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## STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT GROWING

Sharon Rich reporting & photographer

One of the fastest growing tournaments in Georgia is the State Mixed and it's easy to see why after talking to bowlers and workers during the 2010 tournament which was held in June at Junction Lanes in Newnan. This is only the 6<sup>th</sup> year for the tourn. and it had 140 teams and 264 doubles. Linda Proctor, manager said "This is the largest one we have had and the second largest one was here also in 2007 so Newnan must be well liked. Hopefully next year will be even larger as we will be in Warner Robins, a very centrally located part of the state and a wonderful bowling center."



All ages of bowlers participate and many said they had bowled in it all 6 years. Jerri Hyatt said "I just love it and bowling is so much fun for all of us" Pete her husband who is unable to participate this year due to cancer, popped up and said "We're old folks, retired, retarded and nothing else better to do!" He then got serious and said "Bowling is just really good fellowship" Claude Roach, who brought 4 teams to this year's tourn said "Yes it's the fellowship; you get to meet different people and see others you met last year too. The only thing bad is getting splits when I hit the pocket. Linda runs a very well organized tournament every year" That's the same way Frank Forrester feels about bowling the mixed tourn, "I just like bowling and seeing new people {especially the ladies he added}." Even a regular tourn worker, Ruby Shackaford said "The main reason I enjoy working the tourn is to see everybody. Some I only see during these weekends. For many of the bowlers it's like a mini vacation weekend for them and then they bowl together to relax."

Kim Daniel and Lynda Blocher have bowled the mixed tournament before but this is the first time with this particular team. "I like for the social time together and for exercise" said Kim and Lynda added that she liked the fact can bowl it all in one day"



Joan Collier and Vicky Thomanson, known for getting teams together for all kinds of tournaments brought 11 teams to this year's mixed. "Friendly, Fun & Fair is the best thing about this tourn "said Joan. "We prefer to bowl in tourn we trust the management. Working with Mary Ann and Linda is easy-they will work with you even up to the day you come on changes to try and make it easy for us the bowlers. I see the tourn as growing and I like the 10 pin rule for fairness" Joan commented. Dot Forrester jumped in with "you know Joan, she's gonna have me bowling somewhere nearly all the time; but then I just LOVE bowling!"



Congratulations to this years winners:

Division A Team - Double Up from Columbus Becky Hesson, Angela Moore, John Benson & Jim Kyzer Doubles - Tracy Pietrucha & Jeff Boles from Greater Atlanta & All Events - Dan Hall from Columbus

Division B Team - Yes Maybe of Intra Mountain Claudia Harrison, Marie Singleton, Sam Murray & Bennie Lomax Doubles - Marie Singleton & Sam Murray of Intra Mountain & All Events - Rhonda Adams of Columbus.

Make your plans now to join the fun and fellowship among family and friends next year at THE MIXED!!!





So make your plans now to join your bowling friends & family, Mary Ann & Linda and Tom Shimek at Gold Cup Lanes on June 18&19 and 25&26 . A goal of at least 150 teams has been set. With the attitude of all I talked with this year and the central location that shouldn't be hard. After all the GA State Mixed , well IT'S JUST FUN!!!



## **BOWLER SPOTLIGHT**

### **DUKE ALKIRE**

82 years young and still so enthused about bowling that you get kicked out of a church league for yelling so much? Yes this is what I call a very excited bowler and it's what happened to Duke Alkire. Watching him bowl with Kim Daniel, Lynda Blocher and Doug Williams on a team during the State Mixed, it is easy to understand why.

Duke and Doug have been bowling together for "around 60 years" and "the first year we started bowling there wasn't a center nearby so we drove from our work for over an hour in Atlanta rush hour traffic" said Doug.

Duke's highest average was 191 and his average in the Mixed is a 181. He hasn't had his 300 yet, only a 296 high game. Just 3 years ago, while winning in the Golden Olympics, Duke had his high series of 723. "My legs felt like Jello on my last ball but I hadn't been nervous until then." Duke said. "You should have seen him, his shoes were even coming apart! He had tried to glue the sole back on but it wouldn't stay and it was flapping up and down. He even had to walk slowly on the approach instead of his normal way because his shoe was so bad" Doug said. With love and pride for his friend Doug added "He was great and after he won the Golden Olympics, they even gave him a new pair of shoes!"

So the next time you see someone jumping about on the lanes, look for a big smiling face on a young at heart gentleman who is loving to be out there bowling and you may have just met Duke Alkire!

### **300 & 299 GAMES ROLLED IN MIXED**

Dan Hall, pictured on left of Columbus rolled his first ever 300 game during the last shift, last game of the GA State Mixed tournament on June 27. Just a few lanes over De 'Mon Green of Greater Atlanta had a 299. "It should have been a 300 too but it left a slid 8 pin" said tourn official Mary Ann Compton.



## **VIRGIL'S VIBES**

Virgil Halte, GA State USBC  
BA President

I would like thank each and every one of you for your support the last four years during my presidency. This will be my last newsletter article as your President. My thanks to those who bowled in the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Georgia State USBC BA Open Championship. I would like to thank the Greater Atlanta USBC Association for hosting this year tournament. I would also like to thank the management and staff at both centers Stars & Strikes Lanes and AMF Snellville for letting us use their centers for this tournament. I especially would like to thank all of you that participated in this tournament and hope you all bowled good and enjoy yourselves during this tournament. Your president for the next two years is Mr. Jan Good and your vice-president for this year is Mr. Wayne Clark.

The following are the dates and cities for this bowling year tournaments: Georgia State Senior's will be in Warner Robins the first two weekends in October. Regular All-Stars will be in Columbus in February 2011. Larry Schaffer Memorial Senior All-Stars will be in Cleveland in February.

62<sup>nd</sup> Georgia State USBC BA Open Championship will be in Augusta every weekend during March 2011. The first weekend of the tournament will be meeting weekend.

Georgia State Senior's entry forms should be out in your centers if not you can download entry forms.

## **FT. STEWART NEWEST 300**



Reprinted From Coastal Courier  
Ivey Sarvis, president of the Fort Stewart United States Bowling Congress Bowling Association and vice-president of the Savannah Senate of The National Bowling Association, bowled his first perfect 300 game during Trio Scratch League games at Marne Lanes. Sarvis, who said he has been bowling since the early 1980s, said he came close to a perfect game once before. It was 10 years earlier and he finished with a 299.

After his' accomplishment, Sarvis said he felt like he was in the midst of a surreal dream.

"The pins appeared to have a view as if I was looking through the wrong end of a pair of binoculars," he said. "My feet felt as if I were wearing Herman Munster shoes. And the bowling ball felt as heavy as a building wrecking ball." Sarvis said a bit of



luck and some cheering from his fellow bowlers. Helped him clear the hurdle." Only after I had struck the first nine in a row, is when I began to realize I had a chance with only the 10th frame remaining," he said. "I was successful with 12 in a row for a perfect 300 game."



## **GA FINISHES 2<sup>ND</sup> -BVL WINS AGAIN**

Mary Ann Compton {center}, GA State USBC WBA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, accepts the award during the 2010 convention. Also pictured is one of the Re-Creation singers along with Darlene Baker, National BVL Chair and incoming USBC President. GA finished second in State contributions with a total of \$21,325.45 given for BVL during the 2008-2009 season. A BIG thank You to each and everyone who gave and a BIGGER plea to give now. Some fun projects you can participate in include the Big Bucks Lottery Jug Giveaway and The Masters Golf Tournament Giveaway which take place Jamboree weekend. Another way you can help is thru the 25 Cent Challenge. YOU only have to sacrifice 25 cents a week for a year for those who sacrifice life and limb for US. This totals out to only 13.00 for a year! Donate your full 13.00 to become a member of *Sha's 25 Cent Challenge Honor Roll* and gain an entry into a special bonus drawing giveaway of \$25.00. For more details or to join the Honor Roll, contact Sharon Rich at [sha13@bellsouth.net](mailto:sha13@bellsouth.net) or send donations to 3984 Greenview Dr, Oakwood GA 30566, payable to GWBA BVL.

Claudia Harrison and Kelly Maslaik head up this years BVL committee and have their hands open wide for any and all donations and ideals that have worked for you or your local association. Our Veterans deserve each of us to work hard together for BVL especially during these economically hard times. 2<sup>nd</sup> place is nice but to become number 1 in states means we truly are supporting our veterans who give so much for us. But more importantly, our VETERANS WIN!!! Please give today!



## **2010 BOB KELLY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Eileen Checkle reporting  
Aaron Woycheck of the Greater Atlanta Association was the big winner of a 1000.00 scholarship. The following youth each won a 500.00 scholarship: Edward Walden Jr., Cady McRight, Codi Humphries, Christopher Gould, Jessica Gray, Kristen Gasset, Jon Braswell, Jessica Scheaffer, Zachary Baer, Kaitlin Humphries, Jeffery Craig, Eric Breckon, Patrick Lippert, Jolie Dunn and Jessica Dull. **A total of 8,500.00 was given away!**

### **Topper's Tid-Bits**

John Topper, GA State USBC Youth President

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the State Youth Board & the State Bowling Council; it is so good to be working with good people for good causes! Although someone else will take the reins of President Aug 1, I look forward to continuing to work with & support GA bowling, especially the great youth we have coming through our program.

{Editors note: John's smiling face and hard work as well as fun spirit was caught in photo above during GA Games. As he said when Dave asked for help "Whatever you need, I'm here as your slave to work"! That's John}

### **NEW USBC ROBOT TO BE KNOWN AS E.A.R.L.**

Joan Collier reporting  
When Melissa C. Stewart of Roswell, Ga., submitted her entry for the USBC Name That Robot contest, she noted that her inspiration came from the Hall of Fame bowler nicknamed The Machine. The contest was held to find a name for the new ball-throwing robot ordered by USBC Technical Director Steve Kloempken. The new robot will help conduct experiments at the new International Training & Research Center in Arlington. Stewart's winning submission of E.A.R.L. (Enhanced Automated Robotic Launcher) was selected by the USBC research team from hundreds of entries. She figured if Earl Anthony's nickname was "The Machine" then it was only "fitting to name the new ball-throwing robot for a bowler with machine-like characteristics." For submitting the winning entry, Stewart 16, will receive a 3 day, 2 night trip to Arlington, where she will receive a guided tour of the new ITRC from Kloempken & the chance to bowl against E.A.R.L. She also will receive bowling tips from some of USBC's top bowlers such as Shannon O'Keefe & Derek Eoff. E.A.R.L. will replace the legendary Harry, the USBC ball-throwing robot that is retiring after 10 years. Harry threw thousands of shots during his career and was especially instrumental in USBC's Ball Motion Study which helped the technical team gain knowledge on ball motion and bowling ball performance.



## **Checkle, Checkle & Kelly Hall of Fame Britt Coach of Year**

Judy Britt reporting  
During our GA State Youth Jamboree recognition was given to some of our adult leaders for their many years of contributions.

This is a case you see one & you normally see the other. Both inductees have been active in bowling for more years than I can count. They have two sons that are carrying on the bowling tradition. Both are active in the Greater Atlanta USBC, Georgia State BA, Georgia State WBA, Georgia State Bowling Council, Southeast BA as well as bowling in the National Tournaments and attending the National Conventions. One major project is our Georgia Games. Each year they dedicate a large portion of time to make the Georgia Games Bowling a success. They have been leaders in the Youth organizations both in their local center, Atlanta area and Georgia. They encourage our youth on all levels & when a problem arises & someone needs guidance. You can tell the love between them & their youth bowlers by the interaction. The bowlers know what is expected of them & they try to fulfill that standard...not bowling scores (although good scores are great), but sportsmanship.



Robert 'Bob' Kelly served as a Director, Vice-President and President of our State association, an officer for the Greater Atlanta Youth as well as director State BA. In addition to his work at all tournaments local & statewide, Bob was instrumental in developing & maintaining scholarships for our youth bowlers. His contributions to our sport will forever be remembered as both the Greater Atlanta USBC and the Georgia State Youth USBC Associations have re-named their scholarships in Bob's memory. Bob was one of the hardest working volunteers. Tributes to Bob include induction into the Greater Atlanta Youth, Greater Atlanta USBC and the Georgia State USBC BA Halls of Fame. A true and reliable friend, Bob will be missed, but his memory & work ethics will remain a measure for future generations.

Lloyd Britt, who has been coaching for over 25 years, was recognized as Coach of the year. He coaches the Bantam/prep group. Even after advancing, some of "his kids" still seek his advise on what they are doing wrong. Even out shopping it is not unusual for him to be "attacked" from behind by "his kids" with a big hug. After they leave, he grins & says "Now that's why I coach". Even when just visiting the center & he sees youth bowlers, he visits them & their parents & encourages them to come to our programs. Although he is my husband, I too think he is truly a great Coach!



## **Bowling Dates To Remember**

Aug 7&8—Jamboree—Albany  
Aug 7—Hall of Fame Dinner & Inductions—Albany  
Aug 8—BA Council of Delegates—Albany  
Aug 8—State WBA Board of Directors Meeting--Albany  
Sept 11/12-GA 500 Club Meeting & Tourn—Newnan  
Sept 22-25-Golden Olympics-Warner Robins  
Oct 16-GA 600 Club Meeting & Tourn-Calhoun  
Oct 9/10 16/17-SR's Tournaments-BA&WBA-Warner Robins  
Nov-Youth Pepsi League Qualifier  
Nov 14-BVL Celebrity Fun Bowl-Suburban Lanes- Decatur  
Dec 1—Newsletter Deadline For Articles & Dates

### **2011 DATES**

Jan 7&8-GWBA Board & Comm Meetings--Warner Robins  
Jan 9-State Bowling Council Meeting—Warner Robins  
Feb-Youth Pepsi League Qualifier  
Feb-BA Regular All Stars-Columbus  
Feb-BA Sr All Stars-Cleveland  
Feb 19-July 2—USBC Open Championship-Reno  
Feb 26/27-GA WBA Queens Tourn-hosting center TBA  
Mar 5/6,12/13,19/20,26,27-GA State WBA Tourn-Golden Isles  
Mar 12— GA State WBA Annual Meeting-Golden Isles  
Mar 5/6,12/13,19/20,26/27-GA State BA Open Tourn-Augusta  
Mar 5-GA State BA Meeting-Augusta  
April-Youth State Pepsi Finals competition-site TBA  
Apr 7-July 2USBC Women Championship Tourn-Syracuse NY  
May-State Youth Championship Tourn-site TBA  
June 18/19 25/26-State Mixed Tournament—Warner Robins  
June 27-July 2-USBC Convention-Grapevine, TX  
July 1—Newsletter Deadline  
July-GA Games-Date & Place TBA  
July 7-23—USBC Youth Open-Las Vegas  
July 30-31State Youth Workshop & Annual Meet-Milledgeville

### **2012 DATES**

March-GA State WBA Tourn & Meeting-Columbus  
**If you have items for possible inclusion in this dates to remember for GA Youth, BA & WBA or articles on bowlers or association news, send email to Bowling News editor at [sha13@bellsouth.net](mailto:sha13@bellsouth.net) and put newsletter in subject line or Sharon Rich---3984 Greenview Dr. Oakwood, GA 30566**



## **SENIOR TOURNAMENT INVITATION**

### **Sept 20 Deadline**

This year's Senior Tournament is dedicated to former tournament director Sharra Culver. Sharra died after a short illness March 7, 2010. She had already prepared this year's entry and was excited about going to Warner Robins the first 2 weekends in October. The new director of the tournament, Linda Proctor, is well known for her management skills as she also manages the GA State Mixed and GA State WBA Championship Tournaments.



**Entry deadline is Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**. The tournament will be held at Gold Cup Lanes on Russell Parkway and Vista Inns & Suites is Host Hotel and Headquarters.

The BA & WBA have tournaments running at the same time and place and are open to bowlers 55 years young and up. Entries are available now thru mail outs or can be found on both the WBA & BA websites. Questions or for more info send email to Linda Proctor at [MsPutter@gmail.com](mailto:MsPutter@gmail.com)

### **GA GAMES CELEBRATES 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

Sharon Rich reporting & photographer Dave Checkle & his faithful troop of volunteers once again made Bowling one of the premier GA Games sports this year as they celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> year. This year's state competition numbers, although down about 25 from last year, a total of 474 split among the 31 divisions with them being comprised of 186 youth, 181 adults and 107 seniors. Before we look at the winners, let's look at what goes on before. No, I'm not talking about the many hours of work just merely compiling the entries sent in to Dave & Eileen. Take a look at these first pictures of some of the workers during check in—where the bowlers are greeted and given their lanes and score sheets, their t-shirts & then on to cookies & juice to get them ready to hit the lanes.





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After a grueling Saturday where bowlers had to wage battle not only on the bowling lanes but with the heat and then on the lanes of the highway thanks to major problems, especially for anyone coming on 20. In fact one gentleman was stuck in traffic for over 2 hours and missed the first 6 frames of his game but according to volunteer Theresa Hilliard as she assisted him, "He still had a good attitude and said he was going to have a good time even if it was zeros for those missed frames."



A large crowd eagerly awaited the presentation of the Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners. As Dave Checkle said "This is a very competitive, economical & fun tournament where everyone receives a shirt. We bring together Men, Women & Youth of all ages to compete in Olympic style bowling for medals—not money." Pictured below are Division 1&2 winners. Jessica Stelzel{G}, Katherine Adams{S}, Melissa Oliveira{B}, Peyton Smith{G} Javen Moon{S}, Kyle Nunnally{B}, Jessica Popp{G}, Morgan Palmer{S}, Kelli Bennett{B}, Bradley Allen{G}, Galen Dawson{S} and Phillip Mondy{B}.



Division 3&4 winners pictured below Kayla Foortune{G}, Stephanie Kelley{S}, Bethany Dixon{B}, Casey Lambert{G}, Kyree Betties{S}, Skylur Rank{B}, Elizabeth Hall{G}, Karen Jaques{S}, Michelle Tilley{B}, Jairus Reed{G}, Joseph Ramirez{S} and Wayne Hall{B}



Division 5,6&7 winners Courtney Carney{G} Kourtnei McCarty{S} Amanda Rykard{B} Raul Viera{G}, Jarrett Jones{S}, Kevin Knight{B}, Courtney Gaskins{G} Jessica Scheaffer{S}, Diana Richardson{B}, Sean Espey{G}, Eric Breckon{S}, Matthew Parker{B}, Jacob Gard{G} Blair Cain{G} and Lance Lewis{S}



Division 8&9 winners Deloria Roach{G}, Sandra Dimuzio{S}, Jackie Smith{B}, Michael Pardue{G}, James Watts Jr{S}, Glenn Rykard Sr{B}, Mary Rykard{G}, Sheila Adkins{S}, Annette Williams{B}, Charles Edens{G}, Joel Hodges{S} & Rusty Pope{B}.



Winners in Division 10&11 {above} Sharon Jones{G} Sabrina Thornton{S}, Jessica Dumas{B}, Boone Sudhasirkul{G} James Norris{S}, Craig Goldstein{B}, Thelma Glenn{G}, Rebecca Weathers{S} Kathy Freeman{B} Bill Perry II{G} Shahid Shaikh{S} and Richard Goodnight{B}





Division 12&13 winners Barbie Nelson{G} Tracey Pietrucha{S} Jean McDonald{B} Michael Johnson{G} Tim Goodwill{S} David Checkle Jr{B} Olive Alexander{G} Martha Ferrell{S} Dee Little{B} Lee Humbert{G} Harry Caughman{S} John Little{B}



Division 14&15 winners Susan Remer{G} Mirian Hill{S} Joan Beaver{B} Wayne Jolin{G} Carroll Wilson{S} John Howard{B} Dell Merritt{G} Patricia Hamock{S} Mary Williams{B} Claude Roach{G} Eco Marorello{S} Hugh Walters{B}



Division 16 & 17 winners Richard Brogsdale{G} Virlyn Bryant{S} John Topper{B} Danny Smith{G} John Barry{S} and David Gaddis{B}.

As Ruby Shackelford said "I better get out here & bowl with these women I don't belong with but at least I got a T-shirt. It's ALL about the support and having fun anyway!"

So make sure you enter a qualifier in leagues or local or state tournaments so you too can perhaps go for the Gold next July.

## **FATHER & DAUGHTER BOWL** **300 GAME SAME SEASON**

Joe Spain reporting  
Larry Harper, Jr. has bowled many 300 games during his career. However, on September 12, 2009, Larry's daughter Destiny, bowled her first 300 game at the age of 14. The opportunity to bowl a 300 game during the same season as a relative is a rare accomplishment. Larry achieved that feat when he bowled his 300 game on February 21, 2010. It is not known officially if Destiny Harper's 300 game is a state record. At the age of 14 years, 3 months, she certainly is the youngest girl that is known to many in the game. Destiny bowled her 300 game as part of a 704 series. Destiny also completed her season with a 201 average. Both Larry and Destiny are members of the Greater Atlanta USBC Association and bowl most of their games at the AMF American Lanes in Conyers.

## **RICH'S REVIEW**

Sharon Rich, GA State USBC WBA President

Yo Yo to each of you on behalf of GA State Women's Bowling. Let's review our "PLAN to WIN in 2010" We had very successful Queens & State tournaments thanks in large part to the hard work of the North West GA Association. It truly was a joy to again be working with them and



the management of their bowling centers. Surveys have been given out to all ladies during these tournaments. During the Senior tournament in Warner Robins we will also give those ladies an opportunity to express their opinions. So far 874 surveys have been tallied and your State Board has begun to use these findings as we prepare for this new bowling season. In fact, as we continue with our plans, this year's theme is "2011 is the year & survey answers we hear". Changes have already been made in some areas at your request and many more may be on the way as we continue to try to give YOU, our "customers" what you want. Change though may not always be feasible nor what is allowed so with all suggestions, we must use wisdom. Much like the pictures above, the changes over the years were many, both physically & mentally, and not always in the best interest of myself but they became the person I am today. What we become as USBC, what we become as GA WBA, is up to how we change or do not change.

Another new thing for 2011 is going to be our first ever State tournament in Brunswick GA. We look forward to working with the Golden Isles Association the month of March. Meeting weekend will be as usual the second weekend at the host hotel Hampton Inn & Suites on Venture Dr. Entry forms are now out and can also be found at [www.georgiawba.com](http://www.georgiawba.com)

Some changes and opportunities we offer bowlers require Local Association Managers to be diligent and do their job in submitting forms. Awards like high series, average & games or oldest active members or eligible Hall of Fame candidates etc can only be obtained from the Local's. We need your help to recognize these ladies! Most of our deadlines are DEC 1 each year to make it easier to remember. Watch for our packet the end of August to help you with details.

Of course I can't end without again asking you to support BVL. My 25 cent a week challenge is still ongoing-13.00 a year is all I ask from you for those who give life & limb for US.

## **STATE WEBSITES**

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## FAMILY FRIENDS AND FUN





