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# Lane Chatter

Southeastern Ohio USBC

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## Did You Know...

Bowling is the number one participation sport in the nation and Ohio ranks second out of all our states with 191,000+ certified bowlers? Wow!



## Attention All League Secretaries

- A membership card needs to be filled out by anyone bowling in your league, even if they are certified in another league - ask to see their membership card. *You are the one responsible.*
- *Don't forget to print the name of your league on the membership card!*
- Carry a copy of your league rules with you each week.
- Carry a copy of the USBC Rules Book with you each week.
- Need an average? Each bowling establishment has a current yearbook - ask to see and use it.

## Tina Leasure Wins Officers/Team Captains Tournament!

From a field of 42 contenders, Tina Leasure, a quiet competitor, rolled games of 221, 199 and 245 for an incredible scratch series of 665 and a handicap total pin count of 785 to win the 25th Annual League Officers and Team Captains Tournament sponsored by the SEOHUSBC.

Tina's bowling career began 30 years ago when her parents took her open bowling at the age of two. She joined her first league when she was four and threw her first 600 series at the age of 12, making her the youngest girl ever to bowl a 600 series!

A member of the Thursday Starliters League and Saturday Night Mixed League at Starlite Lanes, Tina

feels the sport of bowling is in her genes as she is the fourth generation of her family to bowl regularly in certified leagues and compete in tournament play. She competed with her parents, Jim and Diane Leasure, in the Officers and Team Captains Tournament, totally enjoying the afternoon together.

When asked what she felt was the best part of bowling, friendships made and people she meets was her answer. She also likes to help others with their game while bowling if asked to.

Once a youth bowler herself, she strongly participates in the youth program at Starlite Lanes in

Baltimore every Saturday morning. Her fellow coaches say they would be lost without her.

Tina will be honored for her tournament win at the SEOHUSBC Annual Spring Banquet.

Those competitors who finished in the top six places with Tina were Connie White, second place with a 756 handicap series, Chris Fields not far behind in third place with 747, Ben Azbell with a very close fourth place finish of 743, Virgil King in fifth place with 728 and Bob Sharp securing the final money spot at number six with 695. Congratulations!

Thanks to all who bowled and had fun with us!

## Holiday Projects Benefit Veterans and Charities

Christmas Project envelopes have been passed through all certified leagues. Monies collected in Lancaster are split equally between five charities. Money collected from Circleville bowlers will be

split between two Circleville charities.

**Veteran's Week** - SEOHUSBC board members and bowlers will be walking through leagues selling 50/50 tickets with monies donated to the Bowlers to

Veterans Link, a national organization set up years ago by a group of bowlers promising *never to forget our veterans.*

Your donations matter. We thank you in advance for your participation.

## POINSETTIA SALE IN PROGRESS!

The holiday season is fast-approaching and the SEOHUSBC Board is again selling poinsettia plants to spruce up your holiday decorating, give as a gift to a family member or friend, buy for your church or organization, etc.

6" potted plants are available in red, pink, white and marble (pink and white blend) for the bargain price of \$8.00. Ask anyone who has purchased one or more of these beautiful flowers before just how pretty and healthy they are!

Poinsettias will be delivered the first week of December.

Payment is needed at the time of your order, checks payable to SEOHUSBC.

For additional information or to place an order, contact Diane King, Chairperson, at 653-2345, or Joy Kellenbarger, Association Manager, at 653-1598.



### Tiki Lanes To Host Queens Tournament in 2007

The prestigious Queens Tournament open to all USBC WBA female members with an average of 170 and over in a USBC certified league will be held at Tiki Lanes on January 13 and 14, 2007! Entry fee is \$85 per competitor, minimum of five (5) games with double elimination. Entries close December 15 - more details to come! Ladies, save your \$\$\$.

## Know Our Proprietors...

*Lane Chatter will feature one of our five area bowling establishment proprietors in each of the next five issues - maybe you know them, maybe your don't, but we thought maybe you'd like you to...*

"Operating a bowling center is the most unique business in the world" says Greg Russell, part owner and manager of Tiki Lanes, a 42-lane center in Lancaster. Director of operations for the past six years, Greg says it's fun, frustrating and challenging, but even when it's frustrating, there's always a sense of anticipation something good will happen soon - it's the people factor.

Greg feels he is one lucky manager by having the support of his board of directors and through his

association with the Southeastern Bowling Proprietors group whose wisdom and friendship has helped him grow and become a better proprietor through the years.

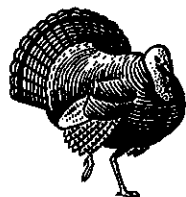
Admitting to having "ruffled some feathers" and the fact he does not handle delays happily, he pushes himself hard. If he feels he is right, he stands firm, yet on the flip side of this coin, if he was wrong, he will try to make things right.

Greg loves what he does and works hard at it. You will find him at Tiki every morning by 7:30 am, even though the lanes do not open until 9:00 am, just to make sure everything is ready to go.



## Kudos To...

- Bob Sharp, a director of the SEOHUSBC, who attended the Ohio USBC WBA workshop held in Chillicothe, OH as the only male attendant there! Roberta Haffner and Don Sparks of the USBC provided attendees with information on how to run a successful association. Bob said he learned things he's never known. If you see him around the lanes, please take a moment to commend him for the immeasurable interest and dedication Bob has shown and contributed to the new Southeastern Ohio United States Bowling Congress!



*Happy Thanksgiving  
to everyone from all  
of us with SEOHUSBC!*

## Tournament Action

- Lancaster 600 Club Singles Tournament, Sunday, December 3, Starlite Lanes in Baltimore, squad time 2:00 pm, entry fee is \$11. Entries close Saturday, November 25. Entry forms available at all area bowling establishments. Annual meeting will be held following tourney play. Questions? Contact MaryAnn Thompson, president, at 862-8687.
- 78th Annual Ohio Women's Inter-City Tournament will be held January 27 - April 1, 2007 in Wooster, OH. Entry fee \$18. Forms available at all area bowling establishments. Entries close November 30, 2006.
- USBC BA (Men's) State Championship Tournament will be held in Toledo, OH. Reserved entries close December 1 with final closing December 25, 2006. Entry forms available at all area bowling establishments.
- First drafting for the men's local city tournament and the women's local city tournament is underway. Both competitions are planned for the first of the new year. Watch Lane Chatter for details!