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Last Printed Edition

This is the **last printed** edition of the **GFUSBCA Strike Force Gazette**. Rising printing costs and lack of advertising income have forced us to stop printing the newsletter.

If we receive overwhelming responses that the association bowlers want to continue receive the printed edition, we will reconsider our decision and reprioritize budget so we can continue printing the Newsletter.

The electronic version of the newsletter will continue to be published on a monthly basis and past editions will be on the GFUSBCA.ORG web site.

You may still advertise in the online version of the Strike Force Gazette if you wish.

- ◆ One page advertising has dropped from \$200 per year to \$50 per year.
- ◆ 1/2 pager advertising has dropped from \$100 per year to \$25 per year.
- ◆ Business card advertising size has dropped from \$60 per year to free.

Senior Tournament Survey Results.

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Senior Tournament was held at Liberty Lanes on 24 & 25 October 2015. The Board of Directors feels, with the exception of one issue, the tournament ran smoothly. Upon completion of the tournament, a small 10 question survey was developed and presented to the association via email, Facebook, and the GFUSBCA.org website. The survey was available for 30 days. Minimal responses were received. We can only hope that means that the majority of the association felt the tournament ran as smoothly as we did!

The responses received hit on some key points that will be reviewed and discussed by the Tournament Committee in an effort to improve future tournaments. Points to consider are the lane condition, breakdowns on the lanes, scoring issues, amount of handicap, the percent as well as the base, and the possibility of adding a Team Event. The Board of Directors cannot control lane problems or staffing issues, these concerns will be forwarded to the appropriate centers.

One issue that can be addressed immediately is improving on the advertisements of the tournaments in an attempt to increase participation. The board will get the tournament flyers well in advance of the due date and ask for assistance from the league secretaries to make announcements, either on the microphone during league play or in the "NOTES" block of their standing sheets for several weeks prior to the event.

This year we changed the entrance average to the highest of the past 2 years and this change was taken well. Only two of the responses pertained to this change and one was for and one was against.

If you are interested in joining the Tournament Committee, please talk to a board member. We are always looking for volunteers.



AMF Dale City Lanes Woodbridge



AMF Fredericksburg Lanes

Hall of Fame nominations for 2016 must be in by **July 31, 2016**. The GFUSBCA HOF committee evaluates the nominations and presents the nominations to the Board of Directors for Voting. To become a member of the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association Hall of Fame you must have been certified member of the association for 5 or more years. You must complete a form for either bowling achievements or meritorious service. Forward the nominations to a member of the Board of Directors in a sealed envelope. The Hall of Fame committee will process the nominations and bring them before the Board of Directors for discussion and a vote. The Board of Directors will only be aware of the accomplishments and NOT the name of the nominees. The HOF process has been refined each year. Closing dates have been adjusted and hopefully we are getting better at the process. To help you in the interview process with your nominees, please fill out the following tables for your candidate. These items are what the Board is using to measure nominees for the HOF. Remember, these are just the base items used for measurement.

If the nominee has more items not listed here, please note them in the narrative. We are looking at the whole bowler for the Hall of Fame.

Item Rated in Years or Occurances	Occurances	Item Rated	# of Occurances
GFUSBCA President		Association Tournament Titles	
GFUSBCA Manager		Association Tournament Participation	
GFUSBCA BOD Office		Association High Average	
VA State President		House records	
VA State Manager		State Titles	
VA State BOD Office		Regional Titles	
GFUSBCA Committee		National Titles	
VA State Committee		Military Tournament Titles	
VA State Delegate		State Participation	
USBC National Delegate		Regional Participation	
Working GFUSBCA Tournament		National Participation	
Assisting GFUSBCA Tournament		Military Tournament Participation	
Volunteer Coaching Youth/Adult		800 Series	
GFUSBCA League Officer		11 in a Row	
Organizing Non-Association Tournaments		300 Games	
		700 Series	
		League Triple Crown Award	
		League High Average	



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Bowlers Spotlight



Cathy Manning has been bowling since 1963, or for the mathematically challenged, that is 52 years. She bowls in 2 leagues and is secretary of one of them. Cathy never practices. Her favorite professional bowler is Jr Powell. Her mom started her in bowling a long, long time ago. Cathy's highest accomplishment is her 598 series. Cathy bowls in State tournaments, but suffers no nerves. However, she does drink to prepare for tournaments. Her lifetime highest series is a 598 and her lifetime high game is 264. To improve her game, Cathy feels she needs to quit throwing a backup ball.



Darlene Lewis has been bowling since.... (I don't think she remembers). She currently bowls on two leagues. Military living prompted her to start bowling. Bowling is a pretty popular social gathering in the military. Her most memorable bowling accomplishment is her consistent improvement from year to year and still having fun. Darlene doesn't do anything special to prepare for tournaments, she just tries to have fun. She has a tournament high game of 185 and high series of 464. To continue to improving in her bowling, she just has to practice more.



Jean Perelli is currently in her fourth season of bowling. She bowls in one league but doesn't practice. They used to have a free practice session in the past at AMF, but no longer. Jean started bowling while she was looking for something fun to do and she found it. Her most proud accomplishment is her 158 game and states that it was a one-time only occurrence.



Mary Stockholm started bowling as a young child. She was in a league for a couple of years when she was in her 20's. She bowls in one league, but like others in her league, she doesn't feel the need to practice. Mary's neighbor started her back into bowling. She doesn't bowl in tournaments, and she doesn't keep track of her high series and games. Mary would like to improve her bowling, so she is always working on her consistency.



Juliet Arrighi has been bowling for about eight years now. She bowls in one league and practices occasionally (about once a week). Juliet started bowling for a social outing. Her most proud accomplishment is that now, her children (all adults) will bowl with her. In her words: "I started bowling when a couple of neighbors suggested it as a way to spend time when the kids were in school. We would go out to a different restaurant each week after we bowled, which prompted the team name 'What's for Lunch, Ladies?'. Although her bowling has improved over the years, the best part of bowling on a league is the friendships that I've made."



Kris Turner is the current president of her league. She has been bowling since the fall of 2007. She currently bowls in one league, and doesn't feel the need to practice. She says that Deberia Henningsen is her favorite professional bowler. I am not sure Kris knows what a professional bowler is. In 2007, Kris managed to bowl three consecutive 99 games for a triplicate award. Kris has bowled in the Historic Williamsburg tournament. Apparently, she doesn't get nervous before tournaments, but she fuels up by eating. She hasn't kept track of her high games and series, but when asked what she needs to improve, Kris states "new glasses".

Honor Scores

Reported November – December

Bowler	Achievement	League or Tournament	Date
Gallahan, Bryan	832	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early Mixed	November 13, 2015
Hahn, Stephen	815	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	December 2, 2015
Dalton, Jamie	806	AMF Fredericksburg, Monday Night Mixed	December 1, 2015
Thomas, Matt	802	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	November 4, 2015
Myers, Jamey	801	Liberty Center, Liberty Eagles	November 30, 2015
Campbell, Charles A	801	AMF Dale City, Monday Men's Commercial	November 23, 2015
Gallahan, Bryan	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early Mixed	December 18, 2015
Young, Nickoluas	300	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	December 16, 2015
Coulson, Rick	300	Liberty Center, Doubles Shootout	December 13, 2015
Thomas, Matt	300	AMF Dale City, Monday Men's Commercial	December 7, 2015
Tignor, Glenn	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Fun Mixed	December 4, 2015
Campbell, Charles A	300	AMF Dale City, Monday Men's Commercial	November 23, 2015
Murray, Jim	300	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	November 18, 2015
Gallahan, Bryan	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	November 17, 2015
Monroe, Don	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	November 17, 2015
Cornell, Tony	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	November 10, 2015
Davis, Otis	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Guys And Dolls	November 8, 2015
Wolfe, Jim	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early Mixed	November 6, 2015
Lloyd, David	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Fun Mixed League	November 6, 2015
Thomas, Matt	300	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	November 4, 2015
Einhorn, Jim	300	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	November 4, 2015
Henningsen, David	300	Liberty Center, Tuesday Nite Mixed	November 3, 2015
White, Bruce	300	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	November 3, 2015
Reiso, Donnie	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	December 29, 2015
Wolfe, Jim	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	December 29, 2015
Epp, Robert	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Merchants' Mixed	December 22, 2015
Michaud, Bill	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Tuesday Night Mixed	December 22, 2015
Jerman, Bobby	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	December 9, 2015
Hahn, Stephen	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	December 2, 2015
Austin, Kevin	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early Mixed	November 27, 2015
Dalton, Jamie	11-in-a-Row	Liberty Center, Wednesday Night Men's	November 18, 2015
Mariniari, Tom	11-in-a-Row	AMF Fredericksburg, Friday Nite Early Mixed	November 6, 2015



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Upcoming Local Tournaments and Events

- ◆ Jan 10, Liberty Doubles Shootout Handicap Tournament, 10:00am Liberty Center
- ◆ Jan 30, Bobby Phillips No-Tap Tournament 8:30pm AMF Fredericksburg
- ◆ Jan 31, TNT Dynamite Handicap Doubles 9:00am AMF Fredericksburg
- ◆ Jan 31, Heard Scratch Sport Tournament, 2:00 pm AMF Fredericksburg
- ◆ Feb 6-7, GFUSBCA Women's Tournament 9:00am AMF Fredericksburg
- ◆ Mar 5-6, GFUSBCA Mixed Tournament 9:00am AMF Fredericksburg
- ◆ Apr 2-3, GFUSBCA Open Tournament 9:00am Liberty Center

Check GFUSBCA Web Site <http://gfusbca.org/events/events.aspx> for more events

Good Fun, Good Deeds!

This article "Bowlers strike balance between fun and good deeds" was reprinted with permission from [The Free Lance-Star](#), dated October 22, 2015 written by Cathy Dyson.

When the "Tuesday AM Ladies" get together each week to bowl, they're focused on the good stuff: good fun, good food, and doing good deeds for others.

Good scores aren't necessarily part of the equation. "We don't care if you've ever bowled before," said Cherie Harbison, the "fun coordinator" of the group. "We like to say we're a social club with a bowling problem." Each Tuesday women ranging in age from their mid-30s to late 70s gather at Liberty Center in Massaponax.

The ladies league started in 2003, when the alley opened. The bowlers come from Lake Anna and Louisa County, throughout Spotsylvania County and from parts of King George and Stafford counties. The group consists of 12 teams, each with three bowlers.

They keep score each week, but clearly don't take themselves too seriously, based on names such as Spare Parts, Unpredictables and Mind Been Gone. Women on the Bi-Polar Bowlers team say they're so named because scores are up one week and down the next. Barbara Meyer, a Pin Buster, deadpanned that she was in a heated race with Katie Haddock for the most gutter balls. Everyone roots for each other, Terry Evans said. "If anybody makes a fantastic play, it's wonderful she said. "We're not young, you know?" "Speak for yourself," said Susan Eby, affectionately known as "Sweet Sue."

The women acknowledge that the Tuesday morning bowling is a time to socialize, dance to oldies music that's playing in the bowling alley and to get away from home, work and various other responsibilities.

Bessie Weaver works part-time in insurance and cares for her ailing mother, but hires a caregiver on Tuesdays so she can get out and see her friends. "It really is a fun league," she said. "If it wasn't so much fun, we wouldn't take the time to come in." Five years after the league started, Harbison decided to test the waters and see if the bowlers were interested in taking on some good causes, along with their weekly quest for strikes and spares. She started with something near to her heart, Bowl for the Cure. Harbison was 17 when her mother died from breast cancer, and she asked fellow bowlers if they'd raise money to fight cancer. That was in 2008, when there were only six teams of bowlers. The ladies have raised \$8,600 since then, making them one of the leading fund-raisers in the Greater Fredericksburg Area Bowling Association.

The next year, Harbison asked the women to participate in the Letters to Santa program, offered by the American Red Cross. The group made Christmas a little, merrier for 36 girls in four years, then collected items for Toys for Tots the last two years.

Last week, the women undertook their first food drive. Rice and Ramen noodles, cans of vegetables and boxes of macaroni and cheese lined the table space at the bowling alley. Harbison carried 389 pounds of items to the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and \$150 in cash donations. "When we do stuff, we do it big," said Lily Vollin. "We go all the way." Harbison worried at one point that adding another charity would take away from ones already established. She doesn't fret anymore. I had no idea how giving these ladies would be, she said. "They ask nothing and give everything,"

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Liberty Center Massaponax



Cannon Ball Lanes Dahlgren

GFUSBCA YOUTH/ADULT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association (GFUSBCA) offers \$ 500.00 scholarships annually to **two (2) eligible youth** bowlers to be awarded through and managed by the SMART program. **All 8th grade students and above are eligible. *An individual is eligible to be awarded this scholarship more than once!!***

The Association also recognizes **one (1) certified adult** bowler annually who wishes to further their education for personal or professional enhancement. The award winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. ***An individual may win this award only once.*** Funds for the scholarship award winners will be administered through the GFUSBCA office.

Adult Eligible nominees must:

- Be a certified USBC member.
- Be a current adult member in good standing of the GFUSBCA.
- Must have participated in at least one GFUSBCA tournament in the past year.
- Must already be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited college or university.
- Must be maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Applications are found at <http://gfusbca.org/>

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

Open Applications process - 1 February 2016
Applications MUST be postmarked by – 31 March 2016
Selection of Interviewees – 28 April 2016
Interview process complete – 21 May 2016
Decision and recipient notification – 31 May 2016

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First Round Pepsi Qualifiers

Saturday Youth Legends

U8 Boys: Israel Kelly
U10 Boys: Brindyn Garrison
U12 Boys: Izaiah Garrison
U12 Girls: Mackenzie Morris
U15 Boys: Jake Bernard
U15 Girls: Lenora Leake
U20 Boys: Jaymes Chase
U20 Girls: Madison Morris

Fred City Strikers

Strikers 1

U8 M – Lyriq Pittman
U8 F – Jaelynn Brown-Jones
U10 M – Anthony Picariello
U12 M – Omari Ellis
U12 F – Taelor Brown

Strikers 2

U12 M – Evan Snowman
U12 F – Abigael Tivin
U15 M – Scott Southall
U15 M – Dylan Perdue
U15 F – Morgan Watkins
U20 M – Jacob Hatfield
U20 M – Joshua Mattice
U20 M – Nicholas Brown
U20 F – Caitlin Crandall