

# CHANNEL CHATTER

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

This is a partial rewrite of my President's Report presented at the Annual Meeting on February 20, 2010.

Again, many thanks to the Tri-County Illinois USBC Association for their wonderful southern hospitality during the Annual Meeting and Tournament.

Have you ever noticed how much of the news we read in the paper is bad news???? Sometime try cutting out all the items that are bad news. It's amazing how little is left to read. So now you may well ask, what does this have to do with my report to you as President. It means that despite the gloomy picture of what is happening in bowling in the State of Illinois (and as well as with other states), I'm going to try to paint a little brighter picture.

For example, although for many years the membership in our state has taken a tremendous drop, we should not dwell on the fact that we have lost so many members but instead we should be grateful for the many women who are still active in certified league bowling. Attempts have been made to determine the reason for this loss in membership, more women are going back to work, increased cost of bowling and the economy in general. I'm certain all of us have heard these same comments several times, but whatever the reason, it is sad. But we still have many active members to whom we owe our service, our support and our appreciation.

I am pleased, too, that we have been able to continue most of the services and awards to our bowlers in spite of decrease in membership.

Please e mail me with any questions or concerns you would like the Board to address. Our Board meetings are the 1st weekend in June and the 1st weekend in November.

Closing thought: Our lives began to end, the day we become silent about the things that matter.

Madeline Dotta, President

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*"Love and Friendship are the greatest things in life"*

## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Greetings to all of you, isn't it wonderful that Spring has finally arrived. I was so tired of the cold, windy and snowy weather.

I do hope that the delegates going to Reno have printed and read the legislative amendments and rule changes, (elsewhere in this publication you will find a legislative report from Betty McCann) Please take the time to read Betty's report and all of the legislative amendments. Those amendments affect all of us.

Association Managers, please send in all of your dues reports so that membership can be verified against the USBC monthly reports. A couple of months this year, USBC did not get the reports to us. I want to make sure that each association is credited with the proper membership as this determines the number of delegates your association is entitled to at the Illinois State USBC WBA Annual Meeting.

The other item needed in the office are any and all awards that have not been processed for your bowlers for the 2009-10 bowling season. These forms are due before the 31st of July, 2010.

The tournament in Tri County Area (Belleville) is going well. Entries were down this year due to the economy, but hopefully the entries will be up again next year when we move the tournament to Decatur.

The office staff is working on the entry blank and other items for next years tournament which will be finalized and ready for mailing when the tournament checks are mailed. A reminder to all of you, please distribute and cash the tournament checks within the months of June and July. I would ask that you not put them in a drawer for cashing later, it makes the bookkeeping at the end of the fiscal year a nightmare.

Elsewhere in this publication you will find a registration form for the Summer Workshop in Rock Island-Moline-Milan USBC WBA on June 26, 2010. I do hope that all of you will plan to attend. This workshop will be a joint effort with the Illinois USBC BA and should be very informative.

Also Melinda Calvert, Chairman of the 20 Year Club, has asked that the form for the 20 Year Club be included. If you are a member and have bowled in or been a delegate for 20 years, you are eligible to join the 20 Year Club, please complete the form and mail to Melinda for processing.

Earlene M. Nelson, Association Manager

## LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION - RENO CONVENTION

The 2010 USBC Convention is just around the corner. For those of you that are attending the convention, please make sure you read the proposed amendments prior to going so you can have your questions possibly answered at the workshops.

There are 7 league rules to be presented to the delegation, as well as 7 tournament rules and 10 bylaws. Workshops are scheduled April 28th with the general session starting on Friday April 29th and the voting on the proposed amendments will be on Saturday, May 1st. Please make arrangements to stay for the entire legislation portion as we know many amendments can be brought back to the floor after all is said and done. Many delegates plan on leaving before the final closing to find out that several of the legislative items have returned to the floor and are disappointed whether they passed or not, so again, please plan on staying for the entire session.

Some of the bylaw proposals that are going to be presented include: providing electronic voting for all amendments unless the president determines otherwise; that all local associations be merged by August 1, 2011; raising of state and local dues maximum at the same time as nationals; changes maximum USBC adult state membership dues from \$1 to \$5; changing maximum USBC adult membership dues from \$10 to \$15, adding state adult membership dues from \$1 to \$2 if association is merged adults and \$1 to \$3 if association is merged adult and youth; changing requirements for credentials to be filed with USBC from 24 hours to 90 days; give the board authority to make important decisions any time of the year; allows affiliate associations to have delegates and voting rights at the annual meeting; allows legislation for general playing rules, league rules, and tournament rules to be conducted in even years bylaws will remain as yearly legislation; and last but not least Amendment No. B10 are National Bylaw Revisions Amendments.

Just recently USBC has added a Resolution to the proposed Amendment B-7 please make sure you take the time to review this resolution as well as all of the proposed amendments. Fortunately, or unfortunately whichever the case may be most of you have already printed the proposals and this was just recently added. Make sure you check occasionally to make sure you have the latest of the version of the proposed amendments as well.

We also know that the USBC Championship tournament has approved alcohol at the site, supposedly as a test for this year. If you do not approve of this let USBC know.

Be safe in your travels and see some of you in Reno.

Betty McCann, Legislative Chair

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Illinois State USBC Officers and Directors and all my bowling friends for making my induction into the Hall of Fame a day to remember.

Everyone was so kind to me and my family during the day and many of the delegates made a special effort to congratulate me. I received numerous cards and gifts for which I am eternally thankful. I cherish all the friends I have made over the years on the board. Thanks for the memories.

Jo Wangler, Hall of Fame Inductee, 2010

## Condolences to the Families of

Char Ebel, past director of the DuPage WBA and the Suburban Windy City Association passed away on November 26, 2009.

Barbara Denk of Manteno, former Secretary of the Chicago Women's Bowling Association, passed away on February 11, 2010.

Sympathy to Barb Smith, Association Manager of Joliet Area USBC WBA, on the recent loss of her brother.

## NEWS FROM IWBA 20 YEAR CLUB

The Illinois State USBC WBA 20 Year Club held their annual luncheon, hosted by the Illinois State USBC WBA, this past February 21st at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Fairview Heights, IL. There were 89 members present.

Long time 20 Year Club member and IWBA photographer, Joyce Van Buskirk had won one of the charity 50/50's on Friday night at the delegate's party and donated \$50.00 to which we added to the \$113.00 that we collected.

Members donated \$147.00 to the Susan G. Komen, \$163.00 to the BVL Veterans' Fund, and \$97.00 to the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame. Thank you ladies.

New members honored at this luncheon and presented their pins were Mary Lynn Bartolomucci-Springfield, Carol Clark-Peoria, Melissa Murphy-Champaign, and Sandy Darnstaedt-Tri County Illinois. Other new members unable to attend the luncheon were Maurine Dempsey, Sandra Holden, Teresa Lynch, Linda Storey, Alice McKim and Linda Thackray.

Members are asked to keep their dues, addresses, phone, and emails current with the club so that we do not waste money sending out invitations to those that have moved.

REMEMBER, if you are not current with your dues you will not receive an invitation to next year's luncheon.

Melinda Calvert, Chairman 20 Year Club

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### CHICAGOLAND USBC

A number of things have happened in the Chicagoland USBC Association in the past few months.

The Youth Committee is completing their tournaments this month. Results will be available on our website [CHICAGOBOWLING.COM](http://CHICAGOBOWLING.COM). A Meet and Greet Town Hall meeting with David Bartlett, the new USBC Regional Manager for our area was held on Tuesday, March 16th and was attended by several Associations, merged and non-merged, from Illinois and Wisconsin. Their was discussion on the awards program, membership processing programs, (Internet and WinLABS), and also on the amendments that will be presented at the National Convention in Reno on May 1st. Chicagoland is also implementing a Center Representative Program in order to get new ideas and perspectives into our organization as well as taking some of the tasks and redistributing them and helping people grow in the functional areas of our organization.

The annual Chicagoland USBC Association Women's Championship Tournament, and Open Championship Tournament will be held in May. These Tournaments are open only to members of the Chicagoland USBC Association.

A Senior Tournament and a Mixed Doubles Tournament will be held on June 5th & 6th at Habetler Bowl. These are open to any USBC member provided that the meet the qualifications for the Senior tournament age division or enter a team consisting of a man and a woman. Information is available on our website, [CHICAGOBOWLING.COM](http://CHICAGOBOWLING.COM).

Nomination forms for election to the Chicagoland USBC Hall of Fame can be found on our website and are due by June 1st. Our Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 24th at Bristol Court Banquet Hall in Mount Prospect.

Keith Korinek, Association Manager

### CHAMPAIGN AREA USBC

The Champaign area just finished the senior tournament (results on the website) which had a better female turnout than the association tournament. The 185 and under tournament (for which most women are eligible) upcoming in April. Entry Blanks are on the website.

Hall of Fame dinner will be April 3rd at the Round Barn Convention Center, corner of Mattis and Springfield in Champaign. Those to be inducted include Judy Akers for Bowling Accomplishment; Barb Uden for Service and Betty Connelly for Veteran

Steve Lawson, Association Manager

### DECATUR USBC WBA

With the recent decision of the USBC board to allow alcohol at the USBC Open Tournament and possibly at the Women's Championships, getting 'tapped' takes on a whole new meaning.

A recent survey of our bowlers shows those who like beer, or a cocktail, while bowling are 100% in favor of the decision while non-drinkers are 100% against the decision. Granted plenty of wait staff may be available so bowlers will not have to leave the bowling area for beer, but what are they going to do for bladder control? A Port-a-Potty behind the settee area? If you think the squads sometimes run late, wait till beer-frames become a reality.

Our survey showed most were in complete agreement with the comments from industry leaders opposed to the recent decision, as reported in the Windy City Bowling News, and Bill you probably won't be invited to the Christmas party this year, but I did like your comments about USBC selling out its integrity.

While some people love [bowl.com](http://bowl.com), I'm not one of them. I can seldom find or get the results I need from the new 'improved' website. However the good news is I have had wonderful responses from headquarters when in need of something I can't find, or doesn't work, so kudos to Ann Miller and Jeannie Morphis.

Valentine's Day was special this year as bowlers and DWBA board members spent the day taking part in the 'Have a Heart' for Easter Seals. The bowl-a-thon is in its 23rd year and, for 20 of those years, the Decatur Women's Bowling Association has been the main organizer. While the final tally is pending, the event is expected to add some \$15,000 to the coffers for Easter Seals Central IL, and we are proud to have helped Make-It-Happen.

Vivian VanderBurgh, Publicity Chairman

### GENESEO USBC WBA

The Geneseo USBC WBA held their annual spring banquet at the Geneseo Moose Family Center on February 25, 2010

New inductees into the Hall of Fame are Hazelwood Homes (Sponsor), Nadine Garbett for Service to the Association and Teresa Lynch for Meritorious Bowling.

Winners of the Women's City Tournament were announced. Members on the winning team, Geneseo Moose Lodge #990: Linda Wolf, Lorraine Brooks, Paula DeVore, Monica Paxton and Connie Borneman, with a score of 3130. 2nd place went to Lee's Lanes. 3rd Place is the Robbie's Service with Morgan's Fix It taking fourth. Doubles event winner: Trina Clementz-Nancy Clementz 1277; 2nd Place Erica DeSplinter - Sue Hutchinson and 3rd place Lacey Sullivan- Laura Clark Singles event winner Tonia DeLong

with a 718; 2nd place Paula Hays and 3rd place Sue Hutchinson. All Events winner Sue Hutchinson 1995; 2nd place Carol Shoemaker and 3rd place Tonia DeLong.

The Della Barrett Award went to Amanda Emerick with a high scratch game of 237.

Nancy Lyford, Association Manager .

## JACKSONVILLE USBC WBA

The Jacksonville Association held its annual tournament March 6,7,13,& 14. This year was very successful with 17 teams, 32 doubles, and 43 singles entering.

This is very good with a membership of 245. Highlights of this event was Julie Short whom bowled a 276 game and a 693 series her best of the season. Julie seems to be at their best in the local event as last year she rolled a 279 game during the tournament. Jacksonville is also very proud of sending 9 teams to the State tournament in Belleville. Our ladies are very dedicated to the sport. Another thing we are proud of is increasing our membership from 226 last year to the 245. While we have lost our 20 lane center, we have managed to increase our membership.

Dottie Konrad, Association Manager

## JOLIET AREA USBC WBA

After enjoying the holidays, January was an opportunity to rest after the turmoil of Christmas rushing, reflect on all that had occurred since the beginning of the bowling season, and plan for all the activities we would be engaged in during the coming months. That involved lots of exercise for our mental faculties, making an effort to improve our tournaments think of ways to get more of our bowlers to participate.

Out big activity in February is raising funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The officers and directors of our association, along with some volunteers, did fifty/fifty raffles during all league bowling sessions in the bowling centers in our area. It's a big and tiring job, but a wonderful opportunity to go out, meet the bowlers, and raise money for an extremely worthy cause at the same time. We try to cover all of our leagues in two weeks except the once a month leagues that don't bowl within that time frame. By the end of February, we had raised \$5949, and contributions are still being tallied.

At 9:15 am on February 18, one of our bowlers, LaVergne Counter, reached a milestone in her bowling career when she bowled 300-195-214 for a 709 series. It was her first 300 game and 700 series and was the first 300 shot in the Eyeopeners League at Strike"NSpare II Lanes in Lockport and the first 300 game bowled by a female in our association during the 2009-10 season. A 170 average bowler, LaVergne was a first runner up on the Senior Queen's Court for 2008-09.

Our local association tournament was held in March at AMF Bolingbrook Lanes in Bolingbrook. It was a very successful tournament, more successful for some than others.

Andrea French, a petite dark haired gal, took control of the lanes, and claimed eight out of possible ten titles She contributed 665 with On Track Pro Shop #1 in winning the 4 person team titles, both scratch and handicap, 717 with the 5 person team scratch winners. On Tract pro Shop # 2 759 to take both scratch and handicap singles and 640 to win the Scratch Doubles title with partner Patti Schultz. Her total of 2074 won All Events scratch and adding her 168 pins handicap, gave her enough to win Handicap All Events. Andrea also won the Womens' Will County Open which was held before the holidays.

Held in conjunction with the Joliet Area USBC WBA Tournament, the 500/600 Clubs Sweeper top 3 are as follows: Division 1 (166 average and under Karen Hanson 765, Katie Picco 764 Lindsey Dieter 748. Division 2 (167 average and over) Lavon Picco 807, Nicholette Watters 763, Jolene Pallansch 741. Scratch Division Nikki Lunsford 691, Tammy Richter 681, Sara Rutherford 675.

On the last day fo the tournament we were all sadden to learn of the death of the brother of our Association Manager Barb Smith. Having had another brother and her mother pass away in the month before Christmas, we offer her our sincere condolences. Even with having to spend time away from home, the turmoil of the holiday season, and managing her normal bowling workload and tournaments, Barb kept everything done in a timely manner and always with a smile on her face.

There have been some recent changes of personnel on our Board of Directors. Denise Dome, director for several years, resigned because of a shortage of family time. We have welcomed two new members, Betty Tkack and Debbie Klein, both very hard working enthusiastic bowlers.

On April 9, 10 and 11, the Annual Senior Handicap Tournament will be held at AMF Bolingbrook Lanes in Bolingbrook. This tournament consists of doubles, mixed doubles, singles and all events, the prep work is now being done for this tournament. Approximately 120 bowlers have entered, many young seniors who are new to the tournament, with reservations still being taken,.

By the time the tournament work is completed, leagues will be winding down and we will have the summer to plan and prepare for the next season activities. Hope to see some of you at the Illinois State Summer workshop on June 26, 2010.

Submitted by Carol A. Johnson, Director,

## ROCKFORD USBC WBA

The Rockford USBC WBA held its annual meeting on Saturday, March 13. A picnic lunch of hot dogs with all the "fixin's" was provided.

Elections were held. Louise Quaid was reelected as 2nd vice president. Nancy Mandujano was reelected as sergeant at arms. Sue Salberg, Georgia Gray and Bobby Shuga were reelected as directors. Delegates were elected for the USBC (Texas 2011) and Illinois State USBC WBA (Decatur 2011) meetings.

Nancy Stannard was presented the Gloria McConville

League Secretary of the Year Award. Nancy received flowers, a gift certificate and clock. Her name has been engraved on our traveling plaque that will hang at her center, Park Lanes, next season.

Attendance door prizes were awarded.

City tournament winners and champions received their shirts. Handicap Team 3395 "Bowlers Universe" (Sue Salberg, Kim McGriff, Melissa Beasley, Karen Neuliep and Linda Carter). Scratch Team 3286 "Bowlers Universe" (Sue Salberg, Kim McGriff, Melissa Beasley, Karen Neuliep and Linda Carter). Handicap Doubles 1496 Billie Roberts and Bonnie Sladek. Scratch Doubles 1375 Billie Roberts and Bonnie Sladek. Handicap Singles 824 Billie Roberts. Scratch Singles 720 Rachel Rothermel. Handicap All Events 2253 Billie Roberts.

Scratch All Events 2091 Rachel Rothermel.

Tournament prize monies were awarded.

Laura Heller, President Rockford USBC WBA

## STREATOR USBC WBA

Congratulation to the following winners in the Streator USBC WBA City Tournament: Handicap Team Winner TATA with a 2676. Boni Tutoky 651, Karen Austin 688 and Michelle Orban 665 and Lisa Smith with a 672

Doubles winners were Karen Austin and Sharon Berg with a 1464 and Singles Sarah McDonald with a 730. All Events Boni Tutoky with a 2153 which is a new Association Record.

Scratch Division was Team 3 T's and Big L 2117: Tanya Dennis 425, Laura Hert 507; Kayla Tyne 551; Cheri Tyne 634. Doubles Jaci Emerson and Lindsay Petersen 1197. Singles Cheri Tyne 619 and All Events Cheri Tyne 1847.

All of the winners will be recognized at the 25th annual combined Bowler of the Year and Hall of Fame Banquet on the 24th of April at the Kay-See Club in Streator.

A special thanks to Marge Balke for arranging our squad to go to the State Tournament in March.

Kathy Burash, Publicity Chairman

## SUBURBAN WINDY CITY

On February 28, the Suburban Windy City Association held their 2nd annual "Bowl for the Cure" fund raiser. There was 3 games of "9"pin no tap, food, 50/50 and door prizes.

Over \$3,000 was collected for the Bowl for the Cure. Thanks to everyone who participated in this special event and a thanks to the sponsors and everyone for their generous donations to the "Bowl for the Cure".

God bless all for your time and generosity from all the breast cancer survivors which I am one.

Dee Brading, Fundraiser Chairman, and Director

## WAUKEGAN USBC WBA

Waukegan wrapped up their final weekend of the Association Tournament. Many surprises came out of this tournament as one of our youngest bowlers Ashley Lewis started off her doubles event with a 747. Needless to say she and her partner were unreachable with a 1458 total; they also managed to clinch the actual portion of the doubles event with a 1233. Before Ashley started her team event she was already in 13th place for All Events. She did manage to add to her title the All Events divisions both handicap 2264 and actual 1949. Congratulations Ashley!

Rounding out the top 5 winners in the Team Event were: Laurie's Team captained by Laurie Ruting - 3302, K&A Graphics captain Donna Saunders, Bertrand Lanes captain Brenda Cornell, The Directors captain Cindy Gerjol and Ain't Got Nothin' captain Joni Cox, and The Directors of Waukegan Area USBC WBA with a 2757 actual. The rest of the Doubles Event top 5 are Roxann Cassillas/Susan Hersman 1406, Valerie Alexander/Bevrely Fortune 1394, and Debbie Larson/Doris Freeman 1386, Singles top 5 winners are Darlene Drake 762, Ashley Lewis 740, Caryn Evitts 736, Jeanine Wright 730, and Carolyn Wagner 728 and Caryn Evitts with 662 Actual. Senior awards will go to Ann Christian 714 handicap and Willie Wilson 577 Actual. High game for the tournament was a 268 by Ashley Lewis and Series Ashley Lewis with a 747.

Honors were given to Dorothy Overby as she will travel to Reno in July to represent the State of Illinois in the Super Seniors division.

Waukegan Area USBC WBA would also like to Congratulate Caryn Evitts on her 300 game in the Emco League at Sunset Bowl and series of 765. Congratulations Caryn and are you giving lessons?

Teresa Bond, Publicity Chair

## NEW FORM FOR 20 YEAR CLUB REGISTRATION

Included in this Channel Chatter is a new form for the 20 Year Club Registration. If you think you have 20 or more years of either bowling in the State Tournament or attending the Annual Convention, please complete the form and mail to Melinda at the address included on the bottom of the form.

Form may also be found on the web site: [illinoisusbcwba.org](http://illinoisusbcwba.org)

**Upcoming Events**

**June 26, 2010 Summer Workshop Rock Island, Illinois**

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Please note that USBC has just added a resolution to the Proposed Amendment B-7. I am sure most of the delegates have already printed all of the proposals, but be sure to go back and look at this one!

**SUMMER WORKSHOP**

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE  
SUMMER WORKSHOP ON JUNE 26, 2010 AT  
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

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