

STRIKING NEWS



Fall 2010

Cedar Valley AAU Bowling

Brad Fangman

In late January, the bowling proprietors took a conference call to talk about a new program for the state of Iowa. AAU Bowling would be a program that would last six weeks and give Middle School and High School bowlers a chance to continue competing after the High School Bowling Season had ended. The only stipulation put into place was that the traveling league would have to be completed by June 1, 2010 in order to have a state final. By the time most of the bugs had been worked out with the school distribution, it was the end of March. The Cedar Valley had a total of 10 High School Bowlers and 21 Middle School bowlers sign-up for the 8-week season. From this point, the coaches picked the top five averages in each age category to make up three teams (2-middle school, and a high school) to compete in the State Competition at the end of June, with the winners having the option to go on to the AAU Jr. Olympics in Virginia Beach, Virginia. To our astonishment, all three teams not only qualified, but won their divisions. One week later, the coaches, parents, and athletes met to decide if this was something that was worth sending the kids to compete. By a 100% vote, the teams were going to go to Virginia Beach.

Now came the task of trying to raise enough money, the kids, parents, and coaches did every fundraising thing they could think of from car washes, candy bar sales, to pancake breakfasts. They even had a Volleyball Tournament with a garage sale. After all was said and done, they had raised enough money for the charter bus, as well as some activities. The Olympic Competition started with the team events. It was a two day qualification round consisting of two games each and the five baker games. The Olympic Committee then cut the field to the top eight teams in each division. The teams would then compete using a fifteen baker game set to decide the winners. Our Cedar Valley Middle School Girls won their division giving them each a Gold Medal. Both of the boys teams just missed competing in the finals, however the Cedar Valley Middle School Boys did earn enough points to get them 5th Place and a Copper Medal.

As the team portion of the events drew to a close, the single events started on the same day. The entire squad from the Cedar Valley bowled in this event. John Schares however, was the only one who had qualified at the state level. The event

would consist of a combination of two days of competition with three game blocks. After the first day, all the athletes were sitting in good position to advance on. The second and last day of competition brought stiff competition with only three of our middle school bowlers making it into the finals. The Olympic Committee decided that the finals would consist of a Step-Ladder finish for the five point winners. These roll-offs would be done PBA Style. Makenzie Ruddy and Cameron Walker both were placed in the 5th position which meant they would have to face and beat four other bowlers to medal. Alexis Wilson was the top seed in her division. Mackenzie won her first match, but lost her second match. This gave Makenzie a 3rd Place Bronze Medal. The winner of Makenzie's match then faced Alexis Wilson. That match was very close all the way to the end with Alexis winning 2nd Place Silver Medal. The other three girls from the team (Amber Ovel, Jennifer Reynoza, Olivia Ferrie) all placed high enough in the event to earn Bronze Medals. Through this entire time, Cameron Walker was in very strong battles for the medal contention. Win after win Cameron worked his way up to the final round. Without any rest in between matches, Cameron rolled ball after ball to win a Gold Medal.

Not only did these athletes bring home sixteen medals, they also brought home pride awards for their dress attire. The parents and coaches continuously heard how nice the Iowa athletes looked in their matching burgundy shirts and khaki pants. The parents even had t-shirts that matched the kids. It was a sight to be seen when fifteen athletes, three coaches, and twenty three parents and friends stepped off the bus each day. Every one of these athletes cannot wait to compete next year with a chance to attend the next Olympics in New Orleans.



Back Row: Aaron Schmadeke, Ben Goode, Michael Greve, John Schares, Cameron Walker, Josh Sorensen, Blake Smith

Second Row: Amber Ovel, Jennifer Reynoza, Alexis Wilson, Olivia Ferrie

Front Row: Makenzie Ruddy, Nate Geiger, Jacob Boleyn



Coaches:
Ryan Wilson,
Dana Homolar
Brad Fangman

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fall season brings colorful landscapes, football games, and kids back to school and the most important sport of all, bowling. Welcome back to the 2010-2011 bowling season. As I start my first year as President of the greatest local association in the state of Iowa, I have some big shoes to fill. Jim Johnson had been your President for the last 4 years. Most of you don't know the hard work that goes in running this association. Jim took his job to heart and did a super job. Thank you Jim for all you did for the bowlers in the Greater Cedar Valley.

The Board of Directors is here to help you and inform you of special events being held at our local centers and also the state and national events. Our web site will be kept up to date for your use to get information on tournaments,

board contact information, annual meetings, fund raisers, board application forms, Hall of Fame and all special award forms. www.gcvusbc.com

If you have any suggestions or concerns, contact myself or anyone on the board. We are here to help and support you to have fun at our great sport.

Again, welcome back to a great bowling year. May you have that great score you have been waiting for.

Connie Rommel
President



The Iowa Women's 700 Bowling Club will hold their annual 4 Game Singles Tournament at Lightning Lanes at 1110 E. Main in Manchester on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Entries are open to all women who have bowled a 700 series and have paid their 700 dues. Dues for the club are \$5.00 and must be paid before bowling. Entry fee is \$20. This is a 4 game handicap tournament bowled across 8 lanes. Entrants will use their highest average of the 2009-10 bowling season of at least 21 games. Contact Charla Green at 939 South 24th St., Fort Dodge, IA 50501-6146, cgreen@frontiernet.net or 515-576-1805 or Connie Rommel at crbowler@aol.com or 319-290-0117.

2010 ~ 2011 Iowa State BVL Mail-In Tournament

The BVL (The Bowlers to Veterans Link) is a national organization which provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services to veterans at our nation's VA Medical Centers, Vet Centers and State Homes. BVL picks up where government funding leaves off, providing the extras that brightens spirits and boosts morale.

Thanks to BVL, music, the arts, recreation and sports are incorporated

into the rehabilitation process-speeding recovery and sending a message of care and remembrance to our country's heroes. For many of our veterans, being able to participate in a fun and normalized experience such as bowling has aided in their health and recovery to a significant degree.

You have an opportunity to support this nation's veterans and all you have to do is bowl your regular league night. The Iowa State WBA helps support the BVL every year by hosting

an annual mail-in-tournament, raffles at the state tournament and donations. This year's tournament will be held November 7-13. Cost for each entry is \$5. You can enter in every league you bowl.

To enter this tournament, obtain an entry form by contacting your local association manager, your bowling center or you can download the form off the Iowa State WBA website: www.iowawba.com

This is the 4th year of hosting this tournament. From your entries and generous donations, we have

submitted over \$10,500 to support our veterans. The monies are submitted to BVL with a request that our funds come back to the three Veteran's facilities in the state of Iowa. Charla Green and I were privileged to travel to Iowa City, Des Moines and Marshalltown with last years checks and personally hand over the funds you, our Iowa

bowlers, raised for our state's fine veterans. What an honor it was.

In early August, nearly 3,000 Iowa Army Guard soldiers left their homes for what will be a one year deployment to Afghanistan, making it the largest deployment since World War II. These men and women along with others, who were deployed previously, will be our Veterans of the future. Chances are some of these men and women will be using our Iowa Veterans Facilities. They will need our help.

Please take time to pick up some entries and talk with each other and everyone of your league bowlers about the need of our Veterans. Be your league tournament coordinator.

These men and women have given so much to each of us so we can have our freedoms to live in this great country. Let us do our small part to show we care and will support them in their time of need.

Connie Rommel
BVL Tournament Chair

You can make a difference in the lives of our Iowa Veterans!!



Watch For These Upcoming Events

Iowa Women's 700 Club Bowling Tournament, September 25
Lightning Lanes, Manchester, Iowa

State Officer's Jamboree, October 2 & 3
Valley Park Lanes, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Pro-Am Tournament, October 15 & 16
Maple Lanes, Waterloo, Iowa
October 15 - 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Pro Practice
October 16 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Pro Tournament
October 17 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Pro Finals

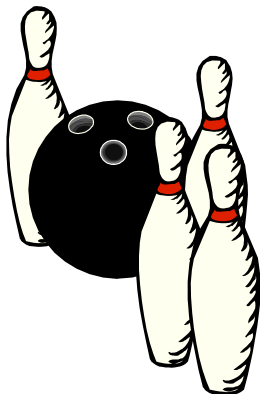
Pancake Breakfast, October 17
UAW Hall, Waterloo, Iowa

Local Officer's Jamboree, October 24
Maple Lanes, Waterloo, Iowa

BVL Mail-In Tournament, November 7-13
Local Centers, League Times

GREATER CEDAR VALLEY OFFICER'S JAMBOREE

Our local Officer's Jamboree will be contested at Maple Lanes this year. Show up on October 24th for a good time bowling followed by a buffet. We will be bowling a doubles format once again this year. The cost remains the same, league officers will pay \$12, while non-officers will be charged \$18. The cost will include your meal. Come on out and join us, it's really great fun!



Thank You

Retirees

Jim Johnson and Judy Henry

Jim - director and president of Waterloo Bowling Association and president of Greater Cedar Valley USBC.

Judy - director, 2nd & 1st VP of Waterloo Metro WBA and director of Greater Cedar Valley USBC.

GENE'S SENIOR MOMENTS

Cyril Burlage—Age 67
Fifth year bowling Sr. leagues
Bowls in 2 leagues
Last years average 188—this year 195
Most improved bowler in Sr. stars league
Sportsmanship good

Ace Rogers—Age 70
Fifth year in Sr. leagues
Bowls in 2 leagues
Last years average 182—this year 185
Sportsmanship excellent
High games: 7—200 + High 255
High series: 668

Ellie Sorge—Age 82
12 + years bowling in Sr. leagues

Last years average 145—
this year 156
Most improved bowler award in Sr.
Stars league “ladies”
Sportsmanship good
High game: 192
High Series: 525

Cliff Kolthoff—Age 65
Fifth year in Sr. league
Bowls in 2 leagues
Last years average 173—this year 187
Sportsmanship excellent
High games 277 & 278
11 in a row trophy
High series 724

Esther Burlage—Age 62
Second year bowling
Bowls in 1 league
Last years average—135—this year 143
Sportsmanship excellent
High games 3—200+
Her oatmeal cookies are great!

Dorothy Murphy—Age 79
Ten years bowling in Sr. leagues
Bowls in 3 leagues
Last years average 147—this year 156
Sportsmanship excellent
High games 4—200 +
Series 4—500 +



USBC BA STATE OFFICER'S JAMBOREE

Valley Park Lanes—October 2 & 3
Cost: \$15.00
Squad Times:
 October 2—2:00 & 4:00
 October 3—8:30 & 10:00
Reserved entries close October 2.
Entries close October 3 at the beginning of the 10:00 squad.

Open to all USBC league officers (men & women), local and state association officers, bowling proprietors, local and state bowling Hall of Fame members.

Banquet will be at the Holiday Inn at noon on Sunday, October 3rd.
Cost: \$15.00

Followed by workshop from 1:00 until 3:00. There will be an entry form available at iowabowl.com

Send entries, reservations and checks to:

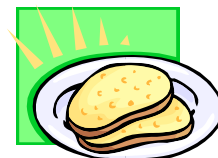
Loretta Wander
2110 S. Oak Avenue
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Pancake Breakfast

Hey! Hey! Mark your calendars now for October 17th for the Greater Cedar Valley & Cedar Falls Bowling Association's Annual Pancake Breakfast at the UAW Hall.

The usual menu: our famous pancakes (all you can eat), made to order eggs, hashbrowns, sausage and beverage.

Cost:
\$5.00 in advance
\$6.00 at the door



600—700 Tournaments

December 5—Maple Lanes
February 20—Cadillac Lanes

Format will be the same as in the past. All women who have bowled a 600 or a 700, and all men who have rolled a 700, are eligible to participate. Must pay \$3.00 dues prior to bowling. No other details are available at this time.

