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## **ELVIS ROCKS IN COLUMBUS DURING HALL OF FAME BANQUET**

Sharon Rich reporting

Elvis was in the building, the National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center that is, August 4<sup>th</sup> as the entertainment during this year's Hall of Fame Banquet. Not only was it a night of fun but a very educational time during the tour of the Museum. There was food that was some of the best ever had at a banquet along with the hospitality room fun & time of fellowship. Jan Good, Michele Ayers & Lucille Dixon as leaders of the many hardworking Columbus BA & WBA members made the weekend defiantly a Jamboree to remember. Make plans now to attend the 2013 Jamboree as we head back to Columbus the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August for what is expected to be filled with even more surprises & thrills & oh yes, some learning time too.



Christine Rump of South GA was inducted to the 2012 WBA Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.



Quantrelle Green of Atlanta & Northwest GA was also inducted to the 2012 WBA Hall of Fame for Superior Performance. She was also recognized with the National Award of Highest Series for Female with a 870



Joe Spain conducts induction of Charles Griffin of South GA into the 2012 GA State BA Hall of Fame.



Charles Griffin congratulates Tom Harrison of the Intra Mountain on being named GA State BA Life Member.

As Vicky Rawlins, GWBA 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Hall of Fame chairman said, "The hall of fame banquet in Columbus during August was amazing. I don't think anyone in attendance would not agree. The host hotel, the bowling tournament, the hall of fame banquet location at the national infantry museum and soldier center, the food and the entertainment were all first class. Thanks to everyone involved but especially to the bowlers of Columbus for all your hard work."

Joe Bays, our friend & "GA Bowlers Photographer" made photos for this newsletter as well as websites or for sale to anyone wishing. Even though some put a few people in shall I say "questionable" poses with Elvis, I feel is my duty to show much of his work here & throughout the newsletter. I hope you enjoy so much you'll make plans to attend in 2013 in Columbus!



Ohhhhhh ELVIS!!! Vivian Bieker was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> to have a dream dance with one of her idols.



**SERENADES...**



**TO**



**KISSES...**



**TO**



**LEIS...**

Keep looking for more of Joe's Jamboree photos

# **GREETINGS FROM THE GA 500 CLUB**

**Janice Goke-Kaucic, Secretary/Treasurer, reporting**

The 2012 Georgia 500 Club Tournament and Membership Meeting were held September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Junction Lanes in Newnan.

Kelly Jenkins from the North Georgia Association was our winner. Others placing in our tournament were Candace Ciminnisi, Gloria Furbee, Robin Wimmer, and Bonnie Clayton from West Georgia; Nelda Berry, Sarah Pharr, and Teresa Alexander from Greater Atlanta; LaVerne Holman from Port City; Margaret DeMine from Fort Stewart; Deloria Roach from North Georgia and Wendy Esco and Deloris Coburn from Columbus. Congratulations to all. Many thanks to the West Georgia USBC Association and Junction Lanes for making our tournament a success!

Our new officers are: Jerri Hyatt, President; Jacquie Campbell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Pat Elliot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, myself as Secretary/Treasurer, and Robin Wimmer, Sgt.-At-Arms.

We thank Nanette Todd for her many years of service to our club as President (1996-2012) and Vice-President (1991-1995). We look forward to working with her as an "ex officio" of our club.



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 2013 tournament and membership meeting will be held September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Junction Lanes in Newnan. The meeting will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the bowling center. Sessions will be at 4 p.m. on September 7<sup>th</sup> and Noon on September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 2013 are online at the Georgia WBA website - [georgiawba.com](http://georgiawba.com). Once there, click on "GA 500 Club". You can also contact me for either of these.

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 also have our 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](mailto:goke_kaucic@mindspring.com).



## **2012 Georgia State "600" Club**

**Linda Proctor reporting**

The 2012 Georgia State 600 Club Tournament was held October 20 at Junction Lanes in Newnan.

In Division A (with a 175 and above average) the scratch and handicap winner was Dina Ballenger from Greater Atlanta with a 1335 scratch and 1416 with handicap. In Division B (with an average below 175) the scratch winner was Theresa Turpin from Columbus with a 1111. The handicap winner was Barbara Daughtry from Northwest Georgia with a 1346.

The 2013 tournament will be held October 19 at Brunswick Zone Lilburn in Lawrenceville. We had 72 entries in this years tournament. This is the most entries we have had in several years. If you have had a scratch 600 series and would like to join our Club, you can print an application from the website – [www.georgiawba.com](http://www.georgiawba.com).

## **GREETINGS FROM AUGUSTA!!**

**Tracey A. Humphrey, 2nd Vice President reporting**

We here in Augusta are having a very good season. During our Joint Association Banquet this past June, we inducted two special ladies into the Augusta Womens Bowling Hall of Fame. First is our current Association President who has served for 10 years as a director and officer of the Augusta Association. The other has been an active association member for over 15 years. The inductees were Jeanette Baxter and Robin Earnest. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for all their contribution through years.



This December our Joint Associations will host our annual VA Christmas dinner at the American Legion Post 205. The disabled veterans from the VA hospital are served ham, turkey, dressing and all kinds of goodies. We also handout gift bags that contain handkerchief, combs, tooth brushes, and socks. We also invite local politicians like the Mayor of Augusta and the Commanding General of Fort Gordon.

We would like to extend a special invite to all Georgia state bowlers to come to Augusta and participate in the State Tournament during March 2013. What a time we will have and as we say here is Augusta ***"WE ARE FAMILY, I'VE GOT ALL MY SISTERS WITH ME!"***



## **FT STEWART ASSOCIATION CONTINUES AS LEADERS IN BATTLES FOR COUNTRY & BOWLING**

**Les Culver FSUSBC Assoc Manager reporting**

Greetings from the training ground for many of our nation's most dedicated and unselfish soldiers. Fort Stewart is continuing to participate in league and tournament bowling with the members that remain on the base or their families, members who have retired from military, work for Department of Defense and civilian members of the local communities. With deployment our numbers decrease and we have seen that with recent deployments to Afghanistan. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to them and their families for a safe return.

We have seven active adult leagues this year and four youth leagues. Many are bowling in more than one league but due to the economy not as many as in past years. Hopefully that will change and bowlers can think about recreational and tournament bowling. Marne Lanes is currently being renovated. At the end of the summer we received a new lane machine and new pins. During the month of November all monitors and consoles were replaced by a new high definition system from Brunswick. The system is installed and everyone is going through operational hazard training. No longer do scorers think they are blind when trying to complete forms. Every fifth screen is a Samsung High Def television. Things look good with Brunswick in the pit and AMF racking system. The association is selling Re-Creation CDs and conducting a scratch off raffle to raise funds for BVL. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Doubles Tournament was held in December and we have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 9 Pin No-Tap Doubles Tournament planned for around Valentine's Day. This is a non-sanctioned tournament we run to interest people to take up the sport and join leagues. Now that our bowling center is changing we are in discussion with Savannah about co-hosting a GA State USBC or SBA tournament and when all nuts fit the bolts we will submit a bid.

We have lost some of our bowlers this year, as most associations do, to accidents, sickness or age. We miss their presence and want their families to know a bowler is never forgotten. They remain a member of our team waiting, in the pit, with wings flapping waiting for the chance to bowl with us when we gather once again.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at various bowling activities through the 2012-2013 bowling season. Until then our association and its members wish for you good health, and good bowling.



## **CHECKING IN WITH CHECKLE**

**DAVE CHECKLE STATE  
YOUTH PRESIDENT**

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 at <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. This year's State Tournament will be in Augusta & the Pepsi finals in Columbus.

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.

## **North Georgia USBC WBA News**

**Jerri Hyatt reporting**

As we began the season, we discussed ideas to increase our membership & give back to regular bowlers in our association. The association paid for the national and state dues for **ALL** our bowlers this season. Congratulations to the following bowlers: Cheryl Major won the Division 1 singles @ the 2012 State tournament with an awesome series of 805 and was also the winner of Division 1 All Events Hdcp. Ruby Mitchell won the 2012 Seniors Tournament and was invited to the National Seniors Tournament in Reno. Ruby placed 5th in the National Tournament. Kelly Jenkins won the Georgia 500 Club Tournament @ Junction Lanes in Newnan. Jerri Hyatt was elected President at the Georgia 500 Club. God Bless all of you and keep up the great bowling..



## **CLARK'S COMMENTS**

**WAYNE CLARK STATE  
BA PRESIDENT**

The Georgia State BA Open Championship will be held at Brunswick Zone Roswell & Brunswick Zone Norcross. The dates are April 20-21, 27-28, May 4-5, and 11-12 with a 5<sup>th</sup> weekend added if necessary.

The Southeast Bowling Association will hold its 2013 tournament in Warner Robins during the month of June 2013. The events will be held at Gold Cup Macon and Gold Cup Warner Robins.

## **RICH'S REVIEW**

**SHARON RICH STATE  
WBA PRESIDENT**

Yo Yo All. What fun we had during the 2012 Jamboree. From Elvis & his embarrassing ways to words of wisdom from Jim Zebahazy of USBC, this August was "Hot in Columbus"! From early plans, 2013 Jamboree will be even hotter.

We had a very successful Sr Tournament in Newnan in 2012 & will be going to Warner Robins in Oct 2013.

Our Queens & Sr Queens Tournament will be held Feb. 23 & 24 at the Lilburn Brunswick Zone. We again expect some very competitive bowling, especially during Sunday's stepladder finals.

March finds us traveling to Augusta for what we know will be a "PUTT-fect" State Tournament & Convention. But then, that is just "PAR" for the wonderful Augusta ladies.

In Review, we have some very busy days ahead with competitive bowling but lots of fun times & opportunities for each of you ladies.

If any association is interested in hosting any tournament or State function, please contact us. I can be reached at 678-617-6157 or Betty Jean can be contacted at 334-297-5944 or we can be contacted through the

State WBA website at [www.georgiawba.com](http://www.georgiawba.com)

While on the website, check out the many opportunities for awards both individually or as an association.

We look forward to hearing from you soon & seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

God Bless each of us.







## NEWS FROM COLUMBUS USBC WBA

Lucille Dixon Pres. reporting

We rolled out the red carpet and you came. You came to Columbus and bowled in the Georgia 600 Club Tournament, the

Georgia USBC WBA State Tournament, and completed the tour by bowling in the Georgia State Mixed Tournament. Then you graced us with your presence at the Georgia State Jamboree where we were informed, enlightened and giving honor to our **Hall of Fame** members. Thank you. You made our year an exciting adventure. Please don't stop. Come back in August and join us for an entertaining Jamboree.

So, now this season's adventure in the sport of bowling has begun. We honored three of our bowler who were inducted into our Hall of Fame, Margo DeSelle, Melinda Jones for meritorious service, and Carole Brown for outstanding performance. We conducted our area wide **Bowl for the Cure** campaign the month of October. We exceeded our goal and we feel sure research will one day make cancer a disease of the past. Now we are gearing up for **BVL**. Our first project is our Christmas basket. The **BVL** committee has some ambitious ideas and activities for this year's fund raising campaign. This charity is very dear to us. Our veterans endured great sacrifices for us. When every bowler participates, we loudly say **thanks** to our veterans, our retired and activity duty military for giving us the freedoms we enjoy today. Please join us and say "Thanks".

We hope you will enjoy your adventure in the sport of bowling this season. Coming to Columbus in August for the Georgia State Jamboree will be an adventure you will long remember. Come on over. The red carpet will be out.



OB, GA WBA's oldest active bowler enjoyed getting serenaded & leis from Elvis as much as any of the "young guns!!!" Go OB!!!



## GWBA SENIOR TOURNAMENT

Linda Proctor reporting

The 2012 Sr Tournament was held at Junction Lanes in Newnan. We had a great turnout & everyone seemed to have enjoyed the event.

Gayle Payne, Claudia Harrison, Sarah Chumbley,

Patty Purcell and Patti Cohen will be going to Reno to represent Georgia in the National Sr Tourn in July 2013. The WBA pays their entry fee as well as a portion of their expenses comes from expense fees collected during the state tournament.

A complete list of winners & prizes can be found on the WBA website [www.georgiawba.com](http://www.georgiawba.com)

Make your plans now to join us in Warner Robins during Oct 2013.



## NEWS FROM MIDDLE GEORGIA

Judy Britt reporting

The following season ending awards were given out in Middle GA:

Duchess and Duke: Janette Daniell and Don Meck

High Average for Robins:

Courtney Mane (203) and Conal Jackson (227)

High Average for Gold Cup: Courtney Mane (196) and Conal Jackson (226)

Bowlers of the Year: Courtney Mane and Conal Jackson  
Tournament Bowlers of the Year: Courtney Mane and Charles Anthony

Youth High Averages:

**Senior** (19-20): Kristen Gassett (180) and Norman Ingram (144) **Major** (15-18): Cara Stasel (178) and Tyler Harvey (190) **Junior** (12-14): Kelsey Hough (145) and Eric Pernell (161) **Prep** (9-11): Kaye Ellixson (128) and Lance Grubbs (134) **Bantam** (8 & Under): Dana Mae Hendley (78) and Parker Biddle (106)

Bowlers of the Year: Kristen Gassett, Cara Stasel (tie) and Brett Schildknecht

Tournament Bowlers of the Year: Annmarie Tervolis and A J Bailey

Appreciation Plaque: Janette Daniell

Mary Lou Ward Secretary of the Year: Betty Pubanz

Director of the Year: Cathy Gould

Member of the Year: Kacie Field

Above and Beyond Service Plaque: Lloyd and Judy Britt  
Hall of Fame: Tracy Hildenbrand, Conal Jackson, Courtney Mane

We had 18 300s, 35 11 in a rows and 3 800s during the 2011-12 season.



## **INTRA MOUNTAIN USBC BOWLING NEWS**

**Claudia Harrison reporting**

We had two tournaments in the 2011-12 seasons, an Association Tournament and a Senior Tournament. Our Assoc Tournament was won by: Team-Hannah Barton, Devo Tate Chris Barton & Brian Masson Doubles-Gail Follmer & Steve Follmer

Singles-Stacey Allison & All Events-Stacey Allison, Our SR Tournament was won by: Team-Susanna White, Bryan Cuthbert, Mel White & John Delphino Doubles-Chuck Reeves & Bob Bishoff.

Our contribution for BVL was around \$2,000.00 and for a small association, we did fairly well. We hope to do better next year. We have contacted our local VA Facility and hope to present a check as suggested by USBC to them in a photo to go in the local news paper.

Several of our members have obtained State recognition starting with Janet Burrell being crowned Senior Queen. In the Open BA Tournament we had several of our men bowling well; Bobbie Valentine and Brian Mason won Doubles in the 340-380 division; Brian Mason won Singles in the 170-190 division; Stuart Tanner won Singles in the Under 169 division; and Brian Mason won All Events Handicap. We had 3 teams in the top 5 positions in the Under 719 division. In the WBA Senior Tournament we had several winners with Sarah Chumbley winning All Events in Class B Handicap, Claudia Harrison Winning All events in Class A Handicap and Dee Langlois and Claudia Harrison winning Doubles in Class A Handicap. Tom Harrison received at the Jamboree Life Membership award in the GA BA.

We had two 300 games bowled by William Davis and Jeremiah Plott. Also, 5 11 in a row games bowled. They were William Deyton, Bret Hoged, James McCreary, Timothy Moore, and Joseph Teague.

Officers of Intra Mountain USBC: Mel White, President Jim Kidder, Vice President Ronal Mack, Sergeant-@-Arms & Claudia Harrison, Association Manager Directors: Sarah Chumbley, Tom Harrison, Janice Allen Susan Ganitch, Miki Rice, Brett Hogsed, Skip Sweeney & Dewey Allen



## **GA # 3 IN NATION WITH BVL GIVING**

The sport of bowling once again confirmed its collective commitment to our nation's service men and women by joining forces and increasing annual contributions to the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL). During the 2011-2012 season, leagues, associations, bowling centers, and bowling's corporate partners donated almost \$800,000 to BVL.

Of the total, more than \$500,000 was raised by state and local USBC associations. Through tournaments, raffles, and hundreds of special events, America's league bowlers helped BVL continue its mission to brighten the days and boost the spirits of our nation's veterans being cared for through the VA Medical Center System and at State Homes. BVL dollars pick up where government funding leaves off, providing recreational and therapeutic programs and services that speed recovery & improve morale.

<b>2011-2012 local association leaders:</b>	
Citrus Belt (CA)	USBC \$21,321.30
Minneapolis (MN)	USBC \$17,375.00
Nation's Capital Area (VA)	USBC \$15,400.00
Orange County (CA)	USBC \$12,800.00
San Diego (CA)	USBC \$8,500.00
North Los Angeles County (CA)	USBC \$8,347.50
Metro Detroit (MI)	USBC \$8,276.00
Metro Phoenix (AZ)	USBC \$7,893.50

**Greater Atlanta (GA) USBC \$7,500.00**

Ventura County (CA) USBC WBA \$7,300.00

<b>2011-2012 state leaders:</b>	
California	\$142,187.02
Virginia	\$39,577.78

**Georgia \$33,954.00**

Minnesota	\$23,801.93
Texas	\$24,940.59
Illinois	\$20,156.20
Oregon	\$18,216.55
Michigan	\$17,486.75
Kansas	\$14,377.01
Tennessee	\$13,417.00



# West Georgia USBC Bowling News

Laurie LaPorte reporting

Thanks to our BVL Committee (Lillian Hawkins and Verna Burk); we have collected \$1167 in contributions for BVL. Our in-league tournament ran from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov 21<sup>st</sup> and netted \$204. Lillian sold 50/50 tickets in the night leagues to collect an additional \$963. GREAT JOB for such a worthy cause.

West Georgia USBC hosted the Georgia State 500 Club Tournament in September, the Georgia State 600 Club Tournament in October and the Georgia State USBC WBA Senior Women's Tournament in October and November. Each tournament was a great success and we hope everyone had an enjoyable time in Newnan. We are looking forward to hosting the Georgia State Men's All Star Tournament in March 2013, the Georgia State Mixed Tournament in June 2013, and the Georgia State USBC WBA Tournament in March 2014.

Congratulations to the following West Georgia bowlers who "cashed" in Reno: Anna Gould, Laura Watson, Joanne Gould, Mary Ann Compton, Lindy Peterson, Patricia Wilson, Linda Mullins, Penny Jones, Debra Lanier, Chris Drosos, Debbie Addison, Donyce Power, Lillian Hawkins, and Laurie LaPorte.

Congratulations to the following West Georgia bowlers who received medals in the GA Games: Kayla Hamlett, Trevor Fort, Christopher Fort, Tom Wiley, Corky Wiley, Wes Moore and to the following bowlers who received medals in the Golden Olympics: Lillian Hawkins, Laurie LaPorte, Doris Rochester, Iola Snow, Roger Potter, Bill Humphries, Dean Larson, Troy Hall, Duke Alkire, Jim Messer, Linda Proctor, Bee Littlefield, Gene Compton, Jim Barrett, Jim Littlefield, Nancy Larson.

Congratulations to Christopher Fort who placed 15<sup>th</sup> in the Teen Masters High School Bowling Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio in July. The tournament consists of the best high school bowlers across the country competing for \$64,000 in scholarship money. Christopher graduated in June and is currently attending college at West Georgia. He continues to be a member of our Youth Program.

Welcome our new Board Members: Patti Cohen, Karen Crabtree, Dan Furbee.

## **2011-12 USBC Merit Awards (min 66 games)**

Adult High Avg: Kim Daniel 209 Mike Waters 225

Youth High Avg: Jessica Gray 185 Daniel Nelson 191

Adult High Game: Kim Daniel 288

See 300's listed below

Youth High Game: Jessica Gray 247

Daniel Nelson 277

Adult High Series: Kim Daniel 706

Rodney Wilkins 796

Youth High Series: Jessica Gray 635

Daniel Nelson 693

300 Games: Daniel Langley, Robert Chappell, Rodney Wilkins, Mike Waters (2), Nick Meer, Jake Humphries

## **Bowlers of the Year for the 2011-12 Season**

Female-Kim Daniel Senior Female-Corky Wiley

Male/Senior Male Rodney Wilkins

Female Youth Jessica Gray

Male Youth Trevor Fort



*So mark your calendar for the first weekend in August 2013 to travel to Columbus for Jamboree. You never know what fun & laughter & oh yes learning; you may miss if not there. THANKS COLUMBUS!!!*