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## Charla's Web

Greetings!

It's hard to believe but it is December 1st already! That means it's time for this newsletter to be published, the entry has closed for the State Championship Tournament (although late entries are accepted subject to lane availability), a new database update from USBC is due, and the holidays are fast approaching.

Let's start with the database update! I get one monthly from USBC, it comes electronically as much of our daily communication does these days! In that database are the averages and memberships of all our bowlers in Iowa! However, some of them are not showing with current membership even though they have been bowling in their league(s) for quite some time.

Why is my database not showing these bowlers with current membership? And why don't these bowlers have their USBC membership card yet? There could be a delay between the league secretary and the local association manager, or the local association manager and the transmission of information and funds to USBC.

If you don't have your card yet, and it's been six weeks or more since you started bowling, inquire with your league secretary or local manager to determine if there is a

problem somewhere so it can be resolved.

Along these lines, and because I think it's extremely important (even when I sound like a broken record) is the subject of COMMUNICATION.

Communication is SO important in every aspect of our daily lives; in our home life, our work life, and our social life too.

As the association manager for the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc., a job I take very seriously and enjoy very much, I strive for excellent communication to our membership; members and our local associations as well. This newsletter is a form of communication, but I always wonder if we were really reaching our audience.

This newsletter is posted on our website, [www.iowawba.com/newsletter](http://www.iowawba.com/newsletter) each time it is published (4 times each bowling season). I send email blasts to our local association managers to let them know the latest edition is now posted and available for reading and printing and sharing. I also post a notice on Facebook when the newsletter is posted on the website.

The Iowa WBA Bowler contains TONS of information on our tournaments, dates, times, costs, plus information from around the state, which we'd like to include more of in each publication.

The hardest thing for me to hear from any

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of our bowlers is “I didn’t know about it” or “I’ve never heard of it” or “I didn’t know it even existed”.

How do we improve communication? Email, texts, Facebook, Twitter and all other social medias are all great communication tools IF they get read by the recipient.

Word of mouth or just plain old conversation is still a great way to communicate! TALK to the other bowlers in your leagues and at your meetings. Do they know about the State Championship Tournament for women, and that the men host the Open Championship Tournament too? Do they prefer a mixed league format? Tell them about the State Mixed Tournament!

If they’re new and aren’t aware of tournaments, or have that old thought that “I’m not good enough to bowl tournaments” tell them tournaments are for EVERYONE! There are tournaments

(scratch) for the competitive bowlers, and tournaments (handicapped) for everyone.

Bowling in the State Championship Tournament, or the Open Tournament or the Iowa State Mixed Tournament is a fun day or even a weekend away. If you and your team mates have never bowled in a tournament, I encourage you to give it a try!

It’s time for me to start the next process in the State Championship Tournament process, assigning lanes and getting everything lined up and ready to go! February 13, 2016 will be here before I know it and that is opening day of the 2016 Iowa State USBC WBA State Championship Tournament in Clinton and Camanche. I hope to see you there!

Until next time, *Charla*

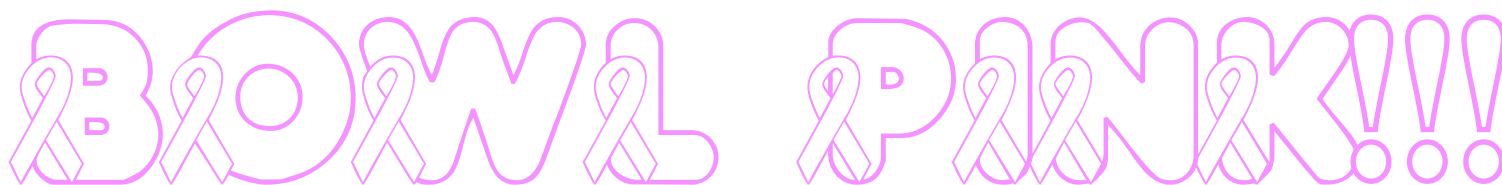
# 990 IRS FILING

A reminder from  
Charla Green, Assn. Mgr.

Just a final reminder to all Local Association Managers, if you have NOT yet filed your 990 E-Postcard with the IRS, as required by law, DECEMBER 15 is the deadline!

PLEASE, if you have not filed, DO IT NOW! Failure to file places for 501 (c) 3 (non profit) status, AND your charter with USBC in jeopardy.

If you need assistance, please contact Charla at [isusbcwba@frontiernet.net](mailto:isusbcwba@frontiernet.net).



## Entry Deadline January 25!!!

The Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Association will conduct a mail-in singles tournament for all current Iowa adult USBC members in support of the “Komen for the Cure” and “Bowl for the Cure®.”

The entry form must be returned to the Tournament Director postmarked no later than January 25, 2016 (if any weather issues, entry deadline may be extended). The score verification form must be postmarked no later than February 25, 2016. Sanctioned league scores for the week of January 31, 2016, through February 6, 2016, will be used. If, however, your scheduled league bowling is postponed that week or you are unable to bowl due to illness, etc., scores bowled the week

of February 7, 2016, through February 13, 2016, will be accepted. If there are any questions about using scores from a different week (other than listed above), please call the Tournament Director ASAP.

This tournament will be handicapped at 100% of 240, and will have three (3) divisions for the women (averages 135 and below; averages 136 to 155; and averages 156 and above); and three (3) divisions for the men (averages 170 and below, and average 171 thru 190; and averages 191 and above). One entry may be submitted for each USBC certified league and/or tournament (team event) in which the participant is bowling. Photocopies

of the entry form and of the score verification form will be accepted. Cash prizes will be paid on a ratio of 1 to 5 entries.

Entry fee will be \$5.00 (\$2.00/prize fund; \$2.00/Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and “Bowl for the Cure®,” 50¢/expenses; 50¢/director fee).

The prize fund will be returned 100%.

All of the funds raised will be returned to Iowa to our affiliate organizations. Questions??? Contact Shannon McHugh (515-386-2043 or [mchugh@netins.net](mailto:mchugh@netins.net)).

Together we can make a difference!!!

# IOWA STATE USBC WBA TO HOLD 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

By Charla Green, Association Manager

The Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Assn., Inc. will conduct the annual meeting at the Wild Rose Casino & Resort in Clinton, IA on March 12-13, 2016.

Local associations from across our great state are encouraged to file their DELEGATE CREDENTIAL papers with the state office as soon as possible. Filing deadline is January 15, 2016.

Delegates will register for the convention and receive materials pertinent to the meetings and business to be conducted during the annual meeting.

Although the meeting weekend is about the business of bowling and the Iowa State USBC WBA, a lot of fun is also packed into the weekend!

The Clinton-Camanche USBC WBA's, our hosts for the 2016 State Championship Tournament and Annual Meeting will be hosting a Friday Night event for delegates and others arriving early for the weekend. Look for a story regarding this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Saturday morning, March 12 at 9:00 a.m., we'll start our day with the annual meeting Workshop which will feature our USBC Regional Manager, George Lambert. Shirley Bloodsworth, 1st Vice President of the Iowa State USBC WBA and the Workshop Committee chairperson will work together to bring the attendees information and fun during the 2 hours of the Workshop.

The 20 Year Club will again hold its annual luncheon and

meeting following the Workshop at approximately 11:15 a.m. Club secretary-treasurer Lynne Riordan is available at [jlriordan@att.net](mailto:jlriordan@att.net) for information and tickets for the luncheon. The luncheon will be available to all annual meeting weekend attendees; however, the meeting of the 20 Year Club is for their members.

The Annual Meeting will start promptly at 1:00 p.m. Awards will be presented, reports from the various committees doing the work of the Iowa State USBC WBA will be shared followed by meetings of the Iowa Women Bowling Writers Club, and the Iowa 600 Bowling Club.

Greater Cedar Valley (Waterloo) and Muscatine are both inviting the Iowa State USBC WBA events to

their communities for 2018. They'll be making their presentations on Saturday afternoon and follow up with a social setting on Saturday night for the delegates to visit.

On Sunday, we'll remember those who have passed on since we last got together.

We will then come back to order and finish our business which includes the election of 2nd Vice President and two directors. We will also select the site of the 2018 State Championship Tournament and Annual Meeting.

Further information will be mailed to all delegates and local association managers in mid-January. If there are any questions, please contact the state office at [isusbcwba@frontiernet.net](mailto:isusbcwba@frontiernet.net) or by calling 515-576-5561.

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# THANK YOU

By Dot Lindell,  
Marshall County USBC WBA

This is a quick THANK YOU to all for BVL donations and tournament entries from a special league in Marshalltown.

This year, our Veterans Mixed League has 12 men and one female from the Iowa Veterans Home. Because of your donations, these 13 are able to bowl a sanctioned/certified league for only \$2.00 per week out of their limited funds. The remaining weekly fees comes from BVL's donation to the Iowa Veterans Home for extra activities.

If you have a Friday afternoon free and are in the Marshalltown area, please stop by and come cheer these veterans on. We will welcome you very much!

THANK YOU again for our 3rd year for the wonderful league!



*Charla Green and Connie Rommel presenting a check to the Iowa Veterans Home administrator in Marshalltown*

## MAQUOKETA USBC WBA HOLD BOWL FOR THE CURE

By Kathy Seyfert, Assn. Mgr., Maquoketa USBC WBA

The Maquoketa USBC WBA held their Bowl for the Cure Event the week of October 18-October 24 at Timber Lanes in Maquoketa. This is the 6th year the Maquoketa USBC WBA has participated.

The event was called "Strike Out Cancer". The Timber Lane Janes league organized the event and it was conducted during all leagues, men, and women and mixed, throughout the week.

Teams were asked to get donations from area businesses to be used as door prizes. During the league nights, raffle tickets were sold and prizes were distributed to the winners. There were also pink bowling pins that had been purchased through USBC that were placed in the pinsetters. Drink specials were awarded when a league member struck with the pink pin in the head pin position.

The ladies raised over \$1,200 which was sent in to USBC Bowl for the Cure.

*Pictured is Becki Simons who won a door prize during the Tuesday ladies league.*



## HIGH SCORES IN CLINTON

Submitted by Becky Graves,  
Assn. Mgr., Clinton USBC WBA

The ladies in Clinton have been posting some impressive scores lately.

Jessica Palmer recorded her first ever 700 series, a 734, while Rachel McKenrick rolled a 732. Both gals earned their 700 Award from the Iowa State USBC WBA for their first 700 series!

Others posting big series' were Morgan Kobitka 698, Melissa Wynkoop 687, Barb Burken 685, Cleone Carstensen 684 and Cheryl Everson 684.

Notable games were rolled by Mona Clapp 270, Melissa Wynkoop 268, Jessica Palmer 266 and Erica King 261.



# NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE DECEMBER 31

By Charla Green

Charli Pals, Waterloo, is the chairperson for the 2016 Nominating Committee for the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association. Also serving on the committee are Kim Grady, Cedar Rapids, Nancy Butler, Ottumwa, Connie Lessard, Camanche, and Lynda Rhiner, Des Moines.

If you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors of the Iowa State USBC WBA, please send your nomination papers to the Charli Pals at [palsbc@mchsi.com](mailto:palsbc@mchsi.com), or to the Iowa State USBC WBA office at [isusbcwba@frontiernet.net](mailto:isusbcwba@frontiernet.net).

net. The deadline for filing is December 31 annually.

Elections will be conducted at the annual meeting of the Iowa State USBC WBA on Sunday, March 13, 2016. Offices subject to election/re-election in 2016 are 2nd Vice President and two directors.

## AUXILIARY DIRECTORS

The position of Auxiliary Director was developed four years ago as a training tool for future candidates for the Board of Directors of the Iowa State USBC WBA.

Applications for Auxiliary Director are available at [www.iowawba.com/downloads](http://www.iowawba.com/downloads). Usually two Auxiliary Directors are appointed each year with Board of Directors approval. Unfortunately, there were no applications for the 2015-16 season.

Applications are due December 31 annually and should be sent to President Kristi Reidy at [reidykris@indytel.com](mailto:reidykris@indytel.com).

For information, contact President Reidy or the state office at [isusbcwba@frontiernet.net](mailto:isusbcwba@frontiernet.net) or calling 515-576-5561.

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# NEWSLETTER AND PROMOTIONS

By: Carma Bouska, Director, Iowa State USBC WBA and  
Chairperson, Newsletter & Promotions

## IOWA WBA BOWLER

The official newsletter of the Iowa State USBC WBA

Do you read the IOWA WBA BOWLER, the official newsletter of the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association? If not you are missing out on some good stories and information about the sport of bowling in the state of Iowa. And the pictures are always fun to look at also, especially if you know the people.

So, now is the time for you ALL to read the newsletter and share it with your bowling buddies. It gets sent to you if Charla has your email address; otherwise it is on

the website at [www.iowawba.com](http://www.iowawba.com). If you do not have a computer one of your teammates who have a computer can print it off and bring to the lanes so you can read it.

If you have anything you would like to share with the bowlers, just send a note and/or story to Charla at [isusbcwba@frontiernet.net](mailto:isusbcwba@frontiernet.net) so we can publish it in the newsletter. We welcome all stories and news about anything that has happened at your lanes or in your leagues.

You, the bowlers, are what make the newsletter interesting to read.

## PROMOTIONS

We like to have things for sale at the state tournament that bowlers would like. Do you have anything in mind that you would like to see us sell? Yes, we will have shirts and towels, but are there some other items you would like to see for sale. Give us your ideas so we can have something you, the bowler, would want.

# WHAT IS THE VIRTUAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT???

By Charla Green, Tournament Director

The VIRTUAL DOUBLES tournament is a “side event” that is associated with the TEAM event of the Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Assn., Inc. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

It’s a bit like brackets, but it doesn’t pay off until the end of the state tournament.

It’s also a fund raising event which benefits the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in Arlington, TX.

The 2016 VIRTUAL DOUBLES tournament is the 5th annual event. It uses the first team event score of the entrant from the 2016 state championship tournament (held at

Imperial Lanes in Camanche), and the first team event score of the selected “virtual” doubles partner from among the 12 members of the Board of Directors of the Iowa State USBC WBA. The tournament is handicapped at 100% of 220, just like the state tournament.

Once the bowler has entered, there is nothing else to do, except bowl! I (Charla) will pull the scores from the entrants, and the selected Board Members, put them together, apply the handicap and pay off with the state championship tournament checks. So easy!!

The entry fee is just \$5.00! \$2.25 goes directly to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame,

\$2.25 is for the prize fund! The remaining 50¢ covers expenses.

New this year! Bowlers will be allowed to enter the tournament when they check in for their team event at Imperial Lanes in Camanche! Previously, entry closed at the start of the state tournament, but in the interest of obtaining more entries, we’re going to try taking the entries on site, although entering ahead is still an option and greatly appreciated!

Enter now, or enter at your team event in Camanche! Just don’t miss out!

Thank you for helping us support our sport, historically, now, and in the future!

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# WOMEN’S SENIOR STATE TOURNAMENT

By Janice Cooper, Chairperson of Special Tournaments

The Iowa State USBC Women’s Bowling Assn., Inc. conducts an annual Doubles & Singles tournament for our senior members.

The 2016 event will be held at Waverly Bowl Inn, (12 lanes) in Waverly, IA. The dates are set! April 30, May 1, 7, 14, 15, 2016, no bowling on Mother’s Day!

Entries open on February 1 and will close on April 1, 2016. Entry is open to any Iowa State USBC WBA member who is 55 or more on or before May 1, 2016. Entry forms will be mailed to all local association managers in January, but the entry form is available right now on our website, [www.iowawba.com](http://www.iowawba.com).

Downloads tab. Entry forms will also be mailed to all entrants from the 2015 tournament.

The Senior State tournament is a doubles & singles format, and it is handicapped at 100% of a 220 base. USBC Certified. There are two (2) divisions, by AGE, not average! The divisions are: Division 1 – ages 65 and older, and Division 2, the younger set, ages 55 to 64. Entry fee is \$ 17.00 per person per event; there is an optional all events for \$3.00 per person.

It takes approximately 3 ½ to 3 ¾ hours to bowl doubles and singles, so this tournament can make a fun day away! A little drive time, a

little bowling time, time for eating somewhere new, and maybe a little shopping too!

The Greater Cedar Valley USBC is busy making plans for fun things during the tournament, and the Waverly community will be excited to have visitors during May.

Iowa State USBC WBA director, Carma Bouska of Waverly will be on hand to assist the Greater Cedar Valley USBC with the operation of the tournament.

Mark the dates, make your plans and don’t forget the paperwork!

The Iowa State USBC WBA looks forward to seeing you in Waverly at the Women’s Senior State Tournament!

# 4TH ANNUAL IOWA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT CONCLUDES

By Charla Green, Tournament Director

The Cedar Rapids USBC and Lancer Lanes hosted the 4th annual Iowa State Mixed Tournament on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2015.

The tournament fielded 103 mixed teams, 188 mixed doubles, 166 male all events and 165 female all events.

The GD 10 Pins from Greater Cedar Valley USBC grabbed 2nd place with 3,171 pins.

The Mixed Doubles winners hail from the Greenfield USBC BA & WBA. Ashley Welsch and Tyler Buckner teamed up for a winning 1,664 total. They bowled on the final weekend of the tournament.

Hiliary and Eric Schmidt of the Cedar Rapids USBC were the runners up in the Mixed Doubles with their 1,642 finish.

The men's All Events crown was won by Tyler Buckner (Greenfield USBC) with a 1,773. The runner-up was Gregg Wahman, Jr. of Stuart with a 1,706.

For the ladies, the All Events winner was Alyssa Daniels from the Greater Des Moines USBC with a 1,643, while Tracy Moorhead followed with a 1,639. Tracy is also from the Greater Des Moines USBC.

The 2016 Iowa State Mixed Tournament will be held at Bowlerama Lanes in Des Moines. The dates are yet to be determined but will most likely be in later October and early November. Make plans now to join the fun, and help us grow this fun event!

See you next year in Des Moines!



*Pictured are Stephen and Jacqi Reed, Kathy Arevalo and Wayne Haidisiak II - Mixed Teams winners from Lenox USBC BA & WBA.*



*Pictured are Tyler Buckner and Ashley Welsch - Mixed Doubles winners from Greenfield USBC BA & WBA.*

Lenox USBC team members Jacqi and Stephen Reed, Kathy Arevalo, and Wayne Haidisiak II claimed the first place crown with their winning total of 3,234 which was bowled on the first squad of the tournament. This is the 2nd year that Jacqi, Stephen, and Wayne were on the first place team!



# Iowa State BVL Tournament Bowlers to Veterans Link

By Connie Rommel, Chair

Scores are slowly trickling in for the annual BVL Mail-in Tournament. We upped our entries again this year with 3591 total entries. Thank you to all of you who coordinated entries in your association or asked your teammates to enter. Without you, we couldn't support our veterans through BVL.

This means over \$7000 will be going to BVL this year from our Iowa bowlers. A portion of the money is kept at BVL to help with national programs for our veterans and the

rest of it is given to our three VA facilities in Iowa City, Des Moines and Marshalltown to help with recreational interests of the veterans. Marshalltown uses our funds to help pay for their veterans to bowl in a bowling league. What a great thing we are doing, helping veterans share in the sport we love and promote.

Checks will be out at the end of the month or the first part of January. Again, thank you so much for helping us support the BVL.



*Charla Green presenting a check to Angie Sage at the Des Moines VA.*

## ANNUAL IOWA 600 CLUB DOUBLES & SINGLES TOURNAMENT

By Shannon McHugh, Club Secretary-Treasurer

The 2015 edition of the Iowa 600 Club Doubles & Singles Tournament was held in October at Spare Time Lanes in Jefferson. The tournament had 41 doubles entries, 75 singles entries, 75 all events/handicap entries, and 59 all events/scratch entries, with 12 different associations represented.

The doubles title was claimed by Rosie Haskell and Shirley Johnson (Dubuqueland USBC WBA) with a total score of 1525. Misty Beane and Mary Tisl-Endres (Stuart) grabbed 2nd place with a score of 1411, 3rd place went to Carla McCollough and Sue Kemnitz (Fort Dodge and Eagle Grove) - 1408, 4th place – Susie Lasher and Sandy Irish (Des Moines) - 1407, and 5th place went to Sam Foster and Tammy Rollins (Fort Dodge) with a score of 1406.

The singles crown was captured by Carla McCollough (Fort Dodge USBC) with a 826 handicap series. Shirley Johnson (Dubuqueland) finished 2nd with a score of 799, 3rd place went to Dawn Sturtz (Stuart) with a 784, 4th place was Chandra McCann (Greenfield) with a score of 772, and 5th place was Julie Koenig (Cedar Rapids) with 753.

Shirley Johnson captured the all

events/handicap title with a total score of 1616. McCollough was 2nd with a total handicap score of 1560, Lasher was 3rd with a total handicap score of 1483, Sturtz was 4th with a score of 1476, and rounding out the top 5 was Debbie Bunnell (Cedar Rapids) with a total handicap score of 1448.

Shirley Johnson also won the all events/scratch title with a score of 1304, 2nd – Susie Lasher 1291, 3rd – Sandy Irish 1268, 4th – Cindi Bushore (Ames Area) 1238, and 5th – Jan Thomas (Gr Des Moines) 1162.

In the doubles event the high individual scratch game was a 256 shot by Lasher, and the high individual scratch game in the singles event was a 266 also rolled by Lasher. High scratch individual series in singles was Johnson with a 643 and the high individual scratch series in doubles was also shot by Johnson with 661. The high scratch doubles game was shot by Lasher and Irish of 495. The high scratch doubles series was 1296 and was also rolled by Lasher and Irish.

A complete listing of the tournament standings can be viewed at [www.iowawba.com](http://www.iowawba.com) and also at the Iowa

600 Bowling Club page on FaceBook – please like us!

A great big THANK YOU to everybody who participated in this year's tournament, and a special thanks to Spare Time Lanes and John and Vickie Woodford, proprietors, and their staff. WE HAD A GREAT TIME! We couldn't have done it without any of you.

ATTENTION: If you haven't mailed in your dues in the Iowa 600 Club, please do so ASAP. Your dues must be received in order to receive your entries to the ISUSBCWBA "Triple Dip" Tournament (scores used from team/doubles/singles events) held in conjunction with our ISUSBCWBA State Tournament being held in Clinton-Camanche (entries close February 13). Entry forms are available on our FaceBook page, and also at [www.iowawba.com](http://www.iowawba.com). Call Shannon with any questions (515-386-2043) or email at [mchugh@netins.net](mailto:mchugh@netins.net).

Special thanks to Elaine and Arnie Danker for bringing food and snacks when the Mason City gals bowled (delicious!). All of our bowlers had a great time! That's really what it's all about.



# Are You a Courteous Bowler?

By Sally Reighard

Are you a courteous league or tournament bowler, one that your fellow participants are happy to share the lanes with? Or are you one who has their own agenda without respect for the expectations of your fellow teammates or the team you are competing against? Are you ready to step onto the lane when the person ahead of you in the lineup comes off? Or are you responsible for delaying the game because of one or more of these actions . . .

1. As the lead off bowler, you believe the anchor bowler must throw their ball on one lane before you start the next frame on the opposite lane. Not true. Such a requirement only applies when a team is bowling unopposed and the requirement is stated in the rules. Otherwise, when your name appears on the overhead monitor that means it is your turn to bowl – NOW. Waiting until that anchor bowler has thrown a ball just slows down the game.
2. Even though you see the person who bowls ahead of you coming off the lanes, you decide you need another swallow of your drink, and go ahead and do it before you head toward the approach, rationalizing that it won't take but a few seconds. In which case, consider this: there are five bowlers on the team. This totals fifty frames per game, a total of 150 frames per series. If each bowler takes just an extra twelve seconds before they step onto the approach that adds 1800 seconds – which equals **THIRTY MINUTES** – to the time required to complete the series. And that is just for one team. If

both teams are guilty of this delay, that could mean an extra hour or more to complete your games.

3. You are telling a teammate or a spectator about an incident in your life, or a joke, or whatever, and believe you need to finish it or they will lose the punchline. Again, those extra seconds have delayed the game. Besides, if you are telling stories, that means you are not concentrating on the progress of the game, or supporting your teammates as they are on the lanes.
4. You have finished the drink you had, and without regard to how soon you might be up to bowl, you head to the lounge to get more to drink. The time to order, make payment, and wait for your order (drink, food, or whatever) can consume several minutes, adding more delay to the progress of the game, especially if you were supposed to be the next bowler up.

5. Your team draws playing cards during the game for marks, etc. The time you spend drawing and studying your cards is usually with your back to the lanes, again not concentrating on the game or supporting your teammates.
6. And let's not even get into the issue of being on your cell phone! I could write another 1,000 words on that subject alone.

Such actions and behavior are frustrating to some bowlers, especially those who take their league or tournament competition seriously. It can be a deciding factor in whether they enter future tournaments or even return to league bowling at all. If you are, or have been guilty, of any of these game-delaying actions, now is the time to adjust your conduct.

You just might find bowling becomes more fun. And who knows, the added concentration to the competition and your own game just might improve your performance and scoring.



# CEDAR RAPIDS USBC HALL OF FAME

By Sue Strasburger

On October 25, 2015 the Marion Legion was host to 124 attendees for the 2015 Cedar Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame luncheon and induction ceremony. There were 29 current Hall of Fame Members present to help welcome in this year's inductees. They were Richard (Dick) & Cindi McBride, Dave Vig and Terry O'Connell.

Dick and Cindy have owned Lucky Six Lanes since 1990. They have spent these last years teaching and supporting our youth, sponsoring teams for the city and state tournaments and being a friend and mentor to all who have come through the door. Dick and Cindy both have quite a resume of their own accomplishments. Dick has rolled 18-300 games, 3-800 series and has carried a high average of 232. Cindy belongs to the 500 and

600 clubs. Her high game is 279 and high series is 692. She has carried a 190 plus average for the past 6 years. Both have won titles in various tournaments though out the years.

Dave started his bowling career 55 years ago at Don Mar Lanes in Mt Vernon, which was the year the bowling center was built. He continued to bowl there until the lanes burned down earlier this year. Dave is an avid tournament bowler, he has participated in 50 State, 43 National, 50 city and 40 Rockwell Collins tournaments. He too, has several 1st place finishes. Dave has had 3-300 games, over 120-700 series and has maintained a 200 plus average for the past 15 years with a high of 217.

Terry has been a standout in our bowling community for years. He has hit perfection 15 times and 3 of those were rolled the same year in 3 different bowling centers. He bowled his 1st 800 series in 1982 and has had added 7 more to his resume with a high of 842. He has maintained a 200 plus average for over 38 years. Terry was also instrumental in creating a "trade-in" program that allowed youth bowlers to upgrade their bowling balls in weight and fit as they grew while participating in youth leagues.

Congratulation's goes out to all four of these outstanding individuals for being inducted into the Cedar Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame.

*Shown below are members of the Cedar Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame.*



# WESTWARD BOUND

Written by Judy Engelbrecht

The Midwest Women's Tournament got off the ground in Lansing, Michigan, went on to South Bend, Indiana and then rolled on to Rockford, Illinois. The fourth tournament continues the journey west and is headed to Waterloo, Iowa.

The 2016 tournament will be held in Waterloo, Iowa using Maple Lanes, a 32 lane center, for team event and Cadillac Lanes, a 50 lane center, for doubles and singles. The tournament will run May 21 through June 26, including Friday night squads in June, unless extended. Tournament entries close April 21, 2016.

Tournament Manager, Charla Green confirmed, as of November 9th, reservations for 241 teams have been made, plus 183 team entries have been received with bowlers from 15 states, all the way from Maryland to Florida

to Texas to Utah. Six of the team squads are full with only one spot left on another team squad, and five of the doubles and singles squads are full. Bowlers - get your reservations and entries in!

The third tournament, held in Rockford, Illinois wrapped up with 946 teams, 1,862 doubles and 3,723 singles. Prize money totaled \$174,187 including the additional prize money enhancement of \$15,000, the result of tournament fund raising.

The 2017 Midwest Women's Tournament will rebound to the east and will be held in the Dayton, Ohio area. Team event will be held at Poelking Marion Lanes in Huber Heights, Ohio, a 48 lane center, and doubles and singles events will be held at Beaver Vu Bowl in Beavercreek, Ohio, a 64 lane center. The tournament, which

includes Friday night squads, will be held May 26, 2017 through June 25, 2017, unless extended. Tournament entries will close April 26, 2017.

This is a fun tournament which has been very well received by bowlers from the east coast to the west coast and continues to grow. Get your teams together and be part of the fun in Iowa. Check out our website at [www.midwestwomensbowling.com](http://www.midwestwomensbowling.com) for entry blanks and tournament information.

Go west ladies, go west - join us in Waterloo!

## Future MWT Schedule

2016 Iowa

2017 Ohio

2018 Wisconsin

2019 Michigan

2020 Indiana

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# WELCOME TO THE 10TH ANNUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

By Sue Strasburger

The holidays are in full swing which means the 2016 Iowa State USBC WBA State Championship Tournament is just around the corner.

The Clinton and Comanche Associations along with the support of both bowling centers and the community are eager to show us their hospitality. The Iowa State USBC WBA anticipates a great tournament for all those bowling in this year's event which runs from February 13 through May 15.

We would like to remind everyone that starting this year you will be able to sign up for the Virtual Doubles on

the day that you bowl your first team event. This is a side tournament that allows you to bowl with any or all of the Iowa State USBC WBA Board. The cost is \$5.00 per entry. Forms will be available at the team center. A portion of the entry fee goes to support the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. Please support this event and its cause.

Again this year we will be having a Friday Night get together for those coming in for the Annual Meeting. The event will be held March 11 at the convention site which is the Wild Rose Casino & Resort. They will

be offering a Pasta Bar with salads, breads, dessert, coffee, tea or water for \$15. That includes tax & tip. There will also be a fish dinner available for those observing Lent. There will be more information on how to order tickets in the January mailing to this year's delegates. You do not have to be a delegate to attend the Friday Night get together or to attend the convention as a visitor.

We would like to thank all of you that have entered this year's tournament and to those who will be serving as your voice at this year's Annual Meeting.

# HONOR ROLL

## HIGH GAME

Kandi Burris	Ames Area	300	9/10/15
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuque	300	9/24/15
Michelle Abbott	Greater Cedar Valley	300	11/13/15
Roxie Bush	Greater Cedar Valley	300	11/12/15
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuque	300	11/19/15
Stephanie Beck	Dubuque	289	11/19/15
Stephanie Beck	Dubuque	279	9/24/15
Heather Barth	Greater Cedar Valley	278	9/15/15
Amber Simpson	Greater Cedar Valley	278	9/28/15
Roxie Bush	Greater Cedar Valley	278	10/7/15
Heather Barth	Greater Cedar Valley	278	10/20/15
Andrea Brown	Davenport Metro	276	10/13/15
Laurie Hiatt	Dubuque	277	11/12/15
Connie Rommel	Greater Cedar Valley	276	8/20/15

## HIGH SERIES

Stephanie Beck	Dubuque	770	9/24/15
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuque	751	11/19/15
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuque	738	9/24/15
Amber Simpson	Greater Cedar Valley	736	9/28/15
Jessica Palmer	Clinton	734	10/27/15
Rachel McKenrick	Clinton	732	9/20/15
Dana Homolar	Greater Cedar Valley	724	9/10/15
Cindy Cottrell	Dubuque	715	9/17/15
Stephanie Beck	Dubuque	714	10/22/15
Deneen Woerdehoff	Davenport Metro	713	10/26/15
Brianne Wilson	Greater Cedar Valley	711	10/4/15
Roxie Bush	Greater Cedar Valley	709	11/12/15
Laurie Hiatt	Dubuque	707	11/12/15
Nicole Nelson	Greater Cedar Valley	707	9/17/15
Roxie Bush	Greater Cedar Valley	700	9/30/15
Shelly Hamer	Greater Cedar Valley	700	9/30/15
Val Clancy	Dubuque	700	10/14/15

# THE DREADED 10 PIN! OR 7 PIN FOR THE LEFTIES!

By Melody Felton; Co-Owner, K.O.'s Pro Shop & USBC Silver Certified Coach

If you are a right handed bowler and wish to be more successful in converting the 10 pin spare (exact opposite for the left handed players) you need to move to the left side of the approach.

It is recommended to place the instep of your sliding shoe covering the guide dot on the 35 board (counting from the right edge of the lane) and using the 17 board at the arrows as your sighting target.

From this alignment you should be able to make small lateral adjustments

to either your starting position or your target. Lateral adjustments can depend on how much you hook the ball, how much lane oil is applied to the center of the lane, what type of ball do you use for spares and how you walk to the foul line.

Paying attention to how you walk to the foul line is very important. You don't want to walk absolutely straight and then have to turn your body at the point of release nor do you want to walk too many boards to the right from where you have started. A slight drift to the right toward the center

arrow is recommended to create an angle to the ten pin with less error to miss.

Some of my students have also implemented the visualization of creating a colored path from their target to the 10 pin. If you are doing these things and still having problems the addition of a spare ball can be beneficial.

Once you have finalized your approach, targeting, and maybe the addition of a spare ball, practice, practice, practice!!





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