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Cincy Bowl Launches

by Kate Wilhelm

After months of typing, scanning, editing and formatting Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA proudly launched www.cincybowl.com for our members and visiting public.

Cincinnati Women's Bowling Association has been working hard to update, modernize and streamline to provide you with an organization you can be proud of. CINCY BOWL will be the bowler's source for up-to-the-minute information on what local bowling has to offer. You will find the latest news on the accomplishments of your fellow bowlers, current tournament offerings and

results, charitable events, historical information and current contact information for your houses. It's all right here.

We hope that you will visit us often and provide us with feedback, so that we may make this site all that you need it to be. Thank you for being part of the Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA and we hope you enjoy your visit to www.cincybowl.com.

What's New

by Ronda Hutson

AWARDS

Your Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA directors listened to your request and responded with a change to the local award program. Locally we recognize games of 200, 225, 250, 300 and series of 500, 600, and 700. This season members are eligible for all of the local awards from each of their certified leagues. The only exception is the special 300 game award, which is presented to our member once per season.

In the past, these awards were presented once per season on a progressive scale. Now, no matter when the game or series is bowled each member will be eligible for all the local awards.

National awards from USBC are still awarded once per season. For a complete list of USBC awards go to www.cincybowl.com

Check with your league secretary to ensure your eligible scores were submitted so these awards can be processed in a timely manner. This is how YOUR association recognizes YOUR accomplishments.

BUCKEYE BOWLER PUBLICATION

Buckeye Bowler is a new monthly, statewide publication listing events and bowlers scores from across the state. Amy Salter is the section editor for this area. She is determined to make sure your award scores are recognized. In February, your name will be listed if your secretary submitted your league awards to the Association Office. If you earned an award and your name does not appear, then you need to check with your secretary.

Special points of interest:

- Hall of Fame Dinner will be May 3 at Vernon Manor.
- Cincinnati has two Ohio USBC WBA Senior Champs.
- Support your bowling heritage by entering the Mail-O-Graphic Tournament.
- Improve your game with two useful tips found on the back cover.

Message from the President

Thank you for being a member of your Gr. Cincinnati USBC Women's Bowling Association. Your volunteer Board of Directors works diligently on educational programs, charity fund raisers and tournaments to maintain value for your participation. We always welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Be sure to click on our new website www.cincybowl.com. It is spectacular and contains every aspect of the sport of American Tenpin. Help us kick communication up a notch by supplying us with your email address. Just send a note to gcwba@fuse.net and we will keep you updated through our mailing list.

We had very positive feedback on our New Bowler Workshop. Various informative topics were addressed concerning league/individual handicaps, league prize funds and membership benefits. We plan to continue the workshop and possibly offer a refresher course for ladies with 140+ averages, utilizing certified coaches in our area.

In August please set aside time to attend the "League President and Secretary Workshop". This educational program will include supplies for your league, award updates and tournament information. Ample time will be provided for your questions, comments and suggestions.



The Board of Directors of the Ohio USBC Women's Bowling Association approved Gr. Cincinnati WBA to host the 2011 Championship tournament and annual convention. Ladies from all over Ohio who participated in the 2006 tournament and convention enjoyed our beautiful city and are eager to return to our area and compete.

Gr. Cincinnati will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of USBC for our contribution to the International Bowling Museum in St. Louis. We earned this award because of your support of the fund raiser held in May 2007. Thank you for maintaining the history of the sport. I hope you plan a trip to the Museum - you will be surprised!

Congratulations to all the winners of our local, state and national awards listed in this newsletter and on the website. We are very proud of your accomplishments and keep up the good bowling.

Rosie Taulbee, FACMPE
President

Local Senior Winners

The 22nd Annual Senior Handicap Tournament was the first Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA event of the season. Stumps Lanes on Bridgetown Rd hosted this season's event on September 30 and October 6 & 7, 2007.

Members 50 years of age and older used their skills and luck to win stuffed animals and/or dollars. Handicap Brackets, Mystery Doubles and Split the Pot were ways to cash in on the fun. Stuffed animals were presented when a "22" was part of a score to designate the 22nd tournament. "Clean-Game" awards were presented to everyone who marked every frame.

The prize list was paid out to 1 in 5 bowlers based on entrants in each division. Those listed below were top in their divisions after bowling 4 games and dropping the lowest game. Join us in congratulating the following winners :

DIVISION A - Age 75 & Up
Jane Meszoros 681

DIVISION B - Age 70-74
Marlene Lintz 634

DIVISION C - Age 65-69
Phyllis Glossner 699

DIVISION D - Age 60-64
Rose Rogers 683

DIVISION E - Age 55-59
Julie Burr 713
Shirley Hoyle 713

SPECIAL DIVISION - Age 50 -54
Charlene Schroder 677

Cincinnati Seniors State Champs

The Ohio USBC WBA Senior Tournament was held in October at BeaverVu Lanes in Dayton. For the second year in a row, Cincinnati seniors shined.

This year we had two division winners: Lucy Irvine and Margaret Osterhage. Margaret placed first in Division 3 (65-69) with 1357. She is our first member to win in that age category.

Lucy placed first in Division 4 (60-64) with 1263. She is our third member to win in this age category. Previous winners were Pat Schmidlin from 2006 and Rosie Holloway from 1992.

Attention! Attention!

B-O-W-L-E-R-S N-E-E-D-E-D

It's time to step up on the approach and bowl for a great cause. Our charity fund raiser this year will support our history. We will be supporting our Bowling Museum. We, as bowlers, must keep our bowling history alive, not only for us, but for our future bowlers.

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Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA invites women and men to help this cause by entering the IBM&HF Mail-O-Graphic Tournament. Members will use their highest series bowled

By Pat Schmid

through the month of February from their certified leagues. Entry fee is \$20.00 and \$15.00 from each entry will be donated to the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame. The remaining \$5.00 will be part of the prize fund and paid out to 1 in 5 bowlers.

Entries are available online and at the bowling centers. Get your entry today since February 15 deadline is right around the corner. Scores are must be submitted to the Association Office no later than March 14 to be eligible for the prize fund.



Good Times are Brewing for you in 2011

By Kate Wilhelm

"Good Times are Brewing in 2011". This is the theme Cincinnati is rolling out to welcome bowlers back for the 2011 State Tournament. After hosting a very successful tournament in 2006. Your Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA board of directors voted to bid for the 2011 event.

The state tournament is open to all Certified Ohio Women bowlers. The tournament is a handicap event and is designed to provide a fun, competitive weekend for bowlers throughout the state. The competition runs for 12 weekends beginning in March of each year, so finding a time to bowl is EASY! In 2006, bowlers expressed their

desire to return to our area as they found it to be an exciting and inviting experience. The Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA is very proud of our city and our bowlers and is always eager to showcase them both.



As the host city, Cincinnati will attract bowlers from across the state as well as our own community. We encourage all Cincinnati Women to make plans to compete in the tournament. The competition will give you experience and a chance to meet new people and take on new challenges.

The tournament offers Team, Doubles and Singles competition.

Should you not have a full team of 5 ladies, perhaps you and a friend could take on the doubles and singles competition. Are you the only one interested in bowling? No problem! Sign up to be a substitute and bowl with ladies from across the state. You meet new people and do someone a favor at the same time.

Endless opportunities are available for participation, so mark your calendar and keep your eyes open for the 2011 Ohio USBC WBA Tournament - Cincinnati!

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Did you Know??

- Did you know the Association was 90 years old on January 7?
- Did you know the first city tournament was held May 15, 1918? Go to the "About Us" section at www.cincybowl.com. You can read about all the interesting prizes awarded to the first tournament winners.
- Did you know this year is the 89th city tournament? If you have "89" in any score during the tournament - you win a special treat!
- Did you know Ohio USBC WBA publication "Hi-Lites" is now available on-line at www.ohiowba.com?
- Did you know the Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA Hall of Fame date has been moved from June to May 3. This year's event will be held at the Vernon Manor. Inductees and further details will be announced on www.cincybowl.com.
- Do you know your Association Board of Directors? You can find all the officers and directors with pictures on www.cincybowl.com.
- Did you know we have openings for directors? Applications are available on-line. Go to www.cincybowl.com and click on Board of Directors or About Us. You can also call Sandy Purcell at the Association Office: 513-936-9422.

Coaching Tips - from bowl.com

FUNDAMENTAL - Improve with a positive mental attitude

Having a positive mental attitude is the first step toward bowling well, especially at a center where you haven't fared well in the past. You should never think, I don't bowl well at this center, because that can turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy: You think you will bowl poorly and you will bowl poorly.

Instead of dwelling on past experiences, call to mind all the skills and techniques it will take to bowl well this time, then use them. Tell yourself you will make a good shot or you will make the spare. You'll be surprised at the results of having a positive mental attitude and it will probably rub off on your teammates or doubles partner, too.

INTERMEDIATE - Eliminating corner pins

You just rolled a great shot that hooked into the pocket, but you left a corner pin standing. Sometimes what may have appeared to be a perfect shot didn't hit quite so perfectly.

The most common leave for a right-hander is the 10 pin. On a perfect strike hit, the ball hits the 1-3 pocket before continuing through and hitting the 5 and 9 pins. The 3 pin is driven into the 6 pin and the 6 pin in turn hits 10 pin. If the 10 pin stands, you need to find out where the 6 pin went. Did it get driven straight back to where the 9 pin stands? This would be a high shot. Did the 6 pin go to the side wall? This indicates a light shot.

You can make your adjustment once you know whether your ball hit high or light. Remember the general rule of adjustments is to move in the direction on the miss (miss right = move right) with your feet. Just a slight move is all that is needed to get rid of corner pins.

The scenario is the same but on the opposite side for a left-hander who leaves a 7 pin standing. The direction of the 4 pin (like the 6 pin for a right-hander) is the key to finding out why the hit wasn't perfect. Make your slight adjustment, as indicated above, and the corner pins should fall.



Gr. Cincinnati USBC WBA Mission is to educate, inform and serve our membership; growing and strengthening our bowling family.