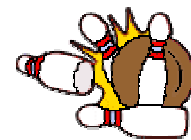


# Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association



## Winter 2007 Newsletter

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Welcome to another edition of the Greater Carlyle USBC Bowling Association (GCBA) Newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through the season. Now it is time to gear up for the Annual GCBA Handicap Tournament. The Preliminary Schedule is available in each bowling center. Take a look at it to verify the date and time you are scheduled to bowl. If you have a conflict, call the number on the front page of the schedule to change your date. If you did not get a chance to enter the tournament, you still have until February 7th to enter. You can look at the Preliminary Schedule, see what is available and call the number on the front of the schedule to make your reservation.

### EDDIE GREER WINS SENIOR CLASSIC

The GCBA Senior Scratch Classic was held November 5, 2006 at Mascoutah Community Lanes in Mascoutah. The tournament was divided into two divisions – those between the ages of 50 & 59 and those 60 years of age and older. Twenty-two (22) bowlers competed in the tournament, so the format was modified and the top three qualifiers in each division bowled match play to determine the division winners. In the 50-59 age division, the top three qualifiers with their four game totals were: (1) **Charlie Kunkel** 970 including a 300 game; (2) **Bill Gass** 874; and (3) **Eddie Greer** 850. In the match play, top qualifier **Charlie Kunkel** received a bye. The number three seed, **Eddie Greer**, defeated the number two seed, **Bill Gass**, 236-207. **Eddie Greer** then defeated **Charlie Kunkel** 212-190 to win the division.

In the 60 years of age and older division, the top three qualifiers with their four game totals were: (1) **Willie Hettenhausen** 852; (2) **Tom Whalen** 842; and (3) **Art Bowker** 840. In the match play, top qualifier **Willie Hettenhausen** received a bye. The number two seed, **Tom Whalen**, defeated the number three seed, **Art Bowker**, 217-198. **Willie Hettenhausen** then defeated **Tom Whalen** 237-181

to win the division. In the championship match, **Eddie Greer** defeated **Willie Hettenhausen** 205-189 to become the overall Greater Carlyle Bowling Association Senior Scratch Champion.

**CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE.**

### JOHN HELIGE WINS SCRATCH CLASSIC

For the second time in four years, **John Helige** won the GCBA Scratch Classic. Thirty-five (35) bowlers competed in the tournament on December 3, 2006 at Vandalia Bowl in Vandalia. The top five qualifiers with their five game totals were: (1) **Jason Timmermann** 1089; (2) **Ken Monken** 1075; (3) **Jared Lutz** 1031; (4) **John Helige & Barry Missey** 1008. The top five qualifiers competed in a “TV STYLE” stepladder finals. In the first match, **John Helige** defeated **Barry Missey** 169-166. In the second match, **John Helige** defeated **Jared Lutz** 213-190. In the third match, **John Helige** defeated **Ken Monken** 202-169. And in the final match, **John Helige** defeated **Jason Timmermann** 40-28 in a ninth and tenth frame roll off after they tied with a score of 157 to become the Greater Carlyle Bowling Association Scratch Classic Champion.

**CONGRATULATIONS JOHN.**

### GCBA HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

The 65th Annual GCBA Handicap Tournament begins February 17th and runs through April 7th. The Team Event will be held at Baden Bowl in New Baden, and the Singles and Doubles Events will be held at Banks Bowl in Centralia.

Most of you are aware that we added the opportunity to bowling singles & doubles multiple times. Keep this in mind when you are trying to find a substitute. About a dozen or so bowlers have taken the opportunity to sign up to bowl multiple singles & doubles. I'm hoping these numbers will only grow in the future.

We also added an optional Team Scratch Event this year. Approximately 20 teams have signed up for this event.

I would like to thank everyone for entering and supporting the tournament over the years. As always, we welcome any suggestions or concerns regarding any GCBA Tournament or Event.

### GCBA HALL OF FAME

GCBA Hall of Fame applications will be accepted until the May 21, 2007 GCBA Annual Meeting. At that time, the hall of fame committee will review all applications on file. Individuals can be nominated for their bowling accomplishments or their meritorious contributions to the sport. There are a lot of very qualified bowlers out there worthy of being nominated, but it takes time and effort to nominate that person. Documentation for their accomplishments is very important. Applications are available from any GCBA Directors and bowling center.

### JOSIE EARNEST ATTENDS VANDERBILT

Congratulations to Josie Earnest for earning a bowling scholarship to Vanderbilt University. Josie is the daughter of Larry and Lisa Earnest, proprietors of Vandalia Bowl. Her Junior Bowling Highlights include:

- 2005 & 2006 Member of Junior Team USA;
- Five Gold Medals with Junior Team USA at the 2005 International Youth Friendship Tournament in the Dominican Republic capturing the singles, doubles, team, all-events, and Masters titles;
- Won three Gold Medals and one Silver Medal in another international competition – the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas in Fort Lauderdale;
- Won the 2006 North Point Insurance High School Open Singles;
- Won four Pepsi Cola State Championships;
- Won the 2004 Junior Masters;
- Nine-time Illinois Scholarship champion;
- Twice won Illinois State Amateur Titles;
- Three top 12 finishes at the Junior Gold;
- Eighth at the 2005 National Amateur;
- Six-time champion of the Indiana Youth Tour;

- Two sanctioned 300 games and a high series of 767 with more than 70 700 series.

Congratulations to Josie for all of her accomplishments and continued success.

### HONOR SCORES

So far this season there have been eight (8) 298 games, eleven (11) 299 games, twenty-seven (27) 300 games, and seven (7) 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.

### V&H RECREATION – Breese (526-7881)

Congratulations to the following bowlers:

- **Brad Phillips** and **Alan Profancik** for bowling 300 games;
- **Larry Wobbe** for bowling a 299 game - it's too bad you could carry the 10 pin on that smash Brooklyn shot;
- **Blaine Essenpreis** for bowling a 297 game;
- and **Larry Spirek, Jr** for bowling an 814 series.

So far this season, we have had ninety (90) 700 series.

**Nick Korte** and **Charlie Kunkle** engaged in an entertaining match game January 12th as Nick shot 280 and Charlie shot 279. Great match guys.

Upcoming events at V&H include a 9 Pin No Tap to help support the Beckemeyer Fire Department on Sunday, January 28th. There are still some openings on the 3:00 PM & 9:00 PM shifts. On Saturday, February 3rd, V&H will hold the annual Toots Bowl for the Cure. There are still some openings on the 4:30 PM & 9:30 PM shifts. Call V&H at 526-7881 to reserve your spot and please come to V&H Recreation to support these good causes.

### POPLAR JUNCTION–Highland 654-2695

Poplar Junction runs a USBC Certified 9 Pin No Tap Singles Tournament the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 PM. Call ahead for reservations.

Upcoming dates are February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12. **Congratulations to Mark Hamption and Darrin Korte for bowling Natural 300 games during our 9 Pin No Tap Tournament.** Both bowlers receive 300 games rings from the USBC for their accomplishment.

Poplar Junction is running a SUPER BOWL SUNDAY SPLITS AND BLITZ TOURNAMENT. Splits and 9 Pin Counts are strikes. The entry fee is \$30.00 per person. The tournament is limited to the first 72 entries. There is over \$1000.00 in the tournament prize fund – based on 48 entries – with a separate prize list for men & women. Call 654-2695 to make your reservation.

Congratulations to **Dennis Giger** for bowling a 299 game and 804 series.

Congratulations to **Mike Naylor** and **Al Stoecklin** for bowling 300 games.

Congratulations to **John Pruitt** and **Mike Heath** for bowling 290 games.

#### **HANKS BOWL – Trenton (224-9355)**

Hank's Bowl is hosting its King of the Hill Tournament on Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 PM. The entry fee is \$25.00 which includes bowling (3 games across 6 lanes), Chili after bowling and prize money. Handicap is 80% of 220 using this year's highest average. If you do not have an average this year, you will use last year's highest average with at least 21 games. The event is limited to the first 36 bowlers. Prize money is based on 30 bowlers and 1/3 of all bowlers will get their entry fee or more back. Estimated 1st place prize is \$30 and a recent top of the line bowling ball of at least \$200.00 minimum retail value. Jackpots: \$30 per game with option to buy additional chances. Mulligans will be sold for every game. Last Years King of the Hill is John Becker.

Hank's Bowl is hosting its Queen of the Hill 9 Pin No Tap Tournament on Saturday, February 10 at 7:30 PM. The entry fee is \$20.00 which includes bowling (3 games 9 Pin No Tap across 6 lanes), jackpots, Chili after bowling and prize money. Handicap is 80% of 180 using this year's highest average of 21 games or more. If you do not have an

average this year, you will use your last highest average with at least 15 games. All other averages will be determined by the tournament committee. The event is limited to the first 36 bowlers. Prize money is based on 30 bowlers and 1/3 of all bowlers will get their entry fee or more back. Estimated 1st place prize is a bowling ball of at least \$130.00 minimum retail value. Mulligans will be sold for every game. Last years queen of the Hill is **Karen Carpenter**.

Hank's Bowl is hosting a 9 Pin No Tap Team Tournament on February 17th & 18th, February 24th & 25th, and March 3rd & 4th. Saturday squad times are 12:00 PM & 8:00 PM. Sunday squad times are 12:00 PM & 3:00 PM. The tournament is open to a team of 5 men or women or mixed. Each bowler rolls 3 games 9 Pin No Tap across 6 lanes then the team bowls a Bakers Game. The entry fee is \$100.00 per team. Handicap is 80% of 210 with 350 pins maximum per game. Use last year's final book average with a minimum of 21 games. If no average last year, use your average as of February 1, 2007 with a minimum of 21 games. \$300.00 guaranteed 1st place prize plus additional prize money in each division (men, women, mixed) for high game handicap, high game scratch, and high series scratch and prizes for 300 games.

For additional information about any of the tournaments at Hank's Bowl, contact Jeremy at 224-9355.

#### **TEN PIN BOWL – Carlyle (594-2702)**

Ten Pin Bowl is hosting the following 9 Pin No Tap Tournaments:

Huey-Ferrin-Boulder Fire Protection District 9 on February 10 and 11;

Muscular Dystrophy on March 10 and 11;

Relay for Life on March 17 and 18.

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

Congratulations to the following bowlers for their high games and series:

- **DJ Potts, L Miller, and Gary Detmer** 299 games;
- **T Albers** 287 game;
- **G Schubert** 286 game and 769 series;
- **B Maue** 280 game and 786 series,
- L Miller 774 series;
- **DJ Potts** 755 series;
- and **Y Goodin** 750 series.

#### **HI TOP BOWL – Highland (654-6283)**

Congratulations to **Jeff Menz** and **Tracy Poehling** for bowling 300 games.

Congratulations to **Jason Lobring** for bowling a 299 game.

Congratulations to **Brad Phillips** for bowling an 813 series during the Highland Men's City Tournament a day after bowling a 300 game at V&H Recreation.

So far this season, Hi Top Bowl has had 135 - 700 series, two 800 series, five 300 games, two 299 games, and three 298 games.

Hi Top Bowl will host the 6th ANNUAL MIDWEST PBA HI TOP BOWL SENIOR OPEN on FEBRUARY 15-18, 2007. We will be offering a Pro-Am 9 Pin No Tap on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Come out and bowl in one or all three events. For more information or to make a reservation call 654-6283.

#### **4th STREET LANES – Greenville (664-9240)**

Congratulations to the winners of the New Year's Day Tournament:

- 1st **Doug Turley,**
- 2nd **Doug Turley,**
- 3rd **Trevor Stoecklin,**
- 4th **Sam Turley,**
- 5th **Glen Summann,**
- 6th **Dennis Coatney,**
- 7th **Mark Weidau,**
- 8th **Mike Bingham,**
- and 9th **Bob Elmore**

Congratulations to the following bowlers for their great games and series: **Jon German** 298 & 715, **Jerry Wernle** 290, **John Helige** 279 & 775, **Jim**

**Hoffman** 721, **Dennis Potthast** 710, **Bob Wiedenhoeft** 275, **Ken Slatton** 273, **Rob Turley** 278 & 707, **Tom Whalen** 279, **Diane Bingham** 290 & 676, and **Teresa Speraneo** 255 & 646.

#### **GRANTFORK BOWL – Grantfork (675-3555)**

Grantfork Bowl would like to congratulate all 64 bowlers with 700 series and two 800 series. The top five series in the bowling center are:

- **Tom Smith** 817,
- **Mike Soden** 805,
- **Bryan Merkle** 792,
- **Dennis Lindley** 774,
- and **Mike Lindley** 771.

Congratulations to **Bill Marquardt, Steve Rinnert, Bryan Merkle,** and **Mike Soden** for their perfect 300 games, Congratulations to **Dennis Lindley** for his 299 game, and **Dan Dondero** for his 296 game. Also, congratulations to **Tom Smith** and **Mike Lindley** for their 11 in a row games of 290.

The ladies are doing well too. Congratulations to the following ladies for their fine games and series: **Laura Knackstedt** for a 231 & 649 series, **Robin Mettler** 245 & 621, and **Kathy Gruner** 276 & 590. Congratulations to the following Youth League Bowlers for their great games and series: **Brian Middleton** 210 & 547, **Shane Stille** 212 & 537, **Cody Luitjohan** 219 & 512, **Kayla Gruner** 193 & 486, **Kara Gruner** 169 & 430, **Brandi Smith** 408, and **Cassey Leitschuh** for a 150 game. Congratulations to **Jordan Mettler** for making the Highland High School Bowling Team.

The Grantfork Area Development Club has scheduled its Annual Handicap Team Tournament for all Saturdays and Sundays in February. Call 675-3820 to schedule your team.

Grantfork Bowl's 9 Pin No Tap dates are April 7th and May 5th. As always, if we have 25 or more bowlers, we draw for a free half barrel before the rolloff.

#### **SALEM BOWL – Salem (548-3448)**

FOR THE LOVE OF THE SPORT

This space is usually reserved for high scores and center promotions. However, I would like to recognize **Josie and Larry Earnest** and their family for their commitment to the sport of

bowling. Larry and his family have made the decision to teach the game to their customers and family as a sport not a recreational game. I often hear that Vandalia Bowl has a difficult shot. The truth is that Vandalia Bowl had a fair shot that requires control of your bowling skills and does not reward poor shot making.

Josie and her sister have grown up in this environment and have become two of the best lady bowlers in the country for their ages. Josie represented the country on Team USA JR's. Last week, Josie finished 18th in qualifying for Team USA in Reno. The top 10 make the team. Josie won \$15,000 this summer at the North Pointe Scholarship Tournament. She is currently attending Vanderbilt on a scholarship and surely will be a great collegiate player.

Larry just tried out for Team USA and had two good rounds of qualifying before falling back in rounds 3 and 4. Larry and his family are playing the sport at a different level.

*Steve Ludwig, Proprietor of Salem Bowl*

We would like to congratulate **Derrick Beard** for rolling the highest series ever bowled at Salem Bowl on December 6, 2006 with games of 283, 279, & 278 for an 840 series.

Congratulations to **Randy Westbrook** for bowling our one and only 300 game so far this season on September 22nd.

As of this writing, our high school boys team has made it through the sectionals and hope to play well at O'Fallon. They out distanced their competition by more than 200 pins.

Remember everyone – support your Youth Bowling Programs any way you can. It is the lifeblood of this sport.