

# STRIKING NEWS



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## OPENING CEREMONIES

For the next 15 weekends, women from around the state will be rolling into town to bowl in the 2nd Annual Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Tournament held at Maple Lanes.

Opening ceremonies were held February 9th prior to the first shift to begin at 11AM. Earlier in the morning, 56 youth bowlers from Maple Lanes, Cadillac Lanes and Valley Park Lanes participated in the ISUSBC WBA Annual Youth Singles Tournament. The first three places won trophies and \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00 scholarships respectively. Third place was Jessica Fuller and Nicholas Peyton. Second place was Amy Colter and R.J. Dixon. And first place was Courtney Wilson and Queshawn Roby.

Mayor Tim Hurley of Waterloo, Mayor Jon Crews of Cedar Falls, Christa Miede of Waterloo and Kim Burger of Cedar Falls representing the Convention and Visitors Bureau, gave welcome speeches.

Bruce Strom, proprietor (Maple Lanes) gave a welcome and introduced his newest member of the Maple Lanes family. A contest will be held to name him. Names submitted are King Pin, Ten Pin, Pin Head Happy Pin and Topsey.

Kristy Reidy, President of the ISUSBC WBA introduced the members of the state board. Connie Rommel, 1st Vice President of the GCV USBC introduced members of the local board.

This year, we selected a bowler from the participants to roll the first ball. Ruth Schuster from Dubuque was our "Betty Bowler". She knocked down 9 pins and received \$1.00 per pin from Bruce Strom.

by Judy Henry

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Hot Shooting

On December 17 in the Viking League, at Cadillac Lanes, the Wholesale Mortgage Solutions team shot a team score of 1351. That score is #3 in the top ten scores for the nation so far this season. Scores were:  
246–300–247–279 & 279 = 1351.

On December 26, at Cadillac Lanes, Hoffman Construction of the Brunswick League rolled a 3639 scratch series.

Total team average was 1044, to make the team series average at 3132. This made it 507 pins over their team average!  
Nice Bowling guys!

### Local 600 & 700 Clubs

600 Club was to have their doubles tournament Jan. 13, but due to not enough participants it was canceled. The 700 Club held their singles that day. The winner of that was Ned Dumer with at 648. Then we had our 600/700 mixed doubles. The couple that won that tournament was Kim Gerst and Dave Gerst. They had a 1338 series.  
Congratulations. And hope to see more participants next year.

Well, the women's state tournament is finally underway and hopefully all are having a good time. And as always, we are still asking for help to keep things running smoothly.  
There are many things one can do,. Help check in bowlers, do brackets, sell 50/50 raffle tickets, work at the craft table and scorekeepers.  
If you would like to assist, please leave your name and number with Loretta Wander or at Maple Lanes. They will get the information to the right people in those area. Once again, Thank you.

### Striking News

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### Departures from our bowling family

Valentine Hilby	July 2007
Myrtle S. Flaig	September 2007
Dick Tournier	October 2007
Don Kilpatrick	October 2007
Don Willasson	October 2007
Earl Randall	October 2007
Mildred Bundy	December 2007
Wayne Brissette	December 2007
Mildred Pierce	January 2008



Robert Brimacomb	August 2007
Ailene Amundson	Fall 2007
Leonard Rumpza	October 2007
Tony Barber	October 2007
Fred "Bud" Dell	October 2007
Robert Meighan	November 2007
Janni Muller	December 2007
Ethyl Rommel	January 2008
Roy Fangman	February 2008

Our friends and family may be gone, but shall not be forgotten.

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**Turkey...**Three strikes in a row.

**Wash Out...**A set similar to a split but with a head pin. This is usually the 1-6-10 or the 1-4-7 combination.

**Woolworth Split...**The 5-10 split.

If you come up with any other terminology used presently or in the past, drop a line to me. Hope you enjoyed this .  
Sue Neebel

## Do you know these terms in bowling?

I have read and heard interesting terms for this game of bowling. Some are used to this day, but many I have not heard. See if you recognize any of the following terminology.

**Apple...**This is another name for a bowling ball. It also was used when a bowler freezes up in the pinch. It is said that a bowler gets the "Apple."

**Baby Split...**These are the 2-7 or the 3-10 splits.

**Backup...**A ball that fades away from the pins as it approaches them.

**Big Four or Double Pinochle...**The 4-6-7-10 pin split, two pins are in each corner.

**Brooklyn or Jersey Hit...**A ball delivered at a full set of pins which crosses over from the right and hits the head pin on the left side. This would be done by a right handed bowler. A left hand bowler would cross over from the left and hit the head pin on the right side.

**Bucket...**The 2-4-5-8 or 3-5-6-9 pin combinations. The four pin combinations create a diamond shape.

**Cherry...**Knocking down the front pin or pins and leaving a pin standing in the rear while trying for a spare.

**Curve...**A ball that travels from the foul line to the pins in a large arc.

**Dead Wood...**The pins left in the alley bed after a ball has been delivered. The next ball should not be rolled until the alley has been cleared.

**Double Wood...**Two standing pins, one directly behind the other.

**Dutch 200...**A two hundred (200) game bowled with strikes and spares alternated throughout.

**Flat Ball...**A ball that has little or no spin. This type of ball usually is deflected after striking the head pin and is ineffective. A ball without spin has also been known as a "**Bag of Water**" or a "**Cream Puff**".

**Goal Posts...**The 7-10 pin split. This split can also be called the "**Bedposts**".

**Grandmother's Teeth...**Three widely separated pins, or groups of pins, such as 2-5-7-10 combination.

**Graveyard...**An alley that is difficult to hit high scores on.

**Gutter Ball...**A ball that goes into one of the gutters that run along either side of the alley bed.

**High Hit...**A ball which hits the head pin almost dead center. This can be called a "**Nose Hit**".

**Hook...**A ball which breaks sharply in toward the pins from the side of the alley. This is the opposite of the backup.

**House Ball...**A ball that is owned by a bowling establishment.

**Kingpin...**This is the number 5 pin.

**Light Hit...**A ball which hits the head pin lightly on the right side. The is the opposite of a "High Hit".

**Mother-In-Law...**This is the back pin in "Double wood". This is also known as "In the Dark" or the "Sleeper".

**Open Frame...**This is a frame in which neither a strike nor a spare are scored.

**Part of the Building...**A pin which remains standing after an apparent strike hit. This is widely seen as the ten pin.

**Pie Alley...**This is an alley which yields unusually high scores. Sometimes they can be known as "Sewers" or "Slots".

**Pit...**This is the area at the end of the alley bed where the pin boy used to work before automatic pin setters were invented. It is still called the pit today.

**Pocket...**For a right-handed bowler, this is the space between the number 1 and 3 pins. This area usually creates a strike.

**Spare...**Getting all ten pins with two balls.

**Split...**A combination in which there are one or more pins down between standing pins. If the headpin is up, then it is not a split.

**Spot Bowler...**A bowler who does not look at the pins as he bowls, but who aims at a spot down the alley.

**Strike...**Knocking all ten pins down with the first ball of a frame.

**SENIOR MOMENTS** by Gene Spears

**HANDICAP**

I have found that most senior bowlers and seniors are not in the minority, as many bowlers don't understand handicap. When they see a high average bowler, they automatically think it is no use bowling that day because they are going to lose. But when they win, they say they were lucky. Some don't understand, it is just as hard to bowl a 200 game all the time as it is for them to bowl a 112 game all the time. In the senior leagues at Maple Lanes, all leagues but one, have the same handicap, 100% of 210. So, if the 112 average bowler bowls a 115 game and the 200 average bowler bowls a 200 game, the 115 game wins by three pins. So, when we try to get senior bowlers to bowl in our city tournament, and we say they will get 100% of 220, some still don't understand and don't want to bowl.

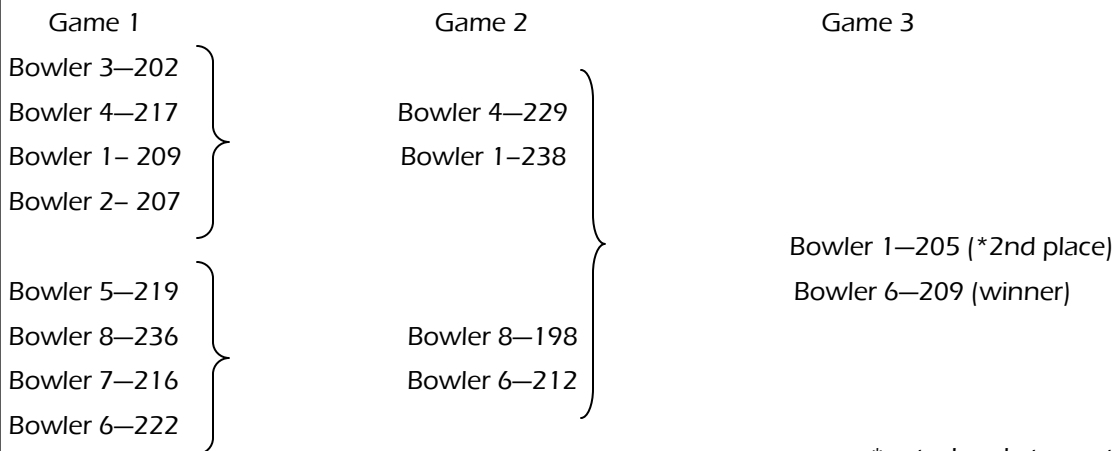
Seniors, handicap is set up to give everyone a chance to win. I will admit, however, when the bowlers average is 235 to 240 or so, the higher average bowler does have the advantage.

Remember, handicap is not bowling with a bad back, or using a cane or even your age. It is a way to make the game a little more enjoyable and more fair to all. Yeah, handicap gives you a pretty darn good chance of whipping the pants off that high average bowler.

**BRACKETS**

In the same way many don't understand handicap, these same individuals may not understand brackets. In our city tournament, we run two brackets. One scratch bracket for averages of 191 and over and a handicapped bracket for averages of 190 and under. Brackets, ideally, are set up in groups of eight. The computer automatically shuffles the bowlers and sets up the brackets. All brackets start with eight bowlers, cut to four after game 1, cut to two after game 2, with the winner determined after game 3. If you get through two rounds, you are guaranteed at least a second place finish.

Sample Bracket



\*note: bracket pays two places

Just remember, 190 and under will automatically have handicap added to their actual score.

If there are only 6 or 7 people in a bracket, the computer will still automatically set up pairings including byes. If you happen to get a first round bye, you will automatically advance to the second round. Just think, you could shoot a 146 your first game and still win the bracket if you're the lucky bowler with a first round bye. In case of a tie game, both bowlers advance so then you must beat not only the other bowler with a win, but also the bowler with whom you tied to advance to the next round.

I've seen many bowlers carrying lower averages win money in brackets, and it's all a result of the handicap they receive.

Now that you understand handicapping and brackets, we look forward to many more bowlers trying their luck in the next tournament.

Good Scores and Good Bowling! Charli Pals