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# Lane Chatter

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

## Greg Russell inducted

Greg Russell was inducted into the Ohio Bowling Council Hall of Fame on Nov. 1, 2008 for Meritorious Service at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbus.

Greg is well know for his promotion and support of bowling locally as well as all over the state and has served many organizations including the Lancaster Bowling Association, the Southeastern Ohio USBC, the Southeastern Ohio Youth Association, Ohio Bowling Council, Ohio YABA and others. Greg has served on state and national committees and has received the Golden Pin Award in 2003 for employee relations which is given by the BPAA.



Greg's interest in bowling began at an early age when his late father, Lloyd introduced him to the sport. Not one to set on the sideline, Greg jumped into serving as a league secretary for his youth league and then he served on the Youth Board. He continued to serve in various positions through the years.

One thing Greg is very proud of is

### Officer's & Captain's Results

the fact that he was elected to the Lancaster Area Bowling Hall of Fame in 1996 following his father who was inducted in 1986.

Congratulations Greg!

The Southeastern Ohio USBC hosted the Officer's & Team Captains Tournament on Oct. 19 at Tiki Lanes with 40 bowlers in the competition.

Leading the way to victory was Ed Loraditch rolling a 773 (591 + 182 hdcp) for the 1st place honors. A close 2nd was Joy Kellenbarger with 772 (633 + 139 hdcp), 3rd with a 761 was Bill Becker (693 + 68 hdcp), Cheri

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Open & Women's entries are out. Sign up today!	
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Watch for our table toppers for information on upcoming events at all centers!	
Tournaments entries are available on the web site <a href="http://www.geocities.com/SEOHioUSBC">www.geocities.com/SEOHioUSBC</a>	

# Bowlers to Veterans Link

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Do you know what the BVL is and does?

By: Joy Kellenbarger

Let me share some information about this great organization.

The BVL, was founded in 1942 as the Bowlers Victory Legion, by a group of caring and concerned bowlers who promised "We will not forget about the sacrifices made by America's service men and women."

The name was changed in 1972 to the Bowlers to Veterans Link.

- BVL is a national nonprofit charity (501(c)3) which supports the neediest veterans.
- BVL responds to veterans in need - recuperating veterans, veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and aging veterans - giving them an outlet for the joy, freedom and friendship that recreation and sport can bring.
- Bowlers to Veterans Link provide arts and crafts programs, music and sports activities, reading materials, board games and much more for recuperating veterans in all 172 VA hospitals.
- A growing number of WWII veterans in their later years are suffering the often lonely days of long term care. Thanks to you and your donations to the BVL, these often forgotten heroes can enjoy billiards, cards and bingo or even spend their days fishing, bowling or gardening through programs at the State Veterans Homes throughout the country.
- The BVL is supported and guided by the bowling industry and the nation's league bowlers. More than 1,200 local bowling associations nationwide participate in the BVL fund-raising effort and coordinate local efforts.
- The Bowlers to Veterans Link is America's only national sports organization specifically devoted to veterans with 80% of all money collected being used for the veterans, 13% for promotion and only 7% for the administration costs. BVL prides itself on one of the lowest overhead percentages while the commitment remains to insure that America's veterans are the recipients of the most funds possible.

Are you wondering what happens to the money we collect? The money we collect is donated to the BVL and designated to help our local veterans. The monies collected will go to the Chillicothe VA Hospital and to the local Lancaster Clinic to help with whatever our local veterans need.

You can go to this website for more information <http://www.bowlforveterans.org>

**Help us help our veterans! Support our fund raiser Nov. 9 - 15!**



## **Lancaster Women's 600 Tourney held!**

Starlite Lanes was the place to be for good times and high scores on Sun., Nov. 2. Kim Rankin took 1st place honors with a 769, Joy Kellenbarger placed a very close 2nd by rolling 767. Next came Ginny Sims with 735 and Sue Saylor rounded out the winners with 733.

The annual meeting was held followed the tournament.

Complete scores and details of the meeting, election and upcoming promotion for Lancaster Women's 600 Club members will be in the next Lane Chatter.

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December 14, 2008

Lancaster 700 Club and the Lancaster Women's 600 Club Doubles Tournament  
Entries are out! Come bowl with us.

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Poinsettia time is here! They make beautiful and inexpensive gifts.



## What should you do if ?

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Q. A bowler commits verbally to bowl in a league. The bowler does 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.

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\*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?

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### Lancaster Women's 600 Club to host Tournament

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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!

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### 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 our 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, 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. 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

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## Are you still excited?

My grandchildren recently started in their youth leagues. I love to bowl. I have been known to have a good time and enjoy myself. Something always happens to me when I watch them and the other children bowl. I get such a rush of enthusiasm, joy and just a sheer pleasure.

I have a new beginning bowler in the "Pee Wee League". Mykaela, age five, gets so excited every time she rolls a ball. It doesn't matter whether she hits the bumper, gets a pin or two or doesn't hit any pins.

I also have a bowler in the "New Comer 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.

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 sister in and out of bowling centers. She never mentioned that he was blind. It didn't matter.

I met Robert Thomas 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, "That if he did that, he 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!

Written by: Joy Kellenbarger



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## 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 listened to information how to retain and recruit members, Motivation & Recognition, Roles & Communication and Marketing techniques to use to benefit our local association.

