



CARA

Capital Area Rainrowlers Association Newsletter • June 2011

visit us online at www.carabowling.org

INSIDE

- CARA bowlers take on Toronto 2
- CHIT 30 plans announced 3
- IGBO Regional Director Report 4

Summer Leagues Getting Under Way

Several summer social events scheduled around the region

CARA is once again coordinating three summer leagues in the DC area for members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community and friends. Summer leagues are a great time for bowlers to try out new techniques, continue socializing with other bowlers, and are **perfect for beginners!**

All leagues will consist of 3-person teams and are 10 weeks in length.

Tuesdays: AMF Alexandria Lanes
6228A N. Kings Hwy. • Alexandria, VA
Contact Clyde at clyde.conklin@gmail.com
Practice at 7:20 p.m./league play at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: White Oak *Duckpin* Lanes
11207 New Hampshire Ave. • Silver Spring, MD
Contact Richard at richaron@usa.net
Practice at 7:20 p.m./league play at 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Bowl America Falls Church
140 S. Maple Ave. • Falls Church, VA
Contact Les as les.johnson@gmail.com
Practice at 7:20 p.m./league play at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the summer leagues, there are still opportunities to bowl this summer. Mark your calendars and plan to attend these social bowling events:

continued on page 2 ►

CARA Officers Elected

Left to right:
standing: Les Johnson, Steve Merriett;
seated: Robert Treadway, Steve Frable.



The 2011-2012 CARA officer elections were held at the May 21 board meeting at Bowl America Shirley. President Les Johnson, Secretary Steve Frable and Treasurer Steve Merriett were re-elected, while Robert Treadway was chosen to join them in the Vice President role. Their terms began June 1. Walt Reichenbach served as the nominations committee chairperson.

CHIT Selling Summer 50/50 Raffle Tickets

The Capital Halloween Invitational Tournament (CHIT) will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets throughout the summer, with the drawing taking place at the CARA Officers' Social at Nellie's Sports Bar on August 28. Tickets are \$1 each. Winner need not be present to win. Half the proceeds will benefit the tournament, with the other half going to the raffle winner. Tickets may be purchased from volunteers at all CARA summer leagues, at CHIT fundraising events, or via mail by forwarding a check (payable to CHIT) to Bob Fontaine, 1603 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. E-mail yankeeboy@rcn.com for more information.

LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT



SATURDAY MORNING ALTERNATIVE CLUB KING & KWEENPINS

The Saturday Morning Alternative Club King & Kweenpins (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. The 10:30 a.m. start time allows bowlers to "sleep in" a little and also get up and going on a Saturday morning. The league usually finishes around Noon.

SMACK is a blind doubles format league, meaning that teams are composed of two persons with team members changing each week. The league posts individual standings as well as team game and series. The format promotes teamwork between two bowlers on a team, but it's also a little competitive since your teammate one week could be your opponent the next week. The format is great for

continued on page 4 ►

CARA bowlers do well in Canada

CARA bowlers did phenomenally well at the IGBO 2011 Annual Tournament in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 25-30.



Daphne Berwald placed 9th in **Singles** and also had the **women's High Handicap Game** with a 306.

Individual All Events: 10th place: George Betancourt

Team All Events: 1st place: Les Johnson, George Betancourt, Gary Deinken and David Mowdy

Scratch Masters

Toni Dunbar: 1st place, Division B

Shelby Dunbar: 5th place, Division B

Elliot Rosenblum: 7th place, Division B

Donny Tang: 3rd place, Division C

David Mowdy: 2nd place, Division D

George Betancourt: 5th place, Division D (final game was 298!)

Jim Tsugawa: 4th place, Division E

In other news:

• Past CARA member **Rob McDaniel** is the Co-Director for the IGBO 2013 Annual Tournament in Tampa Bay. McDaniel was also recognized by IGBO and was named as one of the 2011 IGBO Fellowship Awardees.

• CARA member **Donny Tang** was elected to serve as director of the newly-formed Mid-Atlantic Region. (*see his report on page 4*)

Summer socials scheduled

► *continued from page 1*

CARA Summer Social Bowling Event

****Every GLBT group in the DC area is invited!****

Feel free to invite any friends, family, co-workers or members of any groups of which you are a member to attend Monday, July 18

AMF Annandale Lanes

4245 Markham St. (just off Little River Turnpike)

99¢ per game • Shoe rental extra

8 to 10 p.m.

Free State Mixed Summer Socials

Fridays: June 24 • July 22 • August 26

Bethesda National Naval Medical Center Lanes

8 to 10 p.m.

You must contact the league Secretary at freestatemixed@gmail.com if you would like to attend so your name is on the list at the front gate.

Centreville Pride Summer Social Bowling

Every Wednesday through August 24

AMF Centreville Lanes

13814 Lee Highway

7 to 9 p.m.

Jonna S Wooten LTCP, Agent
8148 Electric Avenue
Vienna, VA 22182
Bus: 703-560-7804
jonna.wooten.loy3@statefarm.com
Se habla español

It's our differences that make us great.

No matter what you value, I'm here to protect it with respect and professionalism.
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®
CALL ME TODAY.

State Farm

1101007 State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL

HAVE YOUR B'DAY^{AT} *Nellie's*[®]

sports bar
WASHINGTON DC

Birthday Boy/Girl Name Here!

- \$10.00 off coupon!
- a decorated table!
- lots of love!

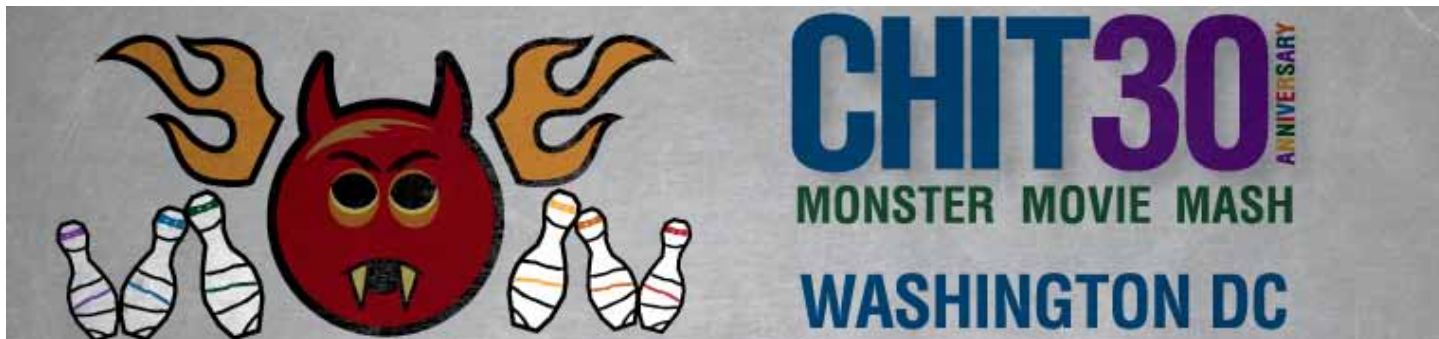
Happy Birthday
From Nellie's!

Nellie's Sports Bar
900 U. St. NW
Washington, DC, 20001
(202) 332-NELL (6355)



<<< CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE

JIM TSUGAWA, 300, MONDAY ALTERNATIVES, 11/1/10 • JIM TSUGAWA, 290, MONDAY ALTERNATIVES, 12/13/10 • JIM TSUGAWA, 300, PRIDE OF ALEXANDRIA, NOVEMBER 10, 2010



Plans for CHIT's 30th anniversary tournament announced

The 30th annual Capital Halloween Invitational Bowling Tournament will take place October 28-30, 2011, here in the nation's capital area. The theme for this year's tournament is "Movie Monster Mash," where CHIT will pay tribute to the many monsters of the cinema. For its 30th anniversary, the CHIT committee wanted to go back to its roots, and monsters, of course, are an integral part of any Halloween celebration.

Bowling will take place at AMF Annandale Lanes in Annandale, VA—a short trip from our host hotel—The Westin Alexandria,

which was the fabulous host hotel for last year's IGBO Mid-Year Tournament. The Westin is offering a drastically-discounted \$99 rate to bowlers and guests (up to quadruple occupancy).

CHIT will be a multiple-shift event, with bowling on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The banquet will take place on Sunday evening. The entry fee will remain \$99. Many more details about the tournament can be found on the CHIT website, which has been recently updated. The application will be ready and posted on www.chitdc.org in late June/early July.

The nation's capital is a beautiful city, particularly in the fall. An ever-growing number of monuments to our country's rich history, as well as our museums, restaurants and cultural attractions make this a wonderful place for out-of-towners to visit.

Director of Marketing Bob Fontaine said "We intend to make our 30th anniversary tournament one that we can be proud of, and one that bowlers will enjoy in every aspect—camaraderie, prizes, hospitality, merchandise. We can't wait to see everyone in October!"

For more, visit www.chitdc.org

Miss Pixie's
furnishings & whatnot ...

www.misspixies.com

1626 14th St NW
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 232-8171
Open 7 Days a Week!

HAVE YOUR B'DAY^{AT} **Nellie's**[®]
sports bar
WASHINGTON DC

Birthday Boy/Girl
Name Here!

- \$10.00 off coupon!
- a decorated table!
- lots of love!

Happy Birthday
From Nellie's!

Nellie's Sports Bar
900 U. St. NW
Washington, DC, 20001
(202) 332-NELL (6355)



SMACK spotlight

► *continued from page 1*

higher average bowlers who like competition, but it's also well-suited for anyone wanting to be in a social league since you meet new people every week.

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.

Also, AMF Alexandria Lanes has installed flatscreen monitors, purchased a new oil machine and plans to install new carpeting in the coming months.

For questions or to join the league, please contact the league Secretary, Clyde, at smackbowling@gmail.com.

WEBMASTER WANTED!

CARA is looking for a possible new Webmaster. This is a volunteer position. Duties would include updating the site with (but not limited to) new league information as it becomes available, posting information about events and infrequently updating text about CARA history, officers, award winners, Bylaws, etc.

Knowledge of:

- HTML: required
- Basic knowledge of Javascript and contact forms: preferred
- Flash or content management systems (i.e., creating areas where leagues could possibly update their own info, etc.): not needed, but major pluses
- Redesign experience a plus, but not necessary

For questions or for more information, please contact Rob Treadway at webmaster@carabowling.org. Thank you in advance for volunteering to serve your organization.

Your IGBO Regional Director's Report

May 31, 2011

Greetings from Toronto, site of the 2011 IGBO Annual Tournament,



Over the past week, I have had the privilege to join many other IGBO bowlers in Toronto for our IGBO Annual Tournament. The tournament consisted of 444 bowlers, from the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. At the General Membership Meeting, elections were held for the positions of President, Treasurer and Regional Directors. Current IGBO President Greg Edenfield, current Treasurer Dr. Lee McLemore were both re-elected, as was I.

Here are the highlights of these meetings:

- The 2013 IGBO Annual Tournament will be held in Tampa, FL.
- Dallas has submitted a Letter of Intent to bid for IGBO Mid-Year 2013.
- IGBO has reached out to the Trevor Project in hopes to see how IGBO can help the gay community. An idea was to hold a sponsored event during an IGBO tournament where bowlers will bowl with LGBT youth in the community.
- The IGBO Newsletter can now have up to 60 pages for the same price as printing a newsletter with fewer pages. We are encouraging leagues and tournaments to submit articles so we can build a sense of community by knowing what is happening in leagues and tournaments in other regions.

The IGBO Board has also accepted a proposal from Station Casinos in Las Vegas to be a corporate sponsor to IGBO. They will donate \$3,000 a year to IGBO, 153 2-night stays in Las Vegas as prizes for tournaments (similar to the bowling ball certificates from Storm), and will provide a code for all IGBO members to use to get a discount at their four Station Casino properties with bowling alleys (25% off at Texas Station, Santa Fe Station and Sunset Station, and 10% off at Red Rock Resort).

IGBO members can now receive one 300 game award *and* one 800 series award from IGBO per year (July-June). This is changed from just one 300 game *or* one 800 series award per year. These are only valid within 30 days of the game/series bowled, so your follow-up with your league Secretary to make sure they have submitted the necessary paperwork in a timely manner. No exceptions.

At the banquet, two Fellowship Awards were handed out. This is IGBO's most prestigious award and is given to individuals within IGBO who excel in living and promoting IGBO's ideals of unity, fellowship and communication on a local, regional and/or international level. This year's recipients are Rob McDaniel and Jerry SESCO. Big congratulations to the two awardees.

Also at the banquet, the Northeast Regional Raffle was drawn. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised over \$2,200 for IGBO Mid-Year 2011 in Rochester. The grand prize winner was Donnie Fratello from Jersey City, NJ, who took home 10 free tournament entries. Second prize, a Kodak digital camera worth more than \$400, went to Bryan Hoff of San Francisco, and the third prize of a Storm bowling ball went to Joey LeBlanc from San Antonio.

It has been my biggest pleasure to serve this great region. I hope I have served my fellow bowlers well. I hope to see you all at local tournaments very soon.

In Unity, Fellowship and Communication,
Donny Tang
IGBO Mid-Atlantic Regional Director

