



Free Strikes and Spares



Christmas Edition

As the Holidays are fast approaching us it makes one think of all the little things that most of us would like to do or say. It is a time for family, friends and a host of other things that you could list that would choke even Santa Claus. It goes with out saying that the Christmas Holidays are special to most of us giving us the chance to be kids again each and every year. As your bowling Association, we are glad to have not only bowlers but a sport that we can use and it does not matter what your age is. We hope that all of you enjoy the gift of bowling and that it makes your holidays as bright as it makes ours. We hope that you enjoy this edition of our newsletter and we hope that all of you have the best Holiday season ever! Merry Christmas to all and a very joyous New Year!

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Minneapolis Women's City Tournament 2010

By Diana Cacas, Women's Tournament Director

What a tournament we had this year! We had some great scores, great participation and a power outage on what was suppose to be the last weekend. The heavy, wet snow storm we had on Nov 13th, shut down New Hope Bowl just 15 minutes before the tournament was to start. We were able to reschedule some of the teams, doubles and single events for Sunday the 14th. The rest were able to bowl the following weekend. We only had one team and their two pair of doubles that were not able to reschedule. The BVL booth raised over \$700.00 for our hospitalized vets. One dollar from each All Events entry in Divisions 1 & 2 went to Bowl for the Cure, \$224.00 will be donated! There were also pins and buttons sold at the BVL booth to raise money for Bowl for the Cure.

Our Champions this year are as follows, handicap is in brackets:

Division I

Team, Garden Center-Minneapolis II had a fine 3,508 (193). **Doubles** Amy Keohen and Gloria Gates, their score was 1,492 (128) **Singles** Jessica Peterson had a score of 775 (179). **All Events**, Amy Keohen, her 3 events scores were 2,263 (171).

Division II

Team, McCaren Designs Inc has the honor again, this is the third time in four years they are Champions, their score was 2,863 (413). **Doubles**, Angela Woodhull and Kari Hassebrock scored 1,219 (171). **Singles**, Dixie Paverud had a nice score of 630 (91). **All Events**, Marcia Dudley; her three events total was 1,820 (288).

Scratch Events

Team, Garden Center Mpls II had a 3,251, **Doubles**, Tracey Magnuson and Diane Marget had a score of 1,393. **Singles**, Lori Munson had a fine score of 725.

All Events, Amy Keohen had a 2,092 for her three events.

I'd like to thank the following people for all their hard work and commitment. Tom Bender and his staff at New Hope Bowl for hosting a great tournament, Gary Dorumsgaard and the junior bowlers that kept score for us, Golden Valley VFW Post #7051 for bringing the Color Guard. Especially all the ladies that bowled our tournament, we hope you had a great time and that you bowled well.

We hope to see you next year at AMF Southtown Lanes in Bloomington.

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2010 Senior Singles Championship

By Tom Buntzen,
Senior Tournament Chairman



(Pictured above are Joe Gaspar, Lois Schlep-penbach & Gene Brandvold, 15 years - Diana Wentworth, Richard Lockrem and Louise Hill - all three are 10 year participants)

These bowlers pictured above were honored at this years Senior Tournament by participating for 15 years or 10 years. The three bowlers on top have bowled in every tournament since the start! We would like to thank AMF Earle Brown Bowl for hosting the 2010 tournament. I would say all those that participated had a good time. The food was good and the scores were good. Our women's 50-54 champion is Cheri Dargis with a 726, 55-64 champion is Renee Carlson with a 723 and the 65 and up champion is Donna Anderson with a 730. Our men's champions are 50-54 is Pat Adkins with a 733, 55-64 is Scott Longtin with a 748 and our 64 and up champion is Phill Hoiosen with a 779. The Doubles champions are Eduardo Jonson and Larry Klick with a 1456. This year's team champion is Phill's Team. Members are Phill Hoiosen, Herb Marth, Tom

O'Ryan and Jim Bigelbach with a score of 2778.

We would like to thank all who participated this year and look forward to seeing all of you back next year. The tournament will be at Super Bowl 7620 Riverdale Dr NW, Ramsey, MN 55303. The dates are October 15th -16th and 22nd -23rd 2011. Senior bowlers, don't forget this tournament is open to seniors age 50 and up so get your friends to come along and have some fun with the rest of us. The more bowlers the larger the prize fund and that means much more fun for all 3 divisions of men and women.

In closing I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Memberships Cards

We have received numerous calls about our members not receiving their membership cards this year. Well believe it or not, the company that was doing the processing of our memberships went bankrupt and will completely go out of business on January 1st. It is not the end of the world however. It may be a little inconvenient but everyone can still go to www.bowl.com, click on find a member, type in your name and you can print a temporary membership card from there until you receive your actual card from USBC Headquarters. We hope that everyone will be getting their membership card in the near future. It may take a little time but you will eventually get your card. If you do not have access to a computer you can either talk to a friend or call us at the office and we will get a copy of your card sent out to you. If you have more questions about this please do not hesitate to call the office at 763/971-0800 and we will answer all your questions and concerns.

St Cloud VA Hospital Visit

It is time for us to start planning our visit to the veterans at the St. Cloud Veterans Home. Our trip is scheduled for January 30, 2011. We'll meet at AMF Earle Brown Bowl and take a bus to St. Cloud. We depart at 12:00 pm.

We need people to help play bingo, distribute prizes for Bingo and to bowl with the veterans, yes they have 4 lanes in the basement of the Activity building. We need help in gathering prizes too; if you can't attend maybe you could donate a prize or two. They like getting socks, stocking caps, personal care items, calendars, etc. The Vets also enjoy receiving activity books; these might include word find, crossword puzzles and Sudoku books.

We head back to the Cities between 3:00 - 3:30. Once we return to Earle Brown, we go into the restaurant and have a bite to eat. This is of course optional and you would pay for your own meal. As in the past we will have a menu available on the bus and will call in our order, that way our food is ready when we return.

Our Association has been visiting the Vets for well over 30 years, they really enjoy our visits and it puts a smile on their faces. They deserve it. For more information or make a reservation for the bus, please call the bowling office at 763-971-0800.

Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wanted to know what this bowling Association is really all about? Have you ever wondered how things work or maybe you think we could do something different? Here's your chance! We are always looking for volunteers to help us at various functions or committees. Some are only a few hours to a few weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, call the office and let us know. We really do need your help!

*From the Desk of
Harry Stewart*

Association Manager

*Email and What
it Means*

President's Pen

Jay Joyner

President, Minneapolis USBC Association

Here it is December 2010 and we still do not have all of our leagues into our office. Many bowlers out there might be asking the question, "How come I have not received my membership card?" Well that might be the reason. If you have paid your dues to your league and have not received your membership card yet, ask your league secretary if they have in fact turned-in their League Certification materials. If they have done their duties and you still have not received your card, please contact this office and we will help you one way or another.

Some of you may or may not know that as your Association Manager, I am getting ready to retire. My final days with the Association will be the end of June 2011. I have met many new friends and I have enjoyed working for all of you. Seeing you at the tournaments or in your centers or maybe just on the street is a real thrill when someone says "Hey Harry! How are you doing?" And yes I get this a lot and still enjoy it where ever I go. I have tried to do many things for you, the bowler, never asking for anything in return except that maybe you might enjoy the things we've accomplished. I hope that many of these things will continue in the future. I take great pride in telling everyone that what I do, I do for the bowler, not for me. Lastly I want to thank our proprietors for all that they have done to help me in making bowling a great sport and not just a game. If these folks didn't do what they do for us, we would not have the beautiful centers that we all enjoy today. Many have helped out in ways that most of you would not believe. I can truly call these folks my friends, just like you, and mean every word of it. Again, thanks for letting me serve you and I hope to see all of you soon at one of our great Events!

Have you ever wondered why we ask for your email address on the membership card that you fill out each and every year? Is there some kind of plan to fill your email address with lots of junk mail or what? Well as much as I hate to say it we are moving into the new generation and with that means out with the old and in with the new. It is no secret that the postal system or snail mail as we call it, has gotten out of control. They are planning on another rate hike in the near future and that means more expenses for not only the bowling association but ultimately you, the bowler. No we do not have any plans on raising the dues structure of the Association however, that doesn't mean that we can afford to be frivolous with our money. Yes there can be times when we might send something out that you don't want or like yet, as your Association, we want to be sure that we are giving every opportunity to our bowlers to know the latest and greatest news that is happening.

I want to thank some of our bowlers that acknowledged the fact that we are trying to save money for the bowler. It is great to hear those folks and a big thanks to you!

Things that you can expect to receive from this Association are your newsletter, the Strikes and Spares - Association News - The Famer - Information on various tournaments and any other information that this association determines is valuable to it's members. We will never send anything to you that has not first come through this office. It also must be pertinent to you as well.

Please accept our email openly and if you decide that you do not want to receive our email about news and events, just email us back and we will delete your email address for good.

Have you ever thought of being a bowling coach? Sure it requires knowledge, but much more it comes from a desire to teach and encourage. We all owe a lot to those adults that helped us learn the techniques of the game, along with courtesy and sportsmanship.

There are many ways to find out more. You can contact the center manager where you bowl and ask to talk to the youth bowling leaders. Many high schools have bowling programs now and they need coaches. You could call Josh Hodney, phone 651-487-2141 to learn which high schools might need assistance. Some high schools could form bowling teams if they had the right support. Josh would have suggestions on how to help a school join the high school bowling conferences. Local colleges have bowling classes and perhaps bowling teams that would benefit from your knowledge.

Of course, some preparation is helpful or required. Some centers require youth coaches to have back ground checks. We can help you apply.

One can go to Bowl.com to take the Level One Coaching course and test. If you like this, you can test and qualify at more advanced coaching levels. You don't have to be an expert to be a coach., just a desire to observe and make suggestions.

There are many ways to contribute to bowling.

This is one of the best ways we can make sure that bowling is preserved.

We can 'grow the sport' by helping others enjoy our sport.

Finally be sure to thank the coaches that inspire and encourage young bowlers!



Bowl for the Cure Night

The women of the Camden Rollers bowling league at AMF Earle Brown Lanes will participate in their 6th Annual Bowl for the Cure event Thursday, Feb 10, 2011. The event is sponsored by the USBC, with proceeds benefiting the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The league's 55 bowlers (11 teams) solicit support from everyone by gathering pledges and participating in various raffles while bowling on a regular league night. Last year, they raised a record high of over \$32,000.00, bringing their five year total to over \$94,000.00! Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this amazing event. There will be a silent auction, bowling ball raffle, dollar raffle, discount open bowling and opportunities to win a beautiful afghan handmade and donated by a few of our league bowlers. All money raised will be donated to the Minnesota affiliate Komen Foundation. The event will begin at 6:00pm at AMF Earle Brown Bowl, with opening ceremonies recognizing breast cancer survivors. For more information about the Camden Rollers 2011 event, or if you would like to make a donation to this year's campaign, go to the website at www.camdenrollersbftc.com.



Pancakes For Vets



On December 12th we are going to do something we have never tried before. We are going to have a pancake breakfast to help raise funds for our hospitalized veterans and returning soldiers. The breakfast will be an ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes some sausage, fruit, milk, coffee, water or juice all for the low cost of \$6.00 per person, kids 9 and younger get theirs for \$3.00! This all takes place at the New Brighton Eagles Club in New Brighton on old Highway 8! The time is 8:30 to 11:00 AM.

This is a great cause for the great people! Come and enjoy a great breakfast, help our troops and get a full stomach along the way!

98th City Open Tournament

The 98th running of the Minneapolis City Open Tournament is about to get underway and you should be part of it. It is by far the largest tournament that this Association hosts and this one will most definitely be huge! The site for this year's tournament is the Blainbrook Entertainment Center located at 12000 and highway 65 in Blaine. The tournament starts on January 8 and continues through February 13th! There is always lots of fun and great scores! This tourna-

ment is another benefit of belonging to the Minneapolis USBC Association and who knows, maybe you could be one of the Association's next Tournament Champions! Entries are in every center or on the web site, www.minneapolisbowling.com! For your reservations into the Open Tournament please call the office at 763/971-0800! Lines are now open and waiting for your call! Come on and give it a try. We know that you will enjoy our tournament championship at its finest!

Now Taking Applications

Do you know someone that has gone the extra mile in bowling? Do you know of someone that is deserving of being nominated into the Minneapolis Hall of Fame? Well now is the time to be proactive and get things rolling. We are now accepting applications for next August's induction ceremony. If you have questions about how to nominate someone or even if they might or might not qualify, go to our web site at www.minneapolisbowling.com, click on the Hall of Fame and you will find the applications for both men and women there. Each has different criteria for service, performance men & women. You can also call our office for an application at 763/971-0800 and we will either email or snail mail you a form. Don't wait to long to do this as the deadline for applications this year are January 15, 2011. You could make someone very happy by nominating them to our Hall of Fame. Again all applications must be post-marked by January 15, 2011. They can be dropped off or sent to our office at 9673—63rd Ave. N in Maple Grove



MINNEAPOLIS MASTER'S & SENIOR MASTER'S TOURNAMENTS



(L to R Tournament Chair Mike Taaffe, Champion Robert Slayton & Runner-up Dave Langer)

The Minneapolis Master's Tournament was held at the Brunswick Zone in Blaine on September 26th. The field was small compared to past years but that didn't stop the bowlers from doing well. At the End of the 8 game qualifier Dave Langer was leading the field. He dominated the bowlers through match play until he came up against Robert Slayton. Robert, coming up from the loser's bracket, hammered out a 227 to 222 to win the first game and 243 to 202 to defeat Dave Langer. By winning the Master's Tournament, Robert received a glass trophy, a free entry into the National Masters Tournament as well as a cash prize! Congrats go out to both bowlers on a great performance!

The Senior Masters was held at the Super Bowl on October 10th. Tom Corbett not only lead the field of 29 Senior Bowlers through the 8 game qualifier but won his only match in the Championship round against USBC President Jay Joyner 187 to 167! Both Tournaments were bowled on the National Masters Sport shot which made for some very difficult bowling but these gentlemen did what they do best and scored when they needed to!



(Champion Tom Corbett & Jay Joyner)

Congrats go out to Tom Corbett, our new Senior Champion and runner-up Jay Joyner! Tom received a glass trophy, a free entry into the National Senior Masters and a cash prize as well!

Mixed Couples Tournament Just Around the Corner

In just a couple of months we will be looking towards spring and one of the best kept secrets in our Association, The Annual Minneapolis Mixed Couples Tournament! This will be held at the Super Bowl in Ramsey! The dates for the tournament are February 26, 27, March 5 & 6 - 12 & 13, 2011. The reservation lines are open and there are plenty of good spots left. Grab your favorite guy or gal and come and have some fun. The tournament is a Team Event for only \$25.00 per person. There are optional Doubles and Scratch Events as well! Entries will be in all of the centers soon! You can go to our website at www.minneapolisbowling.com if you can't wait! Give us a call at the office right now for your Reservations! You could be the next Champion and get a free meal at the Awards Banquet!



Team Challenge

For 15 years the Minneapolis Bowling Association has been hosting one of the most successful tournaments in the area. In fact, two years ago we set a record for Minnesota in hosting the largest Team Challenge ever of 44 teams.

This year might be even bigger than that; just get your bowlers out to give it a try. It is a baker style format where bowler number 1 bowls the first frame, bowler 2 bowls frame 2 and starts all over in the sixth frame.

There will be 14 games of qualifying then match play and the final step ladder to the championship! It is a lot of fun for everyone. Entries are online or available at the bowling office. The entry fee is \$250.00 per team which is only \$50.00 per bowler. If you like a challenge and want to try something different this is the tournament for you.

Call the office today for your reservation at 763/971-0800 as we do expect this tournament to be another sell out!

Most Improved Bowler Tournament

By Carol Olson, Chair

The Most Improved tournament was held in October. This is an invitation only tournament for bowlers with the most improved average in their league. This time we had 91 bowlers who entered. The top ten men & women advanced to The Challenge that was held at Flaherty's Arden Bowl. Both Minneapolis and St Paul had Champions this year. Timothy White had a 782 Series; Timothy is from Classic Bowl in Minneapolis. Women's champion is Paula Strutt with a 753 series; she bowls in St Paul at AMF Maplewood Bowl.



UP AND COMING EVENTS

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



Youth Tournaments

- 21st Annual Youth Open Tournament, Oct. 30 - Nov 7, 2010 AMF Earle Brown Bowl, Val Manning - 763/537-4513
 46th Minneapolis Youth Singles Tournament, Dec. 18-19, 2010 Doyle's Lanes, Lynn Anderson - 612/508-8440
 New Years Day Adult-Youth Scotch Dbls, Jan 1, 2011 New Hope Bowl, Val Manning - 763/537-4513
 7th Annual Youth Baker Tournament, , 2011 Memory Lanes, Lynn Anderson - 612/508-8440
 18th Annual Youth-Adult Scholarship Tournament, Feb 19 - 21, 2011 Elsie's - 612/508-8440
 20th Annual Youth Scholarship Tournament, April 22, 2011 Elsie's - 612/508-8440

*OPEN TOURNAMENTS (MEN & WOMEN) *

- 22nd Annual Minneapolis Masters Tournament - Sept. 26, Super Bowl, Assn. Office
 6th Annual Minneapolis Senior Masters Tournament - Oct. 10, 2010 Super Bowl, Assn Office
 98th Annual Minneapolis City Open Tournament - Jan 8 - Feb 13, 2011 Blainbrook Bowl, Assn. office
 16th Annual Minneapolis Team Challenge - Feb. 13, 2011 AMF Southtown Lanes, Mike Taffee - Assn. office
 6th Annual Minneapolis "700" Club - May 2011, AMF Southtown Lanes, Phill Hoiosen 612/824-8088

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

- 76th Minneapolis Women's City Tournament - Oct 30-Nov 14, 2010 New Hope Bowl, Assn office
 Queen's - Jan.9, 2011 Pinz in Oakdale, Dorla Wagner - 651/455-4282
 Minneapolis Annual "600" Club - Feb. 5, 2011 Sundance Golf & Bowl - Carol Zeder - 763/425-7662
 Minneapolis Annual "500" Club - March 26, 2011 Blainbrook Bowl, Diana Cacas - 763/971-0800

SENIOR TOURNAMENTS

- Minneapolis Senior Singles Tournament - Oct 16 - 24, 2011 AMF Earle Brown Bowl, Assn. office

MIXED TOURNAMENTS

- Annual City Mixed - Feb. 26 - Mar. 13, 2010 Super Bowl - Assn. office

Spring 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