prayers to their families.

On a happy note, Vicki Dice, our current Association Manager and Association Secretary for the Orlando USBC WBA for over 35 years, will receive the Pilar Cohalla Award at the FS-USBC-WBA convention in May. She is ecstatic and well deserving of this honor.

Once again we are proud to have two of our bowlers finish in the top five of the FWBA Scratch Tournament that was held on January 17th in Winter Haven. Kaidee Sutphin, a member of the UCF Striking Knights finished 2nd, and Kendra Gaines, past member of Team USA finished 3rd. We applaud them for their fine bowling.

Our Annual Championship Tournament will be held the first two weekends of March. We are making every effort to get our entries into the hands of bowlers.

We have a form on our website and have made a mass mailing on the internet. We are hoping to have the best tournament we've had in a long time. For years we have done our Hall of Fame inductions at our Annual Meeting, however due to the poor attendance we are going to incorporate our Hall of Fame Inductions at the opening ceremonies of our Championship Tournament. This year's inductee for Superior Performance is Carole Jones, who was a member of our association for many years, and now resides in Colorado.

Well until next time, may the bowling gods be good to all of you.

OCALA USBC WBA

Debbie Whitten

Burr.... We are supposed to be in Sunny Florida not the cold North!! Guess we need some cool weather to appreciate the warm sun when it shines its face. Remember - bowling is an indoor sport so stay warm while it is cool outside.

Our Youth City Tournament is taking place the last weekend in January and the first weekend of February which will be followed up by two weekends of Open Championship and then two weekends of the Women's Championship. Unfortunately, with the state of the economy, entries are slim to say the least. Even with our Youth Association offering to pay the first team event entry, we only had 32 youth bowlers sign up to participate. Unsure what else we can do to increase participation.

Interest in bowling in general seems to be going by the wayside. Could be the way the centers treat league / tournament bowlers or the cost to participate in leagues and tournaments. Any suggestions out there? We have tried 90% of the standard suggestions, so guess we are looking for unusual or new suggestions!

See you on the lanes.

SEMINOLE COUNTY USBC WBA

Patricia L. Harbin

Happy New Year to all of those I have not greeted by this time of the month of January 2010. The weather has been so extremely cold, it has seemed that all I do is try to stay warm without turning up the furnace and listen to the news of future forecasts. I am a native Floridian born in Orlando that always looks forward to any day above 60 degrees in the winter. One thing though, the weather will change. That is my hope since I bowl tomorrow night and our center does not have any facilities for heat. The forecast is for 28 degrees tomorrow night.

Have you made plans for the USBCWBA annual bowling tournament in Deland yet? My husband and I make trips into Deland to have our auto serviced and I am always impressed with the beauty of the area. Deland reminds me of Orlando, Fl before Disney. There are so many beautiful old building and it is striving to maintain commercial growth

outside the city itself. Their city fathers must have taken hints from Charlottle N.C. That is another city that has kept so much of the charm of an early settled area of the United States. Deland has so many things to see that are different from some of the other cities in Florida. Don't miss the opportunity to tour this beautiful historical city.

The weekend of January 30 and 31st I will be assisting with the bake sale at the SCYABA County Tournament in Longwood, Fl. at Longwood lanes. I think I enjoy watching this event each year as much as I do bowling myself. If a youngster is having a problem, I encourage to him or her to reinforce themselves with one of my "high energy-raisin free oatmeal" cookies to boost strength and focusing ability. Of course I get looks that tell me they know a sales pitch when they hear one, but the smiles I receive are beautiful.

This year our youth tournament will be short one entire house from this county since they have moved to another county. We wish them the best of luck and hope they will continue to grow into the great bowlers we want all our young people to be in the USBCYABA.

Do you ladies remember the annual tournament for Seminole County Women that will take place the last two weekends in February on the 20th, 21st, 27thand 28th? There is still time to register for a place for yourself and your team. Entries close on February 12, 2010. The bowling centers should have entry forms or can direct you to whom to contact. If you are not a member of the SCWBA, all it takes is the purchase of a separate card for a very nominal fee. That way you are eligible for both the men and women's tournaments. We had several disappointed ladies who wanted to bowl last year but did not know they needed a card with the ladies association to bowl in this tournament. Even if you are a member of the USBCBA, don't miss the chance to win a prize from this tournament too. Keep those strikes and spares rolling. Hope we've seen the last super cold weather until next year.

PALM BEACH COUNTY USBC WBA

Gay Esteves

Its tournament time in Palm Beach County! We are all going to take after Kelly Kulick and totally kick butt!!!! Can you believe it? *Kelly is in the house!!* I hope everything changes for her and in great and wonderful ways! I know that the future of women's bowling will change, it has already!

Now here at home, we are deciding and discussing our teams for the upcoming Palm Beach County WBA Tournament held this year in Boca Raton (south Palm Beach County). All women bowlers are welcome to come and bowl with us! But first just a quick note about a couple of other wonderful women bowlers in our area:

I had the pleasure of meeting this ladies acquaintance last year when I first started bowling in Boynton Beach at the AMF Lanes. This lady's name is Holly Freeman and she currently has a 119 average. Last Thursday night Holly got her first award ever!!!

And it wasn't from USBC; it was from the Florida WBA USBC. She was so excited. Holly had her first 200 game EVER in December 2009! And The Florida WBA gave her 75 pins over average award. At the time she had a 113 average, so she is improving every day.

When Holly decided to bowl on the Screaming Pizza League on Thursday nights, she thought she couldn't wear the bowling shoes that you rent. (Many people have this issue, right?) So she decided to buy her first pair of bowling shoes in the pro shop at the lanes. Holly works for an Internal Medicine physician in Boca Raton, so as she glanced out the glass window in the pro shop while the owner rang up her new bowling shoes, she tells me that she saw a man sneeze on the lanes, cover his mouth with his hand, then put his hand directly into his ball to bowl! Holly turned to Ron the owner of the pro shop and said, "I'll take a ball too please!!" Here's to Holly! And cheers too many more awards in her future!

And lastly but not least, our league secretary can run circles around me even though she is 25 years older than I am. She works, she takes care of her retired ailing husband, she feeds her out of work son, she volunteers at her church and runs almost every charity event, she volunteered to help with the PBC 600 club, and yet still has time to police (I mean be the secretary) for our league and bowl; and volunteer on the PBC WBA USBC Board of Directors. Oh did I mention that this lady has breast cancer and is the middle of treatment twice a week? No I didn't mention it.

Judy Sisko has the energy and the will do such tremendous things. She cares about doing things for the people and causes that really matter to her. She does all the wonderful things that you've always wanted to do for people! You know that little voice when someone asks for a volunteer, Judy listens to her little voice. The little errand to take care of this or that, and yet always has the time to say hello and see how you are. I hope she continues to run circles around me for many more years to come.

To all the wonderful ladies out there....thanks for making our lives richer and fuller, prouder and happier!

GREATER MIAMI USBC BA

Sharon Colon

Happy New Year everyone. It is hard to believe that the bowling season is already half over. We have just finalized plans for our Annual City Tournament which will occur in March and also for our Seniors Tournament scheduled for April, along with the Junior Bowlers Tournament. Our ways and means committee is trying to come up with bigger and better items to offer on those occasions and we all hope that the events will be successful endeavors.

Unfortunately, we have not had an over abundance of honor scores to report so I decided to write about the sport of bowling itself.....

“A Short History of Bowling”

I was flipping through the channels on TV the other day and noticed that the movie Kingpin was showing again. This movie, if you haven't seen it, exaggerated a lot about the sport of bowling and at times made fun of it. It seems like many of the movies on TV or at the theater that include bowling, usually portray bowlers as either goofy, strange, or candidates for AA; when in reality, bowling was at one time the game of kings.

Just for the fun of it, I did some research on the sport and came up with some interesting information. I am not completely sure as to whether or not it is all valid information, but most of it came from more than one source. To begin with, bowling is actually one of the oldest sports around. The original forms of the sport have gone through a few transformations to become the sport we know today. The earliest evidence of bowling came from an anthropologist's retrieval of objects in a grave in Egypt. These objects, along with other items, were determined to have come from a time back in the year 3200 BC. I wonder if three strikes in a row were called a turkey or maybe a camel..... Seriously though, that was a long time ago.

Other historians cite the fact that maybe bowling started in Germany in about 300 AD. This was still many centuries ago. The first time bowling was mentioned in anything written down was in the year 1366. It seems that King Edward III banned the sport because he wanted his army to spend more time practicing their archery skills. Yet, in spite of that, the sport grew in popularity across Europe. In Italy they played bocce ball, in France a game called pentanque, and in England they did lawn bowling all of which are precursors of the game we now participate in. There wasn't much information as to when the sport started in the United States, but I would imagine that some of the early settlers brought what they knew of the game with them on their travels here.

In the story of Rip Van Winkle, he alludes to waking up to the sound of ninepins which was probably another early form of the game. Today, bowling is an organized sport which has become more sophisticated than ever. What's great about it is the fact that almost every age can participate. The children can start out with bumpers in the channels, handicapped bowlers can use ramps, older bowlers can do it with a shorter approach and lighter balls, and the rest of us just do it our own way. The best part is that so many people continue to have fun. Let's hope that the cost factor doesn't get in the way of things and that our sport will still be around another 5000 years!

Before ending this article, I would like to give lots of credit to our youth leaders and some of the wonderful association members that work so closely with the junior bowlers. We have an event called “Best Buddies” that takes place at the bowling center. It is an opportunity for bowlers with handicaps (either physical or academic) to come together socially and enjoy the sport of bowling. It is the job of the helpers to give them help with their game, make corrections in scores when needed, give inspiration, and most especially to be a friend that is ready to give a hug or a high five when the bowler comes off of the lane. It is an adventure for those that are bowling and for those supporting the bowlers.

With this in mind, I want to thank the following people for their time and efforts at the last event: Susie Coile, Diana Rose, Kathy Meyers, Tere Sinclair, and Danielle Graham (adults) as well as Alex Rodriguez, Andrew Meyers, Jason Wolf, David Garcia, and Sabrina Torres (youth leaders). With nothing more to write at this time, I will say good-bye for now and hope that all of the good scores will be yours.

BROWARD COUNTY

Bob Foreman

The first three months of 2010 are turning out to be amazing months for the Broward County USBC Association and its bowlers. In January, to start the New Year, we hosted our annual Broward County USBC Women's County Tournament. This year, we had 4 additional teams and 20 new bowlers as compared to the 2009 event, for a grand total of 335 participants. Nearly \$6000 in prize money was awarded. Here are just some of the many good scores that we saw during the two week event.

Singles:

1. Anita Fields 754
2. Jay Robinson 724
3. Sabrina Binegar 699
4. Ora Williams 693
5. Krystal Hosch 675

Doubles:

1. Ericka Brown and Miesha McLendon, 1,293
2. Carole Petty and Barbara Ceglarek 1,277
3. Ora Williams and Laurie Gordon 1,274
4. Anita Fields and Juanita Tomlin 1,274
5. Sharon Reichard and Diane Chaviano 1,270

Teams:

1. I Don't Care 2,562
2. Spare Parts 2,458
3. No Name 2,451
4. Classy Trash 2,443
5. Smish's Bowlers 2,442

Our "All Events" champion was Ora Williams, who accumulated 2,010 in total pinfall. Congratulations Ora and also to all of our bowlers!

In February, the town is going crazy with this year's Super Bowl XLIV (44), held at the Miami Dolphins' home stadium, now named Sun Life Stadium (but I will always call it Joe Robbie).

I love the word "Bowl" in the most watched event of the year. I know that I will step it up in my league this week, as I think of a Super Bowl and a super series.

To honor the real "bowl", the NFL Charities Celebrity Bowling Classic was held on February 4th, and for \$300 per entry, you could rub elbows and bowl with NFL Stars of past and present. There was also a celebrity bowl-a-thon that was held in Miami on February 5th to help raise money for charity. All around the town, it is a busy week.

Looking ahead to March, the Broward County USBC Adult Tournament is scheduled for the first two weeks in March. To help to generate the best attendance ever, the Broward USBC has added an additional \$1000 to the prize fund this year, and this year bowlers may now cash more than once in the Singles event. As one of the Tournament Directors this year, I will be sending a message to all league secretaries to help promote and generate new entries this year.

I believe the future of bowling lies in our youth. That's a no-brainer. As representatives of this great sport, we need to reach out to them this year, and encourage them to get involved in USBC sponsored leagues and tournaments. I still have strong memories of my dad taking me to that Sunday Father and Son League when I was only 11, and the breakfasts that we shared after each week of bowling. It was those memories that helped me to bring my own son into bowling when he was only 7 years old, and today he bowls in my Friday night league with my wife and me, and is still a youthful 22 years. One day he will have a son and daughter to carry the torch.

Finally, a big congratulations to Liz Johnson and Walter Ray Williams who were voted Bowlers of the Decade by the BWAA, PBA and Bowl.COM. I am personally a big fan of Walter Ray, primarily for his great sportsmanship and consistency. If you've never seen it, may I recommend a great movie: "A League of Ordinary Gentlemen" which tracked the careers of Walter Ray Williams, Pete Weber, Chris Barnes and Wayne Webb.

Until next time, stay well and bowl even better!

WEST VOLUSIA

Jennie Mero

Here it is the 1st of February. Good news is we did make our goal of \$1000 for the BVL this year. We collected \$1235, thanks to all of our bowlers.

Before you know it, May will be here. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. Our ways and means committee will be offering some unique items; Towels with special logos, including your favorite NFL team, sports bags, bowling coasters, etc. We are lucky to have a very talented woman on our board and she has been working hard making these items.

If you have ever heard of the band "Whiskey Basin", the lead singer will be your entertainment at the banquet. He is a wonderful singer was very active in the youth

bowling. It must run in the family... talent that is, bowling, singing, and growing plants. Just about anything you can think of. I am sure you will all enjoy him.

Now is the busy season for tournaments. In February we have the Senior Women, Open Senior and Sweetheart Doubles. The entire month of March is our local women and open tournaments. April brings Association meeting and banquet and then for six weekends Women's State. We definitely will be busy. I will really need my vacation in El Paso. But wait, that's bowling too! See you all in May.

SUNCOAST USBC WBA

Gloria Murro

Before I started this newsletter, I was at a loss for words, which is a first for me until I watched Kelly Kulick bowl in the final of the 45th Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. Kelly who hails from New Jersey, (where I lived until moving to Florida) outscored Chris Barnes with a 265 game against his 195. Kelly became the first woman to win a PBA title. If you missed it, try catching a re-run. She was fantastic! Kelly received a two year tour exemption and the first place prize money in the amount of \$40,000. WOW!!! We are so proud of Kelly; she really put the women's bowling on the map. Way to go!

Our association held its first tournament of 2010 on January 17th. It was our annual Senior Ladies Tournament. Again, it was great seeing all of our participants. I think the oldest participant was 80. You go girl!

1st Place:

Joan Ciero & Maureen

2nd Place:

Donna Warren & Georgette Fletcher

As I always say, "we're not getting older, we're getting better!"

In closing, I would like to brag about one of our retired bowlers, Jane Jarosz. Jane's daughter Diane is our current president of our association. Jane is now at the ripe age of 88! She moved to Florida from the north in 1984 and got into the swing of bowling right away. Unfortunately, Jane retired from bowling just 4 years ago. She still attends all our tournaments and some meetings just to keep the girls on their toes. Thanks Jane!

Jane bowled in the national tournaments for a straight 42 years. She along with the rest of us were so proud when she received her 40 year plaque from national headquarters. She is also a member emeriti since 1996. We all congratulate Jane on her accomplishments.

Good luck and good health to you and yours. Until next time, Great Friends and Great Bowling!