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FROM OUR YOUTH OFFICE:

By Jolene Ketelsen

Welcome to a new season of Youth Bowling in Iowa!

We hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing summer, but since fall is quickly approaching we all need to get in the swing of bowling again!

Family Doubles local qualifying starts on October 6 and runs through October 21. Just a gentle reminder – try to get as many youth involved as possible. Many youth bowlers have parents that bowl and they can bowl with them but do try to include those bowlers who do NOT have parents who bowl. They would love the opportunity to bowl in this tournament so be mindful of them and ask some of your adult bowlers if they would be interested. Many times those adults that no longer have children in the program still would be interested in bowling also.

Our Youth state tournament will be at Waterloo (Maple Lanes and Cadillac XBC). Forms were sent out in the mailing in August so start promoting this tournament early! With everyone's busy schedules if you promote early it gets them thinking about what weekend would work best for them!

Just a reminder about Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year and our Bowler of the Year awards. We have many, many people in the state who would fit into these categories so please, please send the paperwork in.

Any questions about the youth, contact Jolene Ketelsen at 563-659-3150 or email – isyaba@iowatelecom.net

Have a great season!

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IOWA STATE USBC OFFICE RE-LOCATES

The office housing the Iowa State USBC Bowling Association, Inc. has recently moved.
ALL tournament forms (Open, Women's and Mixed) list the previous address for the state office.
Effective September 1st, the NEW address for the IOWA STATE USBC is:

Iowa State USBC
Charla Green, Association Manager
935 South 26th Street
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Please help communicate this change to bowlers and local association administrators within your association!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CONTINUE

BY LAURA CHRISTENSEN, CHAIRPERSON

Annual Meeting - Memorial Service

At a recent meeting of the Iowa State USBC Board of Directors, all board members agreed to have the Memorial Service remain part of our Annual Meeting weekend.

The service will change slightly; however, we will continue to hold a service for our bowling friends and family members. We want to honor them with a special service for those who have passed away in the last year.

We are asking each local association to please compile a list of men, women and youth bowlers who have passed away since our last annual meeting. Please have their name(s) along with the date of their parting and send to Charla Green by February 15th.

We'd like to thank you for your assistance for this tribute to our bowling friends. Many of you have done this for years and we truly appreciate all your efforts in making this a wonderful Celebration of Life.

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IOWA STATE USBC (MERGED) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOVES FORWARD

By Charla Green

The elected Board of Directors of the Iowa State USBC has met several times during this past 13 months since the elections took place on August 24, 2017.

Business and policy matters have been discussed and decided along with developing other policies and matters that are currently “under construction”.

Jolene Ketelsen has been hired as the Iowa State USBC Youth Coordinator and will handle all business of our bowling youth in Iowa. She previously was the youth Association Manager for approximately 18 years.

President Rommel named the various committees doing the work of the Iowa State USBC early on and all committees and members have been hard at work to establish the work on the committee and set the policies as needed in regards to the tournaments, awards, and programs of the Iowa State USBC.

Shannon McHugh, 2nd Vice President is chairing the Policy Manual Committee. This committee has the huge job of establishing the policies and procedures that govern the Iowa State USBC and creating the written manual to reflect the policies and procedures otherwise known as the Operations Manual.

Danny Jensen, past Financial Officer of the BA is chairing the Finance and Budget Committee while Sally Reighard, the past WBA chair of F & B assists on the committee. This committee is responsible for establishing budgets for operations and each tournament as well as reviewing expenses and comparisons to maintain each tournament as well as the organization in a healthy financial balance.

Jack Powers is heading the Awards Committee and have been tasked with making a few changes and adding awards to the tournaments.

Sue (Strasburger) Jensen is chairing the Hall of Fame committee. This hard working group is reviewing the policies of both the BA and the WBA Halls of Fame and establishing criteria and policy for the Iowa State USBC Hall of Fame going forward. The 2019 inductions to the Hall of Fame will be done using the previous criteria of the BA and the WBA.

Shellie Kutsch is chairing the Tournament Committee. This committee is reviewing all live and mail-in tournaments of the Iowa State USBC and making recommendations regarding the operation of the tournaments as well as how the tournaments are awarded and where they are conducted. This has proved to be a monumental task!

Randy Naber is chairperson of the Legislative Committee. This committee will review all submitted proposed by-laws and forward them to the delegates for a decision. Proposed by-laws changes can be for dues changes, structure of the board of directors and anything that is changeable in the by-laws of the Iowa State USBC.

Elizabeth Stanley is the chair of the Communications/Social Media Committee and will be establishing various social media platforms in order to ensure great communication with all Iowa bowlers.

The “state office” is now located at 935 South 26th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. The phone number is the previous WBA number, 515-576-5561 and also utilizes the previous WBA fax line, 515-576-4969. The email address is iowastateusbc@frontier.com.

Charla Green is the Association Manager of the Iowa State USBC and will also be the Tournament Manager for the Open Championship Tournament, Women’s State Championship Tournament, the Iowa State Mixed Tournament and the Women’s Senior State Tournament.

Entry forms for all tournaments are available at www.iowabowl.com.

PLEASE NOTE: The state office address on the entry forms is now NOT correct. Due to an unexpected move, Green and the office have moved to the address above. PLEASE share this information with all bowlers, especially those submitting tournament entry forms!

Thank you! Have a terrific 2018-2019 bowling season!

NEW WEBSITE!

The Iowa State USBC has a brand new and interesting website, thanks to our Director of Web Services, Jerry Everett of Ames Area USBC.

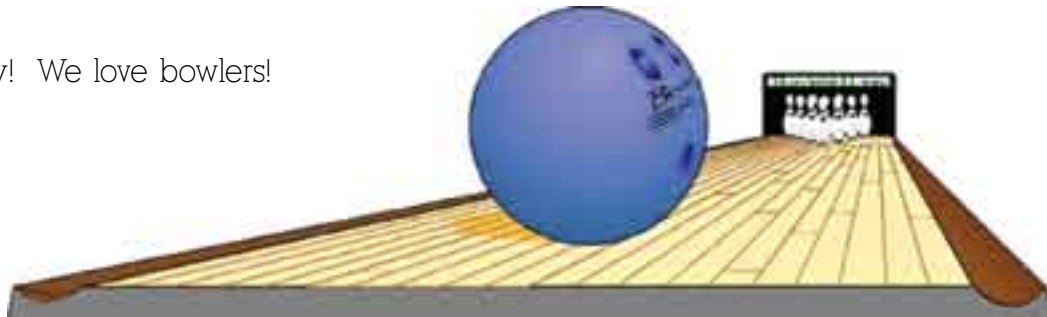
Jerry started work on the website this summer and had it launched by mid-August, and it looks AWESOME and has everything we need, even though Jerry says it's still a work in progress!

The Opening Page features beautiful graphics and our logo along with information regarding the merger, upcoming events, Point and Pay, Tournament History, and contact information.

There is a Tournaments page with massive information regarding all our tournaments, including the satellite clubs, mail-in events, and regional tournaments.

Association Information and Youth Information also have their own pages with massive amounts of information!

Visit us regularly! We love bowlers!



IOWA STATE USBC TO HOLD ANNUAL JAMBOREE *By Charla Green*

The Fall Board Meeting and Jamboree of the Iowa State USBC will be held October 6-7, 2018 in Fort Dodge.

Meetings will be held at the Starlite Best Western, Jct. Hwys. 7 & 169, 515-573-7177.

The Annual singles bowling tournament will be conducted at Ridgewood Lanes, 326 South 25th Street in Fort Dodge on both October 6-7. Shift times on Saturday are 1:30 and 3:00 and on Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00. State officers will bowl on the Sunday 8:30 squad.

The entry form is enclosed with this newsletter.

The banquet and meeting afterwards will be held at Rides Banquet Center, 723 South 31st Street in Fort Dodge. George Lambert, USBC Regional Manager for the Midwest will be attending and will give us his presentation. There will also be a short program present by BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link).

Entry deadline for the tournament is October 7. Banquet tickets must be purchased or reserved by October 1.

Please join us for a fun and informative day on Sunday, October 7. An open meeting of the Iowa State USBC Board of Directors will be held on Saturday evening October 6.

Entry Form Guidelines

ANNUAL IOWA STATE USBC INC. JAMBOREE 2018

October 6-7, 2018

Bowling: Ridgewood Lanes
326 S. 25th St.
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Workshop & Banquet:

Ride’s Banquet Center
723 S. 31st St.
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Jamboree Headquarters: Starlite Best Western, Jct. Hwys. 7 & 169, Fort Dodge, IA 50501; 1-515-573-7177

Entry Fee: Lineage \$10.00, Prize Fee \$6.00, Expense Fee \$1.00 **Total Entry Fee \$17.00**
USBC Certified Singles Handicap Tournament – Handicap 90% from 220
Prize fee returned 100% – 1 prize per 5 entries

Banquet Fee: \$17.00 – Sunday, October 7 at Noon: Pork loin, pasta salad, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, roll, dessert, coffee, tea. Soft drinks available for purchase. WORKSHOP WILL FOLLOW FROM 1:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 PM. DEADLINE FOR BANQUET TICKETS IS OCTOBER 1.

Rules: Averages – (a) highest USBC certified averages (21 games minimum) at end of 2017-2018 season must be submitted; (b) if no previous year’s book average, use highest current season USBC average based on 21 games minimum; (c) if no average bowlers will bowl scratch (220). Sport league or summer league averages will not be used. USBC Rule 319a-3 shall apply. USBC Rule 319a-2, 319d/319e will not apply. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required shall forfeit tournament entry fee and prize winnings or base prize winnings on submitted average if it is higher.

Eligibility: Open to all Iowa USBC certified adult bowlers (women and men).

Squad Times: Saturday, October 6: 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM, Sunday, October 8: 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM
Note: State Officers bowl at 8:30 AM Sunday. You may bowl once in the tournament.

Reserved Entries: Reserved entries close October 6, 2018.
All entries close October 7 at the beginning of the 10:00 AM squad.

Contact: Carri Danker, Association Manager, 1222 S. 28th St., Fort Dodge, IA 50501, 515/571-9279 (cell); email: carridanker@yahoo.com.

Banquet: Number of tickets _____ @ \$17.00 each (deadline October 1) Total enclosed \$_____

CONTACT PERSON:	NAME	PHONE			
Entry Blank:	Name	USBC Number	Squad Choice 1	Squad Choice 2	Avg
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Mail entry blank, banquet ticket order and check made payable to Fort Dodge Area USBC to:
Carri Danker, Association Manager, Fort Dodge Area USBC, 1222 S. 28th St., Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

MUSCATINE USBC READY TO HOST 2019 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

By Charla Green

Muscatine USBC and Rose Bowl are busily preparing for the arrival of the 2019 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT bowlers.

The tournament is set to open on February 2, 2019 and will conclude on May 19, 2019. Following the 15 weekends of competition, champions will be named in the three divisions featured in the tournament format.

The OPEN Division is the scratch (no handicap) division. Teams with a team average of 1,046 and higher will bowl in this division. Doubles pairs with averages totaling 419 and higher are also assigned to the OPEN Division. Singles and All Events entrants with an entering average of 210 and up will bowl in the OPEN Division as well.

The next division is the STANDARD. Teams with averages in the 901 to 1,045 range will compete in the STANDARD Division while all doubles pairs with averages from 361-418 are assigned to the STANDARD DIVISION. Bowlers in the singles and all events with an average from 181-209 are also STANDARD Division bowlers. The STANDARD Division features handicap of 90% based on the average of team/doubles/singles and 1045 for team, 419 for doubles, and 209 for singles and all events.

The remaining division is the BOOSTER Division which is also a handicap event. 90% handicap is applied to all teams with a 900 average and below based on the team's average and 900. Doubles sets with averages of 360 and below will bowl in the BOOSTER Division and receive 90% handicap from 360 and their combined average. Singles and all events are assigned to this division if their average is 180 and below and handicap is based on the difference of the actual average and 180 at 90% of the difference.

The OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT features a 5-person TEAM event, DOUBLES (2 person) event, SINGLES and optional ALL EVENTS. Cost for participating in the tournament is \$22.00 per event (team, doubles, singles) and \$4.00 for the optional all events or \$70.00 per bowler if bowling everything offered.

Reservations have been made by many teams, but spots remain available for the 2019 tournament.

Reservations are also available for the 2020 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT which will be held in Mt. Pleasant (team) and Burlington (doubles and singles).

Reserved entries are due in the state office no later than November 1.

To make a reservation or check on available dates and times, call the state office (Charla Green) at 515-576-5561 or email to iowastateusbc@frontier.com.

Midwest Women's Tournament Tweaks Policies, Rules

By Sally Reighard

The Board of Directors of the Midwest Women's Tournament held their annual meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Joliet, Illinois, the weekend of August 10-11, 2018, with twenty-four women representing the six states – Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin – present.

At a previous meeting, it had been decided that because of the mandated merger of all state associations, the Midwest Women's Tournament (MWT) would become an independent entity by incorporating and becoming non-profit. This process had been completed so a few minor adjustments were made to the MWT Guidelines to meet non-profit status requirements. The document was also renamed as the MWT Policies and Procedures.

One specific policy change now limits the number of brackets a player may enter to 20.

Changes to the tournament rules now include time limits for squads. There will be a three hour limit for team events and a four hour limit for doubles and singles. Also to be included in the Time Limits rule will be notice that lane courtesy will be limited to one lane.

Although there had been several requests to change the percentage and/or base for computing handicap, the group declined to do so. The tournament was founded as a handicap tournament, and base must always be higher than the highest entering average. The 240 base now being used covers the 235 average bowlers that currently enter the tournament.

Changes to the tournament prize list will now include the addition of a \$200 cash bonus plus the plaque to the overall scratch champion in each event. The board also approved a substantial enhancement to the 2019 Michigan tournament prize fund

Entries for the 2019 MWT in Battle Creek, Michigan, are now open and entry forms are available at the MWT website www.midwestwomensbowling.com or by email from Tournament manager Sharon Schildroth at miwomenbowlers@gmail.com

MIDWEST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

By Charla Green

The MIDWEST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT has finished it's first "round" by conducting the tournament in each of the six states involved in the founding of the tournament.

Ladies from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio and Wisconsin partner together and created the MWT eight years ago and held the first tournament in 2013 in Michigan. Each state drew a year and that was their assigned year for managing the event. Iowa hosted in 2016 with Greater Cedar Valley USBC and Maple Lanes and Cadillac Lanes hosting the tournament.

Well, it's time to start again! The 2019 MIDWEST WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT is planning to bowl in Battle Creek, MI starting May 17, 2019 and concluding June 16, 2019. 900 teams are expected to participate with bowlers coming from 25-30 different states as well as a Canadian province.

Entry forms are available on the Iowa website, www.iowabowl.com, and also at the MWT site, midwestwomensbowling.com.

Enter early for the best dates and times to fit your group! Entries close May 10, 2019.

Contact the state office for any questions or further information.

IOWA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT IOWA STATE SENIOR WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

By Charla Green

Both the Iowa State MIXED Tournament and the Iowa State SENIOR WOMEN'S Tournament are held annually for our Iowa bowlers eligible or desiring to bowl in these events.

The Women's Senior tournament can be held in a 10-lane center with the support of the bowling center proprietor AND the local bowling association as the on-site management of the tournament.

The Iowa State MIXED tournament requires a 16-lane center AND the support of the local bowling association, again, as the on-site management of the tournament.

Brackets are conducted during the Mixed tournament but have not been offered to the women's senior event. Both tournaments also offer a cash raffle. Many times, the Women's Senior Tournament has basket raffles and other fun offerings for the bowlers.

If your local association and proprietor is interested in hosting either of these tournaments, please forward your letter of invitation and include the amenities of the bowling center (number of lanes, snack bar, lounge, lineage, etc.) along with a letter of support from the local bowling association to the state office.

The Iowa State Mixed Tournament is typically held the last weekend of October and the first two weekends of November.

The Women's Senior Tournament is held the first three weekends of May (no bowling on Sunday, Mother's Day).

For information regarding these tournament opportunities, please contact the state office.

IT'S A MIX-UP!

By Charla Green

Come join the fun awaiting you and your friends in Cedar Rapids at the annual IOWA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT!

The Cedar Rapids USBC and Lancer Lanes are hosting the 2018 event, which is our 7th annual tournament. The format offers a 4-person (two men, two women) TEAM event, and a MIXED DOUBLES event (one man, one woman). Optional ALL EVENTS is offered for both men and women.

The entry fee remains unchanged; \$20.00 per bowler per event and \$5.00 for the optional All Events or \$45.00 per bowler if doing all three (team, mixed doubles, all events).

The tournament is handicapped at 100% handicap using a 240 base and is certified/sanctioned by USBC.

Entry forms were mailed to all local association offices as well as all Iowa bowling centers. They are also available on our website, www.iowabowl.com.

Tournament dates are October 27, 28, November 3, 4, 10, and 11, 2018. Two squads are offered each day; Saturdays at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Don't want to stay overnight in Cedar Rapids? That's ok, you can bowl everything on one day or the other! Bowl team on the first squad of the day and mixed doubles on the other, or vice versa, and you're done!

I want to stay and play in Cedar Rapids! Great! They'd love to have you spend the weekend! Bowl one event on Saturday and the other on Sunday. It's all good and it all works!

My group just wants to bowl team...that's ok too! You pick what you want, sign up and bowl!

Entries close October 21, one week ahead of the opening of the tournament. Call or email the state office to check availability of the date/times you want to bowl!

Lancer Lanes is a family-owned and operated bowling center with a long history and deep roots in Cedar Rapids bowling. They have hosted MANY state tournaments over the years. They sport a large and relaxing lounge area and a great snack bar along with plenty of seating on their concourse behind the bowler's area.

The Cedar Rapids USBC has previously hosted this tournament and they're working hard to make the tournament a success and ensure the bowlers have a great time and experience while bowling in Cedar Rapids. Brackets and cash raffles will be conducted during the tournament, much to the delight of the bowlers!

Get your team together! Find a partner! Get signed up! You don't want to miss out on the 2018 IOWA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT!

POINT & PAY

By Charla Green

What is Point & Pay?

Point & Pay is an electronic payment system for tendering tournament fees to the state office for the live state tournaments (Open, Women's, Mixed, Senior).

There is a user fee associated with using Point & Pay and is determined by the amount of the transaction when using a credit card. If doing a debit transaction, the fee is a flat \$1.50 per transaction.

The completed entry form must be scanned/mailed (iowastateusbc@frontier.com) or faxed (515-576-4969) to the state office the same day as the Point & Pay transaction is completed. Charla will then process the entry and issue the confirmation to the captain. No envelope, no stamp, no waiting!

The link to use Point & Pay is available on our website, www.iowabowl.com, just click and following the easy step by step instructions.

SENIOR WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENT

BY CHARLA GREEN

This fun event for our bowlers is under-going a slight change for 2019!

Previously, bowlers in the Senior Women's State Tournament had to have reached age 55 by May 1 of the current year. **THAT HAS CHANGED!**

Starting with the 2019 tournament, Iowa bowlers who are aged 50 by May 1 are eligible to join the fun!

The tournament continues to feature two divisions which are determined by AGE not average!

Bowlers in the age range of 50 - 64 are Division 2 for Singles and All Events and bowlers ages 65 and older are Division 1.

To determine the proper division in Doubles, the ages of the two partners are added together. If they total between 100 - 129, they are in Division 2 and those totaling 130 or more are Division 1.

The tournament is a handicap format with handicap applied at 100% of a 220 base. The tournament is USBC certified.



ADEL FAMILY FUN CENTER in Adel is the host center for the 2019 tournament with Greater Des Moines USBC assisting with management of the tournament. Plan are in the works by the Des Moines/Adel folks to ensure a great time for the tournament bowlers.

Find a partner, grab 3 friends and hop in the car. Maybe organize a whole group and get a van or bus! Adel is a western suburb of Des Moines and while Adel has many fun and exciting venues of its own, Des Moines is just minutes away with tons of shopping and eating experiences awaiting the bowlers!

Dates for the tournament are May 4, 5, 11, 18, and 19, 2019. Saturday squads are offered at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. On Sundays, an 11:00 a.m. squad is available.

ADEL FAMILY FUN CENTER has 12 lanes for our bowling pleasure with a lounge area and great food too!

Call or email the state office with questions or to check dates and times! Entry forms are available at www.iowabowl.com and will be mailed out after January 1. Entries open February 1 and close April 1.

See you in Adel!

Iowa Women Bowling Writers

By Sally Reighard

It was a snowy evening in Dubuque in March, 1987, when eleven women met in the hotel room of former IWBA secretary-treasurer Lo Borschuk to form the Iowa Women Bowling Writers. Officers named were Virg Van Dierendonck, DeWitt, president; Louise Schade, DeWitt, vice president; Sally Reighard, Washington, secretary-treasurer.

The report at the first annual meeting held in South Sioux City, Nebraska, the next spring revealed the organization had 46 members for the current year, and that Van Dierendonck, Schade and Reighard had met in DeWitt twice during the year and published two issues of the IWBW newsletter. They had also met in Muscatine and drew up bylaws for the new organization which were adopted at that first annual meeting.

Although membership has since dropped (as has general membership), the club still has a strong membership of 22 writers, and is looking toward expanding that number now the merger had been completed.

At the annual meeting held this past spring at the Isle Casino in Waterloo, it was approved to open membership to men and youth writers, and legislation will be on the agenda of the annual meeting this coming spring to make that a reality.

If you are interested in joining the club and helping achieve its mission of keeping news of the sport in the public eye, whether through a local association newsletter, website or Facebook page, on radio and television news, or through local, on site promotion, then please visit the IWBW table at the Annual Meeting in Clinton-Camanche next spring and become a member of our organization.

MAIL-IN TOURNAMENTS WILL BE CONTINUED

By Charla Green

The Tournament Committee reviewed all live and mail-in format tournaments conducted by the Iowa State USBC BA and WBA during recent committee meetings.

Although there are a few changes in the works regarding some of the tournaments, the Iowa State USBC is very pleased to announce that the BOWLERS TO VETERANS (BVL) Tournament, and the annual BOWL FOR THE CURE mail-in tournaments will be continued with very little change!

Laura Christensen of Greater Des Moines USBC is the new chair of the BVL Mail-in Tournament. She replaces Connie Rommel who chose to retire from the position following last year's tournament.

The BVL Tournament is a fund-raising event done through league bowling and for the benefit of the national BVL office as well as the three VA facilities in Iowa (Des Moines, Iowa City, Marshalltown) and helps fund the national TEE Tournament held annually in September at Riverside (Iowa City) for veterans from all over the USA!

The BOWL FOR THE CURE Tournament is managed by Shannon McHugh of Greene County USBC and is in its 16th year. Funds are raised in the same manner as the BVL tournament, through league bowling. Monies raised are forwarded to USBC for distribution to the Komen Foundation with our request for it to come back to the three Komen affiliates in Iowa.

The BVL tournament is held in November (around Veterans Day) annually and the BOWL FOR THE CURE tournament is held in February.

Please help us continue our support for these great causes and help our veterans who have given so much and our sisters and brothers who fight breast cancer every year.

For further information, contact the state office, Laura for BVL or Shannon for Bowl for the Cure!

IOWA 600 BOWLING CLUB
By Shannon McHugh, Club Secretary-Treasurer



Attention 600 Club Members: It's time to mail in your dues (now \$3) for the Iowa 600 Bowling Club. Your paid dues entitle you to participate in the annual Doubles & Singles Tournament and the Mail-in Tournament.

Doubles & Singles Tournament

The 2018 Iowa 600 Club Doubles & Singles Tournament will be held in October at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson. Entry fee is \$15.00 per event, with an optional scratch and/or handicap All Events for \$1.00 each. The dates are Saturday-Sunday, October 13-14; Saturday-Sunday, October 20-21; and Saturday-Saturday, October 27-28. Saturday shift time is 1:00 p.m. and the shifts on Sundays start at 11:30 a.m. If you don't see a date that works for you, please call and we'll see what we can arrange. We would love to have you!

Mail-in Tournament

REMINDER – you will be able to send in your highest score of the two-week time frame – so you will have 2 chances of scoring. First week of bowling is the week of November 25 (thru December 1), and the second week of bowling is the week of December 2 (thru the 8th) – highest score from each league entered during the 2-week time frame, not the highest score(s) overall. Entry fee is \$5.00 per certified league, and allows multiple participation in as many leagues as you participate (only one entry per league, and are not transferrable to a different league or bowler). You must submit scores from the league you send in for your entry. Bowlers will be allowed to cash multiple times (previously could only cash once regardless of number of times entered).

Contact Shannon for more information (entry form, questions, etc.) (515-370-0863 or mchugh@netins.net).

Entry forms for all 600 tournaments are available on the Iowa State USBC web site (www.iowabowl.com) and will also be posted on our Facebook page.



2018 Iowa State USBC Seniors Tournament

By Vickie Woodford & Shannon McHugh

We (John and Vickie Woodford), proprietors of Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for participating and supporting this illustrious tournament. Special thanks to the Iowa State USBC WBA for lowering the minimum lane requirements from 12 to 10 so that we could be a host center.

We have had the honor of hosting several tournaments over the last 20 years, they have left us with memories and lasting friendships, this one did not disappoint. It did, however, add to our list, with stories of courage and our admiration for all you amazing ladies.

We met ladies from ages 55 to 95, all walks and stages of life. They each had their own story to tell, I only wish I had more room because each one is worth sharing.

I met a lady that loves theater popcorn as much as Shannon and I do, another had experienced recent loss of loved ones, as quite a few had, but still did her best to be there for her family and continue to pursue her love of bowling. Yet another had survived several bouts of cancer, brain tumors, knee and hip surgeries, but maintained an amazing love for life and bowling.

Their love for bowling seemed to be a common factor, and bowl they did!

Connie Stanley from Marshall County USBC WBA shot her first ever 200, with a 216.

Cherie Derbyshire and Sue Neebel from Gr Cedar Valley (Waterloo) both bowled 199 games in their 2nd game of doubles, and then their last game of singles they both shot a 163. True partners!

We had several 200s and 199s shot, and fun fact is that the majority were shot in singles.

Another unique event happened as well, John was usually on top of cueing our National Anthem, but there was one day Whitney was nowhere to be found. However, that did not dampen spirits or cause any undo delay, thanks to some quick thinking ladies from Mt. Pleasant. We were all standing before our Flag, awaiting Whitney's arrival; suddenly pitch perfect voices began singing from Lane 9 and 10. It didn't take long before the whole center joined in with one of the most heartfelt and beautiful renditions of the National Anthem we had ever heard.

We were also pleased to welcome some Board members and Hall of Famer's that participated, Connie Rommel, Shirley Bloodsworth, Shannon McHugh, Charla Green, Jan Thomas, and Linda Ehlinger.

Special thanks to Carla McCollough, Kathy Baker and Tina Rollins for their help with the baskets they made for us to raffle. They were GREAT!!!! Each participant also received \$10 in Free Play from Wild Rose Casino to enjoy during the tournament event. We want to send out a big thank you to them as well for their continued support of our community.

Thank you for sharing your lives and friendship with us because of this great sport we call bowling. We hope to see you again in the near future and Good Luck in Adel next year.

CAMANCHE & CLINTON WELCOME THE LADIES IN 2019

By Charla Green

Camanche and Clinton partnered for hosting the women's STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT in 2016 and had so much fun doing it, they invited the ladies back for 2019!

Imperial Lanes in Camanche will again host the team event of the 2019 tournament while Plaza Lanes of Clinton handles the doubles and singles events of the tournament bowlers.

Entries are open now and close on December 1 although late entries will be accepted subject to lane availability and at the discretion of the tournament manager.

The 2019 tournament features nine weekends of fun and busy competition for the ladies. There are five team squads available most weekends, three on Saturday and two on Sunday. Four doubles/singles squads are offered for the bowlers, two each day with one additional Friday squad offered on April 26.

The format remained unchanged in 2019; 4-woman team event, doubles, singles and optional handicap all events. The tournament also offered SCRATCH singles and SCRATCH all events. The entire tournament is ONE division with 100% handicap based from a 220 base.

Cost for entering the tournament remains unchanged at \$22.00 per event per bowler (team, doubles, singles) and \$4.00 optional all events.

While visiting Camanche and Clinton, bowlers will want to take advantage of the shopping opportunities offered and the fine restaurants with varied menus sure to please everyone!

The Mississippi River is a wonderful feature of Clinton with a beautiful marina and walking trails along the river. You don't want to miss this beautiful area!

Reserve your date and times now by calling the state office (Charla Green) at 515-576-5561 or emailing iowastateusbc@frontier.com. Reserved entries are due in the office on or before October 15.



We Need Your Help!!

By Laura Christensen, Iowa State USBC Director
& BVL Chairperson

The Iowa State USBC “BVL” Mail-In Singles Tournament is just around the corner. So many of you have supported our veterans in the past, and we hope you will again this year, along with your teammates, to make this even a larger turn out and a bigger success. Our veterans have done so much for all of us and for this country, we need to show them how greatly the bowlers in Iowa appreciate them. Our money raised in Iowa will stay here in our VA hospitals. BVL provides the “extras” not funded by the government, which help speed recuperation and improve morale.

Each local association will receive the entry forms in the mail. We ask that you, as bowlers, help with getting entries for the tournament. The dates for this tournament have always been the week of Veterans Day. This year the dates are November 4th thru the November 10th. If for any reason an entrant is unable to bowl the week of November 4th-10th due to illness, weather, postponements, etc., scores from the week of November 11th thru 17th may be used.

Again, this year the cost is only \$5, a mere token as to what the men and woman of our armed forces have given for us.

Please help us show our SUPPORT again.

Thank you.

And thank you Connie, for your years of managing a successful tournament.
Laura Christensen, new BVL Tournament coordinator.





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