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CTUSBC News

CTUSBC apologizes for the delay in this newsletter. They were waiting to announce the change in its Women's Tournament location to be held in May, 2013. We are pleased to announce that it will be held at Saybrook Lanes in Saybrook, CT. Look for applications soon on our website and in local bowling centers across the state. It is open to all female certified bowlers throughout the state in four person team, Doubles, Sngles and All Events.

The tournaments committee also reminds you to get in your applications for the upcoming Open Tournament in April. It will be held at the Spare Time Groton Lanes in Groton, CT. This is the first time CTUSBC has held a tournament at this location. The Open is composed of five person teams of any gender and has Doubles, Singles and All Events. Applications will be closing soon so hurry to get them in. It promises to be an exciting event with both handicap and scratch divisions.

The state youth will already have had their tournament by the time you are reading this newsletter. It was held in March at Laurel Lanes in Plainville, CT. Look for results on the CTUSBC website soon. Both youth and senior tournament winners will receive their awards at the CTUSBC Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon to be held July 21st at Fantasia's Restaurant, 404 Washington Ave. (Route 5) in North Haven, CT. The annual membership meeting is held in the morning with the luncheon to follow at 1:00 PM. Winners of the Senior, Youth Adult, Youth State, and Pepsi Cola Tournaments are invited as well as 2012 Girls and Boys Youth earning High Average, High Series and High Game Awards. The Scholar of the Year is also honored.

The Hall of Fame Committee has secured a new venue for its Annual Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner to be held on Oct. 19th at the Villa Capri, 906 North Colony Rd. (Route 5) in Wallingford, CT. At this event, the newest members are inducted into the CTUSBC Hall of Fame. Receiving awards will be the 2013 winners of the CTUSBC Open tournament, held in April, and the Women's Tournament, held in May. (See schedule in right column for dates.) The CTUSBC High Average and Series Awards for adult bowlers will also be presented.

Bowlers know that bowl.com is the website for USBC and ctstateusbcassociation.org serves CTUSBC but did you know that local CT associations have websites, too? They are listed below so check them out.

Southeastern is: www.southeasternctusbc.com
Greater Central Ct is: www.gccusbc.com
Greater Danbury is : www.greaterdanburyusbc.org
New Haven County is: www.nhcusbc.org
Fairfield County is : www.fairfieldcountyusbc.org

CTUSBC SCHEDULE 2013

Mar. 2, 3 & 10-CTUSBC Youth
Tournament-Laurel Lanes
in Plainville, CT
Apr. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21-CTUSBC
Open Tournament-Spare Time
Groton Lanes in Groton, CT
May 4, 5, 11, 18, & 19-CTUSBC
Women's Tournament- AMF
Saybrook Lanes-Saybrook, CT
July 21-CTUSBC Annual
Meeting & Awards
Luncheon at Fantasia's
in North Haven, CT
Oct. 19th-Hall of Fame & Awards
Dinner at Villa Capri in
Wallingford, CT

New GCC Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Four GCCUSBC members will be inducted into its Hall of Fame on June 22, 2013 at the Gallery in Glastonbury. Entering for Meritorious Service are Rick Virgadula and Don Janelle. Robin Provenzano and Glenn Hood will enter the Bowling Ability category. If you wish to attend, contact Paul DiMauro at the GCC office, 860-289-7153.

Reichin Named New Northeast Council Treasurer

CTUSBC President, Joel Reichin, is the new Treasurer of the Northeast Council. He took over his duties at the group's February meeting.



CBPA News

The CT Bowling Proprietor's Association along with the CT Interscholastic Athletic Council (CIAC) are making final plans to hold their second joint High School Bowling Tournament on Saturday, March 23, 2013 AMF Circle Lanes in East Haven, CT. The event starts at 10:00 AM. It's open to CIAC High School Students composed of teams of 5 girls, 5 boys or a mixed combination. March 15 is the entry deadline. Last year's event was held at Bradley Bowl in Windsor Locks with 20 teams competing. It is hoped to double that number this year. Both tournaments are hoped to be a springboard to establish CIAC high school bowling programs in CT high schools next year. This would give students the chance to compete in non contact sports and earn scholarships to colleges and universities offering bowling programs. It also helps to introduce a new generation to lifetime league bowling which helps our sport continue to grow. Bob Lehr, the CIAC Director who is attempting to establish the program, met recently with the CBPA in January to finalize plans. CTUSBC Hall of Fame member, Butch Paternostro, will direct the tournament for both groups as he did last year.

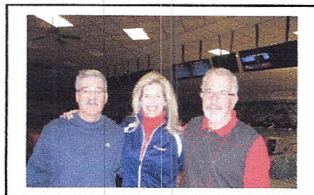
At the Jan. meeting, CBPA also inducted its new president, AMF District Manager, Rob Califano, as its new president while presenting outgoing president, Dominic Griek, general manager of Nutmeg Lanes in Fairfield and Laurel Lanes in Plainville, an award for his services. Also presented an award for his 35 years of service to the group was Bill DeDominicus of Sky Top Lanes in Torrington. Bill is Sec./Treas. of CBPA and a CTUSBC Hall of Fame member.



Left to right in photo are Rob Califano, new CBPA President and AMF District Manager, Bill DeDominicus, Sec./Treas. of CBPA, and Dominic Griek, outgoing CBPA President.

USBC Regional Manager Visits Connecticut

Robin Marshall, USBC Regional Manager, visited several CT local associations during the week of Jan. 29, 2013. She came to discuss bowling issues that members were concerned about. Areas talked about included ideas and suggestions on how to increase USBC membership for youth and senior bowlers: National USBC tournament sites, oil patterns, and upcoming changes; the USBC awards program; ways to increase league participation; and the lack of media communication for the average bowler. Any bowler who wishes to contact Robin may do so at (robin.marshall@bowl.com) or by phone (617-385-8249) or fax (817-385-8260).



This photo was taken during her visit to the GCC local. From the left are GCC Association Manager, Paul DiMauro, Robin Marshall, and Butch Paternostro, GCC and CTUSBC Bowling Ability Hall of Fame member.

Meet Your CTUSBC Officers and Directors



Matt Favreau
Youth Director

**Youth Tournament
Chairman**

Member of Tournament Committee

A Senior Story



In the 1950's and 1960's after WWII, a Cape Cod housing development was built in Meriden, CT. A few of the girls who grew up in the neigh-

borhood were Robin (Sperry) Mezzanotte, Marsha (Gormley) Gilbert, Cindy Corvo, and Viane (Olson) Stromberg, seen left to right in the photo. They played together as youngsters, attended and graduated from the same schools and eventually went on to their adult lives and careers. They did reunite infrequently at weddings, reunions, funerals, retirement functions, and the occasional dinners or lunches. It was at one of those lunches that Marsha suggested they join her senior mixed bowling league at Silver Lanes in East Hartford since it was in need of female bowlers. They were reluctant but one by one each agreed to try the certified league as a sub. Within 3 weeks all joined as regular members as they discovered the fun a bowling league offers. They were recently joined by Debbie (Dual) Fogg who Marsha knew from their drum corps days. Now all 5 bowl weekly and continue fun with dinner after. The girls refer to Marsha, a GCC and CTUSBC board member, as "The Recruiter" who helped to bring them all together again. They hope to add to the group with more friends from the neighborhood next year, including some of the guys! The original 4 even bowled in the GCC h Women's Handicap Tournament in Feb. as the "Glen Hills Girls", the name of the street they grew up on. They plan to bowl in the CTUSBC Women's Tournament in Saybrook in May. Come join them for the fun!



Debbie Fogg

Benefits of Certification

There are many reasons to certify as a local, CTUSBC and USBC bowler for seniors and all bowlers. It allows you to qualify for local, state and national awards and to bowl in tournaments offered at each level. It also allows bowlers to participate in national benefit programs offered by USBC (check them out on bowl.com). For the equivalent of 50 cents a week it is well worth the investment.