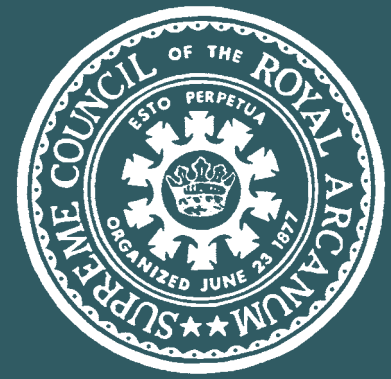


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59th RA/LDS Bowling Tournament

May Madness struck once again with the 59th National RA/LDS Bowling Tournament held on May 14 and 15, 2010 at Stardust Bowl in Addison, IL. Over 90 bowlers and guests arrived from all over to display their bowling prowess once again and hope that the Bowling Gods would be on their side! Either way it was a weekend filled with fun, family and fraternalism.

The first event was Singles starting at 2PM Friday afternoon and it was apparent that the Bowling Gods were at least shining on some of us. High scratch games were bowled by Eric Caldwell with a 258 for the men and Peggy Bennett with a 266 for the women. However, it was a Detroit sweep of Jay McGlinchey with a total 781 and Linda Batke with a 718 who soared into the lead.

And for those who didn't fare so well in Singles . . . not to fear, Singles was really just a warm up . . . you can always count on the Doubles event to help even the score . . . surely your partner will hold you up if you start to falter!!! Really, it'll be fine!!

And for Linda Batke and Peggy Bennett from Detroit it was a walk in the park. Linda continued her hot bowling from Singles with an even better 722 in doubles shone up only by her bowling partner Peggy Bennett who brought in an outstanding 785. Peggy had the high scratch game of 245 for the women followed by a 237 and a 243 for a high scratch series of 725. They won hands down with an overall doubles total of 1507, almost 200 pins more than their closest competitors. For the men, Bill Mueller Sr. tried to hold up his partner Floyd Lewandowski with a High Scratch game of 267 but it was Chicago pairing of Jason Dobeicki with a 743 and Paul Hardy with a 649 who took the first place honors with a combined total of 1392.

The evening concluded with some opting to go back and rest for the Team events while others decided a few games of bags in the bar was the best way to unwind. Either way it was fun all around!

The Teams Event kicked off bright and early Saturday morning at 11AM and the bowling fun continued. High Scratch games of 235 for Tracy Mueller and 240 for Tony Bullaro were bowled as each tried to lead their teams to victory. But for the women it was those Bowling Palermo's from Chicago with Stephanie, Kristina and MaryAnn Palermo, Michelle Weidenbach and Jennifer Jakaitis as team BWA who took the 1st Place all RA/LDS honors with a team total of 3159. The Chicago men also took the top spot with team Jack's Off rolling a total of 3437 – all RA/LDS team of Bob Wozny, Floyd

Lewandowski, Ralph Weidenbach, Don Mohr and Tony Bullaro.

So, what's left? Well, the Grudge match of course! Aided by our wonderful Canadian partners from RA we filled out our Grudge match rosters and off we went. Chicago women managed to squeeze by the Pittsburgh team to face off against the Detroit women and win back the coveted trophy – to no avail Detroit women won with team members Peggy Bennett, Polly Arndt, Kathy Thomason, Maryanne Smigulec and Irene McGlinchey. The Chicago men's team of Bill Mueller, Ralph Weidenbach, Jim Jakaitis, Pete Palermo and Tony Bullaro fared better than the women and edged out both Pittsburgh and Detroit to claim victory!!

And at the end, after 9 games over two days the Bowling Gods had shone on our All Events winners Peggy Bennett from Detroit with an overall score of 2042 followed closely by Chicago 2nd and 3rd place women Stephanie Palermo with a 2003 and Nancy Lewandowski with an even 2000. For the men it was Chicago's Tony Bullaro with an overall score of 2149 who barely edged out Detroit's 2nd and 3rd place men Max Bennett with a 2148 and Jay McGlinchey with a 2083. Peggy Bennett also claimed the top Tournament High Game and Series Scratch award with her 266 and 725 totals. While the Men's High Game Scratch went to Bill Mueller Sr. with a 267 and Tony Bullaro for Men's High Series Scratch with a 696.

The Awards banquet was held at the Diplomat West and provided a perfect ending to a wonderful weekend. We were thrilled to have Supreme Regent William Wire and his wife Flo attend the dinner and Bill was kind enough to address the group and share his thoughts.

Over the course of the two days we collected for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana, a charity near and dear to many of us as they helped Tracy and Bill Mueller through a difficult time with their son Will. Tracy was pleased to be able to present Ronald McDonald House representative Lindsay Hickey with a check for \$1,400.

The Chicago Tournament Committee would like to thank our fellow council members Jan Brazas in Detroit and Tom Slimak and Paul Bell in Pittsburgh for their continued help and support. We all recognize that no event like this is successful without all those behind the scenes who worked hard to make it all go smoothly. So, special thanks to the Chicago Committee for all their time and effort – Floyd Lewandowski for keeping us on

track and making all those loud speaker announcements, Pete Palermo and Floyd for securing the bowling alley and banquet and hotel facilities, MaryAnn Palermo and Ralph Weidenbach for running the mystery and pot games, Carol Whitt and Betty Cruz for putting together the Tournament Book and Nancy Lewandowski for designing the cover, everyone who covered the welcome bags, check in, raffle tickets, towel printing and all the other small details including Rayleen Lewandowski, MaryAnn Palermo, Nikki Smith, Dee Smith, Denise Mohr, Annie Mohr, Carole Mohr, Tracy Mueller, MaryAnn Mueller, Bill Mueller, Nancy Lewandowski, Sue Quigley and Heather Caputi. Thanks to Heather Caputi for lugging her printer around and

creating all the award certificates and to Denise Mohr for organizing the DJ. Thanks to all who helped present the awards and to Jim Jakaitis for announcing during the awards and keeping us all entertained. Special thanks to Pat Wozny for keeping me organized and sane. And anyone else I forgot to thank!!!

And so, another tournament is in the record books and a good one it was!! We hope to see you all in Detroit next year, until then. . . .

Submitted by Jennifer Jakaitis, Chicago RA/LDS President.



Tracy Mueller presenting a check to Ronald McDonald Representative Lindsay Hickey.



Ralph Weidenbach and Don Mohr presenting 1st Place Doubles to Paul Hardy and Jason Dobecki.



Michelle Weidenbach and Stephanie Palermo presenting 1st Place Doubles to Linda Batke and Peggy Bennett.



MaryAnn Palermo and Pat Wozny presenting 1st Place All Events to Tony Bullaro



Paul Hardy and Tony Bullaro presenting
1st Place All Events to Peggy Bennett.



1st Place Womens RA/LDS Team (L-R)
Michelle Weidenbach, MaryAnn Palermo, Jennifer Jakaitis,
Kristina Palermo and Stephanie Palermo



Heather Caputi and Nancy Bullaro presenting
1st Place Singles to Jay McGlinchey



1st Place Men RA/LDS Team (L-R)
Tony Bullaro, Bob Wozny, Don Mohr,
Floyd Lewandowski and Ralph Weidenbach



Dan Mohr and Bill Mueller presenting
1st Place Singles to Linda Batke



Grudge Match – Detroit Women (L-R)
Irene McGlinchey, Polly Ardnt, Kathy Thomason,
Maryanne Smigulec and Peggy Bennett



Grudge Match – Chicago Men (L-R)
 Bill Mueller, Tony Bullaro, Ralph Weidenbach,
 Pete Palermo and Jim Jakaitis



Jennifer Jakaitis presenting
 High Game Scratch (267) to Bill Mueller Sr.



Jennifer Jakaitis presenting
 High Series Scratch (696) to Tony Bullaro



Last Place Bobble Heads Winners!!!!!!



Jim Jakaitis presenting High Game and Series Scratch
 (266/725) to Peggy Bennett