



WOMEN'S NATIONAL DUCKPIN ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member:

Welcome to the WNSA's 35th 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 35th year the best it can be!

The WNSA Annual Planning Meeting was held in February via WebEx meeting and there will be a few changes for the 2017 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 (North) and Treasurer were up for election this year; letters of intent were received from Becky Airhart for Vice President (North) and from Stacey Gaegler for Treasurer. As a result the Governing Body cast their votes in favor of Becky Airhart remaining in office as our Vice President (North), and Stacey Gaegler becoming our new Treasurer.
- Office Representatives
 - President – **Tammy Ashworth**
 - Vice President (South) – **Bethany Fisher**
 - Vice President (North) - **Becky Airhart**
 - Treasurer – **Stacey Gaegler**
 - Statistician – **Lauree Schreider**
- Area Representatives for 2017
 - Baltimore and Vicinity - **Jill Manns, Trina Rafferty, and Becky Sieck**
 - Connecticut - **Position Vacant**
 - Mid-Maryland - **Alyson Rineer-Taylor**
 - Metro Washington, MD/DC/Virginia - **Dani McClay**
 - Rhode Island/Massachusetts - **Diane Siliva**
 - Canada - **Position Vacant**
- We will return to the 7-game format at the Hagerstown event in 2017. Motion was made to return to the 7-game format for the event. The motion passed unanimously.
- Adopt-A-Bowlers and Promotional Bowlers were discussed at length. Each shall be defined as follows:
 - An Adopt-A-Bowler may participate in one WNSA event every 5 years. These bowlers may or may not have been members of the WNSA in the past. The fee for an Adopt-A-Bowler will be the cost of the tour event.
 - A Promotional Bowler may enter one event per season. The fee for a Promotional Bowler will be the cost of the tour event plus a \$25 non-member fee. If the Promotional Bowler decides to join the WNSA, the \$25 non-member fee will be credited towards their membership fee.

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- Any Adopt-A-Bowler from last year who paid the \$25 non-member fee and joins for the 2017 season will receive a \$25 credit towards her membership fee. A motion was made to credit the \$25 to the bowler's membership fee. The motion passed unanimously.
 - We will take 24 qualifiers at each tour event this season as long as we have 30 or more bowlers participate in the event.
 - New bowlers without an established average will be assessed a 130 average. Bowlers will be reassessed after 24 games and receive a new average for the remainder of the 2017 tour season.
 - The Pins Over Average (POA) division for the Sunday head-to-head matches was discussed. It was determined that if we should have 30 or more bowlers participate in an event we will have a single POA division on Sunday. All "out of the money" awards will be eliminated with the exception of High Qualifier. In the event that there are not enough qualifiers who bowl over their average to qualify for the POA division, the next highest scratch scores will be taken. The motion was made to take the next highest scratch scores in the event there are not enough qualifiers who have bowled over their averages to qualify. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The Board discussed the addition of Friday night shifts, as this was a suggestion from the membership. The following conclusions were met:
 - Friday night shifts will only be offered if approved by the proprietor.
 - We must have a minimum of 9 bowlers in order to hold a Friday night shift.
 - The possibility of a Friday night shift for Greenmount is currently under discussion with the proprietor.
 - There will be NO Friday night shift at Suitland Bowl in June.
 - The WNSA Hotline is no longer in commission. As a result all shift times and qualifying scores will be posted to the WNSA Facebook page as well as the WNSA website. Qualifying scores will be posted within an hour of completion of the qualifying rounds.
 - The WNSA and DPBA will co-host a Hall of Fame banquet this year at our Hagerstown event. We would love for as many of our members as possible to attend this event and to show your support for this year's inductees: Stacey Gaegler, Jill Manns, Lisa Huber, Becky Airhart and Dani McClay (Superior Performance) and Frank Turner and Joe Rineer (Meritorious Service).
 - Hall of Fame Banquet will be hold at the Hager Hall Conference & Event Center, 901 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740 on May 27, 2017 from 8:00pm to 12:00am. Tickets can be purchased for \$45. See Trina Rafferty and Tammy Ashworth to purchase. Tickets will not be available after May 22, 2017.
 - Returning for 2017 – Sponsorship fees. Obtain a sponsor for a \$200 fee and their logo will be placed at the top of our score sheets (the paper sheets everyone uses to keep their own scores) as well as on the WNSA website as an "official sponsor."
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- 2017 budget was discussed at length. Results are following:
 - Membership Fee will be \$55.
 - All Tour Entry fees will be as follows:
 - Hagerstown \$115
 - Suitland, White Oak, Town Hall and Greenmount \$95

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!**

Last year the WNSA hosted our third bull roast at Best Western Inn and Conference Center in Westminster, MD during our final event for the 2016 season at Greenmount Bowl. The event was a success and a great time was had by all who attended. Chairing the event is Alyson Rineer-Taylor. Please contact her for more information. Additional help with this event would be greatly appreciated. More information on location, cost, etc., will be forthcoming.

- The 2017 Schedule is as follows:

May 26 – 28	Turner's Dual Lanes	Hagerstown, MD
June 23 – 25	Suitland Bowl	Suitland, MD
July 14 – 16	White Oak Lanes*	Silver Spring, MD
August 4 – 6	Town Hall Lanes*	Johnston, RI
September 1 – 3	Greenmount Bowl	Hampstead, 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 and the date the Statistician reached the entry and the money in hand.

- For 2017, 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 2017. Whether or not that requirement remains the same or changes again will be contingent upon the number of future scheduled events



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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
980 Tara Oaks Court
Westminster, MD 21157

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