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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - FALL 2022

The bowling season is now underway. I hope everyone is bowling well and having fun.

ABBA committees have started their work and will be preparing for the November Mid-year board meeting November 18th - 20th. We hope to see many of you there.

We are moving forward to keep all of you better informed about upcoming events and ABBA activities. We will soon be starting to send emails to all members. Don't be left out. Make sure Tonia Koo has your email address. If it is not included in the Blind Bowler Survey, you can send it directly to Tonia at tkoo@cinci.rr.com.

Enjoy the fall, with temperatures coming down and the leaves falling. We will see you in November.

**~Charles
President**

1ST VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hi everyone. I hope you had an excellent summer. I just wanted to say a quick hello and let you know I'm looking forward to bowling with you all this year. Regards I hope to see many of you at the midyear meeting and at the annual convention.

**~Tanya Jones
1st Vice-President**

REMINDER FROM THE P.R. COMMITTEE

Mail-o-Graphic

Get your practice in. The Mail-o-graphic is November 28 to January 8th. Watch for the forms to be sent or contact Sandy McDaniel.

Wayne Keeney Fund

The Past Presidents Committee has extended the application date for the Wayne Kenney Fund. Applications must be received by January 15th, 2023. For information on the application process, contact the Past Presidents Committee.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER

WELCOME TO THE 2022 – 2023 BOWLING SEASON!!!

Please remember those who had to say good-bye to family, friends and bowlers, all who are no longer with us. Please remember those in the West affected by fires, along with lives and property lost due to flooding and power outages in Michigan as well as other states, it has been another stressful year, we are looking forward to good bowling, renewed friendships and fellowship this season.

Welcome to our newly elected officers, President Charles Glaser, Stone Mountain, GA, 1st Vice president, Tanya Wilson Jones, Greensboro, NC, and 2nd Vice president Daniel Hope.

We also have a newly reorganized league, New York Rail Blazers, Secretary Lawrence Young.

Leagues, MBBA & SBBA Secretaries, Active Life members, Officers, and Tournament Directors received: The Average Book, and August Packet, inclusive of information and forms needed for the new season (if you fall within one of these categories and did not receive the items, please let me know and I will resend and/or mail to those without email addresses.) Please send your email address, it might have been listed incorrectly.

We are still asking for used rails you no longer need and willing to sell. Contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

A few reminders (especially for new secretaries:

Minutes should be maintained for all league meetings.

1. *A prize list should be approved by the league at least by the 5th week of the bowling season. It can be amended at a later date.*
2. *The fiscal year for ABBA is August 1st through July 31st of the following year.*
3. *Leagues should review and update their by-laws or constitution on an annual basis per ABBA bylaws Article IV, Sec. 3.*
4. Policy Statement F-3, Financial Reports from Member Leagues, approved in November 2011: Leagues under ABBA's 501c3 status must submit a brief Fund-Raising Guideline explaining how the proceeds will be used.
 - *This information should be recorded in the meeting minutes. The league's fund-raising guideline should be sent to the ABBA Secretary-Treasurer if the league plans to raise more than \$1,000 in a year. That amount does not include prize money.*

5. *League secretaries must file the 990 EZ form with the IRS each year. If this is not done, the league is removed from the list of ABBA leagues covered by the nonprofit status. Leagues not covered under the 501c3 status do not have to follow this procedure.*
6. 2022 Mid-Year Board Meeting – Friday, November 18th – Sunday November 20th. Board Meeting will be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Airport, 7373 Turfway Rd., Florence, KY 41042. All leagues are requested to have at least one representative for the 2022/23 season, to carry back to their league, information obtained at the Board Meeting. All committee meetings will be held in the Lexington Room. When times are received, they will be given to all.
7. May Convention – Will, as always, be held at the same hotel.
8. Each guest should contact the hotel at least (30) days prior to your arrival and identify yourself as ABBA Convention attendees.
9. The Chinese Auction will take place unless notified that it is cancelled. If you would, please start collecting items or sending donations to Janice Erkill and Linda Hoepner.
10. The following information may be of interest. I will not submit this in another issue. Please keep it for reference later in the season:
 - Breakfast vouchers will be given in the key packets at check-in. If possible, the hotel will need to know what time the guests are likely to come down for breakfast, so the food and beverage team can prepare and be adequately staffed.
 - Please keep in mind when sitting in on the committee meetings, MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN

THE ROOM AND LISTEN. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO THE CHAIR (before or after the meeting.) THOSE CREATING A DISRUPTION WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE MEETING. WATER WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE ROOM.

MORE AWARDS – Realizing many suspended bowling for this season, we mailed in April awards held. Listed below are the awards earned after the last printing of the Blind Bowler:

PLUS 60 FOR AVERAGES 85

Helen White – PF – average 60 – bowled 121 – Milwaukee Beer Barrels

Pierre McDonald - TM - average 55 – bowled 127 – Cincinnati Blind Bowling League

Carissa Watlington – SF – average 80 – Bowled 142 – Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers

75 PINS OVER AVERAGE

Marcia Robertson – SF – average 87 – bowled 170 – Greater Cleveland

Joe Froemming – SM – average 157 – bowled 246 – Milwaukee Beer Barrels

Eric Meyers – SM – average 166 – bowled 257 – Colorado Blind Bowling Assoc.

David Bragassa – PM – average 127 – Bowled 217 – Cincinnati Blind Bowling League

Larry Smith – TM – average 105 – Bowled 181 – Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers

Kevin Mason – PM – average 127 – bowled 204 – Baltimore Blind Bowlers

Regina Smith – SF – average 132 – bowled 212 –
Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers

Chane Johnson – SF – average 127 – bowled 203 – Greater
Cleveland Blind Bowlers

Bob Hawk– PM – average 121 – Bowled 199 – Delaware
Valley Blind Bowlers

Eric Myers – SM – average 175 – Bowled 256 – Colorado
Blind Bowling Assoc.

100 PINS OVER AVERAGE

Rodney Watlington – PM – average 165 – bowled 289 –
Delaware Valley Blind Bowlers

Kelly Peterson – SF – average 94 – bowled 199 -
Minneapolis Blind Bowlers

BRONZE MEDAL

Kari Giddings – SF – average 151 – bowled 237 –
Minneapolis Blind Bowlers

Mike Staab – PM – average 158 – bowled 222 – Top Cats

Maggi Ostrowski – TF – average 84 – bowled 154 – Top
Cats

Eric Myers – SM – average 175 – bowled 256 – Colorado
Blind Bowling Assoc.

SILVER MEDAL

Larry Smith – TM – average 104 – Bowled 178 –
Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers

Mike Heesen – SM – average 158 – bowled 260 – Rock
County Railers

Rodney Watlington – PM – average 164 – bowled 226 –
Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS 2021 - 2022

HIGH - 3 GAME SERIES

Mark LoRusso – TM – (Wayne Keeney Medal) – Colorado – 488

Marlene Kaiser – TF – (Angie Burmeister Medal) – Colorado – 400

Rodney Watlington – PM – (Ed Fritzpatrick Medal) – Philadelphia – 670

Marie Vanliere – PF – (Addy Butler Medal) – Virginia – 474

Ron Neer – SM – Colorado – 725

Kari Giddings – SF – Minneapolis – 546

HIGH - GAME ACTUAL

Robert (Doc) Wright – TM – (Wayne Keeney Medal) – Colorado – 193

Cindy Alioto – TF – (Angie Burmeister Medal) – Milwaukee – 169

Rodney Watlington – PM – (Ed Fitzpatrick Medal) – Philadelphia – 274

Marie VanLiere – PF – (Addy Butler Medal) – Virginia – 203

Dray Alexander – SM – Ohio – **288**

Kari Giddings – SF – Minneapolis – 237

TRIPLICATE

AJ Inglesby – TM – average 97 – bowled 82 – Gate City Blind Bowlers

John Anderson – PM – average 121 – bowled 126 – Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers

SPLIT CONVERSION

George Morris Jr. – PM – average NA – picked up 4>6>7>0 – St. Louis Pin Splitters

The next pages contain corrections needed for items in the Average Book. Some leagues were left out, and some sent in information late. Corrections also include information sent to the Secretary regarding misspelled names etc., that were corrected.

Secretaries, you will be receiving a form to let us know who will represent your league in November. For now, this is the only updates until I hear from the secretaries etc.

CORRECTIONS FOR AVERAGE BOOK August 2022

Calendar of Events:

Raleigh Outlaws 2022-2023 Season Calendar:

Gutterthon and Bake Sale – October 28, December 2, and
December 9

Christmas Dinner and 40th anniversary celebration –
December 10

January 14 – 9-pin tournament in Greensboro

February 11 – Super Bowl themed chili cookoff

February 17 – Sweetheart Tournament in Durham

March 17 – Roane Invitational in Winston-Salem

May 5 – Projected date for the Outlaw Invitational

Corrections to the Average Book Entries:

Gate City – (Tangy to Tanya & Keannie to Jeannie Lynch)

Rock County Railers	(CORRECTED)	Janesville, WI	
TM	Rod Burris	48	84
SF	Tara Burris	42	131
PF	Tina Gruchow	48	116
SM	Mike Heesen	48	162
TM	Steve Heesen	48	109
PM	Nate Howard	48	65
SF	Aurora Mendez	45	114
PF	Ledshmi Mendez	48	113
SF	Joann Moore	33	116
SM	Jamie Petit	48	127
SF	Stacy Petit	45	87
TF	Emily Raddatz	48	39
SM	Jeff Raddatz	27	165
SF	Megan Shilts	42	59
SF	Lori Smull-Heesen	42	125
PF	Amy Snow	48	93
PF	Amanda Thorman	33	60
TM	Wayne Tiedtke	48	77
SF	Therese Traut	42	117
PF	Jane Vance	45	116

Minneapolis Blind Bowlers		Minneapolis, MN	
TF	Anderson, Tara	60	51
PF	Bangsund, Kellie	60	115
TM	Bangsund, Shawn	47	82
TF	Callendar, Coach	54	22
SF	Chamberlin, Denise	75	118
TF	Collins, April	51	54
TM	Cottrell, Bruce	21	57
SF	Dreissiger, Marci	74	108
TF	Erkilla Jancie	21	46
SF	Giddings, Kari	63	153
TM	Hally, Mike	65	36
SF	Hoepner, Linda	69	137
SM	Holter, David	45	59
TF	Kitagawa, Colleen	39	57
PM	Lee, Byron	63	68
PF	Lingren, Nicki	75	89
SM	Lockwood, Bob	75	149
PM	Lura, Larry	75	75
SF	McClary, Linda	74	101
SM	Melchert, Ray	72	43
SF	Miller, Cathy	36	115
SM	Miller, Jeff	66	156
SF	Paaverud, Zhera	57	114
TM	Peterson, Chris	63	55
SF	Peterson, Kelly	27	99
TF	Ruffcorn, Diane	70	29
TF	Schlender, Nicky	51	41
SF	Sporer, Annie	63	140
PM	Sporer, Phil	69	119
TM	Strom, Jordan	69	50

TM	Tindell, Mike	28	36
SF	Vining, Elaine	70	157
TM	Vining, Mike	70	81
PM	Weidenhaft, Doug	75	128
SF	Weidenhaft, Kelli	72	106
PM	Wisocki, Peter	54	70

St. Louis Railrollers		St. Louis, MO	
PF	Kim Blumenthal	45	124
PF	Linda Hudson	76	103
SM	Wayne Hudson	96	112
PM	Randon Hunt	74	56
SF	Mary Peebles	87	121
TF	Shanta Peebles	90	63
PM	Nick Silver	59	49
SM	Xzavier Silver	89	92
SM	John Walker	62	108
PF	Pam Walker	78	82
SF	Annette Williams	93	119

MID-YEAR MEETING

November 17 - 19, 2022

Hilton Cincinnati Airport, 7373 Turfway Rd., Florence, KY
41042

859-371-4400 (Identify yourself as ABBA Mid-Year Meeting attendee.)

Room rate: \$102 / night

Cutoff date: October 21st, 2022

MID-YEAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 17th –Saturday, November 19, 2022

Tournament Director - Bowling Alley Visitation will be Thursday – all are welcome to attend. For more details, check with Director upon arrival.

All committee meetings will be held in the (Lexington) room.

FRIDAY:

- 10 am – Finance Committee – Wilbert Turner Chair
- 11:15 am – Public Relations Committee – Tonia Koo Chair
- 12:30 - 1:30pm - Lunch on Your Own (Tentative)
- (Check with Thomas Lester for the invitational MBBA Luncheon)
- 1:45pm – Tournament Committee – Janet Dickelman Chair
- 3:00 pm – Rules, Interpretation & Enforcement Committee - Robert Spangler
- 4:00 pm - Legislative Committee – Daniel Hope Chair

SATURDAY:

- 2 pm – Board Meeting –President Charles Glaser, Presiding
- Past Presidents Meeting– Presidents will be contacted by Past President Joyce Mintz – Chairperson
- MBBA Luncheon (tentative) to be announced by MBBA President or Secretary

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

May 25 – 27, 2023

Hilton Cincinnati Airport, 7373 Turfway Rd., Florence, KY
41042

859-371-4400 (Identify yourself as an ABBA Tournament
attendee.)

Room Rate for May: \$108 / night

FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

Hello loyal reader. Well, it's that time of year again. The time when little ghouls and goblins (or more like little Paw Patrollers, Princess', Superheroes, and Baby Sharks) are showing up at my front door soliciting candy (treats) in exchange for not performing damage to my property "tricks". Sounds like a nation-wide protection racket. Perpetrated by Big Candy. Funded by (you guessed it) The National Dental Association. Someone should really contact the FBI. It's also that time, when our leagues are only a few weeks into the new bowling season. A time when anything is possible. A time when the underdog can beat the champs. A time when the last place team can shoot up to #1 in a matter of a couple weeks. Or in my team's case, a time when we can just get hung up in the middle of the pack for weeks at a time (URGG!) But I digress. What I was getting at is: ***WELCOME TO A NEW BOWLING SEASON, AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND YOURS.***

Respectfully Yours,

~**Patrick Koo**

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