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From the Editor: **Welcome to 2011 !!**

Happy New Year everyone! You may notice a new look to your newsletter and that fact that it is late. I can tell you that putting together a good newsletter is hard work. My hat goes off to Larry Roath who did this time and time again and made it look so easy !! As your new editor, I hope to provide everyone with an informative, interesting and

entertaining newsletter. With assistance from you, I will try to live up to the high standards set by Larry. I start off by apologizing, in advance, for errors that will occur, names spelled incorrectly and whatever else may happen until I gain more experience.

The fall leagues are well under way and tournaments are scheduled from

January to April.

Your Greater Fredericksburg Association is working diligently to continuously improve your bowling experience and suggestions are always welcome, especially for the newsletter.

Have fun and high scores,

Denise Lanier

Senior Tournament Brings Changes and High Game

The GFUSBC 6th Annual Senior Tournament was held on November 6-7, 2010. There were 39 double entries and 66 entries for both singles and all events. Your local association is always trying to improve the tournaments they host and this tournament is no different. Requests and comments were made by various bowlers regarding improvements to the women's categories as



Left: Tournament practice begins. Right: Team members of Cinco de Mayo concentrate.

well as the men's. Many of the comments concerned having divisions by age group and the establishment of a women's division. It was also suggested that the average of

220 for basing handicaps be to 230. With suggestions in hand, the association board of directors met at their regularly scheduled monthly meeting to discuss, decide and vote on

Team: Team 14	1st	2nd	3rd	Totals
Barbara A. Gatto				
Mickey McMahon				
John C. Oliver				



Above: John Oliver receives a hug for his 300 game.

changes to be made for the next senior tournament. The 7th Annual Senior Tournament will bring the following:

1. Handicap will be based on 240.
2. For the Singles event only, there will be two (2) divisions for men based on age. The first will be for ages 50-60 and the second for ages 61 and over.
3. For the Singles event only, there will be two (2) divisions for women based on age. The first will be for ages 50-60 and the second for ages 61 and over.

The Association is happy to provide these changes based on the bowlers suggestions. Please continue to provide

suggestions and comments to continue to make everyone's bowling experience more enjoyable.

Special Recognition goes to John Oliver for bowling a 300 game during the tournament. This the first 300 bowled in this tournament.

CONGRATULATIONS to John and to all the winners !!!

Tournament Results

Singles – First Place, James Wolfe. Second Place, Charles Hubbard. Third Place, Denise Renirie. An award was presented to James Wolfe for his first place accomplishment.

Doubles – First Place, Rich Bergey and Mitchell Powell. Second Place, Steve Allen and Mickey McMahon. Third Place, Pauline Husted and Billie Mitchum. Awards and jackets were presented to both individuals of the first place team for their achievement.

All Events – First Place, James Wolfe. Second Place, Charles Hubbard. Third Place, Denise Renirie. An award was presented to James Wolfe for his first place accomplishment.

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Scholarship Reminder **\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association offers both Youth and Adult Scholarships. Applications for both the \$250 Youth Scholarship and \$500 Adult Scholarship can be found on www.gfusbca.org. All applications are to be sent to Brenda Chambers, Chairman-Scholarship Committee. The deadline for Adult applications is January 15 while Youth applications are due by February 15.



Feel free to contact Brenda or any other Association member regarding additional questions.

Upcoming Tournaments

Tournament Season is among us once again. Make plans to participate!!!

1. 6th Annual GFUSBCA Women's Tournament (15 & 16 January 2011) @ Liberty – Entry Deadline is 8 January 2011
2. The Virginia State Mixed Tournament (5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th of February 2011) @ AMF and Liberty - Entry Deadline is 14 January 2011
3. 6th Annual GFUSBCA Open Tournament (5 & 6 March 2011) @ AMF – Entry Deadline is 26 February 2011
4. 6th Annual GFUSBCA Youth Tournament (2 & 3 April 2011) @ Liberty

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Entry forms can be found at your local bowling center or on the Web at <http://www.gfusbc.org/Tournaments.htm>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Volunteers are always needed at both Association sponsored and USBC sponsored tournaments. As the Virginia State Mixed Tournament will be at both AMF Fredericksburg and Liberty Center over a period of three weekends, we are in desperate need of volunteers. Volunteer assistance would be appreciated in all areas from check-in, 50/50 raffle, score corrections and others. Please donate your time to support your local association.

Youth League Leadership Needed

The United States Bowling Conference (USBC) is comprised of adults who share the love for bowling. Many of your association board members and surrounding league bowlers share the same passion for bowling. A majority of these individuals bowled as children and young adults then as adults, moved into positions like league secretary, league president and even board of director members. The love for bowling and basic skills needed to

become leaders in the sport is bread in the youth league community. Unfortunately for us, this community is diminishing. There are fewer and fewer adults willing to donate their time, knowledge and love for the sport to the youth leagues. The result is smaller groups of youth bowlers who later become our future adult bowlers. The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association is looking for adults and youth to fill positions for Board of Director (Youth Leagues),

Youth League Leaders and Youth Committee members. Help us build future leaders and adult bowlers !! Contact any Board of Director member for more information.

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Selfless Bowlers Give to Charities

The holiday season has always been about giving not receiving and recognition goes out to all the bowlers who took the time to bowl, donate and give a little extra.

At the forefront giving is the Guys & Dolls Sunday Nite Bowling

League. Guys & Dolls is a small 7 team league but that did not stop them from giving with big hearts. In November, the league collected donations for Breast Cancer. They sent \$70.10 to the Breast Cancer Foundations. They continued their

generosity into December when the bowlers collected and contributed toys to Toys for Tots. Thanks to everyone who contributed and **GREAT JOB !**



Above: Toys donated by Guys & Dolls

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Award Changes

On October 19, 2010 the Association Award Committee presented recommended changes to be made in the areas of Most Improved Award, Tournament Awards and League Awards. These recommendations were voted on by the Association for implementation.

The criteria for the Most Improved Award is now as follows:

1. The award will be based on winter leagues averages in this association and a minimum of 60 games for each league.
2. The Award will be based on the current season's composite average compared to the previous season's composite average.

3. The bowler must have bowled in two leagues and at least one of our association tournaments.

4. The award will be a placard with two sections, one side for adult and the other side for youth. The winners name will be inscribed on the placard and displayed in the center where the bowler achieved this distinction. The winner will also receive a small individual award to keep.
5. One winner per year in each category (adult and youth). There will be no distinction between men and women. For the youth, there will be no distinction between boys, girls or age group.

6. The Most Improved youth bowler will not be required to bowl in two leagues but must have entered the youth tournament.

Association
Tournament Jackets
will be selected by the Awards Committee for

men and women to be awarded to the winners of the Senior, Open and Women's Tournaments. Color may vary. The youth selection may vary due to size restrictions.

Lastly, for the 11-in-a-Row Award, the committee determined it is redundant to give out two awards for the same accomplishment. That is an 11 in a row and either a 298 or 299. With board approval our association will abandon 298 & 299 awards. However, we will continue to give them out until depletion.

Honor Scores for the end of 2010

300 Games

John Oliver
Jim Wolfe
Frank Weaver

299 Games

Jim Wolfe

11-in-a-Row

Michael Lamb (290)
Danny Smith (290)
Kevin Austin (297)
Greg Luhmann (290)
Scott Brinn (290)
Keith Dudley (290)

11-in-a-Row cont.

Billy Carrington (279)
Gary Robinson (290)
Craig Izes (297)
Marclay Herron (297)
Jamar Jackson (298)
John Oliver (298)
Wes Wiseman (290)

800 Series

Jim Wolfe (816, 814 and 802)

290 Games

W. Tony Arnold

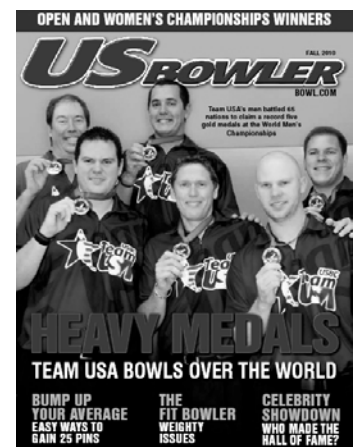
How is your ball rolling this year?

Now that the 2010-11 bowling season is off and running, how are you bowling so far? Is your ball reaction as good as it was last year? There are lots of reasons for changes in your ball reaction. The outside humidity and air temperature makes a large difference in ball reaction. Also, the bowling center may have changed the oil pattern over the summer or even just replaced some parts on the lane machine, making the shot change as well. Is your bowling ball reacting the way it should? One solution is to adjust

the surface of your bowling ball. This can be done quickly by your local pro shop. If your bowling ball just isn't carrying like it did last season, or if you're having a hard time hitting the pocket in general, seek out the advice of your pro shop operator. Adding some polish to your bowling ball will make it go longer and flip harder, possibly helping to get out those stubborn corner pins. Sanding the surface of the ball will give you an earlier roll, with more overall hook and smoother backend motion, which could help you hit the

pocket more often. If you're struggling with your ball reaction this year it may not be you. A few minutes in the pro shop just might turn things around.

For additional bowling news, tournament results, tournament entry information and much more visit BOWL.com. United States Bowling Congress
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Bowling for Veterans



Sixty-eight years ago, America's league bowlers answered the call of a nation heading onto war. Critical supplies were needed overseas -- US forces wounded on the battlefields of Europe were not getting the medical care they needed. The Bowlers Victory Legion was borne to raise money to purchase medical evacuation planes and to support America's troops.

Today, the sport of bowling still maintains a commitment to those who have served our country. Now known as the Bowlers to Veterans Link, bowling is still on the front lines of support for US service men and women who need our help. Money has been raised to purchase recreational and therapeutic supplies and equipment, millions of volunteer hours at VA Medical Centers have been logged to bring warmth and cheer to our hospitalized veterans, and millions of American heroes have felt the BVL touch.

"This illustrates a real commitment to our veterans. Our thanks to the BVL for all you do," stated Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki.

Anyone can host a benefit to raise money. In honor of our Veterans, Bill Barnett stepped up to the plate to make his contribution. On November 21, 2010 Bill organized and ran a bowling benefit for our Disabled Veterans. Though the turnout was small, Bill and the participants had fun collecting their \$1400 donation. Medals were given to the first, second and third place winners for their efforts. If all goes well, Bill will be organizing this even again around Veteran's Day 2011. Thank you Bill, for the time and effort you put into this benefit and CONGRATULATIONS to the winners.

Your Association is on the
WEB

See us at:

www.gfusbca.org



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

Annual Association Meetings – Why should you care ??

On April 16, 2011, the 6th Annual GFUSBCA Meeting will be held at Liberty Center starting promptly at 1:00pm.

On December 20, 2010 the GFUSBCA Association Manager identified 1, 563 “sanctioned” bowlers. Oddly, less than 1% attends this annual meeting. 99% of our league bowlers give up their opportunity to express concerns and/or ideas related to the leagues or houses in which they bowl.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE??

Leagues belong to the members. Many league members and even officers have questions, concerns and even gripes. These issues need to be either resolved or clarified.

There is a hierarchy outside of your league. Many bowlers think that if the league fails to come up with answers or resolve problems that the issues is done. **This is incorrect.**

Your league is only part of a larger bowling community.

Most Virginia bowling leagues follow the same bowling rules

and regulations (aside from those voted on in the by-laws). These rules and guidelines are born from USBC. From USBC, they trickle down through the State Associations, to the Regional Associations and then finally to the leagues.

This hierarchy is established so that bowlers can be heard and can be part of shaping the bowling community the way they want it to be shaped.

Your association sponsors this meeting every year to ensure that this opportunity is given to every bowler. Please participate.

A Message from USBC President

Dear USBC members,

One of the most important projects at our new International Bowling Campus this year is building an all new exhibit honoring women’s professional bowling inside the [International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame](#).

As USBC’s first woman president, this is something very dear to my heart. The talented women who played the sport at the highest level and the hard-working people who made it possible made a tremendous contribution to our sport and industry; and they truly deserve this special honor.

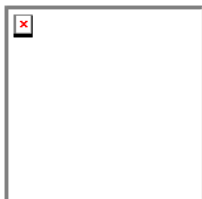
USBC is 100% committed to working with everyone in the industry in making our Museum and Hall of Fame the best it can be; and this exciting new exhibit called [50 Years of Women’s Pro Bowling](#) will help us reach that goal.

Please join me in helping us build it. Send your tax deductible donation today. Detailed information can be found by clicking [here](#).

I look forward to seeing you all at the USBC Convention and Bowl Expo for the ribbon cutting ceremony in June 2011.

Best regards,

Darlene Baker
USBC President



Information from



Posted December 3, 2010

The November 30, 2010 eblast had some incorrect information regarding Playoffs. The corrections are bolded. We apologize for any inconvenience the publication may have caused.

Playoffs

Many leagues bowl a split or segmented season, and after the end of the segment there can be a tie for first place requiring a playoff.

A playoff is a competition separate from normal league play that must be held to determine league champions and break ties for first place in the league standings. Some playoff facts:

- A playoff is held using the same format employed in regular league play; same number of games and same point system, unless the league adopts another procedure
- Playoffs must be at least one **FRAME, scored like a tenth frame**
- Co-champions **CAN BE NAMED, if the league adopts a rule allowing it**
- Total pins cannot break a tie
- Current averages are used for handicapping purposes
- USBC awards are recognized, unless bowling unopposed
- Teams may have to pay lineage
- Teams cannot split the money and forego competition
- Substitutes can bowl, unless league rules prohibit
- Teams can be granted a pre- or post-bowl when a legal lineup



Articles and/or Topics Wanted

A newsletter needs articles and not just any articles, but articles that people will want to read. In order to make **Lanes & Frames** a successful and informative newsletter it needs your help !!!

Anyone can contribute ideas, articles or pictures for the newsletter. Email your inputs to the editor at im.denise@verizon.net. Also, please identify "Newsletter" in the subject line so that the email is easily recognized.

Newsletters will be distributed in February, April, September and December. Your help and contributions would be appreciated.

