



Ring in the new year while bowling, playing live versions of your favorite game shows and winning prizes.

**NEW YEAR'S
BOWLING
EVE 2014**

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Merriett Awarded CARA's Highest Honor

Each year, the CARA President recognizes someone whose efforts have benefited CARA and helped promote the sport of bowling in the LGBT community. This year's recipient is Steve Merriett.



Steve has called bowling his hobby since he was 6-years-old growing up in Columbus, Ohio. He moved to the DC area in 2005 and we're so glad that he found his way to the local gay bowling community. He's been a CARA member for 8 years, has bowled in numerous 10-pin and duckpin leagues, and we are proud that 2 of the 3 perfect games he's bowled were in CARA leagues. He's also bowled in countless CARA mini-tournaments, and CHIT &

IGBO tournaments over the years.

He pitches in whenever and wherever asked, but you, of course, don't have to ask. He's served as CARA Treasurer from 2010-2014, a position he excelled at. He is a wealth of information and is always very generous with his time and energy. And, if you know Steve, you know that he does everything very thoughtfully and with smile.

He stepped down as our Treasurer so that he and his partner, Antonio, may start a family. We couldn't let him leave the Board without telling him how much he means to us. For those reasons, Steve is the 2014 recipient of the Roger Newman Award.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE DC BOWLING E-GROUP?

If not, you're missing out on weekly standings updates from your league, what's going on in other leagues, details about CARA events, tournaments, skill enhancement clinics and more! **To sign up, send a blank message to dcbowling-subscribe@yahoo.com.**



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CARA Bowlers Rack Up Awards Around the Country

Dozens of DC-area bowlers participated in the Gay Games in the Cleveland/Akron area August 9-16, as well as TREAT, the Pittsburgh IGBO-affiliated tournament, September 26-28. Congratulations to the following CARA bowlers for their outstanding achievements:

GAY GAMES 9

TEAM

6th place, Division B: "MU Team 20," C.C. Ford

4th place, Division C: "Stiff Competition," Jeremy Glasser, Dale Roberts, Andy Davidson and Jerry Weinberger

4th place, Division F: "Team Russia," Wei Huey

DOUBLES

Men's Mixed Doubles Division E: Gold Medal: Wei Huey

Women's Doubles Division C: Gold Medal: C.C. Ford

SINGLES

Men's Singles Division A: 6th place: George Betancourt

Men's Singles Division C: Bronze Medal: Vince Sacro

Women's Singles Division B: Bronze Medal: C.C. Ford

TREAT

1st place: Doubles: Scott Skidmore and Vince Sacro

OPTIONAL SCRATCH

High Series Scratch (Division C), 1st Place: Vince Sacro

All Events (Division C), 1st Place:

Vince Sacro

High Game Scratch (Division E), 2nd place: Scott Skidmore

High Series Scratch (Division E), 1st place: Scott Skidmore

SPECIAL AWARDS

High Series Scratch: Scott Skidmore

TEAM

3rd place: Missy Meighan, Vince Sacro, Scott Skidmore and Jim Tsugawa

Last Place: Jeff Schindall, Steve Weinberg

ALL EVENTS

6th place: Vince Sacro

LEAGUE SPOTLIGHTS

LEAGUE OF WOMEN BOWLERS

League of Women Bowlers bowls Sundays at 4:30 p.m. at Bolling AFB Lanes, 315 McChord Street SW, #1310, Washington, DC. This is a social league composed of 4-person teams. The league has room to expand and is looking for both new and experienced bowlers.

The government/Potomac Lanes Bowling Center will need the following information for all civilians to enter onto the Air Force Base. This information is for our safety as well as the military base if an emergency should arise. The following information should be emailed to my attention directly at jj3394@aim.com:

- Full Name: First, Middle, Last
- Birthdate: Month, Day, Year

- Drivers License Number
- Drivers License Expiration Date
- SSN, if no Drivers License

A list has to be presented for visitors to enter onto the base and to also make the transition go smoothly. A copy of your ID will be needed once the league has started for government security reasons.

PRIDE OF ALEXANDRIA

Pride of Alexandria bowls Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at AMF Annandale Lanes, 4245 Markham St., Annandale, VA. Pride of Alexandria is a mixed league composed of 4-person teams with a good mixture of social and competitive bowlers. This is CARA's largest league and often has a waiting list. Contact the league secretary at prideofalexandria@gmail.com for availability information.

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. Teams are composed of one person. 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 rowensrealtor@gmail.com.

Learn more about all 9 CARA leagues at www.carabowling.org.



Theatre Event: "Baskerville" comedy at Arena Stage, Feb. 20th

CARA is bringing back the popular Theater Nights to entertain you during the winter season. We're excited to offer you a discount to see the world premiere of "Baskerville," a comedy based on Sherlock Holmes's most famous case, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," at the beautiful Arena Stage in Southwest Washington, DC. This event is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with other CARA bowlers before/after the show and during intermission. So, grab your team, your partner, even your non-bowling friends, to join us for the next entertaining show at Arena Stage on **Friday, February 20, 2015, at 8 p.m.**

From the Tony Award-winning mastermind of mayhem, Ken Ludwig (Lend Me a Tenor), comes a fast-paced comedy about everyone's favorite detective solving his most notorious case.



Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson must crack the mystery of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Watch as our intrepid investigators try to escape a dizzying web of clues, silly accents, disguises and deceit as five actors deftly portray more than 30 characters. Does a wild hellhound prowl the moors of Devonshire? Can our heroes discover the truth in time? Join the fun and see how far from elementary the truth can be.

Each ticket is \$55! (a savings of \$14 off the full door price!)

To reserve your tickets or ask any questions, **contact Jeremy Glasser at IGBOJeremy@gmail.com**. Please provide the number of tickets you would like to order.

We hope you and your friends will join us this winter!

Get in here!
Hurry up! Have fun!

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CARA 2014-2015 OFFICERS

• President: Robert Treadway
• Treasurer: Jason Muller

• Vice President: Andrew Marcus
• Secretary: Jerry Weinberger

SCOTCH DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 22 • Bowl America Shirley

The Capital Area Rainbowlers Association presents a **SCOTCH DOUBLES TOURNAMENT** on Saturday, November 22, at Bowl America Shirley (6450 Edsall Road, Alexandria, VA 22312).

There will be two shifts offered: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. COST: \$30 per team. (\$11.25 for lineage; \$18.75 goes towards the prize fund).

Prizes will be awarded on a 1-in-8 ratio. Handicap will be 100% of the difference between your team average (the averages of both members of your team) and 450.

Walk-ins are allowed, however, pre-registration is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** since the second shift is limited. E-mail the tournament

director prior to November 22 at cararainbowlers@gmail.com.

SCOTCH DOUBLES DEFINITION: A system of doubles play where the two bowlers on a team play alternating shots throughout the game. The only time one of the pair ever completes a frame on his/her own is when scoring a strike. For example:

- First frame: You throw a ball. You knock down 7 pins. Your partner throws the next ball.
- Second frame: You throw a strike.
- Third frame: Your partner throws a ball and knocks down 9 pins. You throw the next ball.

...and so on, and so on.

Come experience a new format of bowling!

Upcoming CARA Events Calendar

NOVEMBER

2-15 CARA Roll-Off #1

22 Scotch Doubles Tournament

22 CARA Board Meeting

11/24-12/6: Sign up for the BCS Mega Bracket Competition

DECEMBER

5 "Fiddler on the Roof" Theatre Event at Arena Stage

7-20 BCS Mega Bracket Competition

31 New Year's Eve event at Bowl America Shirley

JANUARY

24 CARA Board Meeting

24? Skill Enhancement Clinic

FEBRUARY

20 "Baskerville" (a comedy based on "The Hound of the Baskervilles," a Sherlock Holmes mystery) Theatre Event at Arena Stage

21 Crazy Bowling Tournament

MARCH

8-21 CARA Roll-Off #2

14 CARA Board Meeting

28 CARA Championship Tournament @ Bowl America Shirley

MAY

23 CARA Honors Reception & Officers Social

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CARA VOLUNTEERS

- Roll-Off Coordinator: Adam Boenning
- Publicity: OPEN

Interested in volunteering for an open position? Contact president@carabowling.org

- Tournament Director: Gary Deinken
- Skill Enhancements: OPEN

- Webmaster: Tom Weber
- Social Events: OPEN



HAVE A BALL • THROW SOME BALLS • WATCH THE BALL DROP

Join the



for a new new year's eve tradition...

B NEW YEAR'S BOWLING EVE 2014

Admission includes:

- All-you-can bowl
- Shoe rental
- Food: pizza, chicken wings, nachos, meatballs, veggies, etc.
- Two 16-oz. soft drinks
- Champagne/sparkling cider at midnight
- **CHANCE TO WIN CASH & PRIZES!**

Beer and wine is NOT be included in the entry fee.

Games include:

- Family Feud *win gift cards!*
- Match Game *win gift cards!*
- Pink pin *get a strike, win a free game!*

COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

**Wednesday, December 31,
from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.**

**Bowl America Shirley
6450 Edsall Road
Alexandria, VA 22312**

**4 people to a lane
Invite your family & friends!**

Pre-register by Dec. 1:

\$40 per person

After Dec. 1 or at the door:

\$50 per person



DID YOU KNOW?... CARA has 400+ members throughout the DC metro area. Gain exposure among them by advertising in the this newsletter or the highly-trafficked CARA website. Ad rates begin as low as \$25! Find more details at www.carabowling.org or by e-mailing webmaster@carabowling.org.

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Names of people in your group *(please list below)*

How would you like to pay?

I will pay in cash to one of my bowling league officers or CARA representative

By credit card *(circle one)* Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

Number of people in your party: _____ X \$40 per person = _____ TOTAL

Name on the card _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email (a receipt will be sent to this address) _____

Account Number _____

Exp. Date. _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND FAX IT TO 703.820.2524.

We look forward to seeing you on new year's eve!

DID YOU KNOW?... CARA has NINE member leagues located in the District of Columbia and Virginia. There's a league every day of the week except Friday. To learn more about them, visit www.carabowling.org.

