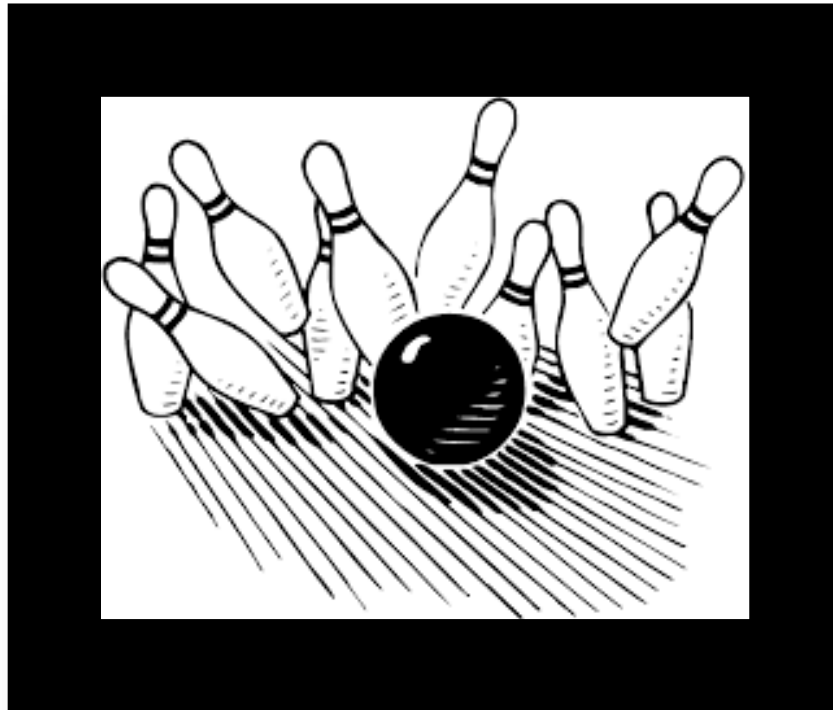


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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear ABBA Members,

Welcome everyone and greetings from the President's desk. First, I want to say thank you to everyone for your support and allowing me to serve as your President for the past two years.

Hopefully, committees will continue to have phone conferences and continue to be in touch and informed.

Participation by everyone is needed to keep our organization strong and growing. As I have stated in the past "Each one teaches one." My strong motto that we should believe in as well, so every time you get the opportunity to teach someone about blind bowling, do it.

This season is going to be a challenge, we are experiencing something never before seen, yet we are going to survive. Some of our leagues have returned, others will be back in January and some next season. We will try and make sure you are informed of all the happenings around ABBA, check the website, Facebook, and continue to receive the Blind Bowler. It does not matter if you are sanctioned or waiting, you are still ABBA.

Looking forward to a wonderful season and talking with some of you in the November members meeting. Just in case you have not received word: Members Meeting, November 17, 2020 at 6pm, EST, call in # 712-770-4010 code: 950567

Thanks again,

~Joyce Spencer Mintz, President~

From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer

WELCOME TO THE 2020 – 2021, COVID-19, BOWLING SEASON!!!

Please remember those members who had to say good-bye to family, friends, and bowlers, all who are no longer with us, especially those who COVID-19 claimed. Please remember those in the West affected by the worst fires in history.

Leagues, MBBA & SBBA Secretaries, Active Life members, Officers, and Tournament Directors received The Average Book, August Packet, inclusive of information and forms needed for the new season (whenever your league begins).

We are still asking any league or members with used rails they are willing to donate or sell to please contact the ABBA Secretary as soon as possible.

- A few reminders (especially for new secretaries):
 - ✓ *Minutes should be maintained for all league meetings.*
 - ✓ *A prize list should be approved by the league at least by the 5th week of the bowling season. It can be amended at a later date.*
 - ✓ *The fiscal year for ABBA is August 1st through July 31st of the following year.*
 - ✓ *Leagues should review and update their by-laws or constitution on an annual basis per ABBA bylaws Article IV, Sec. 3.*

Policy Statement F-3, Financial Reports from Member Leagues, approved in November 2011: Leagues under ABBA's 501(c)3 status must submit a brief Fund-Raising Guideline explaining how the proceeds will be used.

- ✓ *This information should be recorded in the meeting minutes. The league's fund-raising guideline should be sent to the ABBA Secretary-Treasurer if the league plans to raise more than \$1,000 in a year. That amount does not include prize money.*
- ✓ *League secretaries must file the 990 EZ form with the IRS each year. If this is not done, the league is removed from the list of ABBA leagues covered by the nonprofit status. Leagues not covered under the 501(c)3 status do not have to follow this procedure.*
- ✓ 2020 Mid-Year Board Meeting – Has been cancelled. The President will have a Membership Meeting during November. All leagues are requested to have at least one representative on the call to share the desires of their league for the 2020/21 season and to carry back to their league information obtained on the phone conference. Call information listed below.
- ✓ May Convention – May 26 – 30, 2021, Hotel – Marriott Chicago O'Hare – 8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL.60631 – 773-693-4444. You must identify yourself as a member of ABBA to receive the Group rate of \$105 +current tax 17.4%. The cut-off date is May 5, 2021.
- ✓ Each guest should contact the hotel at least 30 days prior to your arrival and identify yourself as an ABBA member.

Tentatively the Board and Convention will convene back to back at 6:30pm with a break in between. The Chinese Auction will take place unless notified that it is cancelled. If you wish to donate to the auction, please start collecting items or sending donations to Janice Erkillla/Linda Hoepner.

The following information may be of interest. I will not submit this in another issue, please keep it for reference later in the season:

- ✓ Our group will receive: Complimentary
 - 24-hour Fitness Center Access

- Breakfast Vouchers will be \$15 per person per day for the restaurant breakfast buffet.
- Discounted Self-Parking for \$10 per vehicle per day
- Space available in front of the hotel for any group charter buses to park at no charge.

Please keep in mind when sitting in on the committee meetings, MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN THE ROOM AND LISTEN, IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO THE CHAIR before or after the meeting. Those creating a disruption will be asked to leave THE MEETING. WATER WILL BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE ROOM.

Please make note, ALL OFFICERS WILL BE DEEMED VACANT IN MAY.

People across the country have asked to purchase rails, especially the VA facilities. Some wanted the procedure for ordering, we are going to try and make sure this is on our website. Those who call, state they have my contact number but not the procedure for ordering.

1. State number of rails needed, include location, receiver – addresses & phone#
2. Will reply with an invoice of total cost inclusive of shipping.
3. Send a check or money order made out to ABBA – 2829 Tall Oaks Ct. Apt.11, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 (we do not take credit cards)
4. Upon receipt of money, the rail manager will be contacted to ship rail/s, turnover time, approximately 7 days. Prices of rails are subject to change this season presently they are \$280 for a 12 ft. rail with 3ft extension.

Corrections not contained in the August Packet and Average Book

League/Page Item – Correction

- Modesto Blind Bowlers – Gaddam, Sherry=Gaddam, Sherry
- Carol Hawk – F – Average 74 – bowled 141 - earn Plus 60 Patch – Delaware Valley Blind Bowlers
- Ashanti Hall – Triplicate – missing information
- Joe Forming – 75 over – missing information
- Betty Roberts TF – average 72 – bowled 144 – earn 60 plus patch – Cincinnati Blind Bowling League
- Jackie Smith PF – average 111 – bowled (99) – earned Triplicate – Chicago Braille Center
- Elaine Vining SF – average 160 – bowled 225 – earned Bronze medal – Minneapolis Blind Bowlers
- Diane Ruffcorn TF – average 42 – bowled 109 – earned + 60 – Minneapolis Blind Bowlers
- Linda Hoepner SF – average 137 – bowled Split (4-6-10) – earned Split Conversion Chevron

MORE AWARDS – realizing many suspended bowling for this season, we mailed in April awards held. Listed below are the awards earned after the last printing of the January issue of the Blind Bowler.

PLUS 60 FOR AVERAGES 85

Rhonda Lang – TF – average 56 – bowled 119 – Milwaukee, WI
Joyce Wolf – T – average 65 – bowled 133 – Rock County, WI
Larry Lura – PM – average 77 – bowled 138 – Minneapolis, MN
Alex Lee – PM – average 78 – bowled 139 – Minneapolis, MN

75 PINS OVER AVERAGE

Bob Lockwood – SM – average 137 – bowled 212 – Minneapolis, MN

Kimberly Swinney – SF – average 127- bowled 202 – Greater Cleveland, OH

Eric Meyers – SM – average 166 – bowled 245 – Colorado Blind Assoc.

Mike Heesen – S - average 169 – bowled 244 – Rock County, WI

Jack Shepper – SM – average 145 – bowled 221 – Delaware Valley, PA

Carol Travers – PF – average 123 – bowled 199 – Colorado Blind Assoc.

Dray Alexander – SM – average 151 – bowled 229 – Cincinnati, OH

Clayton Bellinger - - average 165 – bowled 245 – Daytona Beach, FL

David Koo – SM – average 131 – bowled 212 – Cincinnati, OH

100 PINS OVER AVERAGE

David Koo – SM – average 107 – bowled 244 – Cincinnati, OH

Matthew Donley – SM- average 149 – bowled 264 – Colorado Blind Assoc.

BRONZE MEDAL

Mark LoRusso – TM – average 124 – bowled 166 – Colorado Blind Assoc.

Rodney Watlington – PM – average 178 – bowled 242 – Philadelphia, PA

SILVER MEDAL

Charles Saunders – SM – average 168 – bowled 266 – Cincinnati, OH

Jeff Miller – SM – average 197 – bowled 268 – Colorado Blind Assoc.

The following Proposals and By Law Changes were submitted. The name of the person submitting the item is listed at the end.

Please copy and keep. They will be presented to the Board & Convention, May 2021, Chicago, IL.

The following were submitted in Nov. 2019, they were unable to be presented at the May Convention because of COVID-19. Any reference to 2020 should be 2021 or thereafter.

Past Presidents By-Law Proposal

C. All new contracts must be reviewed and approved by the Finance committee before being signed.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Article V. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2 ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

DELETE: Line 3 No individual May hold the office of President for more than one consecutive term.

NEW LANGUAGE

LINE 3 REPLACEMENTS

THE President May run two terms or four years consecutively provided majority votes at the annual convention.

Submitted by Clayton Saunders from the legislative committee and our chairperson is Tonya Renee Wilson Jones

Members of The American Blind Bowling Association,

I am sending you these proposed by-law changes in advance of the deadline because if enacted, they will significantly change the administrative structure of our association and I want you to be as knowledgeable when making your decision as possible.

If you receive this information more than once please accept my apology. I am sending this to the two most comprehensive lists that I have for ABBA members.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me by phone, text, or email. A phone call will require you to leave a message as I do not answer calls from numbers I do not recognize.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS

Current Language:

The officers of this Association shall be President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Tournament Director. These officers, associate members and life members together with one representative from each member league and Area Association and as many additional persons as may be determined by the delegates at the annual convention shall be known as the Board of Directors.

Change:

Eliminate the Office of Secretary/Treasurer and the position of Assistant Secretary.

Create the Office of the Secretary and Create the Office of Treasurer.

Remove all references to the Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary in the by-laws and policy statements.

Proposed Language:

The officers of this Association shall be President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director. These officers, associate members and life members together with one representative from each member league and Area Association and as many additional persons as may be determined by the delegates at the annual convention shall be known as the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2: ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Current Language:

The officers of the Association shall be elected by majority vote at the annual convention of the Association. The term of office for the President shall be two years or until a successor is elected beginning August 1. No individual may hold the office of President for more than one consecutive term. The term of office for the Vice-Presidents shall be two years beginning August 1. The term of office for the Secretary-Treasurer and Tournament Director shall be three years beginning August 1.

Passage of this amendment will eliminate the position of Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Responsibilities and duties of the Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary will be appropriately reassigned as identified in the new Article V Section 8 "Duties of the Treasurer" and Article V Section 9 "Duties of the Secretary" and any references to the Secretary/Treasurer in the by-laws and policy statements will be removed.

Change:

Revise Terms and Term limits for the Officers of the association in order to establish consistency and fluidity when officers change.

Proposed Language:

The officers of the Association shall be elected by majority vote at the annual convention. The President, Second Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected for two (2) year terms in odd number years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. The First Vice-President, Secretary and Tournament Director shall be elected for two (2) year terms in even number years. The First Vice-President and Secretary will also have a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms. The Tournament Directors terms are

unlimited. Terms of office shall begin August 1st. of the year elected. Vacancies in any of these positions for any reason shall be filled in accordance with Article V Section 4 of these By-Laws. Partial terms filled from vacancies will not be considered as part of term limitations.

This amendment will take effect immediately after its adoption to facilitate the transition.

Transition:

This section will be removed when transition is complete.

Transition will take effect as follows:

- The President will not be affected.
- The First Vice-Presidents term will be extended until 2022.
- The Second Vice-President will not be affected.
- The Treasurer will be elected to a term of one (1) year.
- The Secretary will be elected to a two (2) year term.
- The Tournament Director will be elected to a one (1) year term.

As of August 1, 2020 (2021) the position of Assistant Secretary is eliminated.

Starting August 1st. the stipends for the Secretary/Treasurer and Assistant Secretary will be combined and divided by direction of the Board between the Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SECTION 8: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The fiscal year shall begin August 1 and end July 31 of the succeeding year.

The Treasurer shall:

- A. Receive any and all monies and other property paid or donated to the Association except where otherwise stated in the by-laws.
- B. Keep a correct account of all receipts and disbursements and publish an annual report to the Association.
- C. Deposit all monies received by the Association in individually titled accounts in a National bank or banks to the credit of, and in the name of, the ABBA.
- D. Draw all warrants for the payments of bills allowed by the Board of Directors. The signature of the Secretary-Treasurer together with the signature of the President or 1st Vice-President shall be required for the withdrawal of all funds belonging to the Association with the exception of the Tournament Fund.
- E. Based on guidelines established by the Finance Committee, authorize the payment of bills of a general nature.
- F. Provide guidance to league and association officials regarding financial matters associated with their relationship with ABBA.
- G. File the annual incorporation document and fee with the State of Delaware, annual report form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service and fulfill any other requirements stipulated by government entities.
- H. Provide any information with regard to the association's finances requested by the Finance Committee or the President.
- I. Perform any other duties consistent with the office of Treasurer requested by the Board of Directors or the President.
- J. The Treasurer shall not be compensated at the end of his/her term until all the accounts are closed and transferred to the newly elected/incoming Treasurer. In order to receive his/her last full stipend, all assets must be turned over to the new/incoming Treasurer within thirty (30) days. Should this

transition not occur in the specified time allotted an amount of stipend reduction will be determined by the RIEC. The last stipend must be issued and signed by the new/incoming Treasurer and the President.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 8: DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- A. Keep a true record of all proceedings at the meetings of the Association and Board of Directors.
- B. Maintain a membership roster and such other records as may be determined by the Board of Directors or President.
- C. Conduct correspondence of the Association, including sending to leagues and Area Association, notice of meetings and minutes of the Board of Directors and the annual convention.
- D. Conduct the ABBA awards program.
- E. File statistical reports received from league secretaries and local tournament officials.
- F. Annually compile, publish, and distribute a book containing the averages of ABBA members who competed in twenty-one (21) or more league games during the preceding bowling season.
- G. Annually compile, publish, and distribute, to all leagues, Area Associations, Life Members that are active in blind bowling, Associate members, ABBA Officers and Committee Chairs a complete and current copy of the By-laws and Adopted Policy Statements. These shall be sent within ninety (90) days following the Annual Convention. Supplemental print or Braille copies will be sent on written request.
- H. The Secretary shall not be compensated at the end of his/her term until all relevant materials consistent with the office of ABBA Secretary including but not limited to: files,

average books, awards, minutes, membership records, statistical reports, a current copy of the By-laws and Adopted Policy Statements and anything else the board deems pertinent to the duties of the Secretary. In order to receive his/her last stipend, all the afore mentioned must be turned over to the new/incoming Secretary within thirty (30) days. Should this transition not occur in the specified time allotted an amount of stipend reduction will be determined by the RIEC. The last stipend must be issued and signed by the new/incoming Secretary and the President.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES
SECTION 9: LIMITATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

No member of the ABBA, except the President, Tournament Director and the Secretary-Treasurer, may serve on more than one standing committee concurrently. The Past Presidents Committee shall not be counted in applying the restriction set forth in this section unless otherwise specifically stated. All committee appointments shall be for one year beginning August 1, except as set forth elsewhere in these by-laws. Any person on or presiding over any ABBA standing or special committee must be a current member of ABBA.

Change: From one to two

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Submitted by,
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End of the Year Information sent after June.

League: Philadelphia Area Blind Bowlers

Baroni, Gene – TM – 90 – 75
Cicala, Maggie – PF – 27 – 108
D'Oliveira, Eugenio – TM – 72 – 59
Dorenzo, Rose – SF – 96 – 123
Foster, Kass – PF – 75 – 115
Godshalk, Mark – PM – 95 – 90
Gontaryk, Greg – TM – 84 – 124
Grey, Jannie – SF – 83 – 104
Hawk, Bob – PM – 96 – 120
Hawk, Carol – PF – 96 – 74
Holliday, George – TM – 72 – 110
Kessler, Brent – PM – 72 – 89
Lyles, Donald – PM – 90 – 102
Nagle, John – SM – 93 – 111
Patterson, Mike – TM – 96 – 92
Patterson, Rich – TM – 88 – 84
Sautner, Theresa – TF – 36 – 44
Shepper, Jack – SM – 93 – 145
Smith, Tom – PM – 72 – 77
Stanchak, Cheryl – TF – 96 – 64

Stanchak, Ron – PM – 93 – 121
Verlinghiera, Terry – PF – 96 – 95
Williams, Arnold – PM – 71 – 90
Williams, Mary Jo – PF – 74 – 97
Williams, Vivian – TF – 92 – 20

League: St Louis Rail Rollers

Blumenthal, Kim – 126 – 45
Burch, Judy – 74 – 48
Clardy, Tammy – 118 – 78
Hogan, Kevin – 37 – 69
Hudson, Linda – 110 – 79
Jackson, Annie
Johnson, Phyllis
Peebles, Shanta – 74 – 75
Walker, Pam – 79 – 62
Walters, Jason – 132 – 71
Walters, Tonia – 155 – 69
Cobb, Bryan – 115 – 84
Hudson, Wayne – 118 – 84
Peebles, Mary – 111 – 81
Tipton, Avery
Walker, John – 103 – 58
Walters, Jeff – 144 – 63
Williams, Annette – 119 – 81

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Gontaryk, Greg – TM – 84 – 124
Hawk, Bob – PM – 96 – 120
Hawk, Carol – PF – 96 – 74

Holliday, George – TM – 72 – 110
Brent, Kessler – PM – 72 – 89
Lyles, Donald – PM – 90 – 102
Patterson, Mike – TM – 96 – 92
Patterson, Rich – TM – 88 – 84
Sautner, Theresa – TF – 36 – 44
Smith, Tom – PM – 72 – 77
Stanchak, Cheryl – TF – 96 – 64
Stanchak, Ron – PM – 93 – 121
Verlinghieri, Terry – PF – 96 – 95
Williams, Arnold – PM – 71 – 90
Williams, MaryJo – PF – 74 – 97
Williams, Vivian – TF – 92 – 20
Dorenzo, Rose – SF – 96 – 123
Grey, Jannie – SF – 83 – 104
Nagle, John – SM – 93 – 111
Shepper, Jack – SM – 93 – 145

If you were missed, I will list you in the next issue.
Please note: Regardless of the award being submitted, all information needs to be supplied, (reason for the NA by names) once again, Jackie can be either male/female and although the award is for a Triplicate, I still need the average. Please supply all information on all forms, thank you.

I am available by phone, email, or text (except Sundays/Holidays) 248-410-2411, E-mail rozellacampbell2826@gmail.com (I check mail daily, except Sunday/Holidays).

~Rozella Amerson Campbell, Secretary Treasurer~
September 2020

2021 ABBA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

MAY 27TH THRU MAY 30TH 2021

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Marriott Chicago O'Hara
8535 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL
773-693-4444 / 1-800-228-9290
Room Rates: \$105.00 plus taxes

BOWLING ALLEY INFORMATION:

Arlington Lanes
3435 N Kennicott Ave
Arlington Heights, IL
847-255-637

More information will be sent out in January. If you have any questions about the tournament please call or email Sandy McDaniel at 386-576-6413 or sandymcdan01@yahoo.com.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY!

FROM LANSING 300

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

David Bigelow passed away suddenly on August 4, 2019 in Lansing, MI.

David started bowling in the 1980's. David always enjoyed bowling and partying. He was a happy person and enjoyed his Crown Royal. You knew he was in the room because he always said he did not have an inside voice.

Six weeks later Barb Phillips passed away. She started bowling in the late 1980's. She bowled in many tournaments and she liked her pull tabs.

Don Hunt passed away April 9, 2020. He started bowling in the 1960's. He always wore a sheriff's hat. He liked to joke around. Don's favorite phrase was "I could do that."

Don Koski passed away September 2020. He had been a long-time member of the Lansing 300 and had attended many tournaments.

On a happier note, on May 10, 2019, Ruth Borough received the Lansing USBC Ron Fox Sportsmanship award. For this award someone nominates you for it. There is a committee, and they go through all the nominations and pick out one outstanding person a year to honor. This award is to pay tribute to living bowlers in the Lansing USBC. The criteria are:

- Men or women who have bowling longevity of at least 40 years
- An outstanding contributor to the sport of bowling (team or league participant)
- Traits for receiving this award are honesty, integrity, friendship, listener, contributor, respectful, sportsmanship, and caring.
- Enjoys bowling and being a part of league activities

The recipient receives an award and name etched on a plaque. The plaque will be located in the Hall of Fame room.

Ms. Borough's many accomplishments include:

- 1994 – Present: Vice President of the Michigan Blind Bowling Association
- 2012-2013: Rewrote by Laws, Tournament Rules, and Code of Information for the Michigan Blind Bowling Association

- Organized many Midwest & State Tournaments for the blind bowlers

National Level:

- 1974 & 1976 – 1st place Doubles in the National Blind Bowling Tournament
- 1963 – served as Sargent of Arms, Lansing 300
- 1964-1965 – served as Vice President of Lansing 300
- 1966 – Present – serves as President of Lansing 300

Earlier notes: President of the Wednesday Winter Follies

2002 – 1st place City Tournaments, Team Handicap

Late 1960 - 1980's – bowled in 5 leagues, had five 232 games

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

In 2019, we met in Pittsburgh to renew old friendships and make some new ones. Who would have known then what we would suffer throughout this year?

Though in the scheme of things, the ABBA family may be small, we are strong. We were not able to meet in Cincinnati in 2020, but I am sure everyone's hopes are that we can join together in Chicago.

We in the Public Relations Committee wish to remind you to check out our website at ABBA1951.com or "like" us on our Facebook page.

Have wonderful and safe holidays this season.

~Patrick Koo, Blind Bowler Editor~