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2023 – 2024 President’s Message

We have come in from the record-breaking heat to start another year of bowling. ABBA is once again growing. We were up nearly one hundred bowlers at this year’s National Tournament and new leagues are forming. It is time to reach out to former bowlers and keep an eye out for new league members.

This should be an exciting year to be a member of ABBA as everyone will be looking forward to our National Tournament in Reno. The last time we went to Nevada was our largest tournament in many years and this year should be no different.

So, come join us as a bowler and / or as part of our organizational team. There is always room for new members to contribute to our success.

Let’s go bowling and have a great season.

– *Charles Glaser*
President ABBA

FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT & TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Hello everyone,

We hope you had a great summer, and that now you are ready for a new bowling season.

Wilbert Turner, the Finance Committee Chair, wants to let you know that we are working to ensure that our organization is spending its finances wisely. We are looking forward to giving you more details at the midyear meeting and national convention in May. I am excited about going to Reno Nevada, and I hope you are too. Let's start making plans now so we can have a great time bowling and sightseeing.

– *Tanya Jones*
1ST Vice President

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER

WELCOME TO THE 2023 – 2024 BOWLING SEASON!!!

Please remember the members who had to say good-bye to family, friends and bowlers, all who are no long with us. Please remember those in the West affected by fires, (ESPECIALLY MAUI) 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.

In the August package, a shout out was given to some of our members. For those who did not see the packet or were not given information by the league secretary, we

take this opportunity to say “CONGRATULATIONS!!!” and thank you to:

- Roderick Wilson, National Tournament Chair who negotiated a contract that will allow us to go to Reno for 2023 Mid-Year and 2024 May Convention, along with some promises of donations to ABBA.
- Kylie Sykes, returning member from CA practicing Taekwondo for 5 years, a green belt (1st level of the advanced belt Shambhala Martial Arts), has secured a donation to help with the Reno bus transportation. Kylie will also become a member of the Forsyth Blind Bowlers in Winston-Salem, NC.
- Wilbert Turner Life Member, donated \$100 to the Keeney Fund and \$40 to the Gar Giddings Fund.
- Members of the Pittsburgh South Hills Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma Fraternity, donation of \$225 given almost yearly. A letter of thanks was sent on our letterhead.
- Last but not least. Thanks to our National Tournament Director Sandy McDaniel for carrying all the problems and concerns of members on her shoulders (WITH A SMILE:).

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 those categories and did not receive the items, please let me know and I will resend / 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, please contact the Secretary Treasurer as soon as possible.

A few reminders: (especially for new secretaries)

- ✓ *Minutes should be maintained for all league meetings.*
- ✓ *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.*
- ✓ *The fiscal year for ABBA is August 1st through July 31st of the following year.*
- ✓ *Leagues should review and update their by-laws or constitution on an annual basis per ABBA bylaws Article IV, Sec. 3.*
- ✓ *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.*

2023 Mid-Year Board Meeting – Sunday, November 12th – Wednesday, 15th, Board Meeting will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino Reno – 407 N. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 (I will have the day when I receive information from President) All leagues are requested to have at least one representative and 1 delegate present at Mid-Year for the 2023/24 season to report back to their league the information obtained at the Board Meeting. All committee chair meetings will be held in the GOLD Room. The secretary treasurer must receive a committee report before the start of the Mid-Year meeting.

Reminders from “Policy” and the “By Laws”

Please read: Changes, if any, will be given / posted on Sunday or Monday morning.

- (Policy governing Mid-Year) I will have a list of sanctioned leagues.
- **C-3 Credentials for Board Meetings**
-Adopted November 20, 1993
Leagues must be sanctioned by November 10 to have their directors vote at the midyear board meeting. All Directors must have a signed credential sheet or on a list I will create from those received.
- **M-2 Midyear Meeting Attendance**
-Adopted November 19, 1988
The chairperson of each committee shall take a roll call at the end of the committee report to determine who is present. Committee members who are not present shall not be given a stipend.

By Laws item

- **Article V – Officers and Board of Directors**
- SECTION 3: REPRESENTATIVES
Each member league and each certified Area Association shall elect a representative from its membership to serve as a member of the Board of Directors and also an alternate to serve in the absence of its representative.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: I NEED YOUR COMMITTEE REPORT BEFORE OR DIRECTLY AFTER YOUR MEETING.

MEETING TIMES: Schedule (Tentative - notification before meeting)

- Monday, November 13th – Wednesday November 15, 2023.
- All meetings will be held in the (Gold) room.
- Tournament Director - Bowling Alley Visitation will be Sunday, all are welcome to attend. For more details, check with Director upon arrival.
- The chairperson of each committee shall take a roll call at the end of the committee report to determine who is present. Committee members who are not present shall not be given a stipend. (COMMITTEE CHAIRS, I NEED YOUR COMMITTEE REPORT BEFORE OR DIRECTLY AFTER YOUR MEETING.)

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

- 2pm – 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.

Room Rate / Accommodations - \$44 per night, single or double. Rates are subject to applicable resort fees and governmental room taxes. Each additional person will be charged at a rate of \$10 per person per night with a maximum of four per guestroom.

Resort Fee - \$30 per room per night plus the current occupancy room tax will be charged in addition to the room rates. This fee includes:

1. In-room Keurig coffee maker with Starbucks K-Cup Pods.
 2. Unlimited local and toll-free calls.
 3. Refrigerator and an in-room safe.
 4. Airport shuttle service and self-parking.
 5. Access to the all-new Fitness Center (The Spa at Silver Legacy.)
 6. Printing of boarding passes.
 7. Notary services and safety deposit box access.
- Unless otherwise specified, the resort fee will be posted to the individual's room account. Taxes are subject to change without notice. Rates are also subject to a per room, per night mandated tourism surcharge of \$3.00 (subject to change.)

Cutoff Date - Group's cutoff is Sunday October 29, 2023.

Reservation Method - Guest will be making reservations directly with hotel by a dedicated web link on or before the cutoff date. You must identify yourself as part of ABBA to receive the special group rate. Reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit for the first night's guestroom and tax charge. If guaranteed to a credit card, the first night's room and tax charge, per guestroom, will be billed immediately to the cardholder's account.

Cancellations and Check-In/Out – Cancellations without penalty up to seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled arrival date. The check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM. After 11:00 AM you are subject to a full day charge. Each room must have at least one registered guest 21 years of age or older.

Booking Hotel Rooms Online – The booking website is <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRABBA3> (for November.) <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRABBA4> (for May.)

May Convention – Will, as always, be held at the same hotel May 19th – 23rd.

- Room rates are \$59 per night.
- Same procedures as November (above) in each category. Additional information is on the way.
- If a Chinese Auction takes place, members will be notified to start collecting your items.

SECRETARIES: you will be receiving a form asking who will represent your league in November. For now, these are the only updates until I hear from the secretaries, etc.

The following information may be of interest. I will not submit this in another issue. Please keep it for reference later in the season:

- 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 – Listed below are the awards earned after the last printing of the Blind Bowler:

PLUS 60 FOR AVERAGES 85

- Gene Baroni – TM – Average 77 – Bowled 147 – Delaware Valley Blind Bowling
- Dwight Jones – PM – Average 82 – Bowled 142 – Raleigh Outlaws
- Jeff Tucker – TM – Average 83 – Bowled 153 – Raleigh Outlaws

75 PINS OVER AVERAGE

- John Debose – PM – Average 127 – Bowled 213 – Greater Cleveland Blind Bowlers
- Keven Effurdt – PM – Average 123 – Bowled 216 – Cincinnati Blind Bowling League

- Dorothy Manser – PF – Average 79 – Bowled 154 – Daytona Beach Blind Bowlers
- Van McLean – SM – Average 156 – Bowled 228 – Raleigh Outlaws
- Latiesha Adams – PF – Average 99 – Bowled 178 – Raleigh Outlaws
- Jonathan Lazenby – SM – Average 130 – Bowled 206 – Raleigh Outlaws
- Maggie Olver – SF – Average 127 – Bowled 213 – St. Louis Pin Splitters
- Marie Vanliere – PF – Average 119 – Bowled 199 – Insights Strikers
- Alex Lee – PM – Average – 65 – Bowled 142 – Minneapolis Blind Bowlers
- Bob Lockwood – SM – Average 149 – Bowled 224 – Minneapolis Blind Bowlers
- Ernie Pitts – SM – Average 156 – Bowled 243 – Greater Cleveland Blind Bowlers

100 PINS OVER AVERAGE

- Brayton Shear – NA – Average 125 – Bowled 237 – Rock County Railers

BRONZE MEDAL

- Marie VanLere – PF – Average 122 – Bowled 189 – Insights Strikers
- Patricia Fraley – SF – Average 153 – Bowled 229 – Chicago Spare Chasers
- Carla Smith – PF – Average 122 – Bowled 191 – Raleigh Outlaws

SILVER MEDAL

- Rodney Watlington – PM – Average 185 – Bowled 233 – Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers
- Ron Neer – SM – Average 203 – Bowled 300 – Colorado Blind Bowling Assoc.

TRIPLICATE

- Justin Johnson – SM – Average 108 – Bowled 85 (X3)

SPLIT CONVERSION

- Marlon Stewart – SM – Average 179 – Picked up (4-6-7-10) – Chicago Spare Chasers

AVERAGE BOOK / AUGUST PACKET

Some leagues were left out, and some sent in information late. Corrections also include information sent to the Secretary regarding misspelled names and information that was corrected.

Average Book:

- ❖ Minneapolis Blind Bowlers – Miller Jeff – Average 96, not 98
- ❖ Milwaukee – Tom Wolf – SM not TF
- ❖ Milwaukee – Chad Wolf – SM not PM

Greater Cleveland Blind Bowling Association, Cleveland, Ohio

SF: Anderson, Sandra; 78; 124

PF: Avery, Monica; 78; 109

TM: Bowden, Tyrone; 65; 52

TF: Brown, Delcenia; 72; 25
PF: Christmas, Tammy; 84; 83
SF: Crawl-Bey, Ester; 78; 121
PF: Day, Pam; 69; 89
PM: Debois, John; 51; 135
SF: Dinkins, D'Peaches; 84; 143
PM: Dobyne, Antonio; 72; 99
SF: Hicks, Yani; 50; 116
SF: Johnson, Chane; 75; 134
PF: Johnson, Vicki; 78; 67
TF: McKinney, Theresa; 84; 63
PF: Marley, Andrea; 69; 107
TM: McNeal, Simon; 74; 88
PM: Pattillo, Ivory; 84; 89
PF: Payne, Renee; 78; 101
SM: Pitts, Ernie; 77; 160
PF: Shivley-Wagner, Kia"juana; 21; 126
SF: Roberson, Marcia; 59; 99
SF: Swinney, Kimberly; 87; 126
PM: Turner, Matthew; 63; 75
TM: Turner, Wilbert; 72; 113
PM: Watts, Michael; 63; 84
TF: Wilson, Leigh; 45; 69

-Rozella Amerson Campbell
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FROM THE PAST PRESIDENTS' COMMITTEE

Hello, Fellow Members.

I'm looking forward to another year of bowling.

I wanted to remind everyone that in May, at the National Tournament, elections will be taking place. The offices to be elected are President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. We are looking for innovative and motivated members to fill these offices.

If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone, please contact me with the nominee's information. I need to have this information by March 1, 2024. My e-mail is:

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Thank you and have a great bowling season.

-Joyce Mintz

IN MEMORIAM

John Campbell passed away July 4, 2023 at the age of 62. John bowled with the Lansing Blind Bowling Leagues since the 1980's. He enjoyed going to the different blind bowling tournaments. His last tournament he bowled in was the Nationals in Northern Kentucky even though his health was declining at the time. He made it through the team and doubles events. He enjoyed camping, especially the nightly campfires. He was a big MSU fan, a member of the Mason/Holt Eagles for over 25 years. He never met a mug he did not like. He will be dearly missed by the Lansing 300.

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