

# BOWL INDIANA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

As a member of Bowl Indiana (the state bowling council), WISBA joins with its partner organizations in supporting the *Bowl Indiana Leadership Conference*. The Conference was established to bring the members of the Indiana Bowling Assn., Indiana Bowling Centers Assn., Indiana State YABA, Women's Indiana State Bowling Assn., and other interested groups together in a setting where leadership skills can be honed and networking can be done across organizational lines. It also provides a venue for recognizing Indiana people who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of bowling.

## [First Leadership Conference – Radisson Hotel, Indianapolis – August 17-18, 1997](#)

Saturday seminars included a Bowling Inc. update by Charlie Brehob and seminars on Stress Management and Volunteer 2000, led by Jennifer Williamson and Pete Dargiewicz from Bowling Inc. The Saturday evening honors banquet was a salute to Indiana native Chris Schenkel, who was the longtime commentator on ABC-TV's Saturday afternoon Professional Bowlers Tour program. It was announced at the banquet that the "Bowl Indiana Outstanding Achievement Award" was to be named in Schenkel's honor. The winners of the IBA, ISYABA, and WISBA major scholarships were announced. Following a buffet breakfast on Sunday morning, Cathy Cooper spoke about the new Junior Olympic Gold Program. Motivational speaker Scott McKain keynoted the Sunday morning session with his "All Business is Show Business" presentation.

## [Second Leadership Conference – Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis – August 8-9, 1998](#)

Gary Sparks of Vincennes University spoke about the collegiate bowling program in Indiana, Matt Byrnes of Bowling Inc. led a seminar on "Conflict Resolution", and then we broke into small groups for discussion of current bowling issues. Mike Aulby, professional bowler from Indianapolis, received the Chris Schenkel Outstanding Achievement Award at the Saturday evening Honors Banquet. Aulby has a long list of PBA titles, as well as three ABC Masters crowns. The WISBA and IBA scholarship recipients were also recognized during the evening.

Sunday morning's breakfast session was an update on the three-tier membership program by Marlene Patterson

of Bowling Inc. She was assisted by Ede Kline and Corky Koch of Indianapolis. The keynote presentation was entitled "Bring 'em Back," by Mark Mayfield.

## [Third Leadership Conference – Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis – July 31-August 1, 1999](#)

The 1999 Chris Schenkel Award was presented to Indiana's most prolific bowling writer, Kathryn Hotzel of Anderson. Her acceptance speech will long be remembered by those present as she regaled the audience with memories of her writing career. The major IBA, WISBA and YABA scholarship recipients were introduced.

The Conference opened on Saturday with Hoosier State Games information and two seminars – "Bowler Development Pipeline" with Jim Zebehazi, National YABA Executive Director, and "Give Me a 'B'! – Varsity Bowling" with Heather Clark Emmons and Steve Kunkel. Sunday morning, Marlene Patterson updated information on the second year of the Tiered Membership program. Keynote speaker Fred Borden, former Team USA Coach, took us to "Bowling in the New Millennium."

## [Fourth Leadership Conference – Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis – July 28-29, 2001](#)

An opening statement was given by IBA President George Barton with leaders from their respective associations announcing updates of events/functions from the WISBA, IBA, ISYABA, and IBCA. WIBC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sylvia Broyles and ABC Operations Manager Pete Dargiewicz attended to give an update on the Single Membership Forum. Kassy and Diandra Hyman of Dyer, gave a presentation of their opportunities and experiences as Indiana youth bowlers.

WISBA President Barbara Spencer was the recipient of the 2001 Chris Schenkel Outstanding Achievement Award. She is a progressive visionary with positive foresight for WISBA's future, and her leadership has earned her the respect of the bowling community throughout the country. The WISBA Board of Directors each presented her with a rose as "The Ode to the Prez" was read. A classy lady! Sunday's presentation of "Learn to Love Change" by Dr. Tom Steiner, the "Enter'Train'er," kept participants laughing while making positive points showing how important the move to a Single Membership Organization can be.

*Criteria for the "Chris Schenkel Outstanding Achievement Award" – 1) A person who has made outstanding contributions to the sport of bowling, and 2) previously was or currently is a resident of the state of Indiana. The recipient is chosen by vote of the representatives of the member organizations to the Bowl Indiana board. (In 1999 the Bowl Indiana Council voted to host a Leadership Conference every other year).*

**BOWL INDIANA... *it's more than strikes and spares!***