



WOMEN'S NATIONAL DUCKPIN ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member:

Welcome to the WNSA's 34th year of the Best in Women's Duckpin Bowling! Your Governing Body members have been hard at work during this off-season. We're looking forward to working together with each of you to make our 34th year the best it can be!

The WNSA Annual Planning Meeting was held in December in Atlantic City and there will be a few changes for the 2016 season. As always, we're open to any suggestions to help make our tour better!

Highlights from the meeting are as follows:

- The Offices of Vice President (South), Statistician and Events Director were up for election this year; letters of intent were received from Bethany Fisher for Vice President (South), Cindy McMillen and Lauree Schreiber for Statistician and from Carol Mazzeo for Events Director. As a result the Governing Body cast their votes in favor of Bethany Fisher remaining in office as our Vice President (South), Lauree Schreiber becoming our new Statistician, and Carol Mazzeo retaining her position as Events Director.
- The Governing Body is still in need of an Area Representative for Connecticut. Alyson Taylor was elected the new Area Representative for Mid-Maryland.
- Discussion was held as to whether or not to continue with the 7-game format at the Hagerstown event in 2016. Motion was made to return to the 8-game format for the event. The motion passed unanimously.
- Prize lists were discussed at length. A prize list for 18 qualifiers with \$1000.00 on top was developed and agreed upon.
- A bracket system in place of the Sunday ladder matches was discussed as an option. It was decided that for the 2016 tour season we would attempt a bracket system on Sunday after the head-to-head matches were complete. The brackets would be laid out as follows:
 - Three divisions of 6 (four divisions if we have 24 or more qualifiers).
 - The top two from each division would advance to the bracket (based upon win/loss record first, then pinfall second).
 - Top two seeds overall would have a first round bye. The remaining seeds would compete, 3 vs. 6, and 4 vs. 5. Of these two matches the winner who was originally the lower seed will then face the 1 seed, and the higher seeded first-match winner will face the 2 seed. The winners of the second round matches will then compete against each other for the star.
 - An 18-qualifier prize list was drawn up for the bracket-style matches as well.

Tammy will work with the DPBA to determine how they comprise their prize list for the Hagerstown event and report her findings back to the board.



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- A Pins Over Average (POA) division for the Sunday head-to-head matches was also discussed. It was determined that if we should have 50 or more bowlers participate in an event we will have a single POA division on Sunday. Therefore in the event we have 50 or more participants the breakdown of qualifiers will be 18 scratch and 6 POA. Additionally, in this scenario minor awards for 129 and under average bowlers will be eliminated. The tour however will continue to pay the overall high game and high 4-game set out of the money awards.
- A discussion of how to make the Connecticut event at the very least break-even took place. We currently average 25 or fewer participants at our Connecticut event and have been taking 18 qualifiers. A proposal was made to take 12 qualifiers split into two divisions, the top two from each division advancing to an up-the-ladder match for the star.
- A suggestion was made to lower the “scratch average” from 140. The current tour average is now 126.6. The motion was made to drop the “scratch average” to 130 with re-averaging after 3 events. The motion passed unanimously.
- There has been much discussion on the topic of being able to choose with whom you can bowl. There are concerns with this relative to the issue of slow bowling. A motion was made to allow bowlers to choose one person with whom she would like to bowl, however both entries **MUST BE SENT IN TOGETHER** and **PAID IN FULL** before being accepted. The remaining spot(s) on those particular pairs of lanes with the ladies whom requested to bowl together will be randomly filled based upon the entries' post-mark.
- 2015 financials were reviewed and agreed to by all present.
- 2016 budget was discussed at length. Results are following:
 - Membership Fee will remain \$55.00
 - All Tour Entry fees will remain as follows:
 - Hagerstown \$115
 - Lucky Strike, White Oak, Town Hall and Parkville \$95
 - **Promotional and Adopt a Bowler** fee will be \$120 (\$25 going toward membership if the bowler joins in the tour season bowled).

We will continue with our fundraising efforts this year. The Maryland Lottery fundraiser will be held for the months of July and October. We will continue to either sell 2 boards OR 50/50 raffles at each event. **We will need everyone's help to ensure and/or enhance our prize lists, for which we all have a chance to win!**

The WNSA ran the “Team Strike-Ball” again at this year's February Alumni Match. We successfully raised \$554, setting us off on a great start!

Last year the WNSA hosted our second bull roast at Parkville Heritage Gardens during our final event for the 2015 season at Parkville Lanes. The event was a success and a great time was had by all who attended! We were able to raise \$2,495. As a result, the Governing Body has decided to host another bull roast this year at Parkville Heritage Gardens during our final event at Parkville Lanes. Chairing the event



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are Lauree Schreiber and Janet Sauter. Please contact them for more information. Additional help with this event would be greatly appreciated. More information will be forthcoming.

- The 2015 Schedule is as follows:

May 27 – 29	Turner's Dual Lanes	Hagerstown, MD
June 17 – 19	Lucky Strike Lanes	Willimantic, CT
July 15 – 17	White Oak Lanes*	Silver Spring, MD
August 5 – 7	Town Hall Lanes*	Johnston, RI
September 2 – 4	Parkville Lanes*	Parkville, MD

***These events are combined with the DPBA. We will have limited space, and therefore it will be imperative to get your money and entries in by or before the deadline for those events. Spots will be given on a first come first served basis, and will be based on your POSTMARK. Entries sent via U.S. Mail will be given priority over those submitted by other means.**

- For 2016, as we are only hosting five events, bowlers must participate in only 2 events in order to qualify for Bowler of the Year and Rookie of the Year. At this time, this change is only temporary for 2016. Whether or not that requirement remains the same or changes again will be contingent upon the number of future scheduled events.

I have enclosed the 2016 Membership Application. Please review the application carefully, complete all of the sections, and sign the form where indicated. Unsigned forms cannot be accepted. Other forms such as the Advertising, Adopt-A-Bowler and Bio forms are available on our website at www.wndatour.com.

We invite you to renew your membership with the WNSA. Please submit your completed Membership Application along with your Membership Fee of \$55.00 (checks made payable to WNSA) to the WNSA Statistician at the following address:

WNSA Statistician
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If you should have any questions please feel free to contact Tammy Ashworth via e-mail at tashworth@wndatour.com, or 240-320-4426, or Lauree Schreiber at lschreiber@wndatour.com or (443)983-2250.

I look forward to seeing everyone in May!

Best regards,

Tammy Ashworth
President