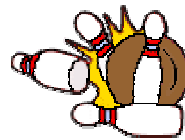# Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association

Fall 2007 Newsletter

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I would like to invite everyone to check out the new Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association (GCBA) Web Site. There is a wide variety of information at the site. For example, you will be able to view current and past averages, honor scores, and newsletters. You will also be able to download tournament entry blanks, and much more.

I would like to take this time to send out a special thank you to Lola DeGroff and Jason Hensler for all of the work they did making the GCBA Web Site a reality. Jason took the initiative to design and construct the site. Jason bowls at Grantfork Bowl and Hi Top Bowl. Lola is a wonderful family friend who is instrumental in entering all of the data on the Web Site.
THANKS LOLA AND JASON. THE WEB SITE IS AMAZING!!!

Here we go again with another bowling season. By now most of you have been bowling for quite a few weeks, others are just getting back in the swing of things. I hope everyone has a spectacular season. If you haven't already received your sanction card, it should be coming real soon. Remember, your sanction card will be sent directly to you in the mail from the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).

AVERAGE NOT ON SANCTION CARD

When you receive your 2007-08 USBC Sanction Card you will notice that your 2006-07 average is not printed on the card. The USBC is not able to print your highest average on your card. In many cases the listed average was not necessarily the appropriate average for tournaments. Averages can be viewed and printed by checking your records on www.bowl.com using the "Find a Member" feature. In addition to average records, the "Find a Member" feature also includes awards information and membership history. The average data on bowl.com is more completed and accurate. It should show all of your averages and the number of games bowled in each of the leagues you bowl. However, if you believe the information is not correct, contact your league secretary to have it corrected. If you do not have access to bowl.com, the 2006-07 GCBA Average Books are in the bowling centers. Please make sure your average is correct.

BOWLING IS A SPORT

The following is a special message from the USBC President, Jeff Boje. USBC's vision is to grow the sport of bowling, but what does that mean. It doesn't mean we want to make all of our members 200 average bowlers or make everyone a Sport Bowling member. We want more people to engage in bowling – and to view bowling – as a competitive activity. It's a disturbing reality that 22 percent of the American population considers bowling to be a sport while the rest view it as "entertainment."

    USBC wants people to go to the bowling center not merely to have lunch, chat with friends and toss a ball down the lane, but to participate in bowling like they would soccer, softball or any other sport. Bowling must not allow itself to be perceived as a rainy-day alternative to the movies. Our future depends on parents and kids viewing bowling as an alternative to Little League baseball or soccer.

    Bowling as entertainment is a good, thriving business for proprietors. It helps them maintain their facilities, pays for renovations and improvements and makes a center more attractive to all customers. It's a great way to introduce people to bowling. But bowling for entertainment is not the function of the USBC.

    Our need is to focus on getting people to engage in bowling as a competition. If you bowl because you value the outcome of the game, compete against the other team with a desire to win, care whether the rules are followed and the specifications that define the sport are uniform, then you value bowling as a sport.

USBC's mission also remains the same. We will continue to serve the leagues and associations that are the engine that drives USBC. We understand it's our role to service those entities and to be there for them so they can support us. Our mission has not changed one bit.

USBC CHANGES AWARDS PROGRAM

Keeping in line with its vision to grow the sport of bowling, USBC believes there's a difference between recognizing an accomplishment and rewarding an achievement. It's a shift in focus USBC applied to its youth awards program more than a year ago, and it's now being applied to USBC's adult members in selected awards categories.

Starting August 1, USBC members who roll games at least 100 pins over their averages will receive emblems in recognition of the accomplishment while those who bowl 298 and 299 games will earn 11 strikes-in-a-row plaques.

Those who roll a 298 or 299 games and want another form of recognition (such as a ring) will be able to purchase them through USBC. The Century Watch for bowling 100 pins over your average will no longer be available. USBC also is considering additional purchasable options for 298 or 299 bowlers.

This change is the first step in the transition from a reward-based philosophy to one of appropriate recognition. According to former USBC Chief Executive Officer Roger Dalkin, "for too long the organization and its predecessors rewarded achievements rather than recognizing the accomplishment."

USBC also is discontinuing league high game and high average pins because most leagues already offer their own high game/high series awards.

GCBA HIGH AVERAGE AND SERIES

Congratulations to **Chris Federer** for having the highest average in the GCBA during the 2006-07 season, and **Derrick Beard** for bowling the highest series in the GCBA during the 2006-07 season. Chris averaged 229 in the Friday Night Mens League at Poplar Junction Lanes. Derrick bowled an extraordinary 840 series in the Wednesday Night Mens League at Salem Bowl.
CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS & DERRICK.

GCBA HALL OF FAME

The GCBA will hold their First Hall of Fame Banquet and 2006-2007 Awards Program at Michael's Restaurant – 415 Broadway – in Highland on Saturday, October 27, 2007. The Program is open to the public. There will be two (2) new members inducted into the GCBA Hall of Fame -Charlie Kunkel from Breese and Dan Nicklin from Aviston. These two bowlers will join the 45 members already in the GCBA Hall of Fame. This will be the 10th Hall of Fame Banquet, but the first one that will be held with the Awards for the 2006-2007 bowling season.

Tickets are $10.00 for adults in advance and $15.00 at the door and includes dinner, induction ceremony, awards presentation and attendance prize opportunities.

Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. Reservations may be made by contacting any GCBA Board Member or by calling Tim Rutz @ 618-654-9840. This will be a casual dress event.

The GCBA represents 14 bowling centers and each bowling center has a representative. The GCBA Board of Directors include:
Leroy Fruend – President
Darrell Rinderer – 1st Vice President
Dave Wirz – 2nd Vice President
Tim Rutz – Association Manager
Harold Rutz – Asst. Association Manager

House Represenatives:
Chuck Ridge – Baden Bowl (New Baden)
Joe Marcum – Banks Bowl (Centralia)
Paul Hellmann – Bartelso Bowl
Randy Leitschuh – Grantfork Bowl
Tom Whalen, Jr – 4th Street Lanes (Greenville)
John Becker – Hank's Bowl (Trenton)
Roscoe Ammann – Hi Top Bowl (Highland)
Danny Schrempp – Mascoutah Community Lanes
Robert Stocker – Poplar Junction (Highland)
Richard Clark – Salem Bowl
Dennis Hanson – St. Jacob Lanes
Mike Rosselli – Ten Pin Bowl (Carlyle)
Glen Summann – Vandalia Bowling Center
Steve Junk – V&H Recreation (Breese)

GCBA SENIOR SCRATCH CLASSIC

The GCBA Senior Scratch Classic will be held Sunday, November 4, 2007 at Bartelso KC Lanes in

Bartelso. This is a one day tournament beginning at Noon, and is open to all GCBA members who are at least 50 years old as of November 4, 2007. The format is the same as last year's tournament allowing the bowlers to compete with bowlers in their age bracket. The tournament will be divided into two divisions – bowlers between the ages of 50 and 59, and bowlers 60 years of age and older. Each bowler will bowl four games – rotating one pair of lanes to the right after each game. After the four games, the top four bowlers in each division will bowl "bracket style" within their division. The top qualifier will bowl the fourth qualifier and the second qualifier will bowl the third qualifier with the winners bowling each other to determine the winner of their division. The winner of each division will bowl each other to determine the overall GCBA Senior Scratch Champion.

There will be one shift at Noon, and it is limited to 30 bowlers. The entry fee is $50.00 and must accompany your entry blank to assure your spot. The estimated first place prize is $500.00 based on 30 entries. Advanced registration by phone is recommended and available by calling Tim Rutz at 654-9840. We must have at least 20 bowlers signed up by November 1, 2007 or the event will be cancelled. Complete rules along with the entry blanks are available at each bowling center.

GCBA SINGLES SCRATCH CLASSIC

The GCBA Singles Scratch Classic will be held at Ten Pin Bowl in Carlyle on Sunday, December 2, 2007 at Noon. This is a one day tournament open to all GCBA members. The format is the same as last year. Each bowler will roll five games – rotating one pair of lanes to the right after each game. After the five games, the top five bowlers will bowl "TV STYLE" to determine the GCBA Scratch Champion. There will be one shift at Noon, and it is limited to 60 bowlers. The entry fee is $50.00 and must accompany your entry blank to assure your spot. The estimated first place prize is $500.00 based on 30 entries. Advanced registration by phone is recommended and available by calling Tim Rutz at 654-9840. We must have at least 20 bowlers signed up by November 26, 2007 or the event will be cancelled. Complete rules along with the entry blanks are available at each bowling center.

GCBA HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

The 66th Annual GCBA Handicap Team Tournament will be held at V&H Recreation in Breese. It will begin Saturday, February 23, 2008 and will run through Sunday, April 6, 2008. Squad times will be at 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Saturdays. There will be one squad at Noon on Sundays. Due to prior commitments, there will be no bowling on February 23rd at 8:00 PM and both shifts on March 22nd. There will also be no bowling on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

The Singles and Doubles Events will be held at Salem Bowl in Salem. It will begin on Saturday, February 23, 2008 and run through Sunday, March 30, 2008. Squad times will be at 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Saturdays. There will be one squad at Noon on Sundays. There will be no bowling at 8:00 PM on February 23, and there will be no bowling on Easter Sunday March 23rd.

Again this year, there will be an optional Singles Scratch Event, an optional Doubles Scratch Event, and an optional Team Scratch Event.

Multiple Singles and Doubles

Again this year you will have the opportunity to bowl singles and doubles as often as you desire during the GCBA Handicap Tournament. However, unlike last year you must bowl both singles and doubles. Please keep in mind that you can cash only once in singles no matter how many times you bowl the singles event. Your highest singles score will count in the standings and the score from the first time you bowl singles will count towards your all events score. On the other hand, in doubles you can cash as many times as you enter with different partners. The score from the first time you bowl doubles will count towards your all events score.

Entering Tournament Average

Again this year, bowlers will use their **highest USBC sanctioned league average – with a minimum of 21 games – from the 2006-07 season.** You can find your highest USBC average at www.bowl.com by clicking on Find a Member on the left side column, fill out your information, click on search, and then click on 2006-07. If you are a new bowler or did not have a 21 game average last season, you must use your highest USBC sanctioned league average as of **JANUARY 1, 2008.** All others bowl scratch. You can also find

your GCBA average in the 2006-07 GCBA Average Book. Each bowling center has an average book. Please check your average and make sure it is correct.

Entry blanks will be in the bowling centers after November 18th.

HONOR SCORES

So far this season there have been nine (9) 300 games, and one (1) 800 series bowled in the GCBA. See the bowling center reports for the names of the individuals that have bowled honor scores this season.

The following bowling centers have submitted articles to inform the GCBA members about what is going on in their centers.

L&W's TEN PIN BOWL – Carlyle (594-2702)

Ten Pin Bowl is hosting the following Tournaments:

October 21 – Golf & Bowl (9 hole scramble followed by a 9 Pin No Tap)

November 10&11 – Huey-Ferrin-Boulder Fire Protection District 9 Pin No Tap

December 2: GCBA Singles Scratch Classic at Noon

For more information or to enter the tournaments, call Larry or Wendy at 594-2702.

Congratulations to the following bowlers for their high games and series: Larry Miller - 300, 279, 276 and 768 series; and Doug Buehner – 279 game.

V&H RECREATION – Breese (526-7881)

Congratulations to Brett Maue, Bill Sligar, Gordon Hoerchler, and Nick Devan for bowling 300 games. Congratulations to Brett Maue and Blaine Essenpreis for bowling 299 games.

So far this season we have had twenty-five (25) 700 series.

On October 27th we will be hosting a 9 Pin No Tap Cerebral Palsy Benefit for Hannah Berndsen. The entry fee is $125.00 per five man team. It is sponsored by the Breese Optimist Club. There will be two shifts – 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Contact V&H Recreation at 526-7881 for information or to sign up.

HI TOP BOWL – Highland (654-6283)

Congratulations to Roscoe Ammann for bowling a 299 game and a 780 series.

So far this season we have had thirty (30) 700's with a high series of 780 by Roscoe Ammann.

Kent Korte, Kevin Davis and Larry Munie have rolled 289 games. Nick Barnett had a 288 game, and Terry Nihiser had a 280 game.

Mike Ripperda, Sr. and Gary Werner had 279 game. Rick Piurek had a 278 game. Bill Snowden had a 277 game, and Josh Blakeney had a 275 game.

POPLAR JUNCTION–Highland 654-2695

Congratulations to Chris Federer for holding the highest average in the GCBA during the 2006-07 season.

Congratulations to Brian Woltering for bowling a 300 game and 730 series.

700 series include the following: Nick Barnett 777, Shawn Winter 751, Chris Federer 749, Brian Woltering 730, Carmon Thiems 729, Steve Walter 718, Darrin Korte 712, and Tim Rutz 707.

Several Ladies also had great scores. Kim Miller had a 288 game and 691 series. Lori Zobrist had a 621 series, and Lisa Johnson had a 619 series.

The Highland Mens City Tournament will be held in January. The Singles & Doubles Event will be held on Jan 5 & 6 and 12 &13 at Hi Top Bowl. The Team Event will be held on January 19 & 20 and 26 & 27 at Poplar Junction.

Poplar Junction runs a USBC Certified 9 Pin No Tap Singles Tournament the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 PM. The entry fee is $15.00, and there is an optional scratch pot for $5.00. Call ahead for reservations. Upcoming dates are October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, and March 8.

Congratulations to Tom Severit, Jr. for bowling a natural 300 game in our August No Tap. He receives a ring from The USBC for his accomplishment. The Super Strike Pot is now worth $1500.00.

We will be hosting a special 9 Pin No-Tap sponsored by the Marine Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to benefit sending campers to Burn Camp. It will be held Saturday, October 20th at 8:00 PM. Call Poplar Junction for reservations – 654-2695.