

Open Letter to all SASBA members

Well, we made it through another year. 2011 brought some great tournaments, dramatic finishes and lots of new members. We went to two centers we had not been to in years. In 2012, we have three new sites scheduled and we're going back to Conroe. We've also added a member/ladies doubles and another Age Bracket Tourney...giving the septuagenarians five different tournaments where they will be competitive with other 70 yr. olds and have a realistic chance of winning a title.

Additionally, we are going to try our first member/guest recruiter doubles in Houston at Del-Mar. The guest has to be over 45. If over 50, they must never have bowled a SASBA tournament.

We have one new change for 2012 that could affect everyone. Because of the rising postage, paper and copier costs, your membership dues will not include a "physical" newsletter being mailed to you. To receive a newsletter through the mail, you will have to pay \$10 extra along with your dues. All those who don't get their newsletter on the website. You will still be able to print it out there, if you wish. Dues are due on January 1st, so please include the additional \$10 if you wish to receive your newsletter through the mail.

Gordon Stuntz ended his term as President of the Board and Pat Currie will fill his role. Gordon has been very instrumental in several changes over the last two years. The SASBA Yearbook, new bookkeeping methods and a structural change for proprietors who experience a low turnout are all due to Gordon's hard work and creative mind. Thanks Gordon for your service.

Thanks to Mark Estes and Charles Johnson for handling the SASBA stats and website respectively. Great Job!

All in all, it's been a great year for SASBA. Kathy wants to extend special thanks to "Bracket Babes" Helen Freehauf, Kathy Beavers, Janice Gibbs and Debbie Ellison for all their hard work. Also, we'd like to thank Mark Thompson for being Kathy's "HT". We can't go without mentioning Gayle Currie, our resident "Calcutta Cutie" who does a great job with the auction.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. 2012 will bring new champions, new members and great memories.

Regards,

Jim and Kathy King