

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING ABOUT WISBA

WISBA was founded on January 10, 1924, and incorporated on January 21, 1929.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Ermil Lackey, Fort Wayne, and five other women—Mesdames Ruby, Maber, Rump, and Lyons, of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Ed Meyer, Indianapolis, the first meeting was held in the Capitol City on January 10, 1924, to organize the Indiana state bowling association. Assisting were Ed Meyer, serving as temporary chairman, and Ed Harkenrider, both of Indianapolis. Mrs. Meyer was elected president, Mrs. Ruby first vice president, Mrs. Maber second vice president, and Mrs. Lackey, secretary-treasurer.

Early tournaments and data follow: (1st) Fort Wayne, May 1924—40 teams, 47 doubles, 93 singles; (2nd) Terre Haute, May 1925—37 teams, 46 doubles, 92 singles; (3rd) Indianapolis, May 1926—44 teams, 69 doubles, 130 singles; (4th) Terre Haute, March 1927—35 teams; (5th) Indianapolis, March 1928—62 teams, 68 doubles, 128 singles; (6th) Fort Wayne, March 1929—75 teams, 59 doubles, 110 singles; (7th) South Bend, 1930—102 teams.

In 1924, the entry fee was \$2.00; membership of \$1.00 per team was charged. Entries in the first tournament were from Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Terre Haute.

The first six annual meetings were held in Indianapolis and some of the data is quoted: (1st) 02-08-25, eight present; (2nd) an open meeting 03-07-26, 35 present; (3rd) 12-05-26, 17; (4th) 03-12-27, 22; (5th) 04-01-28, 35; (6th) 04-21-29, 54 present.

Noblesville was added to the second tournament; Evansville and Lafayette in 1926, South Bend at the fourth tournament; in 1936, Kokomo and Vincennes, and 1937, Muncie; then there were four new local associations—Anderson, Gary, La Porte and Marion - with 606 members in 1938.

In 1927, Mrs. Reinhard, Terre Haute, had a 238 high game. Mrs. Landgraff, Fort Wayne, topped that with 247 in 1928. In 1929, the constitution and bylaws were adopted (500 copies were printed for \$30, incidentally). In addition, in 1929, Anita Rump, Fort Wayne, had an 1822 all events score. Berghoff Gardens, also of Fort Wayne, had a 2677 team record in that same year. Scorekeepers were paid two cents per line.

WISBA is thankful to the late WISBA director Vi Walters of Evansville, who compiled the history book. The work of WISBA board members who continued to update the book is sincerely appreciated. Thanks also go to Kathryn Hotzel who wrote the yearly capsules through 1984. The WISBA Yearbook committee intends to continue the tradition. Some items are incomplete, but the time and research that have gone into the compilation have preserved the history and tradition of the Women's Indiana State Bowling Association.

1928—Name changed from Indiana Woman's State Bowling Association to Woman's Indiana State Bowling Association; annual spring meetings started.

1930—Office of president's term changed to three years; others one year.

1931—Depression year; funds in Evansville bank failed; smaller tournament; booster teams part of tournament.

1933—Again less entries.

1934—Entries sacrificed due to WIBC in Indianapolis; compulsory WIBC ruling that all state associations join WIBC, \$5.00 sanction fee; WISBA dues 25 cents payable with state tournament entry; classification change to A - 146 & over, B - 145 & under, and C - 125 & under (note: any classification changes listed in this article will be singular and should be multiplied by five or two, for team and doubles, respectively); secretary and treasurer to be separate offices; one WIBC delegate.

1935—Goshen and Peru joined WISBA; money to be recovered from bank failure; 305 total membership.

1936—Kokomo, Vincennes, Lafayette joined; secretary to be 3-year term also; treasurer to be from tournament city; practice balls initiated, received joyfully; 577 members.

1937—Gold-silver-bronze season high single game awards if membership dues paid by November 1.

1938—Four new associations - total 14; 606 members.

1939—Record 106 present at annual meeting at South Bend; terms of president and secretary not to expire at same time; high individual game awards okayed.

1940—Audit committee appointed; 40 associations.

1941—Combined averages if bowling more than one league to be used; forms for city associations to report officer list, state delegates, etc.; suggested having parliamentarian, defeated.

1942—Moment of silent prayer for deceased members (still part of annual meeting); nine new associations; two perfect games (Bertha Urbancic and Billie Rice, Indiana-polis); purchased \$400 U.S. defense bonds;

executive committee to be composed of officers and five members (no city to have more than one on board); nominating committee, one member from five associations; one delegate up to and including 50 members, two up to 100, one for each additional 100, not more than nine.

1943—Tournament canceled, meeting held; compulsory state dues to be brought up next year; to have honorary and life members.

1944—20th annual meeting; 39 WISBA members serving country; Indiana gave \$5,989.38 to "Wings of Mercy" fund; \$25.00 to Red Cross; tournament committee is city association officers and state treasurer.

1945—Tournament postponed, country at war; 2178 members, 515 over preceding year.

1946—Cities to bid two years in advance for tournament; 2428 members; 52 delegates.

1947—75 delegates; 3606 members; scorekeepers 5 cents per line; tournament checks to be void after 45 days; opening to be first Saturday in March (still is).

1948—In Anderson; 4001 members; 67 delegates; 49 of 59 associations represented in tournament; highest average instead of combined average.

1949—92 delegates; handicap basis proposal defeated; president and secretary to choose lanes, two if needed.

1950—25th year; colorful opening ceremonies at Muncie; four new associations - Albany, Wakarusa, Bloomfield, Fowler; 4817 members; 72 delegates; state junior trophies to be given; Margaret McCurtin, South Bend, elected president.

1951—Easter weekend dropped from schedule; memorial for secretary Vera Silberg; 71 city associations; 5562 members; Milano Inn, Indianapolis, set national record - 3192; Pat (Striebeck) Dryer, 745 to her credit; \$50 additional to BVL, Fort Wayne Veteran's Hospital, in memory of Vera Silberg.

1952—77 associations; 6147 members; 11 members on state board; new stagger election system adopted.

1953—AJBC program presented; Ermil Lackey, honorary membership; sketch of WISBA pin for honorary and life members presented; state to purchase flag to be presented to WIBC in Miami.

1954—48 delegates; first year accomplishments of AJBC program reviewed; Woman Bowler magazine to city association presidents (again); Pearl Switzer, honorary membership.

1955—6360 members; 61 delegates; \$150 to BVL; handicapping again rejected; five certified junior instructors in state.

1956—Entry deadline last Sunday in December; averages as of December 1.

1957—5900 members; 80 associations; two handicap proposals defeated; Muncie gave first traveling trophy. (for cities hosting tournament) to WISBA; Helen Gleim, life membership.

1958—Three new associations - Greenfield, Hammond, Salem - totaling 83; 7300 members; \$300 to Fort Wayne for 1961 WIBC tournament promotion.

1959—Four new associations - Auburn, Covington, Scottsburg, St. John; 9500 members; compulsory state dues effective 8-1-59 (25 cents - 10 cents to city, 15 cents state); planter to new WIBC headquarters, Columbus, OH.

1960—94 associations, add Bicknell, Decatur, Plainfield; 207 sanctioned AJBC leagues; meeting time changed to 8:30 AM; nominating committee, 5 to 3 from different associations; scorekeepers, 6 cents per line; women in service given WISBA membership; identification pins for board; refreshments following each annual meeting; Olive Tilghman, 1st VP, seriously injured in April.

1961—117 delegates; 1230 teams to Fort Wayne WIBC; BVL projects told.

1962—143 delegates; new associations, Tell City and Logootee; Margaret McCurtin no longer candidate for president after serving 12 years; \$500 to BVL; classification change to A - 161 & over, B - 141-160, C - 121-140, and D - 120 & under; \$250 from Fort Wayne to WISBA for new scoreboards; luncheon served; score-keepers to receive 10 cents per line; identical trophies (sponsor), four divisions.

1963—Two new associations, Marengo and Paoli; 177 delegates; five past presidents attended, given new pins; BVL \$800; "kick back" to city associations (10 cents) illegal, dues to 15 cents; secretary and president to attend WIBC workshop, Columbus, OH; AJBC and YBA programs to be investigated.

1964—Bertha McBride, WIBC VP, present; delegate breakfast at WIBC discussed; 100 associations, Dunkirk new; 222 delegates; officers - majority vote, directors and delegates - plurality vote; \$1000 BVL; no city association with less than 2000 to have more than one place on board, no association can have more than two with more than 2000 members; first WISBA workshop; Julia Gunti, field representative present.

1965—84,000 members; 221 delegates; Margaret McCurtin, life membership; 25 cents dues adopted; WIBC Executive Secretary Freda Botkin present; Lois Glass elected president; classification changed to A - 156 & over, B - 141-155, C - 126-140, D - 125 & under; four board members attended Emma Phaler testimonial dinner at Columbus, OH, 7-10-65, and gold

charm was presented from WISBA; tournament lanes to be selected two years in advance; entire executive board to attend WIBC Clinic; first Indiana delegates breakfast at WIBC convention time, Portland, Oregon.

1966—Margaret Richards, field rep, present; \$50 to AJBC, newly organized Indiana association; \$1000 to BVL; 201 delegates; 80,000 members; annual meeting at 1:00 P.M.; 3rd VP added, directors 5 to 8.

1967—If all events champ wants to enter, WISBA will pay WIBC Queen's tournament entry fee and provide \$50 travel expense; scorekeepers \$3.00 per squad; public steno to take minutes; \$1500 to BVL.

1968—1969 tournament to be handicap: Class 1 - 141 & above, Class 2 - 140 & under, 70% handicap; Lucy Hayman, Terre Haute, donated new traveling trophy; hourly wage of tournament help increased; sponsor trophies, medals for actual and handicap in both divisions; Patricia Bok, field rep, present at fifth workshop.

1969—Marie Krider, treasurer for 16 years, did not "run again;" 92,000 members; 20 years of WISBA history report completed by Vi Walters; 268 AJBC leagues, 9301 members; \$1500 to BVL; Nancy Hall Allen, WIBC rep, present; life membership, Olga Schroeder; all scorekeepers and office help to be WISBA members; meritorious service category added to hall of fame; two high game awards to each city association, 150 breaking point; Sueann Hutchens, field rep, at board meeting and sixth workshop.

1970—Freda Botkin present; AJBC presentation; additional \$150 to AJBC; arm patches to all city association officers; 200 games and 600 series to be verified by scorekeeper, pins presented during doubles and singles events; Marie Krider, honorary member; \$100 given to both AJBC president and secretary for services; Susan Shobe, field rep, at state workshop.

1971—No reservations accepted, scheduled on "first come, first served" basis; tie (first) for meritorious service award; state-shaped plaques presented for listing hall of fame members by Magdalene Frank, Gary; gold blazers for WISBA board; \$1000 to IWBA for 1975 WIBC tournament promotion.

1972—To return to first week end in March for opening, April had been tried; 284 delegates; \$1500 to BVL; amendment defeated, "a member to be eligible for nomination as an officer must have served one year on the board;" first "Idea Boutique" received well; second year for "*In Indiana*" publication - received NWBW First Venture award; 98 local associations.

1973—108,059 members; 290 at Marion meeting; Pearl Switzer inducted into WIBC Hall of Fame; commemorative jewelry for 50th anniversary available; golden anniversary plans proposed; new headquarters

opening ceremonies at Greendale, WI for WIBC-ABC-AJBC.

1974—Record tournament at Anderson, 1574 teams, 3872 doubles, 7844 singles, 7091 all events; 113,616 members; 274 at annual meeting; WIBC president Alberta E. Crowe attended special Golden Anniversary party in Anderson; 24 "first balls" representing all integers of bowling at opening ceremonies; Lila Lambert got one gold and two bronze medals at 6th FIQ American Zone, Caracas; first Awards Dinner held on June 15.

1975—118,129 members; 287 at annual meeting; Susan Shobe represented WIBC; Pat Dryer received NWBW Bev Ortnier Most Outstanding Member in Tournament City award (she was General Tournament Chairman); Indiana had 1901 teams in WIBC tournament; WISBA board wore matching outfits to President's Party, hosted WIBC board, and had hospitality rooms; it was Freda Botkin's last "official" tournament - Flora Mitchell became executive secretary-treasurer of WIBC on Aug. 1; "Auld Lang Syne" and champagne ended the tournament at Meadows Bowl on May 22; several ladies had a side tournament at men's senior state at Angola (first women" senior singles then took place in 1976); Lila Lambert & Debra Manning (collegian) qualified for U. S. Team Trials.

1976—123,460 members; 340 at annual meeting in Fort Wayne; Joyce Bird represented WIBC; \$1500 still continues to BVL; dues raised from 25 cents to 40 cents; ties for first or actual to get identical medals & handicap first and second to split prize money; State 600 Club organized, first singles tournament in Richmond; earned Bicentennial 200 game emblems were all over; bicentennial services at annual meeting impressive; Evansville hosted LTS July 10-11; Pam Howard qualified for U.S. Team Trials.

1977—128,720 membership; 332 at state meeting; Sueann Hutchens represented WIBC; Pat Dryer inducted into WIBC Hall of Fame superior performance category; two state workshops for first time; 25 and 50-year association charter plaques (retroactive); local publicity chairmen "typewriter tacs" instigated; on Nov. 5, Pat Dryer, Lois Glass, Kathryn Hotzel hosted state NBHF/M meeting (Lee Newkirk member state coordinating committee); WISBA gave \$1000 to NBHF/M.

1978—133,278 membership; 356 at state meeting; Sueann Hutchens represented WIBC; delegate allocation changed (6 maximum); deaths: Marguerita Kocher, Judy Hindel, Ermil Lackey; Annis Niemier and Helen Cammack received NBHF/M writing awards in NWBW contests; Lila Lambert and Jessie Bauer to be in Team Trials next year; first 600 Club Buddy

Tournament had 134 doubles at Market Square Lanes in Lafayette.

1979—136,622 membership; 230 at annual meeting; WIBC represented by Joyce Bird; Idea Boutique raised \$1600 for NBHF/M; St. Louis selected as site over Akron and Toledo; Pearl Switzer received Jo Ettien NWBW special award, firsts by Annis Niemier for NBHF/M story and Kathryn Hotzel for local publication; deaths - Sally Twyford and Fay Mahlan; tournament classes changed to A - 146 & above, B - 145 & below. Vincennes and Warsaw were the two workshop sites. Indianapolis set record with 2078 team entries in the WISBA Championship Tournament.

1980—137,858 members; 227 at meeting; Sueann Hutchens represented WIBC; state tournament schedule book discontinued; Special Service - Senior award started; tournament changed to 80% handicap (had been 70%); deaths: Pearl Switzer, Opal Reed.

1981—137,426 members; 214 at annual meeting; Lynn Madler represented WIBC; new WISBA 275-299 games award; Evansville celebrated 50th; Indianapolis had L.T.S. in August; Alberta Crowe's last WIBC meeting as president in Baltimore; Helen Baker elected; Lois Glass took part in special ceremonies; Bert Horner died but she knew about YABA youth scholarship award in her honor (first given in 1982); Marie Krider died in January; Indiana ninth in membership for second year.

1982—136,502 members; 222 at meeting; representing WIBC was Colleen Parnicza; Melisa Day, Ball State University, won all three events in collegiate championships; state seniors to first national events in Baltimore; Indianapolis unsuccessful in WIBC bid; \$800 more to NBHF/M from Idea Boutique; Kathryn Hotzel received NWBW Jo Ettien special award; Emma Phaler died one week before her 100th birthday in October; new pin awarded for 600's bowled in State Tournament; career first 600's in state tournament to have state and national 600 dues paid; a new award for local association members was named Certificate of Appreciation; workshops at Batesville and Lafayette; record team entries of 2,155 in Indianapolis.

1983—133,394 members; 246 at state meeting; Ruth Smith represented WIBC; three Hoosiers in U.S. Team Trials - Melisa Day Adrian, Lila Lambert, Sharon Bloebaum; seniors to Niagara Falls tournament; sent a "girl-to-bowling-camp" - Penny Schlimmer of Evansville; 55 of 96 associations had a publicity chairman (over 55%); Indiana State girls team ranked first, runner-up in collegiate team tournament; Lois Glass, Lee Newkirk, Kathryn Hotzel represent WISBA on new State Bowling Council, Newkirk was secretary-treasurer; Hattie Godfroy and Pat Dryer are the first

mother/daughter combination in WISBA Hall of Fame; state workshops held at McCormick's Creek and Turkey Run State Parks; State 600 Club has 2,550 members; deaths: Anita Rump and Frieda Phillips.

1984—It is our 60th Anniversary!! Celebration at Fort Wayne meeting; 230 to vote (first annual meeting had eight members attending); Joyce Bird represented WIBC; Lois Glass honored for 25 years of service on WISBA board; membership 131,199; dues raised from 40 cents to 50 cents; workshops at Clifty Falls, Madison, and Moose Lodge in Angola.

1985—124,399 members; 233 at meeting; WIBC director Marilyn Rew in attendance; new recognition for members 70 years and over participating in the state tournament with a "Classy Lady" pin; new record of 1500 entries in State Seniors tournament held at Marion; sixth largest WISBA tournament held in South Bend-Mishawaka; 600 Club Buddy tournament had record number of 451 doubles sets at Franklin, first ever 700 in this event rolled by Viva Ervin of Indianapolis - 717.

1986—Membership 120,586; 244 at meeting; Mary Jane Sporar from WIBC; sport of bowling accepted in the 1986 White River Park State Games; first year for Local Secretary of the Year Award; new *IN INDIANA* editor is Barbara Spencer; State 500 Club officially organized; workshops held in Columbus and Goshen; president Lois Glass passed away in April; secretary Lee Newkirk stricken at fall board meeting and resigned for health reasons in November.

1987—114,016 members; 249 at convention; field rep Colleen Parnicza attending; second largest state tournament, 2121 teams entered; tournament rule changed for number of lanes required to host a WISBA Championship Tournament from 92 to minimum of 72 lanes - 32 lanes in team house and 40 for minor events; average division changed to 150 and under, 151 and over; board voted to buy computer for secretary; Connersville and Auburn hosted workshops; WISBA board approved Bowling Writer Award named for Kathryn Hotzel (she initiated award one year earlier).

1988—109,362 members; 234 at meeting; Ann Prather appointed WIBC Director; Indianapolis WBA won the WIBC Spotlight Award for association with 10,000 or more members and was featured in "Woman Bowler" magazine; Local Association President of the Year award added; workshop hosts were Anderson (209) and Elkhart (116) the largest attendance for a WISBA work-shop; Betty Taylor elected to National Women's 500 Club board.

1989—Membership drops to 104,109; 228 at meeting; Colleen Parnicza represented WIBC; 500 series pins added to WISBA tournament awards; changed Local Association Secretary/President of the Year awards to

Awards of Excellence; Annis Niemier appointed 3rd VP of the National Women Bowling Writers; WISBA finished in tenth spot in two WIBC categories for the 1988-89 season - number of leagues (3,750) and state tournament teams (1,830); Terre Haute tournament first to have three sets of doubles scheduled on a pair of lanes.

1990—Membership under 100,000 at 99,399; 226 at annual meeting; Bea Lane of Michigan represented WIBC; Alice J. Hacker named WIBC Area Recruitment Coordinator to assist local associations in establishing a statewide network to recruit new members; Indiana continues to be a leader in contributions to The BVL Fund, only five states rank higher; WISBA awarded WIBC Spotlight Award for large state associations in recognition of services provided to its members; WISBA president Betty Will elected president of Indiana Bowling Council for 1990-91 season, Ann Prather continues as Council secretary-treasurer; WISBA Distinguished Scholarship established; Hoosier Women Bowling Writers organized under the guidance of Annis Niemier, Ede Kline and Penny Witte.

1991—95,460 members; 246 eligible to vote; Roberta Rapp represented WIBC; WISBA President Betty Will suffered fatal heart attack July 8; WISBA Hall of Famer Golda Kessler, charter member of the Fort Wayne WBA, passed away in November; state dues increased to \$1.00; the first IBA/WISBA Joint Jamboree held in Kokomo in October with 142 women and 112 men registered.

1992—Membership 88,173; 238 at meeting; WIBC represented by Nancy Chapman; WIBC past president Helen Baker passed away; the Put Togethers team of Muncie won Division II in the WIBC Championship Tournament in Lansing, MI; workshops were attended by 78 in Evansville (representing 16 associations) and 230 in Logansport (50 associations); Lynn Pruitt set new WISBA all events record in South Bend with 2069, her singles actual of 792 also a tournament record.

1993—82,722 members; 230 at meeting; Elaine Rebatzke (WIBC) and Nancy Walczyk (New York State secretary) at annual meeting; state dues to \$1.50 (WIBC dues to \$6.00); Christine Svilar, Double "I", bowled 300 game, first ever in the WISBA Championship tournament in Indianapolis; WISBA 2nd VP and Hall of Famer Eleanor Jackson passed away in May.

1994—Membership drops to 75,912; 228 delegates; WIBC represented by Marlene Patterson; White River Park State Games qualifiers attracted 1,110 participants, 780 of those participating advanced to the finals held in Indianapolis; this was down about 90 from last year; WIBC Membership Development

program came to life, Alice J. Hacker appointed Regional Coordinator, Phyllis Boze State Coordinator.

1995—71,617 members; 219 at meeting; Marlene Patterson in attendance; first State Queens Tournament held in Kokomo May 13-14, Lynn Pruitt won, Lisa Anserello high qualifier with a 2642 after 12 games; Darlene Stratton bowled a 174 game and 360 series, while carrying a 69 average and another handicap she has - she is blind; Rachael Abbott, Madison, WISBA Member Emeritus, passed away - she will be remembered for her "red geraniums" at annual meetings; the resignation of Secretary Toni Tatone, effective July 31, was announced at the WISBA workshop in Lafayette.

1996—Membership at 68,531; 220 delegates; WIBC represented by Barbara Johnson; Tatone's Team from the Ladies Classic Invitational League at Cressmoor Lanes in Hobart received national recognition for a third high 1,228 outstanding team score for a 5-woman team (3,305 series); Toni Tatone returned to serve as Tournament Coordinator for the Muncie tournament; tornado in April ripped part of the roof off doubles and singles center causing re-scheduling of entries and extending tournament one week beyond scheduled ending.

1997—65,192 members; 200 at meeting; Jayne Wippert represented WIBC; Indiana Bowling Council now called Bowl Indiana, its Leadership Conference replaces summer workshops; WISBA State Tournament held in Terre Haute; joint jamboree renamed James K. Landis Joint Jamboree.

1998—Membership down to 62,248; 191 at meeting; Double "I" and Lake Suburban first to jointly host state tournament in Merrillville and Dyer, 1,514 team entries; 28 WISBA members rolled perfect games during season; State Seniors Tournament celebrated 25th anniversary in Elwood; state associations to oversee Membership Development Program; first Barbara Spencer Local Association Award of Excellence awarded to Anderson (Div. I), Franklin (Div. II) and Lakeland and Peru tied (Div. III); pinpoints offered along with traditional awards in WISBA tournament.

1999—Membership is now 58,230; celebrating the 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, WIBC was represented by 5th Vice President Nancy Chapman; WISBA Tournament was cancelled due to Indianapolis hosting WIBC Championship Tournament; Annual Meeting in Indianapolis in conjunction with anniversary celebration; Membership Development program transitioned from WIBC to the state associations; joint workshop with Ohio held at Classic Products in Fort Wayne; Queens bowled in Lafayette; WISBA website on line 5-14-99; Joint Jamboree held in Kokomo; Seniors Tournament in New Castle; Gtr Terre Haute

and South Bend-Mishawaka celebrating their 75th Anniversary; Kathryn Hotzel, Anderson legendary "Hat Lady," first Editor of the *IN INDIANA*, and WISBA Member Emerita passed away.

2000—54,502 members; 185 at Annual Meeting, WIBC Vi Bjorkman as speaker; Tournament hosted by Anderson with 1198 teams; Queens tournament at Noblesville with Mandy Bedwell as winner; High School Bowling begins with 94 schools involved; Area Fun Days and Workshops returned; NEW High Average Award for current season on 48 games; State 700 Club forming; Delores Johnson, Kokomo, named Editor of *IN INDIANA*; WISBA website with all forms available and each association has its own page; 300 attended Joint Jamboree in Columbus; WISBA 3rd Vice President Betty Taylor, Anderson, WISBA Hall of Fame members Tommy Lou Pingry (Muncie) and Pat Dryer (Indianapolis) passed away.

2001—Membership is 50,732; 197 attend Annual Mtg, WIBC Director Darlene Baker and Bowling Inc Field Consultant Don Sparks are speakers; South Bend-Mishawaka hosts Championship Tournament with 1056 teams, 6-700 series, 1-300 game, 5-Div. I records broken; Queens Tournament with 71 entries and Mandy Bedwell with 2nd consecutive title; Honor Roll with 2-800 series, 35-300 games, 68-200+ averages; NEW—Association Training/Communication Committee and Direct Line Contact Person (DLCP); two annual scholarships renamed in honor of Eleanor Jackson and Betty Taylor; WISBA President Barbara Spencer ends her term after 10 years and receives the Chris Schenkel Outstanding Achievement Award at the 4th Leadership Conference Honors Banquet; Marta Roberts honored as Member Emerita; Ann Prather, Lafayette, honored as WIBC Member Emerita at National Annual Meeting.

2002—Membership is now down to 48,144; 185 at Annual Meeting, NEW—Annual Meeting held weekend before tournament opens and workshop on Sunday morning, WIBC represented by Director Alberta Kuhn; Indianapolis WBA hosts state tournament with 1152 teams, 2-300 games, NEW—tournament format and rules changed for 4-member team, multiple doubles, doubles-singles separated, friendship squad, handicap 90% of 210, brackets and side pots; Lisa Anserello wins Queens Crown out of field of 68, NEW—high qualifier monetary award; Seniors tournament in Hebron with 623 WISBA members, 1492 total entries; 274 attended Joint Jamboree, WIBC Sgt-at-Arms Betty Barnes attended; 1st Leadership Training/Communication Workshop; Judy Smith in her first year as President; Honor Roll 6-800's, 38-300's.

2003—45,560 members; 182 at Annual Meeting, WIBC 2nd Vice President Joan Feinblum as speaker;

Muncie hosts tournament with 1071 teams; Queens winner Tracy Pietrucha of Muncie wins over 70 entrants; Seniors Tournament at Elwood; Honor Roll high series 726, 12-700's, 2-300's, 3-279's; first 700 Club Mail-o-Graphic Tournament; WIBC Whistle Stop for USBC in Indianapolis with 126 attending; Joint Jamboree held in Lafayette; summer workshops held in Logansport and Greencastle; NEW—State Mixed Tournament with 4-member teams and doubles held in Indianapolis sponsored by BOWL INDIANA; national delegates in Reno vote down merger.

2004—WISBA membership is now 42,829 strong; 277 attended the Annual Meeting, which includes 85 paid guests; the 80th Anniversary Celebration was held in Indianapolis with WIBC President Sylvia Broyles and 2nd Vice President Joan Feinblum attending, entertainment—"Those Funny Little People"; South Bend-Mishawaka will host 2007 WISBA Championship Tournament; Queens winner and High Qualifier was Theresa Smith, Indianapolis; 1004 teams competed in the 2004 Championship Tournament; eight tournament records were set in WISBA Championship Tournament in Terre Haute; new series record set by Jada Mocaby of Lake Suburban with an 866 in January 2004; State Seniors Tournament was held in Logansport; 2nd Annual State Mixed Tournament was held at Sport Bowl, Indianapolis with same number of teams—139, as the first tournament; WIBC Delegates in Wichita, Kansas, accept USBC; Joint Jamboree held in Elkhart; Summer Workshops held in Princeton and Columbia City; HWBW conducted its 2nd writing workshop in Kokomo.

2005—WISBA membership continues to decline to 40,846; there were 185 eligible voters at the Annual Meeting where Don Sparks represented USBC; proposed amendment adopted to reduce WISBA Board of Directors to 5 officers and 8 directors; 78th Championship Tournament was hosted by Anderson WBA with 1,009 teams; Penny Baudendistel, Connersville, won Queens tournament held at Plaza Bowl in Marion with 62 entries; seniors tournament held at Rose Bowl in New Castle; 2-day summer workshop held in Columbus with 128 attending; Joint Jamboree held in Indianapolis with USBC Vice President Sylvia Broyles, USBC Association Relations Sharon Moen, and USBC Field Representative Don Sparks; 3rd Mixed Tournament held at Jubilee Bowl, Indianapolis with 140 teams and 249 doubles; Pepsi Cola Youth National Tournament was held at Stardust Bowl, Noblesville; 700 Club has 108 paid members; WISBA Life Member Barbara Spencer received the WIBC Helen Baker Award and Jada Mocaby, Lake Suburban, received the WIBC Bev Ortner Award at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Honor Roll—51 – 300 games with 8 – 800 series; HWBW launched its website and first newsletter.

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2006—WISBA membership ended its final season with 36,671 members; there were 174 eligible voters at the Annual Meeting where Don Sparks and 1st V. President Sylvia Broyles represented USBC; Sylvia Broyles and Joan Feinblum received the Friend of WISBA Award; proposed amendment by Barbara Spencer, seconded by Ann Prather, was adopted to dissolve the Women's Indiana State Bowling Association; the Indiana State USBC WBA was organized on March 5, 2006; the 79th Championship Tournament was hosted by Lake Suburban WBA and Michigan City WBA with 895 teams; Lisa Anserello, Lake Suburban, won her 3rd Queens title held at Casey's Lanes in La Porte with 63 entries; seniors tournament held in Connersville; the summer workshop was held in Indianapolis and was conducted jointly between the men's and women's state associations; the Joint Jamboree was held in Evansville with USBC President Michael Carroll as the Keynote Speaker along with other USBC Representatives who conducted the seminars—Roberta Haffner, Char Mordenti, and Don Sparks; the 4th Mixed Tournament held at Cooper's Stardust Bowl, Noblesville; Vicki Rich, Terre Haute, received the USBC Bev Ortner Award at Orlando, Florida.

2007—the newly organized Indiana State USBC WBA ended its first year with a membership count of 30,519 for the 2006-07; there were 137 eligible delegates at the Holiday Inn-North in Indianapolis; Donna Dennie took her seat as Director for the first time on August 1; the Championship Tournament drew 819 teams and was hosted by the St. Joe Valley USBC, the first merged association to host; Jane Kennedy, Muncie USBC, received the Kathryn Hotzel Writing Award; there were 3 Hall of Fame Inductees—Mary Ellison, Anderson USBC WBA and Beth Perkins and Delores Johnson, City of Firsts USBC; the first Indiana Senior Queens Tournament was cancelled due to lack of entries; queens tournament winner was Mandy Wilkins, Gtr Terre Haute USBC WBA; the Indiana State Workshop was held on July 14; National Convention was held in Memphis, TN where Dee Johnson received 1st place for the **Hoosier Jots**, HWBW newsletter, from National Women Bowling Writers; Barbara Spencer and Phyllis Boze presented Indiana State USBC Youth Association a compilation of the **Bifettes**, a youth newsletter, started by Kathryn Hotzel; the IS USBC YA Jamboree will now be held in August instead of September; the Indiana State Jamboree was held in Kokomo with newly elected USBC President Jeff Bojé as the Keynote Speaker.

2008—The Indiana State USBC WBA ended its season with 28,074 members. There were 130 delegates attending the Annual Meeting on March 1; 1st Vice President Barbara Godlove presided over the meeting due to President Judy Smith's illness; Joyce Katona was elected 1st Vice President, newly elected Director Dee Johnson, City of Firsts USBC, sat on the Board for the first time on August 1, 2008, along with newly appointed Director Ede Kline, Indy USBC, and newly appointed 2nd Vice President DiAnne Rickel, Peru USBC WBA; there were 18 Hall of Fame members in attendance as well as Sherry Munn of Columbus and Jan Davis from St. Joe Valley USBC, who were inducted; Mary Collins of the Lake Suburban USBC WBA received the Indiana State USBC WBA new "Special Recognition Award"; Cheryl Burk of Anderson won the Hotzel Bowling Writer Award; tournament participation was down again 6.5% to 765 team entries and was hosted by the Fort Wayne USBC WBA for the first time since 1994; Lisa Anserello earned her fourth Queens title in Logansport; the IN INDIANA won first place in the first USBC Communications Award Contest—Publication Category; six Hall of Fame members passed in 2008—Marta Roberts (1/10), Vi Wildt (1/18), Martha Morris (4/11), Liz Williams (5/4), Diane McAlister (5/10), and Ruth Vogelgesang (6/19).

2009—The Indiana State USBC WBA membership was 25,994. Hall of Fame inductees were Theresa Smith-Dill (Woman Bowler), DiAnne Rickel (Meritorious Service), and Alusta Kneevs (Special Service-Senior) at the 2009 Annual Meeting; 137 delegates voted to allow a local association to be represented by no more than two places on the board of directors; George Webb received the Friend of Indiana State USBC WBA Award. Jenni Ferguson won the State Queens title at Rose City Bowl in New Castle; there were 677 teams in the women's state tournament in Indianapolis—12% decrease; Classic Division was introduced. Honorary Member Elaine Felger passed away on May 31, 2009. There were 80 who attended the July 2009 Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn, Indianapolis. Jeff Breidenbach from USBC was speaker at the summer workshop for the 87 guests/23 local associations. Eblasts were started for those requesting to receive the information and to those in the IN INDIANA database. The IN INDIANA is published electronically with the October 2009 issue with fillable forms being included on the state website. Camille Cook (\$1000) of Crawfordsville and Amanda Rousseau (\$500) from Rensselaer were scholarship recipients. Judy Smith was elected the 2009 Bowl Indiana Council President.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING ABOUT WISBA TO INDIANA STATE USBC WBA (cont'd)

2010—The Indiana State USBC WBA membership was 23,525. Hall of Fame inductees were Jenni (Miller) Ferguson (Woman Bowler), Jackie Arman (Meritorious Service), and Gayle Boyles (Star of Yesteryear) at the 2010 Annual Meeting where 126 delegates (including 12 first-time delegates) voted to bowl the 2013 championship tournament in Kokomo; Janice Wozniak received the Kathryn Hotzel Bowling Writer Award; Gayle Smith (Artesian USBC) will be presented the Special Recognition Award when she bowls in the championship tournament with her peers present; the Indiana State 700 Club was dissolved due to lack of interest; President Judy Smith summarized the actions of the transition between the BA and WBA transition committees. Cynthia Franklin won the 2010 Queens title; 607 teams in the state championship tournament (372 5-mbr and 235 4-mbr) The Summer Workshop was held on July 24, 2010, with USBC Regional Manager David Bartlett as the Keynote Speaker. The board voted to eliminate the Annual Awards Banquet in June 2011 due to costs. Christina Renee Hall (\$1000), Indianapolis, and Alyssa Robins (\$500), Kokomo, were scholarship recipients; the Eleanor Jackson Scholarship Award was reduced to a \$500 4-year renewable award.

2011—The Indiana State USBC WBA membership was 21,284. Hall of Fame inductees were Kathi Tucker (Woman Bowler) and Elaine George (Meritorious Service); the 2011 Annual Meeting had 122 registered delegates; Joan Baines, Fort Wayne, won the Kathryn Hotzel Bowling Writer Award; Darren Taylor won the Special Recognition Award; and Dave Munn and Gene Rickel won the Friend of Indiana State USBC WBA Award. Delegates voted for the Anderson USBC WBA and Gr Hamilton Co USBC to host the 2014 Championship Tournament. Jenni Ferguson won the 2011 Queens Championship; there were 540 teams (298 5-mbr and 242 4-mbr) in the state championship tournament in Terre Haute. The state board voted to continue with the successful Annual Awards Banquet with a different venue—the Cass County McHale Community Complex and Carousel in Logansport where 53 attended on Memorial weekend. Erin Hazelrigg of Sullivan won the Eleanor Jackson Scholarship Award (\$500 renewable) and Casara Terhune, Pittsboro, received the Betty Taylor Honorary Award (\$500).

HISTORY OF BOWLING...

Sports fill people's lives with great fun and a sense of accomplishment. There are many sports people enjoy. Some play golf while others wonder how chasing a little white ball could be much fun. Others play tennis - hitting a ball back and forth across a net. The average fisherman baits his hook, tosses his line into the right spot, while patiently waiting for a strike.

Good exercise in a healthful atmosphere, good competition, and good fun with good friends - that's bowling! It is America's most popular indoor sport with almost 30 million men, women, and children enjoying it regularly.

Although bowling is a popular modern game, it is also one of the world's oldest sports. As far back as 5,000 BC (seven thousand years ago), the children of Egypt played a game similar to our twentieth century bowling.

But the American game comes more directly from Germany, where the game started to develop around the start of the Christian era. At that time, no German man would appear in public without a small wooden club called his kegel. Although their kegels often came in handy as weapons of self-defense, they were primarily used as recreation. People who played with kegels in those days were called "kegelers," and today more than one thousand years later, bowlers are often called "Keglers."

The kegel was also a part of the religious ordeals of the early Germans. In the cloisters of the Church, they were often required to set up their kegel and throw a round stone at it. In the trial the kegel was called heide, or heathen. If the man could knock the heide down, he proved to the priest's satisfaction that he had been living an honorable life.

Soon the priests recognized the recreational value of this religious kegeling and started to amuse themselves with it. All the participants of the game would set their kegels down together and each would bowl in turn to see how many he could knock down with a single ball. Soon the religious recreation spread outside the cloisters, and through the following centuries kegeling became a popular sport in Germany.

In the fifteenth century, Martin Luther was an enthusiastic kegeler and it was he, who after long experiment, standardized the number of pins at nine and drew up the basic rules for the game.

As the game spread, people started to build wooden lanes and cover them against the rain. Balls improved and the pins were given a better shape. Kegeling was established as an important part of European recreation.

The Dutch were great bowlers and when they came to this country as settlers in New Amsterdam, NY, they brought the game with them and set up American's first bowling lanes in 1623. The arrangement of pins they used was the same as they had used in Europe since the days of Martin Luther - nine pins in three straight rows, with one corner pointing toward the bowler. But these early American's were pioneering new things. European styles were being replaced. So they applied new science to bowling, added another pin, and developed a triangular arrangement. Soon ten pins, set in a triangle, became the standard for bowling every-where in America.

Bowling has changed gradually since its inception and will need the liberty to change and grow in the future. Given the freedom, bowling will continue to flourish and captivate athletes around the world.