

December 9, 2005



## *Greater Fredericksburg USBC Newsletter*

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow what a busy four months. It is hard to believe that just four months ago the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association officially came into existence. I am happy to report that your Association has been tremendously busy on behalf of you, its members.

When I last spoke to the members I listed a great deal of items this new association had to accomplish in short order. I am pleased to report all are well in hand. The Centers this association is responsible for have been inspected and certified. Lane conditioning inspections are completed and will be periodically conducted per USBC guidelines. Tournaments have been set up and applications are now out for the Senior Tournament. Other applications will be out as time goes by. I would also urge each of you to support and participate in the Association Tournaments. The first quarterly audit is under way. We will soon report to the members on the financial condition of your Association. Budgets have been set for all aspects of running the GFUSBC and are being closely monitored to make sure they are met. Many awards have been reported and presented to our members, with I am sure, more to come. The web site is up and running ([www.gfusbca.org](http://www.gfusbca.org)) and will provide a great deal of information to you. Please check it out.

I would urge any Association member with a question or suggestion to contact the local office either by phone (540-775-4207) or through the web site. The GFUSBC, as always, will need volunteers to help committees conduct many of the jobs. If you are interested please contact us.

Board members, the volunteers, and I continue to work hard to make this a successful Association that serves its members in any way that we can. We will always count on our members to scrutinize what we are about and let us know what we are doing well and/or what we are doing poorly. We cannot fix something that is broken if we do not know about it, so please let us know.

*Bobby K. Phillips, Jr., President*

## *From the Association Manager....*

I hope everyone is settled into their leagues by now and have found their “rhythm” after the summer lull. I appreciate all the patience I have received from the league secretaries as we struggled with the new USBC processes and procedures. I know all of the “new and improved” membership applications, league certification forms, and award forms have had everyone scratching their heads.

### **Membership Totals**

I am very pleased to report our estimated membership totals for budget purposes seem to have been “on the money”. Our estimates were based on membership of 2,075 including both adults and youth – hoping this was an estimate of about 100 less than we would receive. As of the end of November, our membership totals are at 2,184 including approximately 70 adult and youth “Grandfathered Locals” from the Fredericksburg area summer leagues. I believe the approved budget we are operating under will allow sufficient funds for all our planned endeavors, and additional funds received from Ways & Means and Lane Inspections will also allow a balance carryover for reserve operation purposes as recommended by USBC guidelines.

### **GFUSBC Youth Scholarship**

If you are a graduating senior or currently attend a college or technical school and are a GFUSBC Youth member, you could be eligible for a \$250 scholarship. Youth Directors were forwarded a request for listings of all graduating seniors or eligible persons, and applications will be going out shortly. Contact your Youth Director or Brenda Chambers (540-710-9804) for more details.

### **Membership Cards & Averages**

Please note that our USBC membership cards are now reporting your highest 21 game book average associated with your ID # regardless of where it was bowled. This is a major change from previous years where your card only reported the highest average from the association you purchased your card through. This is a real plus for our area men who would not have had averages reflected otherwise because their averages were from NCABA last year. If your card is not reflecting an average or has an incorrect average, there could be several reasons for that – 1) You did not indicate your ID # and a new number was assigned because I could not locate a previous number. 2) You did not have a 21-game winter average to report. 3) If your average appears incorrect, it could be due to a record “glitch” in the national database. **If you have what appears to be an incorrect average, please contact me at the association office (540-775-4207) as soon as possible.**

**In an effort to avoid problems in the future, it is important that you always:**

- 1) Indicate your proper USBC ID #**
- 2) Use the same name that appears on your card**
- 3) Indicate your full correct birth date (ladies you must give the real year!)**

### **Tournaments and Average Verification**

Tournament time is upon us and several of the tournaments require average verifications. The following are guidelines for requesting verification – **Read your Tournament Rules.** (Please note that USBC tournaments along with most others will accept association verification via an official WinLABS database report.)

#### **MEN** –

- 04-05 winter or summer averages will need to contact NCABA for verification or the association you participated in. NCABA can be reached at (301) 499-1693 – be prepared to send a stamped self-addressed envelope.
  - Gr. Fredericksburg USBC will not have the ability to verify men’s averages until next season when the averages are contained in our local database.
- Current league averages for those who do not have a 04-05 21-game average can have their league secretaries verify their average per the tournament requirements – **Remember to get verification from all leagues in which you bowl as a regular or sub.**
- If you belong to more than one association, remember to get verification from all associations

#### **WOMEN** –

- 04-05 winter or summer averages – Contact Gr. Fredericksburg USBC – a self-addressed envelope would be appreciated.

- If you belong to more than one association, remember to get verification from all associations.
- Current league averages for those who do not have a 04-05 21-game average can have their league secretaries verify their average per the tournament requirements - **Remember to get verification from all leagues in which you bowl as a regular or sub.**

#### YOUTH -

- 04-05 winter or summer averages will need to be verified by VIR-MAR District or the association you participated in. Contact Shirley King at VIR-MAR District at (301) 843-9281.
- Current league averages for those who do not have a 04-05 21-game average can have their league secretaries verify their average per the tournament requirements - **Remember to get verification from all leagues in which you bowl as a regular or sub.**

#### USBC Awards

I can't imagine anyone not qualifying for one of the new USBC awards - not from the volume I have been processing. If you have not received an earned award, check with your secretary to make sure they are being submitted - this is part of the duties of the league secretary.

#### Local Awards

The association is currently in the process of approving local award purchases, and the criteria will be forwarded to the league secretaries once the orders have been placed.

#### Web Site

Greater Fredericksburg USBC is proud to announce the new web site is up and available. Check it out at [www.gfusbc.org](http://www.gfusbc.org) Webmaster, DJ Johnson, has done an excellent job in improving the Average search to include searches by name, league, average, etc. Currently, averages are available for the women only - going back to the 02-03 seasons. All tournament entries will be available on the site, and tournament results will be posted there as well. Check out all of the Honor Scores. As a league secretary, do you need additional forms? - Get them on the web. All comments or suggestions are welcome, email the Webmaster!

It's been a busy four months! The months ahead are sure to be just as busy with the Women's Championship tournament in February, the Open Championship in March, and the Youth tournament in April. May will be our first annual Association Membership meeting, and we are planning a League Workshop the second week of August for the league officers for the 06-07 leagues. We are very excited about the workshop and the ability to address all league officers at one time. This will be a half day affair, and our plans are to make it not only informative, but fun! The league kits will be distributed at the GFUSBC workshop instead of the individual center league meetings as in the past. If you are league officer for the 06-07 season, mark your calendars now for **August 12<sup>th</sup>** - more information will be sent to the leagues later this season regarding the upcoming workshop.

#### Liberty Lanes GFUSBC Drop Boxes

A big thank you to Walter Wells for making a drop boxes for each Liberty Lanes centers. All centers, with the exception of Dahlgren, now have GFUSBC drop boxes. The boxes are available for use by the league secretaries, and members can drop off their tournament entries - pick-up will be done at a minimum of once a week. Please continue to mail urgent communications. As always, please do not place cash in the drop boxes.

#### Coming Soon....

Hopefully within the month of December, GFUSBC will have a new independent phone number with fax ability. League secretaries will be notified as soon as the new line is installed. In addition to using email, the fax will provide the ability to report honor scores directly from the center when they are rolled.

It is my privilege to serve you as your Association Manager. If there is any way in which I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Deborah Johnson*  
GUSBC Association Manager

## WINNERS OF THE NEWSLETTER AND LOGO CONTEST

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association it pleased to announce the winners of the "Name the Newsletter" and "LOGO" Contests that ran September through October 2005.

The winner of the Newsletter contest is **PAM CIESLEWITZ** for:

### Frames and Lanes

The winner of the LOGO contest is **KRISTIN LICHERT** for:



Congratulations to Pam and Kristin for winning entries. Each will receive their choice of a paid entry into one of the **GFUSBCA** tournaments or \$50 of bowling equipment.

The Association Board thanks everyone who entered these contests.

All entries became the property of the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association. Winning entries are being studied to determine how they can best be used for Association needs.





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# Presents:



## ***1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SENIOR TOURNAMENT***

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association will host its first Annual Senior Tournament on January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Lanes of Stafford. This tournament is open to all Greater Fredericksburg USBC members who are 55 years or older at the time of the tournament. This is a Doubles and Singles tournament and multiple entries are allowed for the Doubles event. Entry forms are available at all area centers and also on our new web site at [www.gfusbca.org](http://www.gfusbca.org). Entries close December 19<sup>th</sup> – don't be left out of this fun event! Be one of the first to get your official GFUSBC shirt!

### ***Senior Tournament***

***January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @Liberty Lanes of Stafford***  
*Senior Entry forms are available now!*

### ***Additional Upcoming Tournaments***

#### ***Woman's Championship***

***February 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @ Liberty Lanes (Massaponax)***

#### ***Open Championship***

***March 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @ AMF Fredericksburg***

#### ***Youth Championship***

***April 1 / 2, 2006 @ Liberty Lanes (Massaponax)***

All forms will be available on the Association Website as they become available.

[www.GFUSBCA.org](http://www.GFUSBCA.org)

## Greater Fredericksburg USBCA Board

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## Upcoming Tournaments

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**Virginia State Mixed**  
*February 4<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

**Virginia State Men's Tournament**  
*April 29<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006*  
*Manassas/chantilly, va*  
*Entries close February 22, 2006*

**Virginia State Women's Tournament**  
*March 25 - May 28, 2006 Roanoke Valley, VA*  
*Entries close January 31, 2006*

**USBC Open Tournament**  
*February 11-July 1, 2006 Corpus Christi, TX*  
*Entries close December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

**USBC Women's Tournament**  
*March 16 - July 2, 2006 Reno, NV*  
*Entries close January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

**Next Qualifier for Pepsi Cola Youth  
Tournament**  
*January 28<sup>th</sup> & February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association bowlers are really hitting them hard this winter. Take a look at the following **honor scores** reported to date. The first 300 in our new Association was rolled by **youth bowler Timothy Hart**. Keep up the good bowling and let's get some of the ladies names on this list!

**Congratulations to all for your fine performance!**

| <b>NAME</b>      | <b>LEAGUE</b>           | <b>SCORE</b>      |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Larry Bacon      | Thursday Thunder        | 810               |
| Ronnie Angles    | Rappahannock Men's      | 807               |
| Jamie Dalton     | Rappahannock Men's      | 802               |
| Eric Briggs      | Tues. Night Mixed       | 300               |
| Tim Hart         | Saturday Youth Legends  | 300               |
| Bryan Little     | Tues. Night Mixed       | 300               |
| Robert McMillan  | Liberty Eagles          | 300               |
| Billy Regan      | Rappahannock Men's      | 300               |
| Richard Bouchard | Rappahannock Men's      | 299               |
| Tom Franklin     | Merchants' Mixed        | 299               |
| Steve Gauger     | Rappahannock Men's      | 299               |
| Tom Marinari     | Rappahannock Men's      | 299               |
| Jim Robinson     | Doug's Trio             | 299               |
| Paul Rumbaugh II | Safford Dodge Wed Men's | 299               |
| Jim Wolf         | Rappahannock Men's      | 299               |
| Larry Bacon      | Thursday Thunder        | 290 (11-in-a-Row) |
| Billy Boonton    | Sunday Nite Mixed       | 279 (11-in-a-Row) |
| Rocky Brackett   | Thursday Knights        | 290 (11-in-a-Row) |
| Timothy Franklin | Doug's Trio             | 290 (11-in-a-Row) |
| Jamie Myers      | Friday Nite Early       | 290 (11-in-a-Row) |
| Bobby Phillips   | Sunday Nite Mixed       | 290 (11-in-a-Row) |

### 2005 Virginia State Seniors Tournament

Several GFUSBCBA senior bowlers have cashed in the Virginia State Senior Tournament held in Winchester in October.

CHUCK HUSTED placed first in all-events in his division. He and his partner, LARRY ROATH placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the doubles event.

GLORIA FOWLER was 3<sup>rd</sup> in singles and 6<sup>th</sup> in all-events in her division.

Congratulations to these senior bowlers!

# ***YOUTH'S CORNER***

This past quarter has been an exciting and very busy time for our area Youth bowling programs. Tim Hart, a senior bowler on the Saturday Youth Legends at Liberty Massaponax bowled the Greater Fredericksburg USBCA's first 300 game! That is quite an achievement for a 16 year old.

The GFUSBCA board also wrote and approved a Youth Scholarship for our graduating senior bowlers. The two recipients of the scholarship will be awarded \$250 in SMART scholarship funds. Graduating seniors should receive information about the scholarship within the next few weeks.

The first round of Pepsi Cola qualifying was held during the weeks of November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> during the youth league play. Those that didn't qualify will have another opportunity during the weeks of January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> when the second round of qualifying takes place. All winners will then be invited to attend the district level qualifying to be held at Bowl America Falls Church in March.

April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will mark the First Annual Youth City Tournament for the GFUSBC area. Information will be coming out shortly so you may register to attend.

## **Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association Web Site**

*For the latest information regarding your bowling association log on to:*

[www.grusbca.org](http://www.grusbca.org)



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Bowlers throughout America, via Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), have been collecting funds for our nation's wounded and disabled veterans for more than 60 years. Most of the funds are used for therapeutic and recreational therapy for these vets. Thanks to all our bowlers who are contributing money during this annual fund drive.



David Pitts, Chairman of the BVL committee, expresses his thanks to those members of the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association Board who are participating in collecting for this worthy cause. David also appreciates the contribution of Association members Lottie Gorham and Rhonda Edwards for donating their time to make this drive a success.

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#### REQUEST FOR INPUT

We hope you enjoy this first issue of our Greater Fredericksburg USBC Newsletter. Please send us your ideas on how to improve the news!

If you have any bowling trivia or interesting personal bowling experiences you would like to share, let us know and we may use them in the newsletter. I welcome all input. I can be contacted via E-mail at: [Kines1@aol.com](mailto:Kines1@aol.com)

*Donna Kines*

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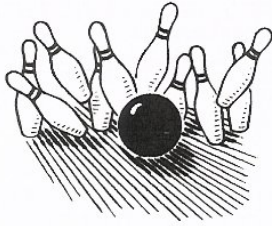
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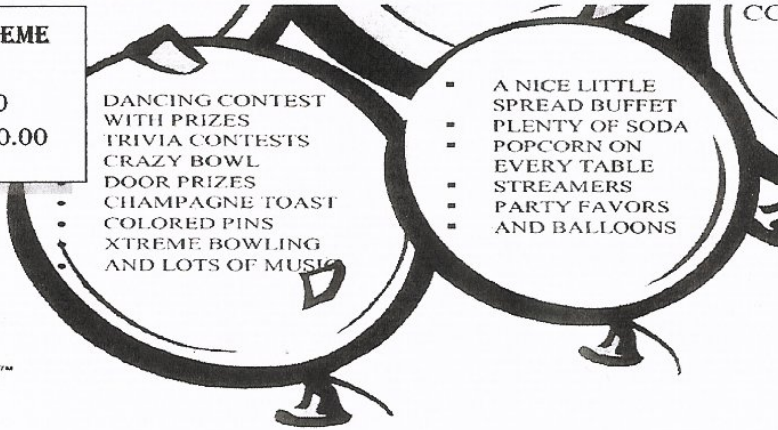
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