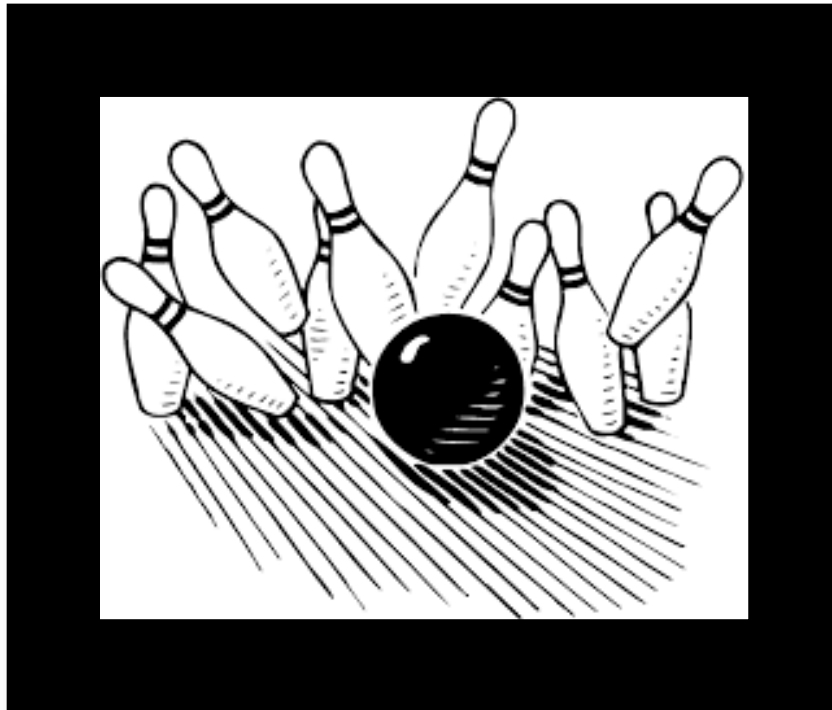


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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Welcome 2021!!!

The year 2020 brought about a change we have never experienced in ABBA history.

Once again I am happy to say it has been a pleasure to serve as your president. We have had loss of family members and loved ones in our organization and I do not want to let that go unacknowledged. Their presence will be missed and has been missed. I am hoping that we will all be able to come together in Chicago, as it seems we may be coming to an end of the horrific experience we've had through 2020. There have been good times and bad; we've celebrated as well as mourned. So, with that being said, I want to thank you all again for supporting your organization the American Blind Bowlers Association and knowing we have done our best to be there for you throughout this time and keep this organization running. I will look forward to seeing you all soon. Continue to stay safe until we meet again.

**~Joyce Spencer Mintz, ABBA President~**

### **From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer**

Please remember those members who said goodbye to family, friends, and team members. Also, remember all who are no longer with us, especially those who COVID-19 claimed. Please continue to remember those in the West affected by the worst fires in history along with the predicted heavy snowfall this winter.

Congratulations and "Thank You" to our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Past President and Life Member #40, Fred Nickl, who was on a Podcast this December. The interviewer asked Fred many

questions such as, “how he became blind, how the blind bowl, and all of the interworking’s of ABBA” etc. Fred did a fantastic job on answering and giving information regarding ABBA. Anyone listening would be encouraged to join. He did not promote himself, but ABBA. He refused to give the names of those who had bowled high scores, but, indicated that the blind has bowlers who have obtained a 300. We all should be proud of Fred Nickl and the information he gave on ABBA. Hopefully, everyone received the link to listen to the event, it was sent to all league secretaries, active Life Members and Officers. It was not sent to committee chairs because all are a part of a league.

ABBA is continuing to ask ANY league or member that may have guide rails that are being unused if you would consider to donate or sell them. PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY @ 248-410-2411 OR ([rozellacampbell2826@gmail.com](mailto:rozellacampbell2826@gmail.com)) ASAP.

**Leagues who are bowling!!**

Alton Area, Chicago Tappers, Cincinnati, Colorado, Daytona, Delaware Valley, Forsyth, Greater Cleveland, Lighthouse Industries, Madison Out of Sight, Motor City, St. Louis Pin Splitters, Rock County Railers, St. Louis Rail Rollers, and The Top Cats, PA.

**Awards this period:**

PF – average 96, Triplicate Chevron for (87) Delaware Valley Blind Bowlers

Scott Trapasso SM – average 168, bowled 247 earning 75 pins over – St. Louis Pinsplitters

Welcome to returning Bowling Leagues in January.

Humbly submitted,

**~Rozella Anderson Campbell, ABBA Secretary/Treasurer~**

## **Message from the Nominating Committee**

This is a reminder; all ABBA officers will be up for election this coming May in Chicago. If anyone wishes to be a candidate for any office, please e-mail A.J. Inglesby at [Blindbowler300@me.com](mailto:Blindbowler300@me.com) by March 1, 2021. A brief message stating that you wish to be considered for an office is recommended.

Thank you,

**~A.J. Inglesby, Nominating Committee Chair~**

## **2021 Tournament Information from the Tournament Director**

### **ABBA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> THRU MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2021 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Marriott Chicago O'Hare  
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 60004  
847-255-6373

If you have any questions about the tournament please call or email Sandy McDaniel at 386-576-6413 or [sandymcdan01@yahoo.com](mailto:sandymcdan01@yahoo.com).



**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\* The Board of Directors Meeting and Convention will take place on Friday evening starting at 6:30 pm.**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

### **CHINESE AUCTION – CALL JANICE AT 612-722-3041**

Please start thinking about what you will donate to the Chinese Auction in Chicago! Janice Erkillia is anxious to hear from you so she can plan our next auction. Call her at 612-722-3041 or email at [ggeezlouse@yahoo.com](mailto:ggeezlouse@yahoo.com) – the sooner the better!

Your donations will help to once again make the auction a huge success. We hope to have approximately 25-30 items on display for you to try and win. Thank you in advance for your support!

### **TOURNAMENT SHIRTS IN CHICAGO**

Tournament shirts will again be available in Chicago. We will be working with a new shirt company this year – Shirts on Site Inc. You will once again have your choice of several colors and styles of shirts, and you will be able to personalize each one to your liking.

Submitted by,

**~Linda Hoepner, Tournament Committee~**

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SUBMISSIONS**

### **BYLAW CHANGE**

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2: ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Delete line 3 which reads: No individual may hold the office of President for more than one consecutive term.

Replace line 3 with: The President may run two consecutive terms. They must submit name to the Nominating Committee or be nominated from the floor at the annual convention.

Recommended by the Legislative Committee.

## **PAST PRESIDENTS BY-LAW PROPOSAL**

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

Effective Date 8/1/2020

Recommended by the Legislative Committee

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Happy New Year!

We want to remind everyone to check out the ABBA1951 Facebook page and our website at ABBA1951.com.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

Remember, any league may submit an article to the Blind Bowler for publication. We're always looking for stories about our members to share.

Happy New Year!

**~Patrick Koo, Blind Bowler Editor~**

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