



# Capital Area Rainbowlers Association

## CARA NEWS

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### WELCOME BACK, CARA BOWLERS

The CARA Board of Directors would like to welcome back new and returning CARA bowlers for the 2008-2009 bowling season. It has been a busy summer for the leagues, especially with four of our leagues relocating to other bowling houses. These moves impact not only the leagues that are moving but leagues that may gain bowlers due to these changes. Additionally, CARA has been working to successfully form a new league in Centreville, Virginia.

Friday Out and About is moving back to Bowl America Falls Church, from which they were forced to move in 2006 after a portion of the roof caved in during a snow storm.

The roof has been fixed but this is a temporary solution as Bowl America plans to build a new center in the same area in the near future. After one season at AMF Laurel, the Sunday League of Women Bowlers is moving to Raniatii Lanes in Hyattsville, MD and changing their time back to 5:00 PM.

To insure their leagues are not impacted by the eventual closing of AMF Annandale the two CARA leagues there have moved to other houses. The zoning for the property is being changed and the property owners anticipate tearing down the building in preparation of the construction of a parking garage and a commercial office building. Ten Pin Pride is moving to AMF Alexandria, VA., with no change in day or time. The decision has been more complicated and required more research by the Pride of Alexandria officers.

To insure there would be sufficient lanes available for their bowlers the league is moving to Bowl America, Falls Church with a change in day to Thursday and time 9:15, as that was the only realistic option available.

#### Bowling Tips

Looking to improve your bowling? USBC has a number of video tips from bowling pro. <http://www.bowl.com/bowltv>.

#### Should Bowling be an Olympic Sport?

For an excellent article on why bowling should be an Olympic sport we suggest you visit the following web site: [http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/page2/story?page=lukas/080813&campaign=rssrch&source=paul\\_lukas](http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/page2/story?page=lukas/080813&campaign=rssrch&source=paul_lukas).



### CHIT 2008 Prepares to Say 'Wilkommen' to Hundreds of Bowlers

Get out your lederhosen and your beer steins! The 2008 Capital Halloween Invitational Tournament is scheduled for October 31-November 2 with this year's theme being "Oktoberfest." Under the guidance of Director of Operations Steve Frable, Director of Marketing Adam Boenning and Executive Officer Bill Roman, the tournament is off and running. The host hotel will again be the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC. The host bowling center will be Bowl America Shirley in Alexandria.

The tournament will feature 5-person teams with entry fee set at \$99 per person. Bowlers have a choice of bowling in one of two Singles/Doubles shifts, either from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or from 3 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 1. The Team event will take place on Sunday, November 2. The weekend will conclude with the cocktail reception and awards banquet held next door to the host hotel at the grand Almas Temple on Sunday evening. Numerous "fun-raising" events have occurred.

#### Upcoming CHIT Event

BOWLED & THE BEAUTIFUL—CHIT's famous drag show fundraiser will be held Saturday, September 20, at Cobalt. Don't miss the event that was named Best Drag Show in DC in *the Washington Blade's* 2007 Best of Gay DC contest.

## TEAM DC Reception and Awards Ceremony

Team DC will be hosting a special event on September 15th at Nellie's Bar to recognize three members of the local sporting community for their contributions to the advancement of GLBT sports in the DC capital area. Those being recognized include CC Ford, Secretary, League of Women Bowlers, former bowler Cal Steinmetz for his work with Chesapeake and Potomac Softball, and Jack Markey, DC Aquatics. The event will also honor the first recipients of the Team DC Scholarship Program. The cost is \$20.00.

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**Mention that you are a CARA league member to receive a 10% discount!**

### USBC Upcoming Tournaments

**2008 USBC Team USA Trials - Dec 15-19, 2008**  
Las Vegas, NV

**USBC Storm Mixed Team Challenge - Nov 2008/ May 2009**

**USBC Masters, Las Vegas, NV, Feb 9-15, 2009**

**2009 USBC Open Championships - Las Vegas, NV**  
Feb 21 - July 23 (unless extended)

### Women's Bowling

**The USBC Women's Challenge and Teen Masters National Finals will be broadcast five consecutive Sundays September 7 through October 5, 2008, 1:00 p.m. EST. Show #1 will air on Monday, September 11 on ESPN2 at 9:30pm EST.**

**2009 USBC Women's Championship**  
Reno, NV, March 28 - July 4 (unless extended)

### IGBO Tournaments - October - December 2008

Following is a list of upcoming IGBO Tournaments. For additional information or to download applications visit the IGBO Tournament Site at [www.igbo.org](http://www.igbo.org).

TREAT	Pittsburgh, PA	Sep 26-28	DICDT	Dallas, TX	Oct 10-12
MIC	Detroit, MI	Oct 10-12	SPORT	Palm Beach, FL	Oct 10-12
PSDIC	Palm Springs, CA	Oct 17-19	ESPRESSO	Seattle, WA	Oct 24-26
CHIT	Washington, DC	Oct 31-Nov 2	CINTIT	Cincinnati, OH	Oct 31-Nov 2
IGBO MIDYEAR	San Diego, CA	Nov 12-16	LASSI	Los Angeles, CA	Nov 21-23
HIT	Milwaukee, WI	Nov 27-30			

**2008 – 2009 Skill Enhancement Sessions:** CARA will be holding its first Skill Enhancement Sessions in October at AMF Alexandria Lanes. Sessions will be held at 1:00 and 2:30 with a limit of four persons per session. Thanks to a \$200.00 donation in memory of a Wally Eden, a former CARA bowler there will be no increase in the cost even though the cost of the lanes for the sessions has increased. Instead, we will reduce the cost of the sessions to \$20.00 per bowler. The number of sessions held during the season will depend on bowler interest and availability of the instructor. Additional details on the October sessions will be issued shortly.



Lambda Sc-Fi would like to invite you to join us for **Gaylaxicon 2008**, the annual international Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror convention for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people and their friends. Join us on October 10 - 13, 2008 in Bethesda, MD for a weekend of fun. Events include an art show, autographs, a charity auction, costuming, dancing, the dealer's room, discussion panels, gaming, guests, local events, a masquerade, parties, readings, video programs, and much more!

[www.gaylaxicon2008.org](http://www.gaylaxicon2008.org)



**Congratulations to CC Ford and Joyce Byrd on their July 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 California marriage.**

## CARA

The **Capital Area Rainrowlers Association** is a member-supported association of GLBT bowling leagues in the greater metropolitan Washington, DC area. It is the objective and purpose of CARA to coordinate and promote the sport of bowling for men and women in the Washington, DC-area GLBT community.

There are three summer and 13 Fall/Winter CARA bowling leagues in the metro DC area. Although the team size, format, times and nights vary, the goal of all our leagues is to have fun. Information about each league can be found at : [www.carabowling.org](http://www.carabowling.org)



**Lambda Sci-Fi**

DC Area Gaylaxians  
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If **science fiction, fantasy, or horror** are your passion and you'd jump at the chance to get involved in a Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Club for Lesbians, Gay Men, Bisexuals, Transgendered People and their Friends, then you're in luck. **Lambda Sci-Fi is here!!**

<http://www.lambdasf.org/lsf/>

## CARA FALL CALENDAR

### September

- 13<sup>th</sup> CHIT Yard Sale
- 18<sup>th</sup> CARA Sell Tickets at Pride
- 20<sup>th</sup> CHIT Bold & The Beautiful
- 24<sup>th</sup> CARA Board Meeting

### October

- 11<sup>th</sup> CARA Skill Enhancement
- 16<sup>th</sup> CARA Sells Tickets at Pride
- 30<sup>th</sup> CARA Sells Tickets at Pride
- 31<sup>st</sup> No Tap Tournament - AMF Alexandria
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Nov 2 CHIT Tournament

### November

- 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> IGBO Mid-Year/San Diego, CA
- 19<sup>h</sup> CARA Board Meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> CARA Sell Tickets at Pride
- 22<sup>nd</sup> CARA Pre Thanksgiving Triples Tournament

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> CARA Roll Off #1
- 18<sup>th</sup> CARA Sell Tickets at Pride
- 29<sup>th</sup> CARA Holiday Social

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### *International Gay Bowling Organization*

Most CARA leagues are members of the International Gay Bowling Organization which is composed of over 170 member leagues with 11,000+ bowlers. There are IGBO leagues in the United States, Canada, New Zealand and Australia with individual members in other countries. Each spring IGBO sponsors an Annual Memorial Day Weekend Tournament and then each Fall IGBO sponsors a Mid-Year Tournament in early November.

Visit [www.igbo.org](http://www.igbo.org) for additional information.