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Welcome to our newest CBW Directors!

By Tina Martin

Ask a busy person to do something and you get the results! Last year at the inaugural Operation Freedom Paws Tournament in Morgan Hill several of us CBW Board members captured the attention of Phyllis Castrovinci of San Jose and Carmen Bettencourt of Gilroy asking them both to consider serving on our Board of Directors. It did not take long and they both considered the offer with a YES!

Donna Morales, tournament manager, had the support of the California Bowling Writers, Operation Freedom Paws and Santa Clara County USBC Board to run a fun active event that raised \$3600 for the day. Both Phyllis and Carmen were actively involved in whatever needed to be done that day and, in the weeks, before and after the tournament.



Phyllis has been bowling since she was 13 years old. She is currently President of Santa Clara County USBC. She was on the Youth Board before joining the Women's Board and when the Associations merged, she continued on the SCCUSBC Board as Director, Sgt. At Arms, VP and now President. She attends both State and National conventions as a Delegate. She was a league secretary for over 25 years and finds time to bowl in 2 travel leagues and is active in both 500 & 600 Club and coordinates tournaments. Her interests are with youth bowling and Veteran tournaments, especially BVL.



Carmen has served on both the Santa Clara County WBA & USBC Boards, 500 & 600 Club and now happy to serve on the CBW Board. She bowls in a league at Gilroy Bowl as well as Travel League. She is currently SCCUSBC Sgt. At Arms and is a Delegate for both State and National conventions. Her interests are to see Bowling as a competitive sport in the high school level. Carmen is proudly employed by Operation Freedom Paws...promoting "Four Paws, Two Feet, One Team" ...what a bonus for US. We welcome Phyllis Castrovinci & Carmen Bettencourt to the CBW Board!



Congratulations to Fred Eisenhammer

Fred Eisenhammer holds the plaque commemorating his Marijane Viat writing award from his story in the California Bowling News that was titled: "Memorable, Emotional – You've Come to the Right Place!" The annual award, presented by the California Bowling Writers and sponsored by Len Nicholson, honors the individual who has written the top bowling story in a California publication in the past year. Eisenhammer wrote a moving story in the Sept. 13, 2018 edition of the California Bowling News.

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President's Perspective

By Bette Addington



New Directions for CBW for 2019!

The CBW Board and Annual Meetings were held in conjunction with the annual CUSBC State Convention the weekend of June 7-9 and proved to be a step in the right direction. Our complete CBW Board was in attendance and a lot of positive ideas were exchanged and discussed.

At the Board Meeting we discussed our goals for 2019 and one was reaching out to bowling writers who write for CA bowling newspapers; one was finalizing our updated Policy & Procedures; and, to continue our annual charity drive and keeping Operation Freedom Paws as our charity. Our Annual Meeting was held right after our Board Meeting on Fri., June 7, at the Ontario Gateway Hotel where the State Convention was held. We were thrilled to have Donna Morales attend this meeting to bring us up to speed with Operation Freedom Paws and her intention to once again put on the bowling tournament to benefit Operation Freedom Paws on Sun., Sept. 29, 2019. The location will be moved to 4th Street Bowl in San Jose. CBW will also once again be presenting this event. In our discussion about this event and this charity, we were thrilled to find out that CBW Director Carmen Bettencourt works for OFP!

You may notice some changes to this edition of your InfoLink! Our CBW Secretary, Donna Dillard, has accepted the role of the InfoLink editor position from Mary Lynly, who has done this as her "labor of love" for the last ten-plus years. If there is something you would like to see published in this newsletter, please feel free to contact Donna or me and we would be more than happy to consider your suggestion(s).

Summer will be over before we know it and Fall leagues will be underway. If you are in the market for a new bowling ball this season, please consider a Storm ball and support our sponsor.

And in closing, congratulations to Fred Eisenhammer winner of our 2019 CBW Marijane Viat Writing Award for his article "Memorable, Emotional – You've Come to the Right Place!". Our award this year was sponsored by Len Nicholson/Phantom Radio and Len plans to have Fred on one of his upcoming shows. If you have never listened to Len's radio show, check it out at www.kegel.net/phantom.

See you in September!

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Conquering Lane Conditions

By *Steve Kloempken, VP - Marketing,*
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Hello to all and thanks to the California Bowling Writers for allowing me to contribute some technical advice to this publication. Oil patterns and lane conditions have long been one of the most controversial areas in our great sport. If bowler A scores well and bowler B struggles, many are quick to point out that the conditions favored bowler A's style of play more than his opponent's. Considering that these two players may not only differ in ball speeds and rev rates, but also the hands which they use to bowl, you have just stumbled on one of the touchiest topics even today on the PBA tour.

Is there really anything good that can be said about lane conditions? Yes. With the development of the modern lane machines that can accurately distribute oil across each board individually, lane conditions have never been more precise or predictable. The PBA tour's system of using different patterns of varying length and shape has really helped improve the credibility of our sport. While these professional constructed patterns have greatly helped tournament officials conduct an unbiased event, they also confirm that different lane conditions do favor certain types of players. So, the question is this: what can you do to match up to the oil pattern that is selected for any particular tournament?

Before we can answer that question, we must first note that any given oil pattern will play differently depending on the lane surface. Several factors that one needs to consider are the age and hardness of the lane bed, material – synthetic or wood— and even the type of oil used in that center for the event. Depending on the lane surface and lane oil, any given condition can vary greatly from center to center.

The first thing a professional bowler looks at is the length of the oil pattern. This will determine how much hook you need to allow for on the backend. The length of the oil will help lead you to the proper break point; this understanding is crucial to understanding where to play the shot!

The oil pattern that was used at the USBC Open Championships tournament varied between the team and the singles/doubles events, but many surmised that the Team event pattern length was 37-38 feet, which means there will be a few different ways that you will be able to play the lanes. When the oil pattern is longer than 40 feet, the outside line is usually not an option. With a long oil pattern, it is difficult to get the ball to come back to the pocket from the outside. For this reason, the inside shot usually plays best on long oil patterns.

With a similar type of rationale, a short oil pattern usually plays great from the outside! Shorter patterns are typically classified as those 35 feet and less. With the last 25 feet of the lane being dry, an inside line usually hooks too much on the backend to keep the ball off the headpin or even crossover shot. With a shorter oil pattern, you'll need to allow for plenty of hook on the backends. A good rule of thumb is to play shorter oil patterns from the outside (first/second arrow) and longer oil patterns from the inside line (third/fourth arrow).

So, to handle the conditions at any upcoming tourney where you don't know in advance what the lane conditions will be like, be prepared to try both the inside and outside lines. Depending on your ball speed and ball roll, you may have a great shot around the first arrow while your fellow competitors may find the third arrow suits them better. Keep an open mind. There is no way to tell which type of shot will be best for you until you get there.

In closing, be sure to come prepared with a few choices in your bowling ball arsenal. It would be wise to have at least one ball with a pearl coverstock and one with a solid shell. I also recommend coming prepared with a combination of dull and shiny surfaces. But do not forget the most important ball in your bag—your spare ball. Whether the lanes are higher scoring or brutal, you'll need to make your spares consistently.

If you have any more questions, feel free to contact me at stevek@stormbowling.com.

Thank you for your time and best wishes to all!

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BOWLING EVENT SITE: 4th Street Bowl, 1441 N. 4th Street, San Jose, CA 95112

WHEN: Sunday, September 29, 2019 – 2 squads (10:00 AM or 2:00 PM)

For more info/signup with Donna Morales, hamdjm63@gmail.com, 408-246-3956
Entries close when squads are full



Congratulations to Past CBW Director Irene Wilson



Congratulations to past CBW Director Irene Wilson from Pinole! She was chosen to compete in the first ever Bowlero Elite Series in Chicago, IL in April, representing AMF Pinole Valley Lanes. She graduated from Dominican University of California with my Master of Science Degree in Biological Sciences. She completed her research these last 2 years at BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. and will next study for the MCAT, the medical school exam, to become an otolaryngologist, a head and neck surgeon. In addition, she has been serving on the Contra Costa County USBC board for a year now and continue to host youth and adult leagues and tournaments.

Pros and Stars

Norm Duke Wins Fifth ESPY Best Bowler Award

LOS ANGELES (July 10, 2019) – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, after winning two 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour titles in back-to-back tournaments at age 54, has been selected by PBA fans as the winner of the 2019 ESPY Best Bowler Award. The announcement was made as part of the annual ESPYs telecast Wednesday from the Microsoft Theatre.

Duke, who became the third bowler ever to win 40 PBA Tour titles, won the ESPY fan vote for the fifth time, out-polling Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte, 25-year-old Jakob Butturff and 22-year-old Anthony Simonsen. Duke won his 39th and 40th titles in the Go Bowling! Indianapolis Open and the Go Bowling! Greater Jonesboro Open.

“Just to be acknowledged alongside all of the other athletes for superior performance is quite enough for me,” Duke said. “To win is over-the-top special.”

With his fifth ESPY win, Duke moved into sole possession of second place on the all-time ESPY Best Bowler Award list, breaking a tie with Belmonte and Pete Weber who have both won the honor four times. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the all-time ESPY award winner with seven.

The ESPYS and related events benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research in memory of the late Jim Valvano. You can help raise awareness of Jimmy V's dream by sharing/retweeting his powerful speech, which will be shared by @ESPN (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) as well as @ESPYS (Twitter) on July 10.

Norm is sponsored by Storm.

Let's Support Women's Bowling Let's Support the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) by Frank Weiler

LAS VEGAS, NV. – I came home from Las Vegas a week after the United States Women's Open Championship and local bowlers in Southern California were still talking about this year's championship. They were excited about seeing our female professionals on television, excited about how talented the women are and how competitive the television matches were.

Thank you PWBA for putting Women's Bowling back on the map and on the rise again.

Now it's time for even greater things to happen for Women's Bowling with all bowlers supporting the PWBA. All bowlers need to attend PWBA tournaments in their area. All bowlers need to watch PWBA tournaments on television. All bowlers need to subscribe to BowlTV.com and watch our lady professionals.

All bowlers should support the PWBA by telling all of your friends, telling all of your league bowlers, telling your local proprietors and telling everyone you know about the PWBA and the PWBA tour. We need to tell everyone to support Women's Bowling by supporting the PWBA.

In addition to spreading the word about the PWBA, please support the companies who are National PWBA Tour Partners: BowlerX.com, Go Bowling.com, Nationwide, QUBICA AMF and Pepsi. Better yet, email these companies and let them know you appreciate their supporting the PWBA Tour.

Growing our sport and growing Women's Bowling begins with us, the bowlers of the world. If we don't support bowling who will? So please act now and support the PWBA.

Eve Adams Endures

By Mary Lynly



It was January 1986 and she was on a stool 17 inches off the floor when she fell. She had socks on and she slipped. She said she felt her knee crush and heard bones break. X-rays showed the leg was broken in 19 places! Fortunately, a good micro orthopedic surgeon spent hours putting her leg back together and made a new knee out of her pelvic bones. She lived with two metal plates and 14 screws. She spent one and a half months on a motion machine in the hospital and at home. Since she needed assistance, she stayed at her longtime friend Fran Thompson's home for a month. She endured crutches (which she said were a challenge) and then had to suffer opening the wound when she got a staph infection but the metal plates were removed to be sure the grafts healed. At last, she got to go home. Rehab took two years.

You can't keep someone who loves bowling away from the lanes and since she slid on her left leg, which was damaged, she had to get over her traditional four steps and use three and finish on her right leg. She continues to bowl with her right hand and a brace on the damaged leg.

So many good people have come from Oklahoma and Evedene Underwood is one. Her paternal grandmother was an American Indian and her grandfather was Irish. Eve came to California in 1942 at the age of 12. Her family moved to El Cajon where her father worked in the shipyards and her mother bought five acres in Tokay grapes where all helped work the land. The grapes were taken to Escondido to be pressed for wine.

The land had been subdivided into five-acre lots and a family bought five acres next to Eve's family vineyard which is where she met Vern Adams. Vern spent some time in the US Army and then a couple of years getting to know Eve and on May 22, 1948 they married. They moved to Linda Vista which was better for Vern's asthma and moved into their first (and last) home where Eve has been for 66 years! The first of their three children, Linda, was born on October 13, Eve's birthday, in 1949 followed by Daniel and Sheryl.

Eve got into bowling like so many of us in the years when bowling centers were appealing to housewives to come in, take lessons and join a league. The free babysitting was the real drawing card. She soon opted for a bigger league and the first meeting saw her coming away as Secretary. Sound familiar? She really became enamored with bowling and the league concept and worked to increase the size of the league. She joined a travel league at the invitation of Hall of Famer Connie Bechtel who convinced her to join the San Diego WBA Board of Directors. Ultimately, she became president of the SDWBA when it had 28,000 members. She later was elected a director on the California WBA state board and is a Member Emerita. Eve endeavored to make everything better than she found it and in 1985 she was inducted into the San Diego Hall of Fame. She met her longtime friend Fran Thompson at a National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. And their friendship has endured through her 38 National Tournaments and 60 years. They have spent numerous summers and trips abroad together and even though Fran has retired in Washington State they manage to spend time at each other's homes each year.

Vern had health problems and went through six bypasses and passed away in 1986. They had spent 38 years together.

Eve is a hardy, alert 88 years young person and says she loves bowling where her "old" friends love bowling as much as she does. The camaraderie is wonderful and no one sets the world on fire but you do your best and enjoy. She treasures her 60-year friendship with Fran. At one point she actually averaged 184 and hit a high series of 686! She's proud that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree and her daughter Linda had served as President of the Tulsa, OK USBC and was honored in their Hall of Fame in 2017. They say attitude is everything and Eve Adams is proof.

She bowls on Wednesday.

California USBC State Convention Was a “BLAST”

by Frank Weiler

ONTARIO – It was a “Blast” seeing old friends and meeting new ones. I had a chance to joke with Larry Peppers and chat with Carol Mancini. There was time to have a laugh with Kathy Bruegeman and congratulate Larry Worrall, Mike Lucas, Andre Eubanks, Eugene McCown, Tom Leigh, Pauline Armstrong and Lynn Matsubara on jobs well done. This opportunity to mix and have fun with our California officials is one of the reasons for attending the annual California USBC Convention.

Our President Kathy Bruegeman did a great job conducting her first Annual Meeting smoothly and in a timely manner. Kathy’s smile is contagious and her welcoming manner should go a long way in promoting our sport throughout the state.

State Association Manager Larry Peppers was called on several times to clarify and explain financial and policy matters. As usual, he gave clear and informative answers to the delegates. Larry gave a detailed explanation of the California Attorney General’s policy on raffles.

Gary Forman, Fountain Bowl Chief Executive Officer, also provided helpful information on the subject of raffles. He also provided helpful information on several other topics during the Good of the Order.

Mike Lucas, Hall of Fame Committee Co-Chairman, did an outstanding job at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening describing the work of the committee and introducing this year’s inductees Rosie Parker, Marv Sargent and Michelle Carter.

This year’s Convention gets an A-PLUS grade and that’s why I look forward to next year in Fresno.

Bowling Calendar – August - September

- August: 3-4: TNBA Greater East Bay Senate Bobby Richardson Memorial Tourn., squads at 9am & 2pm both days, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl, 510/508-4409
3-20: 2019 August Military Team Classic, South Point, Las Vegas, 1/800/257-6179, info@high-roller.com
9-11: PBA Tony Reyes Memorial West/NoWest Member/Non-Member Doubles, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose, pba.com
10: National Bowling Day 2019, GoBowling.com
10: CUSBC Diddy Watts Youth Challenge Finals, 9am, McHenry Bowl, Modesto, calusbc.com
16-18: 11th Cal Bowlers Tour Reno Invitational, Coconut Bowl (1855 E. Lincoln Way), Sparks, NV, 925/757-2695, calbowlerstour@aol.com
22-25: CUSBC Sr. (50+) Singles Tourn., Monterey Lanes (2161 Fremont St.), Monterey, calusbc.com
24-25: USBC Bronze Level Coaching Conf. with Fresno St. Coach Chris Preble, AMF Pinole Valley Lanes, Pinole, CA, 800/514-bowl, ex. 8969, coaching@bowl.com
- September: 3-9: 2019 Winter League season begins
27-29: PBA West/NoWest Open, Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park, pba.com
28: NLAC SoCal Queens & Princesses Tourn., 9am, Harley’s Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 323/252-7904, aweubanks@yahoo.com
29: 2nd CBW Operation Freedom Paws Bowling Tourn., squads at 10am & 2pm, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose, 408/246-3956, hamdjm63@gmail.com

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