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NCABA, Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association, Annual Meeting

NCABA, Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association, held its 57th Annual Meeting on February 25, 2001 at the SOSA Community Center in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The NCABA is the third largest association in the American Bowling Congress, with about 24,007 members for the 1999-2000 season. The association services sanctioned bowlers in Southern Maryland, Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. Five out of the seven CARA leagues were represented at the meeting. The five leagues represented were Sunday Annandale, Monday Annandale, Tuesday Trios, Friday Lambda, and Friday Family & Friends. The leagues representatives got the chance to vote on two local amend-

ments and 34 ABC amendments to the ABC Constitution. Our delegates will bring the final NCABA votes for the 34 ABC amendments to the annual ABC National Convention. The convention was held in Reno, Nevada on March 16, 2001 For more information on the meeting and the amendments check out NCABA's web site: <http://www.ncaba.org> or the next issue of Bowl Magazine. Also, the league representatives elected a new NCABA President, Mr. Thomas Allen; five Vice Presidents; fifteen Directors; and two new Life Members, Mr. Vince Jozwiak and Mr. Larry (Bud) Smith.

CARA President
Jack Ellison

CHIT 2001

CHIT 2001 is still 7 months away, but a small group of dedicated volunteers have already started to make CHIT 2001 the best ever. The Host Hotel will be the Crystal City Marriott at a very low rate of \$104 a night. The hotel offers free parking and free shuttles to the airport. It is also conveniently located on the Crystal City Metro.

Also new this year is where the tournament will be. Bowl America on Edsel Road will be the Host Bowling Center for all events. CHIT 2001 bowling events will be a little different this year because we will have only 40 teams with 5 person each. That means that we will have one shift each of singles, doubles, and team events. There will also be a No-Tap held at Bowl America on the Friday evening before the tournament starts

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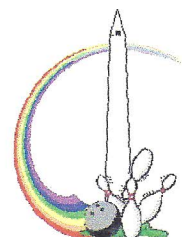
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To make a tournament truly successful takes a lot of volunteers and a lot of fundraisers. So if you would like to volunteer to help host a fun and exciting tournament, please see Bill Roman or Steve Mathis. Otherwise, we hope everyone will participate in any of the upcoming tournament fundraisers such as the bowling ball raffle in March, the candy sales in April, the yard sale in May, the lottery raffle in June, and 50/50 pots.

The officers for this year's tournament are:

Co-Directors: Steve Mathis and Bill Roman
Secretary: Marla Aizenshtat
Treasurer: Jeff Schindall

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CAPITAL AREA RAINBOWLERS ASSOCIATION

CARA NEWSLETTER

CARA All-STAR Championship Tournament

By Rob McDaniel—CARA Tournament Director

For several years, the CARA board of directors has had a suggestion on the table to develop and conduct an event to highlight the "All-Stars" from our member leagues. The basic concept was to hold a team roll-off of sorts with representation from each league making up the field of entrants. Logistic concerns over team makeup halted progress on the event for some time, but this year in late April, CARA will recognize its first League Team Champion.

This event, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2001, will pit one five-person team from each of our 7 member leagues in a Baker format event that will result in a CARA League Team Champion. Each leagues' "All-Star" team will consist of the top 5 averaged bowlers from the league, with the male/female composition determined by the overall gender participation percentages within the individual league. Translated, if a particular league is comprised of 60% female membership, the "All-Star" team will consist of 3 women and 2 men. No bowler will be allowed to participate on more than one "All-Star" team, and individual averages as of March 31, 2001, will be used in determining participation.

On the day of the event, every league team will compete against every other league team in one head-to-head Baker format game. Using the Baker format, the first bowler of a team will bowl in the first and sixth frames of each game; the second bowler will bowl in the second and seventh frame; and so on. Points will be awarded to the winning team in each head-to-head match, and the 4 teams with the most points at the end of the head-to-head matches will advance to a final "Up-The-Ladder" match to determine the champion.

In addition to bragging rights, CARA will award \$100.00 to the treasury of the winning teams' league to assist them in starting off the 2001-02 bowling season.

To encourage everyone to come out and root your leagues' team on to victory, CHIT will be hosting a No-Tap tournament to coincide with the League Team Championship. Please watch for additional upcoming information about these two events.

GAY GAMES VI IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA - "UNDER NEW SKIES"

When the Gay Games began in 1982, few could have imagined how popular they would become. Every four years since that initial meeting in San Francisco, the Games have grown in size, competitive spirit, and, of course, fun. The next Games will be held from November 2 - 9, 2002 in Sydney, Australia look to exceed all previous records.

Many CARA members may not know, but bowling has been a competitive sport in the Gay Games for a number of years. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals are awarded to the highest scoring bowlers in each handicap section. Specific details about the Gay Games and the bowling competition in particular can be found at www.GayGames.com. Perhaps the greatest part of participating in the Gay Games is the opportunity to compete against the world. No other event in the world brings together such a diverse, international group of Gays and Lesbians than the Gay Games. While we love bowling in our regular IGBO tournaments, rarely do we have the chance to take on the world!

There is an informal group of the various

By Brent Minors

local sports teams called "Team DC". They have already begun monthly meetings to plan for the 2002 Games and anyone is welcome to join. If you know you are going to the Games or just want more information about the Games, go to their website at teamdc.com.

There is no cost to joining Team DC, but by working as a group, they can get discounts on travel and accommodations. More importantly, during the Opening and Closing ceremonies, participants are introduced by their countries and because of the large presence of Americans, the United States are introduced by their city and/or state. Each country or city coordinates their uniforms, collector's pin, etc. (Sounds terribly gay, doesn't it???) One of our long-time CARA bowlers (Wednesday nights - Alexandria) Brent Minor is a member of Team DC and a veteran of three previous Games (Triathlon). He can be reached at btminor@bellatlantic.net or at 301-962-1300.

The spirit of the Gay Games has always been to emphasize participation and inclusion. While the Olympics may not wish to recognize the sport of bowling, the Gay Games have. Go Down Under and show your appreciation to one of those gorgeous Aussies!