



Capital Area Rainbowlers Association (CARA) Newsletter

CARA LEAGUE FOCUS CENTREVILLE PRIDE

The league first began with seven teams in 2008 and slowly grew to 12 teams and this season jumped to 16 teams... an amazing feat! The league has now set a lofty goal of doubling the league for the 2011/2012 season.

So how did this happen? While bowling brings the league together, it's the events that happen outside the bowling center that keeps bowlers coming to Centreville Pride. This season, the league has hosted billiard nights, social events at *So Addictive Lounge* (an up-and-coming gay bar in Herndon, VA) and various game nights. Fun doesn't stop when the league ends. This summer, the league has plans to stay active with monthly meet-ups: trips to NoVA's wineries on the menu as well as outdoor events like a hike to Old Rag Mountain. Word of mouth is probably the largest contributing factor to Centreville Prides growth. The league has reached out to other area GLBT groups, like Dulles Triangles, and left open invites to all there to come meet the league. People forget how much fun bowling can be. Bring a friend to Centreville Pride and they seem to get hooked by a friendly, social group of guys and gals that socialize outside of the DC bar/club scene.

Sure, social nights and billiards are fun outside of the bowling center, but work is done to keep the league informed. To keep our members current with information and to gain more interest in our league from potential new members, it has begun a newsletter and developed a website (www.centrevillepride.com) that showcases weekly scores, photos, league challenges, free practice times and so forth to build a more interactive presence.

The league isn't the only thing that is improving. The bowling center has revealed plans for renovation to include new monitors, seating areas and carpet. Centreville Pride bowls Wednesday nights at 7:50 p.m. at AMF Centreville Lanes, 13814 Lee Highway, Centreville, VA 20120. Visit www.centrevillepride.com for more information.

Congratulations to Gary Deinken and Scott Skidmore for bowling perfect 300 games.



2011 CARA INTRALEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER CARA SUNDAY NIGHT MIXED

Congratulations to the CARA Sunday Night Mixed league for winning this year's CARA Intra-League Championship. The annual competition, held April 16 at Rinaldi's Bowling Lanes in Riverdale, MD, included teams representing nine CARA leagues. The winning team members were Walt Reichenbach, Cathy Tebo, Carol Hammock, Fred Jankowsky and Darrick Washington. The team members each receive \$20 and a plaque, and the league will host next year's tournament at Bowl America Shirley. This is CARA Sunday's second time winning the award.

2011 CARA ROGER NEWMAN AWARD WINNER JAMES "HAWK" CRUTCHFIELD

During the CARA Intra-League Tournament, President Les Johnson presented the Roger Newman Award to James "Hawk" Crutchfield. Hawk received CARA's highest honor for his many years of dedicated service to CARA, having served as President for a record six terms, Secretary for four years and on its Board since its founding in 1995. He has served as Publicity Chair for the past 12 years and helped create the CARA website and newsletter. He has also served on the CHIT committee, as a league officer and directed one-day CARA tournaments. He has bowled on the Free State Mixed League for 25 years. Hawk has also been honored several times by local GLBT social and activist groups for his service, including as a Capital Pride Hero in 2004.

BRIAN PATRICK MOORE

Brian Patrick Moore, age 46, of Potomac Falls, VA, died on January 5, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer at Mt. Vernon Hospital, Alexandria, VA. He was born on May 8, 1964, in St. Louis, MO. Brian retired from the FAA as an air traffic controller after 25 years of service. He was a singer with the musical group The Washington Revels and a former member of MOASIC Harmony Choir. Brian was an avid bowler, a world traveler, and a voting member of the Grammy Recording Academy. Brian is survived by his partner, Michael Coffey of Manassas, VA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 442, Needham, MA 02494.



KEVIN TAYLOR MEDWEDFF

Kevin Taylor Medwedeff, age 46, of Washington, DC, passed away suddenly on February 13, 2011. Kevin was a 1982 graduate of James Madison High School and a 1987 graduate of Penn State University. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org), your local Animal Rescue League or the Whitman-Walker Clinic, (www.wwc.org).



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Monday, July 18, 8-10 p.m.

AMF Annandale Lanes

4445 Markham Street, Annandale, VA

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All metro area GLBT groups are invited

CARA SUMMER LEAGUES

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TUESDAYS: Starting June 7, 7:30 P.M.

AMF Alexandria Lanes

6228A N. King Hwy

Alexandria, VA

WEDNESDAYS: Starting June 1, 7:30 P.M.

White Oak Duckpin Lanes

11207 New Hampshire Avenue

Silver Spring, MD

THURSDAYS: Starting June 2, 7:30 P.M.

Bowl America Lanes

140 S. Maple Avenue

Falls Church, VA

For additional information and updates visit:

www.carabowling.org

UPCOMING IGBO TOURNAMENTS

IGBOXXXI

Toronto, ON, Canada • May 25–30, 2011

GRITS – Girls Rolling in the South

Richmond, VA • June 3–5, 2011

GIFT – Gay/Lesbian Invitation Fellowship Tournament

Cleveland, OH • June 10–12, 2011

LBI - Liberty Belle Invitational

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Fellow Bowlers,

Please join me in congratulating both Bill Roman and Joe Forti as they depart the Washington, DC, area and head toward new adventures down in Virginia Beach. Both Bill and Joe have been dedicated members of our bowling community, having served as officers and directors within CARA, CHIT and IGBO, as well as having served as various league officers to several of our CARA leagues. We will dearly miss them, but know that they will always be friends who are not that far away.

We wish them continued success and hope to see them around at future IGBO tournaments as well as at CHIT. Best of luck to you both!

—Les Johnson, CARA President



It's our differences that make us great.

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