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President's Corner

Jerry Harvey

Greetings Bowlers,

Again, bowlers it's time to let you know what's happening in Indiana. The IS USBC BA 100th Open Tournament is progressing well and the Senior Tournament in Elwood has just wrapped up.

For the senior bowlers that have participated in Elwood, I hope all had a great time and scored well. Didn't do too bad myself. I didn't beat everyone, but I may have bowled good enough to get 'a piece of the pie' back! For those that bowl in the team event, I believe you have told us you like this new part of the tournament and look forward to seeing more seniors take part. Hope you have your eyes on Muncie for the 2011 tournament next year.

Looks like the Open Tournament bowlers who are traveling to Evansville are enjoying the fresh oil on the lanes for all squads. A lot of the bowlers are either having a great time or are having a somewhat 'difficult' adjustment to the lane condition the IS USBC

BA has brought out this year. It's not the "house shot", where all you do is throw the ball out to the right and watch it come back to the pocket. It's NOT a PBA or 'sport shot' either.

Contrary to beliefs, we have tried to produce a variation of the USBC recommended White Pattern shot that is quite playable yet requires a little thought to get the ball to the pocket. Most bowlers are enjoying the lane condition.

I've been working many weekends at the team house and talked to a lot of bowlers. They will agree that most bowlers now have a chance to score and play on what 'tournament lanes' are all about. There are some slight changes to be made in the lane conditions in the future, as we travel to the next tournament sites, so that all bowlers will be assured of having a reasonable chance to make some prize money.

I hope all enjoyed bowling in your leagues this year. I know that many are finishing and that signals the end of another bowling season. Too long

or too short, whatever you think about the length of the league season, seems we all have different views.

Please – please- please consider attending the Annual Meeting events 100th Anniversary of the Indiana State USBC Bowling Association [Indiana Bowling Association] – June 26-27. It's an event that we are planning to invite many of our "Leaders of the Past" to attend. Come see some old friends and enjoy a great evening on June 26th.

Please plan to enter our "Golf Event" to enjoy a fun day on the 26th and help contribute to our Scholarship Program, which helps our youth bowlers offset the college high costs.

Then, attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday and see how a great Bowling Association conducts its business of electing a new corps of officers and board members to carry the on the traditions of a great working state bowling association.

Thanks for reading these few words,

Jerry Harvey,
President. ☺

IS USBC BA Web Site
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."



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

Hope everyone has had a great 2009-2010 bowling season! As this season comes to end, I hope everyone has marked their calendars and plans to attend the IS USBC BA Annual Meeting and all the other activities taking place that weekend – June 26 & 27 in Indianapolis.

On Saturday June 26, the IS USBC BA Scholarship Golf Scramble will take place at Oak Tree Golf Course (Plainfield) with a shotgun start at 8 AM. Entry Fee of \$240 per foursome covers golf, cart and lunch! Everyone must be a USBC member and the foursome total handicap must be at least 50 with no more than one player's handicap being under 8. This is a great time even for the non golfers to come out, swing a club with some friends and support the IS USBC BA's Scholarships! Everyone always has a great time at this event! If you or someone you know (maybe a business!) would like to sponsor a hole, hole sponsorships are available for only \$50! A sign with the sponsor's name will be placed on one of the holes during the scramble. For information about playing or sponsoring a hole, please contact Jon Kelley at (765-963-3399) or Paul Sutton at (765-932-5287) Hope to see everyone on the course.

Saturday evening (starting at 6 PM) at the Marten House will be the IS USBC BA recognition event for recognition of President Jerry Harvey and the IS USBC BA Hall of Fame inductions. Being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year will be Dennis Cooper, Jon Kelley and Gerry Ness. Congratulations to each of these individuals! Come join the fun and congratulate the newest IS USBC BA Hall of Fame members. Be sure to give President Harvey a hard time! He deserves it! LOL.....

On Sunday morning the weekend's activities will conclude with the IS USBC BA's Annual meeting. As in the past, come learn about the activities of the IS USBC BA and take the opportunity to share any thoughts you may have with the IS USBC BA Board! Look forward to seeing everyone there. Have a great summer! 😊



3rd Vice-President

Pat Webster

The 2009/10 bowling season is basically completed. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed the bowling season with many good scores. The Open Championship Tournament is close to being complete in Evansville at the end of the month. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Evansville local association in their effort in helping to run a very successful IS USBC BA Open Tournament.

The annual delegates meeting will again be held this summer the weekend of June 26th & 27th. The annual scramble golf tournament being held on this weekend (26th) has opened the teams to any IS USBC BA member. This golf tournament is fun to participate in before you attend the Hall Of Fame induction dinner that evening. I am hopeful all associations plan on attending the annual IS USBC BA delegates meeting on Sunday, 06/27/10.

Have a good summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the IS USBC BA future events. 😊



District 1 News

Charles Wilkey

Greetings from the heart of Indiana! It is amazing how time flies. Indy USBC hosted a meeting with USBC Regional Manager David Bartlett in February. Thanks to the Associations who supported this event.

I had the pleasure of attending the opening ceremonies of the Senior Tournament in Elwood. Thanks to the Elwood Bowling Association for all their hard work during the tournament.

The Open Championship tournament is almost complete. Thanks to the Evansville Bowling Association for all their hard work during the tournament.

Once again this year, Indy USBC will be hosting the Junior Gold National Youth Open. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Corky Koch.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting in June! We are having our annual golf tournament on Saturday. I highly encourage you to get a foursome together and play in this outstanding event. 😊



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

Another bowling season coming to a close with city, state and national tournaments being held. Along these lines, I want to congratulate Greg Smith of Ft. Wayne, by competing against a field of nearly 400 bowlers, won the Indiana State Masters Bowling Tournament at Coopers Bowl in Anderson.

Our 4th district IS USBC BA was held on Feb 7, 2010 at Angola Bowl. A nine tap tournament was held before the meeting. The tournament winners were: 1st place-Leland Chaney, Ft. Wayne (score of 844), 2nd place-Lee Mosher, Angola (score 840), and 3rd place-Scott Key, Angola (score 806). Also, we had pizza and drinks for lunch.

I had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting at Berne with the Adams County USBC BA. I was surprised to see the turnout. Kevin Haworth was elected as president to serve one year. I also attended the annual meeting at Angola with the Steuben County USBC BA. The current president, Lee Mosher, will maintain his office for another year. I enjoyed both meetings. The food was great and the fellowship was refreshing. Thanks to all for the

invite. I guess that's about all from District 4. Have a great summer and hope to see you all at our annual meeting.

Don't forget - Have you hugged your bowling ball today??? 😊



District 5 News

Paul Sutton

Greetings from the 5th District, **wow** it has been a busy 3 months since the last newsletter.

On April 7th lightning struck the Northside Lanes in Hartford City, thankfully no one was injured, but the building and all contents were a total loss. The Hartford City USBC had 2 youth teams headed to the IS USBC YA State Tournament the next weekend and 9 of the 10 bowlers going lost all their equipment in the fire. President Teresa Banter of the Hartford City USBC and her board took it upon themselves to make sure the 2 teams could compete by replacing the equipment lost and thanks to them and donations from the 5th District treasury other associations of the 5th District the 2 teams bowled. It makes me more proud of my District when I see associations going to the aid of an association in need.

I hope everyone got a chance to go to the IS USBC BA Open Championship Tournament in Evansville. After working the tournament for 5 weekends and bowling in it in March, I feel I am qualified to say that the Greater Evansville USBC, the City of Evansville, and the host bowling centers did their best to make tournament bowlers welcome. A side note, although I had a rip-

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ping good time bowling I won't have to worry about receiving a 1099 form next year.

April 4, 2010 was opening ceremonies for the IS USBC BA State Seniors Tournament hosted by the Elwood USBC. What a great start to the 2 week event which saw over 1600 seniors from around the great state of Indiana bowl. President Tater Blackford and his board were gracious hosts. I was able to bowl in the event and to work a day of it. The roll off is May 15, 2010, good luck to all the finalists.

April 8th through 11th found me in Reno for the USBC National Tournament, not going to say a great deal about it but the City of Reno will be able to keep the lights on for a little while longer thanks to me being there.

As we get into May, it is awards banquet season, I will be attending award banquets for the Henry County USBC, Hartford City USBC, and the Rushville USBC BA. I thank these 3 associations for their invitations. I urge all associations in Indiana to invite State Officers or Board Members to your banquets, it is another way for the IS USBC BA Board to meet and talk to the bowlers of Indiana.

Don't forget to contact IS USBC BA Training Officer Mike Kirkpatrick m.kirkpatrick@comcast.net about local association board training, this takes about 2 hours and is very informative, Mike covers each board member's duties and responsibilities. Let Mike help your board be more informed and able to better serve your members.

June 26th in conjunction with IS USBC BA Hall of Fame Dinner and Annual Meeting, we are hosting the 3rd IS USBC BA Golf Outing at Oak Tree Golf Club in Plainfield. A 4-person scramble

event you get golf, cart, and lunch for \$240.00 per team, all proceeds from this outing go to the IS USBC BA scholarship fund. Contact Jon Kelley jon_kelley@comcast.net, Paul Sutton jd5thdistrict@aol.com, or check out the IS USBC BA website www.indianausbc.org for more information. This event is open to all adult Indiana USBC members.

Hope to see everyone at the Hall of Fame Dinner to be held at the Marten House in Indianapolis June 26, 2010, come help us honor Gerry Ness, Jon Kelley, and Dennis Cooper on their induction. Being honored that night will be IS USBC BA President Jerry Harvey and all honorary life members of the IS USBC BA.

Finally, the IS USBC BA annual meeting will be held June 27th at the Lilly Center in the Martin House, Indianapolis. Every association in the state are allowed 2 delegates to this meeting, delegates must be a member in good standing of your local association and the USBC, and delegates are paid mileage for their round trip to the meeting.

The next 5th District Meeting will be hosted by the Dunkirk USBC BA on June 20, 2010.

Until next time PUSH IT UP! ☺



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 from District 7

By the time you read this, all of your winter leagues should have been completed, awards presented, prizes given and summer leagues should be under way. To all of you that improved your averages, won your leagues, and received an award, congratulations. Most important however, is the question, did you have fun!!!!!! I guess my point is this, I did not improve my average, didn't win an award, got a little prize money back, but I truly had fun bowling with my friends and seeing everyone each week. That to me, is one of the greatest rewards for bowling.

I would hope that you are planning on attending this year's Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to tell us how we are doing, and to let us know your feelings about questions or issues you might have. Also don't forget the President's Recognition Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction and the Scholarship Golf Scramble. Get a team together and enjoy more fun and fellowship. Hope to see you all there.

Congratulations to all those who have been inducted into their respective Hall of Fame this year. This honor is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of your Association and I know how proud you all must feel.

It has been great seeing you at the State Open Tournament site this year. I always enjoy meeting you all again and watching you

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compete.

2nd REMINDER: State Jamboree will be held the LAST weekend of October this year. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us in District 7. We are looking forward to seeing you all then. Looking forward to seeing you at Annual Meeting.

A. J. Hacker

Director, District 7. ☺



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

Greetings to you from District 9. Hope everyone enjoyed this year's 100th anniversary Open Championship Tournament at Evansville. I think the Evansville Association did an excellent job of hosting the tournament. Kudos to Mary Utley and the Evansville board.

I like to solicit comments from the bowlers from District 9 on how they liked or disliked the resurfacing of the lanes between squads. I personally felt the shot was more consistent from squad to squad. But please tell me how you feel. We need your input to improve

our tournament.

Annual meeting weekend is fast approaching. We need to make sure we enter several teams from District 9 in our scholarship golf tournament. Last year we had 2 or 3 teams representing us. I would like to see 4 or 5 this year. The money goes for a very good cause in the form of scholarships to our youth who are looking to further their education.

Looking forward to seeing all of you delegates at our Annual meeting. ☺



Newsletter Editor Report

Terry Henderson

This season is winding down, some leagues are done and many only have a few weeks to go. I hope everyone had a good season and most of you improved your average. For those bowlers who didn't improve, maybe you can get a coach this summer and be ready for next year. Summer leagues will be starting soon. There are a lot of fun leagues in the summer. A no-tap league can be a lot of fun. Most are 2 or 3 person leagues, so they don't take long to bowl 3 games. I would like to see more sport shot leagues. I help coach on a youth league that bowls on 12 different sport patterns. First year bowlers in this league have a hard time winning a few games. By the 2nd year they win a lot more and are better at reading the oil pattern. I bowl on a league that uses the 5 PBA Sport patterns. It is hard to score well each week. The pattern plays a little different each week because of the different bowlers style. Support your local bowling center, join a summer league.

If you have something for the Newsletter send it to me at: terrym.henderson@att.net



Past President

Jon Kelley

Sincere Thanks!!

On Thursday April 1, I received a letter in the mail informing me that I was elected into the IS USBC BA Hall of Fame (and it wasn't an April Fools joke!).

I would like to personally thank each Hall of Fame member, board member and association that voted for me. It is truly an honor.

It's hard to believe that it has been nearly one year since my term as president ended. This year has flown by also. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the IS USBC BA Scholarship Golf Tournament and the Hall of Fame induction.

Thanks again! Jon Kelley



Newsletter
Editor

Terry Henderson

2010 Indiana State USBC BA Open Tournament Opening Ceremonies Pictures

The 2010 Indiana State USBC Bowling Association Open Tournament Opening Ceremonies was at Franklin Lanes in Evansville, IN.



Brian Nunning
IS USBC BA
2nd Vice-President
MC



Central High School
Color Guard



Sounds of the Hill Choir



Russell Loyd Jr.



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Newsletter Editor

Terry Henderson

2010 Indiana State USBC BA Senior Tournament
Opening Ceremonies Pictures

The 37th State Seniors Tournament Opening Ceremonies were held at Wells Lanes, in Elwood, IN.



Jean Lennis
MC



Don Blackford
President
Elwood USBC BA



Joe Wells
Wells Lanes
Proprietor



Merrill Taylor
Elwood Mayor



Phyliss Hussong
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The First Ball
Sharon Justice



The First Ball
Danny Murray
91 Years Young



The First Ball
Phyliss Hussong



The First Ball
Jerry Harvey



IS USBC BA Scholarship Golf Scramble

Proceeds benefit IS USBC BA Scholarships

Saturday June 26 8 AM Shotgun Start

Oak Tree Golf Course

4710 East US 40

Plainfield, IN 46168

Entry Fee: \$240 per team

Hole Sponsorships: Only \$50

**Entry Fee includes: Green Fee, Cart, Lunch and Prizes
Team Prizes, Long Drive, Closest-to-the-pin, etc.**

Rules:

- 1) 4 person scramble
- 2) All team members must be USBC members
- 3) Team handicap must be at least 50 (only 1 player less than 8)

For more information contact...

Jon Kelley (765) 963-3399 or Paul Sutton (765) 932-5287

Entry Deadline – June 1

Limited to first 36 teams entered



Coach's Corner

Terry Henderson

I help coach a youth league that uses a different lane oil pattern for each of the 12 weeks. The Premiere Youth Scratch at Cooper's Sport Bowl in Anderson, IN. They start with the 5 PBA Sport patterns and on week 11 they get my favorite pattern a 50 foot flat oil pattern. We like to try out some of the new Kegel oil patterns.

Each bowler bowls 4 games, moving each game. There is a dress code like High School Bowling. The league has a championship tournament week 13 for the top 7 bowlers and the 8th bowler has a one game match

with the most improved bowler for the 8th spot for the championship tournament. Each match is 2 games of a stepladder format, highest 2 game total moves to the next match. The coaches choose one of the 12 patterns for the championship tournament. I always like to use the 50 Ft. oil pattern. I think it plays fair for right and left hand bowlers so everyone has the same chance.

Over the last 3 years no bowler has averaged 200+. Not sure if we can keep them under a 200 average this year, we have some bowlers that look very good. I'm waiting to see how they do with Kegels Highway To Hell oil pattern or that 50 ft. oil pattern.

As coaches, we hope is this will be the hardest 12 weeks of bowling they will ever see. Many first year bowlers only win a few matches. Bowlers that have never bowled on a sport pattern may not win a match. I have seen a lot of these bowlers after bowling in this league, when they get back to a house pattern, improve their average 20 or 30 or more.

One of the funniest times we had in the league was when one of the boys bowling in his first year in the league, bowled on a pattern he did not like at all. He told the coaches it was a stupid oil pattern and no other league or a tournament would use this pattern. He bowled a little better the next year on this pattern. A few weeks after the league was over he bowled in a tournament that used that pattern. He came back and told us: "Ok, you guys were right, some one used that pattern." He finished 3rd in the tournament and was very happy.

I coached High School Bowling for 10 years. I always wanted them to go to a sport oil pattern. I understand why they can't. There are many adult leagues that bowl after the high school bowling is over and they don't have time to rerun the lanes with a house pattern. At one time I heard some talk about moving high school bowling to a summer program so they could use a sport pattern. I would love to see that happen.

Before you think that I'm nuts, All the college bowling tournaments are bowled on sport patterns. Most of the tournaments they use Baker System format.

A youth bowler can bowl 13 years in a youth bowling program and get good coaching to become a very good bowler with a high average on house patterns. Some are the top bowlers in their bowling center. It will be a new world when they go to a college team. That 215 average you had on a house pattern may only get you a 150 game on a sport pattern if you have never bowled on one.

College coaches won't let your old coach help you any more. They run their program. I coached a young lady from age 12 until she went to college. The very first college tournament I went to watch her I saw another girl I knew on the team with her dad. He told me he didn't like their coach at all and he tried to coach her instead. Not sure if that was the reason or not, but the coach soon pulled her out to set on the bench. Out of respect for the coach I never gave any coaching advice to the bowler I came to watch and she bowled well.

I would like to see more bowling centers offer youth bowlers a sport shot league. It's the only way to get them ready for bowling for a college team.

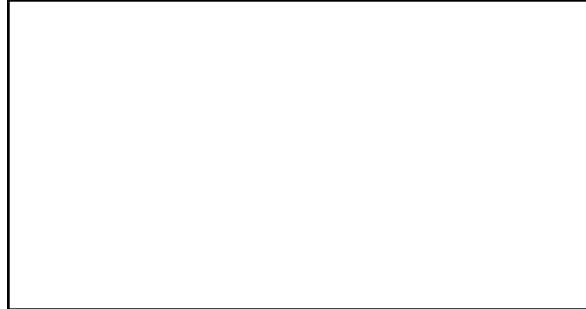
I see dads and moms coach their kids and some do a good job. Many of them are good bowlers and think that makes them a good coach. Most of them need to learn to have a little more respect for the certified coaches. I think any certified coach would be happy to help you or answer a question.

I had a girl on my high school team whose mom tried to coach her for 2 years. She averaged about 125 for 2 years. The smartest thing I ever heard her mom tell her was: "bowl better". Her mom got a new job the 3rd year and couldn't be there for her, so her dad took her to the matches. She finished with a 187 average that 3rd year with 2 Silver level coaches to help her. Her senior year she made it to the regional tournament and her mom was there. Mom coached her for the first two games. She bowled a 123 and 137. She was playing the wrong place on the lanes and mom would not listen to the certified coaches. After the first two games mom gave up since the girl wasn't bowling well. We made a ball change and moved her. We were in the bowlers area to help her and give her support. She bowled a 237 her last game. Certified coaches know our game. ☺

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IS USBC BA Calendar of Events

May 15, 2010 Senior roll off – Wells Lanes, Elwood, IN
May 23, 2010 – Open Championship Tournament Ending Date
June 26, Scholarship Golf Tournament
June 26, IS USBC BA Hall of Fame and Presidents Recognition Dinner
June 27, Annual Delegates Meeting
June 28 –July 1 – BPAA International Bowl EXPO – Las Vegas
June 29-30 USBC Senior Championships - Reno

**Get Out Of The Heat And Go Bowling In The Cool Air.
Try A Sport Shot League This Summer!!!**