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2019-2020 BOWLING SEASON PREPARES TO START

By Charla Green

As the 2018-2019 bowling season draws to a close, the office and I are busily preparing for 2019-2020!

In July, I will be preparing several mailings to the team captains of the Women's and Open tournaments as well as the Iowa State Mixed tournament which are the entry forms for the 2020 tournaments.

The local associations will also receive the tournament forms, along with forms for the Midwest Women's Tournament and information from the office pertinent to the local associations for the 2019-2020 bowling season.

The Iowa bowling centers will also be mailed a small supply of all our tournament forms.

Tournament forms will be finalized in the next few weeks and will be posted at www.iowabowl.com.

JAMBOREE

Our annual Iowa State USBC Jamboree will be held October 5-6 in Jefferson. Spare Time Lanes along with the Greene County USBC will be hosting the annual Singles tournament on Saturday with squads at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 pm and on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Spare Time Lanes has 10 lanes; get your entry in early to secure your desired squad. The State Board of Directors will bowl on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

The Iowa State USBC Board of Directors will be meeting on Saturday to review and address business from the past season and

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going forward, including the Hall of Fame for 2020 and tournament policies for future years.

At noon on Sunday, those in attendance with an advanced purchased ticket will enjoy a banquet at the Elks Lodge in Jefferson.

Immediately following the noon banquet, USBC and the Iowa State USBC will present an informational workshop from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The entry form for the Singles tournament and the purchase of banquet tickets will be available in July in a mailing from the state office and on the website, www.iowabowl.com.

Every local association is encouraged to send a representative to this fun weekend or just the Sunday seminar.

Please see the entry form/order form for further information.

TOURNAMENT DEADLINES

Iowa State Mixed Tournament (Muscatine) – deadline is October 19th.

Iowa State USBC Open Championship Tournament (Mt. Pleasant & Burlington), Reserved entry deadline is November 1st. All other entries are due December 1st.

Iowa State USBC Women's Championship Tournament (Muscatine) – Reserved entries are due October 15th; all others are due December 1st.

Note: Late entries are accepted subject to lane availability and at the discretion of the association manager but not later than the start of any tournament.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Iowa State USBC will be held March 28-29, 2020 at the Pzazz in Burlington, IA. The Board of Directors will be meeting that weekend, and inductions to the Hall of Fame will take place on Saturday night at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame Banquet will be available later; please watch for the announcement in future mailings and newsletters.

The first annual merged Hall of Fame Banquet was held in Clinton in 2019 with 160 attendees. You don't want to miss this wonderful event!

The annual meeting of the Iowa State USBC will be held on Sunday morning, concluding no later than noon. Again, more information on this will be made available later.



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NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR STATE OFFICE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Charla Wilke and Jerry Everett

The Iowa State USBC with the help of IT Director Jerry Everett is in the processing of establishing new emails for the state Board of Directors and already has a new email address for the state office!

All emails for the state office/Charla Wilke should be emailed to association.manager@iowabowl.com. The old emails (isusbwba@frontiernet.net and iowastateusbc@frontier.com) are still being monitored but will be de-activated in the future.

The Board of Directors of the Iowa State USBC will transition to new email addresses over the summer. The email address format will be firstname.lastname@iowabowl.com

Look for more on this in the next newsletter! You will have access to all board members through iowabowl.com.

McHUGH RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR



Shannon McHugh of Jefferson has been bowling on the local, state and national levels for many years, but for the past 16 years, she has worked tirelessly for the Bowl for the Cure events.

Bowl for the Cure was created in partnership with the Susan G. Komen Foundation to raise funds to fight breast cancer.

The Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. created a state-wide annual mail-in format handicapped tournament open to all adult bowlers in Iowa using league scores during a specified time frame.

McHugh volunteered that first year, 16 years ago, to chair the committee and to act as the Tournament Director. She has continued in this role ever since.

United States Bowling Congress (USBC), the national governing body of bowling contacted McHugh recently and invited her to attend their 2019 Annual Meeting and Convention in Las Vegas for the purpose of being recognized and honored for her work and dedication to Bowl for the Cure.

McHugh thanked the Iowa bowlers who have always been strong supporters of Bowl for the Cure and the Iowa Mail-in Tournament. The first tournament served 1,000 bowlers; the 2019 event has grown to include 4,400 entrants!

Pictured here is McHugh with her award.

Bowl for the Cure

By Shannon McHugh

Thank you Iowa bowlers for supporting the BFTC thru the mail-in tournament and other donations which allowed us to send a check in April for \$13,046.55 to USBC and the Komen Foundation.

In the last 16 years we have donated over \$200,000.00 for this cause, and without you it wouldn't have been possible.

I recently received the 2019 Bowl for the Cure Award from USBC at the national convention in Las Vegas. What an incredible honor and I need to thank all of you. I'm only the paper pusher! I need to share this with all of you that worked so hard to make our donations happen, and for your support!!!! I would like to share with you the speech I gave at the award ceremony.

My sincere thanks to USBC for selecting me as this year's Bowl for the Cure Award recipient; I am so honored and humbled to receive this today.

I accept this award on behalf of all breast cancer survivors, those who have lost their battle with breast cancer and those who are or might become embroiled in a battle with this beast!

It has been my pleasure to chair the Iowa State Bowl for the Cure committee for 16 years and serve as the Tournament Director for our state-wide annual mail-in tournament. I look forward to chairing our 2020 event too!

Our first year, 2003, we had a little over 1,000 entries. The participation in our tournament continues to grow; our 2019 event fielded 4,158 entries. In our years of hosting the tournament, the donation to Bowl for the Cure has now topped \$200,000.00.

Iowa bowlers are the solid foundation on which this tournament was built and continues to grow. Without the help of the Bowl for the Cure warriors in our leagues, associations, and bowling centers, I would not be standing here sharing this wonderful experience with my Iowa bowling family, Bowl for the Cure, the Komen Foundation and all of you.



To all the Sally's and Kristi's out there, keep up the fight. To everyone else, keep fighting for those you love and care for everyday of your life. You never know when this monster will walk through your door!

As USBC has said, TOGETHER WE CAN, and we will, eradicate breast cancer from our lives!

**ROMMEL & GREEN ATTEND USBC
PRESIDENT & ASSOCIATION MANAGER MEETING
May 29-30, 2019, Arlington, TX
*By Connie Rommel, President***

When Charla saw the invitation to attend this meeting, she was upset that we were planning to leave on our trip to Wichita to bowl nationals on May 30. She had been asking for this type of meeting for the past 12 years. I contacted Richard Stewart and he thought we would be able to work it out. The travel was being paid for by USBC so their people would work to get us to Wichita.

On Tuesday, May 28, Charla and I were able to fly to Arlington that evening after a short delay because of the storms in Des Moines. The La Quinta hotel shuttle picked us up at the airport. We had a little time to spare in the morning after breakfast before we were to be at the USBC headquarters between 11:00 and 12:00 that morning. A sub lunch was served with snacks and drinks available all day long. Richard Stewart, head of Education and Training, welcomed us and had each of us tell a little about ourselves. They had each of us seated with different associations at the tables. With the 57 attending from 34 state associations, there were 1,558 hours of service to our bowlers represented.

Our first session covered Event Best Practices: Tournaments—we started out doing the Wheel of Life for our tournaments. This covered Planning, Entries, Marketing, Processing Entries, Execution, Finalizing, Recognition and Post Tournament Review. Comparing our wheels, we both were very close to what our thoughts were on how we are handling our tournaments. We talked about rerating, social media use—mail chimp and constant contact and face-to-face promoting our tournaments. Other ideas were having tournament leaders scrolling on TV monitors, a clean game award, participation award and draw each shift for a free entry into the next year's tournament. How do we brand out tournaments? Have tablecloths with logo on them for check in, a banner with logo, etc. and to decorate the tournament site to make the bowlers know they are bowling their state tournament.

Next, Charla attended a small group in the computer room going over problems with Winlabs and the tournament process. Connie was in the Tournament Registration, which Charla attended at the national convention. USBC will be spending \$3.1 million dollars for the development of the tournament package for all associations to use in the future. For those of you who register for the national tournament, the process will be similar for the local and state associations to use the new tournament registration process. There will be a fee but the cost is yet to be determined.

When these sessions were completed, we were able to go into the ITRC, the International Training and

Resource Center. This is where USBC tests, bowling balls, bowling pins, pinsetters, oils and more. They have eye tracking goggles, robotic cameras and video, etc., along with certified coaches to help to analyze each bowler. E.A.R.L. (Enhanced Automated Robotic Launcher) had a bad motor when we were there so we didn't get to see him work!

We walked back to the Earl Anthony Conference Room to have a wonderful pasta dinner and then we walked back to the hotel.

Thursday morning began early with a little breakfast at the hotel and then shuttled over to USBC with our luggage.

We started the session with the State Association Wheel of Life. This included Leadership Development, Board of Directors and Committees, Youth Tournament, Open Tournament, Women's Tournament, other Tournaments, Recognition and Financials. Again, both of us were pretty close on our assessment of our association.

During this session, we were tasked to write a S.M.A.R.T. (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time bound) goal for our association. Some attendees spoke of their goals and how they were going to accomplish them. Things discussed were cross-training especially the association manager position, give time limits to projects, set up board orientation for new members, letter to associations to get new board members and committee members and having an association manager handbook describing duties of the position and time tables.

Next we had Succession Planning—Have the board sign the Code of Ethics, etc. Bring out those documents to review each year. We can have in the operations manual that in order to be slated for election, each person must be RVP and SafeSport certified!

Our lunch included a great Texas barbeque and then a trip to the Hall of Fame display.

Next we went into Event Best Practices: Jamboree, Annual Meeting and HOF—suggestions for these were recognize first time attendees, have question cards as some people don't like to speak in front of groups, live stream the convention, have a "call committee" to contact associations and see what is needed or attend their meetings, have a theme for the convention, give a gift to attendees, Youth Star of tomorrow, have an MC for the HOF banquet and Youth Hall of Honor.

The next 45 minutes Chad Murphy came out and we had a question and answer session and then Richard Stewart ended our two-day training session.

We were taken to the airport for our flight to Wichita so we could bowl on Friday and Saturday. Seventy-two ladies were in our group bowling from Iowa. What a great way to end our week! Thanks to USBC for giving us the opportunity to attend this work session.

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700 CLUB TO HOST ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

By Jerry Robinson, Pin Boy

The 700 Club (of the former men's BA) will hold it's annual tournament on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2019 at May City Bowl in Cedar Rapids.

Entry forms will be mailed to all bowling centers in Iowa around August 1.

Due to participation number decreasing each year, the future of this tournament and the club will be discussed at our October meeting.

For information or questions, please contract Jerry Robinson at jerry.robinson@iowabowl.com.

Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club Update

By Shellie Kutsch, Sec./Treas.

The Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club holds two tournaments yearly. The fall tournament is held the last weekend in September and has used two formats, a Singles 4-game across 4 pair and recently a Doubles Invite with a non-700 bowler. The winter tournament is a Mail-In using league scores during a designated week in January. These tournaments have had very low participation, less than 10% of our membership. Due to this lack of interest it has been decided the club will continue this year on a trial basis.

Registration and tournament forms for the 2019-2020 season will be sent in August to members who have been active in the last five (5) years. If you don't receive this information you can request it by emailing me at bowl703@aol.com. The forms will also be available on the state website iowabowl.com. Please make sure I have a current email address when you send in your yearly dues. I send out reminders and the forms by email often.

The 2019 fall Doubles Invite Tournament will be held at Lightning Lanes in Manchester, IA on Saturday September 28, 2019. Get your non-700 bowling partner lined up for three (3) games of doubles. Our Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with this tournament at 12:30 pm, bowling to start following the meeting at 1:00. Save the date!

If you're interested in seeing this club continue please show your support and participate in our tournaments. Promote the Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club in your local associations. Invite qualified bowlers to join you. It takes all of us to make this a success!

REMINDER: If you are a current paid member (2018-19), don't forget to send in your high game and series scores for the 2018-19 season. These are due by August 10, 2019 to be eligible for the club awards. Plaques will be presented at the Annual Meeting in September.

Our Veterans Need Your HELP

By Laura Christensen, BVL Chairperson



This past November was a record breaker for the BVL Mail-In Tournament. I can not express my gratitude to all who participated and those who took time out of their busy lives to make this possible.

Iowa State USBC has been recognized by the BVL as a "Team BVL Platinum Association". We sent a check in the amount of \$13,000 in March. This will be returned to 3 VA hospitals here in Iowa and to the National Tee tournament to be held in Iowa City later this year. This is a bowling and golf tournament for our Veterans in Iowa and also includes other fun events.

It won't be long before November is upon us and I'm asking for your assistance to make this year even better.

As BVL celebrates our 75th Anniversary we are encouraged and committed to Brightening Veterans Lives.

Many changes have been made over the last 75 years. Today, we know the recreation therapy is often the key to successful recuperation and a return to a healthy, happy lifestyle.

BVL headquarters is determined to keep the promise our sport made to America's troops: "We will NOT FORGET your sacrifice." At this time, the BVL grants continue to pour in from VA Medical Centers from coast-to-coast. BVL needs our help to fulfill all the requests.

PLEASE, consider joining the Iowa State USBC Mail-in Tournament to help our Veterans across the Nation.

Look for entry forms on our website, iowabowl.com, they will be posted soon.

Thank you again for your past participation. It has been my honor to work for the bowlers of Iowa to support our Veterans in the BVL tournament.

Have a wonderful summer and I'm looking forward to this November.

Memorial Service



I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Associations that we do have a Memorial Service at our Annual Meeting. As in the past we pay homage to our friends and family that have gone before us.

Please, we need someone in each local association that could keep a list of your deceased member(s) that have passed since our last meeting in March of 2019.

We want to continue to pay tribute to them in this Celebration of Life.

Please send your list with name(s) and date of death, to Laura Christensen at ljpmc2009@gmail.com or laura.christensen@iowabowl.com by February 15, 2020.

POINT & PAY???

WHAT IS POINT & PAY???

By Charla Wilke

Bowlers in the Women's and Mixed tournaments have used our Point & Pay link for the past three years, and even some of the bowlers entering the Open State Championship Tournament in 2019 took advantage of this system for tournament payment too!

Others are still wondering "what is Point & Pay"?

It's an on-line payment system for the Iowa State USBC "live" tournaments, which include the Mixed State Tournament, Open State Tournament, Women's State Tournament and the Women's Senior State Tournament.

Here's how it works! Point & Pay accepts either a debit card (E check) or a credit card for payment of tournament entry fees for the above listed tournaments. User fees apply and are quite low for a debit/E check and are graduated higher for credit card use.

The link to Point & Pay is found on our website, www.iowabowl.com on the opening page, left side, near the bottom.

Just click the link and follow the prompts and you're all set.

BUT I still need your ENTRY FORM, filled out completely AND with the Point & Pay transaction number included (there is a spot on the entry form for the transaction number).

After filling out your entry form (fillable form will be available in July on our website www.iowabowl.com), scan/email to the state office at association.manager@iowabowl.com or fax to 515-576-4969. Scheduling will be done immediately upon receipt of the entry with the transaction number.

The Point & Pay link is gaining popularity each year. It's quick and easy!

Don't like on-line stuff? Just fill out the entry form and write a check and mail it, just like in the past.

Are you the coordinator for several teams? For multiple teams, only ONE CHECK is needed, whether you have two teams or twenty-two teams, ONE CHECK is all that is needed!

LANE INSPECTIONS

By Chris Birnbaum

I started helping with lane inspections in 1986 and have been lead inspector of the Fort Dodge Area USBC for the last 15 years.

USBC has sent out a lot of information about what data needs to be collected but I thought maybe I could let you in on a couple of things we've done to make it easier.

The 1st thing I do is measure down the lane and set pins along the walkway on lane 1 and on the high end walkway too at each place we will be taking our crosswise tilts and other measurements.

When I was younger I could straddle the lanes which kept me off the lane while taking the readings. As I am not as young as I once was, we now breakup into 3 person groups.

One group, the younger one, goes down and takes the pin deck readings, the 2nd person going under the machines and one person writing down the readings. This way no one is crawling under every machine.

We have 2 sets of levels for taking the crowns and depressions so we have 2 more groups of 3. Each group has one person to write down the measurements and the other 2 stand in the gutters on each side of the lane so that no one is on the lane to throw off the readings. This method makes it a lot easier than trying to stretch across the lane beds.

I'm sure there are some other things that make it easier; please share your methods with other associations so we can make it as easy as possible on our bodies.

BIDS FOR WOMEN'S SENIOR AND MIXED TOURNAMENTS NEEDED

By Charla Wilke

Bids from local associations with bowling centers with the required number of lanes are being accepted now for the 2021 Iowa State Mixed Tournament as well as the 2021 Women's Senior Tournament.

Bids should be submitted to the Iowa State USBC office no later than August 1 two years in advance of the tournament hosting. All bids will come from the host local association and should include support documents from the interested bowling center(s). An adequate number of tournament workers must be provided for the operation of the tournament and the bowling center should propose a reasonable lineage rate including tax.

The local association is compensated 20¢ per line for expenses.

The Women's Senior event currently requires a 10 (ten) lane center and the Iowa State Mixed Tournament uses a minimum of 16 lanes.

The Iowa State Mixed Tournament bowls late October and early November, usually three weekends.

The Women's Senior Tournament bowls the first three weekends in May, but here is no bowling on Mother's Day, the 2nd Sunday in May.

Muscatine is hosting the 2019 Iowa State Mixed Tournament and Fort Dodge is the site for 2020.

The Senior Women's tournament was held in Adel in 2019, Jefferson is hosting in 2020.

For further information on these tournaments, please contact Charla in the state office.

MUSCATINE USBC AND ROSE BOWL TO HOST 2019 IOWA STATE USBC MIXED TOURNAMENT

BY CHARLA WILKE

MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE 2019 IOWA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT!

THE DATES ARE OCTOBER 26-27, NOVEMBER 2-3 AND NOVEMBER 9-10, 2019.

ROSE BOWL IN MUSCATINE IS THE PLACE AND WE HAVE 36 LANES TO ACCOMMODATE THE TOURNAMENT. THE MUSCATINE USBC IS READY TO HANDLE THE OPERATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.

THE FORMAT OF THIS EVENT IS A MIXED TEAM (2 MEN AND 2 WOMEN) AND MIXED DOUBLES (1 MAN AND 1 WOMAN) WITH OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS FOR MEN, AND OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS FOR WOMEN!

COST IS \$20.00 PER EVENT PER BOWLER FOR TEAM AND MIXED DOUBLES; OPTIONAL ALL EVENTS ARE \$5.00 FOR EACH BOWLER.

SO, FOR \$80.00, PUT A TEAM TOGETHER; \$40.00 GETS YOU IN MIXED DOUBLES WITH YOUR MIXED DOUBLES PARTNER AND JUST ANOTHER \$5.00 GETS YOU IN ALL EVENTS. WITH ALL THIS, THE TOTAL PER BOWLER FOR EVERYTHING IS \$45.00 BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BOWL EVERYTHING! YOU CAN BOWL JUST TEAM OR JUST MIXED DOUBLES, YOUR CHOICE!

MORE OPTIONS! COME AND BOWL EVERYTHING ON ONE DAY! WE OFFER TWO SQUADS EACH DAY (SATURDAYS ARE NOON AND 3:00, SUNDAYS ARE 11:00 AND 2:00) SO YOU CAN BOWL TEAM ON THE FIRST SQUAD AND MIXED DOUBLES ON THE SECOND SQUAD, OR THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

WANT TO MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT? GO FOR IT! BOWL ONE EVENT ON SATURDAY, STAY OVER AND ENJOY ALL THAT MUSCATINE HAS TO OFFER WITH GREAT HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS AND OF COURSE THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI AND BOWL YOUR OTHER EVENT ON SUNDAY! AGAIN, MORE OPTIONS!

THIS IS THE 8TH YEAR OF OFFERING THE IOWA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT. WHILE THE ENTRY NUMBERS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT FROM YEAR TO YEAR, WE'D LIKE TO SEE THIS TOURNAMENT GROW!

PREVIOUS SITES HAVE BEEN WATERLOO, DES MOINES AND CEDAR RAPIDS. MUSCATINE INVITED FOR 2019 AND FORT DODGE IS HOSTING THE 2020 TOURNAMENT!

LET'S GO BOWLING! SEE YOU IN MUSCATINE THIS FALL!!

WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENT

By Charla Wilke

Muscatine USBC is "well-seasoned" for running state tournaments!

They hosted the 2018 Iowa State Youth Tournament and in 2019 the Open State Championship Tournament rolled through in 15 weekends.

Now they are looking forward to 2020 when the ladies come to town and not long after hosting the 2019 Mixed State Tournament too!

Entry forms will be available at www.iowabowl.com in July and will be mailed to captains from the 2019 Women's State Tournament as well as local associations and bowling centers in early August.

Reservations can be made now; entry form and full payment must be in the state office on or before October 15.

The tournament format has not changed, and the fees remain the same too.

The tournament will begin on March 7 and conclude on May 3, 2020.

On Saturdays, there will be one team squad and two doubles/singles squads scheduled. On Sundays, one team squad and one doubles/singles squad will be available. There will be one Friday night squad offered on April 24.

It's never too early to start thinking about, planning, and entering your state tournament!

For further information, call or email Charla in the state office!

WOMEN'S SENIOR EVENT CROWNS CHAMPS

By Charla Wilke

The annual Iowa State USBC Women's Senior State Tournament was held at Adel Family Fun Center in Adel with the Greater Des Moines USBC handling the on-site operation of the tournament.

The tournament is a Doubles and Singles format, open to Iowa bowling women aged 50 or older. There are two divisions which are determined by age rather than average.

Bowlers ages 50-64 are Division 2 for Singles and optional All Events, while bowlers ages 65 and up are in Division 1.

Adding the partners ages together determines the proper division for Doubles; partners with ages totaling 100 to 129 are Division 2 and if the ages are 130 or more, that is Division 1.

Here are our 2019 winners!

Doubles – Division 1

Wyn Ann Tighe/Dianne Messerly	Eagle Grove USBC	1,419
Mary Conn/Patty Garland	Gr. Des Moines USBC	1,419

Doubles – Division 2

Donna Grim/Linda Axtell	Ottumwa Area USBC	1,393
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Singles – Division 1

Roxann Lipes	Gr. Des Moines USBC	748
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Singles – Division 2

Renae Buttolph	New Hampton USBC	750
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All Events – Division 1

Wyn Ann Tighe	Eagle Grove USBC	1,464
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All Events – Division 2

Ginny Schaefer	Jasper County USBC	1,464
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Plans are in the making for the 2020 Iowa State USBC Senior Women's State Tournament already! We hope you'll join in the fun of this event when we next bowl at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson. Tentative dates for May 2, 3, 9, 16 & 17, 2020.

WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES FOLLOWING NINE WEEKENDS OF COMPETITION

By CHARLA WILKE

The Clinton and Camanche associations got their first taste of hosting the women's state tournament in 2016. They did a great job and were "all about doing it again"!

So, in 2019, the ladies of the lanes returned to Imperial Lanes in Camanche for the Team event of the 2019 Iowa State USBC Women's State Championship Tournament and to Plaza Bowl of Clinton for their Doubles and Singles competition.

Following nine weekends of bowling and fun, champions were named! Here they are!

Team

Thunder Lanes	Sumner USBC	3,017
Madison Rau, Teresa Schlatter, Lisa Miller, Brenda Kirchmann		

Doubles

Kayla Taylor/Katie Flores	Dubuque Area USBC	1,607
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Singles-Handicap

Donna Carson	Clarke & Decatur USBC	845
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Singles-Scratch

Mariah Early	Cedar Rapids USBC	717
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All Events-Handicap

Ronda Carpenter	Gr. Davenport Metro USBC	2,392
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All Events-Scratch

Melissa Kremer	Camanche USB	2,064
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The Women's State Championship Tournament feature a one division format in Team, Doubles, Singles, optional Scratch Singles, option handicap All Events and optional scratch All Events.

The tournament will visit Rose Bowl and the Muscatine USBC in 2020. Ladies can make their reservations for date and time now by calling or emailing the state office! Entry forms will be available at www.iowabowl.com in July and will be mailed to the local associations and bowling centers in early August.

Don't miss out on the fun of bowling in the state tournament! Make plans now!

CHAMPIONS NAMED AT OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

By Charla Wilke

The 2019 Iowa State USBC Open State Championship Tournament starting bowling on February 2 and concluded on May 19 with Robert Bertagnolli of the Greater Des Moines USBC rolling the final ball of the team event.

This was the 102nd annual Iowa State Open Championship Tournament and was hosted by the Muscatine USBC and bowled at Rose Bowl.

After 15 weekends of competition, champions were named in three divisions each in Team, Doubles, Singles and All Events.

The three divisions include the Open, which is scratch only (no handicap) based on a 210 average.

The Standard Division is for averages of 181 – 209 in Singles and All Events and the Booster Division is for those with averages of 180 or less. Both the Standard and Booster Divisions are handicapped at 90% of the top of the division; 209 for Standard and 180 for Booster.

Doubles and Teams are figured for handicap in the same manner by adding all averages together and applying 90% of the difference between the top of the division and the total of averages.

Champions crowned in all divisions are:

Team

Open Division	Trophy King Jake Stansbury, Josh Cantrill, Joseph Roseman, Scott Rains, and Matt Weggen	Gr. Davenport Metro	3,599
Standard Division	Schmidt Pulling Corey Schmidt, Rex Schilling, Michael Cotton, Denny Schmidt and Erik Schmidt	Charles City	3,437
Booster Division	Radar Lanes Jared Masker, Scott Tonderum, Steven Brown, Joel Olson, and Mark Olson	Greenfield	3,262

Doubles

Open Division	Cheryl Bloom/Brad Mason	Pella USBC	1,528
Standard Division	Zak Renze/Aaron Buck	Manning	1,634
Booster Division	Sean Soseman/Anthony Powers	Gr. Davenport Metro	1,465

Singles

Open Division	Matt Schlueter	Cedar Rapids	804
Standard Division	David Spencer	Belmond	864
Booster Division	Pamela Coffman	Gr. Des Moines	737

All Events

Open Division	Jarad Prescott	Ames Area	2,255
Standard Division	Nathanial Robbins	Sioux Rapids-Alta	2,253
Booster Division	Troy Schultz	Belmond	2,128

The 2019 Open State Championship Tournament fielded 949 teams, 2,411 doubles, 4,822 singles and 4,637 all events across all divisions.

Reservations are made and continue to be taken for the 2020 Iowa State USBC Open State Championship Tournament which will be held in Mt. Pleasant (team event) and Burlington (doubles and singles).

The Burlington Area USBC teamed with the Mt. Pleasant USBC again to bring the tournament to southeast Iowa for bowling and fun!

Las Vegas, We are here . . . Again!
A Lighter Side of the 2019 USBC Convention
April 29 – 30 through May 1 – 2, 2019
The Orleans Casino and Resort
Paradise, Nevada
by Sally Reighard

We . . . Charla Green, Kristi Reidy and I . . . had met and drove to the airport from the home of our good friend Laura Christensen in Ankeny, so we would have only one vehicle to park at the airport. We boarded our flight without incident or delay even though the flight board had stated that several flights into and out of Vegas might be canceled due to the severe thunderstorms in Nevada. We were lucky, but not some of the others on the plane with us as several of the flights going on to California had been canceled.

After collecting our luggage and several minutes of debate and hesitation, we finally decided on a shuttlebus to take us to our hotel. We endured four of five stops to drop off people at other hotels before finally arriving at The Orleans, which was obviously the last stop on the route as we were the only people left on the bus. Connie Rommel had already arrived and was waiting for us with our rooms all arranged. We quickly dropped our bags in our rooms and headed back down to check in and pick up our credentials.

After a quick spin around the room, checking out all the exhibits, we made our way on down the hallway to the Rules Seminar and contest. The number of delegates seated in our Midwest section was kind of sparse, and once again, our region did not win. I didn't take notes for that meeting, but if my memory is correct (and sometimes I can't trust it), the South region beat the defending West region by just a couple of points.

It had been a long, tiring day and after grabbing a bite to eat at Fuddruckers, it was time to hit the sack. I had showered and gone to bed long before Kristi, my roommate, returned from the casino floor.

My favorite part of the convention for the past several years has been the motivational speaker that kicks off the meeting at 9 AM the next morning. This year our speaker was Tim Gard, a professional speaker, author and humor philosopher. His introduction stated that he loves sharing his fall-out-of-your seat laughing Comic Vision© seminars. The part of his presentation that I enjoyed the most was some of the things he has in what he called "My Official Policy Manual," and two in particular stand out prominently. One concerns a 'photo' of his Pride and Joy that he shows off like any proud grandfather. (Ask to see the copy he gave me). The second demonstrates how he maintains his cool when he is asked to pay a hotel or restaurant bill when it has already been covered. When he is asked if he has a major credit card, he pulls out a card that reads "This is a Major Credit Card." Usually the clerk, in a state of confusion, will then ask for some other form of identification at which point he turns the card over and the backside reads "Here is Some Other Form of Identification."

Mr. Gard's seminar was followed by a second - "The Generational Story You've NEVER Heard," - by professional speaker, trainer and business coach Leah Brown. The focus of her presentation was how to get different generations on the same page and working toward a common goal.

Tuesday afternoon and early Wednesday morning were the training seminars for the delegates. And the last item on the Wednesday morning agenda was Meet the Candidates. There were five participants, including a person who was being nominated from the floor.

Annual meeting session I convened at 1:30 PM Wednesday, May 1 with the agenda consisting of the usual items. There was an opening video and the presidents welcome then a call to order and the board introductions. Following the national anthem, a memorial video presentation followed the executive director's remarks and the credentials committee reported 889 Association delegates, 21 athlete delegates, 34 Hall of Fame members, and 17 members of the board for a total of 961 eligible to vote. After several other reports, and with breast cancer survivors marching in, the annual glow stick ceremony for Bowl for the Cure was held. The Wednesday afternoon session concluded with the introduction of the USBC Hall of Fame members who would be inducted at that evening's reception and dinner. Class of 2019 inductees for Superior Service were Kelly Kulick, New Jersey, Chris Barnes, Texas, and Mika Koivuniemi of Finland. Meritorious Service inductees were John Davis posthumously and Bob Johnson of Nevada. Larry Lichstein of Florida was inducted in the Pioneer category and Jim St. John was inducted posthumously in the Veterans category.

Annual meeting session II convened at 9 AM Thursday, May 2 with the presentation of the national youth and recognition awards. Youth Ambassadors of the Year were Peyton Lee of Louisiana and William Hrivnak of Ohio. The David Dahms Coach of the Year was Connie Emlich of Ohio; the Volunteer of the Year was Lenny Higgins of Ohio; and the winner of the annual Zeb

scholarship was Alex Kobus of Indiana.

The USBC Proprietor of the Year was Joseph Poelking, the owner of three centers in the Dayton, Ohio, area. Kay Smith of Texas was the recipient of the Helen Baker Award for Outstanding Association service. And Patty Patterson, Texas, received the Joyce Deitch Unity award.

The female winner of the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow was Mabel Cummins of Illinois. And Trace Nuss, Florida, received the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow.

Elections were the first thing on the agenda for Annual Meeting session III after the lunch break and prior to the vote the nominating committee stated there were now 898 Association delegates, 21 athlete delegates, 36 Hall of Fame members and 17 members of the board for a total of 972 eligible to vote. The committee had slated four individuals for three open positions and there was one nomination from the floor. On the first ballot, Anthony Colangelo of Idaho received 637 votes, Bo Goergen of Michigan received 629 votes and Lowell Lundgren of Washington received 582 votes and the three were declared the winners. The other nominees were Rich Foran of Montana (396 votes) and Richard Ramsey (Too bad he didn't make it. From the printed credentials, he was probably the most qualified.) of Texas (263 votes).

There were a total of eight proposed amendments to bylaws to be considered. Three were proposals to league rules with just one being approved. This change now requires a league secretary to submit final averages within 15 days of the end of the league. There was one proposed amendment to tournament rules and it was rejected. There were two proposed amendments to USBC national bylaws with only one, which puts limits on the submission of an amendment from a previous year, being approved and there was one proposed amendment to each the state bylaws and the local Association bylaws. The state bylaws PA was approved and will now allow state delegates to determine if Hall of Fame members should have voting rights at the state annual meeting. The local bylaws PA was rejected.

Following the presidents closing remarks and adjournment, delegates were encouraged to stay and participate in a town hall meeting. As we were not flying out until Friday morning, we stayed. Fortunately, our flight home did not leave until midday so we didn't have to rush to the airport at an ungodly hour.

That's it for now. We'll be back in Vegas for the USBC Annual Meeting next year . . . Again!





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