

Myra Taylor *Inducted into the Harford County* *Women's Bowling Association* *Hall of Fame*



Celebrating "25" years of the HCWBA Hall of Fame, a dinner and dance was held at the Wetlands Golf Course on February 27, 2016 with Myra Taylor being inducted for Meritorious Service.

Myra was introduced to ten pin bowling in 1959 when automatic pinsetters did not exist.

The next year, she married Ronald Taylor, who was in the service and together they bowled in numerous leagues and tournaments in the United States and Europe. They bowled in as many as 5 leagues in as many days and she was the secretary in 4 of those leagues. At that time, there was no such thing as computers and Myra manually compiled a recap sheet for distribution to her league members. They had four boys, who were brought up in bowling centers and still bowl today.

In 1987, Myra was appointed to the HCWBA board as a Director. She served in that capacity until 2006 when elected to Sgt-of-Arms. She held that position until 2013, when she retired from the Board. While a member, Myra chaired over fourteen committees and has been a member on all other Association committees. She was Tournament Director of the Annual Mixed Team/Doubles in 2007 and Tournament Director of the Golden Decoy Seniors from 2006 – 2010. She has participated in Association Tournaments for over 25 years and was on the winning team (*cont'd on page 2*)

HCUSBCWA and CHUSBCBA to Merge

Effective August 1, 2016, the Harford County USBC Women's Bowling Association and the Cecil-Harford USBC Bowling Association will merge to form one bowling association. Representatives from both associations have been meeting for a little more than two years preparing for the merger. The merger will follow the "goal" of our National Governing Body (USBC). It is their wish for all associations to eventually merge with one another. At the 2015 United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting, the delegates rejected proposed legislation that would require all non-merged state and local associations to merge by August 1, 2018 by only three votes. The proposal will be presented again at this year's convention.

WHY MERGE? - One organization to serve all of the bowlers in the Harford and Cecil County bowling areas should make things less confusing. There will be the opportunity for better communication with bowlers since there will be one singular message to both the men and women. The bowlers will all be operating under the same guidelines and you can speak with either a man or woman from the Board if you have a question or concern. - Merging will allow women to bowl in both women's and men's leagues after paying one sanction fee. It will no longer be necessary to pay both a women's sanction fee and a co-association fee to the men. This will save several dollars each year to the bowlers who sanctioned with both associations and will give the women more options in leagues and tournaments that they may compete in. -Merging will allow for cost savings for the associations as well. There will now only be ONE association, so there will now be only ONE Association Manager. The Association Manager is a paid position, so we will be saving the additional salary paid to a second Association Manager. -Merging could potentially grow tournament participation due to easier and better scheduling. A merged association could run events together such as the Open and Women's (*cont'd on page 3*)



(cont'd from page 1, Hall of Fame) in the 2011-2012 Association Championship Tournament and placed 2nd in the Singles Handicap Event.

For Myra's dedication, many years of service and promotion to the sport of ten-pin bowling, we congratulate her on this prestigious honor...

Being inducted into the Men's Hall of Fame was Kevin Walker for Superior Performance and Eric Lundeen for Meritorious Service. Kevin started bowling in the adult leagues at the age of 15 and has been to 21 consecutive USBC National Tournaments. At only 36 years old he has 21 - 300 games, 10 - 800 series and 4 -

299 games to his credit, as well as numerous tournament titles.

Eric has been in the sport his entire life and is currently President of the Men's Bowling Association. Not only thru his dedicated service, but for his bowling abilities as well. Eric has had 13 - 300 games and 4 - 800 series. Congratulations to both of them. Well deserved.

Thank you to Andre Brown for providing the music. Unfortunately there wasn't a lot of dancing going on due to the length of the great speeches that were given. But, that's ok, because it's their night and that's why we're there.



WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

back row: Cheryl Brown, Betty Bucchi, Valerie Marshall, Barbara Klem, Elly Ripken, Nance Barnard, Barbara Blevins
front row: Carol Phillabaum, Kay Connors, Myra Taylor, Pam Jones, Glee DuBree



MEN'S HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

back row: John Vananzo, Tim Moor, Eddie Barnard, Mike Lastowski, Frank Zelechowski, Chuck Tillman, Bobby Marshall, Andre Brown
front row: Dennis Wilson, Bill Williams Sr., Eric Lundeen, Kevin Walker, Bernie Kuhn, Jeff Barton

(cont'd from page 1, Merger) tournament instead of holding separate tournaments. - Merging will hopefully combine the best persons from each board to work together to serve the bowlers.

WHAT DOES THE MERGER MEAN TO YOU? -You have the opportunity to save money. Women can bowl in both women's and men's leagues without paying a co-association fee. However, if a league specifically states in the league rules that the teams must be all men, then women are not eligible to bowl in that league. Most men's leagues do not make that stipulation. -USBC requires that all merged associations continue to hold women's and open championship tournaments each year. -The board of directors will be made up of a mix of both men and women. There is no designation of the number of men and number of women that will make up the board.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - The Organizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 7:00PM at Forest Hill Lanes, in the meeting room. At this meeting, members from the Harford County USBC WBA and Cecil-Harford USBC BA will vote on the merged bylaws, proposals, board of directors and officers. Individuals who are interested in running for a position on the board simply need to complete the necessary application form prior to the start of the Organizational Membership Meeting. Everyone who submits an application will be on the ballot for the position they apply for. Selection will be determined by popular vote regardless of gender. If you are interested in running for a position on the board you can obtain an application from the Cecil-Harford USBC BA website, www.chusbc.org.

BVL - 2015

Bowlers to Veterans Link

The HCUSBCWBA collects money each year to be given to the veteran's at Perry Point Medical Center for much needed medical supplies and personal items. The Association works hard to support these deserving veterans and without the help of the bowlers and their contributions, this would not be possible. According to Connie Lucas, this donation was the biggest that has been given since she became Chair person in the 2009-2010 bowling season. Each year the goal was to reach \$1000.00 and this year \$1340.69 was donated.

Thank you to everyone who dropped money in an envelope, donated winnings from the Association Tournament or just gave to say "Thank you".

BVL FAQs

- The Bowlers to Veterans Link is a national charity (501(c)3) which supports America's veteran and active duty service men and women
- BVL is the sport of bowling's oldest charity
- BVL is the sport's most successful charity - raising more than \$35 million dollars for America's active duty servicemen and women and veterans
- BVL is America's only national sports organization specifically devoted to veterans
- The BVL Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), and the Bowling Proprietor's Association of America (BPAA).



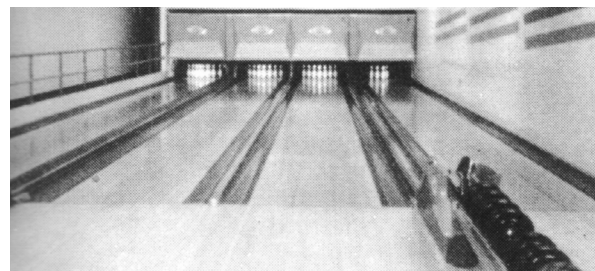
Thank you to all who have donated to support
BOWLERS to VETERANS LINK.
Chairman, Connie Lucas



Demonstrating how the wheel chair patients bowl



Demonstrating how the ambulatory patients bowl



The lanes at Perry Point VA Hospital



From the President's Desk

-Carol Phillabaum

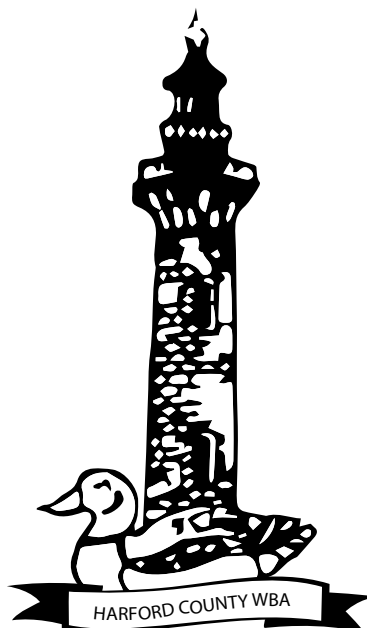
The end of the 2015-2016 bowling season is fast approaching and along with it will sadly come the end of the Harford County USBC Women's Bowling Association, Inc. Effective August 1, 2016, our association will merge with the Cecil-Harford USBC Bowling Association, ending the existence of our current association.

I have been exceptionally proud to serve as your President for the last four years and extremely honored to follow in the footsteps of many great Presidents. I especially want to mention a few of the President's I served under or worked with, that had a great impact on me. These include Elizabeth Baker, Marilyn Lastowski, Pam Jones, Bonnie Kissner and Judy Wheeler. I unfortunately did not have the pleasure of knowing the earlier leaders of the association, but can only imagine the vision and leadership that they must have had in order to form such a fine bowling association and inspire the women who followed them to be so dedicated.

Thank you to all the members of the HCUSBCWBA for placing your confidence in me. Please believe me when I say that I have received far more than I have given by holding this office. The satisfaction of continuing to provide services to the bowlers through league guidance, tournaments, and awards has been wonderful. I have also enjoyed providing for our veterans at Perry Point through the Bowlers to Veterans Link Program, and assisting disadvantaged families in our community through our Neighbors-in-Need Program. We have also nurtured the youth

bowlers on both the local and state level with annual donations to various youth scholarship programs. More importantly, I am grateful for the friendships that I have made with so many of our members and especially with the Board members I have known throughout my years on this Board.

Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart. This has truly been one of the greatest experiences of my life.



Neighbors in Need 2015

Each year the Harford County Women's Bowling Association sponsors needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year the committee chairman, Marie Plummer, selected 4 families which included 9 children, 2 from Lisby Elementary and 2 from Royce Williams Elementary. During the month of November, 29 envelopes were distributed thru all the leagues in every house as well as a donation box for non perishable items. The envelopes returned \$1131.90. Also, at the Association Tournament monies from the bake sale and 50/50 were raised, for \$184.70, totaling \$1316.60. With the money, each child received a \$145.00 Walmart gift card. From the non perishable foods, 3 boxes were given to each family. Donations were also received for toys which were evenly distributed to the kids. Thank you to Bob Evans Restaurant in Aberdeen who generously donated 4 complete family dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also to Bobby Marshall for donating 4 turkeys to each family for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped shop, wrap and deliver to these needy families. Your generosity, I'm sure, made the holidays very special to those who may not have had one.

2014-2015 Margaret Russell Award

For the second time in HCWBA history, Elly Ripken received the Margaret Russell Award. This award is given to the member who has the highest composite average for the season bowling in at least two leagues. Elly bowled in the Monday Pindusters and the Wednesday Night Ladies at Forest Hill Lanes as well as the Connie Marshall Memorial Mixed and Thursday Night Twilighters leagues at Harford Lanes. Bowling in four (4) leagues, her composite average was 178.25.

As we end an era of the HCWBA, Elly has obtained about every goal possible in bowling. I'm sure as we continue as USBC we have not heard the last from her.

Congrats Elly.....



**L - Elly receiving her award from
Chairman Connie Lucas**



**L - Diane Swauger, Committee
Chairman, presenting Donna
Vernon with the Secretary of the
Year Award**

2014-2015 Mary Plott Memorial League Secretary of the Year

For the third time, Donna Vernon received the Secretary of the Year award for the 2014 -2015 season. She is Secretary of the Monday Night Ladies League and Secretary/Treasurer of the Friday Night League at Harford Lanes. She was nominated by both leagues where she has been secretary for many years. Her second award in the 2008 - 2009 season came from these two leagues as well. She must be doing a really good job, wouldn't you say...

Donna has been bowling for 25 years and still bowls in 2 leagues a week. She has been the Manager of the HCWBA for the last three years as well as a Director. She is also very active in the Youth Program where she has been the Secretary/Manager of the Cecil-Harford USBC Youth since 1998. As you can see, Donna is very dedicated to the sport and service of bowling.

There were three other nominees and for winning this award, Donna received a plaque and one paid entry to the event of her choice in the Association Tournament.

Congrats Donna.....

2015 President's Award

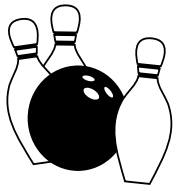
Jackie Barton was the recipient of the 2015 President's Award. Each year this award is given, by the President, to a person in recognition of their hard work, dedication and loyalty displayed to the HCWBA, and to the bowlers.

Jackie has been the chairman of our fundraiser, "Basket Bingo" since 2012 and has done an awesome job with great success. She has served on numerous committees and now serves as 2nd Vice-President of the Association. She puts in countless hours on the Board, makes sure tournaments run smoothly and helps in any way she can promoting the game of bowling.

Thanks for all you do Jackie...



**L - Jackie Barton receives award from
Carol Phillabaum, President**



HCWBA

Final Annual Meeting 2015



The HCUSBCWBA held its final annual meeting at 1:00, April 25th, 2015 at the Wetlands Golf Club in Aberdeen. Each year this meeting is held to inform the members of the actions of the Board during the current bowling season. It is open to ALL members and participation was encouraged. Twelve Board members and seventeen guests were in attendance.

Starting the meeting was a Memorial service where members who have passed during the year were honored with their name being read, a candle lit and a white rose placed in a vase. There were 14 members remembered. A poem "If Roses Grow in Heaven" was read by Connie Lucas while music was played in the background.

Reports were given, awards presented and the election of Officers and Directors. President Carol Phillabaum acknowledged Valerie Marshall for being inducted into the Hall of Fame and thanked all who supported the Neighbors in Need Program as well as BVL. She also thanked the officers and directors for their countless hours working tournaments, fundraisers, attending meeting, etc.

The Association Manager, Donna Vernon presented the financial report as well as the acts of the Board. The awards report showed 574 awards processed from Aug. 2014 – Apr 2015.

USBC Awards

From August 1, 2014 – April 25, 2015

65	150 game	43	400 series
50	175 game	63	500 series
132	200 game	15	600 series
9	250 game	3	700 series
3	275 game		
0	300 game		

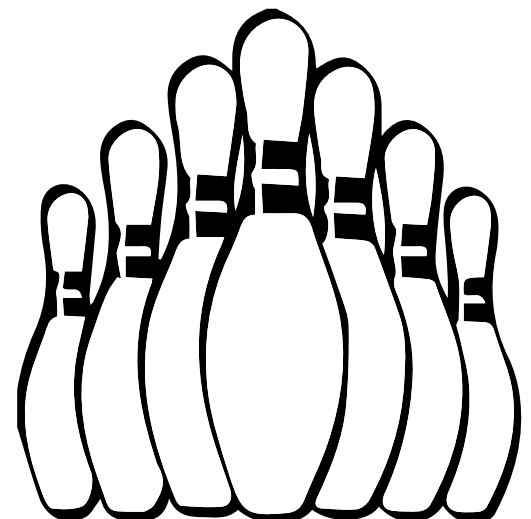
30	75 pins over average game
13	140 pins over average series

57	HCUSBCWBA	70 pins over average
41	HCUSBCWBA	Senior 200
50	HCUSBCWBA	Lighthouse Award

From August 1, 2015 – March 23, 2016 there were 646 awards processed.

Games:	Series:
150–100	400–170
175–102	500–53
200–86	600–10
250–7	700–1
275–1	

140 pins over series – 6
 75 pins over average – 17
 70 pins over average – 34
 Lighthouse Awards – 19
 Senior 200—39
 Certificates – 1 (One Triplicate)



Connie Lucas, BVL Committee Chairman exceeded her goal in raising \$1340.69 to support the veterans at Perry Point Medical Center. This has been the biggest donation ever. She thanked everyone who donated and made this possible.

The results of the election of Officers and Directors were:

Sgt at Arms	Cathy Heaps
1st Vice President	Connie Lucas
Directors	Nance Barnard
	Valerie Marshall
	Donna Vernon
	Pam Harper
	Leah Cassett

All nominees were elected by acclamation. There were three vacancies that have now been filled.

Delegates to the State Meeting were Pam Jones, Valerie Marshall, and Kim Haney. The Alternates were Cathy Dunn and Katie Cabot.

The winners of the Association Tournament were presented with their awards.

Each year the President's award is given to the person that the president feels has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations to Jackie Barton for receiving this honor.

Receiving the award for Secretary of the Year was Donna Vernon of the Monday Night Ladies and Friday Night leagues from Harford Lanes.

A complimentary lunch and cash bar was provided after the meeting, serving pork marinated chicken breast, potatoes and green beans followed by dessert.

A few of us have served on the Board for over 30 years and have attended many Annual Meetings. It is hard to say goodbye to our association but times are changing and we have to change with it.

It's been a great 56 years.....



Honoring those who have passed.

Harford County USBC Women's Bowling Association 52nd Annual Handicap Championship Tournament

On November 7th & 8th 2015, HCUSBCWBA held its Annual Championship Tournament at Harford Lanes. The handicap was 90% of 220 and the prize ratio was 1 to 5. Multiple entries are allowed in doubles as long as the partners are changed and in the team event, 2 members are changed. The bowler's first appearance count towards their all events total. Each year "Cash for Strikes" are awarded. Depending on your average determines how many consecutive strikes you need to throw. Thank you to those who donated their winnings back to be given to the Bowlers Veterans Link.

Also, thank you to Evie Testerman who donated a "Movie In, Movie Out" raffle basket and to Lori Chatham who donated a Thirty One bag.

Jackie Barton reported sales were good from the Ways and Means table and thanked those who helped work it. From the bake sale, the 50/50 and sales from the Ways and Means table, \$180.00 was donated to Neighbors in Need and \$150.00 to BVL.

This year there were 15 teams, 19 doubles, 37 singles and 33 all events that participated in the tournament. Two teams more than the previous year, 5 less singles, 3 less all-events and the same amount of doubles. Congratulations to Pam Jones who bowled a 700 in the Doubles event.



Connie Lucas working the Ways and Means table



Kathy Jones, "ready to get this tournament started"



Cathy Dunn and Donna Vernon - "Taking a Break"



Vickie Hawkins, ready to get "rollin"

Thank you to everyone who bowled and congratulations to those who placed. The results were:

Finishing in each division were:

Team Handicap

1st	Ladies of the Lanes Ellen Ripken, Carol Phillabaum, Jennifer Pruitt, Austyn Ripken	2,687
2nd	Splits Happen Cathy Dunn, Heather Sherman, Connie Lucas, Charlotte Burr	2,669
3rd	Wait A Minute Marie Plummer, Carole Toney, Kathy Jones, Evie Testerman	2,649

Team Scratch

1st	Down and In Nancee Strong, Kim Haney, Katie Cabot, Khrystyna Liske	2,222
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Doubles Handicap

1st	Nance Barnard / Pamela Jones	1,440
2nd	Catherine Hall / Valerie Marshal	1,362
3rd	Kathy Jones / Evie Testerman	1,355
4th	Cathy Dunn / Heather Sherman	1,351

Double Scratch

1st	Nance Barnard / Pamela Jones	1,162
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Singles Handicap

1st	Heather Sherman	757
2nd	Melissa Smith	733
3rd	Nancee Strong	694
4th	Cathy Dunn	692
5th	Kathy Jones	692
6th	Melissa Herring	686
7th	Carol Phillabaum	673

Singles Scratch

1st	Melissa Smith	647
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All Events Handicap

1st	Pamela Jones	2,148
2nd	Melissa Smith	2,091
3rd	Katie Cabot	2,071
4th	Cathy Dunn	2,068
5th	Heather Sherman	2,067
6th	Nancee Strong	2,028
7th	Evie Testerman	2,016

All Events Scratch

1st	Melissa Smith	1,833
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Doubles Scratch & Handicap
L - Pam Jones, Nance Barnard



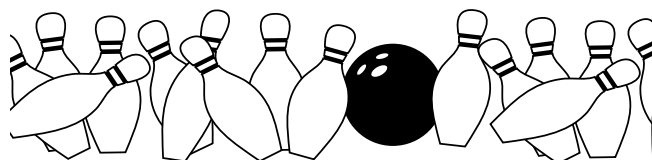
All Events Handicap - Pam Jones



Team Scratch, Down and In - Top: L-Kim Haney, Nancee Strong, Bottom: L-Katie Cabot, Khrystyna Liske



Handicap Singles - L- Chairman Connie Lucas presenting Heather Sherman with award



From the Manager's Pen



Donna Vernon

Where has the time gone? I can't believe I have been Manager of the HC USBC WBA for four years already! And sadly it is my last year. With the coming of the merger of the Women's and Men's Association this summer, comes change. A new manager and Board will be elected for the 2016-2017 season and I look forward to working with them.



I have really enjoyed my time as the Association Manager. I have made many new friends while working with all the secretaries, running tournaments, and attending meetings. I especially enjoyed meeting and talking to women who bowled in their first tournament because they are always so excited.

I am very proud of the new awards program we started last season and hope everyone is excited to receive the new awards. Nothing beats giving out an award to a new bowler who has never received one before or the award to the senior ladies (over 62) who have bowled their first 200 game.

It is getting close to the end of another bowling season. Secretaries please remember to send in your end of season averages and final standing sheet. I will be checking your sheets to see if any women qualify for the Shooting Star Award. It is for the member who had the hi scratch game, hi scratch series, and hi average in one league.

Until next season, I hope everyone has a nice, relaxing, and safe summer. See you all next year...

2014 – 2015 15th Annual Golden Decoy Senior Singles Tournament

On April 17, 18 & 19, 2015 at APG Lanes, The Golden Decoy Tournament was held. This tournament is handicapped and is for bowlers 50 years and older, divided into 6 classes according to age. Classes with less than 6 entries are combined with the next class up. Participants bowl 4 games using a different pair after the 2nd game. The lowest game is discarded for a 3 game total. First place winners in each class receive a paid entry into the next Maryland State Senior Singles Tournament.

The classes are:

Class A+	75 or older	Class C	60 - 64
Class A	70 - 74	Class D	55 - 59
Class B	65 - 69	Class E	50 - 54

Final results are as follows:

<u>Class A+ & A</u>	<u>8 entries</u>	<u>Class B & C</u>	<u>6 entries</u>
1. Diane Rubino Everett	757	1. Carol Silva	716
2. Ethel Scheeler	702	2. Noel Bates	694
3. Pat Chassereau	676	3. Carole Toney	683
 <u>Class D</u>	 <u>6 entries</u>	 <u>Class E</u>	 <u>7 entries</u>
1. Fay Christy	714	1. Marci Taylor	761
2. Ronda Taylor	703	2. Sharon McCauley	703
3. Martina Burger	673	3. Kim Haney	692

**Thank you to everyone who bowled and congrats to those that placed.
See you again this April...**

Harford County USBCWBA 16th Annual Lighthouse Singles Tournament

On February 21, 2016 the Lighthouse Singles Tournament was held at Elk Lanes. This tournament is handicap and is divided into 3 divisions based on average. Entrants bowl three (3) games, moving after each game. The 3 game total plus handicap determines all handicap winners. The three high scratch bowlers in each division then compete in a stepladder final. Third place bowls second place and the winner of that match bowls first place. The top three handicap finishers were:

DIVISION II (150 to 170 avg)

Gladys Webster	727
Ashley Taylor	714
Kathy Jones	713

DIVISION III (140 avg & under)

Melissa Herring	699
Kim Hutton	696
Diane Swauger	695

The scratch results in the division roll-offs were:

DIVISION II

1st	Kathy Jones
2nd	Ashley Taylor
3rd	Gladys Webster

DIVISION III

1st	Melissa Herring
2nd	Heather Sherman
3rd	Dianne Swauger

There were not enough entrants in Division I (171 avg & over) to compete.

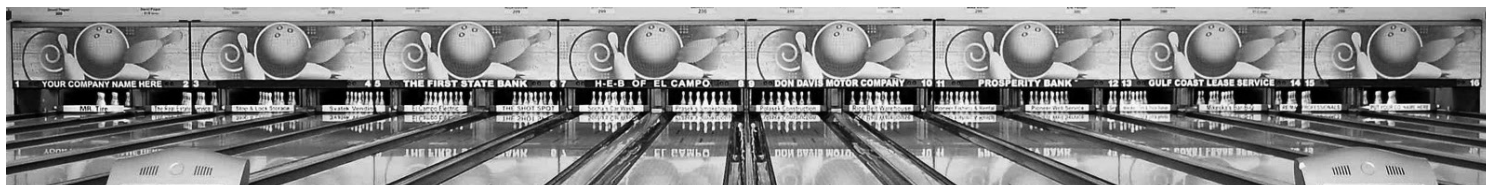
Congrats to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated.



**Div. III Winners (left to right)
Dianne Swauger, Melissa Herring,
Heather Sherman**



**Div. II Winners (left to right)
Ashley Taylor, Kathy Jones, Gladys Webster**



In Loving Memory of Those We Have Lost

*Mary Lee Wilson
Barbara Close
Della Gay Kidwell
Beatrice Benson
Margaret Sullivan
Frances Irene Basl
Joan Kaylor
Frances Stagnoli*

*Doris Mae Gagliano
Beulah Kimble Wilson
Kristin Abraham
Barbara Grail
Toy Michele Evans Hanlin
Rita Specalere
Tamika Wade*



2014 – 2015 19th Annual Challenge Of Champions Tournament

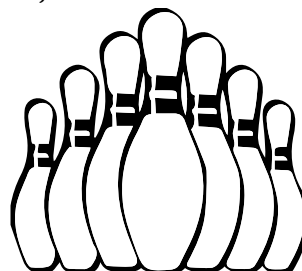
The Challenge of Champions was held October 3 & 4, 2015 at APG Lanes. The first place team of every Womens League sanctioned with the Harford County USBCWBA is invited to participate. If the first place team does not wish to bowl, the second place team is eligible. Teams consist of five (5) bowlers. Any team not having five bowlers may recruit any regular bowler within their league. Substitutes are not allowed. There is no cost to the bowler in this tournament. The HCUSBCWBA pays for all lineage and trophies. With 8 teams eligible to bowl, six participated. The winning team received jackets with the Association bowling logo, in the color of their choice.

The Results:

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| 1st Place - HOTT! (Harford Lanes) | 3,459 |
| Jackie Webster, Sheila Britton, Thelma Tildon,
Mildred Frink, and Fay Christy | |
| 2nd Place - Splits Happen (Harford Lanes) | 3,438 |
| Cathy Dunn, Heather Sherman, Marie Plummer,
Connie Lucas, and Charlotte Burr | |
| 3rd Place - Lighthouse Gang (Harford Lanes) | 3,130 |
| Mary Mergler, LuAnne Miller, Susan Dye,
Julaine Smith, and Elly Ripken | |
| 4th Place - Alleygators (Elk Lanes) | 3,117 |
| Kathyrn Greer, Elaine Robertson, Terry Dennison,
Donna Greer, and Pam Evans | |
| 5th Place - All Balls No Glory (Forest Hill Lanes) | 3,114 |
| Mary Smith, Mary Venetos, Lois Webster,
Maggie Klein, and Lori Owens | |
| 6th Place - We Like Big Bags (Forest Hill Lanes) | 3,105 |
| Terri Quingert, Janes Daniels, Barbara Cyran,
Gail Klaben, and Bonnie Parks | |



Winning Team, "HOTT!"
L - Mildred Frink, Sheila Britton, Fay Christy
Not pictured: Jackie Webster, and Thelma Tildon



Harford County to host State Tournament

Harford County will be hosting the 51st Annual Maryland State Women's Bowling Championship Tournament. As the host this year, we were asked to design a pin to represent the tournament from our Association. Thank you, Valerie Marshall for designing this beautiful pin that will represent us. The pin will be available at the tournament – so don't forget to pick one up!

The tournament will be held at Forest Hill Lanes on May 7th-8th and May 14th-15th. Doubles and Singles squad time is 10:00 am (all 4 days) and the Team Event squad time is 2:00 pm (all 4 days). Entry forms are in all the bowling centers or you can go to the Maryland State website: <http://www.mdusbc.org/EntryForms> to print a copy! Deadline to submit your entry is Midnight, April 30, 2016. Get your team together and come join us for good times and lots of fun!

See any of your HCUSBCWBA Board Members if you have any questions or contact John Vananzo, MD State President and Tournament Director!

The HCWBA has hosted 6 other Maryland State Championship Tournaments in 1967, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1987, and 1992. Also running current with this tournament was the Queens/Princess and Senior Tournaments. Depending on average determined what category you bowled in.

Representing our Association and winning State titles were:

Queens Tournament:

1967 Mary Morris (1st Queens Tournament held)
1970 Kay Scott
1973 Marceil Gridsby
1986 Pam Jones
1992 Kay Connors

Princess Tournament:

1970 Dot Plunkett
1992 Stacy Pry
1993 Pat Miller

Sadly this tournament has been discontinued but we are proud of our winners.



"HCWBA"

How it all Began

On September 18th 1960, an Organizational Meeting was held (at Bel Air Bowl) with the purpose of forming a local women's bowling association, to be affiliated with the Women's International Bowling Congress. There were 34 women bowlers present. By-laws were adopted as well as the election of officers and Directors, who would be presidents of each league. It was known as Bel Air Women's Bowling Association and dues were set as \$.50 per member. In 1961 ground work was laid for Aberdeen (then known as Ideal Lanes) and APG bowlers to withdraw from the Baltimore WBA and join with Bel Air. This took years before that happened because in 1962, WIBC advised that members could NOT be assigned to Bel Air WBA unless they had 2/3 signatures on a petition to change associations. So, in 1962 Ann Letscher and Mary Morris got busy and obtained the signatures required from APG, Aberdeen and also Bainbridge Naval Training Center. The petition was sent to WIBC and permission was granted. In 1963 the association name was changed to Harford Cecil WBA (to include Elk Lanes) and because they did not want to withdraw from the Baltimore WBA, the name was changed to just Harford County WBA and became official in 1964. In 1965 Edgewood Arsenal joined our association, in 1972 Edgewood Fairlanes joined and 1983 Forest Hill Lanes.

Some highlights:

- 1962 - The first Annual Championship Tournament was held at Bel Air bowl with the entry fee being \$3.50 per event.
- 1963 - The local 500 Club was formed with the first tournament being held on June 8, at Harford Lanes.
- 1970 - The local 600 Club was formed. Their first tournament was held May 17, 1970.
- 1971 - saw the first association average book published which was combined with the Cecil-Harford Men's Association.
- 1974 - the HCWBA started publishing their own average book.
 - Dues were raised from \$.50 to \$.75.
- 1975 - 1000 Bicentennial Commemorative patches were purchased and awarded to each member that rolled a 200 game or better during the season.
- 1977 - the first awards program went into effect. Since, there have been many different award programs introduced.
- 1979 - the association received an award from Perry Point Veteran's Administration Hospital for their voluntary services for taking wheelchair patients from their rooms to the bowling center and assisting them with their game. This program is now called BVL and still continues today.
- 1980 - saw the start of Lane Reps at each bowling center.
 - Dues increased to \$1.00
 - After the passing of Margaret Russell the "Bowler of the Year" highest composite award name was changed to the "Margaret Russell Memorial Award" in her honor
 - Preparations for a Junior Bowling Scholarship award was formed but was discontinued in 1983 due to the lack of interest by the students.

1985 - the best league Secretary of the Year award was started, initiated by Betty Bucchi.

1986 - Mally our mascot appeared, initiated by Mary Jo Smith

1987 - the Decoy Lighthouse was selected as our logo, drawn by Sherrie Pierce and Patti Smith

1990 - The decoy award pin was introduced.

- Dues increased to \$1.50 and seniors (62) \$1.00

1991 - first Casino Night fundraiser was held and continued for a few years.

- The Hall of Fame committee was formed with the first presentation being in 1992

1992 - was the start of the Neighbors in Need Program where needy families were sponsored for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

1993 - the first Mixed Association Tournament was held at Harford Lanes

1994 - the first Challenge of Champions Tournament was held, initiated by Judy Wheeler.

- Dues increased to \$2.75, seniors \$1.50. In 35 years the local association dues only increased \$2.25.

In the mid 90's, dues were raised to \$4.00 and \$2.00 for seniors

1999 - Mixed Challenge of Champions was added for the end of season league champs. Also, The Light house Tournament, where you bowled in divisions according to your average and The Golden Decoy Tournament, for senior members 55 or older were added.

2001 - Presidents award was introduced

2002 - Dues increased to \$6.00 and seniors \$4.00

- Kathryn Scott award pin was established and given to the bowler, in one league, who had high average, hi game scratch and hi series scratch. The award was called the "Shooting Star Award"
- the demise of the 500 & 600 Clubs

2005 - HCWBA was no longer governed by WIBC, it became HCUSBCWBA - Harford County United States Bowling Congress Women's Bowling Association.

2008 - Evelyn Testerman became the first Association Manager

- Basket Bingo became our new fundraiser

2009 - Edgewood Lanes closed. The women bowlers of Elk Lanes joined our association and APG Lanes were reduced to 12.

2013 - WIBC no longer gave awards other than for 300, 800 or 11 in a row (strikes). HCWBA introduced their own awards to give the bowlers.



Pin Dust



In March 1963 the first “Newsletter” was published so that the members would have information on meetings, coming events, keeping up with rules and regulations, and also hear of the accomplishments of the members of the Association. A contest was held to name the publication and so, it became known as the “PIN DUST.”

1963	Peg Bosse	First Newsletter
1964 – 1965	Nova Jean Mathers	Pin Dust 1 st Editor
12 year absence		
1977	Jane Newnan	Pindust was revived
1977 – 1986	Betty Bucchi	Editor
1986 – 1988	Patti Smith	Editor
1988 – 1995	Betty Bucchi	Editor
1995 – 2001	Nance Barnard	Editor
2001 – 2002	Jan Chaney	Editor
2003 – 2005	None	
2006 – 2007	Carol Phillabaum	Editor
2008 - 2016	Nance Barnard	Editor

The Pin Dust newsletter won its first “National Women Bowling Writers” award, 1st place, by Betty Bucchi in 1984. She won two more 1st place awards and a 2nd place award thru 1995. Due to the relocation of Patti Smith, Betty again became the Editor for another 7 years winning three more, 1st place awards.

During Nance Barnard’s tenure as Editor from 1995 – 2001, she received 6 more awards for the Pindust with 3 first place and 3 second place finishes.

In order to win this award, three publications a year needed to be submitted to the “National Women Bowling Writers Association”. Newsletters nationwide were sent for judging and for our Association to have received “13” awards, what a great honor....

In the 2001 – 2002 bowling season, the Pindust went to one issue a year.



*Hard Work and Dedication
Pay Off for Betty Bucchi*



*Nance Barnard displays series of awards won
during her six years as editor of “PinDust”*

HIGH COMPOSITE AVERAGE

Rolled Each Season

"The Margaret Russell Memorial Award"

1961-62...Not Available
1962-63...Not Available
1963-64...Not Available
1964-65...Georgia Cooper.....175.00
1965-66...Georgia Cooper.....176.33
1966-67...Helen Lynch
1967-68...Georgia Cooper
1968-69...Georgia Cooper
1969-70...Not Available
1970-71...Not Available
1971-72...Georgia Cooper.....180.10
1972-73...Marceil Grigdesby.....173.67
1973-74...Martha Baumgart.....173.20
1974-75...Rhea Wilkins.....177.00
1975-76...Rhea Wilkins.....177.20
1976-77...Mary Lee Wilson.....173.00
1977-78...Mary Lee Wilson.....174.30
1978-79...Martha Baumgart.....175.00
1979-80...Deborah Davis.....178.00
1980-81...Mary Lee Wilson.....179.77
1981-82...Pamela Jones.....181.21
1982-83...Pamela Jones.....183.57
1983-84...Pamela Jones.....178.78
1984-85...Pamela Jones.....183.58
1985-86...Pamela Jones.....182.37
1986-87...Kay Connors.....184.00
1987-88...Chele Brown.....194.50

1988-89...Chele B. Rutherford.....193.50
1989-90...Chele B. Rutherford.....199.18
1990-91...Chele B. Rutherford.....194.07
1991-92...Barbara D. Blevins.....191.46
1992-93...Chele B. Rutherford.....205.71
1993-94...Ginny Courtney.....195.00
1994-95...Pamela Jones.....193.50
1995-96...Kay Connors.....193.40
1996-97...Kay Connors.....199.00
1997-98...Kay Connors.....203.00
1998-99...Debbie Tillery.....196.00
1999-00...Kelly Gordan.....204.00
2000-01...Donna Smith.....201.00
2001-02...Donna Smith.....200.59
2002-03...Daphne Rodgers.....189.11
2003-04...Roshella Bowman.....192.00
2004-05...Joanie Judd.....196.59
2005-06...Pamela Jones.....196.21
2006-07...Donna Smith.....204.00
2007-08...Lynn Markward.....199.68
2008-09...Lynn Markward.....196.48
2009-10...Stacy Reynolds.....192.96
2010-11...Elly Ripken.....187.35
2011-12...Stacy Ness.....200.00
2012-13...Rose Wooden.....195.50
2013-14...Pam Evans.....175.50
2014-15...Elly Ripken.....178.25

HCWBA – Holding 200+ average

For a bowling season

Stacy Ness
Chele Schirmer
Pam Jones
Valerie Marshall
Kay Connors
Donna Smith
Elly Ripken

Cheryl Brown
Kelly Gordon
Yvonne Smith
Debbie Kuhn
Colleen Fino
Chrissy Bennett



HCWBA Hi's

1960 – 2016

“299”

Peg Barton (1st)
Brenda Lundeen
Amy Dayhoof
Valerie Marshall
Barbara Blevins
Elly Ripken
Megan Barnard
Tina Marshall
Amy Malley

“300”

Linda Byus (1st)
Chele Schirmer
Donna Smith
Crystal Spicer
Elly Ripken
Cheryl McCallum
Kelly Gordon
Nancee Strong
Stacy Reynolds
Stacy Ness

“800”

Amy Dayhoff
Chele Schirmer
Elly Ripken



HCWBA 700's

1960 – 2016

Evelyn Simcox
Marceil Gridgsby
Kay Connors
Chele Schirmer
Elly Ripken
Barbara Blevins
Valerie Marshall
Connie Marshall
Ginny Courtney
Yvonne Burdette
Pam Jones
Brenda Lundeen
Nance Barnard
Donna Smith
Cheryl Brown
Lisa Moxley
Stacy Reynolds
Heather Hall
Kim Haney
Jennifer Barlow
Lisa Moxley
Amy Dayhoff
Michele Kobert
Stacy Ness

Ashley Landa
Rose Wooden
Joanie Barbasso
Leah Cassett
Debbie Kuhn
Linda Robinson
Lynn Markward
Samantha Schnur
Colleen Fino
April Dunn
Chrissy Bennett
Kelly Gordon
Michele Bucey
Debbie Tillery
Melanie Mendoza
Chrystal Spicer
Anna Hall
Mary LeCompte
Megan Barnard
Lisa Maffei
Beth Reese
Katie Cabot
Nance Strong

*If you are not listed, I apologize.....
We've done our best to research the history.*



HCWBA *Life Members*

This award is only given to President's and Secretaries of the HCWBA Board.

Elizabeth Baker
Marilyn Lastowski
Betty Bucchi

Judy Wheeler
Pam Jones



HCWBA *Members Emeritus*

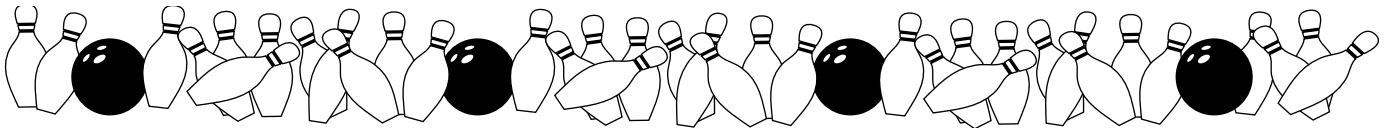
This award is given for dedicated service and outstanding performance on the HCWBA board.

Phoebe "Sis" Riley 1st Recipient
Barbara Klem
Kay Connors
Nance Barnard
Pat Schissler



HCWBA Presidents

Carrie Dunn	1960-1961
Georgia Cooper	1961-1962
Nova Jean Matthews	1962-1963
Peg Bosse	1963-1964
Mary Morris	1964-1966
Marge Gorsuch	1966-1968
Elizabeth Baker	1968-1976
Marilyn Lastowski	1976-1984
Patricia Vega	1984-1988
Ethel Burkhouse	1988-1990
Pam Jones	1990-2000
<i>Longest Standing President</i>	
Bonnie Kissner	2000-2004
Mary Jo Smith	2004-2008
Judy Wheeler	2008-2012
Carol Phillabaum	2012-2016



HCWBA Secretaries

Nancy O'Neil		1960-1963
Margaret Russell		1963-1977
Mary Morris Plott		1977-1983
Phoebe "Sis" Riley		1983-1984
Ethel Burkhouse		1984-1985
Earlene "Pixie" Workman		1985-1986
Judy Wheeler		1986-2001
<i>Longest Standing Secretary</i>		
Cherie Stunkard		2001-2006
Michele Bucey	Association Manager	2006-2008
Evelyn Testerman	Association Manager	2008-2012
Donna Vernon	Association Manager	2012-2016

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Best League Secretary of the Year

“Mary Plott Memorial Award”

This committee, initiated by Betty Bucchi, was started in the 1985–1986 bowling season, This award was given to the person that their league felt was devoted, efficient, and knowledgeable to the bowlers

1985 – 1986	Judy Wheeler	APG Lanes
1986 – 1987	Jean McGrath	Bel Air Bowl
1987 – 1988	Terry Troy Forest	Hill Lanes
1988 – 1989	Cherie Stunkard	Forest Hill Lanes
1989 – 1990	Angela Fernandez	Edgewood Fair Lanes
1990 – 1991	Phoebe “Sis” Riley	Bel Air Bowl
1991 – 1992	Ruth Mahan	Bel Air Bowl
1992 – 1993	Bonnie Kissner	Bel Air Bowl
1993 – 1994	Jerome Heathcott	Harford Lanes
1994 – 1995	Jean Wilcox	Forest Hill Lanes
1995 – 1996	Connie Marshall	Harford Lanes
1996 – 1997	Nance Barnard	Harford Lanes
1997 – 1998	Donna Vernon	Harford Lanes
1998 – 1999	Martha Davenport	AMF Edgewood
1999 – 2000	Jerome Heathcott	Harford Lanes (1st Two time winner)
2000 – 2001	Jean Wilcox	Forest Hill Lanes (Two time winner)
2001 – 2002	Lynn Markward	AMF Edgewood
2002 – 2003	Kathy Nori	Harford Lanes
2003 – 2004	Valerie Buerhaus	Forest Hill Lanes
2004 – 2005	Dorothy Cavis Hall	Harford Lanes
2005 – 2006	Jean Wilcox	Forest Hill Lanes (Three time winner)
2006 – 2007	Martha Davenport	Forest Hill Lanes (Two time winner)
2007 – 2008	Hayward Hulick	
2008 – 2009	Donna Vernon	Harford Lanes (Two time winner)
2009 – 2010	Evelyn Testerman	Harford Lanes
2010 – 2011	Pam Evans	Elk Lanes
2011 – 2012	Lisa Maffei	Forest Hill Lanes
2012 – 2013	Bobby Marshall	Harford Lanes
2013 – 2014	Diane Swauger	APG Lanes
2014 – 2015	Donna Vernon	Harford Lanes (Three time winner)

HCWBA

Hall Of Fame

In September 1991 a committee was formed to set up a criteria to have a local Hall of Fame. The purpose was to recognize, honor and pay tribute to those women who have contributed to the growth and welfare of the game of ten pin bowling by their ability and/or through meritorious service in the HCWBA. The ceremony was held at the Bayou on February 29, 1992 in conjunction with the men's Association.

1992	Mary Morris Plott	Meritorious Service
	Kathryn Scott	Superior Performance
1993	Margaret Scott Russell	Meritorious Service
	Betty Bucchi	Meritorious Service
	Georgia Cooper	Superior Performance
1994	Elizabeth baker	Meritorious Service
	Kay Connors	Superior Service
	Pamela Jones	Superior Performance
	Marilyn Lastowski	Meritorious Service
1995	Jewel Frazier Gasdia	Meritorious Service
1996	Laura Thomas	Meritorious Service
	Marceil Grigdesby	Superior Performance
	Judith Wheeler	Meritorious Service
1997	Phoebe "Sis" Riley	Meritorious Service
1998	Barbara Blevins	Superior Performance
	Barbara Klem	Meritorious Service
1999	Treva Curry	Superior Service
	Mary Jo Smith-Stinchcomb	Meritorious Service
2000	Nance Barnard	Meritorious Service
2001	Elly Ripken	Superior Performance
2002	Cheryl McCallum Brown	Superior Performance
2003	none	
2004	Donna Smith	Superior Performance
2005	Ruth Walker	Meritorious Service
2006	Glee DuBree	Meritorious Service
2007	Ann Letscher	Meritorious Service
	Chele Schirmer	Superior Performance
2008	Bonnie Kissner	Meritorious Service
2009	Cherie Stunkard	Meritorious Service
2010	none	
2011	none	
2012	Carol Phillabaum	Meritorious Service
2013	none	
2014	none	
2015	Valerie Marshall	Superior Performance
2016	Myra Taylor	Meritorious Service

HCWBA says Goodbye... And thanks for "56" Great Years...

As we merge Associations with the men...
YOUR FINAL "BOARD"



Front Row: 1st Vice President Jackie Barton, 2nd Vice President Connie Lucas, President Carol Phillabaum, Association Manager Donna Vernon, Seargant-At-Arms Cathy Heaps

Back Row: Directors Nance Barnard, Pam Jones, Dianne Swauger, Leah Cassett, Valerie Marshall, Pam Harper, Evie Testerman, Cathy Dunn, Kim Haney, Marie Plummer

Not pictured: Martina Berger and Katie Cabot



Due to the merge with the men and not being a "Women's Association" any longer, I'm sad to say that this will be the final issue of the Pin Dust. I would personally like to say "Thank You" to everyone who has helped me make this newsletter possible for the last eight years. I have really enjoyed doing it and I hope that everyone enjoyed reading it.

— Nance Barnard, Editor

