

# INDIANA STATE USBC BA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Corner

*Jerry Harvey*

Hello Bowlers,  
Well, I finally made it to the top! It took several years of hard work, but it has all been worth it to be able to now be at the head of this organization that is dedicated to holding tournaments, and now, holding events for the bowlers of Indiana. I thought it might be worth the time to tell you about myself so that you better understand where I come from.

I was born in Indianapolis in 1953, then the family moved to Florida in 1956. I started bowling in 1962 in the junior leagues in Pompano Beach, FL. Since moving back to Indianapolis in 1972, I have bowled in many leagues around northern Indianapolis and continue to bowl one night a week in a mixed league with my wife, Marcia. I was especially proud to have bowled in the Murat Shrine Bowling league for 31 straight years before it was disbanded and combined in another center on the west side of Indy. My highest game is a 279, highest series is a 726, and highest average was a 201. I am a Life-

time Member of the USBC.

My wife, Marcia, and I have been married for 21 years. We have two sons; Keith, a Purdue graduate now living in Delaware, and Jeff, who recently graduated from Indiana University. Yes, we are still a "House Divided"! I have worked in the residential home carpentry field all my life and have been employed by Oaktree Homes Inc. for the last 21 years.

My other interests include: being a 35 year member and a Past Master of Pentalpha Masonic Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis.

In 1992, I was appointed to the Greater Indianapolis Bowling Association, Board of Directors. I served as President of the GIBA for the 2001-2002 bowling season.

In 2000, I was elected to serve as the Jurisdictional Director for District 1 of the Indiana Bowling Association. In 2002, I was the IBA Director of the Year. When the IBA changed to the IS USBC BA, I was active assisting with the birth of

the new USBC state association. After being elected to the Vice Presidential 'line' in 2006, I moved up the ladder working on the board and have especially enjoyed working at the tournaments seeing the bowlers from around the state.

I am very proud to have been elected President of the Indiana State USBC Bowling Association. I hope to see more participants in the different types of bowling tournaments the IS USBC BA offers the bowlers in Indiana. Also, I encourage the bowling leaders from around the state to come to the different educational programs that the IS USBC BA is providing and also looking to continue these events well into the future.

This being the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the ABC / IS USBCBA organization, I hope many of you join us in bowling in our Open Tournament in Evansville this coming year. It looks to be a very exciting event, and Evansville is eagerly awaiting our coming. I also, look forward to seeing many association leaders at the State Jamboree in Richmond in October. Please keep looking at our website for information as to these and other upcoming IS USBC BA events this coming year.

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**IS USBC BA Web Site**  
[www.indianausbc.org](http://www.indianausbc.org)

**IS USBC BA Vision**

*"The vision of the Indiana State USBC BA is to be the unified organization of choice focused on the growth of the sport.."*

**IS USBC BA Mission**

*"The Indiana State USBC BA ensures the integrity and protects the future of the sport, provides programs and services and enhances the bowling experience."*

**IS USBC BA Goals**

*"The Indiana State USBC BA, Inc., aim is to promote the appeal of Ten Pin Bowling and to provide quality service to the local associations."*

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Lastly, Please contact myself if there are questions you need answered about the IS USBC BA or any way I might assist you with the upcoming year.

Thanks for your time,

Jerry Harvey

President, IS USBC BA. 😊



## Out-Going President

*Jon Kelley*

Greetings from your Past-President!

Where did the year go? It certainly was a busy year and my car gained almost 6500 miles in the process. It was great meeting and working with so many across the state.

I would like to thank all those that invited me to their Halls of Fame and other events. I would also like to thank everyone for

their great Hoosier hospitality. It will be remembered.

Finally, I would like to thank those that came to the Presidents Recognition and Hall of Fame during the IS USBC BA Recognition Weekend. Thanks also to all those that played in the scholarship golf tournament.

Hope to see you next year!

Although I am no longer going to be a member of the board, I am still available to help if you need me for anything. All you have to do is call or e-mail me. My home e-mail is jon\_kelley@comcast.net.

I would like to wish incoming President Jerry Harvey the best of wishes as well as the entire board for a great 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!. 😊



## 1st Vice-President

*Tony Peterson*

Tony doesn't have anything to report this time. Please look for him in the next issue. 😊



## 2nd Vice-President

*Brian Nunning*

Brian doesn't have anything to report this time. Please look for him in the next issue. 😊



## 3rd Vice-President

*Pat Webster*

First of all, I would like to thank the delegates at the annual meeting for electing me to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President position for this year. I look forward to serving the bowlers of Indiana for another year as well as seeing everyone at the IS USBC BA events.

The Annual State Delegates Meeting in Indianapolis was fairly well attended again this year. The second annual scholarship golf scramble held on Saturday the same weekend had an increase in

participation from last year. \$600 was raised for the scholarship fund. Hopefully everyone will schedule these events into their summer plans and attend next year.

Bill McAbee was elected as my replacement for the 4<sup>th</sup> District Director. Bill is a Past-President and Hall of Fame member in the Fort Wayne BA. He is also currently serving as a Director of the Fort Wayne Board. I

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am very confident Bill will serve the 4<sup>th</sup> district very well.

The 2009/10 bowling season is just around the corner and I hope everyone has a fun and successful season. ☺



### District 1 News

*Charles Wilkey*

Greetings from the 1st District. I would like to thank the delegates for electing me as 1<sup>st</sup> District Director. I look forward to serving our bowlers, and plan on meeting and talking with many of you during our IS USBC BA events.

I had a tremendous time at our annual meeting. It was my distinct pleasure to attend the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies for Ron Holder.

I held my first district meeting in Indianapolis June 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Edy Kline and the Indy USBC Association for hosting this meeting. We had five of our six associations represented.

I hope everyone had a great summer. It's time to invite someone to join your bowling league. Have a great year of bowling! ☺



### District 2 News

*Mike Kozy*

Mike doesn't have anything to report this time. Please look for him in the next issue. ☺



### District 3 News

*John Brothers*

John doesn't have anything to report this time. Please look for him in the next issue. ☺



### District 4 News

*Bill McAbee*

I don't have much to report as of now since just getting elected as District #4 Director.

Anyway, just a little about myself. My wife and I reside and bowl in Fort Wayne. I have been associated with bowling for many years starting with a job as pinsitter. I have been involved with the various league officers duties and currently a league secretary for a large Friday Nite Men's League.

I have been a member of the Fort Wayne Mens Bowling Association for the past 10 years plus and presently serving as a director.

I'm looking forward to meeting and getting involved with the District 4 Bowling Associations. I'm hopeful that great events will happen that will improve the bowlers outlook about the sport.

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### District 5 News

*Paul Sutton*

Greetings from the 5<sup>th</sup> District, hope everyone had a great summer. As the PBA experience and summer leagues wrap up and we get geared up for the winter 09-10 bowling season there are a few things we need to remember. To all my associations in the 5<sup>th</sup> District please let me know of any changes on your board, so I can pass them on to Dan Cappa and your new board members will start receiving all the email blasts from him.

It is a great time to schedule a training session with IS USBC BA Education Director Mike Kirkpatrick. Mike does an excellent job of helping your new and existing board members understand their responsibilities, which make your board better able to serve your membership only requirement is that at least 50% of your board attends, Mike will take care of everything else. I would recommend that you also inform your District Director so that they can be in attendance also.

Not a lot going on in the 5<sup>th</sup> District this summer, we are gearing up to host the 2009 IS USBC BA Jamboree in Richmond on October 16, 17, and 18, 2009. We hope you are making plans to attend as we kick off the Indiana Bowling Association's 100<sup>th</sup> yr anniversary. The 13 associations in the district are working hard to make it a fun and educational weekend.

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It was great to see 9 of the 13 5<sup>th</sup> District associations at the IS USBC BA annual meeting on June 28, 2009. Kudo's to Dan Cappa and his staff for a well organized and smoothly run meeting.

Congratulations to Ron Holder on his election to the IS USBC BA Hall of Fame. The honor was greatly deserved.

Congratulations to Jerry Harvey, newly elected IS USBC BA President for the 2009-2010 bowling season, and to Pat Webster our new IS USBC BA 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President. Elected as District Directors for 3 year terms were District 1 Charlie Wikey, District 4 Bill McAfee and District 5 Paul Sutton.

I would like to congratulate Jon Kelley on a great year as 2008-09 IS USBC BA President. Thank you Jon for your time and dedication, it has been an honor to be a member of the IS USBC BA board under your leadership.

My first District Meeting of the new season will be in Anderson on September 20, 2009. Hope to see all 13 associations there to PUSH IT UP for a new year ☺



### District 6 News

*Kerry Caine*

Kerry doesn't have anything to report this time. Please look for him in the next issue. ☺



### District 7 News

*Alice J. (AJ) Hacker*

Hello everyone,

Here we are, ready to start a new season. Have you got all your "ducks in a row"? i.e.: secretary workshops, new director orientation, ideas on how to increase league participation, (have you thought about non-traditional formats?). Just a few ideas, thought it might help.

I'm really looking forward to another season of bowling and visiting with our bowling family. That is one of the great things about the sport for me. Dale is the more competitive one of us, but he indulges me and lets me do my thing.

Here are some important dates you need to put on your calendars:

- August 9<sup>th</sup> - Training in Lafayette
- September 27<sup>th</sup> - District 7 Meeting in Greencastle
- October 16<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> - Jamboree, Richmond, Holiday Inn

I will have more dates in the next newsletter.

If you have never attended a State Jamboree, I would truly encourage you to do so. It is a great experience with training, a tournament, and a hospitality evening I know you will enjoy. I know that District 5 is going all out to show you a good time.

This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ISUSBC BA, not always that name, but the same organization. This is a time to celebrate all the competition and fun times we and others have shared through the years. Celebrate locally by digging out those old photos of bowling events and those

who participated. You will be surprised at the memories that will be shared.

Speaking of training, if your association hasn't scheduled Mike Kirkpatrick to come in and do a training for your own local, why not consider it. Mike is the IS-USBC Training Coordinator and he is doing a great job bringing added information to local associations.

I have been fortunate to attend his sessions on roles and responsibilities and strategic planning. These are only two of a wide range of topics, so if you want or need some good local training, give Mike a call or an email.

Well, time to close for now. Hope to see you at events throughout the state this year.

Wishing you fun times, good bowling and high scores.

A.J. Hacker  
District 7 Director  
ISUSBC BA. ☺



### District 8 News

*Mary Utley*

Mary doesn't have anything to report this time. Please look for him in the next issue. ☺



### District 9 News

*Marcus Garrett*

Marcus doesn't have anything to report this time. Please look for him in the next issue. ☺



**Newsletter  
Editor Report**

*Terry Henderson*

I hope everyone had a nice Summer. I got a few games in this Summer, but I didn't bowl in a league. I got to bowl on some sport patterns after the youth league was done. Hope you got some games in to keep the rust off.

The Winter league are starting soon. Look for a sport pattern league or PBA pattern league for something new. These patterns are hard to score on and your average will be lower, but it will make you a better

bowler.

Get some coaching before you start this season. Get your grip checked, it does change as you get older. Make this your best season ever and Good Luck!

Got something for the newsletter, you can send it to me at: [terrym.henderson@att.net](mailto:terrym.henderson@att.net) ☺



**Newsletter  
Editor**

*Terry Henderson*

**2009 Indiana State USBC BA  
Presidents Recognition And  
Hall of Fame Pictures**

The 2009 Indiana State USBC BA Presidents Recognition and Hall of fame was held at the Marten House Hotel in Indianapolis.



**Thomas Baxter**  
ISUSBCBA Communications  
Manager—MC



**Jon Kelley**  
IS USBC BA President



**Dan Cappa**  
IS USBC BA  
Association Manager



**Nicki Kelley**  
Jon's Wife



**Mathew Kelley**  
Jon's Son



**Hall of Fame  
Members**



**Introduction of  
Ron Holder  
By Tony Peterson**



**Ron Holder**  
2009 Hall-of-Fame  
Inductee



**Jerry Harvey**  
IS USBC BA  
1st Vice-President



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*Terry Henderson*

# 2009 Indiana State USBC BA Annual Meeting Pictures

The 2009 Indiana State USBC BA 2009 Annual Meeting was held at the Marten House Hotel in Indianapolis.



**Dan Cappa**  
IS USBC BA  
Association Manager



**Jon Kelley**  
IS USBC BA  
President



**2009**  
IS USBC BA  
Members



**Mike Kirkpatrick**  
IS USBC BA  
Education Coordinator



**Anderson USBC BA**  
Host of the 2009  
IS USBC BA Masters



**Greater Bloomington BA**  
2009 Seniors Tournament  
Host



**Northwest In. BA**  
2009 Open Championship  
Host



**Greater Calumet USBC BA**  
2009 Most Teams in Open  
Tournament



**Kerry Caine**  
IS USBC BA  
Special Award



**Paul Sutton**  
IS USBC BA  
Special Award



**AJ Hacker**  
IS USBC BA  
Special Award



**Brian Nunning**  
IS USBC BA  
Special Award



**Nick Hoagland**  
USBC Director



**Jerry Harvey**  
2010 IS USBC BA  
President



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INDIANA STATE USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS

Report of the Golf Tournament Co-Chairs – July 31, 2009

**To the Council of Delegates:**

On Saturday June 27, in conjunction with the IS USBC BA Recognition Weekend, the IS USBC BA conducted its second annual Golf Tournament to benefit our scholarship funds.

Eleven teams consisting of 46 people signed up to play in the event. If there is one word that describes the results of this year’s tournament, it would be “parity”. The reason is that there was a 6-way tie for first place at 11-under par and another team only one stroke behind. The ties were broken by scores on the toughest handicap holes until the first three places were determined. Prizes were also awarded for last place. Here is a complete listing of the scores.

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Castellanos, Mike Kozy, Chris Cole, Edward Welklinski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – James Buckner, Kevin Voiles, Mike Kirkpatrick, John Buchanan, Jim Leming
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jon Kelley, Larry Taylor, Brian Nunning, Gerard Kelley
- 61 – Harold Ketner, Tom Slaughter, Tom Powers, Darren Bosworth
- 61 – Bob Klosterman, Andy Ruddick, Dan Stoner, Brett Carpenter
- 61 – Lionel Stewart, John Burge, Fred Neel, J. Kimm
- 62 – Jeff Circle, Jeff Thomas, Larry Benson, Dave Openbrier
- 64 – Paul Sutton, Bob Nilo, Brett Bennett, Adam Holland
- 66 – Tony Peterson, Pat Webster, Dale Bennington, Darren Taylor, Steve Utley
- 68 – Mike Gudgeon, John Jones, Rosie Jones, Marcus Garrett
- 72 – Butch Robinson, Marvin Lynch, Gene Monroe, Henry Modglin

Here are the photographs for the winning teams. Names follow the order shown in the results above.

1<sup>st</sup> Place



2<sup>nd</sup> place



3<sup>rd</sup> place



Last place (Henry Modglin is missing from picture)







## Coach's Corner

*Terry Henderson*

One of the things I liked about the start of USA Bowling Coaching was the idea of all the coaches learning the same basics of bowling. Today its USBC Coaching. The different coaching levels have seen a lot of changes over the years. You can now take the Level one on-line at bowl.com. At this time bowl.com is fixing a lot things and I couldn't get to the level one on-line class or I couldn't find it. You can get the Bronze Level and the Silver Level schedule at bowl.com. After Certification of the Silver Level you can buy a Gold Guidebook for \$25 and go for Gold

Level. Expense to complete domains will vary and the Final Review Session cost \$800.

I think many bowlers overlook what these coaches have learned and how helpful they can be to even high average bowlers. Find a Certified Coach in your area and get a few lessons.

Last year I bowled in a scratch PBA Experience Sport Pattern league. We bowled on each of the 5 patterns for 6 weeks and used the 2007 USBC Open pattern for our 3 position rounds. I entered with a 196 average that was adjusted to 179 for sport patterns. I got off to a slow start by not bowling at all the summer before the start of this winter league. I finished with a 176 average and my team got 2nd place. Couldn't win one game that last week. It was a lot of fun to bowl on and I learned a lot with the only ball I used. I know bowling on these patterns helped me to become a better bowler. I bowled on one league with our house pattern and ended the year with my highest average of 204.

On most house patterns you can find an area 1 or 2 boards wide for your target. Some times 2 or 3 boards wide, any thing in this area lets your ball find the pocket. Yes it can be fun to bowl on this type of pattern. But is it real to average 235 on this type on pattern and then go to a tournament that has a sport pattern and you can't bowl a 150 game? And yes I have seen bowlers do just that. On some of the sport patterns if you are using the 2nd arrow for your target, if you hit the right side or the left side of the 2nd arrow you will see two different shots. So a 1/2 board can make a big difference in your shot.

There are some things USBC Coaches teach that some bowlers don't use or see why it would help them. Your foot placement where you start is very much over looked. If I told you to line up on board 20 and you use your toe (front part of your shoe). Your shoe is round in the front. You could be 1 to 2 inches off from where you started on the last shot you made. On most house patterns this is no big deal. But on a sport pattern, Big Deal. If you are off to the right by 1 inch at the start, you may end up hitting the 4 pin and not the pocket.

A right handed bowler should use the inside of their left shoe to line up. So to line up on the 20 board, you would have the inside of your left shoe on the left side of board 20. It shouldn't take a bowler much time at all to learn to use this and help you when you need to make a move.

Another small change some bowlers need is (for a right handed bowler) the left foot should be about 4 inches in front of the right foot. This set the hips so the right hip is a little behind the left. The ball has to clear the right hip in the swing. Why not get the hips set at the start.

Some bowlers try to make the ball go where they want in the follow-thru. The muscles will tighten up and cause you to miss. You have to start your arm-swing with your push-away on your target line. If your push-away goes to the right the arm-swing will go behind your back in the back-swing and most of the time your shot will go to the right of your target. So set your shoulders to your target line and push-away at your target. Think as if you were able to draw a line on the lane with a marker pen, the track your ball will roll all the way to the pins. Then turn your shoulders so your ball is lined up with that line in your set up. If you are playing a swing shot (i.e.: target at the 4th arrow and the ball slides out to say the 3rd arrow) your right shoulder would be well back of the left shoulder. To make a 7 pin shot the left shoulder would be well back of the right shoulder.

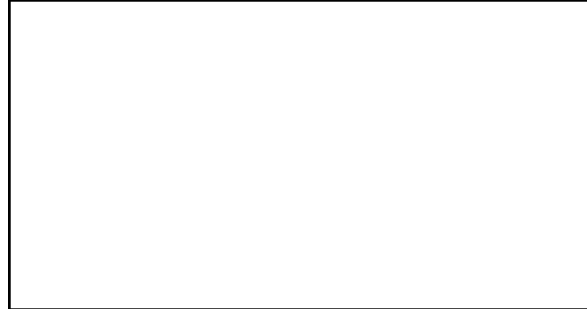
Making spares may be the hardest part on a sport pattern. If you can use a ball that hooks less. You have seen some bowlers shoot at a 7 pin making the ball go from the right side of the lane all the way to the left side with a lot of rev's on the ball. On most sport patterns this type of shot will never get past the middle of the lane because the of the oil level is very high.

Some bowlers have a very slow approach and arm-swing and try to muscle the ball, this type of style worked some years ago on the patterns of old. Your approach should the same as walking. The first step is a short one and each step after is a little longer. Your arm-swing should be loose, no muscle. The power comes from the leg not your arm. If your ball has the right drill there is no need to death grip the ball. Be sure and have your grip checked every two years. Your hand will change as you get older. ☺

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## **IS USBC BA Calendar of Events**

August 9, 2009 – Association Training – Lafayette – District 7  
August 16, 2009 – Association Training – Richmond – Wayne Co.  
October 16-18, 2009 – Indiana State Jamboree – Holiday Inn – Richmond, IN  
October 18, Hall of Fame Nomination Committee Meeting  
November 2009 – District Challenge – District 2 - TBA  
December 5– Open Championship Tournament Training – Location TBD – Evansville Indiana.  
January 9 & 10 Regional Training Session – Marten House – Indianapolis?  
January 16 -Board Meeting - Anderson, IN – Days Inn  
-IS USBC BA Board Strategic Planning for 2010-2011  
-Review Legislation that has been presented  
January 29-31, 2010 - Masters Tournament - Coopers Sport Bowl – Anderson  
February 20 – May 23, 2010 Open Championship Tournament – Evansville, IN  
February 20, 2010 Official Opening Ceremonies – Franklin Lanes – Evansville, IN  
April 3 – April 18, 2010 Senior Tournament – Wells Lanes, Elwood, IN  
April 27 – May 2, 2010 – USBC Convention – Reno NV  
May 15, 2010 Senior roll off – Wells Lanes, Elwood, IN  
May 23, 2010 – Open Championship Tournament  
June 5, 2010 – Board meeting – Anderson – Budget Approval  
Annual Delegates Meeting – Marten House, Indianapolis  
June 25, IS USBC BA Board Meeting  
June 26, Scholarship Golf Tournament  
June 26, IS USBC BA Hall of Fame and Presidents Recognition Dinner  
June 27, Annual Delegates Meeting

**Bowling, No Snow, Ice or Rain!!!  
Just Strikes, Spares and Fun For Everyone!!!**