

FLORIDA USBC WBA NEWSLETTER

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A big **“WELCOME BACK”** to our readers and the very faithful writers of the newsletter. I hope you continue to enjoy the informative news items being sent your way by those members who give up their time to actively participate in the newsletter. Many thanks to each of you for your insight on many issues. Mina

P.S. Would you do me a favor and send your articles in with at least an 11 or 12 size print? I would appreciate it as the small print is very difficult for me to read. Thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness.

USBC - SUNCOAST WBA

GLORIA MURRO

ON THE LANES AGAIN!!! We are all looking forward to another exciting season in 2007- 08!! Hope everyone is getting into high gear . . . being back with all our teammates and joining all the other ladies (young and old) after the summer.

Our own Suncoast is busy getting ready for the new season. We welcome two new members to our board this year with open arms. New members . . . New ideas!

Joining us on the board are Cathy Baker and Sandy Kelly. So happy to have them. One of our former members, Theresa Toner resigned after approximately ten years of service. Good Luck to you Terry.

Our local 500 Club has already had a tournament in September. It was a scotch doubles event which was well run by Mary Drutman, President and Lois Hoult, Office Manager. The first place winners were Monica Kramer and Linda Knight who had the distinction of bowling in a tournament for the first time. When I spoke to them they said they really didn't know what they were doing and were shocked and thrilled at the outcome. Congratulations to each of them.

Our local 600 Club will be having their first tournament in December.

Time to brag a little bit. The Suncoast is proud to announce that our President, Diane Jarosz, received her ring for 11 strikes in a row. It is *beautiful*. It is silver (or maybe white gold?) with a blue stone which is surrounded with diamonds and fits me perfect. *Yes* . . . she let me try it on!!!

In closing I would like to welcome back everybody and *remember* - GREAT FRIENDS AND GREAT BOWLING!!!

SOUTH BREVARD USBC WBA

LOU MARTIN

I hope everyone found a way to stay cool this summer in spite of the oppressive Florida heat. Thankfully the summer is nearly over and we can look forward to enjoying the wonderful cooler temperatures of the fall season.

We have been quite busy around the South Brevard area, and have started working on a few things for the state tournament which we will be hosting in 2009.

We have also been working on the start of the new 2007-2008 bowling season and have a good number of new bowlers joining our local association which are being warmly welcomed by our board and members. If you have any ways your

association has been successful in doing, please e-mail me at martinlbm79@aol.com. Thank you for that.

All of our board members are looking forward to coming to Daytona in 2008, and . . . of course, there is Detroit which should also be a lot of fun.

We are also trying to get the hang of the new things with the USBC and are working on the possibility of a merger with the BA. (Who knows what the future holds?).

I have this fun fall recipe I would like to pass along to you with the hope you will try it and enjoy. It is named Cider Glazed Sweet Potatoes with Cranberries.

INGREDIENTS - 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 inch chunks

1 ½ cups apple cider or apple juice

¼ cup (packed) golden brown sugar

2 Tbsp. Butter

½ tsp. Nutmeg

½ tsp. Ground allspice

½ cup dried cranberries

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cook sweet potatoes in a large pot of boiling salted water until halfway cooked, (a knife inserted into center will encounter resistance), about 5 minutes. Drain and cool. (This can be done the day before, if potatoes are covered and refrigerated.) Combine cider, sugar, butter, nutmeg and allspice in a large non-stick skillet over Medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring often. Add potatoes and reduce heat so liquid is simmering. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cranberries and continue cooking until liquid is reduced to a syrupy glaze and potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes. If the glaze becomes very thick before potatoes become tender, thin it with a small amount of cider. When potatoes are tender, transfer to a serving bowl with a slotted spoon. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Nutritional Information: Makes 6 servings. Per serving: 190 calories, 4g. Total fat (2g. Saturated fat), 38 g. carbohydrate 1 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 16 mg. sodium. **Enjoy.**

I look forward to seeing many of you soon at some of our great state tournaments. Until then . . . MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.

PBC USBC WBA

GAY ESTEVES

After the New Year began and after my mother's passing in September 2006, I began to think about ways to give tribute to my mother. I actually wrote an article (with many tears) for an FWBA newsletter. (I hope that everyone read it too!) Somehow doing things for lost love ones makes those of us left behind, want to never forget and memorialize that special person.

My mother was always involved in bowling for as long as I can remember. She often belonged to Women's sororities or volunteered with other women groups. She was able to meet and befriend more people than I'm afraid I will ever! After she passed it occurred to me that one way to memorialize her would be through the Hall of Fame for Palm Beach County. Of course, I being rather new to the organization had no idea of any rules or policies in place when my big idea was forming. This spring I heard that we may induct someone into our hall of fame and of course was intrigued. I read our policies and Procedures for the Palm Beach County USBC board and then realized my error. My Mother did not meet the criteria to be considered! Well I have to admit my immediate pain did leave me red faced. My disappointment soon changed though as circumstances became guided by a different hand.

My mother's first child, Susan, she was my mother's first baby, my mother's first love and my older sister. She was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in Phelps County Missouri this May! She was so surprised and excited. She

dedicated her induction ceremony to our mother. I know she shed many tears too! They bowled 25 years together at WIBC tournaments and of course met each other 10 years before I came along. They had a wonderful friendship. Susan is a very dedicated and focused person for her local and her state association and as a nurse. I am very proud of my sister and all her accomplishments.

Then another special thing happened . . . My mother's best friend was inducted into our hall of fame in Palm Beach County!

Regina Stannard was inducted into our Hall of Fame on August 26th, 2007 for Meritorious Service. Her resume is fantastic! What a deserving person. She is also in the Hall of Fame in her native Staten Island, New York. Regina, as you all might remember, was on the Women's Florida State Board also and has been our Palm Beach County President for the last ten years. She has demonstrated over and over to us what a solid leader she is. Regina has included all of her board in every decision. But her guidance has always been stellar. Regina is quite the lady . . . She has humor, grace and vision under any circumstance. She's been a great friend to me.

So thank you to my sister Susan and my friend Regina for realizing your own dreams. Congratulations. Somehow knowing my mother and her tenacious friends and family this was no accident. The lives that we lead and touch create a fabric of our intertwined dreams and hopes.

They say that things happen for a reason. We do not always know the reason but after the dust has cleared we see the intricate patterns that our lives have affected and the mosaic of circumstances and friendship is a complex and beautiful treasure.

SEMINOLE COUNTY USBC WBA

PATRICIA L. HARBIN

I love the fall of the year in Florida. I wonder what this time of the year means to other women who live here. So I spoke to others I knew and most said this "What do you mean fall? It's still so hot." Another said, "I love it 'cause the kids have started school and I can relax for six or seven hours." I don't have to guess what this lady loved most. "What else but football could help me survive this heat in Florida." "UCF has a new stadium and I'm gonna stay here after all." Well, so be it. Maybe other women have not taken or had the time to really feel the slow drop in temperature. What a relief the 70's and low 80's can be in Florida. The yard work can be considered again, and the trees have begun a very subtle change of color. Of course you would have to know which trees to watch, but in certain sections of Florida the color change can be as dramatic as in the mountains of North Carolina.

Our fall leagues have started and we are going to have fun for the next nine months. Each summer I look forward to the annual league sign-in meeting that informs the team members who will be returning or joining us for the new season. We are always surprised if, for one reason or the other, all our league members do not return and glad to meet those who are new to the league

Welcome back Nancy Norris. Nancy was absent in the 2006/07 league because of health problems but she's bowling with vim and vigor this year.

Our condolences to Ina Kelly for the loss of her husband this spring. Ina has bowled with Mardell's Ladies League for over fifteen years. In spite of a slight restriction, this eighty-one year old bowler puts many younger women to shame. She rarely misses a game, always has a good score, and keeps team records. Keep on striking Ina and setting a good example for everybody.

There are good reasons some of our team members might leave us such as moving away from Seminole County or other family obligations. One is the beautiful six months old baby daughter Sherree Smith brings to watch us bowl each week, There certainly is never a shortage of women begging to hold the baby while Sherree takes her turn on the lanes. As everyone knows "Where there's a will, there's a way." Expose the kids to bowling as soon as possible is my philosophy.

One of our team members was married this spring and is now bowling with her new husband on a mixed league. She is one super bowler. We are going to miss you JILL.

Seminole County's high school teams are practicing each week now. It's a pleasure to watch these young people advance their skills each week. Let's give all our young bowlers lots of support. They are our future teammates. I plan to bowl that long, don't you?

Have a great time on your next bowling day.

FIRST COAST USBC ASSOCIATION

MARY FRANK

The '07 - '08 season is underway, and with that comes the old familiar "noses to the grindstone. Board!" Currently all adult and youth events have been scheduled, all center's lanes have been initially inspected, and various committees continue to meet in a desire to benefit the bowlers. One such committee is gathering ideas and information for "appreciation gifts" that will be delivered to all bowlers in the First Coast USBC Association.

The season began on Aug. 3-5, with the Third Annual Scratch Invitational Tournament, open to all First Coast USBC bowlers averaging 190 and above. This unique event challenged the bowlers since participants were required to bowl a total of 15 games in three centers, utilizing three different PBA oil patterns. This was the first year a lady, Barbara Batt, qualified for the stepladder finals. Barbara defeated Brett Williams, Charles Cannon, and John Sudduth, earning her the right to challenge Rick Stefanik, last year's champion. The final match was rolled on the Cheetah pattern, where Rick defeated Barbara 191 to 177. Rick celebrated his repeat win and pocketed the \$500 first place money.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, the Third Annual Unification Tournament was held at Bowl America Southside. This event was initiated to unify all members of the three former organizations, thus bringing together men, women and youth. Adults placing in the tournament receive plaques, while youths receive certificates and scholarship money. The final results and pictures can be seen by visiting the website at firstcoastusbc.com.

Office Manager Diane Limer and her husband, Roger, the Association's First Vice President, flew to Wisconsin for the USBC Summit Meeting the weekend of Sept. 28-30. There were numerous issues the First Coast USBC hoped would be addressed. Among them: 1. Did three key players "resign" because they didn't approve of what's happening in Greendale? and 2. Why the emphasis on the "sport" idea of needing people to engage in bowling as a competition? Hopefully Diane and/or Roger received a satisfactory explanation from Pres. Jeff Boje regarding item #2.

After many years of begging and pleading for BVL posters, they finally arrived! All centers have now placed these posters in conspicuous places, thus permitting the bowlers to see the dedication of this great organization. BVL funds purchase televisions, magazines, crafts and other forms of entertainment for hospitalized veterans that the government does not provide. In addition to the aforementioned, the FCUSBC offers have included assistance in purchasing a handicapped van and the establishment of a drug and rehab center at the V.A. Hospital in Lake City. Since the inception of hosting an Annual BVL Mixed Scotch Doubles Tournament and having can collections throughout the leagues, the FCUSBC bowlers have raised nearly forty thousand dollars for this great cause.

This year's BVL Tournament, scheduled for Nov. 3, will again see the participation of youth bowlers. Youth winners, and those who place, will receive patriotic medals with red, white and blue ribbons. To fully recognize all medalists, youth awards will be presented during their regular league play.

As an incentive to the bowling centers, a plaque will be presented to the center whose bowlers contribute the most money per bowler, per league, to BVL. Last year's winner was Beach Bowl.

Congratulations to Debbie Lothes, who rolled a great 285 game, the highest game in the nation in the women's division of a PBA Experience League.

Sympathy is extended to Grace Marohn on the recent loss of her daughter, Marilyn. Grace served the JWBA as Sergeant-at-Arms for over 30 years, was a State and National delegate, and continues to serve as a Director on the FCUSBC Board.

The First Coast USBC wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. As we gather around the Thanksgiving table and prepare to enjoy the feast set before us, let us remember those in uniform, here and aboard, who are less fortunate. Without the sacrifices these brave men and women make, we may not have a Thanksgiving table. God Bless.
