

Upcoming Events

City Tournament: Bowl multiple times in Team or Doubles Event. See rules on entry.

Queens Qualifier: \$10 entry fee must be paid before City Tournament competition begins.

BVL Mail-O-Graphic: Bowl in February during certified league play. Entry Fee is \$20 per league.

Queens Double Elimination Match Play: Sunday, March 1. Qualify during 2009 City Tournament with \$10 entry fee.

Open Membership Meeting: March 7, noon Colerain Bowl. Pick up your tournament checks and awards, vote for new directors and convention delegates. Vote for dues increase and other changes to legislation.

Hall of Fame Induction Dinner: June 6 at the Receptions in Loveland

Highlights

BIG SCORES

Stacey Fehr, 806
(258-269-279),
Western, 11/26

Jackie Meddings, 300
Colerain, 10/11

BIG SPLITS

Big 4 Split Conversion
Valencia Brown-Wilson,
and Patricia Glick
from Brentwood Bowl

7-10 Split Conversion
Vicky Pollard
from Pollard Bowl



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HALL OF FAME

Cincinnati is filled with bowling talent. Some have excelled in high scores. Others have worked out of the spotlight as league officers, youth coordinators and coaches. All have contributed to the success of our Association. Look around in your leagues, think back to when you started bowling. Surely there is someone you feel who deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. Categories are: Meritorious Service – Superior Performance – Pioneer.

To be eligible a candidate must have been a member of the GCWBA for 15 years or more and bowled in 10 or more local City Tournaments. A candidate must also have outstanding bowling accomplishments **or** have distinguished herself as working tirelessly for the sport. Call the office if you have questions or visit our website www.cincybowl.com for applications and more detailed information on the categories. Deadline to turn in applications is January 31, 2009. **Induction Dinner** will be Saturday, June 6 at the Receptions in Loveland.

BVL

By Joyce Gampfer

How often have we bowlers seen the acronym BVL and thought, "What the heck does that stand for?" Here's a very brief summary . . .

The BVL was founded in 1942 by bowlers who promised to not forget the sacrifices made by America's service men and women. The first campaign, during World War II raised money to purchase medical evacuation planes to ferry wounded home from the battlefields of Europe and through the years went on to support the dependents of those killed during Operation Desert Storm with college scholarships. Currently BVL has shipped more than 550 portable carpet bowling lane kits to active duty troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and many other locations.

When founded in 1942, BVL stood for "Bowlers Victory Legion" and was supported by WIBC and ABC bowlers. In 1997 the name was changed to "Bowler to Veterans Link" which describes the close association bowlers have had with veterans through the years and across the country.

If you have donated to BVL over the years, give yourself a pat on the back, because since it's inception, over \$35

million dollars has been donated by bowlers to provide a variety of items and services. And, it's money well spent – another fact is that out of every \$1.00 donated to BVL, \$.80 goes to veterans, \$.07 to administration and \$.13 goes to fundraising and promotion.

During the 2003-2004 season, Cincinnati bowlers donated the largest percent increase in dollars to the BVL. From the Women's Association, President Rosie Taulbee and Vice President Pat Canfield, and President Dave Pond of the Men's Association were awarded the honor of carrying the American Flag and the BVL Flag and placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

There's so much more that could be written, but alas, not enough space! If you would like additional information, please go to www.bowlforveterans.org.

BVL is the Women's Association's Charity this year. We are sponsoring a Mail-O-Graphic Tournament for the month of February. It's easy and fun. Entries are available at the Boutique Table, or see one of the Women's Directors. The Tournament is open to anyone with a USBC Certification. So, join us in bowling to help Veterans.

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Did You Know...

GC USBC WBA placed 2nd in the inaugural US Bowler Association Media contest featuring web-sites. This contest was open to all associations across the nation and judged in areas for overall communications, web-sites and newsletters. This was quite an accomplishment since the web-site was live one month before it was judged.

We received a check for \$300 and GC USBC WBA was recognized at the 2008 National Convention in Kansas City, MO.

Check out our website at www.cincybowl.com. I'm sure everyone will be as proud as we are.

By Ronda Hutson

2011 State Tournament
is brewing in Cincinnati

Team Event
Super Bowl, Erlanger

Doubles & Singles
Princeton Bowl

Mark your Blackberry
or your calendar
We need your
participation or help!

Seniors On A Roll

By Ronda Hutson

In June 2008, Lucy Irvine represented the state of Ohio in Reno, NV in the USBC Seniors Tournament. Lucy finished 7th in Women's category Division C after bowling 6 games of 178-160-165-180-176-136 for a handicap total of 1277. Lucy received a paid entry from the Ohio USBC WBA after winning her division (60-64) in 2007. All of this was possible because Lucy entered our local seniors tournament.

On another note, Cincinnati was well represented in 2008 at the state level in the oldest senior category. In the division for ages 75 and over, Jane Meszaros placed 3rd with 1,250 and Dotty Mack placed 6th with 1,217. A week after bowling in Columbus, Jane bowled and won her division in our local senior tournament. Our association really has several quality senior bowlers. Great shooting ladies!!!

2008 GC USBC WBA Senior Tournament Winners

Thanks to RINGO LANES who hosted the seniors October 25 & 26.

Division A, Ages 75 & up	Jane Meszaros 662
Division B, Ages 70-74	Beverly Durante 647
Division C, Ages 65-69	Barbara Harsh 697
Division D, Ages 60-64	Helen Heim 676
Division E, Ages 55-59	Margaret Epperson 726
Special Division, Ages 50-54	Diane Carter 697

Queen For A Day

By Ronda Hutson

Best of luck to Crystal Aichele who will represent our association January 10 & 11 at Interstate Lanes in Toledo. Crystal received a paid entry into this prestigious event after she won the local Queens. Crystal rolled through the competition like a "buzz saw" to defeat several top local bowlers last April. This is another fine example

of the top notch bowlers we have in our association. If you see her out on the lanes, please congratulate her on a job well done. As you can see, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Crystal is the daughter of Lucy Irvine, our recent local and state Senior Champ. It is obvious that bowling comes natural in this family.

Ohio Women's 700 Bowling Club

By Joyce Gampfer

Did you know that if you bowled a 700 (scratch) in 3 games in a USBC Certified League or Tournament you are eligible to join the Ohio Women's 700 Club? Cost to join is \$5.00 with a \$2.00 yearly fee. Once a year the Club holds a tournament in different parts of Ohio. This year the Tournament will be held in Fairfield at Fairfield Lanes on Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 am. Entry fee is \$27.00 if you enter in advance, with a walk in fee of \$32.00.

For more information go to our website, www.cincybowl.com and on the left side of the homepage, click on Bowling Centers/Links and under Organizations/Associations, click on Ohio Women's 700 Club. Check out the history.

OK ladies, here's a challenge. Let's get a large turnout from the Cincinnati area and show those ladies in the rest of the State that we can bowl! Hope to see you there.

Focus and Determination

Insights from Stacey Fehr

It was an amazing night! I shot the 806 on 11/26/08. My games were 258 - 269 - 279. I didn't really think about having a chance to shoot the 800 until after the 2nd game when I had 527 going into the last game. I just thought to myself, you can only miss once, but you can do this. I left a smash 9 pin in the 2nd frame of the last game, so I had to throw the next 9 strikes and get count to get the 800, and somehow I did it."

"Shooting an 800 is something I never thought I would be able to do because I've never been close to that high of a series. I was definitely nervous the last game because after the 2nd frame I knew I had to strike out until the fill ball to get the 800 series. Everyone else in my family has an 800 series already, so it felt amazing to get one for myself."