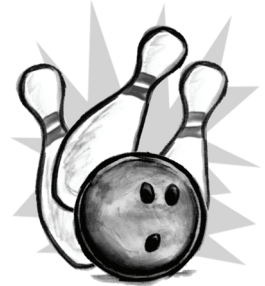




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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 21, 2010

Executive Board Meeting  
Embassy Suites, Columbus

### January 23-27, 2010

BPAA Bowling Summit  
Arlington, Texas

### March 24-25, 2010

Spring Seminar & Meeting  
Embassy Suites, Columbus

### May 17-19, 2010

BCAO Convention  
& Trade Show  
Perrysburg, Ohio

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## **Mr. Dominic Rebman (1925-2009)**

Dom Rebman was born on February 22, 1925 in Lorain and called the town home his entire life.

Dom served in the US Navy as a Seabee, building dry docks and landing strips in New Guinea toward the end of World War II. Even then, bowling was part of his life. Dom told a story of being in New Guinea after the war had ended. A few of his friends looked up the dimensions of a bowling lane in an ABC rule book and built a pair of lanes out of 2x4s.

After the service, Dom returned to Lorain and with his father, purchased a downtown building. A building which would house the family's first bowling center. Dom ran the bowling lanes while his father managed the bar until his retirement in 1948.

In 1955, Dom built a 24 lane center, which is still known as Rebman Recreation today. 23 years later, he added another 24 lanes.

Rebman Recreation was always a family opera-

tion. Dom's wife Mary was always by his side in the center. Today, all four of their children have a part in the business. Sons Rick and Rob, Daughters Patti and Mary Lou all continue the business that was so important to their father.

Dom was on hand to help begin the BPA of Ohio. He instituted Lorain's first youth bowling leagues on Saturdays, even paying sanction and tournament entry fees for his junior bowlers. In his long career, Mr. Rebman served as vice-president and director of the Lorain YABA, vice-president of the Greater Lorain Bowling Association, President of the North Shore BPA, and executive board member of both the BPAA and BCAA. He is also a Founders Club Member of the National Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.

In 1982 Dom was inducted into the Lorain Bowling Association Hall of Fame. 10 years later, he became a member of the Ohio

Bowling Hall of Fame and in 1995 he was inducted into the Lorain Sports Hall of Fame.

Dom was not only committed to his family business, but to the bowling industry as a whole. Even after retirement, he still showed up at the center daily, running errands and helping his children with daily operations.

Dom passed away on November 14th after a brief illness, at the age of 84.

Dom Rebman was a well respected man by his community and peers. The mile long funeral procession, escorted voluntarily by Lorain police and sheriff's department was proof of what he meant to the Lorain community. As the hearse and family limo pulled into Rebman Recreation for a final good-bye from the staff, it was clear that this first class bowling proprietor, husband and father will dearly be missed.

## BPAA Corner



- BPAA is excited to announce that Sarah Palin will serve as Keynote Speaker at Bowl Expo 2010. The former Alaskan Governor and Vice-Presidential candidate will address attendees on the morning of Wednesday, June 30th during the general session. BPAA Executive Director, Steven Johnson remarked: "Sarah Palin is a great friend to the bowling industry and we're so proud and honored to welcome her as our keynote speaker at International Bowl Expo 2010."
- A Proprietor Challenge has been declared! USBC is hoping to break the Reno record for entries into the USBC Open Championships, and they need your help. USBC and BPAA have challenged you to send the most new teams to the national tournament. This challenge will cover the 2010 and 2011 event and you could win CASH! Every size center has a chance to win as BPAA/USBC will have 3 levels of center size. Less than 12 lanes - 12-24 Lanes - 25 or more lanes. Each level will be awarded \$5,000 for 1st place, \$2,500 for 2nd and \$1,000 for the center who comes in third. If you have not yet received your activation kit for this promotion, contact BPAA today. USBC has also announced that they will extend the deadline for the 2010 USBC Open Championships until January 15th. Let's see an Ohio center win this challenge!
- The BPAA International Family Tournament is returning with a brand new sponsor. Juan Valdez CafeREAL has signed a 3 year deal to add it's name to this annual tournament. The International Finals, presented by Qubica/AMF will take place at AMF Eules Lanes in Eules, Texas July 29-21, 2010.
- Centers are still able to sign up for the Bowlopolis program. This is a branded youth program designed to increase participation and frequency among bowlers 12 and younger. Your center can receive Bowlopolis birthday party kits, DVDs to hand out to youth bowlers, souvenir cups, t-shirts and bowling balls. Sign up today and receive your started kit which includes a 6-foot stand up of the Bowlopolis characters, a vinyl banner, 100 DVDs, flyers, posters and more. To sign your center to participate in the Bowlopolis program, visit [bpaa.com](http://bpaa.com) today.

### SMART BUY UPDATE

BPAA is proud to report they have received 100% renewal with the Pepsi program, as well as approximately 20 new centers.

BPAA's Music Licensing deadline is December 31st. Centers must renew in full by the deadline in order to remain in good standing with the BPAA contract.

Juan Valdez is not only sponsoring the 2010 International Family Tournament, they have also announced a coffee program for BPAA centers. The program offers centers national account pricing, free equipment and point of sale materials to increase your profits. For more information on the Juan Valdez partnership, contact Amy Arcuri at BPAA.

ATM Network customers have been seeing an \$8 monthly fee from the company, charged to users to have funds electronically deposited. BPAA states this is a ludicrous charge and are encouraging members to continue using paper checks and opt-out of this service.

**Do we have your e-mail address?**

**For BCAO updates, send your e-mail to [pat@bowloho.com](mailto:pat@bowloho.com)**

## BCAO Family Tournament Can Put Money In YOUR Pocket

Could your center use cash income in June? How does a summer weekend full of youth bowlers and snack bar revenue sound? Hosting the 2011 BCAO Family Tournament State Finals is the answer.

Sign up today to run an in-center qualifier for the 2010 International Family Tournament and you will have a chance at hosting the State Finals in 2011. The center with the most entries PER LANE will be awarded the tournament to take place in June, 2011.

This incentive has worked well in the last couple years with two small centers receiving the nod to host the state tournament. Centers who otherwise would not be awarded hosting duties

for a state tournament, have had the opportunity to host. The 2009 tournament was hosted by Larry and Deb Popp, owners of Morrow Lanes, a 10 lane center in Cardington. This years host will be 18-lane Bryan Lanes in Northwest Ohio. The state finals tournament will take place in Bryan, June 4th, 5th and 6th, 2010.

This tournament gives an opportunity for youth bowlers to participate with a parent or other adult bowler. Two teams from our Ohio State Finals will advance to the BPAA International Finals in Texas, where thousands of dollars

in scholarships are available. Why not participate this year? It could mean a paycheck for your center in the slow summer months of 2011.

Qualifying formats are easy for centers to run and fun for youth and adult bowlers alike.

A sign up form is available in this newsletter. Simply complete the form and fax or mail it back to the BCAO. You will receive a packet with promotional materials, entry forms and qualifying ideas to make your qualifying tournament successful. In-Center qualifiers can be held anytime now through May 22, 2010 and centers can run as many qualifying windows as they like.

## Nominate A Deserving Individual For Hall of Fame or BCAO Awards

The deadline is quickly approaching to nominate a deserving individual for the Ohio Bowling Council Hall of Fame. Categories include Superior Performance, Meritorious Service and Pioneer. Nomination forms can be found by visiting [www.bowloho.com](http://www.bowloho.com), or you may contact the BCAO state office. Deadline for nominations is January 15, 2010.

Nominations are also needed for BCAO awards. These awards will be presented during the BCAO Convention & Trade Show, May 17-19, 2010. Categories include The Mike Hennessy Meritorious Service award, Certificate of Achievement and Sam Levine award. Nominations will be accepted by the BCAO office until March 15th. A nomination form is available in this newsletter.

Elections for state officers will also be held at our annual meeting in May. Open spots include: Sergeant-At-Arms and BPAA Regional Director. If you are interested in serving the association, please contact the state office.

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## BULLETIN - CONSUMER ADVISORY FROM OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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### **Guidance for Ohio Employers Regarding Selection of a Group-Experience-Rating Program for the July 1, 2010 Policy Year**

Effective Nov. 16, 2009

We are providing this bulletin to provide guidance to all private-sector Ohio employers who may consider participating in a group-experience-rating program for the policy year beginning July 1, 2010. This is part of our efforts to preserve the group-experience-rating program and improve its performance.

When evaluating offers to participate in a group-experience-rated program, please make sure all marketing material offering a group discount includes the sponsor name and does not offer a maximum discount exceeding 51 percent.

#### Group discount

The maximum possible discount an employer in the group-experience-rating program may receive for the July 1, 2010, policy year is 51 percent. You may see marketing materials that reference a higher discount, such as 65 percent. Discounts this large are not possible in the group-rating program.

Not only is this discount unattainable, but marketing this discount is a violation of Ohio law. BWC may take action against a sponsoring association that provides inaccurate quotes. The action can include de-certifying a sponsoring association, which means it will not be able to sponsor a group-experience rating program for the July 1, 2010 policy year.

Should you receive any copies of materials that provide discounts exceeding 51 percent, please fax them to 614-621-5799.

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