

**HOLIDAY MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT
ANOTHER SUCCESS
PAT ALLEN & BILL O'NEAL SCORE BIG WIN
IN POPULAR AREA EVENT**

The popularity of the MWBPA's Holiday Mixed Doubles event was again proven by the size of the response for entry. The local bowlers again spoke loudly and clearly that they want scratch bowling as a part of their bowling menus. Unencumbered by handicap advantage or disadvantage, these bowlers stood toe-to-toe and got only what they knocked down, and after 275,000 pins were knocked down in a weeklong competition, the winners were smiling and the losers were looking forward to next year. Ninety six doubles teams started competition at Bowl America Glassmanor on Saturday, December 27th and only 12 finalists survived the elimination-by-score cuts to bowl the match game finals at Fair Lanes Springfield on Saturday, January 3rd. Bonus pins, at the rate of 50 pins for every game won in the head-to-head competition, were added to the total pinfall. Some benefited from this format and many did not, but the ultimate winners, Pat Allen and Bill O'Neal, both of whom call Fair Lanes University their home center, really did not need the bonus pinfall. They simply outshot everyone in the finals, after coming from the first four rounds to the finals with a narrow 40 pin lead. Their last game, 221 for Pat and 225 for Bill, was just the last nail being driven as far as the other 11 teams were concerned. This is a repeat win for Pat Allen, having won last year with Ron Brown as her partner. Pat's 175 average added to Bill's high from last year of 155 allowed the pair to enter ten pins under the tournament 340 team maximum classified limit for entry. Pat averaged 186.1 and Bill 181.0 for the 19 games rolled in competition. The only close contenders, average wise were Diane Dixon of Bowl America Falls Church with a 184.1 and Dave Robinson who stroked a steady 191.6 average. Diane entered with 169 and Dave with 187.

For those readers who are not familiar with this type of tournament, it is called a Classified-Scratch-Elimination format which allows all types of bowlers to participate—both the high and low average bowlers and the medium average bowlers. Our top 200+ average men and the top 180+ average women bowlers, who would have to pair up with partners in the 150s (men) and the 130s (women), constantly suggest that the tournament maximum be raised from the 340 level to something higher...345...350...360 and up. However, this is not what the local Bowling Proprietors Association is trying to achieve. This is a bowler's tournament—open to everyone who has bowled his or her way out of the basic beginner class—and now wants to try some tougher competition, but does not want to be totally outclassed right from the start. The local BPA subsidizes this event to the extent that additional prize money goes to the prize list for each bowler who enters and who bowls in regular league play in one of the participating MWBPA Centers. Bowlers from other non-member MWBPA Centers are eligible to enter, but must do so at a higher entry fee. This type of scratch bowling is one of the component parts of the total bowling spectrum and the Bowling Proprietors Association continues to be the major factor in preserving this important element in area bowling.

Next year, the event will probably be expanded to allow 120 teams to enter instead of only 96, to provide a larger prize fund and unfortunately a larger entry fee. The MWBPA's Holiday Mixed Doubles Tournament is a 6-year old "Giant" of an event and it looks forward to its first step upward in 1976...and it will need the continued support of all bowlers to make it successful.

The twelve finalists and their prize winnings are as follows:

1	PAT ALLEN—BILL O'NEAL	4432	2544/250	7226	\$675.00
2	Viola Duckett—Dave Robinson	4392	2453/150	6995	340.00
3	Cathy Hartung—Bill Hendricks	4295	2529/150	6974	240.00
4	Pam Gray—Don Caniglia	4179	2493/300	6972	155.00
5	Valjean Thomas—Vince Harrington	4244	2424/200	6868	120.00
6	Tessie Cousin—Billy Dogan	4179	2455/200	6834	95.00
7	Diane Dixson—Charlie Fowler	4308	2349/150	6807	80.00
8	Helen Hicks—Lee Taylor	4211	2380/200	6791	75.00
9	Yvonne Robinson—Art Queen	4234	2356/200	6790	70.00
10	Jeannette Beasley—Rudy Burton	4231	2425/100	6756	55.00
11	Barbara Johnson—Sam Dent	4287	2353/100	6740	50.00
12	Pat Harris—Ike Petty	4209	2176/100	6485	45.00

Watch for the "League Officers Appreciation Tournament," the "Invitational Singles Championships" and the MWBPA Century Shirt Winners Tournament as well as other Tenpin Programs sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors' Association.



**Pat Allen and Bill O'Neal
Holiday Doubles Champions**

Enter City Tournament Now!

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March 1, 1976