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"LANES & FRAMES"

Your Association President, Bobby Phillips, has issued an edict that all Association members will write a page for your newsletter. It's my turn to introduce myself to those bowlers who don't know me!!

Our Association has just completed a major milestone in its short history, the First Annual Senior Tournament. The tournament was a complete success. Thanks to all those who participated and congratulations to all the winners. We had a wonderful time bowling at Liberty Lanes Stafford. Next year I hope more of you will join the seniors for great bowling and lots of fun.

[I would like to remind everyone that the Greater Fredericksburg USBCA website, www.gfusbca.org, is up and running. The site provides a wealth of information—the names of all Association members, tournament standings, honor scores, youth news, a calendar of events and much more.]

By the time this is published we will have completed another milestone--our 1st Annual Women's Tournament at Liberty Lanes Massaponax. I'm sure all participants had a great time. Thank you, ladies, for making your tournament a huge success. Congratulation to all winners!

In April I will have the honor of representing your Association at the USBC National Convention in Orlando, Florida. Our President, Bobby Phillips, and I will do our best to absorb all the information available to us in the short time we are there. It's always fun to attend a national convention. We will have a complete report when we return.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with tournaments and some of our committees. **MAKE IT HAPPEN - GET INVOLVED!** It may surprise a lot of you to find out how much work goes into putting on a tournament.

It is not only a pleasure but also an honor to serve the bowlers of the **GREATER FREDERICKSBURG USBC ASSOCIATION**. I hope more of you will get involved!

Thank you,

Chuck

From the Association Manager...

I am very pleased to report our membership continues to increase and exceed our estimate for budget purposes. Membership totals for the end of January were 2,276 which represent 1,995 adults and 281 youth.

New Association Phone Number

To better serve the membership, a new phone line with both voice and fax capabilities has been installed at the Association office. Secretaries without email can now fax honor score notifications. Make a note, the **new number is: (540) 775-2576**

Replacement Cards

If you are requesting a replacement card, please indicate if the request is to replace a lost or missing card or if the request is due to your card stating "N/A" for average. It is important that you relay the proper information, as there are different steps to insure you received an accurate card. A replacement for a card that states "no average" is much more complicated than simply requesting a replacement. "No average" cards must be researched as to why the average is not stated and in some cases need Association Manager's verification of average for USBC to override the "N/A".

Tournaments

The 1st Annual Senior Tournament was conducted in January and from all reports was a big hit. Hopefully next year we can see more Men's Doubles entries. All prize checks have been distributed to the indicated Entry Captain. If you have not received your expected prize check, please contact your Captain or the Association office. First Place trophies are expected to be received approximately February 17. Every attempt will be made to make formal presentations during the champions' league play.

Entries for the 1st Annual Women's Championship closed January 22, and at the time of this writing the first week of competition has been completed. With \$2,500 added prize monies from the former Fredericksburg Area WBA, the number of entries received was a disappointment compared to previous year totals for the Women's City Tournament. While entry blanks were out later than expected, I am still amazed at how many women have indicated they did not know about the tournament. Every attempt was made to publicize the tournament with information in the last newsletter, and event flyers distributed to every league and center. In addition, all league secretaries were supplied with entry forms to be distributed within their leagues.

Entry forms for the 1st Annual Open Championship tournament are available at all area centers and on the web at www.gfusbca.org with an entry deadline of February 22. The tournament will run March 4th & 5th and March 11th & 12th at AMF Fredericksburg. This tournament is open to all adult GFUSBC members. Teams are comprised of four persons. Both Team and Doubles can be comprised of either gender. The tournament offers something for everyone with both handicap and optional scratch events in all categories. Entry into the optional Team Scratch event requires the entire team be registered for the optional event; likewise for Doubles – both partners must select the optional scratch event. All Events for both handicap and scratch require entry into all associated events for that category. Don't be left out of this exciting tournament. Get your entries in early and secure your requested date. Remember, the prize fund and places paid is totally dependent on the number of entries – so, encourage others to experience the excitement of tournament play.

Annual Meeting

The first GFUSBC Annual meeting will be held May 6th – the location and time is still to be determined and will be communicated via flyers and league secretaries.

League Workshop

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC has opted to conduct one area-wide league workshop for league officers to be held August 12th at the Chancellor Community Center. While area centers may continue to hold individual center meetings for the leagues, the GFUSBC workshop will be the vehicle for disseminating information to the league officers and distributing league certification packages. All league Secretaries and Presidents should plan to attend. The plan is to make the workshop both informative and fun! The workshop will enable us to provide information to all leagues at one meeting – ensuring everyone gets the same information and help they need and deserve. Leagues are encouraged to elect their officers at the end of this winter season so the appropriate persons can attend the workshop – secretaries will be required to submit the names and addresses of the elected officers for the 06-07 winter season.

Youth Scholarships

Did you know that GFUSBC offers a \$250 scholarship to a qualifying youth male and female? Requests were sent to all area Youth Directors for a listing of graduating seniors with response from only one. Applications sent to qualifying seniors produced no response by the deadline.

The Virginia State Youth Association offers the Blake Harrison Memorial Scholarship Fund to qualifying seniors - applications have been distributed to all league Youth Directors – deadline for application is March 15h. If you need further information, please contact the Association office at 540-775-2576.

See you on the lanes,
Deborah Johnson

Congratulations!

The following are names of senior bowlers who cashed in our Association's 1st Annual Senior Tournament held at Liberty of Stafford in January. We thank all those who participated in this first tournament and hope their experience was a good one.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Men's Doubles	1 st - Robert Frey III Ralph Austin
Tied for 1 st place with:	1 st - Chuck Husted Larry Roath
Mixed Doubles	1 st - William Abel Martha Abel
	2 nd - Roseanna Sinacori Rosario Sinacori
	3 rd - Ruth Martin James Martin
Women's Doubles	1 st - Airy Taylor Gloria Fowler
	2 nd - Ann Shiflett Florence
Shanahan	3 rd - Darlene Dickey Kathlene
Goodman	
Men's Singles	1 st - Kenneth Brooks
	2 nd - George Martin
Jr.	3 rd - James Robinson
Men's Singles (65 & Older)	1 st - James Martin
	2 nd - George Dodson
Women's Singles (55 - 64)	1 st - Kathleen Goodman
	2 nd - Nancy Yeatts
	3 rd - Ruth Martin
	4 th - Judith Whitt
	5 th - Dorothy Mills
Women's Singles (65 & Older)	1 st - Marilyn Sigafoo
	2 nd - Airy Taylor
	3 rd - Ann Shiflett

<u>Event</u>	<u>Winners</u>
All Events, Men (55 - 64)	1 st - George Martin Jr. 2 nd - Bobby Phillips 3 rd - James Robinson
All Events, Men (65 & Older)	1 st - George Dodson 2 nd - Leo Maruschak
All Events, Women (55 - 64)	1 st - Kathleen Goodman 2 nd - Nancy Yeatts 3 rd - Judith Whitt 4 th - Evelyn Blackwell- Allen 5 th - Dorothy Mills
All Events, Women (65 & Older)	1 st - Marilyn Sigafoo 2 nd - Airy Taylor 3 rd - Ann Shiflett

Our thanks to the following people who gave their time to help with the Senior Tournament events. Angela Sullivan, Cara Lee Peel, Pam Cieslewitz, Nancy Yeatts, Pat Liedig, Rhonda Edwards.

Jordan Duncan sang The National Anthem.

Phyllis Gallahan won the ball and bag.



The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association bowlers continue their assault on **honor scores** and the ladies joined in with **Kelli Austin** bowling a **299** game. **Pat Orndorff** was, oh so, close with a **289**.

Congratulations to all for your fine performance!

Name	League	Score
Stan Sullivan	Friday Nite Early	300
Timothy Franklin	Thursday Nighters	300
Gene Ginther	Tues. Night Mixed	300
Keith Clark	Tues. Night Mixed	299
Kelli Austin	Friday Nite Early	299
Bryan Gallahan	Safford Dodge Wed Men's	299
John Nestor	Safford Dodge Wed Men's	299
Richard Bouchard	Rappahannock Men's	299
Paul Rumbaugh II	Safford Dodge Wed Men's	290 (11 in a Row)
Martin Henderson	Safford Dodge Wed Men's	290 (11 in a Row)
Thomas Bellinger	Friday Nite Late	290 (11 in a Row)
Thomas Bellinger	Friday Nite Late	297 (11 in a Row)
Doug Patterson	Safford Dodge Wed Men's	278 (11 in a Row)
David Edward	Rappahannock Men's	278 (11 in a Row)

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Honor scores are not the only good bowling that is happening in our Association. There are many fine games and sets being rolled. Here are the names of a few bowlers that have achieved some of the less common bowling feats since our winter leagues have begun.

100 pins over game average (USBC)

Name	Score
Rocky Brackett	290
Eric Briggs	300
William T. Brooks	258
George French	288
Timothy Hart	300
Bryan Little	278
James Robinson	299
Gladys Southern	232
Barbara Stitt	214
Kevin Washington	255
Ronald Coleman	277

Triplicate (USBC)

Name	Score
Jim Wright	135
Ruth Hatfield	139
Maddie Maldonado	113
Thad Hutchinson	179
David Gillikin	191
William Leighty	159

Big 4 split (USBC)

Winston Sides
Frank Weaver

All spare game (USBC)

Name	Score
Bruce Brown	184

Dutch 200 game (USBC)

Name	Score
Shelley Surfer	200
Rhonda Edwards	200

7 – 10 Split Conversion

Paul Rumbaugh

The Bowler's Edge

Frank Grant of the AMF Pro Shop offers the following advice to help us determine how the oil has been applied across the lane.

This hint can help the novice as well as more advanced bowlers to improve their game by knowing the lanes.

Begin by lining up as you normally would, making sure your feet are positioned on the approach at your precise starting point. Select your normal target, which might be an arrow, dot or break point down the lanes. Roll your ball over this mark and note where the ball strikes the pins. Repeat this process using a target to the right of your mark and again with a target to the left of your preferred mark. You will notice your ball breaks more over one mark and less over the other, giving you a different finish at the pins. More turn (break) indicates a dryer surface at that point on the lane and, conversely, less would indicate more oil. This information can help you determine what lane area of play will provide an edge in obtaining better results for your individual style of play.

We would like to hear from anyone with a favorite tip that helps them bowl better. Maybe you will help someone looking for that little something to improve his or her shot. Send your tip to Donna Kines (Kines1@aol.com) or Larry Roath (ldroath@adelphia.net). You can also call Larry at 540-898-1403.



The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Board expresses our deep appreciation to all the people who donate to The Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). Because of monetary gifts given by BVL supporters like you during the 2004-05 league season, The BVL Board of Director's, representing more than 1,300 local

associations and hundreds of bowling centers across the United States, presented a facsimile check in the amount of \$842,242 to Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson in September 2005. This brings the total BVL contributions to more than \$34 million since its inception.

So far this year we have collected \$1,469 locally with \$185 coming from the women's tournament. Our Greater Fredericksburg Association has a target amount of over \$4,000. Let's keep working to exceed this goal.

February is 'Bowl for the Cure'® Month

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Here are a couple of bowlers that are making a difference for this very important cause. Peggy Roath collected \$140 from the Colonial Beach Ladies League. David Tomlin went to the Safford Dodge Wednesday Men's, Woodbridge Handicap Trio and The Washington Post Bowling Leagues and came away with \$1,627. A big thank you Peggy, David and all the bowlers in these leagues. Join in and get your league involved!



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Upcoming Tournaments

Virginia State Men's Tournament
April 29th to June 18th, 2006
Manassas/Chantilly, VA
Entries close February 22, 2006

USBC Open Tournament
February 11-July 1, 2006 Corpus Christi, TX
Entries closed

USBC Women's Tournament
March 16 – July 2, 2006 Reno, NV
Entries closed

Blake Harrison Memorial
Scholarship fund of the Virginia
State USBC Youth
Application deadline – March 15

1st Annual GFUSBC Youth Tournament
April 1st & 2nd 2006 Liberty of Massaponax

41st Annual Virginia State
USBC Youth Division
Tournament
June 16th – July 9th, 2006
Teams – Vinton, VA
Doubles & Singles – Roanoke, VA
Entries close May 1st, 2006

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