



Free Strikes and Spares



98th Annual City Championship Tournament is Huge Success!

This year's Minneapolis City Open Championship Tournament was held at Blainbrook Bowl. There were six weekends of competition and great scoring. During this year's tournament we set a record for 300's at 12 and there were 3 800's thrown as well. This was the first time that the Open Tournament has been to Blainbrook Bowl and it was a very memorable time. The center staff was great and so was food and beverages! Blainbrook Bowl also donated \$1000.00 to the prize fund to make the prize fund a total of \$48,806.50 for the tournament bowlers to share! The winning teams were the Lind's Cedarvale in the regular division with a 3,710 and the www.doyoubowl.com team in the classified division with a nice 3,614! Other winners included; Daniel Wick - 813 Regular Singles, James Graham - 815 Classified Singles and a host of others. Please check out our web site at www.minneapolisbowling.com for more compete results of this and other Association Tournaments! And thanks to the many bowlers of this great tournament! You made it possible to have another record breaker year!

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Visionary # 1 is Victorious in the Minneapolis Team Challenge



Pictured (l to r) Dave Mitchell, Scot Arndtson, Jeff Kristal, Clark Poelzer, Al Loth And Minneapolis USBC 1st Vice President Bob Marget
By Diane Marget

The 16th Annual Minneapolis USBC Team Challenge was won by the Visionary #1 team, captained by Al Loth, an event held February 13 at AMF Southtown Lanes, Bloomington. Team members included Scot Arndtson, Jeff Kristal, Dave Mitchell and Clark Poelzer. The runner-up team, Edward Jones-Rosemount, was defeated in the championship match.

After fourteen qualifying games on a very difficult condition, out of the 40 teams entered in the event, only the Linds Lakers A squad was "plus" for the day, averaging 203.64. In match play, the Edward Jones-Rosemount team jumped out to a big lead but fell in the championship match with a two-game total of 369 to Visionary #1's 401 set. The Edward Jones-Rosemount team consisted of Mike Roe, Brandon Hanson, Andy Mills, Ben Witt, Dale Bartelson and Nick Heilman. Prize List: 1. Visionary #1 \$1500; 2. Edward Jones-Rosemount \$1000; 3. Linds Cedarvale Lanes #1 \$875; 4. Linds Lakers A \$775; 5. MNbowling.com/Brunswick \$675; 6. The Shop I \$600; 7. Brunswick/MNbowling.com \$500; (continued on page 2)

Strikes & Spares

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8. Visionary # 2 \$425; 9. Farmington Lanes Green \$350; 10. Linds Lakers I \$325; 11. Outsiders \$300; 12. Huikko's Wizards B \$275; 13. Bison Creek # 1 \$250



(1 to r) The runner-up Team of Edward Jones-Rosemount Mike Roe, Brandon Hanson, Andy Mills, Ben Witt, Dale Bartelson & Nick Heilman

General Membership Meeting Announcement

Once again it is that time for everyone to come together for the Annual Membership meeting! The date is May 4th and will be held at Elsie's Bowling center in northeast Minneapolis. We will again be providing a B-B-Q lunch starting at 5:30 until 6:45 pm. The meeting will start at 7 pm. All members of the Minneapolis USBC Association are encouraged to attend. This is the one time every year that all of the Board members and most of our volunteers will be there to host and greet our membership. You will get a chance to hear your president and ask him questions that you might have. You will also get a chance to meet your new Association Manager. Diana Cacas will be taking the position of Association Manager as of June 1, 2011. She will be on hand to answer any questions you might have for her as well.

Please remember that this is your bowling association and if you have concerns or questions that you do not ask, we cannot fix or solve the problems. Items that will be discussed are but not limited to; Election of Directors, both adult and youth, reports from the auditor, meet the new

Association Manager and many more. The meeting should only take about an hour and a half so come as you are and enjoy the free lunch on us!

Champions Banquet Is A GO!

This year's Champions banquet will be held at Brookhall, located next to Blainbrook Bowl. The date is May 18th and every champion is invited to attend this event. The social hour starts at 6 pm with the meal to follow at 7 pm. Everyone and anyone can attend this event to honor not only our tournament champions but our All City Teams and Director of the Year! Tickets can be purchased through the bowling office at a mere \$25.00 per person. This is a fun event that everyone should attend at least once! Come on out and see who is in your bowling Association!

All City Teams are Announced

The Minneapolis USBC Association is proud to announce the All City Teams for 2009-10! They are as follows; **Kim Wirth:** Female Bowler of the Year and All City Team - Deb Lantto, All City Team - Lisa Noor, All City Team - Michelle Murman, All City Team - Kris Geister, All City Team. These next ladies are on the Honorable Mention Team; Sharon Carlson, Diane Marget, Jean Springer, Michelle Dickie and Deb Hofmann.

The Men's All City Team members for 2009-10 are; **David Langer:** Male Bowler of the Year, John Kreyer Jr., John Eiss, Matt McNiel and Sam Lantto! These next male bowlers are on the Honorable Mentions team and they are; Carl Fietek, Luke Voaklander, John Hommes, Keith Awalt and Brian Crane! All of

these great bowlers will be honoured at the Annual Champions Banquet which be held on May 18, 2011 at Brookhall, next to Blainbrook Bowl! Tickets are available at the bowling office for just \$25.00 per person!

Mixed Couples Championship Tournament

We had another great tournament this year at Super Bowl in Ramsey. John Hommes started the first shift with a 223 game and ended up bowling two 300 games for a nice 823 series. Our team champions this year are "Time To Spare", they scored 2,945 and took home \$500.00 for their win. Team mates were; Carmen Anderson, Mike Anderson, Randy Anderson and Candice Burns. The optional doubles champions are Judy Deasy and Frank Datko. Their 1,510 was good for \$250.00 for them. The optional Scratch Team Champs are Trio Supply #2. Their scratch score was 2,607. Teammates were; Sue Fosse, Jon Stiele, Mariana Russell and Dennis Bradley, they are splitting \$190.00. The optional scratch doubles champs are; Mariana Russell and Dennis Bradley their score of 1,384 won them \$150.00.

All of the champions will be invited to the Awards Banquet being held May 18th at Brook Hall (next to Blainbrook Bowl) in Blaine. Join us next year when our tournament will be hosted by New Hope Bowl

ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

This years' Annual Hall of Fame Inductions will be held on August 21, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Brooklyn Center. (Continued on page 4)

*From the Desk of
Harry Stewart*

Association Manager

This is going to be the hardest article that I have written since becoming Association Manager and this is also the very last article that I will be writing. As of June 1st Diana Cacas will be assuming the duties of Association Manager and I will be retiring. I need and want to let everyone know that I am very thankful to have been your Association Manager for the last six years! The many friends and bowlers in our Association have been a true inspiration to me. You are all a huge part of me and I will miss being able to see so many of you.

There is going to be a retirement party for me on July 10th at Brookhall, Next door to Blainbrook Bowl. I would like to invite everyone that is interested in stopping by to share some stories and fun. It will start around 1 PM and end around 4 PM. Please, no cards or gifts, just bring yourself and have some fun with us. Now for the business part of this article. Now is the time to start thinking about our General Membership meeting, our awards banquet, the Hall of Fame induction ceremony and Final Averages. Each of these items are an important part of our business and we need to insure that they are either fun or completed. Last year we received final averages from two leagues the end of July. This is not acceptable. We need to get this information in so that we have the time to assemble the year-end average book. We also want to remind you that the General Membership meeting, the Awards Banquet and Hall of Fame induction's are open to all our bowlers and families in the Minneapolis USBC Association. If you are interested in attending any of these functions, either call the office for details or go to our web site for more information at minneapolisbowling.com. Thanks and have a great summer!

Minnesota Veterans Home - Silver Bay

By Ward C. Wallin
Volunteer Program Administrator

Our goal in Silver Bay to create four "households" has become a reality! We started our renovation project almost two years ago and we are about a month away from completion. We have changed our image from an institutional setting to a home setting. We have also expanded physical therapy, staff development, and recreation programs. Our game room will be completed soon and a pool table is on the way!

As the snow melts, we are preparing for another great season of activities. In late April a few residents will participate in the Disabled Veterans Turkey Hunt at Camp Ripley. This will be our third turkey hunt and we have a couple sharpshooters who are all set to go. Our annual Lake Superior fishing trip will mark the 19th year in of great fishing and fun from the Knife River Marina. We spend plenty of time fishing as we have access to a private trout lake and we own a pontoon boat that is docked on beautiful Lax Lake just minutes from Silver Bay. We even make a trip to Vets on the Lake in Ely! We are very fortunate to offer such wonderful activities. These are not possible without donations from so many organizations who want to repay our nation's heroes. Yes, we like to take advantage of our local resources but we also attend ballgames (including the Twins) go on casino trips, attend music and theatrical programs, host community concerts and participate in local parades and festivals to name few.

Activities are fun but we pride ourselves on four key concepts. First and foremost, we offer great health care. Second, we have great food (we offer choices for every meal). Third is our activities and of course we could not have great activities without a group of hard working and dedicated volunteers. We feel that Silver Bay is a great place for our Veterans and their spouses to live.

President's Pen

Jay Joyner

President, Minneapolis USBC Association

I want to thank all the volunteers who generously give of their time to keep this great operation running. Some find that coaching the youth bowlers is especially rewarding. Others like to arrange fund raising events. Others like to take part in running tournaments, or present awards.

Minneapolis USBC raised more for BVL than any other association in 2008-2009 and again 2009-2010. In the current year we are ahead of last year's pace. Especially due to the hard work of Butch Kesler, Ken Koch, Teresa Bolduc, Lois Disch and the generosity of sponsors. I want to thank Harry Stewart for his 21+ years of service to the association. He is soon retiring as Association Manager. He improved our office on many fronts. He has worked to be sure that our tournaments have uniform playing conditions, from shift to shift and week to week. Most importantly, he made a point to greet bowlers at tournaments, and in leagues. A main function of the association is to handle questions of members quickly. Harry initiated a regular dialog with proprietors, so that we can improve how we serve the bowlers. We look forward to Diana Cacas serving as our Association Manager. She is capable, talented, and experienced for the position, but most of all, she cares about serving the bowlers and making sure that bowlers have the best possible league and tournament experiences. To our many members, here is my suggestion for your spring and summer. **Invite an inactive bowler back to your team or league.** We all have friends that have taken a break to do other things. You can add them to your own team roster as a part time player. Or ask your league secretary or center manager if there are opening on other teams or in other leagues.



UP AND COMING EVENTS

Contact the Association Office at 763/971-0800 for tickets, reservations, or other information



Youth Tournaments

20th Annual Good Friday Youth Scholarship Tournament, April 22, 2011 Elsie's – 612/508-8440

*OPEN TOURNAMENTS (MEN & WOMEN) *

6th Annual Minneapolis "700" Club - May 2011, AMF Southtown Lanes, Phill Hoiosen 612/824-8008

Association Events

General Membership Meeting - May 4, 2011 - Elsie's Bowling Center, NE Minneapolis

Championship Awards Banquet - May 18, 2011 - Brook Hall, Blainbrook Bowl - Assn. Office

Hall of Fame Inductions - August 21, 2011 - Crown Plaza, Brooklyn Center - Assn. Office

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Everyone is invited to this gala event to honor our bowlers from the past and present. The program will begin at 7 PM with all of the inductions.

Tickets are available at the Minneapolis USBC Bowling office for \$25.00 per person. The Crown Plaza is also offering a 25 % discount to any of our bowlers that would like to get a room for the evening.

Being inducted this year are; For **Superior Performance Active - John Hommes**. John has four Minneapolis City Championship Titles and Minneapolis Team Title. He holds a Minnesota State Record in the 3-man Team Series 2008. John has thrown 4 - 298's, 10 - 299's, 17 - 300's and 17 - 800's with his highest being 846 and his high end of the season average is 234 with the last 20 years being over 215. His first 300 came on April 13,

1997 in the CBA at AMF Village Lane North and his first 800 came on March 17, 1994 in the New Hope Classic League.

Next is **Superior Performance Veteran, Howard "Howie" Herstein**. The biggest title of Howie's bowling career came when he was 26 in 1976 at the 13th Annual Hank Muench Classic in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The top prize was \$10,000 for his 1,549 total. This was the lowest winning total in the 13 years and he had the highest entering average at 219.

In the **Memorial Category** is **Jerry Mueller**. Jerry became a volunteer for the Minneapolis District Bowling Association in 1997. Earl Bladine the then Association President took Jerry under his wing and guided him. Jerry was in the office every day to help and

assist Earl. Earl passed away leaving a huge void in the Association office. Jerry jumped right in and started to learn everything about the office. Jerry and Harry Stewart picked up the Hall of Fame presentation and raised it to the level we enjoy today.

The last inductee is **Don Nordness, Discretionary Category** - Don started bowling when he was 17. When he was 18 he fired a 675 to win the all union tournament at Minneapolis Recreation. Don started setting pins and that allowed him to bowl for free. Don went on to place in the top ten in the Tribune Classic three times. Don won on the All-Star Bowling TV Show. Additionally, Don threw a 300 on the televised finals of All-Star Bowling at Lynbrook lanes. Don was in the top five in average in the Minneapolis area in the 1950's and 1960's.