

*Monday, Oct.12, 2009*

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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:

Important reading...

–mark ☺

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF THE MNBL

#### **1) Thou shall let the person to the right bowl first.**

Often, two bowlers may be ready to bowl at the same time. It is customary to let the bowler on your right go first even if that bowler is your teammate, a bowler on the opposing team or a bowler from a non-opposing team.

**2) Thou shall observe the foul line.** The foul line shows the point at which you must release the ball. Although you may see some bowlers go over the line slightly, we encourage everyone to try to stay behind the foul line especially at Boston Bowl where the alleys beyond the foul line are extremely slippery.

**3) Thou shall not lob the ball.** A "lobbed" ball is one that flies several feet down the alley, beyond the foul line, before it actually makes contact with the alley.

**4) Thou shall not use another bowler's bowling balls.** Boston Bowl provides house bowling balls for your use. Some bowlers bring their own bowling balls. When in doubt, ask your Team Captain to show you the house bowling balls. Many bowlers have bowling balls that are similar, so please be sure that you are using the right bowling balls.

**5) Thou shall be ready to bowl when it is your turn.** MNBL encourages socializing. In fact, that's one of the main reasons for the League. If you leave your bowling area to get refreshments, play the lottery, talk to friends, etc., please be considerate of your fellow bowlers and be ready to bowl when it's your turn.

**6) Thou shall keep wet shoes off the alley.** Moisture causes your shoes to stick to the alleys. When

you bowl, you may find that part of your approach (as well as the approach of other bowlers), includes a "sliding step". As such, any moisture on the alleys will cause bowlers to slip and fall.

**7) Thou shall be very careful with food and beverages.** During the course of the year we will occasionally have food, cake, or other refreshments for all bowlers. Please eat these items in the common area behind the alleys. All beverages with an open-top should also be consumed in the common area. Soda or water bottles with screw-on caps can generally be brought into the scorekeepers' area providing you reseal the bottle when you are not using it.

**8) Thou shall pay your dues each week.** In addition to bowling fees, the weekly dues are what pay for the league's parties, prize nights, the Award's Banquet, etc. You wouldn't go to see a movie without paying the cost of admission. Please don't come to bowling without your dues. We are considerate of those times where you may have forgotten your wallet but please don't make it a habit.

**9) Thou shall be considerate of non-smokers.** Smoking is no longer permitted in most public facilities in Massachusetts so this Commandment is somewhat out-of-date. However, bowlers who go outside to smoke must remove their bowling shoes, or cover them up with shoe cozies, so that you don't track in moisture and debris from the outside onto the alleys. You should also be considerate of your fellow bowlers and limit your time outside so that you don't interrupt the normal flow of your team and that of your opposing team.

**10) Thou shall enjoy yourself and have a good time.** After all, that is the main reason why we bowl.



**Jim McCloskey 10/13**  
**Bobby Nolan 10/14 Ted Georgaklis 10/19**  
**Todd Mercier 10/20 Eric Levine 10/22**  
**Eddie Tasney 10/24 Charlie Farrington 10/29**

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

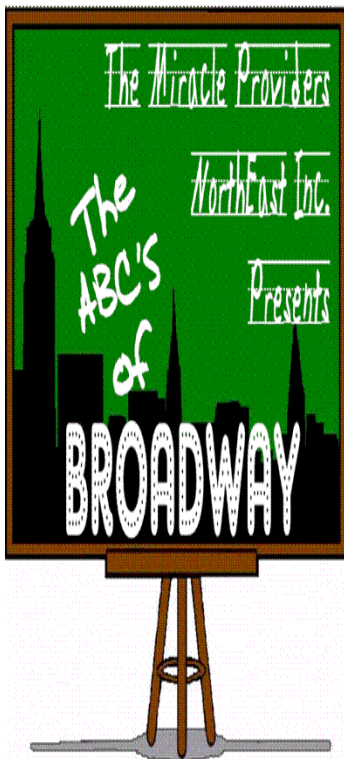
**Upcoming Events:**

**Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party!!**

We will be providing "goody bags". And there will be a costume contest – with cash prizes!!

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Gay Men's Domestic Project Halloween Party!**

Tickets are on sale at [www.gmdvp.org](http://www.gmdvp.org)



**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Methuen Knights**  
**of Columbus**  
**Gaythorne Hall**  
**462 Broadway**  
**Methuen, MA 01844**  
**Doors open at 7:15 pm**  
**Show 8:00 pm**

Proceeds to benefit local  
 children and families  
 infected / affected by HIV/AIDS  
 Tickets \$25.00 and \$30.00 in  
 advance  
 All Tickets at the Door \$30.00

**For More Info or Tickets**  
**[www.miracleprovidersne.org](http://www.miracleprovidersne.org)**  
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**978-314-2868**

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 bedroom with gay male. \$750 includes all utilities,  
 coin op washer/dryer in basement, use of back  
 yard. Call Scott 781 534-8065 available now.  
 Posted by Vinny (Six Shooters)

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

**MNBL ACCOUNT:**

<b>Beginning Balance 10/5/09</b>		<b>\$9536.24</b>
<b>Income Activity:</b>		
Bowling Dues	\$1,005.40	
Registration fees	\$48.00	
50/50 Raffle	\$119.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,172.40</b>	<b>\$1,172.40+</b>

**Expense Activity:**

Bowling Fees	\$928.00	
	\$0.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$928.00</b>	<b>\$928.00-</b>

**MNBL ACCOUNT BALANCE 10/12/09 \$ 9780.64**

**MNBL HIV FUND:**

<b>Beginning Balance 10/5/09</b>		<b>\$ 566.16</b>
<b>Income Activity:</b>	\$ 0.00	<b>\$ 0.00+</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ 0.00+</b>

**Expense Activity:**

Bowling Fees:	\$ 0.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>\$ 0.00-</b>

**MNBL HIV FUND BALANCE 10/12/09 \$ 566.16**

**MNBL BENEFIT ACCOUNT:**

<b>Beginning Balance 10/5/09</b>		<b>\$ 763.82</b>
<b>Income/Expense Activity:</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>MNBL BENEFIT FUND 10/12/09</b>		<b>\$ 763.82</b>

**TOTAL MNBL ACCOUNT BALANCES \$11,110.62**



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

1st Prize - \$103.00 – **Ken Ewen**  
 2nd Prize - \$25.00 – **New Bowler**  
 Spare/Strike - \$9.00 – **Bob Calautti**

This week's Spare/Strike Jackpot: **\$25.00**

50/50 Raffle was based on the following reconciliation:

Total Collected	\$255.00
50% for the Raffle	\$128.00
Less Second Prize	\$ 25.00- =

1st Prize of \$103.00      2nd Prize = \$25.00

50% for the League	\$128.00
Less Spare/Strike Prize of	\$ 9.00 =
Balance	\$119.00