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Welcome back bowlers

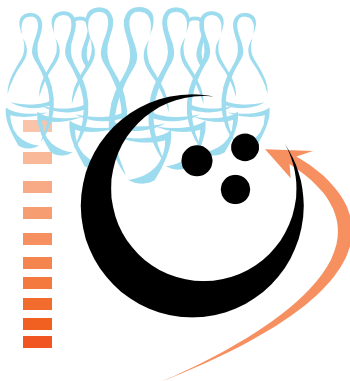
Wow, where did the summer go? *It's time to get out the shoes, dust off the bowling ball and head for the lanes.*

The Greater Cedar Valley Board of Directors welcomes all new and returning members. Let's all go out and have some fun and a great season. Sure, we'd all love to have good bowling and great scores, but the main thing is to just go out and have fun.

Take some time this month to welcome the new bowlers in your leagues. Let's make each and every one of them feel welcome. As you know, we're always looking for new bowlers to help fill the leagues.

Were any of you able to recruit a new bowler this season? If so, hats off to you!

Not only does the association appreciate it, but the proprietors also appreciate it.



ate it. If you don't believe it, just take a look at the "Bowlers First" program offered at participating centers.

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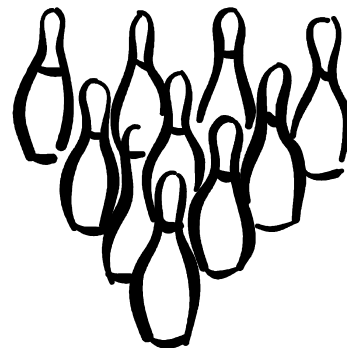
Let's make every new bowler feel welcome!

Officers Jamboree

The Officers Jamboree will be held at 1 p.m., Oct 12 at Maple Lanes. This is a three-game singles handicap tournament with men's women's and youth divisions. Members who can participate in the tournament are all league officers, team captains, board of directors and Hall of Fame members. If a league officer or team captain cannot bowl, someone else from his or her league can enter as a representative for them.

The participant cost will be \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. This will include your meal after bowling. Non-participants may purchase a meal ticket for \$6.00.

Watch for more details at area bowling centers.



600-700 Club News

By **MARK PREGLER**

GCVUSBC Director

Over the past 40 years I have missed maybe two seasons of bowling – one to Fort Benning and the other to who-knows-what in my teens. During most of those years I have always wanted to be a member of the prestigious 700 Club. I was “initiated” around 1983, back when initiations meant something and membership was an honor. Times have changed. High scores became easier. Equipment became more sophisticated – urethane, reactive resin balls, synthetic lane beds, etc. A *lot* has changed.

The Greater Cedar Valley USBC has decided to manage both clubs. This decision was not made lightly and has been discussed for almost two years. Conversations with local and state officers from both clubs have been maintained, and it was decided that our board would commit to manage, promote, “tweak”, run, and try to bring back some of the fun we should have as members!

To do this properly we need to stop and look at where we have been and where we want to go. Being a member should mean something - an honor. Here’s what we have come up with.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Greater Cedar Valley USBC 600 and 700 Clubs are organizations consisting of our BEST bowlers existing to promote the BEST in what our chosen sport of bowling has to offer:

- 1) Sportsmanship: The best positive attitude in the pursuit of honorable competition;
- 2) Integrity: Honesty and Fairness to all bowlers;
- 3) Charity: To volunteer for, promote and financially support our future through youth bowling;
- 4) Leadership: To set a good example through actively participating in our local organizations;
- 5) Friendly Competition: To bowl with, for and against each other as an example for our youth.

This is about being a true, actively participating member. This is about welcoming NEW members into the club and asking them to participate! Constructive thoughts, ideas and promotions are sought after and welcomed! Just talk to any board member!

We are looking at some major changes – all for the good!

1) Organizing: Building and keeping a membership database, and contacting / recruiting our membership similar to how we organize a board member to attend every league meeting.

2) Communicating: Most of us have email. Once-a-year post-cards and before-league announcements aren’t enough. We need to get with the times. Plan the work, work the plan! We cannot ask the bowling centers to do our promoting for us. We have to promote ourselves, using our own members and resources!

To paraphrase something Loretta Wander pointed out, “It’s do-or-die time. We either find a way to make these clubs work, or put them to rest.” She’s right. And we are not the only clubs facing these problems. This is not the fault of past officers. Every other club around the state – and nation – are having similar problems. How can we compete with rising prices, other tournaments and other bowling center events?

We will start with a membership drive and meeting. Association officers will begin collecting membership dues in October by canvassing the lanes. Or you can voluntarily place your name, phone number and email address on an envelope containing your \$ 3 membership dues and turn it in to the front desk of your bowling center, asking them to place it in the Association Mail Box. Your membership card will be given to you shortly thereafter.

Loretta is in both centers several times each week and will receive all dues and communications.

If you have thoughts, ideas, suggestions or any other information that will help us get organized and move ahead, feel free to email mark_pregler@yahoo.com, or contact any GCV USBC board member.

Come & get 'em at the Pancake Breakfast

Hot, fluffy and golden, they go great with butter and syrup, and they help support some great causes! Come join us on Oct. 19 for our annual Pancake Breakfast at the UAW Local 838 Hall, located at 2615 Washington St. in Waterloo. Serving time will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All-you-can-eat pancakes will be served, plus eggs, sausage, hash browns, juice, milk or coffee. The cost is only \$5.00, and

children age 5 and under eat free.

Proceeds from the GCVBA’s annual Pancake Breakfast benefit youth scholarships and the Food Bank of Northeast Iowa.

Contact Loretta Wander (277-6745) if you’re interested in joining our youth volunteers as a server. Otherwise, just bring your appetite, and we’ll look forward to seeing you there!



Meet your Board of Directors

We would like to introduce four more Directors to the GCV Board:

Melissa Nicholas is currently serving as Director, and previously served on the Waterloo Metro WBA Board as Director for approximately five years. She and her husband, Tim, bowl together on Wednesday evenings in the John Deere Sportsman League, where she is the secretary. She has three children and one grandson, who bowls in a youth league. Melissa is employed by Maple Lanes. When not bowling, she enjoys reading and riding motorcycles.

Charli Pals, one of two Vice Presidents of the GCV Board, previously served as Director of the Waterloo Metro Board. She has also been a delegate to several state and national conventions. Charli started bowling as a teenager and has

rolled several 600 series, with a high game in the 240s. She has been married to Bruce Pals for 47 years, and they have two sons, seven grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Both Bruce and their son Craig are avid bowlers with several honor scores to their credit, and their other son, Brian, has written a number of bowling articles for the Waterloo Courier. When not involved in the bowling scene, Charli enjoys reading, cross stitch and walleye fishing.



Gene Spears serves as Director on the GCV Board, as well as a Director on the State Senior Board. A bowler for 54

years, Gene has rolled three 300 games and a 789 series. Gene's wife of 49 years, Darlene, also bowls, and they have three children and five grandchildren. When not on the lanes, Gene enjoys boating and snowmobiling.

Jeff Sauer, who has served as secretary of the Cedar League for 20 years, comes from a bowling family, and first started bowling at age 7. He has been bowling for 40 years, and has to his credit a 300 game and a 752 series. Jeff's father was a past Director of the WBA, and his mother served as a Director and Second Vice President of the Waterloo Metro WBA, where his sister also served as Director and Assistant Sergeant at Arms. Jeff and his wife, also a bowler, have five children and one grandchild. He is a letter carrier, and when not working or bowling, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Senior moments

Advantages of bowling a Senior League in the Greater Cedar Valley USBCBA:

1. A number of choices, as there are thirteen daytime leagues at Maple Lanes, at least one every day.
2. You may choose morning or afternoon leagues at 9:15 a.m. or 1 p.m.
3. If you prefer, there is a 3-in-1 league at Cadillac Lanes on Tuesday at 1 p.m.
4. In all leagues, free coffee, and sometimes cookies, are offered to bowlers.



Roll a turkey, get a hug!

5. Some leagues take a coffee break at the halfway point of their bowling.
6. Quite often, someone will bring in donuts at break because of a birthday or anniversary.
7. The cost of bowling is much cheaper than in the evening leagues.
8. If you miss a day of bowling, you don't have to pay for a sub bowler—subs pay for their own bowling.
9. If there isn't a sub available and you miss, the most you pay is 25 cents to the prize fund. (However, in the 3-in-1 league, the bowler must pay for their sub or missed bowling).

10. In most leagues, a team is four bowlers, except for the Senior Stars at Maple Lanes and Senior Classic at Cadillac.

11. Handicap is figured on 100 percent of 210, except for the Senior Stars and Senior Classic leagues, which are scratch.

12. The best thing about senior bowling is that you meet many friends! Plus, senior bowling is low-pressure because there's not a lot of money involved, just older people that love bowling.

13. And... when you roll a turkey (three straight strikes), you'll get a hug from members of the opposite sex on both teams!



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BVL Mail-in Singles Tournament

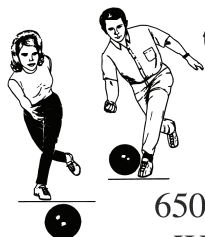


The Iowa State USBC WBA will conduct a mail-in singles tournament for all current Iowa adult USBC members in support of the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). The BVL raises approximately one million dollars each year for the nation's veterans in need, as well as supporting hundreds of other therapeutic and recreational programs at VA medical centers, Vet clinics and out-patient clinics.



www.gcvusbc.com

The tournament is conducted by submitting USBC certified league scores bowled the week of Nov. 16–Nov. 22, 2008. The entry fee is on \$5.00, the registration deadline is Nov. 1, 2008. To obtain an entry form or information, contact Connie Rommel at 234-8620, or email crbowler@aol.com.



Let's Go Bowling at Cadillac Lanes

650 LaPorte Road
Waterloo, Iowa
319-234-6888



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Calendar of events

SALE, SALE, SALE...

Oct. 1—Entries open for Iowa State WBA (Cedar Rapids) and BA (Dubuque)

Oct. 1—Reservation deadline for USBC Open Championship in Las Vegas

Oct. 12—Officers' Jamboree at Maple Lanes, 1 p.m.

Oct. 19—Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Nov. 1—Reservation deadline for Iowa State BA Open Tournament in Dubuque

Nov. 1—Closing dates for Singles/ Doubles for Women's National Tournament in Reno

Nov. 9—CVBC Scholarship Tournament at Valley Park

Nov. 9-15—BVL Week

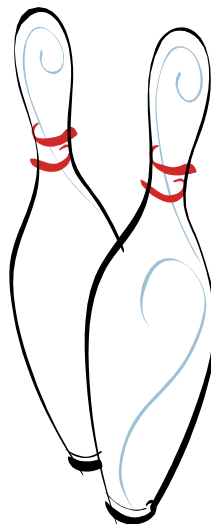
Dec. 1—Entries close for Iowa State BA and WBA Tournaments

Dec. 1—Entries open for Greater Cedar Valley Youth Association Tournament at Cadillac

Dec. 12—Entries close for USBC Open Championship Tournament

Dec. 13—Entries open for Greater Cedar Valley Open Tournament and Women's Tournaments

Jan. 17—Entries close for Greater Cedar Valley Open and Women's City Tournaments



Keepsake is having a sale on rings! All you have to do is bowl an honor score or have had one in the past.

Commemorative rings for 11-in-a-row, 298 and 299 will be on sale through Dec. 31 at a cost of \$49.95.

Check the website on-line at www.keepsakebowling.com or call 1-800-982-6515 to place your order.

