



**JANUARY 2016  
NEWSLETTER**



**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Janet Batchelor, President

Greetings fellow bowlers! Here we are, about halfway through our season already. The last few months have gone by fast.

Your EVUSBC Board of Directors has been busy this fall implementing many new ideas. I hope you made it to the General Membership meeting October 17<sup>th</sup>. We were privileged to have USBC National Director Karen Jost as our guest speaker and USBC Western Regional Manager, David Prange was also in attendance. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of recognition awards. In recognition of their bowling performance and participation in association leagues and tournament events, Jill Songer and Gabe Heidecker were named as Bowler of the Year and Toscia Meyer and Ron Bascue were honored as Senior Bowler of the Year. In addition, Burt Bullman, Mike Bamer and Ernie Owen Jr were inducted into the Hall of Fame based on Superior Performance. Burt Bullman was also recognized as Director of the Year. The USBC National convention delegates and the OSUSBC Jamboree delegates were also elected.

This spring promises to be equally busy. Coming up next is the Women's Championship tournament followed by the Open Championship tournament. Entry forms are already out in the centers so be sure to make your plans now.

Then, in late April the Board will hold the Spring General Membership meeting for the purpose of conducting elections to the board, voting on amendments to the bylaws and presenting tournament trophies. Positions that will be up for election are: President, Sgt-At-Arms, 4 directors and one Youth Director. You may have already heard that I am stepping down from the board at the end of this term on July 31<sup>st</sup> so if you have strong leadership skills, are interested in being a part of the group that decides how our association events will be run, and have time to give, I hope you will consider submitting your application. In addition to the position of President, we need someone with strong financial skills (accounting, bookkeeping, computer skills and familiarity with QuickBooks). Someone else is needed to serve as webmaster; ensuring current information is posted on our website. Although it is helpful to have experience serving on the board, it is not a requirement. Board applications will be posted on the website and our Facebook page at the end of January. Even if you aren't able to make the commitment of time and energy required to serve on the board, there are many other areas where you can be of help. Please contact Association Manager Robby Schmid at the office at 541 344-4303 if you are willing to help out on a specific task or committee.

Proposals to amend the bylaws must be submitted to the association office at least 45 days prior to the membership meeting when the voting will take place. You may submit a proposal to amend the bylaws to the office at any time.

Also in the works are plans for three coaching clinics. Be sure to watch for flyers at your local bowling center announcing the dates, time and location of each event.

And lastly, before we end the season, the Recognition & Awards committee will put out the Recognition Nomination forms to the league secretaries. Nominations will be accepted prior to the end of the bowling season in hopes that it will be easier for us to remember who among us has had an exceptionally good year compared to their previous years. The Bowler of the Year and Senior Bowler

of the Year recognition award selections are based on a weighted system that enables bowlers at **all skill levels to be eligible for recognition**. Points are awarded for average improvement over last year; high game and high series over average as well as how many leagues the candidate bowls, how many bowling centers they bowl in and how many EVUSBC tournament events they participate in. We will also be looking for Hall of Fame nominations. Candidates will be honored for either Superior Performance (in recognition of at least 10 years or more of sustained high average and high scores in our association) or Meritorious Service (this award recognizes the individual who has been actively involved working for the success of the association and the sport of bowling for an extended period of time). The awards will be presented at the annual Fall General Membership meeting.

Be sure to watch EVUSBC Facebook to find out what's going on in your association. Wishing you fun in your bowling leagues and high scores. I'll look forward to seeing you on the lanes.



## **FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATION MANAGER**

Robby Schmid, Association Manager

We have had a very busy fall, processing 50 leagues, 1930 members (compared to 1918 at the same time last year) and 1173 awards – 143 of which were youth awards.

The Singles and Doubles tournaments were held in November. We tried something new this year, separating them into two individual tournaments but running them the same weekends at the same center.

The Women's Championship Tournament will be held the last two weekends in February and the Open Championship tournament will be held the first two weekends in April. Entry forms are at all of the centers and are available on the EVUSBC Facebook page. Be sure to call and make your reservations early.

Please contact the office or the Adult Tournaments Committee Chair-person if you have any suggestions for making our tournaments better and more enjoyable for you, the bowler. We are always happy to hear from you.



## **ADULT TOURNAMENTS**

Matt Parson, Committee Chair

We have been busy preparing for our EVUSBC Women's and Open tournaments. The dates of the tournaments are as follows:

The Women's Tournament will be held Saturday Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Open Tournament will be held Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Entry forms are available at all of the bowling centers, on the website ([emeraldvalleyusbc.com](http://emeraldvalleyusbc.com)) and on our Facebook page. Hope to see you all at the tournaments.



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Linda Davis, Committee Chair

The EVUSBC Spring General Membership meeting will be held on Saturday April 23, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Trophies will presented for the Women's and Open

tournaments. Also, we will be holding elections for officers and board members. The meeting will be held at the Elks Lodge in Springfield. Further information will be posted as the date gets closer.



## **COACHING CLINICS**

Marcie Gutierrez, Committee Chair

The Coaching Clinic Committee is planning on meeting in the new year to discuss which houses are interested in hosting the clinics, what type of clinics we will be having (Everyone clinic, Senior Clinic, Youth Clinic and High end bowlers Clinic, etc.) and the dates for these clinics. I am excited to be a part of this committee. I went to the clinic last year and it made a world of difference in my bowling. More information will be forthcoming. Be sure to check with your bowling centers for reservation forms. You may sign up for one or all of these clinics.



## **FINANCES**

Robbie McCoy, Committee Chair

The finance committee for the Board of Directors of the Emerald Valley USBC is comprised of three board members; myself as chairperson and Natalie Clark and Richard Schrum as committee members. The committee is responsible for developing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year with the Board President. We are responsible for reviewing the financial documents monthly to insure accuracy and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. We will review the budget vs. actual performance quarterly and make recommendations to the Board.



## **LANE CERTIFICATION**

Teresa Grant, Committee Chair

It's that time again. Coming up in the summer of 2016 we will be doing our annual lane certification. The committee will be calling upon you for help in making this year's certification a success yet again. We are looking for young, energetic volunteers to help in this endeavor. We do our annual lane certification to stay within compliance with the USBC. We will be posting more information as the dates for the certification get closer. We look forward to working with you all.



## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Anita Cardoza, Committee Chair

The first half of 2016 is going to be a busy one for our youth bowlers. Please mark the following dates on your calendar.

January 30-31, 2016 is the Emerald Valley USBC Youth Championship Tournament. The tournament this year will be held at Cottage Bowl in Cottage Grove. Entry forms are at your centers now. If you don't see them ask your Youth Director or Center Manager to get one for you. If they can't provide you with an entry form, please call me at 541-520-4629 and I can email you the form.

The Pepsi Youth Sectional Qualifying Tournament is coming up on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The Section 2 qualifier will be held at Linn Lanes in Lebanon. Entry forms usually arrive at each center the last week of December but we've had a change at the state level with the retirement of Twila Niemi so the timing could be different this year. For those two dates the squad times will be 1:00 pm and 10:00 am respectively. Please be sure to check with your Youth Director

and/or Center Manager to get an entry form for this scholarship tournament. Again, if they cannot provide you with a form, please let me know.

Lastly, the annual Bowler of the Year Invitational Tournament will be held at Strike City Lanes on Saturday, May 21, 2016. We have qualified bowlers for September, October and November, and will continue to qualify bowlers every month until March, for this end of the bowling year tournament. Invitations to the tournament will be delivered to each center in April, prior to the end of your league season.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

**EVUSBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT  
FEBRUARY 20, 21, 27 & 28, 2016**

**EVUSBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT  
APRIL 2, 3, 9 & 10, 2016**

**EVUSBC SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016**

## **EMERALD VALLEY USBC OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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