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HALL OF FAME DINNER 2011



Ruby Hogsed became the newest member of the GA State USBC WBA Hall of Fame with her “rousing” & fun filled speech during induction ceremonies in Albany. Edna Brownlow was to have also been inducted but was unable to attend due to illness.



Virgil Halte was proud to be inducted into the GA State USBC BA Hall of Fame during ceremonies in his home association of Albany.



Other events of the evening included the annual BVL fundraising which netted almost 3000.00 for our Veterans. Many joined in the evenings entertainment of singing & dancing. Following are pictures of some of the evenings excitement.





Checking in with Checkle

Pres Dave Checkle GA State Youth
Welcome all Youth Bowlers, Coaches, Parents, and Association Leaders. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of youth bowling throughout the State of Georgia. Today's youth are the future leaders of tomorrow, especially the great youth we have coming through our program.

As a state association, we provide services, scholarship and award recognition for Georgia USBC Youth members. Our website <http://www.gastateusbcyouth.com> was upgraded to make it simple & convenient to find the award forms, applications, tournament entry forms, along with the latest news, tournament results and upcoming events.

Working with state associations is very rewarding and we thank our sponsors for granting scholarship funds each year. Financial assistance is received from the State Bowling Council, the State WBA and State BA Association's. It is so good to be working with people who acknowledge the need for funding higher education aid for our youth.

In closing, we truly appreciate and thank all coaches, parents and association leaders for the work they do in support of our youth and challenge each association to open communication channels with your coaches and centers promoting state youth award programs.

This is truly a win-win situation - submitting youth for state awards represents an added value to your local program & all the forms are on the web.

Brown Is One Of The Lucky Ones

By Bill Abercrombie - Sports@Macon.Com

Statistics regarding orphaned children in Russia are quite disturbing. More than 250,000 children are residents of the state orphanage system with more 650,000 in some other form of state care. The Russian orphanages are often overcrowded, understaffed and generally neglectful. Some of these infants and children are adopted by non-Russian families, primarily in the United States. When it comes to disabled children, the story is even sadder. If a disabled child cannot be adopted by age eight, he or she is often sent to a sanatorium to live with other society castoffs such as the elderly or mentally retarded. The future holds little for these children.

New Horizons is a twice-a-year hosting program that travels to the United States with 20 to 40 children, ages four and up, from Russia and Latvia. These children get a first-hand glimpse of a loving family life and will hopefully be adopted into their forever family. This is the story of Elizaveta Brown, a Russian orphan with cerebral palsy, who was adopted locally when she was part of the New Horizons program in January of 2009. Kat and Jerry Brown already had three children, Timothy, 18, Christopher 15 and Stephen, 12. They live in Warner Robins where Kat is a substitute teacher and Jerry is retired from the Air Force. In

January 2009, a fellow teacher e-mailed Kat an article about New Horizons, and she was intrigued by this one little 7-year-old girl Elizaveta. After discussing the situation with the whole family, they decided to meet Elizaveta, and from there they all fell in love with her. After several meetings and a lengthy adoption process, Elizaveta became one of the family and was brought to America in November, 2009. In an effort to get Elizaveta acclimated to some of the ways of American culture, they took her bowling. Even with her disabilities, this was one sport she could perform. She could use a ramp to place the ball and then push it toward the lane with the ball ultimately rolling into the pins. The first time Elizaveta tried it she became so excited that she told her adopted family "Me Do" in what little English she knew. From here the bowling story is one of success. She joined a youth league at the Gold Cup Center in Warner Robins with her brother Stephen. She has become very adroit at moving the ramp to not only get strikes but pick up spares, as well. So well, that in the Pepsi Challenge she placed first in her singles category and with her brother Stephen she placed first in the doubles category in the city youth tournament. Things are still tough for orphans in Russia today, but here is one little girl who has beat the odds and has become integrated successfully into American society where she will be an ordinary third grader in Quail Run Elementary School in Warner Robins in the upcoming year.

Destiny Harper – 805 Series



Kathy Scheaffer & Joe Spain
Destiny Harper at the age of 16 has rolled her first record setting series by a youth female in the state of GA for 800 Series at AMF American Lanes on 10/22/11. Her games were 279 – 258 – 268 to total **805** Scratch Series. She rolled her first 300 Game in 2009 at the age of 14, also at Conyers. Destiny is currently a Junior in High School and is carrying a 217 Average at AMF American

Lanes in Conyers Georgia.

This past July she finished 36th in the 2011 National Junior Gold Tournament held in Las Vegas. She won the Scratch Division 2011 Pepsi Tournament held in Columbus. At Warner Robins State Youth Tournament she Placed 1st in Singles & in All Events. She has competed in several local Tournaments, won multiple City & State Superlative Awards. Won the Georgia Youth Bowlers Tour Tournament Of Champions twice. Bowled on the Georgia Interstate All Stars for 5 Years. An active Member of the Bowlers Of Distinction Club, she also serves as a Member on the Greater Atlanta Youth Community & Georgia State Youth Leaders.

Destiny has established herself as one of Georgia's premier bowlers. Congratulations Destiny!



The 2011 **Georgia 500 Club** Tournament and Membership Meeting were held September 10th and 11th at Suburban Lanes in Decatur. Shirley Bettis from the Greater Atlanta Association was our winner. Our officers are: Nanette Todd,

President; Jerri Hyatt, 1st Vice-President, Jacquie Campbell, 2nd Vice-President; myself as Secretary/Treasurer and Pat Elliot, Sgt.-At-Arms.

For those of you interested in joining our club, you are eligible if you have bowled at least one scratch 500-599 series and you have bowled no more than one scratch 600+ series in the year PRIOR to the current 500 Club tournament. The cost to join is \$6.00 with a \$2.00 renewal fee each year at tournament time.

The 2012 tournament and membership meeting will be held September 8th and 9th, in Newnan at Junction Lanes. The meeting will be held on September 9th at 10 a.m. at the bowling center. Sessions will be at 4 p.m. on September 8th and Noon on September 9th. You're allowed to enter both sessions but can only cash once. The cost for one session of the tournament is \$34. The best part of the tournament is you bowl 4 games and discard the lowest of the 4 to come up with your total series. How often do you get to do that??

Both the membership application and the tournament entry for 2012 are online at the Georgia WBA website - georgiawba.com. Once there click on "GA 500 Club". You can also contact me for either of these.

If your bowling center/association is interested in hosting a tournament, please contact me for details and an application. We offer our club shirts (orange in color) for \$21.00 (S,M,L,XL) and \$23.00 for (XXL-4XL). A \$5.00 mailing charge is optional. We have 500 Club Pins for \$2.00 each.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 770-304-2251 or at goke_kaucic@mindspring.com. Hope to see you at Junction Lanes next September.

News from Columbus WBA



Lucille Dixon reporting

We have planned a very active and busy year for bowling. We are rolling out the carpet for our Georgia bowlers. Lee Calvez and her committee are busy planning and interesting month for the Georgia WBA State Tournament. No ball will be left unturned. So, get your teams together, come west and have a ball.

The Columbus BA and WBA will host the Georgia State Mixed Tournament and the State Jamboree here in Columbus. We are planning a

unique and somewhat different Jamboree plus a fun filled Mixed Tournament. So, mark your calendar and join us for these activities.

We have completed several projects. In October we hosted the State 600 Club Tournament and experienced some great bowling. We inducted Valura O'Blenness (Miss O'B) into the Columbus Hall of Fame for meritorious service and bestowed the honor of Honorary Member (formally Member Emeritae) upon Clydie Spivey. Our Bowl for the Cure committee met and exceeded its goal. We encourage all bowlers, men & women, to accept the challenge to "knock

out" cancer. Research and treatment funded by BFTC are ways we can meet this challenge & defeat this disease.

Meanwhile, say "Thanks" to our veterans and active duty military. Our BVL committee is planning a great fund-raising campaign for BVL during February and is asking every bowler to show support by generously donating to this charity. Your donation says thanks in many, many ways. Let's all say "thanks".

The carpet is out and the hospitality awaits you. So, come west Georgia bowlers, join the fun and have a ball in Columbus

Juanita Jentry Celebrates 35 Years Bowling Women's Nationals



Tracey Humphrey reporting
Juanita started bowling in the National tournament in April 1977 and has attended each one ever since. In June of 2011 she received recognition and a 35 consecutive year plaque in Syracuse, NY. Juanita has bowled in the Ft. Myers, Florida association for 35 years and the past 10 years in the Augusta, GA association. Juanita has tirelessly given of her time and talent to the bowling association in the area she has lived in and we in the Augusta

Association are proud to claim her as one of our own. We say, "Well Done, Juanita".



Francis Bradley Oldest Female League Bowler In Augusta, GA

I originally joined the league a few years ago. I was adopted by the team of Francis Bradley, Millard Bull, and Nell Penner. I have enjoyed bowling with this team ever since. Francis never ceases to amaze me by her persistence and lovely personality. She is always upbeat and full of fun - always grinning and just full of life. She was interviewed on

WRDW-TV a couple of years ago because of her age. Her birthday is Feb 28 and we had a cake for her and the TV sports Anchor came to the bowling alley and interviewed her. He was also amazed by her spry activity. I look forward to continuing with this team for several more years until I can no longer bowl. I know Francis will be there cheering me along, just as I do for her. By the way, I forgot to mention that the year of Francis' birth is 1916. That makes her what?? 29 or 30.... **written by teammate Lee Keefer**



News From North GA WBA

Gwen Strickland reporting



Pictured above are 3 generations of bowlers at the Gainesville Bowling Center. From left to right are daughter, Mary, grand daughter Lauryn, and mother, Lois Love. Lois' mother taught her to bowl, and she and her husband, Jim have continued the tradition through the next two generations.



Also at the Gainesville Bowling Center we have a two member family bowling on the Monday Nite Ladies League. They are pictured left to right: The Mother, Jean, who is 81 years of age, and her daughter Sandy (we don't tell her age). They are new to Gainesville.

Bowling, The Perfect Sport To Enjoy As A Family & At ANY Age!

The 2012 Georgia State Jamboree will be held in **Columbus Georgia. The dates will be **August 3-5, 2012.** The Hall of Fame dinner will be held in the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. It is hoped that all associations in the state can have representatives at this very informative weekend. If you have never attended a Jamboree, this will be the perfect opportunity to enjoy the festivities. Make Plans Today To Join Us!**



SBA Update

Joe Spain reporting

The SBA Fall Meeting was held in Greenville, SC during the Thanksgiving weekend. Two new people were selected for induction to the SBA Hall of Fame. Lloyd Britt, current president of the SBA, was one of the two people selected. Congratulations Lloyd. The 2013 SBA Tournament will be held in Lloyd's hometown of Warner Robins. Please help support this tournament when it comes again to Georgia.



GA Loses Bowling Leader

Ga bowlers lost a friend as well as leader Dec 8, 2011 when Virgil Halte, Former State BA President as well as President of his local Albany assoc succumbed to his extended illness. "In addition to attaining life membership in the



BA association, Virgil was inducted into the BA Hall of Fame for his meritorious service this past August. He was a past president & long time friend." said Joe Spain who served as State Assoc Manager during Virgil's tenure as President

John Howard, who served with Virgil in the SBA said, "We have certainly lost a devoted, dedicated servant to bowling in general, to bowlers in the State of GA and, especially to bowlers and friends in the Southeast Bowling Association. Since Virg and I both serve in Georgia, I have come to appreciate him to the fullest extent as being devoted to bowling and as a good friend."

"Working with Virgil on joint projects but in particular the Hall of Fame Dinner has been an easy task the past few years because of his since of wanting to make sure everything was taken care of the right way. He has been a friend & I admired his devotion to bowling & to the bowlers he served, especially here in GA." said WBA President, Sharon Rich.

May God's comfort be with his family & friends during this most difficult time.

GOOD Greetings

Pres Jan Good GA State BA

The 1st Annual Men's Championship was held in September and October at AMF Peach Lanes in Columbus. For the first year, the tournament had a good turnout. A team captained by Joey Coty from Statesboro won the 720 & Over Team Division. Dan Bearden from Greater Atlanta won the All-Events Scratch.



The 31st Senior BA Championships were held in Marietta at the AMF Marietta Lanes during October. Sonny Lusk and his Northwest Georgia USBC Association hosted a very good tournament. The All-Events Champions in each division were:

Super Senior William Trice (Albany)
Class A Durwood Hill (Northwest GA)
Class B Roger Butler (Greater Atlanta)
Class C Harley Jerome (Lanier Area) & Barry Collier (Athens)
Class D Gary Watson (Northwest GA)

Next year's tournament will be held in Warner Robins during October.

The 2012 Georgia State USBC BA Open Championship will be held in Warner Robins and Macon. The Gold Cup Lanes in each city will be used. The dates will be the last two weekends in April and the first two weekends in May with a fifth weekend if necessary.

The current schedule for next year's All-Star tournaments is:

Bill Hargrove Memorial Super Senior All-Star –
March 3-4 – Valdosta
Regular All-Star – March 24-25 – Lilburn
Larry Shafer Memorial Senior All-Star –
March 31 to April 1 - Albany

2011 Mixed Tournament "Tidbits"

Linda Proctor reporting

Low average - 94
High average - 241
Low game - 63
High game - 300 (2)
Low series - 242
High series - 802

Handicap is 100% of 220 so everyone with 220 or less average, if they bowl their average plus their handicap they have 660. So everyone starts out even if they bowl their average so whoever bowls the most over their average is the one who wins.

With this kind of stats there is no reason not to enter this year's Mixed State Tournament. All bowlers have a chance. Enter now for June 16/17 or 23/24 tournament at Peach Bowl in Columbus, GA.

Dancing with the "Stars" competition during the 2011 GA Jamboree proved to be just too much for Betty Jean Anderson & Jan Good. "Old Time Rock & Roll" was not only the song being played but turned out to be the moves BJ tried to do as she fell to the floor & rocked & rolled!!! Many seemed to think Jumpin jack Jan's moves were just too fast & knocked her off her feet while others thought they were just having a good old fashion throw down. After the fear of injury was over, all agreed, it was so funny & added to the evening.



MORE JAMBOREE PHOTOS





Claudia Harrison & Linda Davis “dress-up” Clezell Harwell in her Ms. Senior Flamingo outfit prior to her throwing out the 1st ball during the 2011 WBA Senior Tourn. Since the event was held at the Oasis Bowl in Buford, a tropical theme was used in

goody bags to opening ceremonies. Clezell was selected for her “striking” beauty, bowling “powers” & above all else, her ability to joke around. Make plans to join in the fun as well as enjoy battling other senior bowlers in 2012 at Junction Lanes in Newnan. Mary Ann & all the West GA gang hope to see you there ready to rock & roll.

Bowling Dates To Remember

2012 DATES

- Jan13 & 14-GWBA Board & Comm Meetings-Warner Robins
- Jan 15 State Bowling Council Meeting - Warner Robins
- February - Youth Pepsi League Qualifier
- Feb11-July 10-USBC Open Championship - Baton Rouge, La.
- Feb 24 & 25 GWBA Queens Tourn- Masters Lanes - Augusta
- March 2012State WBA Tournament - Peachbowl - Columbus
- March 10 GWBA Meeting - Doubletree Hotel - Columbus
- April 14 - July 8- USBC Women's Championship - Reno
- April--Youth State Pepsi Finals
- April 25 -28- USBC Annual Convention - Arlington Texas
- May - State Youth Championship Tournament
- June 16-17, 23-24 State Mixed Tourn -Peach Bowl Columbus
- July 1 - Newsletter Deadline
- July 13 - 29 USBC Youth Open -Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 14 & 15- Ga Games-Brunswick Zone-Norcross
- Aug 3-5-Jamboree Weekend & Hall of Fame-WBA & BA
- Sept 8 & 9 Ga 500 Club Tourn- Junction Lanes - Newnan
- Oct 20, Ga 600 Club Tourn - Junction Lanes in Newnan
- October - WBA Sr. Tournament - Junction Lanes - Newnan
- April - July 2013 - USBC Women's Championship - Reno
- April - July 2014 - USBC Women's Championship - Reno
- April - July 2015 - USBC Women's Championship - Reno

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 and put newsletter in subject line or Sharon Rich---3984 Greenview Dr. Oakwood, GA 30566

Rich's Review

Pres Sharon Rich, GA State WBA

When I look at the past year in review, it's sort of like this picture of me, a little on the weird side.

The WBA experienced great turnouts in all our sponsored tournaments but it was a little weird not having our Senior Tournaments at the same house.

Our BVL gift for 2010-11 was larger than it had been in previous years, but a weird thing happened: GA dropped out of the top 5 to 6th this year. Main thing is you once again came thru in support of our Veterans. Let me use this time to encourage each of you as individuals as well as local associations to step up with your donations for those who have given life & limb for us.

Augusta GA, the home of the Masters golf tournament will be home for the WBA & our Queens Tournament the end of Feb. as well as for our State WBA in 2013. As we have said in some of our promo, “the Putt-fect way to have a Tee-rific day is bowling in the WBA's tournaments!”

Of course, we first will be returning to Columbus for this year's tournament & meeting. We are excited about again visiting this area of our state as well as working with the dedicated folks of Columbus.

After listening to complaints from other associations, I feel blessed to have one weird thing going on in the state WBA—we have a board who respects each other & works well together. WE are here for you—let us know your needs as well as any good & bad reviews of us. I truly want to hear from you. It's the only way for us to make even more improvements for you.



As weird as it may seem to some who are going through hardships, let's all take this time to be thankful for all the many blessings we do have as a country, an association as well as individuals. God truly is Great and we as His people must continue to share our Sport & the goodness & love of bowlers to others. May we each be as bright a light as my pink flamingo hair!

STATE BOWLING WEBSITES

gastateusbcyouth.com

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gasba.net