

The Corner Pin

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Welcome Bowlers! My name is Pete Garrison Jr and I volunteered to resurrect the newsletter that the MHBA used to print. I am a director on the MHBA board and President of the MHBA's Hall of Fame. I was also in the pro shop business for 15 years. I would like this to be an interactive column and would like to feature any bowling questions someone may have. You can email me by using the email address on the MHBA website or see me at the lanes (usually Tarsio's or Bowling Time). In this column I will try and keep you informed of things happening at USBC, the MHBA, local bowling, and leagues. League secretaries I invite you to send me league info and honor scores. I will try and keep this a monthly column but it may be longer depending on the amount of news I receive.

I would like to start by honoring a man that recently passed away. I first met him and his family back in the late 1980's when I first started running a pro shop. We all became good friends and one of his sons was a partner of mine in the pro shop business. When I was elected to the MHBA board he became my mentor. Vic Beam lost his battle with cancer after a long and courageous fight. Vic loved the game of bowling, most of his free time was dedicated to the sport of bowling. His dedication to the sport thru his many years as league secretary, serving on the MHBA board, and as President of the board, were rewarded when he was elected to the MHBA's Hall of Fame in April 2008. Be it bowling, business, or just having fun, Vic gave 110%. His family, his leagues, his friends, the MHBA board will all miss him immensely. I will miss him too, Rest in Peace brother.

The MHBA had its annual meeting on June 1st. Here's a few important highlights:

- 1) Sanction fees for the upcoming season will remain the same. \$20 for regular membership and \$16 for seniors (age 65 and over) (You're almost there Jack F.!)
- 2) League Secretary Jamborees: The schedule as of this writing is as follows: Wednesday night, Aug 6th will be at Southern Dutchess; Thursday night, Aug. 7th will be at Tarsio Lanes; Friday night, Aug. 8th will be at Bowling Time Lanes. All meetings will start at 7pm.
- 3) A formal motion was voted on and accepted in favor of a merger of the MHBA with the Newburgh Women's Bowling Assoc. Committees will be formed to work on the details of the merger.

"What does a merger of the two local associations mean to me" you ask? Good question. Basically it will give the bowlers and their league secretaries one local board to deal with. Sanctions, awards, tournaments, league problems, etc. will all be handled by one board. The biggest thing we hope to accomplish by combining the strengths of both boards is: improved service to the bowlers. Hopefully this will lead to better leagues and tournaments.

Ok, that's enough for this month I think. If you made it this far, hope you enjoyed the column, if not, well you wouldn't be reading this anyway. See you in August!

