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SUNCOAST USBC WBA

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Tis almost the end of another season and our Suncoast is really going out with a bang!!! The scores have been terrific and our tournaments have been great!!!!

We held our City Tournament the last weekend in February and the first weekend in March. The format was a four member team event along with singles and doubles. Our top team, **HUDSON LADIES** won with a high total of 2550. In second place was THE TEDDY BEARS with a total of 2488. The winning doubles team consisted of Vanessa Barlow and Diane Jarosz with a total of 1318 and the singles event was won by Brenda Sawyer with her 718 total followed by Cheryl Rogers with a 682 series. All events was led by Nadine King with a 2040 total and the High scratch Series winner was Melanie O'Grady with a 699 and a 681. Melanie also rolled the highest game with a 268. We are proud of our winners and thank all who participated in the Suncoast tournament.

There are winners and there are those of us who enjoy competing . . *win OR lose*.

As usual, we had our own Sharlene Grant taking care of our ways and means table. She always does such a good job. Thanks Sharlene! We also sold raffle tickets and, as per usual, our candy. A big seller was a tree worth \$25.00 in tickets for BOWL FOR THE CURE. The winner was Kali Ashbrook. She took home \$29.00 and 7 free tickets worth another \$5.00. We raised more than \$100.00 FOR THE CURE!! (Way to go ladies!!)

We look forward to our next City Tournament.

Now is the time to brag about our association president and one of our directors. Our president, Diane Jarosz, started out with a spare in the first frame and she went all the way with 11 in a row and a score of **290**. She also (as I pointed out above) won the Doubles Event in the City Tournament. Bonnie Falagno (nee Kelly) started with 10 in a row and one of our favorite pins . . . yes, the 10 pin . . stood up and she ended with a fine 289 game. Great bowling, Bonnie. I want to know what you two had for dinner? Do you have enough wall space for that plaque?

On a more serious note, we lost one of our directors, Marjorie Johnson, in Oct. She also served as our treasurer for 11 years. She was on the board from 4/3/87 until 7/31/98. She started bowling in Kansas City, Missouri in 1943 and ended her career in the 1998-99 season and making her 54 consecutive years of league place second in the nation. Marjorie was a friend and a great bowler. She still had all her sanction cards except for one season. Her sister, Mickey Maxwell, is our association manager. Our thoughts are with Mickey and the family. (Mine, too. Mina).

BOWLING GIRLS

Bowlers come, and bowlers go. Some are fast, and some are slow. Some bowl scores that are so high and some bowl scores that make you cry. To win or lose, you can *never* choose. *But*, if you bowl just for fun . . . **You just can't lose!!!** So, here's to great friends and great bowling!!!!

SEMINOLE COUNTY USBC WBA

PATRICIA L. HARBIN

The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." Such is a quote from "To a Mouse." From a poem by Robert Burns. Seminole County's newsletter, mailed in the last week of January, is probably still in the dead letter file of some northern city frozen in until mid-summer. Thanks to a reliable copy machine I had made extra copies so forwarded another to Mina Tinsley who included it in this month's edition of the FL. State USBC WBA NEWSLETTER. Thanks a lot Mina.

When word got around at Longwood Lanes in Longwood, FL., that I was writing an article about Marian Edgerton, her friends sent tributes of their own.

From Ray and Sandie Simpson: Her nickname is "Edge." She is an accomplished golfer, softball player and bowler. A dental assistant until a heart attack forced retirement, she still follows the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns.

From Diane: She has been bowling for at least 50 years. I think she was about 40 when she had her heart attack. In those days you were retired never to work again. In 1977 she moved to Altamonte Springs and into the same apartment as today. My parents also moved here at the same time from Ohio. She baby-sat with my brother, sister and me. We loved it because she was so much fun, all rules were broken and we had a blast. When she was younger she had a new Buick every two years. It was always the sleekest model available.

From her cousin in California: Marian's mother died when she and her sister were schoolgirls. They were reared by their maternal grandmother in Parma, Ohio. Her aunt drove her to high school each day in North Royalton since Parma did not have a high school at that time.

Marian worked as a dental assistant for years. She always loved sports and would have participated more except for lack of transportation. When her good friends Dick and Flo Gauchet moved to Orlando, they insisted she move with them. When their daughter, Diane married and had a family Marian was like another grandmother. The Gauchets found the apartment where she still lives. Even though many of the 70 years Marian has been bowling, most was at the Iron Kettle while she was in Ohio. Marian has always loved bowling and carries a high average . . . in FUN AND FRIENDS.

There was so much more to say about this remarkable lady. She has really left a mark on the hearts of all her old friends as well as those who now associate with her in the bowling centers around the county. Let us hope we can be there to watch her roll that ball on her 100th birthday.

Seminole County USBC WBA held its annual tournament during the last two weekends of February. A few of the ladies scores are as follows: **Nancy Neiswanger** had some great games . . . 278, 234 and a 2683 in her team event. She was so close to a 300 game but left the 7 pin on her first ball of the 10th frame. Nancy's home center is Altamonte Lanes in Altamonte Springs, Fl. **Sherree Scheuering** bowled a 606 series in doubles with a 211, 236 and 159. She did not let her scores drag in the singles event when she rolled 201, 214 and 186 for a 601 series. Guess she was a little tired toward the end of the game but that is to be expected when you're **8 MONTHS PREGNANT** and the baby is due before the end of March.

Claire Leclair took all events handicapped series with a score of 2014. All events winner of the scratch series was **Kim Oakes** with 1829 for her games. Congratulations to you both. We look forward to seeing you at our next tournament.

Seminole County USBC WBA bowlers think about what you can do to help increase attendance at all our local centers. There are not many sports that can offer you such fun and friendship every day of the week, rain or shine. If you have children and you want to broaden their sports activities beyond basketball, baseball or football . . . consider bowling. This is a good sport for children with handicaps. Some of the best bowlers that I knew as a youngster were handicapped. Are all you readers planning to attend the State Tournament this year? I hope so and if you bought yourself a Christmas gift to Nationals have a great time opening your package.

Since this is the last letter until next season have a COOL summer by spending as much time as possible in your favorite bowling center. You can also spend some time in the library reading books about "How to Become a Better Bowler." I wish you Good Luck and Great Bowling. Bye for now.

WEST VOLUSIA USBC

JENNIE MERO

Due to lack of ink in my fax machine Jennie's February newsletter was unable to be read and I didn't know how to reach her to ask her to send it again. I will do my best in reporting what I can read. I do apologize for my forgetfulness regarding the ink and my failure to reload. Mina.

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TORNADO'S BIG STRIKE HITS WEST VOLUSIA in the early morning hours of February. Unless you have experienced one all the news articles in the world cannot describe the devastation. We are still trying to recover from same which hit us on Friday, February 2nd.

While I lay in bed listening to the television describe the tornado's path and praying that it wasn't coming my way, I expected to go to work and see Downtown DeLand in total ruins. As I drove to work, not a branch was down and when I arrived in town and looked around, I wondered, was I dreaming? There were no signs of any damage.

I went into my regular stop for coffee and everyone was talking about the storm damage. It was all south of town and businesses, apartments, homes and a bowling community of Hawthorne Hills were destroyed. That was the news item of the day and still is.

That evening, as a member of the Citizens Observer Program (COP), part of my duty was to patrol and guard entrances to areas where the damage was. It was hard to believe that the day before the little community of DeLand was alive and well and now hundreds of homes were completely gone and many more were damaged.

Volunteers from adjoining counties came to help with the clean up work. It reminded me of how everyone helped each other during the hurricanes. Progress Energy trucks were everywhere trying to restore power polls and power. FEMA was on site the next day.

Hawthorne Hills is a mobile home community and probably 80 % of the homes were totally destroyed or condemned. Mem-bers from the community bowl at Sunshine Lanes on Friday afternoon. They only missed the day of the storm. 99% of the league is back bowling. Sunshine Lanes provided food for the volunteers that helped the community and over \$1,000 from donations received at the lanes will be given to the Hawthorn Hills Homeowners Association.,

Things are calming down some, however it will take a long time to recover.

AGE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

During the month of January, **Tomas Teixeira**, one of West Volusia youth bowlers, rolled a **300** during City Tournament. Thomas is 18 and has only been bowling for about 3 ½ years.

Also in January, Fred Franklin, 75 years young, rolled his first 300 game at Sunshine Lanes. Prior to the 300 game, Fred's high game was 279. Fred bowls in 4 leagues, tournaments and enjoys every minute of it. Fred averages 188 on most days. He gets upset if he doesn't bowl well, but Franklin says he bowls for the fun of it.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS - WVUSBC – OPEN. Team: **WREAKING HAVOC** - Hdcp. 3553, Scratch - 3408. Team members: Steve Driver, Elaine Driver, Wes Mott, Jr., Josh Snyder and Sean Murphy. **DOUBLES:** Linda Rainey - Steve Rainey - 1451. **SINGLES:** Linda Rainey - 746. **ALL EVENTS HANDICAP:** Steve Rainey - 2253. **ALL EVENTS SCRATCH:** Michael Mulroney, Sr. - 1961.

WVUSBC – WOMEN'S ANNUAL TOURNAMENT: Team: **RELIABLE CARS & TRUCKS** 2490. Team members: Elizabeth Waldren, B.J. Rosetti, Phylklis Riedy and Jane Pennebaker. **DOUBLES:** Catherine Samuels - Lisa Richards - 2490

SINGLES: Patty Dixon - 662 and **ALL EVENTS:** Lisa Richards - 1916

GREATER MIAMI USBC ASSOCIATION

SHARON COLON

Well, it has been a long time since you have heard from me. I missed the October issue because our Association Manager didn't give me any information about the Newsletter until it was too late. And then I daydreamed a little and sent in the December article way past the deadline. I thought I would get the February article in on time, but every time I tried to fax it to Mina a message came up that said the line was busy, and it never got there. So, I hope all goes well with this attempt.

I will limit this article to three parts called: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. Unfortunately, Clint Eastwood will not be appearing in any of them. Let's start out with the first one. . . .

The Good: We have had a few honor scores turned in by the women including a 298 game by Stacey Harper and many who bowled their first 700 or were way over their average. With only two bowling centers running at this time, we will take any we can get!

Earlier in the season, a truly remarkable bowling feat happened. Bowling at Bird Bowl, we had two of our men bowlers bowl an 807 series. That in itself is awesome enough, but they took it a step further. Both were bowling at opposite ends of their league and each bowled exactly the same 3 scores in exactly the same order, yet neither knew the other was doing it at the time. Congratulations go to Harold Harper (our Association Manager) and Mike Hamilton for their bowling performance that night. Their scores were 248, 280 and 279.

We had our first combined City Tournament last month. We encountered some problems with such a large undertaking, but took notes so that we don't make the same mistakes next year. All in all, it wasn't too bad. (Results listed below)

The Bad: As mentioned above, only two of our centers are still open. One of them has been taken over by the City of Homestead and absolutely no repairs have been made that require any additional money. The air-conditioning is so bad that everyone has invested in battery run fans in order to stay cool enough to bowl. The house is going to be going up for auction in near future, but they won't give a specific date. We think they really don't want to keep the property, which is zoned for entertainment, as a bowling center anymore. The other house that is open basically has the monopoly on bowling Miami and we are afraid to see how the lineage will go up next year. They have been doing some renovations to the building though and thank goodness their A.C. still works. Dick Evans, a well known sports journalist, suggested that the city take some initiative and open some municipal lanes, just like they have municipal tennis courts and golf courses. This might not be a bad idea. We would certainly enjoy making a choice where we bowl instead of being relegated to just what we have now.

The Ugly: Of course the stuff mentioned in The Bad section could have been here, but what good is an article if you didn't include something funny that happened on a bowling trip. This particular time involved going to the Senior Tournament in

the middle of the state earlier this year. It is truly amazing that even though we had a GPS in the car, we didn't bother to use it until after we got lost. First, we decided to visit a friend at Hudson Bowl. Having heard directions given, we only really listened to part of them and ended up at waters edge scratching our heads and saying "this doesn't look like a place they would have a bowling center!" We got back on track and later continued on our journey to our hotel. Having just arrived before dinner time, we asked the lady at the desk to give us directions to a particular restaurant. She gave us the address and we proceeded on our way. We kept noting that there was less and less civilization present on our current path. It eventually occurred to us to turn around and go in the opposite direction, which was the right one. We had reservations that had to be changed twice. How embarrassing! We finally arrived at our destination and had an excellent meal. The drinks weren't bad either. One of these days our trips will come out as planned, but I don't see it happening in the near future!

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City Tournament Results:

FIRST PLACE: TEAM SCRATCH: "LATE BLOOMERS" - 2380 - Sue Jacobs, Ronnye Weisberg, Sharon Colon & Sherry Cockfield..

SECOND PLACE TEAM HANDICAP: "TAP THAT TEN" - Jackie Yaniz, Rosie Mendez, Graciela Dube and Mireya Gomez. Total: 2716

TEAM HANDICAP Second Place: "LATE BLOOMERS" - Sue Jacobs, Ronnye Weisberg, Sharon Colon and Sherry Cockfield. Total: 2708

DOUBLES SCRATCH First Place: Nikki Mundon / Stacey Harper Total: 1173

DOUBLES HANDICAP First Place: Rosie Mendez / Graciela Dube - Total: 1329

SINGLES SCRATCH First Place: Sherry Cockfield - Total: 666

SINGLES HANDICAP: First Place: Jackie Yaniz - Total: 738
Second Place: Sherry Cockfield - Total: 698

ALL EVENTS SCRATCH: First Place: Graciela Dube - Total: 1957

ALL EVENTS HANDICAP: First Place: Graciela Dube - Total: 2173
Second Place: Jackie Yaniz - Total: 2149

As always, may the good scores be yours. (See you at State)

SEMINOLE COUNTY USBC WBA (Didn't make it into the last issue) PATRICIA L. HARBIN

It's a brand new year and have you bowlers made any progress on all those New Year resolutions? After a busy holiday season of gifts, food and get togethers we can now concentrate on the upcoming tournaments in the next months.

Speaking of tournaments, did you read about Anna Mae Francis, an eighty year old in West Volusia USBC who bowled her first 600 series with two of her games in that series over 200? That started my thinking; what is it that keeps women and men involved in this game well into their 70's, 80's, 90's and even beyond? So I decided to find some of the ladies of Seminole County who are still bowling when other sports would have long since put them out to pasture.

The first stop was our county secretary, **Mardell Gontermon**, who has served the Seminole County Assn. for over 20 years. She directed me to Longwood Lanes of Longwood, FL. A group of women of all ages bowl in a large morning

league. I

hit the jackpot!! Although I could fill pages with the names of ladies over 50 I'll just pass along a few.

Maureen Riddley, age sixty-eight who has bowled over 45 years, bowls in three leagues each week. She has attended the state and national tournaments. At this time she does not serve as a league officer. Maureen also reminded me that we had bowled on a team in a tournament some years ago. Time flies when you're having fun.

Next, Esther Brugeon, age seventy-eight and an active bowler for 54 years said she loves bowling and would not miss a league if she could get there. Esther bowls in one league each week. She has also attended both state and national tournaments. She does not serve as a league officer.

The gold star of my search at Longwood was Marion Edgerton who at ninety one years, could pass for sixty, has bowled for seventy years with a few years off to recover from a heart attack. Marion bowls in two leagues a week, serves as a league officer, and has attended state and national tournaments. One of the games she bowled that morning was a 197 while I watched. "Nothing new," her teammates said. "She is an inspiration to all of us." "Her wonderful disposition and spirit challenges us to do our best."

The common thread that runs through all of the women's teams I spoke to empathized a bond of friendship and love of the game. Most said it was fun, fun, fun, good exercise and maybe even a little competition. The ladies I spoke to said the game of bowling helps keep them going. It's always nice to see your friends and to greet a new team each week.

Do you have any mother and daughter teams in your center? I found several in other centers., I know Airport Lanes in Sanford, Fl. has two. One team has Dottie Roberson and daughter Cindy Decker. Another team has Mary DeGroat and daughter Kim. Both of these teams are fantastic bowlers.

Airport Lanes can also boast a triplicate of grandmother Joan Price, daughter Trish Tabor and granddaughter Ashley Tabor. Before long expect to see another granddaughter named Kalee Tabor who is currently a teenager, joining this team. Show them how its done Kalee. When I asked why they liked to bowl together Joan said, "it's fun and we get to see each other at least once a week as School and the job takes a lot of time."

Ladies? We are **never** too old to have fun so what a future is ahead for all women who would like to bowl. A person does not need a lot of skill to enjoy the game. Just head for the nearest bowling center, ask about joining a league and before long you will be amazed how many other women will want to teach you the basics of the art of bowling. Every library can furnish you with a book about bowling. It's the sport that anyone can enjoy regardless of age and ability. Just remember, "practice makes perfect." See you on the lanes.

PALM BEACH COUNTY USBC WBA

GAY ESTEVES

"If you don't try to win you might as well hold the Olympics in somebody's back yard." Jesse Owens

It's all about the "sport" and trying to do one's best. Why do it if we don't try our best: Bowling is a game. . right? Right!

How do you motivate others or your child to do well? How do we cultivate the next generation to make the attempt to always do their best and be humble? It's a fine line. We ask them to play with all their heart and walk away if they lose like it doesn't matter! Sport isn't easy. Bowling isn't easy. We put ourselves out there when we bowl. We show our personality. Bowling is an extension of you. It's a learning lesson . . can you figure out the game and then not let it get to you?

I understand why sports fans are so passionate. They are watching their favorite sport, with their favorite professional or amateur and they want them to win. Is winning everything? Or is it the pursuit?

They want their sports person to conquer and shine and be glorious. As Americans we want glory in every aspect of our lives. We want the best homes, the best kids, the best schools and the best cars . . the best “lives” that we can afford. We have been taught to strive for the best in everything. This is the American Way. So how we teach this sport to our children will mean all the difference in the world.

We must be diligent. We must be humble. We must be strict and lastly we must be there for them. We are always learning and testing the waters of life. It is the same with bowling and every other sport out there. We want to be the best and so let’s teach it. You have to want to “try” to do it.

How else to spread the word about BOWLING!

FIRST COAST USBC ASSOCIATION

MARY FRANK

The youth Division’s 42nd City Tournament had six division winners in the Team, Doubles and Singles. There were also six divisions in All Events – boys scratch and handicap, and girls scratch and handicap. The Pee Wee’s had one division in Team, Doubles and Singles. There were also six divisions in All Events – boys scratch and handicap, and girls scratch and handicap. The Pee Wee’s had one division in Team, Doubles, and Singles. The All Events portion of tournament, including the Pee Wee’s, were divided between boys and girls. The winner of the James C. Burroughs Award, presented to over-all first place All Events Scratch, was Trevor Harris The Gold Event was won by Trevor (2103) and Leah Kogut (1869). Both Trevor and Leah will represent our Association at the National Gold Tournament in Buffalo, New York in July. For more detailed results of the Youth Tournament, please visit the website, click on Youth, and following the link to Tournaments.

The Open and Women’s Association Championship Tournament results are in the history book, all checks have been distributed, and winners await the presentation of their awards. The “Phoenix Strikers” rolled their way into first place with a 3890 series. Teammates were Breanne Wright, Ellard Pritchard, James Crosby and Robert Taylor. James Pate and Rafael Cominguez captured Doubles with 1464, while Anthony Rogers dominated Singles with an 810 series. 2175 was the magic number for All Events Hdcp Winner Lamar Weatherford, and Scott Kogul’s 2048 netted him the AE Scratch title. In the Women’s Division Jennifer Lumbag, Martha Perry, Sharon Clark and Steffanie Gaus’s team, “One More Round,” captured the Team event with a 2899 score. The dynamic duo of Twila Porter/Amy Grant won Doubles with 1453, and Dolores Jones nailed down Singles with a 771 set. In All Events, Div.1 was won by the Association Champ, Barbara Batt (1908); Div. 2's winner was Beverly Hagar (1639); Div. 3's winner was a much-surprised Ann Thomas (1564); Div. 4's winner was Donna Tucker (1426); and claiming Dive 5 was Jan Yates (1254). Additional info regarding the tournaments can be found on the website at firstcoastusbc.com.

The Second Annual USBC National Convention has ended, and the delegates left with a new focus on “growing the sport.” The delegation was informed by CEO Roger Dalkin that too many avenues had been mentioned in the past for bowling to be successful at this time. So rather than run in many different directions, the USBC would concentrate their focus primarily on growing the sport. Mr. Dalkin emphasized numerous times that this slogan was not relevant to mean sport bowling, but rather to find ways to attract more people into the sport of bowling. President Michael Carroll echoed Roger’s words that bowling must be recognized as a sport. All of the workshops were filled to capacity and had waiting lines. Brandi Chastain, the keynote speaker, kept the delegates attention with her speech on “It’s Not About The Bra, How to Play Hard, Have Fun, and Put the Fun Back into Competitive Sports.” Following her words of wisdom, she was presented a “soccer” bowling ball. At various times, awards were presented and the first election of directors was held. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard will now occupy one of those directorships. The delegates then had the task of addressing the Proposed Amendments, all 17 of them; 8 bylaws, 3 merged local bylaws, 1 non-merged local bylaw, 4 league rule changes and 1 tournament rule change. PA No.2 was definitely the talk of the convention. It set a deadline date of March 15, 2009 for all Local and State associations to be merged. Although most of those addressing the Chair, USBC VP Sylvia Broyles, were negative to the amendment, the

result of a ballot vote was relative close — 849 against, 741 for. Be assured this PA will surface again next year, along with a PA to raise dues. After three voice votes, State dues will remain at \$1.00. The Susan G. Komen Meet for the Cure drew a deafening applause when the USBC exceeded their goal by raising \$1,003,000. For other convention news, events and results, visit bowl.com.

The Clara White Mission will present their 9th Annual Alley Oop! Charity Bowl to strike out hunger. This year the event will honor the First Coast USBC as a long-time sponsor of the event. Bowlers will win fantastic prizes, meet with local celebrities and radio/television personalities, and enjoy a great buffet lunch.

The first Susan G. Komen for the Cure bowling tournament will be hosted by the First Coast USBC on Saturday, May 12. The committee is working diligently on this project and looks forward to a successful event.

The delegates are looking forward to the women's state convention in Tampa in May. Every effort is being made to abide by the decision of the 2006 WBA Convention, which was to merge. The bowlers spoke. Now in the time for action! The State BA President, John Tinney, will soon appoint a Transition Committee to work with the appointed WBA Transition Committee. Together great things can be accomplished for all the bowlers.

With this newsletter being the last edition of the 2006-07 season, the First Coast USBC wishes everyone a great and safe summer. May God Bless each of you until we write again.

SOUTH BREVARD USBC WBA

LOU MARTIN

Greetings to all of you around our great state. I am in hopes that all is well with you. We just finished our local Championship Tournament which was a lot of fun as well as a lot of work. Everyone had a great time. We had some good scores, and a lot of first time tournament bowlers (All that adrenalin . . . can you remember your first tournament)? What a great time to tell them about the local, State, National and all the other tournaments around our state. It seems that I got a lot of interest from these ladies.

Another thing that has happened around here is that we have had three 290 games bowled by Angel Pomeroy, Michelle Claar, and Jennifer Daniel. But, hold on a minute . . . Not the be outdone we also had a 300 game rolled by Andora Andrew. If only I could get a 150 game again !! Congratulations to all for such *great* performances.

We are all looking forward to seeing our friends from around the state at convention in May, and at the lanes also. I love this time of year and am in hope that it does not change too much in the near future. Though we do know that lots of changes are coming our way besides the ones that are already in effect. But, they say change is good . . we will see.

Until the next time . . . I will sign off now and, like I always say, God Bless you in all of your endeavors. Enjoy life . . . you never know when He will come to take you home. Laugh a lot . . . It's better than a frown.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

SOUTH BREVARD USBC - 2007

TEAM CHAMPIONS: Phyllis Carr, Juanita Willoughby, Donella Harriger and Dot Adams.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONS: Linda Swift and Sheri Martin

SINGLES CHAMPION: Deanne Kokal

ALL EVENTS SCRATCH: Joan Ingram and

ALL EVENTS HANDICAP: Phyllis Carr

Funny how time seems to move more quickly the more mature we get. Seems like only a couple of weeks ago Fall leagues were starting and talk of Thanksgiving Turkey and Christmas trees, blink and here we are completing the Fall league season and preparing for Summer leagues. Thirty six weeks is a long time but also a short time when measured week by week.

National Convention is upon us and the hot topic of conversation this year is the proposed amendment to have the complete merger of state and local associations completed by 2009. There are pros and cons to both sides of the proposal but hopefully the decision will rest with the "delegation" and not the National Board. Will have more to report when we return.

Our City Champion Tournament was a great success due to the hard working volunteers and helpers. The time, effort and dedication given by these women and the men who assisted in making this tournament a success deserve a big "THANK YOU". It takes good leadership, the wisdom to know when and what to delegate and the follow through of those to whom responsibility has been given to make a team work well and we have all of those qualities in our local board. More later.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA USBC ASSOCIATION
MINA K. TINSLEY

Before you jump to conclusions . . . I am not writing this article to be judged. I simply want to share information for each of the statewide members who look forward to each issue and enjoy hearing about the highlights from other associations. I hope you will agree that the following is more than worth reading about. I have finally given up locating anyone from my own association with any interest in taking on the job. I just decided to brag about a very fine young lady and do it myself.

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Krissy Stewart has been bowling since a very young age. She began her love of the sport at the age of 8 in Lancaster Ohio. Her first major achievement took place during the 1987 season. She was a representative for the Tournament of Americas for the Junior Division. Participation in this tournament included 30 different countries from North, Central and South America. She won the Singles, Team, and All Events and finished second in Doubles.

She continued to "set the pace" after moving south **many** years later to Fort Myers and joining the Lee County WBA.

Krissy was the manager of All Star Lanes but limited her bowling to another local center to eliminate any question concerning her bowling abilities. For instance: When she broke a **WIBC 88 year record** during the 2004-2005 season with her **four 800 + series in one sanctioned league**. I was so excited and couldn't wait to tell a male bowling friend about her ac-complishment. His comment? "What do you expect when she manages the house? The oil pattern would be very much to her liking." I wiped the smile from his face when I told him that she doesn't compete in her own facility.

Other accomplishments in our former association: Her High Series was 816 with a total of six 800 or better series to date. She also was the first woman to shoot an 800 series in the Lee County WBA which happened during the 2000-01 season. She has also rolled over four 300 games. Three were in league play and one on the LPBT tour which she competed in from 1995-1999. She was selected as the LPBT "Rookie of the Year" in 1995.

In the First Annual "Cream of the Crop" she defeated Lisa Wagner in a televised final match to become the "Cream of the Crop Division Champion."

As a member of the Florida Bowling Queens she won the Queen's Title one year. She also won the Singles Div. Title in two "Lady Floridian" competitions and one Doubles Division Title.

In 1995 or 1996 she set "a then" state record at the FWBA Annual Tournament for High Series, All Events and Team event. In 2000 she won the PWBA Regional Title at Galaxy Lanes in Ft. Myers.

Her accumulated accomplishments in the local association include the following: 1994-95 High Game - 300 and High Series - 782. 1995 Annual Tournament All Events champ plus High Game of 278. 1998-99 - High Ave. 221. 200-01 High Average 225 and High Series - 805. 2003-04 High Series - 800. 2004 - 05 High Series - 816 and High Average - 232. She was also an elected member of the former LCWBA Board of Directors and is currently on the SWFUSBC board.

Yes, I would say the above achievements speak well of Krissy's bowling prowess as well as her interest in the sport. On top of that . . she never flaunts her achievements and is a very laid back, likeable individual who is dedicated to her family and friends. And, speaking of them, her son bought her a new ball for Christmas year before last and her first game (while her son watched) was a 300 game. I would not be surprised if she has made many more achievements since I last heard..

I do hope you enjoyed reading about Krissy (which is short for Kristina) and her accomplishments in the field of bowling. Oh, and by the way she will be inducted into our Hall of Fame (which has been long in coming) by the time you read this. Congratulations, Krissy!!!! I know of no one more talented than you in the game of bowling *and* you make it look so easy.

SARASOTA MANATEE WBA

MARLENE FISHER

Can you believe it? The 2006-07 season is coming to a close? We've seen some great bowling in our area . . . ladies you have done a tremendous job!

We held our annual Sarasota Manatee WBA Championship Tournament on March 17 & 18 . . . Of course this was only our second one. A special thank you to the management and staff of AMF Bradenton for hosting our tournament. We had 16 teams in Division A (760 and up) and 7 teams Division B (759 down) Creative Design Doors (Bradenton) won Division A with a 3,057. Another Round (Sarasota) won Division B with a 3,276. There were 5 doubles entries in Division C (282 - down) with Cindi Jackson/Melissa Zeller (1418) winning 1st place. Michelle Nussbaum/Cindy Kregg (1494) won 1st place in Division B. (283-325) out of 26 entries. Division A (326 and up) had 19 entries with Gretchen Platt/Sandra Delmoro (1360) as the winners. Singles Division A (163 - up) with 42 entries had Sandra DeleMoro winning 1st Place with 717. With 46 entries in division B (142-162) Cindy Miccihi had a 746 to win. Division C (141-down) had 12 entries with Cindi Jackson taking 1st place with 698. All Events was captured by Sandra DelMoro with 1864. Sandra had a great bowling weekend (and profitable too!) Awards will be distributed in April at AMF Bradenton. Congratulations to all the winners . . see you next year?

A big thank you to everyone who made this tournament a success . . . especially past board members, members of our local men's bowling association, and youth from our junior bowlers program.

Our Hall of Fame members have been selected and will be inducted at a dinner on April 14. Our two new members are for Meritorious Service. They are Charlotte Hiatt and Cecilia Butler. Charlotte is our current Association President and Cecilia has served in the capacity of board member for many years. Both ladies have worked very hard for our board and our community. Congratulations to you both.

Our "Bud Blossoms" will be at it again this April 22 in Venice's Shark Tooth Festival to benefit Special Olympics. A group of our ladies having been doing this as volunteers. We have been assigned to "man" the beer tent and we have a blast doing it! All proceeds of this event go to Special Olympics.

Everyone is ready for State Convention and Tournament and are looking forward to seeing familiar faces one again. It sounds like we're gonna be a little bit "Country" in Tampa which should be lots of fun. Hope they are providing good bowling while we are there, too! Ready for Nationals in Charlotte? Or should we ask is "Charlotte ready for us Florida girls?" We hope everyone has a great summer . . . especially traveling to and from all the bowling trips. Stay safe!!!

MESSAGE FROM MINA

Thanks to all the ladies who took the time to send in information regarding their association. It has been my pleasure to become acquainted with some of you. If you see me at the annual meeting please introduce yourself as I would love to know you. I would really enjoy knowing all of my writers. Thanks.

To everyone!! Have a great and a safe summer. Look forward to next year . . . The good Lord willing.