A poll of bowlers participating in the annual team tournament of the SASBA SW region was taken in Dec. regarding: 1) how to award byes in "match play" type tournaments (via blind draw or based on qualifying scores) and 2) how to handle The Widow team in all team tournaments where there are an odd number of teams. Using the poll results as input, the Board of Directors has decided on the following changes:

<u>Byes</u>

The top qualifiers will receive any byes required in the Firecracker, Age Bracket Tournament, and any other "match play" type tournament requiring the use of byes. For the Age Bracket Tournament, match play assignments will continue to be determined by blind draw.

The Widow Team

In SASBA trios, foursomes, and five-man tournaments, if there is an odd number of teams, The Widow team will accumulate points based on a score of 200 per bowler and rise and fall in the standings accordingly. In the event The Widow ends qualifying in a cashing position, it will be ignored for the purposes of prize money and step ladder finals with each team below The Widow in the standings moving up one place.