



# CARA

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Bob "Pixie" Fontaine, winner of the Roger Newman Award in 2011

## New Honors Reception & Officers Social Set for June 1

CARA will hold its inaugural CARA Honors Reception & Officers Social on Saturday, June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Nellie's Sports Bar.

This event will serve to honor each league's team champions, winners of the annual CARA Championship Tournament, the winner of the Roger Newman Award (CARA's highest honor), and bowlers with the highest average, handicap and scratch games, handicap and scratch series and most improved average among all CARA bowlers.

The association will also thank 2012-2013 officers for their service, and welcome and meet 2013-2014 officers. Previously, the only annual CARA awards presentation was for the Roger Newman Award during the CHIT awards banquet, and an officers social was held in August.

League champions are automatically invited to attend. Bowlers with highest scores will be invited once all league seasons have ended and final results tabulated. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available.

## May Elections

The annual election of CARA officers will take place at its May 18 meeting. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be selected.

CARA is also looking for volunteer leaders to serve as chairman of the following committees:

- Website: Maintain and updating the CARA website.
- Fundraising: Help to solicit advertisers for the newsletter, website and sponsors for our annual awards reception.
- Tournaments: Coordinate and tabulate results for CARA's few mini-tournaments held throughout the year.

Interested parties should contact [cararainbowlers@gmail.com](mailto:cararainbowlers@gmail.com) by May 15.

## CHIT 2013 Update

The CHIT committee has been busy ramping up for CHIT 32. We met earlier this year and elected Steve Frable as the Executive Director, Dan Jeffers as Director of Operations, Donny Tang as Director of Marketing, Gary Deinken as Treasurer and Walt Reichenbach as Secretary. Since then, we have selected our theme, entry fee, hotel and bowling house.

Our theme this year is **CHIT Goes to the Outback**, and George Betancourt has graciously designed our logo again this year. The entry fee will stay the same at \$105. We will once again be going to Westin-Alexandria at \$109/night for singles through quads, and Bowl America Shirley will be our house.

We are also planning some fun events, including the return of the Gong Show (where you can gong off your drag queens off the stage), Card and Game Nights, and an Australian Wine Tasting. An ACES High one-day tournament (doubles and team events only) is in the works as well, and we are looking to host it again in Atlantic City.

That's all for now. Hopefully we'll see a lot of you at our fundraising events, and definitely at CHIT!

Donny Tang  
Director of Marketing

## LEAGUE SPOTLIGHTS

# We Are Everywhere

We Are Everywhere league bowls Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. at AMF Annandale Lanes, 4245 Markham Street, Annandale, VA. Its season runs a 31-week schedule with weeks off to observe the Thanksgiving, Christmas/Hanukkah and New Year holidays. WAE are a group of bowlers who just want to have a good time. If you're looking to just have fun, enjoy a libation (or three) and bowling is a good excuse to do it on a regular basis, this is the league for you! The league has monthly theme nights such as "boxers & pajamas night," "wig night" and "prom night." For more information, contact Clyde at [WeAreEverywhere.CARABowling@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreEverywhere.CARABowling@gmail.com).

# SMACK

SMACK bowls Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. at AMF Alexandria Lanes, 6228A N. Kings Hwy, 1 mile south of the Beltway and just off of Route 1 in Alexandria, VA. SMACK is a singles league. This is a singles league (i.e., one person per team). SMACK bowls a four-month fall league. In January, they start a new, completely separate four-month winter league. The shorter seasons of about 15 weeks in length allow for shorter time commitments from bowlers. For more information, contact Clyde at [smackbowling@gmail.com](mailto:smackbowling@gmail.com).

# Metro Rollers

The Metro Rollers Bowling League bowls Sundays at 5 p.m. at Bolling Air Force Base, Potomac Lanes Bowling Center, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, DC. The bowling center is recently renovated and allows for 30 lanes of bowling fun. This year, Metro Rollers has 18 teams of two. The league's season is 32 weeks in length. For questions about the league, please contact Antonio at [metrorollers1@gmail.com](mailto:metrorollers1@gmail.com).

*Bowlers: The Chesapeake and Potomac Softball League (CAPS) and CARA are cross-promoting upcoming leagues. Their registration info is below. Consider joining them! –Rob Treadway, CARA President*



The Chesapeake and Potomac Softball League (CAPS) Women's Division is currently seeking new players and teams for the upcoming season. Registration begins March 2013.

**Come for the fun and meet a great group of women.  
We'd love to have ya!**

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/CAPSSoftballWomensDivision/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CAPSSoftballWomensDivision/) or visit the CAPS website ([www.capssoftball.org](http://www.capssoftball.org)) to sign up for our mailing list.

# Summer Leagues Now Forming

Yes, with fall/winter leagues concluding next month, it's time to start thinking about summer leagues. CARA will again be coordinating three leagues this summer:

## Tuesdays

**AMF Annandale Lanes**  
4245 Markham St., Annandale, VA  
3-person teams  
7:30 p.m. start time  
Begins June 4 • 10 weeks in length  
Contact Clyde @ [clyde.conklin@gmail.com](mailto:clyde.conklin@gmail.com)

## Wednesdays

**White Oak Duckpin Lanes**  
«Duckpin League»  
11207 New Hampshire Ave.,  
Silver Spring, MD  
3-person teams  
7:30 p.m. start time  
Begins June 5 • 10 weeks in length,  
skipping July 3  
Contact Richard @ [richaron@usa.net](mailto:richaron@usa.net)

## Thursdays

**Bowl America Falls Church**  
40 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church, VA  
3-person teams  
7:30 p.m. start time  
Begins May 30 • 10 weeks in length,  
skipping July 4  
Contact Les @ [les.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:les.johnson@gmail.com)

**All information is tentative and may be subject to change. Look for e-mail announcements on the DC Bowling listserv or on the CARA website for the latest information. We hope to see you on the lanes this summer!**



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# **Jimmie “Running Water” Austin**

## **1963-2013**

Jimmie “Running Water” Austin passed away on March 8, 2013. She bowled in the Metro Rollers league, had previously bowled in Pride of Alexandria and several other CARA leagues, and bowled in numerous tournaments throughout the country. Her funeral was held on March 19 at The Temple of Praise in Washington, DC.

Jimmie was born at Andrews Air Force Base Hospital. Her family moved to Anchorage, Alaska, for several years before moving back to the Washington, DC area. She graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

She had a lifelong love of gospel music and singing both in school and church choirs. Jimmie became the choir director of the CADAC gospel choir, the Community Action Group substance abuse choir’s minister of music and was honored as Congress Heights United Methodist Church’s Outstanding Citizen and Community Worker at its Centennial Anniversary. She won numerous talent shows and performed at numerous GLBT Pride celebrations, was known for being a legend in the art of illusion and served as a make-up artist for fashion shows, weddings and other special occasions.

Jimmie worked as a bartender at the Brass Rail, Hogate’s, Gangplank, Edge/Wet, Onyx, Club Envy, The Lime Club, The 501 Club and Legend Night Club. She won numerous Bartender of the Year awards.

But it was her work in the community with substance abuse, social work, HIV/AIDS, homelessness and mental health organizations where she said she was able to “give back what was so freely given to me, and if I could help somebody, then my living shall not be in vain.”

Her smile, generosity and singing when she bowled a strike will be missed.



*Jimmie “Running Water” Austin*

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# Your IGBO Regional Director's Report

## Happy Spring CARA Bowlers!

First of all, I would like to thank all my IGBO League Reps for their response regarding the newsletter. The responses were quick and were very much appreciated.

The first tournament in the region this year was in Memphis. Big kudos to Chris, Kent and the SPIT committee for throwing a fun-filled tournament over St. Patrick's Day weekend! Like last year, I had a blast! They sold out their tournament this year at 128 bowlers. Memphis is really one of the places to be on St. Patty's Day. A lot going on at Beale St. with a lot of good food too!

Outside of the region, I had the chance to visit FLIRT in Ft Lauderdale in January

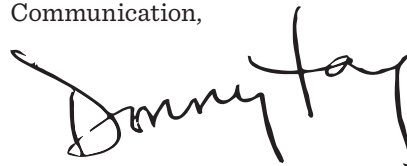
for the first time, and Sweetheart in New Haven in February. The next tournament in the region will be MCIT in Nashville, being helmed by Rich Beswick. I'm sure he and his team are working hard to put together a wonderful 21st tournament. After that, Washington DC will be holding their tournament, CHIT, headed by Steve, Dan, and myself.

In IGBO News, IGBO Annual will be held in Tampa in May, and the rep packages will be sent out soon. If you are not planning to be there, please send in your proxies or absentee ballots. After Tampa, IGBO will be heading to Dallas for Mid Year 2013, Tucson for Annual 2014, and Jacksonville for Mid Year 2014. Currently we have two cities bidding for Annual 2015: Omaha and

Albuquerque. Are you guys ready to host another IGBO yet?

See you at the lanes!

In Unity, Fellowship and Communication,



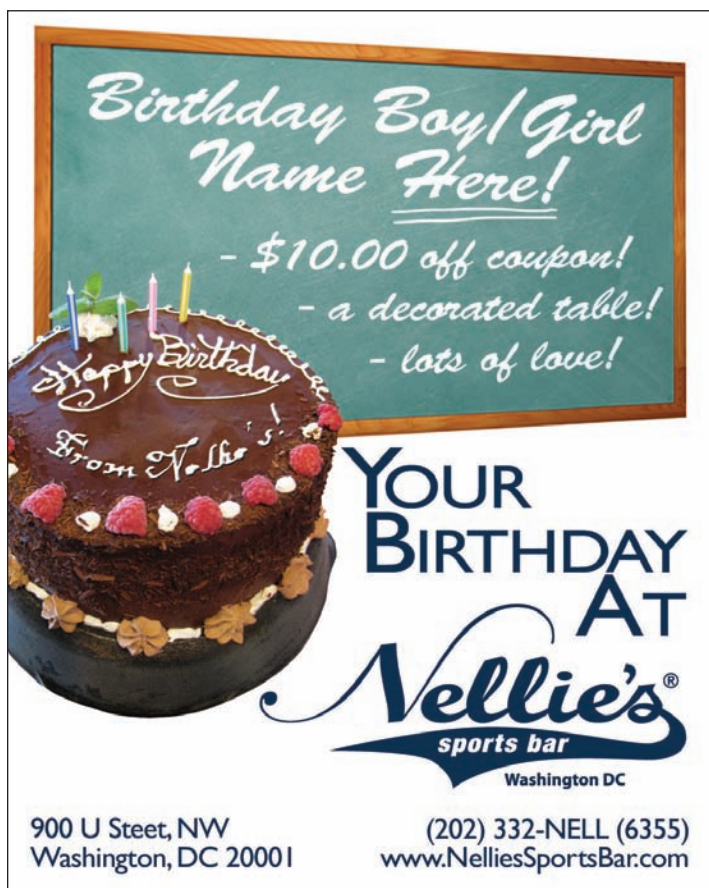
Donny Tang  
IGBO Regional Director 12 - Mid-Atlantic



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