

SASBA

Out on The Twig



Willie Wells wins 4th SASBA Title!

In one of the most exciting finishes in SASBA history, Willie Wells overcame 4 other bowlers to win his 4th SASBA title. Entering the title match, Willie trailed Cordell Wilder by 6 pins. Bob Troutt was another 14 pins back. Robert Dunaway was only 70 behind the leader and John Delaney trailed by 88. Any of the five could conceivably win the title with a big last game. Jon and Robert both started stringing strikes, but Willie had the front four also. However, a 2-8-10 by Willie tightened up everything. Robert ended with 247 and Jon a 259. Willie only needed a mark to close them out... if he also won his match, but Cordell had recov-

ered from two early splits and was gaining on Willie and could still win the title as well. Willie struck out in the 9th and 10th for 223 and the victory was his. Robert got 2nd, Jon and Bob tied for 3rd and Cordell rounded out the top five.

Thanks to Mike and Josephine Thomas for hosting again this year. This was the 5th Claude Thomas Memorial and the 5th different champion.

Seven of the 16 finalists were Super Seniors. The icy roads caused lots of last minute withdrawals and we ended up with 56 entries. The Horseshoe Casino contributed

\$2500 to the prize fund and gave every bowler two free buffet tickets. Thank you Horseshoe. You can show your appreciation by dropping a note to Ed Walsh at EWalsh1@caesars.com.

Our next tournament is this coming weekend at Fire Lake Lanes in Shawnee, OK. The Grand Casino is adding \$2750 to this tourney, so \$5000 total added money to the prize fund. Two weeks later, we're having a Super Senior singles at University Lanes in Denton, TX. This tourney is limited to 80 entries and is almost full.

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Jim's Notes

Mike beat Butch. Dave Lile and Robert Steed joined the Lily Club. For several years, Fred Barnes has held the distinction of being the only SASBA Bowler to completely miss the gutter...when trying to clear dead wood from the channel. This week, he was joined in infamy by another Hall of Famer ...Mark Estes. Congrats Mark!

Jims Tips: At least two bowlers finished the tournament with bleeding thumbs...not blistered, calloused or sore...literally bleeding. And I'm not counting Neptune, who cut his on a 5 Hr. Energy pull tab (there's a lesson there) At our age, we should have our grip problems worked out. It's tough enough to bowl at a high level and be competitive against the greatest senior bowlers in the world. Having to deal with thumb

problems at the same time makes it near impossible. If you haven't had your grip checked in a while, please ask your pro shop guy or gal to recheck your pitched and spans. I will be glad to do it at the tournament site, if time allows.



Friday Sweeper Results

1. Delery Matherne 554
2. Mark Estes 536
3. Pete Thomas 528
4. Pete Thomas 526
5. Willie Wells 507

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2014

REGULAR SINGLES

FIRE LAKE BOWLING CENTER

40945 HARDESTY ROAD

SHAWNEE, OK

PH: 405-275-0404

HOSTED BY: MIKE THOMAS

\$5000 ADDED MONEY ENTRY FEE: \$180 EACH

NAME SHIRTS REQUIRED

FRIDAY 2 GAME SWEEPERS \$20

TIMES: EVERY HOUR STARTING @ 12 NOON

LAST SWEEPER @ 5PM

MEETING AT 8:00 AM

"A" SQUAD BOWLS AT 8:45 AM

"B" SQUAD BOWLS AFTER REOILING

HOST HOTEL

GRAND CASINO HOTEL RESORT

777 GRAND CASINO BLVD

SHAWNEE, OK 74804

PH: 405-964-7263

\$99

FEBRUARY 15-16, 2014

SUPER SENIOR SINGLES

UNIVERSITY LANES

1212 E. UNIVERSITY DR

DENTON, TX 76209

PH: 940-808-1622

HOSTED BY: DANIEL CRUZ

\$2250 ADDED MONEY ENTRY FEE: \$180 EACH

NAME SHIRTS REQUIRED

FRIDAY 2 GAME SWEEPERS \$20

TIMES: EVERY HOUR STARTING @ 12 NOON

LAST SWEEPER @ 5PM

MEETING AT 8:00 AM

"A" SQUAD BOWLS AT 8:45 AM

"B" SQUAD BOWLS AFTER REOILING

HOST HOTEL

LA QUINTA

4465 I-35

DENTON, TX 76207

PH: 940-808-0444

\$70

Notes: The next tournament is a Regular Singles in Shawnee, OK sponsored by the Firelake Casino. They are adding \$2750 into this one. Following that is the Super Senior Singles in Denton, this one always fills up, don't get shut out. We have added a new center and new format in March at Brunswick Zone in Denton. This will be an all member four man with a 70, a 60, and two 50's. The last two can be anyone over 50, but if they are both 50-59, they can't both be champions. It is filling up also. The Gary Pfeil Memorial Recruiter Doubles is coming up. The guest must be at least 45 and if they are over 50 they cannot have bowled a SASBA as a senior before.

SASBA Tournament Entry Form**SASBA**

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**2014 SASBA SCHEDULE**

(Subject to change)

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DATE	CENTER	CITY	TYPE
February 1-2, 2014	Firelake Bowl	Shawnee, OK	Singles
February 15-16, 2014	University Lanes	Denton, TX	SS Singles
February 22-23, 2014	Brunswick Westcreek	Fort Worth, TX	Singles
March 8-9, 2014	Cityview	Fort Worth, TX	Gary Pfeil Recruiter Doubles
March 15-16, 2014	Denton Brunswick Zone	Denton, TX	4 person 70/60/50/50
March 29-30, 2014	Astro Bowl	San Antonio, TX	Member/Guest Doubles
April 5-6, 2014	Emerald Bowl	Houston, TX	Singles
April 19-20, 2014	Cowtown Bowling Palace	Ft. Worth, TX	Member/Member Doubles
April 26-27, 2014	To Be Announced		
May 3-4, 2014	Cowtown Bowling Palace	Fort Worth, TX	SS/Guest Doubles
May 17-18, 2014	All Star Lanes	Shreveport, LA	Age Bracket T ournament
May 24-25, 2014	Armadilla I	Pasadena, TX	Member/Guest Doubles
May 31-June 1	To Be Announced		

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