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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-by 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 Erkilla 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
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


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


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

SILVER MEDAL
Larry Smith – TM – average 104 – Bowled 178 – Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers
Mike Heesen – SM – average 158 – bowled 260 – Rock County Railers
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
Marie Vanliere – PF – (Addy Butler Medal) – Virginia – 474
Ron Neer – SM – Colorado – 725
Kari Giddings – SF – Minneapolis – 546

HIGH - GAME ACTUAL
Cindy Alioto – TF – (Angie Burmeister Medal) – Milwaukee – 169
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)
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**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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