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OPERATION FREEDOM PAWS 2nd ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BOWLING TOURNAMENT



Check presented to Mary Cortani/OFP by Donna Morales, Tournament Director, after the tournament

CBW board members along with Mary Cortani and her staff including Brenda Shiplett (Director of Marketing) and OFP photographer Alan Chan, Tournament Director Donna Morales and volunteers from the Santa Clara County USBC association set up tables prior to the first squad check-in. This year's event featured prize drawings, added a bake sale and silent auction. New this year, Operation Freedom Paws brought an array of their t-shirts and sweatshirts available for sell. Something for everyone who attended the event.

The first squad at 10 am went on as scheduled and the staff at 4th Street Bowl made sure things ran smoothly. Several OFP clients and their dogs were there to be a part of the event again this year and showed tournament bowlers just how quiet and obedient these service dogs are in a setting like this. You would not even know the dogs were there! One of the clients even bowled this squad and said it was the first time he has bowled in 15 years! His dog was there with him behind the pair of lanes he was bowling on and he would return back to his side after he bowled each frame.

The 2 pm squad nearly filled the center and bowlers had a great time. Many won prize drawing gifts as they bowled. The bake sale had more baked goods than buyers and even when the items were reduced to half price at the end of the second squad, there were still plenty items to choose from. A fun day was had by all. Thank you to all that participated and brought this year's donation amount more than our inaugural tournament.

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President's Perspective

By Bette Addington



Happy Fall & Holiday Greetings,

The Interim Meeting of your CBW Board took place the weekend of Sept. 27-29 in San Jose. We were first treated to a tour of Operation Freedom Paws on Sat., Sept. 28, by OFP's Mary Cortani. What an eye-opener for us to not only get to see a couple of sessions but also see the dogs and their owners and how positive this program is for them! It was great to see Mary interact with both her clients and their dogs. The facility was big but accommodating and you could tell everyone felt comfortable and welcome.

Saturday afternoon we held our Interim Meeting at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose. A lot of good ideas were tossed around. We also worked on our CBW Committee List and hope to have that updated for our website soon.

Sunday was the 2nd annual Operation Freedom Paws Fundraiser Bowling Tournament also at 4th Street Bowl. This event was put together again this year by CBW and Santa Clara USBC board member Donna Morales. This year there was a bake sale and more items for the silent auction were added and it was a hit! Operation Freedom Paws also brought OFP shirts and sweatshirts to sell. The tournament was a lot of fun and even a couple of the OFP clients with their dogs bowled! One of the guys said he hadn't bowled in 15 years but came out and participated. And you would never even know his service dog was right there on his lane by his side while he bowled. This year's event brought in a whopping \$4,842.25!! So many came together to make this possible. Special thanks to Donna Morales for her ideas, solutions and commitment to bring this event to reality and have it run so smoothly. Tina, Donna (Dillard), Phyllis and Carmen from our CBW Board worked the event all day and thank you for being there and showing CBW's involvement. The ladies from the Santa Clara USBC helped work the bake sale and prize drawings aided by staff from Operation Freedom Paws. This is what it takes to have a successful event!

Save the date....2020's 3rd Operation Freedom Paws Fundraising Bowling Tournament is planned to take place on Sun., Sept. 27th, again at 4th Street Bowl!

Have a great holiday season and share the joy!

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OPERATION FREEDOM PAWS TOUR

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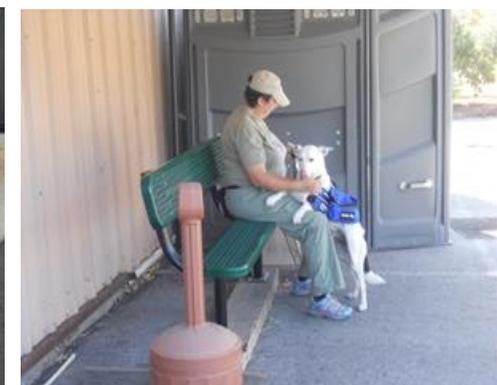
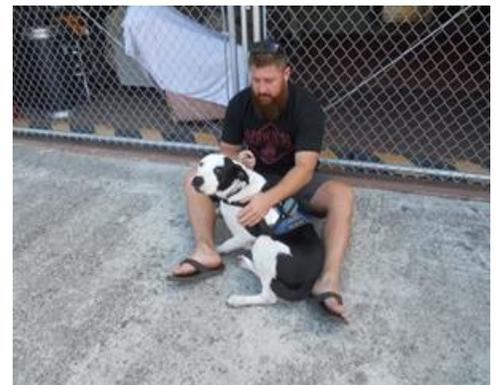


"Four Paws, Two Feet, One Team"

San Jose, CA—The Board of the California Bowling Writers gathered in San Jose the last weekend of September for their Interim Meeting and were treated to a tour of Operation Freedom Paws and then wrapped up the weekend with the 2nd annual Operation Freedom Paws Fundraising Bowling Tournament held at 4th Street Bowl.

Saturday, Sept. 28, started with a tour of Operation Freedom Paws in San Martin. The CBW Board was excited to have been asked by OFP's Mary Cortani to come take in part of her morning session as well as get a tour of the facility. When we arrived, we saw a session being taught how to give a pill to their service dog to get their dog to swallow it. Her secret way ended with showing the handlers how to give their dog a kiss on the nose and down the pill went! So clever. We were then taken on a tour by Jenna Hernandez and she showed us the inside of this huge building that they use when the weather is bad outside to train as well as they had a few dogs boarded in one area. We then saw the outside fenced exercise areas where the dogs were allowed to play and run while being monitored by a trainer. Jenna noted that they accept donations of sheets, blankets, towels and pillows. We then got to see their outside areas to work their dogs and relax with their dogs. OFP first priority is to help Veterans and a one-year program costs \$17k per dog. We were joined on our tour by Vicki Topaz and found out she is in the process of doing a documentary, "Dog Walk Home" that she hopes to have done by 2021 (www.dogwalkhomefilm.com). She, like several others, are totally engaged with what goes on at Operation Freedom Paws and once you are there taking it in, you too, will be a believer as we soon were! This program is designed to heal a Veteran with a service dog and this process can take eight years. OFP gets sheltered dogs. Many of their Veteran clients come from all over California and are transported to OFP through Angel Flight.

Below are pictures from the facility



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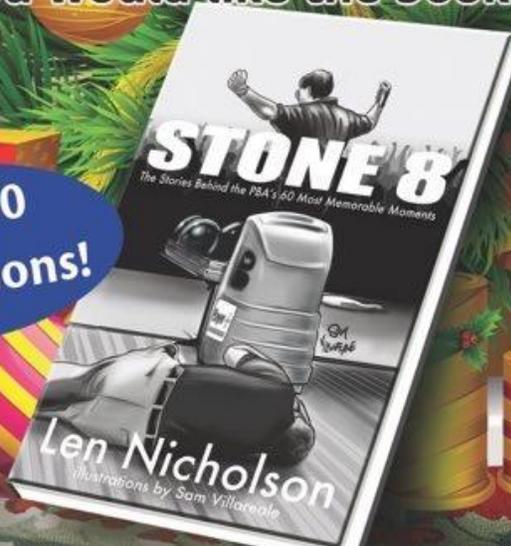


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Bowling News

BOWLERO CORP ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF THE PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION

New York, NY, September 10, 2019 – Bowlero Corp, the world’s largest owner and operator of bowling centers, announced today its purchase of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), the pinnacle of professional bowling since 1958. The purchase brings unprecedented innovation to the sport as it combines Bowlero’s industry expertise with the PBA’s global talent pool and fan base, which together will elevate the sport of bowling to new heights.

Under the new agreement, Bowlero Corp establishes itself as the first media company in the sport, dedicated to growing and enhancing the PBA experience. All scheduled tournaments and programming will continue, with plans to build upon key initiatives including the PBA’s groundbreaking FOX Sports partnership, featuring enhanced telecasts with new technology and deeper storytelling, while bringing an engaged community of fans further into the fold.

FOR THE 10th CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The National Bowling Association Youth Weekend took place at the International Training and Research Center, providing eight student-athletes with the opportunity to train under the watchful eyes of Team USA coaches.

Over the course of the three-day event, players received on-lane training and drills along with classroom sessions from the ITRC staff. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and tour the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE FISCAL YEAR

The Bowlers to Veterans Link has raised more than \$1.1 million to support recreation therapy grants to VA hospitals and clinics for America’s veterans and active-duty service members.

As bowling’s own and oldest charity, BVL has raised more than \$50 million since 1942 to provide support services to veterans. California was number one with the largest state association contributing to BVL for the 2017-18 season for the amount \$106,488!

BEST OF ORANGE COUNTY (CALIF.)

The results are in from the Register newspaper’s annual “Best of Orange County (Calif.)” voting. And the winners in the “Best Bowling Alley” category are: 1. Concourse Bowling Center, Anaheim; 2. Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley; 3. Irvine Lanes, Irvine.

Details:

<https://www.ocregister.com/2019/09/19/best-of-orange-county-2019-best-bowling-alley/>.

GO FIGURE

We know that some retired bowling balls are used to decorate gardens, but a person in Fremont, Calif., found another use. After stealing four bowling balls and a bag with various bowling accessories from a car, the person used one of the balls to damage a car parked a few blocks away. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500. Value of the stolen bowling gear — later recovered — was estimated at \$1,000.

Kellerman Completes Hike, Raises Fundraising Goal for BVL

Texas bowling proprietor David “Kilroy” Kellerman’s hike through the Appalachian Trail to raise funds and awareness for the Bowlers To Veterans Link.

The journey took more than five months and 5 million steps, and has inspired more than \$71,000 in BVL donations to date.

“Five million steps to completely hike the Appalachian Trail is nothing compared to the sacrifices our veterans made to protect our freedoms,” said Kellerman, who was scheduled to return to work this week at Mel’s Lone Star Lanes in Georgetown, Texas, the center he co-owns with his sister, Dot Ammons.

“My Appalachian Trail adventure would never have happened if not for the freedoms given to me as a United States citizen,” he added. “My freedoms are not free thanks to the great men and women who are serving or have served in our military. I dedicated my hike to them by raising funds for the bowling industry’s oldest and own charity, the BVL.”

Kellerman credits “all the support and prayers from the bowling industry family” for helping him to power through and complete the Appalachian Trail thru-hike.

“I hope my adventure increased the awareness of BVL and that more centers will become involved in raising funds for our charity.”

Since 1942, BVL has provided more than \$52 million in grants to VA hospitals and clinics to fund recreation therapy and programs for America’s veterans and active-duty service members. It’s consistently acknowledged for efficient and effective programming delivered with extremely low overhead.

“The personal sacrifice that David has made to be away from his family and business for more than five months to raise funds for BVL is one of the selfless things anyone has ever done for our organization,” said BVL Board Chair John LaSpina. “David believes in BVL’s mission to brighten veterans’ lives through recreation therapy programs and services, and his contribution will make a significant impact for many of our veterans.

“We are so grateful to everyone who has donated so far in support of David’s hike and BVL, and we hope others who are inspired by his incredible journey will continue to give what they can to help BVL continue to be there for our veterans.”

After surpassing his original goal of \$50,000 during Bowl Expo, Kellerman upped the target to \$75,000. He self-funded the trip to ensure the maximum benefit of his fundraising efforts for veterans programs, and is hoping to clear the updated fundraising target at two upcoming meet-and-greet special events:

* He is scheduled to talk about his adventure and support of BVL at “Koffee with Kilroy” at Mel’s Lone Star Lanes on Sept. 24.

* He will do the same at “Kocktails with Kilroy” at the Southwest Bowling Proprietors Trade Show on Oct. 7 in Irving, Texas.

To donate online and retrace Kilroy’s steps through videos, pictures and posts, visit Kilroy’s Hike page at BVL.org or the Kilroy’s Appalachian Trail Hike for Veterans [Facebook page](#).

In Loving Memory

Shirlee Darr

Shirlee Darr, Director #1 of CBW passed away Nov. 17.

Shirlee moved to sunny California in 1959. She started league bowling at Jefferson Bowl in Culver City in 1963.

She traveled to many State and National conventions and tournaments over the years.

Her past resume of bowling offices held consists of being a Director, then Treasurer of the Los Angeles WBA. She moved to Ventura County and joined their association and held the offices of Director, 3rd Vice President and Sgt-at-Arms until 2017.

The CBW was fortunate to have Shirlee on their Board as she was a great link with all the women bowlers from Southern California.

Pearl Keller

Pearl Keller, a PWBA and USBC Hall of Fame member, passed away on Oct. 2.

A trailblazer for women's bowling, Keller teamed with Jean Fish to start the Women's All-Star Association in 1971. WASA conducted tournaments specifically designed for high-average women bowlers, and drew the best amateur and professional bowlers from throughout the country to its events.

She was on the Women's International Bowling Congress Board of Directors from 1984-1999

Keller also paved the way for women bowling writers. A bowling columnist for 27 years for Gannett Westchester Newspapers, the largest newspaper chain in the country, she was one of the first women writers admitted to the Bowling Writers Association of America. She was also President of the National Women's Bowling Writers(NWBW)

Bowling Calendar – December - January

- December: 15: Deadline for Associations to file IRS Form 990, bowl.com
31: Donation deadline for CBW 2019 Charity, Operation Freedom Paws, calbowlingwriters.org
31: Advanced entry deadline for CUSBC's 15th State Championships (Apr. 4 thru Jun. 28), Forest Lanes, Lake Forest, calusbc.com
- January: 14-19: PBA Hall of Fame Classic, ITRC, Arlington, TX, pba.com
15: CUSBC State Award Nominations due, calusbc.com
18-19: Youth Sports USA Bowling Regional, Cloverleaf Family Bowl, Fremont, 800/514-2695, x9426, tournaments@ibcyouth.com
19: 7th Tony Reyes Memorial Adult-Youth Doubles Tourn., 4th Street Bowl, San Jose, 408/453-5555
19-25: 63rd Military Bowling Championships, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, 800/257-6179, high-roller.com
21-26: PBA Oklahoma Open, FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, OK, pba.com

Outlets for Story & Article Publication

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