## Senior Qualifier Held!

The SEOH USBC Senior Qualifier was held at Lincoln Lanes on Sept. 26 \& 27. All SEOH USBC bowlers 55 years old and above were eligible to compete in this tournament.

In the Men's Divisions, the winner of Division B was Ken Konkler with the score of 759 . The winner in Division C was Dave Leupold (for the second year) who rolled a total of 795. Second place went to Mike Foreman with 775 . There were no entries in Div. A.

In the Women's Divisions, the Division \#1 winner was Betty Boldoser from Circleville with a 693 total. In second place was Alice Snider with 681. First place in Division \#2 was Mary Jane Elder rolling a 744. Second in this division was Sharon Foreman with 729. Jo Ann King won Division \#3 with 730. Sharon Graf had 693 for second place.

All winners will receive a paid entry into their respective divisions at the State Senior Tournaments.

In addition to the paid entry, each will also be honored at the SEOH USBC Spring Banquet which will be held at the Moose Lodge on April 10, 2010.

Complete prize lists are posted at all centers. Positions paid was determined by the number of entries received.

## Good Luck at the State Senior Tournaments!

## Thanks!

A "BIG THANK YOU!" goes to everyone who bowled or donated to the "Strike Out Breast Cancer" tournament to be held at Tiki Lanes on October 11. The totals and complete details will be in next months Lane Chatter.


## Officer's \& Team Captains Tournament

November 1 at Starlite Lanes is where you need to be at 1 PM. All league officers, Lancaster 600 Board members, 700 Club Board members and the SEOH USBC Board are eligible to compete.

Entries are available at all centers. The cost is only $\$ 13$ and that includes snacks following the tournament.

Make plans to join the fun and bowl with us. Hope to see you there.

## Lancaster Women's 600 Club announces tournament!

Tournament plans are complete for the Annual Women's 600 Club Singles Tournament. It will be held at Starlite Lanes on November 8 at 1 PM.

It only takes one 600 series to qualify for membership. All of the tournaments are on a handicap basis. So everyone has an equal opportunity to compete.

Entries are at all bowling centers. See entry for complete details.
If you have questions contact, Lynn Ridenour, Sec. at 740-687-0230.

## Deadlines are approaching! Don't miss the deadine for State and Inter City

Tournaments. Time is passing quickly and you don't want to be left out of the action.

Remember, Men's Inter City is being held at Tiki.
Get your teams ready and
Tournament Entry
mail yours today.

DO you know someone to submit?
The SEOH USBC Hall of Fame Committee is looking for men, women and sponsors to be recognized for their contribution to the sport of bowling. Do you have someone you would like to submit?

A person can be recognized in any of the following categories: Pioneer Division, Superior Performance, Meritorious Service, Senior Award of Merit or as a sponsor with the Service Award.

Help us find and recognize deserving individuals. Contact Chairperson, Alice Snider, at 740-654-1176 for applications and complete information.

Remember the deadline for submission is November 1.

## Magical Day of Giving!

The Southeastern Ohio USBC has tickets for the Magical Day of Giving (formerly the Magical Night of Giving) to be held at the River Valley Mall on Sunday, November 15 from noon to 6 PM.

For a $\$ 5$ donation, you will receive a coupon that entitles you to special drawings for prizes and extra discounts at mall stores.

All board members have these tickets available. The holiday season will be here before we know it and we can all use an extra discount in these hard times.

If you have questions, contact Tracy Anderson at 740-277-7823 for ticket information or the SEOH USBC office at 740-653-1598.

## Attention League Bowlers \& Secretaries!



## To all League Presidents:

Have you double checked with your secretary and treasurer to be sure that everything is within the guidelines set forth from USBC.

Here is a short checklist.

1. All membership cards, money, dues form and the certification form have been sent in to the association within the 30 day time frame.
2. Prize list complete and voted on by your league members. ( done by week 5)
3. Bank account is set up with at least 2 signatures.
4. Money is being deposited within 7 days.
5. You are verifying the account on a monthly basis. Your league treasurer should have the records available and always be glad to show you the records.
If you have any questions or need help with anything, contact your associations' lane representative or call Joy at 740-653-1598.

## Delays encountered!

The web site is not up and ready as planned. There have been some problems encountered getting it completed.

We are working on it and hope to have it done shortly.


My grandchildren recently started in their youth leagues. I love to bowl. I have been known to have a good time and enjoy myself. Something always happens to me when I watch them and the other children bowl. I get such a rush of enthusiasm, joy and just a sheer pleasure.

I have a beginning bowler in the "Pee Wee League". Mykaela, age six, gets so excited every time she rolls a ball. It doesn't matter whether she hits the bumper, gets a pin or two or doesn't hit any pins. She and her new friends get so excited not only when they get pins but even when the other bowlers get pins. Their excitement in contagious.

I also have a bowler in the "Newcomers League". This is the next step in their bowling career. Learning to roll the ball without the bumpers and learning lane courtesy are important
 parts of this step. Emma, almost eight years old, has not lost her zest for the game. All deliveries bring excitement. Will the ball stay on the lane? Remember, there are no bumpers. It is a challenge every time a delivery is made. If it does, stay on the lane, will it knock down a pin or several? Once again, it doesn't matter. It is fun.

Then we move on up to the "Early Bird League". Two of my grandsons, Aaron, who is ten, and Nick, eleven, bowl on the same team with two other young men, Tanner and Corey. This team remains together after moving up from the "Newcomers". At this level the bowling skills are improving. They do care whether they get a mark or not. Even though they care, they cheer for each other and for the team they are competing against. They are becoming young men and the change, from year to year, is truly amazing.

When we find ourselves in our leagues, maybe we should think about our youth bowlers and how much pleasure and excitement they get from their bowling. Wouldn't it be great if all of us got this same rush? It doesn't have to end just because we get older.

Two summers ago, I met a blind bowler in our association. He bowled in a summer league with my youngest daughter, Megan. She stopped in one night after bowling and said, "Mom, I have met the most amazing bowler." Now that can mean many things and I wasn't sure if she had witnessed a perfect game or someone who had amazing accuracy but the worst luck having split after split. I inquired, "What happened?" She proceeded to tell me about this bowler and how he just seemed to enjoy bowling probably the most of anyone she had met. Megan has met many bowlers during the years of me dragging her and her sisters in and out of bowling centers. She never mentioned that he was blind. It didn't matter.

I met Robert Thomas and he was just what Megan had said. Very interesting, a pleasure to talk to and pure joy to watch bowl. Robert had a fire at his home shortly after our meeting. He showed up to bowl even though he had just been released from the hospital. He was told that maybe he should rest and recuperate. His response was one to remember. He stated, "If I did that, I would miss the sound of the bowling pins crashing together." He got such pleasure of hearing all the pins crash during the league.

Bowling can be many things to different people. We can all be excited about the sport we love. But, most of all we should remember to enjoy ourselves and have a great time bowling and meeting new people!


