



50th Anniversary

## Third Edition

The 2001-2002 bowling season is drawing to an end, some championships are already decided and others will have to be determined with a roll off, and then the banquet to honor the winners and to give everyone one last chance to spent an evening together before breaking for the summer. Where ever you finished in the standings we hope that you had a good time and that your now starting to form your team for Summer League. This will be the last edition till September 2002. In that edition we will catch you up on all that occurred over the summer, plus up and coming events for the fall.

We still need input from everyone to fill the pages with interesting news, about what is going on in your league, on your team, special events, special occasions, something funny happened at the lanes, a special mention of a fellow bowler. Also, we are interested in suggestions and ideas you may have in regards to this newsletter. Would you like to be involved?

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## RVWBA NEWS REPORT

A little bit of something for everyone

### RBA & RVWBA 13th ANNUAL HALL OF FAME DINNER DANCE

An evening of honoring Hall of Fame inductee's, City/County Champions and local award winners was held on March 2, 2002 at Lancerlot in Vinton. The RBA inducted three men and the RVWBA inducted one woman into the Hall of Fame.

The RBA inducted:

Charlie Hodges  
Scott Wright  
Harold Stultz

The RVWBA inducted:

Evelyn Long

Our thanks to Mike Eckles (master of ceremonies) and Patsy Smith who worked diligently to put this event together. It was a special night enjoyed by all and if you were one of the unfortunate people who didn't attend - please do so next year!!

### RVWBA Annual Meeting

The RVWBA Annual Meeting was held at Sunnybrook Inn on Monday March 4, 2002 at 6:30 PM. We were pleased to announce that there were 111 women in attendance. The evening started out with a few announcements, a great meal and then the meeting was opened and conducted by 1st Vice President, Jenetta Clay. Annual Meeting booklets were provided to each person so they could follow along with the meeting process. This was a great opportunity to learn about everything that an Association is responsible for and works on for the bowling community. Elections were held for 1st Vice President, Sgt-of-Arms and five (5) Director positions. Congratulations to all that were elected, a new Board list will be published in Sept.



Happy Easter

### Evelyn Long Inducted into the RVWBA Hall of Fame

submitted by: June Wilhelm

Evelyn Long, this year's inductee into the RVWBA Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service has been a member of WIBC, VSWBA and RVWBA for 32 years.

In the fall of 1970, Evelyn who was responsible for the Courvette Duckpin League, played a major roll in having it converted to the Courvette Tenpin League. As an employee of the Roanoke City Department of Parks and Recreation she convinced the department to sponsor teams from the four Recreation Centers. She served as Vice President and President of the Courvette League and bowled many years in the Vikette League at Viking Lanes where she served as an officer and on various committee's.

Evelyn was appointed to the RVWBA Board as a Director in '77-78 to fill the vacancy of Director #5 and then was re-elected to that position for five 3 year terms, retiring at the end of the '93-94 season. She served as Chairman of the Awards & Patches Committee from '77-78 until her retirement. In that roll, she received all the applications for the awards, ordered them and then delivered them to the bowlers, also keeping records to avoid duplication. She served on the Annual Meeting Committee for 10 years - most of those years Board members were preparing the food for the Annual Meeting! The year that stands out the most to Evelyn was the year she was responsible for deviling 100 eggs. It's said, to this day she still likes deviled eggs!!

Evelyn also served on Audit, Excuses, Minute Review, Report to Delegates, Herm Bules (Blind Bowlers), BVL, Workshop, Publicity and Senior Committee's, while also serving as a Lane Rep. at Viking Lanes.

For our local and state tournaments, when we hosted them, Evelyn was known as the Scorekeeper Lady, before computers. She worked many hours lining up scorekeepers, following up to make sure they didn't forget their assignments and kept an updated list of all score keepers. She also served on the Duffers Tournament, the Trophies and Recap Committee's.

Evelyn attended at least two State Workshops and was a delegate to at least two VSWBA Annual Meetings. In the 1993 VSWBA Seniors Tournament Evelyn won 1st Place in the Division 'B' Singles.

Evelyn was elected a Member Emeriti of the RVWBA in 1994.

Evelyn has a son, Michael, who is a minister, daughter-in-law, Laura, an Emergency Room R.N. and two grandsons, Benjamin and Gregory. They live in Enosburg, VT.

visit our website for bowling news, information & tournament standings: <http://www.hummingbird.cns.vt.edu>



## SMO / USBA Will this be the new bowling organization of the future?

ABC and WIBC leaders reaffirmed their commitments to a single membership organization after the latest Ad Hoc Committee reports.

Recommendations regarding the single membership organization concept should be directed to Single Membership Organization/USBA, P.O. Box 221304, West Palm Beach, FL 33422, Fax: (801) 751-1561; email: [USBAfeedback@hotmail.com](mailto:USBAfeedback@hotmail.com).

## DID YOU KNOW ??????

WIBC was founded in 1916 in St. Louis. The organization was created to meet the needs of women bowlers, who at that time were not permitted to join other men's bowling membership organizations. Today, WIBC is the world's oldest and largest women's sports membership organization with nearly 1.4 million members. Our mission, to identify and fulfill the needs of women bowlers, is the founding principle behind all WIBC programs and services. WIBC is the premier membership organization for women bowlers.

### Sisters recognized by The Roanoke Times.

Claudine Nichols age 90 and Frances Penick age 86 bowl at Lee Hi Lanes on Thursday morning in the Hi-Lo Bowling League. Both started bowling in 1980, are self taught and carry averages 127 and 115 respectfully. Also, both have bowled 200 games. Phyllis Diffendal stated that "Claudine and Frances are always very friendly, helpful, optimistic and fun to be with. They're a remarkable pair". These two ladies are truly an inspiration for all of us - keep up the good work !!

### Birthday Party at Lee Hi Lanes

Team Name - We're Back, bowls on the Lee Hi Ette's League on Tuesday evening had three of their bowlers with March Birthdays. Peggy Rogers on the 2nd, Brenda Hodges on the 6th and Kathy Wilson on the 10th, ages are — well, we know better than that, let's just say they are seasoned bowlers!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### And the Winner is:

Mary LeGrange won the History of Bowling Throw. This lovely throw was raffled off at our City/County Tournament, held in Nov of 2001 at Lee Hi Lanes.

### Congratulations Mary

### Candy Man

submitted by: Shirley Revoir

Once upon a time there was a guy named Maxey,  
Who loved to tell his jokes at the ole bowling alley.  
But one night he decided to bring a bag full of jelly (beans that is).  
To all of us little bowling ladies.  
Soon, everyone would crowd around this funny little guy.  
To hear his jokes and eat his bowl full of candy.  
We all had to leave the ole alley named Viking.  
But we'll never forget Maxey the candy man.



## Congratulations - Good Bowling (League)

### 1st 600 Series

Nancy Helm	Lee Hi Ette's	606
games of 220-191-195		
Jane Neighbors	Lee Hi Ladies	600
games of 182-215-203		

### 1st 200 Game

Sandra Maiden	Lee Hi Ladies	200
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### Split Pick-Up

Linda Johnson	Dixie Belle League
6-7-9-10	
JoAnn Fox	Dixie Belle League
5-6-10	

### Triplicate Scores

Ann Holdren	Triangle League
3 games of 158	
Sybil Wray	Triangle League
3 games of 167	

These ladies bowl on the same team, Bedford Gals and had their triplicate score on the same night 1-24-02 at Hill Top Lanes.

Nancy Blankenship	Lee Hi Ladies
3 games of 148	

### 125 Pins over Avg. Series

Ann Martin	Lee Hi Ladies
545 series	w/137 avg
Beth Carter	Lee Hi Ladies
529 series	w/134 avg
Lynn Boone	Lee Hi Ladies
574 series	w/146 avg
Alma Johnson	Lee Hi Ladies
656 series	w/142 avg

## Congratulations to All

### Roanoke Valley Blind Bowling Association

Roanoke Valley Blind Bowling Members bowled against the RVWBA again this year on March 24th at Hill Top Lanes to kick off the Blind Bowlers fund raiser for the week of Feb 24 thru March 1. Thirty three bowlers participated in this great event; everyone had a wonderful time and once again the RVWBA was defeated 13 games to 10. A total of \$ 928.55 has been collected so far. All money goes directly to the Roanoke Valley Blind Bowling Association to help them with their bowling expenses and travel to tournaments. Our thanks to all that contributed. Congratulations to Kim Casey for a 551 series.

Thanks to Betty Chocklett for organizing this event.



## Results of the 1st Annual RWBA Mixed Doubles Tournament

Great tournament, had 117 entries!! Scores are with handicap

1st	Tim Childress/Laurie Zirkle	1503
2nd	Shelan Powell/Dallas Nolen	1475
3rd	Dawn Sexton/Brian Boettjer	1460
4th	Victoria Treynor/Allen Griffin	1460
5th	Patsy Smith/Bruce Dillion	1444
6th	Missy Tucker/Steve Tucker	1440
7th	Teena Eckles/Mike Eckles	1439
8th	Bonnie Lyle/Mike Lyle	1436
9th	Erin Hodges/Ben Hodges	1431
10th	Steve Martin/Crystal Spangler	1417
11th	Heather Rutledge/Chad Rutledge	1412
12th	Shannon Sparr/ Scott Compton	1410
13th	Tammy Wright/Scott Wright	1403
14th	Sherri Richardson/Frank Butler	1391
15th	Hilarie Eckles/Tom Cashin	1387

## Special Mention Scores:

Allen Griffin	734 series
Mike Eckles	725 series
Tim Childress	699 series
Laurie Zirkle	701 series
Brian Boettjer	701 series
Patsy Smith	644 series
Heather Rutledge	610 series
Bonnie Lyle	608 series
Tom Cashin	290 game

## Congratulations to All !!

Patsy Smith stated "We were very pleased with the turn out of our 1st Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament, a fun time was had by all". We look forward to an even higher participation in our 2nd Annual Tournament in 2003. Thank you, to everyone who participated and to those who worked the tournament.

BORN LOSER / by Art & Chip Sansom



submitted by: June Wilhelm

## On A Roll

contributors include: Shirley Revier & Judy Schoscow

The following was taken in part from the 2002 Feb. issue of 'Satellite Orbit' and "American Bowler". If you think nobody (well, very few people that is) watches bowling on TV, think again. Televised bowling, which started in 1961 on ABC, is becoming more popular. In fact, TV viewing ratings for some PBA (Professional Bowling Association) telecasts shown on ESPN have been higher than some NHL hockey telecasts.

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Bigger multi-lane centers are the trend. Bowling is growing in popularity but not in the number of bowling centers but in the number of lanes at centers. In the 2000-2001 season, the ABC and WIBC certified 6,309 bowling centers and 128,836 lanes. The average American bowling center has grown to nearly 20.5 lanes.

Interest in league bowling seems to be slipping but interest in bowling is increasing.



Mark your calendar for the following events

RWBA Workshop for the 2002-2003 Season  
Aug. 6, 2002 - Place to be announced  
State 600 Tournament  
October 19 & 20, 2002 at Kegler's in Charlottesville, VA

That's it for now!!

Send in info about bowling / bowlers and what is happening on/off the lanes. If you want to read about it, you gotta send it in.  
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