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Lane Chatter

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Thanks for reading the Lane Chatter...Look for it every

Senior Qualifier Results

The Southeastern Ohio USBC hosted the Senior Qualifier on September 13 and 14 at Lincoln Lanes. There was an increase in entries this tournament but we would like even more of our seniors to take advantage of this opportunity participate next season.

Winners by their division were: Men's Division A (70 & over) Ken Konkler 742; Men's Division B (63 to 69) Gary Farmer 792; Division C (55 through 62) Dave Leupold 699. In the Women's Division #1 (70 and over) Kathy Nash 750; Women's Division #2 (63 to 69) Marian Allen 739 and Women's Division #3 (55 through 62) Marilyn Robinson 719. All winning scores include handicap. Complete prize list is posted at all centers.

Each division champion received a paid entry into their respective division in their State Senior Tournaments to represent our association. They will also be honored at our Spring Banquet.

Good Luck to all of our Senior Tournament bowlers.

Prize money can be picked up at Tiki Lanes from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on Oct. 10 or from 10 AM to 4 PM on Oct. 12. Pick up your prize money and buy a book or two at our Book Sale.

Let's get ready to bowl!

Don't forget the Bowl for the Cure Tournament on October 12. Come support this worthy cause. You can walk in on the day of the tournament if lanes are available. The cost is only \$10. If you can't bowl make a donation. Large or small, all donations are greatly appreciated.

The following weekend, Oct. 19, the Officer's and Team Captains Tournament will be held. Once again Tiki Lanes is the place to be. This fun tournament will be followed by a Q & A session and snacks will be served and are included with your entry fee. Where else can you have fun bowling and be fed for just \$12?

Attention Youth Bowlers! The SEOH USBC Youth Championship Tournament will be held in November. Entries are out and we

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Changes for Local Association Championships

Open and Women's Championship Tournaments

Recently the tournament committee held a meeting to get ready for the Local Association Championship Tournaments.

The tournaments will be held at Pickaway Lanes, in Circleville, hosting the Team event and Lincoln Lanes, in Lancaster, hosting the Doubles and Singles. Both the Open and The Women's Championship Tournaments will be held during the same time frame and the centers will be divided.

There will be walk in entries for the team event only. The same format as last season with the requirement of arriving early, payment of an additional fee and only if lanes are available. There will be multiple squads on some days.

Please note the following changes that have been made in the Open Championship Tournament:

- A. **There will be no tournament board for the Open.** The reason for this decision was because of the problems of the past two seasons with people erasing other people's names, too many people signing in the same square and then not having enough room to bowl on the squad which caused over crowding on the lanes.
- B. There will be a 1st and 2nd choice of times on the entry. **Be sure to get your entry in early if you can only bowl on a certain date or squad. You will bowl on your 1st choice unless you are notified.**
- C. Additional eligibility requirements have been added. Please see rule #1 for full details.

Youth Championship Tournament

The Youth Championship Tournament will be held at Scenic Lanes, in Logan, which will host the Team Event and Lincoln Lanes, in Lancaster, which will host the Doubles & Singles Events.


The divisions in the tournament have been changed to comply with USBC guidelines. There will be Open Division (male and females together or males only participate) and the Girls only Division. These will include different divisions by average, as it has been done in the past tournaments. Entries are out. See the entry form for full details and of course if you have questions please call Joy Kellenbarger at 740-653-1598.



Attention all youth bowlers who are seniors in high school:

Did you know you can apply for the Lloyd Russell memorial scholarship?

All centers have the applications and full details are included. In these days of high costs for schooling, you should Apply today!

12!  Come "Strike Out Breast Cancer"! Bowl for the Cure! Tiki Lanes October

 Officers and Team Captains Tournament October 19

What should you do if ?

Q. A bowler commits verbally to bowl in a league. The bowler doesn't show up to bowl the first week because of personal reasons. After 2 more weeks the bowler has not bowled. What should be done?

A. The bowler should be contacted by the league secretary or treasurer. If the bowler states they are not bowling in the league now, they owe for the weeks missed and for 2 additional weeks if a replacement is not found.

If you have a question or problem, call Joy Kellenbarger at 740-653-1598. Maybe your question or problem will be featured next month.

*All leagues should have their prize list finalized by the 5th week of bowling. Presidents did you appoint your committee to take care of this?

Lancaster Women's 600 Club to host Tournament

The Lancaster Women's 600 Club will host their tournament at Starlite Lanes on November 2 at 1:00 PM.

If you have ever rolled an actual 600 series, you are eligible to join. It only takes one. It is a handicap tournament. Come bowl with us.



Don't forget the book sale on Oct. 12 at Tiki lanes. The sale will be held from 10 AM to 4 PM. Everything is reasonably priced.

Come get some great buys for those cold winter days to come!

Community Service Project

The Southeastern Ohio USBC will hold a fund raiser to assist local charities. This year some changes have been made. Each day in Lancaster area centers, volunteers will come to the centers and will hold a drawing with half the funds collected being given back to the winner and half the funds going to the chosen charities. We hope you will support this change.

The charities that received funds last season were: Fairfield Center for Disabilities and Cerebral Palsy, Fairfield County MRDD and Fairfield Industries in Fairfield County. In Pickaway County, the money that was collected was donated to Pickaway County Hands for the Disabled. In Pickaway county the leagues are being asked to send an envelope around to collect donations for this charity. The letters have been mailed and extra envelopes and letters are at the desk at each center.

The charities are always very glad to get this donation as their funds are being cut and



Are you still excited?

Written by: Joy Kellenbarger

Some of my grandchildren recently started bowling in their youth leagues. Personally, I love to bowl and I have been known to have a good time while bowling. But something special always happens to me when I watch my grandchildren and the other children bowl. I see their excitement and I get such a rush of enthusiasm, joy and sheer pleasure.



Mykaela, age five, is a beginning bowler in the “Pee Wee League”. She gets so excited every time she rolls a ball. It doesn’t matter whether the ball hits the bumper, gets a pin or two or doesn’t hit any pins.

I also have a bowler in the “New Comers League”. This is the next step in their bowling career. Learning to roll the ball without the bumpers and learning lane courtesy are an important parts of this step. Emma, age seven, has not lost her zest for the game. All deliveries bring excitement. Will the ball stay on the lane? If it does, will it knock down a pin or several. Once again, it doesn’t matter it is so very exciting.

Then we move on up to the “Early Bird League”. Two of my grandsons, Aaron who is nine and Nick who will soon be ten, bowl on the same team with two other young men, Tanner and Corey. This team remains together after moving up from the “New Comers”. At this level the bowling skills are improving and they do care whether they get a mark or not. Even though they care, they cheer for each other and the team they are competing against.

When we find ourselves in our leagues, maybe we should think about our youth bowlers and how much pleasure and excitement they get from their bowling. Wouldn’t it be great if all of us got this same rush? It doesn’t have to end just because we get older.

Last summer, I met a blind bowler in our association. He bowled in a summer league with my daughter, Megan. She stopped in one night after bowling and said, “Mom, I have met the most amazing bowler.” Now that can mean many things and I wasn’t sure if she had witnessed a perfect game or someone who had amazing accuracy but the worst luck having split after split. I inquired, “What happened?” She proceeded to tell me about this bowler and how he just seemed to enjoy bowling probably the most of anyone she had met. Now she had met a number a bowlers during the years of me dragging her and her sisters in and out of bowling centers. She never mentioned that he was blind. It didn’t matter.

I met Robert Thomas, Jr. and he was just what Megan had said. Very interesting, a pleasure to talk to and pure joy to watch bowl. Robert had a fire at his home shortly after our meeting. He showed up to bowl even though he had just been released from the hospital. He was told that maybe he should rest and recuperate. His response was one to remember. He stated, “If I did that, I would miss the sound of the bowling pins crashing together.” He got such pleasure of hearing all the pins crash during the league.

Let’s all try to get enthused and excited about the sport we love. Remember to enjoy yourself!

Local Board Members Attend Workshop

The Southeastern Ohio was well represented at a workshop sponsored by the Ohio USBC WBA on September 20th in Belleville.

Alice Snider, Bob Sharp Vicki Becker and Lynn Ridenour learned about Retaining Members, Motivation & Recognition, Roles & Communication and Marketing techniques to use to benefit our local association.

Talk to any of these members about what they learned.

