

*Monday, Nov.9, 2009*

Officers:

President – Mark Roy  
Vice President – Bobby Nolan  
Treasurer – Joe Tocio  
Sergeant at Arms –  
Rick Goldstein  
Statistician – Dave Dennett

Our website: [www.mnbl.net](http://www.mnbl.net)



### Our Mission Statement

To provide a safe, structured environment where the GLBTQ community and their friends, regardless of skill level, can enjoy the sport of candlepin bowling

### **President's Corner: Greetings from Maine!**

I wanted to take a moment to talk about the lanes, the score sheets and the computer scoring. I understand people's frustration when something goes wrong with any one of these areas. But folks have to understand that it is just as frustrating for the Officers, who are often asked to "make things right" – especially our beleaguered statistician Dave. Keep in mind that this is his first year doing stats. He is doing an amazing job behind the scenes to correct not only our bowlers' score keeping mistakes, but to catch problems with the lanes' scoring. Maybe now, bowlers can appreciate what Ken went through week after week – for years - to make sure all the stats were right. ☺

Team captains, we are going to continue to ask for your help, as we struggle through these issues. At the beginning of the night, you should check to make sure that each bowler's handicap matches what is on our MNBL score sheets. If it does not, you must get Dave over to help you change it (unless you feel comfortable doing it yourself). Another issue that we discovered last week is that even though the handicap is right, the bowler's average may be wrong in the computer. Of course, you will only notice that if a bowler is absent. Once you go in to mark the bowler as absent, it will automatically minus 5 pins from their score.

Make sure that the score in the computer matches what is on the MNBL score sheet (minus 5 points). In a few cases last week, the absent scores were off by 1 pin.

Not only have there been problems with handicaps and scores in the computer, but we have had lane issues. Management has been as responsive as possible; often times compensating teams that really suffered with lane problems throughout the whole night. Please be patient and know that the officers are working hard to keep your bowling experience an enjoyable one! Thank you for your patience and understanding. -mark

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Thanksgiving Prize Night Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**



**Holiday Party Sunday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Radisson Hotel

**Cocktail Hour begins at 4:00 PM**

Cheese & Crackers and Veggies & Dip

**Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM**

Dinner choices are: Chicken with Cranberry Stuffing & Gravy or Boston Baked Scrod with Breadcrumbs or Vegetarian Meal

The Fee is \$10.00 for Bowlers, \$25.00 for Substitute Bowlers and \$40.00 for Guests. Bobby will be collecting this week. Parking is available at a discounted rate of \$10.00 in the garage. You may also find limited parking at meters in the area.

**\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$**

**MNBL ACCOUNT:**

**Beginning Balance 11/2/09** \$9766.62

**Income Activity:**

Bowling Dues \$852.40

Registration fees \$0.00

50/50 Raffle \$92.00

**Total Income** \$944.40 **\$944.40+**

**Expense Activity:**

Bowling Fees \$835.20

\$0.00

**Total Expense** \$835.20 **\$835.20-**

**MNBL ACCOUNT BALANCE 11/9/09** \$9875.82

**MNBL HIV FUND:**

**Beginning Balance 11/2/09** \$571.16

**Income/ Expense Activity:** \$0.00

**HIV FUND BALANCE 11/9/09** \$571.16

**MNBL BENEFIT ACCOUNT:**

**Beginning Balance 11/2/09** \$763.82

**Income/Expense Activity:** \$0.00

**BENEFIT FUND 11/9/09** \$763.82

**TOTAL MNBL ACCOUNT BALANCES** **\$11,210.80**



**And The Winners of Last Week's 50/50 Raffle were:**

1st Prize - \$75.00 – **John Kibit**

2nd Prize - \$25.00 – **Bobby Nolan**

Spare/Strike - \$8.00 – **Steve Burt**

This week's Spare/Strike Jackpot: **\$60.00**

50/50 Raffle was based on the following reconciliation:

Total Collected \$200.00

50% for the Raffle \$100.00

Less Second Prize \$25.00- =

1st Prize of \$75.00 2nd Prize = \$25.00

50% for the League \$100.00

Less Spare/Strike Prize of \$8.00 =

Balance \$92.00

**Happy Birthdays!**



**Frank Rotondo 11/14 Bill Lovolo 11/15**

**Chuck Southworth 11/16**

**Jim Cole, Robert Feely 11/29**

**Please make sure we have your birthday on file if you would like to be included in the newsletter.**



**The Boston Living Center's Celebration of Life is Just Two Weeks Away!** November 24, 5:30 - 9:00 pm at the Hynes Convention Center

**Sign up now to attend the Celebration of Life Thanksgiving Dinner!** Stop in at the BLC front desk. Or you can call them at 617-236-1012.

The Celebration of Life Thanksgiving Dinner is a unique event that includes a delicious full course Thanksgiving meal, entertainment and dancing. The event is free and open to all HIV+ individuals and their loved ones - and anyone else from the HIV community - to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.



**Please support the great work of Community Servings and get a pie this year! If you do not want a pie, you can still buy a pie for a Serving client that can't afford one and help them enjoy Thanksgiving. To order pies: Go to [www.pieinthesky.org](http://www.pieinthesky.org). Click on Order Pies, select a Pie Salesperson - scroll to **Mark Bastian # 21 Sales Team: Pie Eyed**. All pie may be picked up on Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> at a number of locations in the Boston Area.**

