

Committee Report

Tournament Committee

Chairman: Jim DeGraaf

The 2019-2020 bowling season was another successful year for our local tournaments. We as an association are very proud of the number of bowlers that we have each year that participate in our tournaments. This past season we once again sent out e mail blasts to our data base and promoted each one of our local tournaments. Based on our 1000 + members we rank very high in the country based on the percentage of our local bowlers who participate each season in our local tournaments. We thank each one of you for your commitment to the sport of bowling and our local and state tournaments.

Our first tournament for the season was our 35th Annual Tulip City Mixed Doubles that was held at Northland Lanes. The event was held for 3 weekends in late October and early November. The number of entries for the tournament this year were 96. We will continue to offer discounted entry fees for multiple participation for the 2021 tournament.

The 500/600/700 tournaments this past season were held at Northland Lanes. We once again presented this as a Holiday Tournament with the event taking place on two weekends in early December. . The women's events had 35 entries and the men's events had 117 entries. The 2020-2021 tournament dates will be announced soon.

Our annual city tournament events were hosted by Alley's and Northland Lanes. The tournament had our opening ceremonies at Alley's on February 1, 2020 and the tournament competition was completed on March 1, 2020. Our city tournament was dedicated to GHBA Vice President Brian Dexter for his commitment to the sport of bowling for many years. There were 42 men's teams and 22 women's teams that bowled in the event. The doubles and singles events were hosted by Northland Lanes with the men's and women's events once again being held at the same location and the same times. We experienced a 15-20% increase in entries in these events due to the multiple participation in the doubles event. Total doubles entries were 144 and 231 in the singles event. We will continue to offer the tournament next year for 5 weekends. Watch for the entry blanks in November.

Over \$17,000.00 was paid out in the form of prize money for our 2019-2020 tournaments. We want to thank our tournament sponsors for their support again this year. Our sponsors were Mervenne Beverage, WHTC, Skiles Pizza, Jim Rennick with Burr & Company Insurance, Jeremy Duron with My Home Systems and Marcia Essenburg with Graphix Signs & Embroidery.

All of our 2020-2021 tournament dates and locations will be selected soon. Please go to our website: greaterhollandbowling.com for the details.

Jim De Graaf, Tournament Chairman

