



# CARA

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# CARA Members Assume New Leadership Roles

Several CARA bowlers have ascended the leadership ranks of several area organizations.

Les Johnson resigned as CARA President at the association's January 21 meeting so that he may run for President of Team DC, a membership-optional umbrella organization that promotes visibility and participation in, as well as communication among, local GLBT sports groups. CARA is one of 28 groups that are members of Team DC. On January 28, Johnson was elected Team DC President.



Johnson

Effective after Johnson's resignation, CARA Vice President Robert Treadway assumed the role of CARA President. Walt Reichenbach was then elected to fill the vacant Vice President position.



Treadway

Reichenbach was also elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Nation's Capital Area U.S. Bowling Congress Association (NCAUSBCA) at its annual meeting on February 26. He will be one



Reichenbach

of only two Board members who bowl in a CARA league and one of only two gay board members.

Several CARA members were also elected to head the 2012 Capital Halloween Invitational Tournament (CHIT). Adam Boenning was selected as Executive Director; Jim Giordano was named Director of Operations; CARA Secretary Steve Frable was elected Director of Marketing; and John Jensen and Gary Deinken will be Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, for the second year in a row.



Frable

## Elections to Be Held in May

The annual election of CARA officers will take place at its May 9 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:** Helping to schedule fundraising events and solicit advertisers and sponsors
- **Tournaments:** Coordinate and tabulate results for CARA's few mini-tournaments held throughout the year.

Interested parties should contact the Nomination Committee Chairman by May 1 at [cararainbowlers@gmail.com](mailto:cararainbowlers@gmail.com).

## Fontaine Awarded CARA's Highest Honor

CARA President Les Johnson bestowed the 2011 Roger Newman Award, its highest honor, to Robert "Pixie" Fontaine in a ceremony at Nellie's Sports Bar on December 11, 2011. The award is given annually by the CARA president to someone who has made a significant contribution to the bowling community.

Fontaine has been involved and active in GLBT bowling since 1982. During the course of the past 30 years, he has held the positions of president and secretary of Pride of Alexandria, president of the summer duckpin league and has served as the president of the Friday Free State Mixed league in Bethesda for the past three years.

Fontaine has also been active for the past 25 years with a variety of duties for the annual Capital Halloween Invitational Tournament,



serving as tournament director for five years. He also was the hospitality chair for the International Gay Bowling Organization Mid-Year Tournament in 2010.

## LEAGUE SPOTLIGHTS

# The Rainbowl League



**The Rainbowl League**

CARA's newest league (began November 1, 2011), the Rainbowl League, bowls Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at AMF College Park Lanes, 9021 Baltimore Blvd., College Park, MD 20740. This is a social league composed of 1-person teams. The league has room to expand and is looking for both new and experienced bowlers.

Singles leagues like this one might offer some challenge for high-average bowlers, since it's your own skin in the game, but it's also a small enough league where you can easily get to know everyone you bowl with.

In its inaugural season, every regular league member received a free pair of new bowling shoes and the league champion will receive a USBC championship ring.

The bowling center is a newer, modern-style AMF house and is inside the Beltway. On a side note, although the league is standard ten-pin bowling, half of the house is duckpin bowling.

For more information, contact CC at [ccfromdc2k4@msn.com](mailto:ccfromdc2k4@msn.com).

# We Are Everywhere



**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 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 had a "boxers and tank-top" theme night in February and will have a "wig night" in March and a "prom night" in April.

For more information, contact Clyde at [WeAreEverywhere.CARABowling@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreEverywhere.CARABowling@gmail.com).

# CARA Sunday Night Mixed



**CARA Sunday Night Mixed**

CARA Sunday Night Mixed bowls Sundays at 6 p.m. at Bowl America Shirley Lanes, 6450 Edsall Rd., Alexandria, VA. This is a social league composed of 4-person teams with a strong mixture of men and women. The league has 19 teams and welcomes bowlers of all skill levels to join them. This year, the league began in September and will end on May 6. CARA Sunday has two split-seasons (September-January and January-May), with a champion team named for each split-season and one overall champion team for the entire year. A holiday potluck was held in December and a banquet will be held in May at the end of the bowling season.

For more information, contact Walt at [wreichenbachjr@cox.net](mailto:wreichenbachjr@cox.net).



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## Preliminary Summer League Details Announced

Yes, with fall/winter leagues concluding next month, it's time to start thinking about summer leagues.

CARA will 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 5 • Ends August 14  
10 weeks in length, skipping July 3  
Contact Clyde at [clyde.conklin@gmail.com](mailto:clyde.conklin@gmail.com)

### Wednesdays **\*\*Duckpin League\*\***

White Oak Duckpin Lanes  
11207 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD  
3-person teams  
7:30 p.m. start time  
Begins June 6 • Ends August 15  
10 weeks in length, skipping July 4  
Contact Richard at [richaron@usa.net](mailto:richaron@usa.net)

### Thursdays

Bowl America Falls Church  
40 S. Maple Ave., Falls Church  
3-person teams  
7:30 p.m. start time  
Begins May 31 • Ends August 9  
10 weeks in length, skipping July 5  
Contact Les at [les.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:les.johnson@gmail.com)

And although CARA is not organizing it, some higher-average bowlers are trying to form a sports pattern league for Wednesdays this summer at Bowl America Shirley. Anyone wanting further information on this league should contact Stephen at [stephenowens34@gmail.com](mailto:stephenowens34@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!

## NOT A MEMBER OF THE DC BOWLING LISTESERV?

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 your name and e-mail address to [cararainbowlers@gmail.com](mailto:cararainbowlers@gmail.com).**



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## NATION'S CAPITAL AREA USBC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Below is information on events from the Nation's Capital Area U.S. Bowling Congress Association (your local association). For more information on NCAUSBCA programs, visit [www.ncausbca.org](http://www.ncausbca.org).

The entry deadline for the **67th Annual NCAUSBCA Open Championship Tournament** is March 15. Entry forms are available in nearly all bowling centers and online at [www.ncausbca.org/tournament/2012\\_open\\_entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.ncausbca.org/tournament/2012_open_entry_form.pdf). The team event is at Bowl America Shirley, and Doubles/Singles is at Bowl America Woodbridge.

The February/March issue of *BOWL Magazine* has been distributed to bowling centers and is available online at [www.ncausbca.org/index2.html](http://www.ncausbca.org/index2.html). The issue features tips on conquering the pesky 10 pin and what to do if you get calluses on your thumb. A supplemental edition featuring election results and photos from the annual meeting is available online at [www.ncausbca.org/bowlmag/archives/2012\\_annual\\_meeting\\_report.pdf](http://www.ncausbca.org/bowlmag/archives/2012_annual_meeting_report.pdf).

**67th Annual NCAUSBCA Women's Championship Tournament:** March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at Bowl America Burke.

## AMF IN-HOUSE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to the many CARA bowlers that have advanced to the district finals for the AMF In-House Tournament. This is a tournament that AMF holds within its bowling centers and is open to any league member bowling on an AMF league.

- Open - Travis Collins (Pride of Alexandria)
- A1 - Stephen Owens (Ten-Pin Pride)
- A2 - Les Johnson (Pride of Alexandria)
- A3 - Paul Reosti (Pride of Alexandria) and Julien Dupuis (SMACK)
- A4 - Carl Cox (Pride of Alexandria)
- A5 - Mike Walker (Pride of Alexandria)
- B1 - Christian Sacdalan (Pride of Alexandria)
- B2 - Lorenzo Bostick (Pride of Alexandria)
- B3 - Jeff Hurt (We Are Everywhere)
- B4 - Rob Treadway (Ten-Pin Pride)
- B6 - Dedrick Harris (Pride of Alexandria)
- C1 - T.D. Harrel (We Are Everywhere) (also qualified 6th in Alexandria)
- C2 - Michael Lanham (Pride of Alexandria)
- C3 - Dale Henges (Pride of Alexandria)
- C4 - Pat Rudd (We Are Everywhere)
- C5 - Matty Reeder (Ten Pin Pride)
- C6 - Ben Guerra (We Are Everywhere)

Many of these folks have already won some money and can win more if they place in Fredricksburg over St. Patrick's Day weekend.

Winners in each division there advance to Las Vegas (trip paid for by AMF). Here's hoping we have some free trips to announce for our bowlers!

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