

# HISTORY OF THE I.B.E.W. TOURNAMENT

What is now known as the I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament originated in St. Louis, Missouri, in January 1945 when the late International President, E.J. Brown, who happened to be in St. Louis, learned that the St. Louis Contractor Association was sponsoring a 12-team league made up of members of Local Union No. 1. President Brown, aware of the fact that the Milwaukee Contractors Association was also sponsoring a league, suggested a match between the two cities.

Arrangements were made that matched the three top teams of each city in a three-game match. Each team bowled at home and scores were relayed by telephone.

The St. Louis team won and became the temporary holders of a beautiful trophy donated by President Brown. This trophy must be won by a city three times before it can retain permanent possession.

## **Milwaukee, WI-Second, 1946**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament took place in Milwaukee, April 13-14, 1946. Entries from other cities swelled the number of teams to 47. It was a great success and it was decided that this event should be held annually.

The St. Louis team won the 5-man event with a score of 3097 giving them two legs on the International trophy.

## **Detroit, MI-Third, 1947**

The late President Tracy threw the first ball opening the third tournament which was held in Detroit, sponsored by Local No. 58. Sixty-eight teams fired away, and, when the scores were added up, the OHMS team of Local No. 58, Detroit, was declared the winners with a score of 3111.

A gay party was held at the Detroit Hotel for more than 600 bowlers, visitors, and guests.

## **St. Louis, MO-Fourth, 1948**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Tournament was back in St. Louis where it began. This time 69 5-man teams were treated to a fine banquet and show at the Hotel Statler.

When the dust had settled on the lanes, Team No. 2 of Local No. 134, Oakland, IL, was far out in front with a score of 3310 which is still the highest score to be recorded in the 29 years the tournament has existed.

If memory serves me right, Vice-President F.W. Jacobs fired the first ball at a red-ribbon head pin. The results of that shot I cannot recall.

## **Chicago, IL-Fifth, 1949**

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The late International President, J. Scott Milne, who was the International Secretary at the time, opened the 5<sup>th</sup> Tournament with a perfect strike.

Local No. 134 also scored with the bowlers and their wives by having a gala affair which was outstanding. This affair was held at the LaSalle Hotel.

A Chicago team, Team No. 4 of Local 371, won first place honors with a score of 2961.

A fine trophy, donated by Local No. 58, Detroit, was presented to the winners.

## **Cleveland, OH-Sixth, 1950**

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland was Host City. Local No. 38 was the Host Local to the largest number of bowlers yet with 208 5-man teams entered.

President Gordon M. Freeman, who was then Vice President of the 14<sup>th</sup> District, rolled the opening ball; results unknown.

The hospitality extended to the bowlers was fantastic with a wonderful banquet and show.

Top prize money for the 5-man events went to Local Union No. 723 of Fort Wayne, IN. They toppled 3228 pins to win.

## **Miami, FL-Seventh, 1951**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament was held in the fair city of Miami. Vice President G.X. Barker rolled the first ball for a perfect strike, which was followed by many more before this event was over.

Detroit Local No. 58 Electronics Team No. 1 was the winner with a score of 3117.

Brother I. Malley of Local No. 134 in Oaklawn, IL, shot the highest single score, 749, which is tops for the tournament.

## **Louisville, KY-Eighth, 1952**

Louisville was Host to the 8<sup>th</sup> Tournament and President Jimmy Brown extended the official welcome to the bowlers.

140 teams clashed for honors, and with International President Gordon Freeman, and then Vice President, leading the way with a ten-pin strike, the tournament was officially on.

Local Union No. 8 of Toledo, OH, won the 5-man event with a score of 2993.

## **Indianapolis, IN-Ninth, 1953**

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163 teams from 31 Local Unions were welcomed to Indianapolis for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament.

Buffet, luncheon, refreshments, and dancing were part of the festivities which were extended to the bowlers and guests at the Claypool Hotel.

Local No. 39 of Cleveland was the lucky five who won team honors with a score of 3042.

Bowlers and their guests enjoyed themselves during the 2-day stay in this fair city and had the added thrill of wagering a little on the Derby which was fun in nearby Louisville.

C. Stoner and C. Miller, Local No. 202 of Rochester, N.Y., took the doubles event crown with 1477, the highest total for this event. F. Collins of Local No. 697 gave everyone a thrill by firing 11 consecutive strikes for a 297 single game, which is still a record.

### **Kansas City, MO-Tenth, 1954**

Kansas City Local No. 124 played host for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament. About 117 teams entered in the competition with one of the home teams leading the way with a total of 3005 pins toppled.

The lady guests were treated to some very fine entertainment while the bowlers toiled away at picking spares.

All present enjoyed a fine dinner and show on Saturday night plus plenty of refreshments.

### **Toledo, OH-Twelfth, 1956**

On May 5 and 6, Toledo was invaded by 234 5-man teams, the largest group thus far. Local No. 8 is to be congratulated for this very successful tournament.

Krizesak Recreation of Local No. 38 in Cleveland won the team event with 3158. A. Cioffi of Local No. 38 won the singles with 761. This was the highest for this event until 1986 and became the first bowler to win two events when he totaled 2030 for All Events, which is also high.

### **Cincinnati, OH-Eleventh, 1955**

Ohio's "Queen City," Cincinnati, was the home of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament. The Electronics team of Local No. 58 bested all comers in the 5-man event.

### **Des Moines, IA-Thirteenth, 1957**

Des Moines, the most western city to favor us thus far as the home city, welcomed bowlers from all parts of the country for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament.

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184 teams came out west and when the shooting was over, the 5 men of Local No. 347 of the host city took the loot with a fine score of 3000. They also were awarded the traveling trophy presented by President Gordon F. Teeman and Secretary Joseph Keenan last year.

### **Detroit, MI-Fourteenth, 1958**

Locals No 17 and 58 of Detroit co-sponsored the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament and 272 teams traveled to the Motor City, the largest group thus far. These Locals deserve a lot of credit as they accepted the huge job with less than a year to prepare themselves for this Tournament.

The 3151 points wobbled over by the Kenmore Atlantic Service team of Local No. 201, Beaver Falls, PA, was the best score for the team event.

### **Fort Wayne, IN-Fifteenth, 1959**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament at Fort Wayne was again an outstanding one. A 5-man team traveled all the way from Hawaii to participate in this competition.

The bowlers and their wives enjoyed an excellent banquet followed by a fine show.

The Motors Team from Local No. 38 of Cleveland won the team championship trophy.

Another first in the history of the tournament occurred when E. Weissflug of St. Louis and Leo Carr, Sr., of Chicago both rolled a 710 series in the singles event.

### **Milwaukee, WI-Sixteenth, 1960**

Local No. 494 should be given a lot of credit for this Tournament as all the Keglers and wives had a wonderful time with tours, luncheon and style show for the ladies, a fine banquet and entertainment for all.

Again, the number of teams, 274 entered, made this the largest group in the history of the tournament to date.

Once more, a Local No. 39 team, Storer Recreation #2, captured top honors thereby retiring the championship trophy as this was the third win for Cleveland.

R.G. Peterson of Local No. 349 won the All Events trophy with a record-breaking 2063.

### **Chicago, IL-Seventeenth, 1961**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Tournament was held in Chicago sponsored by Local No. 697 of Hammond, IN, with 284 teams entered.

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This was the largest tournament in the history of the event.

Local No. 697 went all out and made this a very wonderful trip, which the bowlers and their wives will all long remember.

International President Gordon Freeman and Secretary Joseph Keenan presented another trophy, which Local No. 38 of Cleveland took home with a score of 3118 for the 5-man event.

### **Jacksonville, FL-Eighteenth, 1962**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Tournament was held in Jacksonville with Local No. 177 being the host and also celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Everyone who made this trip remarked about the wonderful time they had and only wish that they would have had more time to stay and enjoy the Florida sunshine.

The "Championship Trophy" donated by International President Gordon Freeman and Secretary Joseph Keenan moved to a new city as M.J. Kennedy's #2 team of Local No. 134. Chicago rolled a 3059 scratch and with a handicap of 147 pins totaled 3206 for the first place.

### **St. Louis, MO-Nineteenth, 1963**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Tournament was held in St. Louis. Local No. 1 was the host; they celebrated the dedication of their beautiful new union building. Everyone enjoyed the fine hospitality shown them during the three days in St. Louis. This year the championship trophy moved to Springfield, IL.

### **Pittsburgh, PA-Twentieth, 1964**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Tournament was held in Pittsburgh where Local No. 201, Beaver, PA, and Local No. 142 in Pittsburgh, were co-hosts.

178 teams gathered at Pittsburgh where Team No. 5 of Local No. 134, Oaklawn, IL, had a pin fall of 3148 to capture first place.

### **Jacksonville, FL-Twenty-first, 1965**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Tournament was again held in Jacksonville on May 21-23, 1965, with Local No. 177 as host. A Florida team took the honors, with 3118 being rolled by the Gabrio Electric Team of Local No. 308, Largo, FL. Singles event went to A. Cheves of Local No. 915 in Tampa with a rousing 730, and doubles to L. Byory and B. Heath of Baltimore, MD, of Local No. 24 on a 1355 series. Eric Clee took all events trophy with a total of 2019.

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### **Phoenix, AZ-Twenty-second, 1966**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Tournament was held in Phoenix, May 20-22, 1966, with Local No. 640 as host and with 73 teams entered. This was the first most westward city to host the Tournament and in the beautiful Valley of the Sun, where East meets West.

The championship trophy, donated by International President Gordon Freeman, traveled to Milwaukee's Local No. 494 Parkway Recreation with a pin fall of 3056 Singles, Local No. 38, Cleveland, Joe Swisher 719, Doubles, Local No. 58, Detroit, Vic Rizzo and Tim O'Connell 1314. All events, Local No. 640, Phoenix, Charles A Porter 1991.

### **Louisville, KY-Twenty-third, 1967**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Tournament was held in Louisville, May 26-28, 1967, with Local 369 to host the 125 teams.

The tempo of the tournament was high and could be matched only by the Derby itself as Local No. 204 Beaver Falls, topped Local No. 357, Las Vegas, by only 4 pins with 3083. Ralph Irwin and Richard Bailey, Local No. 648, topped doubles with a 1352, as Glen Cuse, Local No. 306, took singles with 709. All events were a tie by Jack Engleton, Local No. 648, and Ray Yates, Local No. 369, each came in with a 1934.

### **Las Vegas, NV-Twenty-fourth, 1968**

Local No. 357 upheld the tradition of having another fine tournament this year with 126 teams entered.

Team honors went to Team No. 5, Local No. 369 in Louisville with a 3111 score but the host Local came close with 3100. Harold Turkey, Local No. 640, Phoenix struck it rich with a rousing 728 in Singles. Doubles victors were Earl Brass and Ed Posna from Cleveland Local No. 38, with 1377 and Bob Davison of Local No. 349 in Miami bowled them over with a nice 1990 in All Events.

### **Lansing, MI-Twenty-fifth, 1969**

Local No. 665 was the host for the Silver Anniversary Tournament with 202 teams entered. Lansing is the smallest Local with only 250 members to host the Tournament.

Detroit Local No. 58 retired another International trophy when Southeastern Electric Company won the handicap team event with 3140.

First place singles was won by Doug Vogt, Local No. 58, Detroit, with a rousing 734. Doubles champions were Bob Snethen and Lyman Han, from Miami Local No. 349 with 1383. Joseph

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Bianco, Local No. 252, Ann Arbor, captured All Events with 1983.

Arthur Ostrow of Local No. 58 in Detroit won a special trophy for high game of the tournament with a nifty 266. Special A.B.C. awards were presented to Roger Ankley, Local No. 150 Waukegan, IL, for picking up the 4-6-7-10 split; Bruce Winchell, Local No. 557, Saginaw, MI, for a 148 triplicate; Arthur Ostrow, Local No. 58, Detroit, and Jim Christner, Local No. 712, New Brighton, PA for 100 pins over average one game; and to Ron Morrison, Local No. 1., St. Louis, for a beautiful 702 actual series.

Local No. 665, Lansing, donated a 51" Silver Anniversary Trophy for high actual team score in the Tournament and was won by Local No. 353 in Lansing, the first year with a score of 286. The silver Anniversary trophy may be retained one year by each team winning it, but it cannot be retired and will travel to each Tournament throughout the years.

### **Santa Ana, CA-Twenty-sixth, 1970**

The 116 teams participated in the first I.B.E.W. tournament to be held on the West Coast. Hospitality and programmed events handled by Local No. 441 were excellent, and it goes without saying the setting was in the home of fun, which was Disneyland.

Highlights of this event were a trophy presented to Brother Harry Langing, 82, retired member of Local No. 1, St. Louis, who has attended 26

tournaments and is still bowling. Another special trophy was presented to Local No. 3, New York City, for having traveled the most distance to a tournament, along with just nosed out Local No. 349 in Miami.

Another highlight was the International Office donating a new trophy since Local No. 58, Detroit, and retained possession of the past trophy by virtue of having won three times the team event.

Team honors went to Local No. 665, Lansing, with pin fall of 3074. Local No. 357, Las Vegas, won high scratch series with a pin fall of 2846. Local No. 349, Miami, who ran second best on distance to the tournament and on Team event came through in flying colors on the following: Brother Bill Langer III, won the Singles event with a total of 708 pins, Harry DeBaby and Robert Davison won the Doubles event with a total of 1360 pins, and Brother Harry DeBaby won the coveted All Events with a total of 1971 pins.

### **Miami, FL-Twenty-seventh, 1971**

After two decades, the I.B.E.W. Annual Bowling Tournament returned to Miami thereby giving Local Union No. 349 a second chance to host the tournament, and a first opportunity to show off their newly remodeled union hall on hospitality night. Even the land-lubbers enjoyed the boat ride to the banquet, which was followed by a water ski show.

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Unfortunately, this tournament was scheduled during a recession period on the country, but none of the grandeur was taken away as 101 teams participated.

A special trophy was given to Team No. 1 of Local 201, Beaver, for their high actual score of 2665. Local No. 441, Anaheim, CA, furthest distance team, Diversified Electric, walked away with the International Office's Pillard-Keenan Trophy, as well as the 27<sup>th</sup> Tournament Trophy for their high handicap score of 3076. Second place handicap team trophy was shared by Local No. 201 Team No. 1 in Beaver and hosting Local No. 349's Interstate Electric Team, both with a score of 3013. First place Singles score, 697, was bowled by Local No. 824's Bob Cash. First place All Events was won by Stan Lewis of Local No. 441 with a score of 1974. Father and son team of Robert Mitchell, Sr., and Jr., won the first place Doubles event with a score of 1323 from Local No. 56.

Charles Pillard-Joseph Keenan Trophy, as this was the third win of Local No. 38, Cleveland, (1959-1961-1972), with 3163.

Singles, Local No. 134 in Chicago, Bernie Connors, 702; Doubles, Local No. 3, New York Bob Gauer and Arnie Lipshetz 1355: All Events, Local No. 349 in Miami, Herman Nottbohn with 1979.

The Traveling Silver Anniversary Trophy for high actual team score was won by Team #1, 2765, Local No. 134, Chicago.

Another first in the history of the Tournament occurred with Local No. 353, Toronto, Ont., Canada, sent two teams to participate in the Tournament. Cliff Steane of Local No. 353 was presented a trophy of Goodwill by our President, J. Gilbert Steele, and Don Azzolina, the Tournament Chairman at the banquet. A good time was had by all.

### **Cleveland, OH-Twenty-eighth, 1972**

Cleveland, Ohio – “The Best Location in the Nation” was the host city for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament. 193 teams entered the Tournament.

Our Business Manager, Richard D. Acton, threw out the first ball at both lanes to start the Bowling Tournament.

Credit Union West captured top honors, thereby retiring the I.O.'s

### **Kansas City, MO-Twenty-ninth, 1973**

After a 19-year absence, the Annual I.B.E.W. Tournament returned to the “Heart of America,” Kansas City, Missouri. Local No. 124, under the leadership of Chairman Han Brunke and Ken Troutwine, did an outstanding job in making sure everyone attending had an enjoyable time. 162 teams, from 15 states, participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament.

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The Traveling Silver Anniversary Trophy for high actual team score went to Harmony Club of Local No. 134 in Chicago with 2722.

Astor Electric, Local No. 349 in Miami, captured the Team title with 3072. Top man in the All Events was Craig Durham, Local No. 349, Miami with 1978. The Singles champion was Norman Hurst, Local No. 369, Louisville, with a score of 707. Henry Heacock and Ben Marks, Local NO. 349, Miami, combined for 1377 pins to take the Doubles event.

High game scratch went to Duane Dunn, Local No. 51, Springfield with 278 and Ron Krumme, Local No. 212, Cincinnati, took scratch high series with 670.

### **Louisville, KY-Thirtieth, 1974**

Louisville was the scene of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Tournament held on July 14-16 with 183 teams.

Local No. 349 in Miami again topped the handicap teams to win the Championship, the second year in a row with 3134. Louisville was the runner-up. The Silver Anniversary trophy from Lansing for high actual team score was won by Patterson, NJ, Local No. 102 with a 2662.

Singles Champion was Pete Grande of New York, Local No. 3 with a nice 707. Doubles victors were Jim Worley and Joe Tobin from Cleveland Local No. 38, scoring 1361. All Events

trophy winner was Tom Olender of Toledo Local No. 8, with a very nice 2008 total. Winners of Special Trophies were Walt Faulner, Local No. 51, Springfield, for high actual game of 2667, and Wiley Hulett, Local No. 1, St. Louis, for high actual series of 657.

### **Lansing, MI-Thirty-first, 1975**

Lansing again the host of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament was held May 30 through June 1 with 175 teams.

Miami's Local No. 349 won team honors with the third straight time with a 3134 to retire the President's Trophy. Canton, Ohio, Local No. 540 was second, only one pin behind with a 3133.

Singles Champion was Don O'Shea of Local No. 1, St. Louis, with a fine 704. Doubles honors went to Ivan Erikson of Local No. 876, Kokomo, IN, and Bob Holland of Local No. 58, Detroit, with a 1330. All Events Champion Dave Luotonen rolled a fantastic 2015 and 655 actual to take that award. Other special awards went to Lansing for high team actual with 2886 and Mike St. Charles of Local No. 58, Detroit, with a fine 275.

### **Washington, DC.-Thirty-second, 1976**

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The Bicentennial year of the United States of America 1976 will be remembered by all I.B.E.W. members who competed in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament. The visit to our National Capital was a review of Our American History from 1776 to 1976 – 200 Years of American Freedom to all.

Washington, D.C. Local No. 26 hosted all of the visitors in true American style. The competition for bowling was headed by “Ollies Follies” five-man leaders Local No. 26 Washington, D.C., with a total of 3095; second place Local No. 212 Team 4 in Cincinnati, total 3085. Singles event was captured by Bob Whiteman. Holland, OH, scored 724. Doubles event winners Laidlaw and Hall of Ypsilanti, MI, with 1357. All Events was topped by champion Ray McCarthy, Chicago, 1928 Total. High individual game 254 scratch went to Bill Stewart in Dayton.

### **Buffalo, NY-Thirty-third 1977**

Local No. 41, Buffalo, hosted the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual bowling Tournament on June 3-5.

Honors for the Team event went to Team 9 of Buffalo with a score of 3075. This same team also won the actual team trophy. Buffalo teams 5 and 7 placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the team event.

The Singles event was captured by G. Weber of Louisville with a 700 score. Doubles honors went to H.

Hoffman and T. Kreczo of Cleveland with a score of 1293. The All Events crown went to William Langer, Jr. of Miami with a combined score of 1964, which included the high actual series of the Tournament, a fine 670. The high actual Single game trophy was awarded to P. Berrier of Harrisburg for a 244 game.

### **Dayton, OH-Thirty-fourth, 1978**

Local No. 825, Dayton, hosted the Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament on June 9-11.

Allied Union Club of New York Local No. 3 bested some 150 other teams with a score of 693. The Doubles winners were Jack Jaiger and Wil Brennan of Chicago Local No. 134 with the score of 1340. Tom Sigurdson of Toledo Local Union No. 8 headed the All Events.

### **Harrisburg, PH-Thirty-fifth, 1979**

Local Union No. 143, Harrisburg, was proud to have hosted the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament on June 15-17.

The team from Local No. 307, Cumberland, MD, distinguished themselves by taking first place in the Team event with a score of 3116.

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The Doubles winners were Brothers Lou Moyer and Henry Becker from Local No. 26, Washington, D.C., with a score of 1357. The Singles honor went to Brother Bush from Local No. 38, Cleveland, with a score of 719. Top honors in All Events went to Brother Lou Moyer from Local No. 26, Washington, D.C. with a score of 1980.

### **St. Louis, MO-Thirty-sixth, 1980**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Tournament was held in St. Louis. Local No. 1 was the host for the first time in over a decade.

Everyone that made this trip remarked about the wonderful time that they had and how kind and generous the Anheuser-Busch Company was to Local No. 1 and the 36<sup>th</sup> tournament. Honors for the Team event went to Teel Lighting from Local No. 1 with a score of 3129.

Singles Champion was Irv Blaszyński of Local No. 134 from Chicago with a nice 739. Doubles victors were Newbold and Radloff from Detroit Local No. 58, scoring 1429. The All Events trophy winner was Earl Balse of St. Louis Local No. 1 with a very nice 2028.

### **Miami, FL-Thirty-seventh, 1981**

After a decade, the I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament returned to Miami.

In a recession year a small but spirited group of 70 teams made their way south, to enjoy the hospitality of Local No. 349 and to bask in our Florida sunshine.

The highlights of the weekend were a beer bash at poolside and a stunning Hawaiian review at our dinner dance, both of which took place at the world famous Fountainbleu Hotel.

Don Carter, All Star bowler of yesteryear, threw out the first ball at this beautiful Kendale Lanes.

Team honors went to Eagle Brand Snacks of Local No. 1 in St. Louis. The Singles title went to John Morris, Local No. 212, from Cincinnati, with 726. The Doubles event went to Ken Hunt, our International tournament Director, and Jerry Ward, Local No. 26, of Washington, D.C. with 1366. Larry Oyer, Local No. 88, from Chillicothe captures All Events with 1969. A good time was had by all!

### **Cleveland, OH,-Thirty-eight, 1982**

The 38<sup>th</sup> I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 18-20.

Cleveland Local No. 38 was the host for the third time since the start of the tournaments. Donald Azzolina was the tournament Chairman for the second time.

Since Las Vegas Local No. 357 did not have a bowling league, Don asked for permission from Local No. 1

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357 President Albert Cecil Wynn, Jr., who in turn presented it to the Executive Board and cleared the way for Local No. 38 to have the Tournament held there. It was also noted at the Captain's meeting at the St. Louis Tournament, June 1980.

There were 106 teams that entered the Tournament and we called this very successful since our country had been in a deep recession. Local No. 357 business manager, Rory R. Smith, threw out the first ball at the Showboat Lanes to start the tournament.

The Team trophy was captured by Triangle 3038 of Detroit, Local No. 58; Singles, Local No. 26, Washington, D.C., Monte Brown 688; Doubles, Local No. 147, Decatur, IL, Bob Cribbs and Doug Williams, 1300. All Events, Local No. 38, Detroit, Geary Idol, 1983.

I want to thank Local No. 357 in Las Vegas once again for letting us host the I.B.E. W. Bowling Tournament in their territory.

### **Washington, D.C.-Thirty-ninth, 1983**

Local No. 26, Washington, D.C., hosted the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament in the Nation's Capital. Members from 82 teams and their guests enjoyed the many national monuments and museums from June 17-19.

Wade Sheriff, the newly elected Business manager of Local No. 26, threw out the first ball.

Three teams from Local No. 26 topped the Team event with top honors to Number 1 with a 2992, second place to the Castaways with a 2943, and third place to the Mod Squad with a 2914. Doubles honors went to Greg Blaszyński and Jim Maloney from Local No. 134, Chicago, with a 1331. Second place went to Ken Hunt, International Tournament Director, and Jerry Ward, from Local No. 26, with a 1316. Singles champion was Bruce Ronkette of Local No. 26 with a fine 710 and the All Events title went to Paul Robinson also of the Local No. 26 with an outstanding 2030.

The members of Local No. 26, Washington, D.C. would like to thank all those who participated for their support.

### **Atlantic City, NJ-Fortieth, 1984**

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament was held March 30 – April 1 for the first time in Atlantic City by the Electrical Workers bowling League of Local No. 26, Washington, D.C.

Even with the lack of bowling lanes in Atlantic City, a tropical storm that flooded half the city, and a short four months to arrange the tournament, a grateful group of 82 teams arrived for the competition.

Team event honors went to the All-stars of Local No. 3, New York, with a 3072. Second place went to Team No. 1, Local 25, Long Island, with a 3067.

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The Doubles event winners were Pete Reyes and Ralph Lilley of Local No. 26, Washington, D.C. with a 1332. The Singles honors went to Dave Cowan of Local No. 349, Miami, with a 698.

The All Events champion was Bud Satterfield of Local No. 26, Washington, D.C., with a 1931.

### **St. Louis, MO-Forty-first, 1985**

Local No. 1 in St. Louis again hosted the tournament, which was held on June 7-9. 94 teams and their guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Local and the Anheuser-Busch Company, who was so generous in the Gateway Arch City.

The team trophy was won with a score of 3017 by the MacAttack Local No. 26, Washington, D.C. The Singles Event was also won by Local No. 26, Washington, D.C. by member David Bruson with a score of 726.

For the Doubles, Mike Harris and Carl Moser from Local No. 349 in Miami, rolled 1347 to capture top honors. In the All Events, Jim Anderson brought fame to Local No. 150, Waukegan, IL, by rolling 2030 in the Tournament. The scratch team honors went to Gas Therms from Local 51, in Springfield with 2684 pins. One more winner was Neal Rosenburg from Local No. 3, in New York City, who rolled the highest game (258) at the Crossroads Bowl and took a brand new ball back home donated by the proprietor. A good time was had by all!

### **Chicago, IL-Forty-second, 1986**

Local No. 134 in Chicago hosted the Tournament on May 2-4 with Business Manager Tim Bresnahan and International Vice President, Jim Conway, opening the most record-busting tournament ever held in 42 years. One hundred and seven teams and their guests checked into the O'Hare Hyatt Regency for a weekend that many will never forget, be it the Town & Country Lanes, the Women's Tour, or the banquet.

Team No. 2, from Decatur, Local No. 146, broke a 38-year record by rolling 3334 pins in the team event. Will Brennan, from Local No. 134 in Chicago, broke the All Events' 26 year record with 2199 pins. Pete Grande and E. Roe from Local No. 3 in New York City broke the Doubles event record of 1 year with 1487 pins. Gary Underwood, from Local No. 146 in Decatur broke the Singles event 30-year record with 764. The 31-year old high game record of 297 was tied by Henry Williamson, from Local No. 58 in Detroit and was presented a wrist watch from the Town 7 Country Lanes to remember the happy event.

The Officers and Members of Local No. 134 in Chicago were proud and privileged to host this most exciting Tournament.

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### Oswego, NY-Forty-third, 1987

Local No. 328 in Oswego hosted the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament June 12-14, in Syracuse Members from 86 teams and their guests enjoyed the hospitality of the smallest Local ever to host this Tournament.

Wilbrod "Bud" Lagoe, a 60-year member of the Local, and Donald "Tunk" Ford, the President of Local No. 328 retirees Club, threw out the first balls at the Strike 'n' Spare Lanes in Syracuse.

SAS Electric, Inc., from Local No. 88 in Chillicothe, won the Team event with a score of 3141. In the All Events, Bob McBride from Local No. 102, Patterson, NJ, rolled a 2035 to take top honors. Joe Scott from Local No. 25, Long Island, NY, took the Singles event with a 709 score. In the Doubles event, John Cordier and Mark Foster from Local No. 139, Elmira NY, rolled 1319 to capture top honors.

Joe Sugar, Tournament chairman, would like to thank the members of Local No. 43 in Syracuse for letting us host the I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament in their territory.

The officers and Members of Local No. 328 in Oswego were proud and privileged to have hosted this Tournament.

### New York, NY-Forty-fourth, 1988

Local No. 3, New York City, hosted the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament on June 10-12 in the Big Apple.

Wireman Credit Union of Local No. 38 in Cleveland won the Team Event with a total pin count of 3037 pins. They were rewarded with \$500 and a team trophy. P. Newman and Pete Grande, Local No. 3, New York City, won Doubles with 1331 pins and T. Kosach, of Local No. 38, won the Singles Event with a high of 615.

Co-Chairmen Dan Caccavo and Art O'Connor, along with International Tournament Director Peter Grande, wish to thank everyone for making their first tournament a success.

The officers and members of Local No. 3, New York City, were proud to have hosted the 44<sup>th</sup> tournament.

### Buffalo, NY-Forty-fifth, 1989

Local No. 41 in Buffalo hosted the 45<sup>h</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament in 1989. It was the second tournament hosted by Local No. 41. there were 84 teams.

#### WINNING TEAMS:

- #1 Local No. 3 Catholic Council  
3112
- #2 Local No. 38 Oster Electric  
2017
- #3 Local No. 3 Westchester Mechanic  
2993

#### DOUBLES:

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- #1 Local No. 26 Harrelson and McClay 1349
- #2 Local No. 3 Falciano and Biaggi 1296
- #3 Local No. 6 Ready and Kuhn 1286

### SINGLES:

- #1 Local No. 26 Bill Maxwell 696
- #2 Local No. 26 Mark McElroy 691
- #3 Local No. 237 C. Krull 687

### ALL EVENTS:

- G. Croucher Local No. 38 1921

### Louisville, KY-Forty-sixth, 1990

The City of Louisville, Local No. 369 was the host of the 47<sup>th</sup> I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament during the Kentucky Derby racing season.

New York's Local No. 3 All Star Team bested all others in the Team Handicap Division with a 3313, as Local No. 26 "Winners" Team was second best with a 3226 score. Local No. 26 then won the Doubles Handicap events with a score of 1393 by Henry Becker and Paul McConkey, followed by Local No. 26 with a score of 1337 bowled by mark Crutchfield and Don Walker. Local No. 26's Paul Garber then took the Singles handicap with a 717 to best Local No. 105's Steve Cardwell 712. All Events winner with a score of 2076 was Kurt Radtke of Local No. 481. Highest average of tournament was 224 posted by Jeff Soots who bowled highest Single actual of 279 from Local No. 481.

### Hamilton, Ont-Forty-seventh, 1991

Local No. 105, Hamilton Ontario Canada, hosted the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament on June 28-30. This was the first tournament to be hosted by a Canadian Local and by the response and success there will be more in the future! The Tournament was officially opened by Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow, while Hamilton's Business Manager Pat Dillon and Tournament Chairman Dave Cardwell, and threw out the first balls at Hamilton Mountain Bowl. To commemorate this historical event, International Tournament Director Ken Hunt presented Brother Dillon with an American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capital.

Washington's Local No. 26 "Mo Heads" took top honors for the Team event with a score of 3059, while Cleveland's Local No. 38 "Pepco Electric" finished second with a score of 2984. Chicago's Tom Beran of Local No. 134 fired a 683 to win the Singles crown, with William Brunson of Washington's Local No. 26 and Angelo Desena of New York's Local No. 3 coming a close second with identical scores of 676. Walk Tomasin of the Host Local No. 105, and Skip Teaford of Columbus Local No. 683 teamed up to capture the Doubles title with a 1347 total, followed by Mike Rahm and Don Bennett of Local No. 1 St. Louis with 1308. Chuck McClay of Local No. 26 Washington bested all other bowlers to win the All Events title with 1978, with Bobby Christian from New York's Local

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No. 3 taking second place with a 1943 total.

This Tournament possibly pioneered the road for future tournaments to be held in Canada!

### **Columbus, OH-Forty-eight, 1992**

Local No. 88 in Chillicothe and Local No. 683 in Columbus co-hosted the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament in Columbus on June 6-8. 92 teams competed.

Local No. 146 #2 won the Team trophy with a total pin fall of 3063. Ted Bable and John Meier of Local No. 212 won the Doubles with 1401, and Ernie Williams of Local No. 683 won the Singles with 720. All Events were won by Chuck Wenning of Local No. 481.

Co-Chairmen Charley Leibrock, Bob Dolder, Skip Teaford, and Tony Lambert wish to thank everyone helping to make this Tournament a success.

The officers and members of Local Nos. 88 and 683 are proud to have hosted this Tournament.

### **Cincinnati, OH-Forty-ninth, 1993**

The 49<sup>th</sup> I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament in 1993 was held in Cincinnati's Local No. 212 for the first time since 1955. the Tournament was

held in the Queen city. The headquarters and banquet were located at the Clarion Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. The tournament was hosted by the Bowlers and Boosters Social Club of Local No. 212 along with their wives, friends, and families. Everyone's attendance was appreciated as well as 465 bowlers competed in the 2-day event. The mayor of the city presented our business manager a key to the city in thanks for the I.B.E.W. choosing to visit our city this year.

### **St. Louis, MO-Fiftieth, 1994**

Once again Local No. 1, St. Louis hosted the Annual Bowling Tournament. We had 445 bowlers in attendance and 205 guests. The ladies were presented with a commemorative snifter glass and a boat ride and luncheon while the men were bowling.

The food and entertainment were very good and it seemed that everyone had a good time.

The following were winners of the bowling events:

#### **Singles**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Russ Miller, Local No. 134 – 760

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Scott Gessner, Local No. 683 – 754

#### **Doubles**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \*Steve English & Angelo Raciti, Local No. 1 1526

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Maurice Leibert & L. Moch Sr., Local No. 201 1458

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### Teams

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pirates, Local No. 201 3142  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sacks Electric, Local No. 1  
3139

### All Events

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Russ Miller, Local No. 134  
2127  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ed Lyster, Local No. 481  
2010

\*The Doubles score of 1526 is  
the highest in Tournament history.

### Chicago, IL-Fifty-first, 1995

Local No. 134 in Chicago hosted  
the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling  
Tournament May 19-21. 425 bowlers  
participated and numerous guests were  
in attendance.

Tournament headquarters and  
banquet were located at the Hyatt  
O'Hare in Rosemont, IL. The dinner  
and entertainment were applauded by  
411 in antennae.

Co-Chairmen Will Brennan,  
Frank Hodges, Chuck Kozlow, and  
Scoring Chairman Dave Lee wish to  
thank everyone for making this  
Tournament a success.

The Tournament winners in 1995 were:

**Team:** Brennans, Local No. 134,  
Chicago, IL 3158

**Singles:** Fritz Kunz, Local No. 683,  
Columbus, OH 750

**Doubles:** Fritz Kunz, Local NO. 683,  
Columbus, OH, and Kevin Hurley, Local  
No. 8, Toledo, OH 1341

**All Events:** Fritz Kunz, Local No. 683,  
Columbus, OH 2085

### Washington, D.C.-Fifty-second, 1996

Venue, entertainment, and above  
all, the bowling all combined to make  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual I.B.E.W. Bowling  
Tournament one that will be long and  
fondly remembered with two new  
records set – singles and High game.

Brother Floyd Oden of Local No.  
3 in New York became the first in the  
Tournament's half-century plus history  
to roll a Perfect 300 Game. To formally  
commemorate the achievement, the  
Local No. 26 tournament presented a  
special individual trophy to Brother  
Oden at the tournament's banquet on  
Saturday.

Team 1 of Local No. 683,  
Columbus, took the Team event with a  
3289 handicap set to edge out the All-  
Stars of Local No. 3, New York, (3246  
set with a 1220 game), and a  
Tournament-weekend team of bowlers  
from Local No. 668, Lafayette, and  
Hosting Local No. 26 (3238 set).

Brothers Garich and Yaney of  
Columbus, Ohio's Local No. 683 took  
the Doubles event (1397) set including  
Garich's 772 set).

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The Tournament's Singles champ was Brother Mike Minch of Local No. 38, Cleveland, who rolled a pace setting 766 set (75 scratch). Brother Don Dearing of Local No. 481, Indianapolis, took the runner-up position with a 752 (704 scratch with a 286). Brother Wil Brennan rolled a memorable 277 scratch game in the Doubles event.

All-Events champ was Brother Robert Dennis of the Hosting Local No. 26. Over the weekend's nine games, Brother Dennis amasses a grand total of 2065 (with a 765/737 in the Team Event) to edge out Brother Oden (2053).

### **Detroit, MI-Fifty-third, 1997**

Local No. 58 in Detroit managed to host a spectacular Tournament in only a 3-month timeframe. The banquet (food and entertainment) was superb. Many brothers personally thanked our committee for hosting the Tournament.

This was the first year of the new handicap of 90% from 210. Two new records were set. Local No. 3, of New York's Neil Caturano rolled a fantastic 802 series during the Team event. In addition to the 800 ring from ABC, we presented him with a lovely clock plaque acknowledging his achievement at the banquet.

Brother Ed Dugan, Local No. 3, set a new Singles record of 777 with Phil Sell, Local No. 3, second with 735. Doubles went to a makeup team of Bob

Radloff, Local No. 58, and Tom Vetter, Local No. 369, Louisville, with a score of 1397. This was the second time Radloff has won Doubles (see 1980). Local No. 38, Cleveland's Rich Crumbley and Bill Marzole were runner-ups with 1367.

Team event was won by Local No. 3's "G.O.C." team (Kayla Grande, Norman Jadge, Jr., Herb Ortiz, Jimmy and Jonel Voiklis) with a score of 3306. Edged out for a second was Local No. 150, Waukegan's "Bad Boyz from Illinoiz" team (Dan Dimitroff, Jan Fisher, Al Jennings, Tim Jolly, and Steve Lahey) with 3303.

All Events were captured by Armando Hernandez of Chicago's Local No. 134 with 2076 followed by Local No. 3, Izzy Rosario's total of 2068.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to every participant and supporter for making this tournament a huge success.

### **Long Island, NY-Fifty-fourth, 1998**

On June 26-28 Local No. 25 had the pleasure and honor of hosting the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament. Since this was our first time hosting the Tournament, we wanted to show everyone a great time. We had the banquet at our own Union Hall with a great show, wonderful food, and plenty to drink. On behalf of our committee we would like to thank everyone who participated and helped in any way.

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Starting with the Singles: won by Mike Leccese, Local No. 25, with a 739. Doubles champions Russ Cahpion and Tom Schuppert form Local No. 25 had a 1462 total. All Events are Angelo Desena from Local No. 3 with a 2163 total. Team Event was won by Local No. 3. Team S.I.E.S. #2, with a 3488 total. This team established a new record.

### **Indianapolis, IN-Fifty-fifth, 1999**

After a 46-year absence, 58 teams honored Host Local No. 481 with another exciting and memorable Tournament July 16-18. the Omni Severin Hotel provided outstanding downtown accommodations and the Radisson Hotel on the Circle served a wonderful Saturday night banquet dinner as well as providing a friendly atmosphere for comedian-magician Carl Andrews (who can forge the \$100-in-the-lemon or was it a \$%???) and musical guest "Summer Magic." The recently completed Circle-Centre Mall complemented the weekend activities for both the ladies and gentlemen alike.

In the Singles event, Brother Tim Jolly, Local No. 150 of Waukegan, wasted no time in becoming the third member of the Tournament's "300" club by rolling his perfect game in the second game of the event. When all was told, it was brother Donald Boncoeur, Local No. 3 in New York, leading the way and becoming the first in Tournament history to top the \*800\* mark in singles with a 801/651 score. Brothers Jesse Soto (790/724). Local No. 134, Chicago, and

Russ Campion (780/672), Local No. 25, Long Island, also surpassed Dugan's Singles record of 777 set in 1997.

Brother Eddie Lyster and Paul Higgins, Local No. 481, Indianapolis, squeaked by Brothers Ed Morrison and Tom Vetter's, Local No. 369, Louisville, score of 1406/1184 to capture the Doubles title with a 1413/1317 total. Brother Lyster shot a Tournament actual high of 773 and qualified for an ABC 11-in-a-row award by starting his series with a "290" game.

A solid performance by Brothers Tom Shuppert, Ray Altshuler, Russ Campion, Allen Chappell, and Don Chappell gained Local No. 25's Team #1, Long Island, the Team event title by knocking down 3294 pins. Team #1 also rolled the high Team actual total of 3067.

The All-Events was championed by Brother Arty O'Connor, Local No. 3, New York, posting a new standard of 2228/1958 (220 average actual) eclipsing Brother Wil Brennan's Local No. 134, Chicago, 13-year old record of 2199. Brother O'Connor's grand total was boosted by a superb 758 (actual) in the Team event.

Honorable mentions go out to Brother Tom Adcock, Local No. 51, averaging 221 for his nine games total. A tip-of-the-hat goes to Brother Brennan who earned a nice "182" triplicate series awards to the Doubles event.

Many "Thanks" to our Tournament committee and all who attended for continuing a great tradition.

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### Chicago, IL-Fifty-sixth, 2000

Local 134 hosted the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual bowling Tournament on May 26-28. over 300 Brothers and Sisters amended to contribute to the success of this Tournament. Local No. 354 from Salt Lake City, UT, traveled the farthest to participate.

The Tournament headquarters was held at the Wyndham Hotel and it proved to be first-class. The dinner served at banquet was excellent. The new Odyssey show band was very entertaining.

Many thanks to the women's committee for the fine outing to Chicago's Navy Pier, and to all who took time out of their busy schedules to come to Chicago for this tournament. Special thanks to all Local No. 134 members who worked so hard to make this year's Tournament a success.

This years' team champion, "Pin Pals" were from Local No. 150, Waukegan, with 3347 and second place was "The Ten Pinner" from Local NO. 201, Beaver Falls, with 3297.

#### **Singles:**

1st K. Dahl, Local No. 51 742  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: T. Kearns, Local No. 354  
825

#### **Doubles:**

1st J. Nicolosi & V. Vitucci, Local No. 3  
1508  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place R. Duelly & C. McClay, Local  
No. 26 1414

#### **All Events:**

1st V. Vitucci, Local No. 3 2180  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: B. Pahl, Local No. 3 2141

#### **Tournament High Scratch Scores: Series:**

V. Vitucci, Local No. 3 715  
K. Dahl, Local No. 51 706  
S. Plotz, Local No. 150 706

#### **Game:**

S. Plotz, Local No. 150 278  
V. Jacobs, Local No. 237 267

#### **Team:**

"Eagles", Local No. 25 2880

### Louisville, KY-Fifty-seventh, 2001

After 11 years, the Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament returned to Louisville hosted by Local No. 369. the tournament took place on June 29 – July 1.

The host hotel was the Galt House and the rooms and view were fabulous, and who could forget the hospitality room. The guests were treated to a lovely outing at the world famous Churchill Downs. Everyone who went said it was a great day at the track.

The lowest score patch was passed around a couple times. I won't mention any names... "You know who you are!" Many thanks to all of the Brothers and Sisters who attended the tournament.

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What can I say about the winners of this year's Tournament? "New York, New York, New York."

Thanks to the committee, everyone in the Local No. 369 office, and all the volunteers who made this 57<sup>th</sup> annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament a huge success. We would also like to thank B.A. Steve Silliman who threw out the first ball both days in the Team Event, and Carl "the Legend" Hacker for throwing out the first ball in the Singles and Doubles both days. Carl has bowled or subbed every year in the Electrical Workers Bowling League which will be in its 54<sup>th</sup> year when you read this.

### **Singles:**

1st Damon Young, Local No. 3 780  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Curtis, Local No. 354 745

### **Doubles:**

1st Bill Verderber / Darryl Porter, Local No. 3 1437  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Tommy Maldonado / Felix Vega, Local No. 3 1427

### **Team:**

1st J-Ballers, Local No. 3 3331  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Best Bowlers, Local No. 3 3292

### **All Events:**

1st Damon Young, Local No. 3 2185  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wil Brennan, Local No. 134 2150

### **Detroit, MI-Fifty-eighth, 2002**

Local No. 58 was honored to host the 58<sup>th</sup> bowling Tournament. The Hyatt Regency Dearborn, a Union House, was our headquarters the same as 1997. Again the banquet was superb. This year we used two different bowling establishments.

Again in Detroit not one but two records were set in Singles. Damon Young of Local No. 3's Chris Argiento and Izzy Rosario with 1429. All Events winner was Llew Overstreet with 2165. Team Event was won by Local 701's 4-man entry of Spencer Belon, Leon Feltes, Mark Matz, and John Roti. Joining the team was J.R. Gordon of Local No. 197. Their winning total was 3430. High scratch scores were Tom Fester, 730 series. My son, Michael J. Kereluk, had a 730 series, a 2043 All-Events, a 227 average. Tom Shrader scored a 278 with 11-in-a-row.

### **Las Vegas, NV-Fifty-ninth, 2003**

On June 28-29, Long Island Local No. 25 hosted the "59<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament in Las Vegas!" This year's tournament was a huge success and surpassed our first tournament of 1998.

Many Locals from across the country and Canada participated and the theme of "Brotherhood from East to West" was fulfilled. The number of

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bowlers (312) and guests (86) far exceeded our previous effort.

Bill Puma, a former member of Local No. 25m, is now an organizer for Local No. 357 in Las Vegas. Bill helped select a pro-union bowling center in Las Vegas, the gold Coast Hotel, and mustered a team from Local No. 357 to compete.

Following the dinner banquet, entertainment was provided by the 'Rat Pack' who impersonated Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Sammy Davis, Jr.

### **Team:**

- #1 Local No. 124 3269
- #2 "Bad Boyz" Local No. 150 3254
- #3 Bronx Acorn Club Local No. 3 3235

### **Singles:**

- #1 Russ Campion, Local No. 25 791
- #2 Tim Jolly, Local No. 150 757
- #3 Jim Love, Local No. 3 744

### **Doubles:**

- #1 Tim Jolly & Dan Dimitroff, Local No. 150 1506
- #2 Russ Campion & Tom Schuppert, Local No. 25 1400
- #3 William Blain & Pete Kainring, Local No. 3 1387

### **All Events:**

- #1 Tim Jolly (new record), Local No. 150 2352
- #2 William Blain, Local No. 3 2156
- #3 Russ Campion, Local No. 2 2146

The bowling committee wishes to thank all the officers and members of Local No. 25 and the I.B.E.W. who supported this Tournament.

### **St. Louis MO-Sixtieth, 2004**

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament was hosted by Local No. 1, St. Louis, on the weekend of May 21-23. A gathering of 347 bowlers along with family members and guests enjoyed a full three days of activity.

The ladies entertainment, which consisted of a tour (Grant's Farm, the private estate of Anheuser Busch Family), a luncheon on the Historic Laclede's Landing at the Old Spaghetti Factory, and a gift bracelet, were very much appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

The banquet Saturday evening provided the attendees with a delicious two-entrée dinner, the very funny Ricky Kalmon Hypnosis show, and the Early Review dance band

**Singles:** Ken Green, Local No. 668 816  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tim Jolly, Local No. 150 814

**Doubles:** Tom Schuppert and Russ Campion, Local No. 25 1472  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: John Obert & Charley Leibrock, Local No. 683 1433  
team: WE DON'T, Local No. 25 3361  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Wizards, Local No. 26 3305

**All Events:** Tom Schuppert, Local No. 25 2297  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ken Green, Local No. 668 2230

Chairman John Wozniak and Assistant Chairman Dale Missey wish to thank the committee and all participants who made this Tournament so successful.

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### **Williamsburg, VA-Sixty-first, 2005**

On June 17-19, Local 26, Washington, D.C., hosted the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament in beautiful Colonial Williamsburg, VA. This marked the first time that the Tournament had been held in the Old Dominion State. A group of 50 teams and guests enjoyed the history of Colonial Williamsburg, the fun of Busch gardens, and the sport of golf at the many luxurious golf courses in the area.

The ladies were treated to an old-fashioned English Tea with biscotti, scones, and tea biscuits. The group then continue to the Williamsburg winery to sample some of the fine wines that Virginia has to offer.

The banquet was held at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Richmond Hall with the Fabulous Hubcaps, an oldies band, providing the floorshow and dancing.

The Tournament was once again witness to a perfect 300 game rolled by Eric Rogan, Local No. 3, New York, in the Team Event.

This year, International President Ed Hill donated an International President's Trophy. The Team Captains voted to award this trophy each tournament to the Local Union with the team High Handicap. Harmony Club 2, Local 134, Chicago won the first year awards with a score of 3249 with Local No. 25, Long Island, finishing second with a score of 3214.

The Singles champion was Pete Streiber, Local No. 58, Detroit, with a fine 788 followed closely by Tim Jolly, Local No. 150, Waukegan, with a score of 785. the Doubles Event was won by the team of Raymond Ellis, Sr., and William Granberry, Local No. 26, Washington, D.C., with an outstanding 1505 and the team of Terry Conway and T.J. Conway, Local 134, Chicago, with a score of 1444 finishing second.

The All Events champion is Tim Jolly, Local 150, with a high total of 2187 followed by Russ Campion, Local No. 25, with a total of 2132.

Chairman Ken Hunt and Co-Chairman Henry Becker wish to thank all the committee members, their wives, and all the participants for making the Tournament a wonderful event.

### **Louisville, KY-Sixty-second, 2006**

On June 9-11, 2006, Louisville, KY was proud to be the host of the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament. This is the sixth time Louisville has been home to the Tournament and the second time this millennium. A group of 50 teams came and enjoyed the amenities of the smallest large city of the union.

The host hotel was the Marriott Downtown Louisville, the same Hotel the Local 369 helped build years earlier, located in the heart of downtown Louisville. It was close to the Ohio River to see the oldest running river boat, The Belle of Louisville, as well as our newest attraction of 4<sup>th</sup> Street Live

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with its many bars and restaurants. The hospitality room had beer and refreshments flowing all night long and I believe a couple of card games broke out. The Dinner was a buffet style at the table with the band Alpha Q (don't say it too slowly) was a hit with their renditions of 70's and 80's music.

Our Ladies Day Outing for our guests was at the historic and newly renovated Churchill Downs. Some ladies lost some money to our Commonwealth but all seemed to have a good time.

Special thanks go out to our committee members, volunteers, and everyone in the Local 369 office who made the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament a huge success.

Now for the Winners, looks like Local 26 from D.C. has a lot of sandbaggers because they won it all:

### **Singles:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place James Devane, Jr.  
Local 26 779  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Raymond Ellis, Sr. Local 26  
747

### **Doubles:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Sherman Bennett, Jr. /  
James Devane, Jr. Local 26 1453  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Delray Lewis/ Carlos Krind  
Local 3 1429

### **Team:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place We Got Balls Local 26  
3335  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place J Ballers Local 3 3281

### **All Events:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place James Devane, Jr.  
Local 26 2216  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sherman Bennett, Jr. Local 26  
2162

### **Birmingham, AL-Sixty-third, 2007**

Local 136 proudly hosted the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament. The tournament had never been held this deep in the SOUTH! Over 36 teams came in brotherhood to bowl at Oak Mountain Lanes and Lightning Strikes.

The FIVE STAR Wynfrey Hotel hosted our brothers and sisters to big city service with southern charm. The banquet was held in the Wynfrey ballroom with entertainment provide by southern comedian Mickey Dean. Those who attended will never forget that evening or where you can stick a fork! Please remember to keep quiet and mind your manners around PROFESSIONALS! We've got your first round in Indiana Local 25!!

The ladies were treated to a trip to Tannehill State Park for trade days and the beauty of Alabama.

We would like to thank the committee members and volunteers who helped put on this great event. Local 136 business Manager Jackie Goodwin and Bill Blackman, Jr. for their help and support.

Bother Craig Weissberg, Local 3, set the lanes on fire with a 299 game!!!!!!!!!!

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Tournament winners include:

### **Singles:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Quentin Ward – 760 Local 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kevin Bachert – 740 Local 58
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Todd Michard – 739 Local 136

### **Doubles:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Khalif Ba'th /Diante' Jones  
1542 Local 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Maurice Baker/ Quintin  
Dawson, Sr. 1503 Local 26
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Leonardo Littlejohn/Willie  
Strong Local 26 1455

### **Team:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sleepuz 3423 Local 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Local 134 3373
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place J Ballers 3362 Local 3

### **All Events:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Quentin Ward – 2192  
Local 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Harvey Douglas – 2126  
Local 26
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Todd Michard – 2120  
Local 136

### **Merrillville, IN -Sixty-four, 2008**

Local 531 & 697 (LaPorte& Gary/  
Hammond) were your hosted the 64<sup>th</sup>  
Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament.

64 Teams/ 319 Singles bowled this year  
at Stardust II Lanes in Merrillville, IN  
The Hotel Radisson at Holiday Star  
Plaza was are host for rooms & dinner.  
Our Saturday Night Entertainment

The interactive improve experience  
“comedysportz “ with Ken Hunt, Mark  
Lay, Tiffany Lidster (young lady that

sang both National Anthems) all making  
it on stage for at good time for all.

The Ladies outing was to Blue Chip  
Casino Michigan City

2 Tournament Record drop this year  
Singles HDCP Bryan Gathers 829 LU 3

Team HDCP Sleepuz 3514 LU 26

There were 6 High Score Awards:

300 Games	Aaron Hartzell	LU 38
	Scott Stevens	LU 252
299 Game	Felipe Encalado	LU
298 Game	David Lee	LU 134
11 in a row	Scott Mroz	LU 58
	Jeff Soots	LU 481

Tournament winners include:

### **Singles:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Bryan Gathers 829 Local 3
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jeff Schmidt 789 Local 481
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Scott Mroz 782 Local 58

### **Doubles:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sherman Bernett/Greg Ginyard  
1511 Local 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ron Meyers/ Dave Bereczky  
1499 Local 150
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Raymond Lach/ Chris Whitsitt  
1467 Local 668

### **Team:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sleepuz 3514 Local 26  
(second year in a row)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Local 668 3460
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Misfits 3442 Local 1395

### **All Events: Scratch**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dan Seelbach 2098 Local 38
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Aaron Hartzell 2097 Local 38
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Keith Wilson 2072 Local 697

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### All Events: Handicap

1<sup>st</sup> Place Dan Seelbach 2377 Local 38  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Alton West 2269 Local 26  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bryan Gather 2253 Local 3

The lowest score trophy made it around the first squad till envy took over and broke it (now repaired it will make to the honor bowler) Score of 75 of LU 136

Chairman Larry Zaideman and Co-Chairman Mel Maxwell wish to thank all their local members, their wives, and all the participants and hope you all had a great time at the Tournament this year.

### Cleveland, OH -Sixty-fifth, 2009

On May 29-31 2009 Cleveland, Ohio was proud to be the host of the 65th annual IBEW Bowling Tournament. This was the fourth time Cleveland had been the host. There were over 300 bowlers and guests in attendance. All were treated to a good time at the host hotel, The Holiday Inn, Independence. The hotel was conveniently located down the street from Cloverleaf Lanes.

There were 1 High Score Awards:

300 Games Brian Censier LU 58

Tournament winners include:

#### Singles:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Will Brennan 789 Local 134  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Nate Pitts 759 Local 26  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Eric Farbman 759 Local 3

#### Doubles:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Henry Becker/ Mark Lay  
1483 Local 26

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Donald Crampton/ Billy  
Vanadia 1456 Local 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jamie Roth/ Robert Warns  
1445 Local 8

### Team:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Colony Club 3414 Local 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bad Boyz From Illinois  
3359 Local 150  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place "J" Brawlers 3351 Local 3

### All Events: Scratch

1<sup>st</sup> Place Jim Stanbery 2157 Local 8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Edward Pawlowski Jr.  
2133 Local 8  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ray Lach 2124 Local 701

### All Events: Handicap

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ken Hunt 2234 Local 26  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Nate Pitts 2230 Local 26  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Khalif Ba'th 2210 Local 26

I would like to thank Local 38 and the Wireman's Credit Union for their support. Also the committee, Bob Galaska, Don Hubert, Bill Marzola, Nick Sivik, Aaron Hartzell, Dan Nenedal, Tim Bub, and Nick Sivik Jr. A special thanks to my daughter Jackie and the wives for all their help. I look forward to seeing everyone in Columbus next year.

Tournament Chairman

Gary Croucher

### Columbus, OH -Sixty-sixth, 2010

Local 683 proudly hosted the 66<sup>th</sup> annual I.B.E.W. International Bowling tournament on the weekend of May 21-23, 2010. A total of 284 individuals and

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57 teams participated. All were treated to a great time.

The Friday sport shot attracted 75 bowlers. Those in attendance were excited with a visit from a local pro, Jimmy Johnson, son of bowling great, Don Johnson. Jimmy gave a mini clinic with some very useful information.

The ladies who went to Wyandotte Winery experienced a very informative tour and the samples were plentiful.

The Crowne Plaza was the host hotel with a great hot buffet and entertainment by "The Alexander's".

Columbus Square Bowling Palace provided a smooth 3 days of bowling.

Our thanks to everyone for their participation.

### **Tournament winners:**

#### **Singles**

Jason Lessa 761 Local 3  
Antonio Jones 757 Local 26  
Terrance Thorne 741 Local 26

#### **Doubles**

Don Erskine/James Schneider 1429  
Local 683  
Armando Gomez/Rich Michals 1416  
Local 134  
Andy Hudson/Gary Hom 1394  
Locals 648 and 1759

#### **Team**

Summ Dirty 3396 Local 26  
Redheaded Stepchildren 3264 Local 26  
Champions 3251 Local 26

#### **All Events**

Randolph Wiggins Jr. 2133 Local 26  
Armando Gomez 2120 Local 134  
Jason Lessa 2072 Local 3

#### **Friday Pro Shot (Scratch)**

David Frost 686 Local 58  
Randolph Wiggins Jr. 574 Local 26  
Melvin Smith Jr. 572 Local 26

Our gratitude goes out to all members of Local 683, who only with their hard work and dedication made our tournament a huge success.

### **New York, NY Sixth-seventh, 2011**

Local Union # 3 was privileged to host the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual I.B.E.W. International Bowling Tournament on June 3, 4 & 5, 2011. There were 285 bowlers and 57 teams which participated during the weekend. It was an honor to have I.B.E.W's President Edwin D. Hill as our guest along with L.U. #3's Business Manager Christopher Erickson. The Sword of Light Pipe Band played in a procession to commemorate the events. Brother Erickson rolled out the first ball to commence the tournament.

Friday night, 60 bowlers took the chance to see if they had what it took to bowl like Walter Ray Williams Jr. or Parker Bohn III on the PBA tour. Astoria Bowl housed the Pro-Shot and Local #3's own Kenny Fenton took 1<sup>st</sup> place followed by LU #3 Angelo De Sena in 2<sup>nd</sup>, LU #26 Frank Jennings in 3<sup>rd</sup>, LU #26 Leonardo Littlejohn in 4<sup>th</sup> and LU #58 Don Olmsted in 5<sup>th</sup>.

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The LaGuardia Plaza provided a great place for our bowlers to stay while they took time to unwind from that days events and get ready to sight see in the BIG APPLE. Our Union Hall's grand room, where our meetings and other celebratory events are held provided a spacious place for Saturday evening's Annual Dinner Dance. With a delectable buffet, DJ and magician, the night proved to be eventful. Also, our guests were able to view the memorial which is placed just outside the hall, to honor our Brothers who we lost due to 9/11.

The bowling events took place in Local #3's house **JIB** Lanes, named after our "**Joint Industry Board**" and Rockville Centre Lanes. The lanes were a challenge for most, but for those who placed high above the rest, proved they had the balls to win.

### **SINGLES:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Place Miguel Sanchez 775 LU. 683  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ramon Marcano 765 LU. 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Lloyd Farbman 741 LU. 3

### **DOUBLES:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Place Tom Bush/ Frank Whelan  
1460 LU's 138,134  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Andre Torres/Darrin Daiz  
1408 LU. 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Richard Duellley/ Charles  
McClay 1404 LU. 26

### **TEAM:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Place ATJ Electric 3666 LU. 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place IBEW 531 3606 LU 531  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bad Boyz From Il. 3599  
LU. 150

### **ALL EVENTS: (Scratch)**

1<sup>ST</sup> Place Michael Kereluk 2110 LU. 58  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ed Pawlowski Jr. 2106 LU. 8  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tom Feaster 1977 LU. 3

### **(Handicap)**

1<sup>ST</sup> Place Jeff Sabell 2250 LU. 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lloyd Farbman 2195 LU. 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dwayne Johnson 2194 LU. 26

### **IBEW Bowl (Friday)**

1<sup>ST</sup> Place Ken Fenton 686 LU. 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Angelo De Sena 668 LU. 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Frank Jennings 652 LU. 26

### **High Score Awards 11 in a Row**

Michael Kereluk LU. 58  
Larry Zaideman LU. 531

Thank you and congratulations to all who participated in the tournament. You are all winners. Overall, it was a great weekend in the city that never sleeps, and we're sure some of our guest took full advantage of that meaning. By the way...did anyone find **HOTDOG?**

We are most appreciative of our Local #3 members and families who volunteered and dedicated their time to make the 67<sup>th</sup> tournament a success. Let's continue to **UNITE** in the years to follow. To all of our Sisters and Brothers, stay **UNION STRONG!**

### **Indianapolis, IN Sixth-eight, 2012**