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CLEARWATER WBA, INC

JOANNE BATES

A new season has started as well as a transition to USBC. It will be a busy year moving into the new organization learning new procedure and all.

Our officers for this season are Hilda Stratton, Pres., Judy Wilson, 1st Vice - Pres., Judy Howarth, 2nd Vice - Pres., Linda Spicer - Secretary, Laura Mosley-May -Treas. and Carol Weaver - Sgt.- at Arms.

Before business began at our Annual Meeting in April, then Pres. Laura Mosley-May presented a CWBA Hall of Fame plaque for Meritorious Service to the family of Lynne Hendry who was our 2nd Vice Pres. and worked on our Awards Committee for many years. She became ill with lung cancer in 2004 and died in Nov. 2004. She was a diligent worker and made sure our bowlers received their awards in a timely manner. She is sorely missed. Others receiving plaques and being inducted into our Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service were Linda Spicer for her untiring work as Secretary; Minnie Olds as our Treasurer; 1st Vice Pres. Judy Wilson and Directors Ruth Harvey and Tammy Jungling. Kathy Weaver also received a plaque as an inductee into the Hall of Fame for Bowling achievement. In our previous issue Kathy and her husband, Errol, were recognized for bowling 300 games on the same night, same lanes and on the same team. This issue they are to be recognized and congratulated at becoming grandparents for the first time. (10-6,'05).

Our association held its 4th Annual Doubles Tournament in Nov. at AMF Lanes. It is a walk-in tournament open to all Florida Women Bowlers. Watch for it next year and join us.

I hope everyone enjoys Happy Holidays!!

BOWL GOOD – HAVE FUN – AND STAY SAFE.

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LAKELAND WBA

JEANETTE CLARIDY

Well, we are now going under the banner – **USBC** – and off to a great start we believe!! Thanks to all who are participating in this transition – may our bowling roll smoothly for **ALL!**

Where did the summer go?? October 1st came and blew right by – I was lost in the “**winds**”!!!. Forgot to send in our article for the FWBA Newsletter!

Some exciting news events of our members: The Pro-Am tour at Orange Bowl Lanes in **April** found **Mildred Tate** bowling for her 85th birthday present . . . paired with her partner – she was serenaded by song as she finished her last game. “What an exciting thrill” she said. The WIBC tournament in **May** found Polk Pump’s team sauntering into Drysdale’s Western wear; we donned **borrowed** red felt hats (same as the ones in the ads); had the nice clerk snap our picture for LWBA scrapbook, then strolled on our merry way. Did we have fun!! I ran into **Fran Bowden**, former LWBA officer, at mutual friend’s 80th birthday. It was good to see an old friend and fellow bowler who was always such fun when bowling!

The Ledger ran three pictures of LWBA members this summer: **Sue Watkins** and husband Jack, were featured in **June** as Fresh Hope for the more than 700 foster children they have cared for during the past thirty years. **Betty Stephens** attending a 1955 class reunion at Lakeland High School in **August** was pictured with teacher Hazel Haley, who is still teaching in the same classroom. She is the longest serving teacher in Florida. **July** found **Lesley Corban** honored as Polk County Schools NW area adult volunteer of the Year where she has volunteered for the past 15 years. She stated: “If I can influence just one life in a positive way; if I can inspire just one young person to a higher standard; or if I can just help someone get through a tough time, then my life has real purpose.” Wouldn’t it be great if we all felt this way?

Patience Price was a member of the 2004 Nebraska bowling team. She is now bowling under Coach Pat Costello at UCF, where they are expected to move to the NCAA in the near future.

Several made strong showings at the Masters 225 Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament in Augusta, Ga. in September. **Karen Doucette**, **Linda D'Allaird**, **Sandy Collins** and **Irene Watson** all made the first cut in the qualifying rounds. Defending champion, **Barbara Gnegy**, successfully defended and returned to Lakeland as the two-time Senior champ!! Congratulations to all!!

Tomi Burns, bowling in the Polk County 600-700 tournament, rolled a wonderful 792 series to claim the 700 Club singles title in October at Winterdale Lanes. She and **Mary Ellen Wadley** both rolled **300** games this year. Tomi shot a 299 game (the 7 pin was too stubborn to fall) in the St. Pete Classic, with sets of **717**, **717** and **727**. She teamed with **Teresa Roberts** (128 average) who was bowling in her first tournament ever!!

Barbara McCready had a 201 game in the Morning Star League, *her first 200 in 30 years*. After shoulder surgery, she changed to bowling left handed. She is back bowling right handed and well!!

Ray Smith Plumbing team: **Betty Stephens**, **Laura Hagan** and **Jeanette Claridy**, each rolled a second game of the series with clean games, and **Aggie Haley** missed hers by an open in the tenth. Not to be outdone, **Tina Peavy** rolled a clean game on the opposing team the same game!

We send greetings to all our Florida bowlers – may the ills of hurricanes be in the past as we look forward to blue skies and peaceful weather. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

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WEST VOLUSIA

JENNIE MERO

“If you can’t hear us now we’ll yell a little louder” was the thoughts coming from the members, parents and friends of the DeLand Bulldogs as **the Lady Bulldogs claimed the FHSAA State bowling title for the 2nd year. GO LADY BULLDOGS!!**

Last year, both the Boys and Girls bowling teams won the FHSAA State bowling title. It was the second title for the boys and for the Lady Bulldogs it was their first title. This year, the Lady Bulldogs went undefeated for the season, and the Bulldogs finished second . . . allowing them to move on to state competition.

Tension mounted as both teams headed to Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando to defend their titles. After the first day, the Ladies took a 296 lead over Orlando’s Timber Creek. Although the boys did have some good games, it wasn’t enough to hold on and they ended the two-day event in 5th place.

Cheering for each other was a major factor with the girls. If one had a low game (which wasn’t often) another held her up. They kept their mind on bowling and tried not to be distracted. One Mother told me that her daughter had stickers on her shoes so that when she looked down at them she saw the quotes “slow down” and “bend knees”.

After the first round of competition, it was Amy Seymour topping a **718** series and Jennifer Brown a **639** with the team scoring a **2936**. Second round, all the girls averaged better with Seymour rolling a **614**, Brown a **612**, Tara Phillips a **603**, Callie Held a **562** and Jennifer Newell a **550** for a combined total of **2941**.

On the second day, Seymour took the lead again with a **724** and **720**, Brown a **704** and **728**, Held **512** and **568**, Newell **588** and **555** and rounded off with Phillips rolling a **570** and **538**.

The Lady Bulldogs topped second place Timber Creek by **766 pins** while **Amy Seymour won Singles** with her **2776** series (**231 ave.**). Teammate, **Jennifer Brown, finished 2nd** with a 2683 (223 ave). Phillips placed 13th (188 ave), Newell placed 14th (187 ave.) and Held placed 19th (177 ave.) out of a field of 190. A perfect ending to their high school bowling career as four of the young ladies, Seymour, Phillips, Newell and Held will graduate this year.

West Volusia is proud of our “Bulldogs” and congratulations also goes out to Coach Dean DeVito for producing quality bowlers as well as young ladies and men.

Additional news from the West Volusia scene is much the same as other associations. By the time this newsletter is read

the “new” West Volusia USBC Association, Inc. will be in business. It has been rough for the transition board working out problems and getting things organized for the election of officers. Applications for the board have been slow. I believe that the bowlers are hesitant to get involved in such a new thing, but all will work out well and I hope other associations are having an easy transition as well.

Our annual BVL tournament has come and gone. Scores haven’t been finalized yet, but our goal of \$1,000 should be met. Although our bowler numbers are down, their hearts are big and the results look promising. Only one half of the leagues have turned in their scores and money and I have already received \$800. If the other half does as well, our goal and more will be going to our veterans.

I have noticed that several of our leagues have been losing bowlers for various reasons, most of which is the economy. I see gas prices dropping a little, but everything else is going up. Hopefully, the bowling proprietors are working with the secretaries to fill the leagues and are not charging for the vacancy scores.

Hope you Thanksgiving was stuffed with many blessings.

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CHARLOTTE COUNTY USBC

KAREN SLUSAR

The winds of change are blowing in our county. Its name is *not* Charlie or Wilma . . . but USBC. Gone is the Charlotte County Women’s Bowling Assn. In its place is the CCUSBC or the Charlotte County United States Bowling Congress. We are officially a non-merged association.

We have not joined with the men’s association as our sister associations in Lee and Collier counties have not yet merged. After seeking answers to many questions, the decision was made. We proceeded to file the proper papers, hold the required meetings and elect our new board. Seven ladies from the CCWBA board were elected along with three ladies who were interested in serving on the new board. They will bring new ideas and energy to the association.

Our President, Fran Buettner, is new to our county but has expertise from serving as president of her association in Greater Springfield, Mass. She also serves on the board of the National Women’s Bowling Writers Assn. Tina Jobst, who served as Secy./Treas. for the CCWBA, was hired as Association Manager of the new CCUSBC. We also have a parliamentarian, Marian Gould, who served on the original CCWBA board when that association was formed in 1966. She is kind of like the “energizer bunny” as she just keeps on going and going. We love her for that and value her knowledge and experience. The journey has not been an easy one but we are determined to have a successful assn.

We are currently planning our first association tournament to be held this month.

Our board is trying to make our members aware of the changes that have taken place and what it means to them. To that end, we are looking into establishing an Internet “home page” where association news could be posted monthly.

To all the other associations going through the merging process, we wish them success.

A happy and successful New Year to all.

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LEE COUNTY USBC WBA

DOLORES PASKOWSKI

On November 29, ‘05 “The lights went out in Georgia” (and Florida, California, plus a few other states.) Mary Griffin, a Life Member, Lee County Hall-of-Famer, former Board Member, former Association Secretary (more than once) passed from this earth to Heaven - and the lights sure were bright and welcome there! Although our hearts are grieved, our lives have been enriched by the graciousness, joy, love and enthusiasm for life that Mary imparted to those with whom she came in contact with. None can say they were the poorer for having known Mary, for Mary loved her family, her Lord, the world of bowling, people – and just plain LIVING!

In 2001, after many years of service, in many capacities, to LCWBA, Mary penned a poignant letter to the membership at large. I would like to share it with you, to give you insight into the heart of this lovely lady.

*A Letter from Mary
To: Members at Large*

Thirty-nine years ago, I began bowling in Lee County. Along the way, I have served as Secretary from 1966 - 1974,

Sergeant At Arms, plus anything else I was called upon to do. The last stint as Secretary started in 1991, when I was asked to "consider filling in" because the previous Secretary left (having NO idea that would encompass almost ten more years!)

There have been many friendships and personal sharing causing deep bonds through the years. I have grown to love so many people, and, I hope they have, in turn, grown to love me. Much nurturing has occurred in this natural process. So much history and many memories are stored in my heart, and much thankfulness for the emotional support from the Board and members, over the years. I hope I have been able to give back at least as much as I have been blessed to have received.

With all of this in mind (and in my heart) it is my desire to thank everyone for the wonderful years I have enjoyed, being useful and serving as the LCWBA Secretary. Although I shall continue to serve as a Life Member, I now wish to spend more time on "Mary" and my family, while I am still able to get around!

I know you will all welcome the new Secretary, and, with me, wish her much success in the future!

With much love and thankfulness,

Mary Griffin
Life Member

To fill in the gaps, Mary certainly was true to her word! She went on trips, camping, site-seeing, and family reunions AND, just this past spring - Mary went tubing! Talk about a zest for life! The words "generation gap" did not exist for Mary. She could enjoy conversations with all ages, and had a genuine interest in everything around her! One other special attribute to describe Mary: The Mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, etc. was the very same lady we all knew. Mary did not change to suit the circumstances - she was pure in heart. The love she gave? - The same. Her sweetness? - The same. The true testimony to this is her children. I have had the pleasure of knowing 3 daughters of Mary - and they share the same love, joy, goodness, warmth, enthusiasm, etc. of their mother. So -we are ALL richer, by far, for having had the privilege of knowing and learning from a lady named Mary. This then, is a "thank-you" letter, to Mary.

Incidentally, Mary turned **90** on the 23rd of November.

May all of **your** days be lived to the fullest, leaving behind a wonderful bouquet!

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FIRST COAST USBC ASSOCIATION

MARY FRANK

It should prove both interesting and educational to get an up close and personal view of the First Coast USBC Assn. With four months into the merged "05-06 season, the FCBC is a classic comparison of courtship, engagement and marriage. The courtship began many years ago, 18 to be exact. The GJBA and the JWBA became steady partners. Ideas and information were exchanged, committees were shared and both Board's Directors worked tournaments together. It was during joint committee meetings that differences surfaced. But as moonstruck as we were, everyone was determined to hang on to the relationship that hadn't existed for many years, if ever. Concessions were made and in some cases, eliminated and replaced with new and exciting ideas. When we both said "I do" and received the membership's blessings, a new facet of our relationship evolved. Togetherness reached a new level through the arduous labors of the Transition Committee. The committee sculpted plans that were discussed on a monthly basis, and all decisions made were unanimous. Aug. 1, 2005 was chosen as our "Big Day." As the target date drew near, anxiety and anticipation prevailed as we boxed up the sentimental records of "who we were," and looked forward to "who we were going to be." This new beginning was one of trust, unity, negotiations and continued friendships. August 1 passed with much satisfaction. There were only a few disappointments, mainly due to the state government's slow-paced approval of our Articles of Incorporation and the 501(c)3 tax exempt status form, which finally arrived on November 29. The FCUSBC is proceeding in a manner that's beneficial to the bowlers we have been elected to serve and represent. Differences of opinion are healthy for an organization to grow, but patience, understanding and tolerance will persevere as the Board travels a new road. The FCUSBC will continue to thrive, addressing and resolving any obstacles that lie in our path. The number one priority of the First Coast USBC has always been, and will continue to be, the needs of our certified bowlers.

The first BVL Mixed Scotch Doubles Tournament was at Cassat's Batt Bowl on Sat., Nov. 5, was a grand success. Barbara Batt, owner of the center, generously donated a ball, bag and shoes to help assist the hospitalized veterans. At

tie for first place existed between the teams of Madlyn Brandon/Craig Huggins and Cynthia Baker/Paul Perry. Both teams posted a total score of 745 with handicap. Capturing third place was Rhonda and D.J. Bethune, who rolled 716 with handicap. Kudos to Jerry Davenport, BVL Chair, who motivated the Lane Reps for increased league collections. The BVL Committee and the bowlers collected and donated nearly \$3,000. A portion of this amount will be sent to the National BVL Fund in Washington, DC, with the remainder being presented to the VA Center in Lake City. The Lake City veterans are the ultimate winners of the bowlers' generosity. Providing them with little "extras" is a small way of thanking them for the price they paid for our freedom. When you travel this holiday season or pass a uniformed service person in the mall, thank them for the sacrifices they are making. This token of appreciation is guaranteed to bring a smile to their faces and happiness to your heart.

As the FWBA's newsletter prepares to go to press, the FCUSBC is geared up to host the Senior Tournaments. The simultaneous events will be bowled in December at Phoenix Lanes. With the exception of a couple vacancies, one squad boasts of wall-to-wall bowlers. Needless to say, that's not only a surprise, but an accomplishment. We hope this trend continues.

The new FCUSBC Hall of Fame Committee met recently and many new ideas emerged as a result of brainstorming. While rules, guidelines and nominee qualifications were established, negotiations played a key role in reaching unanimous agreements. Stay tuned for more information resulting from this most productive meeting.

The holiday tradition of giving books to the Community in Schools project, gifts to less fortunate children, and stuffed animals to the patients in nursing homes, continues this year. The generosity of the bowlers, the leagues, the bowling centers and even private businesses has been overwhelming. Needless to say, Carolyn Lynn, Chair of the Committee, should consider renting a truck to gather all the contributions.

This "nose to the grindstone" Board will be taking a break from burning the midnight oil on Wed., Dec. 14. With Board Members providing the food and beverages, spouses/friends will join in for an old fashion Christmas gathering. Amidst carols and candlelight, laughter, smiles and friendships will unite us even closer as a organization dedicated to serving the bowlers.

May the spirit of Christmas surround you, and may your hearts be filled with peace, joy and happiness throughout the New Year. God Bless you one and all.

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TAMPA WBA

ETHEL HELTON

LOVE OF THE GAME

Elma Wacaster Buchanan was born November 7, 1916 in Reidsville, North Carolina. She moved to Tampa in 1934 where she took up the sport of bowling Duck Pin. She was eighteen at the time and she bowled Duck Pin for ten years as a member of a travel league that went all over the state of Florida.

Elma and her team won many travel league championships. In 1943 she entered the Florida State Duck Pin tournament that was being held in Miami. She made a clean sweep. Singles 388 & All Events 999. She went on to win many more Duck Pin leagues and tournaments. When Duck Pin bowling ended in 1948 she continued what she truly loved to do. Elma joined a Ten Pin league at Jack Sheperd lanes on Howard Avenue where she and her team won the league championship three years running. Elma held the league high average with a 160 for three years. She also bowled in more than a dozen headpin tournaments and won all but two.

Elma received a WIBC pin for her 245 game in 1950. She also bowled her highest series that year with a 602.

1951-52 found Elma making a clean sweep in the Tampa City Tournament. Her team took first place and she and Mabel Ring won doubles. Elma also won the all events with a 1466. She continued her winning streak as all events champion in 1954-55 (1508), 1956-57 (1543) and in 1957-58 she averaged a 174+ (1574) which at that time was higher than most men in Tampa.

Elma, along with Ken Shuck, won the City Match Tournament with a score of 1077.

From the first time she bowled ten pins Elma's ambition was to bowl in the Local, State and National tournaments and she followed through on those dreams.

In 1946 Elma took time off from her beloved bowling and married Clair Brown. They had two children, a daughter, Christian, and son, Joel, who are school teachers. Elma also has two grandchildren and one great grandson. Her marriage to Clair ended after five years. In 1962 she met and married Marion Buchanan . . they were very happy until his untimely death in 1982.

Elma was inducted into the Tampa Bowling Hall of Fame in 1987 for Bowling Achievement. In 1986 she joined a senior league and bowled in it for 15 years. She was 84 when she quit bowling and carried a 133 average.

Her biggest challenge came in 2002 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had surgery and is currently cancer free. This fine lady not only beat Duck Pin bowling and Ten Pin bowling . . she beat the odds and became a cancer survivor. Elma is 89 years young and still comes to watch her old bowling buddies. *What a lady!!*

Congratulations go out to the Tampa 600 Club winners. Singles Champ: Cat Carson – 674, Doubles Champions: Liz Lamagese and Frances Rhodes – 1279.

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PALM BEACH COUNTY USBC

GAY ESTEVES

Okay. We made it through another Hurricane Season in South Florida. Or did we? The roof of our Palm Beach County office has been damaged, there are no trees left in some neighborhoods and bowling?. . who had time for bowling 3 weeks ago? There were meals to make on the grill outside and water to boil, yards needing raking and neighbors to help. Now that the scare is over and everyone is back to work and has electricity, what will grab our attention?

Let's go bowling!

Palm Beach County residents were prepared for this Hurricane although some people are still saying, "We didn't even board up, and my husband said it wouldn't come our way." But you know the majority of us still went to our league nights, even if to see who had power and who still didn't! We all came through another season. And we will next year too!

So . . to all of our Florida friends and bowling aficionados, we'll see you all on the lanes!

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COLLIER COUNTY WBA

MARGIE WILSON

Things have been a little slow here in Naples since Wilma visited us and made a mess out of everything around us. Not just the trees and the water, but the roofs on the houses, carports and windows. It was estimated that over 50% of all our foliage was damaged. They are doing a great job of cleaning up and hope to have all of the debris picked up by Christmas. It will be much longer for people who lost their pool cages – estimates for replacement are up into February of next year.

On the other hand our bowling centers did okay. Only minor repairs were needed and we only missed one week of bowling. We are back and going strong.

We just finished BVL week and did really well. We collected a little over \$2.00 per bowler for our association. I have been a great supporter of BVL for many years. It's been one of my favorite charities. As we are merging into a new and larger association my term of office will be over in May and time to me to retire. I know how hard it is to get volunteers to work and I only hope and pray BVL will continue to be strong in Collier County in the future years.

We were very happy to learn that one of our bowlers, Christine Kiersted, rolled 11 strikes in the St. Pete Classic on Nov. 13th. Congratulations, Christine.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know we are all looking forward to seeing what the new year will bring.

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GREATER MIAMI WBA

SHARON COLON

WOW!! I guess I spoke too soon about the hurricane season last time because Wilma hit us with a vengeance. Dade and Broward Counties were slammed and some of us are still cleaning up the mess as we wait patiently for the insurance companies to assess and write checks for repairs. As hard as it is, material things can always be replaced. Our health is the important thing and thankfully most of us came out okay in that regard.

On the good side, Thanksgiving has come and gone, with Christmas and Chanukah on the way. We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to an exciting 2006.

Thanks go to the St. Pete WBA for the wonderful "classic" tournament they ran this month. About 16 of our bowlers participated this year, all with stories to tell. Congratulations to Caren Fried, our best finisher in the singles and all events categories. She bowled some truly awesome scores. Her team was in first place when we left, but we don't know what the final outcome was. Bowling on the team with her were Sheila Cockfield, Margo Buzzard, Sue Jacobs and Theresa Hilson.

On the day we bowled singles and doubles we were treated to a 299 game bowled by Tomi Burns. What a neat lady! She is so talented yet so down to earth. Tomi mentioned during a conversation that, as she has gotten older, her average has not really suffered. What was her secret? She says she has just simplified her game. Maybe we could all learn from that advice. Keep bowling those big scores.

As mentioned above, the storms set us back a little bit. Some leagues couldn't bowl and some of our meetings were cancelled. Therefore, it left me with little to write about. So . . . to fill up the space I wrote another rhyme about the season:

'Twas the month before Christmas, Thanksgiving was complete,
With lots of food for everyone to eat.
The next day "**Black Friday**" is *always* a riot,
With people pushing and yelling, "I want to buy it!"
The lines are long, with stores opening at five,
Some gathered the night before like bees 'round a hive.
The items were inviting, the best I've ever seen,
Unfortunately, in each store, there was a max of 15.
Onward we pushed, we just couldn't stop
We knew our list was long . . . so we shop til we drop.
'Twas the week before Christmas with cards on their way,
The hurricane took our roof, where will we put Santa's sleigh?
The tree is adorned with lights and balls.
We stay by the phone awaiting relatives calls.
The cookies are baked, the gifts are all wrapped.
The parties we're attending have all been mapped.
People look harried, but still don a smile.
Thinking of a short vacation when we can all rest a while.
'Twas the night before Christmas . . . well you know that rhyme,
People at church rejoicing, singing carols one more time.
The holiday arrives, then it's over in a flash.
Some need to get to work to earn some more cash.
Football abounds, husbands getting their fix,
Happy New Year to all of you . . . *it's 2006.*

Bye for now. May all the good scores be yours.

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SARASOTA MANATEE WBA

MARLENE FISHER

WOW! Can you believe that Halloween and Thanksgiving have passed by and Christmas and the New Year are close at hand? Hope everyone has been having a good season.

The membership so far this season has been rather disappointing. We were hoping that, with Sarasota and Bradenton combining, we would have an increased membership. As of now our membership is 1186. At the same time last year Sarasota membership was only 853. We can only hope it will increase mid-season. How's everyone else doing?

With Sarasota and Bradenton combining into one association, we had to design a new local pin. Bradenton is in Manatee County and Sarasota is represented by a seagull so we chose a manatee and seagull surrounded by the state of Florida as our new pin design. (I can't wait to get one. M.)

We want to send congratulations to everyone who did well in the State 600 Club Tournament. Three of our local members did especially well: Barbara Ripley (Bradenton) took 1st place in the open division (884), Gail Fargo (Sarasota) took 1st in A division (787) and Cynthia Territo (Sarasota) placed second in B division (759).

Our lower average bowlers really deserve to be recognized this year. The following USBC awards have been given out: 4 - 120 game emblems, 5 - 140 game emblems, 5 - 300 series emblems, 41 - 180 game emblems, 77 - 200 game key chains, 24 - 75 pins over average emblems, 6 - 140 pins over average series emblems and 4 - 100 pins over average USBC watches. We are keeping USBC awards personnel busy.

Our next board meeting was held Dec. 11 at which time we went over plans for our next local tournament scheduled in march in Venice. Other business were the elections of State Delegates to the convention in May.

WISHING A BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON AND NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

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DAYTONA BEACH USBC WBA

*** CINDY MOORE**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MILDRED (MILLIE) LANDEN

Millie was known as "Mom" in the bowling area. She had a great passion for bowling and helping the youth. The Landen generations have bowled together for years. You can't do that in soccer.

Here are some quotes from Millie. "What other sport is there where the whole family can go out and have a good time?" "It's a game where the job is to improve your own ability." "There's no reason to concern yourself with how good someone else is, as long as you're improving yourself."

Millie served on the DBWBA Board of Directors as president, vice president and secretary, treasurer. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service. Millie served this community in many fashions, as being on the 600 Club Board and working the Youth Bowlers on the Local and State level.

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PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSONS - PLEASE READ

I have received the names of the following associations listing their Publicity Chairperson and have mailed out the following information to the majority of them. The associations: Clearwater, Collier, Daytona Beach, First Coast, Golden Triangle, Greater Miami, Hernando County, Lakeland, Lee County, Marianna, Ocala, Palm Beach County, Pasko, Port St. Lucie, South Brevard, Suncoast, Tampa, Vero Beach and Winter Haven.

I have to apologize for not sending the following information to some of you due to misplacing my list (which has yet to be found) of the ones I *did* send the information to. In order to save on postage costs, I will touch base with you through the website. Thanks for your patience.

The dates for the next two newsletter issues are February and April. I would appreciate receipt of your articles on or before the 1st of each of those months. Thank you.

SPECIAL REQUESTS REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

1. When writing your articles avoid requests for attendance for your local membership meetings, deadlines for local

activities and tournaments, etc. If a date is used, be sure it is after the 15th day of the month the newsletter is issued or state it in the past tense.

2. **PLEASE** do not capitalize your entire newsletter as it makes it extremely difficult for me to read.
3. Local association tournaments. Please list First Place only as follows: Team name, score, names of ALL members of the team. Singles Champion - name and score, Doubles Champions - names and score and All Events winner(s) - name and score.
4. Let us know about outstanding **AWARD WINNING SCORES**: 300's, 800's, High 200 games. List names of bowler(s) and scores bowled.
5. Avoid long lists of individual names as they may be deleted from the article.

Remember: Writing for the FWBA Newsletter can keep you abreast of the interesting happenings within your association and the many fun activities which are a part of our great sport. Happy reporting to you.

Also remember: If you have constructive criticism regarding the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding same. Thank you.

AWARDS

Three awards are usually given in each of the following categories providing the Judge feels the quality of the material warrants an award.

1. Overall Outstanding Writer (All categories).
2. Outstanding First - Time Article.
3. Outstanding Feature Article. (The best article featuring an individual or an event).
4. Outstanding Local Association Article. (The best article featuring a local association's activities or event).
5. Best Local Association Newsletter - Published for distribution to its members.

ARTICLES:

1. The contest is open to **all** FWBA members, *not just to a publicity writer* but all articles must be bowling related.
2. Judging will be based on articles appearing in all FWBA Newsletters published in each bowling season.
3. Awards will be presented to all winners during the FWBA Annual Meeting and Convention.

GUIDE FOR LOCAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

1. Must have at least two issues printed and distributed annually during the bowling season.
2. All local newsletters must have been printed between August 30 and March 30 of the current bowling season.
3. Three copies of two issues must be submitted to the FWBA Newsletter Editor for judging.
4. Deadline for submission is March 10th of the current year.
5. These Association Newsletters will be judged on information and articles on local association activities including human interest stories plus the general overall content of interest to all bowlers.
6. Award to be presented to a local association who publishes a Newsletter independently or in conjunction with their local Men's Assn. for distribution to their members.
7. Award to be presented at the FWBA Annual Meeting.

**MAY THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH EACH OF YOU.
HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY AND A
HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**