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Your GFUSBC Newsletter

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Mission Statement:

The Greater Fredericksburg USBC is to be the unified organization of choice focused on the promotion and growth of the sport in and around the greater Fredericksburg region.

The GFUSBC Board of Directors, through questionnaires, discussions with you folks and just plain hearsay realize that there is confusion about the roles and responsibilities of the Association and how that pertains to you, the bowling members. The following is a broad-brush statement covering what we can and cannot do.

The Board of Directors is made up of 12 volunteers who have been elected or appointed to represent the men, women and youth of this association. Board members are the direct link to the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), the governing body of certified bowlers worldwide. USBC provides rules, regulations and guidance for bowling that is the backbone and method of operation for all association adult and youth tournaments and leagues. We provide delegates to State and National conventions to vote on rules and regulations that are designed to improve the sport of bowling. The GFUSBC, in turn, implements and enforces the laws and standards of the USBC.

Before fall leagues start, we perform very precise measurements of the pin deck, gutters, pin placement, lanes, foul light system, oil patterns and all other aspects of each center's bowling lanes. Once all requirements have been met by the centers, and only then, USBC is notified and they become a certified bowling establishment. This means averages and scoring achievements by league bowlers holding USBC and/or association memberships in this center are recognized. It ensures they will be receiving national and local awards and are eligible for certified tournaments. During the year we continue to keep on the alert for conditions that require additional checks.

We hold an Annual Meeting where, you the member have opportunity to provide input to Association operations and vote for your choice of the candidates running for open positions on our board. Prior to winter leagues beginning a voluntary League Officer's Workshop is held to provide instructions on policies and procedures your league officers should follow to insure your bowling experience is well managed.

The Board is also required to run several tournaments. These are the Open, Women's and Youth. However, we also run a Senior Tournament and have plans on the menu to add to this list.

We do not oversee the development of rules, team strength, number of weeks your league will bowl, position rounds, or any other regulations governing a league. That is a decision of team members who are invited to a pre-league startup meeting to attend to these matters. We are available to provide guidance where there is a question on rules, will assist in settling disputes and offer direction on the proper application of USBC operating principles.

GFUSBC interfaces and works with center management to make your bowling more pleasurable. We do not have any authority to direct center operation or policies but will take your concerns to their management if requested but first take up the matter with your league officers.

There are many aspects of association business that I could not cover here but hopefully this broad view will help each of you understand our responsibilities.

Paul Rumbaugh – President GFUSBC

Meet the GFUSBC Board of Directors.

Director Richard Bergey



Hello. My name is Richard Bergey. Thank you for having me as a member of the Fredericksburg USBC Board of Directors.

I was born in Hinsdale, Illinois and raised in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Cedar Lake is a very small town about 35 miles outside of Chicago. Three years ago I moved to Bumpass, Virginia (Lake Anna).

When I was just 17 years old, I enlisted in the Navy to see the world and 20 years later I retired. My first duty station was Pensacola, Florida where I attended school to become a Crypto logic Technician and a member of the Naval Security Group. It was in Pensacola, when I first learned the sport of bowling. I'm not sure it was an immediate love of bowling or the fact that there was a 24-hour alley that would serve me beer (drinking age was 18) that led me to the game of bowling. At any rate I spent a lot of time in that bowling alley.

My next duty station was Okinawa Japan where there were 3 bases within 30 minutes of each other, each with a bowling alley. I joined my first league and within a few years had the bug and found myself bowling leagues four nights a week. I spent 11 years in the Far East but regardless of where I was stationed, most of my free time was spent at the bowling alley. I'm still waiting for the old saying "practice makes perfect" to become a reality and bowl my first 300 game.

My greatest satisfaction with bowling is working with the youth and helping them learn the game. I taught my now 26-year daughter to bowl as a small child. I have been involved in many youth programs overseas and in the United States. My main focus now is coaching my 15 year old son and supporting local youth bowling. The Massaponax youth program is one of the best I've ever seen. We have great support from the parents and community. My goal is to help grow the program and make it even better.

I look forward to bowling with you. Good luck and high scores.

From the Association Manager...

Welcome back! I can't believe summer is already behind us. I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to start the winter bowling season.

Please remember when filling out your 2008-2009 membership cards to verify all pre-printed information and make any necessary corrections. When you make corrections, or if you are new to the league and filling out a card from scratch, please print clearly. If I misread your information it could delay the delivery of your membership card.

Last year the Association received some negative comments concerning the time it took bowlers to receive awards. Although, a few delays were due to my unfamiliarity with the award process, late receipt of award applications from league secretaries contributed to many holdups. This year you should receive your awards sooner. The Awards Committee has established a goal of 30 days, from receipt of the application, to get awards

back to your league secretary. To help us reach this goal, I ask that league secretaries file award applications with the Association at least every 30 days. Relative to honor scores, I would like to remind all league secretaries they are required to report honor scores to the Association within 48 hours and submit paperwork within 20 days. Please remember these prestigious achievements cannot be reported to USBC until all paper work has been properly filled out.

As always, if you have questions or need assistance please call the Association office at 540-372-7870. Remember, your Association is here to help!

Good luck and high scores. I'll see you on the lanes.

Skip Frey GFUSBC Association Manager

Tournament Results

On July 26 and 27th, the 17th Annual Historic Fredericksburg Tournament was held at AMF Fredericksburg. The tournament was a big draw and featured some super bowling from the women. Here are those results.

Team

- 1st <u>Team Sulli</u>van (Mary Rich, Cole Samuel, Debbie Jones, Angela Sullivan)
- **2.** <u>Troubles Coming</u> (Lawanda Stewart, Latoya Kirkland, Anita Hawkins, Annie Hunt)
- **3.** <u>All Strikes (Muriel Holmes, Brenda Revelle, Theresa Burrell, Tonda Lee)</u>
- **4.** <u>Team Blakey</u> (Marcia Gross, Sondra Blakey, Margaret Sherrill, Mary Midgette)
- **5.** We "R" One (Hazel Wallace, Janet wood, Sheila Carter, Lisa Clarke-Bell)
- **6.** <u>Team Pelletier</u> (Loretta Pelletier, Kris Noel, Donna Campbell, RoxAnn Artzer-Crowder)
- 7. <u>- Make It Happen</u> (Brenda McDowell, Renee Payne, Cecilia Durham, Jacqueline Morris)
- 8. <u>- Team Sharp</u> (Carolyn Tapscott, Ann Amply, Metchel McCarney, Mabel Sharp)
- 9. <u>Straight Back</u> (Darlene Wyatt, Jody Gaines, Dena Kearney, Mary Brooks)
- 10. <u>Lets Ro</u>ll (Cheryl Joseph, Angela Collick, Debbie Smith, Dee Dee Dave)
- 11. <u>Beltway Divas</u> (Marcia Noble, Samantha Granderson, Shellene Russell, Adrienne Chichester)

Singles

1st – Rita Mercadel

Cashing in order of finish – Shaunita Middleton, Amber Casey, Marcia Noble, Samantha Granderson, Sonya Wilson, Serena Goodwin, Ellen Cadette, Paulette Davis, Debra Roberts, Monica Bell, Anita Hawkins, Theresa Burrell, Brenda McDowell, Christine Lick, Ruthie Bonta, Cecelia Burham.

DOUBLES

1st - D. Kines & L. Gorham

Cashing in order of finish – J. Wilson & R. Paras, M. Noble & S. Granderson, B. Kitzmiller & S. Baumes, J. Lawson &

- V. Shifflett, D. Roberts & M. Mills, F. Bush-Jackson &
- I. Perry, D. Herbert & S. Middleton, K. McDonald &
- T. Greene, F. Brown &V. Wiseman, C. Ford & D. McCabe,
- G. Brown & S. Wilson, J. Woods & S. Carter

1st – Shaunita Middleton

Cashing in order of finish – Amber Casey, Theresa Burrell, Sonya Wilson, Cole Samuel, Debra Roberts, Samantha Granderson, Lottie Gorham, Jacqueline Wilson, Latoya Kirkland

Greater Fredericksburg USBC Bowlers made a good showing in the 56th Annual Virginia State USBC Bowling Association Tournament. Check out the teams and individuals who made the cash list.

Team Handicap

Vipers II Gallahan's Painting RDM Painting #1 Fred Five II

Doubles Handicap

James Latney & Randy Lewis, Lou Massaro & David Wollstein, Fred McCue & Bill Barnett, Rick Gillmore & James Merideth, Dawn Allison & Eric Brown, James Jeffries & Regan Cassiday

Doubles Scratch

James Latney & Randy Lewis

Singles Handicap

Ken Howard, James Swink, James Latney, Rick Lawson, James Murray, Edgar Yates, Eric Sloper, Bryan Gallanhan, Chris Petrini, Ron Newman, Liz Lisk-Charlwood, Rick Gilmore, Jeff Smith, Richard Boutchyard, Eric Brown, James Keefe, Michael Burton, Norman Crowder

Singles Scratch

James Latney, Chris Petrini, Bryan Gallahan, James Swink, Bill King Sr., Robert McMillan

All Events Handicap

Ken Howard, James Swink, Rick Gilmore, Chris Petrini, Robert Sentelle, David Wagner





08 Summer Stars 🚓

Chris Farmer

James Scott

John Heard

Frank Grant

Randy Lewis

Harold Pelton 831
Jim Wolfe 803

Victor Seabrooks Robert McMillan

Eugene "Ace" Midling

Michael Johnson Cliff Baucom

Jennifer Myers

Jennifer Myers

Kenny Merriman

Terry Baldwin

The Bowlers Edge

Sport Bowling Tip: Attitude, Attitude, and Attitude

Having a positive mental attitude is the first step toward bowling well, especially at a center where you haven't fared well in the past. You should never think, I don't bowl well at this center, because that can turn into a self-fulfilling prophecy: You think you will bowl poorly and you will bowl poorly. Instead of dwelling on past experiences, call to mind all the skills and techniques it will take to bowl well this time, then use them. You'll be surprised at the results of having a positive mental attitude and it will probably rub off on your teammates or doubles partner, too.

Hook It

The easiest way to learn to roll a hook is to set your hand in a handshake position. Right-handers should turn their bowling hand slightly so that the thumb points toward the 11 o'clock position on a clock face. A left-hander should turn his or her bowling hand so that the thumb points toward the 1 o'clock position. The hand should remain in this position through the entire approach and release. In the finish position, it will look like the bowler is shaking hands with his or her target. Because the thumb will release first, the fingers will put a bit of side rotation on the ball and make it curve. (Courtesy of Bowl. Com coaching tips)

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Youth News

News From the Stafford Youth Bowlers

Tournaments were the name of the game for these youngsters this Summer. Check this out:!!!

Coventry Commonwealth games - The Coventry Commonwealth Games of Virginia is an Olympic-style amateur sports festival for male and female athletes of all ages and abilities. Bianca Cruz of our Stafford youth traveled to Roanoke Virginia in July for this competition. She competed in the Girls, 13-21, Handicap Division, bowling tournament and "won a Silver medal". How good is that? WOW

Youth Friendship Games Holland - On July 19 Errin Antwine of Liberty North Youth Legends Bowlers traveled to Amsterdam to participate in the 5th edition of the Youth Friendship Games Holland (YFGH). The games are an international sporting event for athletes (both boys and girls) from 11 through 19 years of age. The tournament was held in and around Haarlem, Amsterdam. It consisted of eight sports; Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, Swimming, Wrestling, Bowling and Tennis. Over the course of ten competitive games Errin beat out all competitors in his division, made the finals and won first place. His pin count the first ten games was 1669 scratch, with a total of 2146 scratch for all thirteen games and a 179 average over 12 games. Congratulations Errin. Great performance!!!!!

Youth Open Championships - Stafford, VA Liberty North Youth Legends bowlers accompanied by their parents participated in the 2008 USBC Youth Open Championships Bowling Tournament in Taylor, Michigan(suburb of Detroit).

Thirteen youth bowlers from Liberty North Youth Legends placed:

Singles: Division 1 - Jeremy Crookston

Division 3 - Amanda DeMarre and Samantha Wallace

Doubles: Division 1 - Jeremy Crookston and Sean Crookston

Division 3 - Samantha Wallace and Amanda DeMarre Division 4 - Ashley Mineard and Madison Eberhart

Team: Division 2 - Liberty North 2 - [Joshua Falcetti, Madison Eberhart,

Taylor DeMarre, Sean Crookston]

Liberty North 4 - [Ryan Smith, Joshua Myles, Amanda DeMarre,

Brian Radtkel

Liberty North 2 - [Jamie Jones, Samantha Wallace,

Jacob Spoone, Daniel Kraft]

Division 3 - Liberty North 3 - [Errin Antwine, Ashley Mineard, Austin Smith,

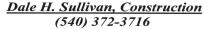
Jeremy Crookston)

All Events: 130-159 Female - Scratch Samantha A. Wallace



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Youth News Cont.

News From the AMF Fredericksburg Youth Bowlers

Nathan Williams placed 10th in the State Tournament for his age (11 and under). GO NATE!

The Fred City Strikers extend a **HUGE THANK YOU to Frank Grant**, owner of **Unlimited Potential Pro Shop at AMF**. Frank donated a Black Widow Bite bowling ball to our raffle. Funds are being used to provide team shirts and other necessities to our youth bowlers. Lisa Graves of Stafford won the ball

Thanks to our dedicated team members who practiced during the Summer Strikers league. Many earned free games as it was also a green pin league...Matt Van Zant won a record five free (green pin) games in one night. He is a green-pin magnet...not to mention he has the skill to get the strike. Fred City Strikers 2008-2009 season begins Saturday, September 13 at AMF-Fredericksburg. (Interested? Contact AMF or Liz Charlwood 540-736-8158)

AWARDS - What do you know about them? Here is a short review



So you rolled a score eligible for a USBC and/or GFUSBC Local award!!! Now What?

- 1. Your League Secretary must forward an award application to the GFUSBC Association Manager within 20 to 30 days.
- 2. The association manager completes the required Documentation.
- 3. Next, the Award Committee will finish the process and deliver your award to the league secretary for distribution.
- 4. If you have not received the award in two months, talk to your league secretary.

Expect to hear more about this process. It is worth knowing.



After all these years you finally are getting it right. Anyway, that is what **Ross Sanders** felt like in the Guys and Dolls League on March 30th, 2008. Ross has been bowling 30 years and had his **first 600 set with games of 215, 184 and 201.** Nice going Ross. We know you are ready for the new season.

Greater Fredericksburg

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USBC Tournaments

VA St. Senior Tournament

AMF Hilltop Lanes – Roanoke Va. Every Weekend in October 2008

VA St. USBC WBA 52nd Annual Championship

Tournament – Manassas in March, April and May

Greater Fredericksburg USBC Tournaments

Seniors - Liberty of Stafford, Nov. 2008

Women's Championship – Liberty of Massaponax, Jan. 2009

Open Championship - AMF Fredericksburg, March 2009

Youth - Liberty of Stafford, April 2009

I am always looking for unusual bowling stories or scores from league secretaries or bowlers.

Items like:

Triplicate scores by an individual or team.

First ever 300, 400, 500, etc. series

Career high games. (Not honor score since we already capture these events)

Humorous or unusual bowling stories from the bowlers themselves about a recent or past event.

Larry Roath - Lanes & Frames Editor

How about a newsletter ad? We reach lots of bowlers and friends. **Business Card size \$15** Quarter page \$25

A BIG THANK YOU to the many volunteers that help our association perform its functions. It would be nearly impossible without them.

Shelly Lickliter, Deborah Johnson, Shelley Surfer, Peggy Roath, Laura Rowland, Mellisa Damren, Joe Kelly, Chuck Husted

Courtney Tripp, the woman responsible for the Historic Fredericksburg Tournament, was thrilled when entries almost doubled this year. She also knows that volunteers helped make it successful. They are: Bobby Phillips, Terry Holloway, Jeff & Jackie Smith, Larry Roath, DJ and Deborah Johnson, Jordan Duncan, Frank Grant, Adam Tripp and Heather Oxendine

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Your League Officers. What do they do?

This issue covers **league secretaries and treasurers**. These individuals have the greatest responsibility for the operational success of leagues. Many times these positions are combined into one position called secretary/treasurer. The following are the duties of secretary and treasurer.

Secretaries Responsibilities:

- ★ Keep minutes of league meetings. Minutes should include the meeting date, time and location, names of those attending, and details of the decisions made.
- ★ Distribute a copy of the league rules, and approved prize list to each team captain and board member.
- ★ Post or provide a copy of the league schedule for each captain.
- ★ Provide individual USBC membership applications to each league member for renewal, new membership or verification or existing certification and collect completed applications and membership dues.
- ★ Forward completed membership applications, membership dues and USBC league application to the USBC association manager within 30 days of the start of the season. Membership card applications and applicable fees for additional members shall also be forwarded to the local association manager(s) within 30 days of receipt.
- ★ Keep a list of league bowlers and substitutes.
- ★ Post or provide a current standing sheet.
- ★ Report and submit applications for awards as required by USBC rules.
- ★ Notify league members of league and association meetings. Notify the association of any changes in officers, schedules or bowling centers.
- ★ Turn in season-ending averages to the Greater Fredericksburg USBC Association Manager.
- ★ Provide final league standings to the league treasurer.
- ★ Maintain and file all league correspondence.
- ★ Furnish the next league secretary with all records and materials.

<u>Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer responsibilities:</u>

- ★ Keep league receipts and disbursements
- ★ Work with the president to open an account in the league's name at an insured and recognized bank, credit union or in-house banking service, with at least two league officers' signatures required for all withdrawals.
- ★ Deposit funds in the league's account within seven (7) days of receipt.
- ★ Work with the league president to verify the league's account balance at least once per month.
- ★ Collect league fees each session and paying the bowling center.
- ★ Issue a check or money order made payable to the local association to cover membership dues.
- ★ Advise the league president and secretary if any league members are delinquent in paying league fees.
- ★ Provide each team with a detailed financial statement when the prize fund is distributed; including receipts, disbursements and transactions, and prize recipients' names and earnings.
- ★ Distribute the prize fund within 21 days after the league schedule ends, unless the board or USBC decides otherwise.
- ★ Give financial reports on request by the league president or board.
- ★ Turn over all league books, papers and monies to the next league treasurer. All financial records regardless if in the possession of the former or current treasurer must be retained for 120 days after the league schedule ends.