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Prez Sez:

Because of some recent incidents, it's time to remind **EVERYONE** of MNBL's 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

Simply stated, we are a bowling league whose purpose is to enjoy the sport of candlepin bowling. While we compete for trophies, we never have been, nor should we ever become, a cutthroat, competitive league. We are not, and never will be, the League of Nations but we should exercise good sportsmanship whenever we bowl.

Bowlers, you should report any unusual activity, bowling violations, or scoring issues to your Team Captain before you approach another Bowler or Team. Team Captains, you have a responsibility to report any unusual activity, bowling violations, or scoring issues to the League's Officers. The Officers will either address and correct the situation at hand or will provide the Team Captains with appropriate measures to correct the situation at hand.

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I am reminding **EVERYONE** of MNBL's Mission Statement because it has been several years since MNBL had to expel a bowler for exercising poor sportsmanship and I, and my fellow Officers, don't wish to ever do it again. I trust you understand MNBL's Mission Statement and look forward to your cooperation for the remainder of our 2007-2008 season.
- Bob Veneziano

THE HIV FUND

Last week, in an effort to honor our commitment to Community Servings and to maintain a sufficient HIV Fund balance for any MNBL bowler who may become dependent upon the HIV Fund, I started asking for donations for MNBL's HIV Fund. Last week, you generously donated more than \$38.00 in support of this cause. **Thank you!**

You are not required to donate to the HIV Fund but, if every bowler donated \$0.25 (twenty-five cents) per week, we would collect enough money to pay for an HIV bowler's bowling fees & activities for an entire season. For the benefit of our new bowlers, in the past, bowlers have donated their spare change, some of the proceeds of their 50/50 Raffle winnings, or they have generously sponsored an HIV bowler. Please consider a donation when I collect for the HIV Fund in the weeks to come. - Bob

It's time that we stopped taking advantage of Ken Ewen's good nature. Ken's responsibility, as MNBL Statistician, is to correct, record and report MNBL's scores and standings. It is not Ken's responsibility to complete and sign your score sheets.

Team Captains, you have a responsibility to complete and sign your score sheets as soon as you finish bowling your third string. Like you, Ken would like to leave Boston Bowl at a reasonable hour. If you must have a cigarette first, or run home to watch your favorite television program, or attend to some other non-league activity, you should assign someone else from your team to complete and sign your score sheets.

\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$

MNBL ACCOUNT	10/29/07
Beginning Balance	\$8,538.04
Income Activity:	
Bowling Dues	\$ 825.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 92.00
Total Income	\$ 917.00
Expense Activity:	
Bowling Fees	\$ 809.40
Check Order	\$ 18.90
Total Expenses	\$ 828.30
MNBL ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$8,626.74
HIV FUND	\$ 387.00
Donations	\$ 38.22
HIV FUND BALANCE	\$ 425.22
MNBL BENEFIT ACCOUNT	\$ 470.03
Total MNBL Account Balances	\$9,521.99



And The Winners Of Last Week's 50/50 Raffle Were:

- 1st Prize - \$75.00 – **Charlie Farrington**
- 2nd Prize - \$25.00 – **David LoSciuto**
- Spare/Strike - \$8.00 – **Dan Enright**

This week's Spare/Strike Jackpot is **\$50.00**

The 50/50 Raffle was based on the following reconciliation:

Total Collected = \$200.00
 50% for the Raffle \$100.00
 (Less \$25.00 for the Second Prize)
 = 1st Prize of \$75.00
 2nd Prize = \$25.00
 50% for the League = \$100.00
 (Less Spare/Strike Prize of \$8.00)
 = Balance of \$92.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Keith Coburn 11/13 Frank Rotondo 11/14
Bill Lovolo & Sandro Frattura 11/15
Brian Buckley & Chuck Southworth 11/16

SHOPPING REMINDER

As you are out and about shopping for the holidays, remember to pick up a child's toy for our annual toy drive. We join together with Pride Sports Boston to distribute hundreds of toys to a local non-profit agency like last year's beneficiary - Community Servings. They added the toys to their holiday gift baskets, which included food & household items for their clients - who are living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other long-term illnesses



Also, don't forget to grab a gift for the annual Yankee Swap that takes place at our Holiday Party on December 9th. The gift should be in the \$10 - \$15 price range.