



March Into Spring!

March is the month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We also experience warmer weather and as we shake off the winter blues and enjoy the renewal of life as grass turns green, trees bud and flowers start blooming. March is also a good time to renew old friendships and make some new friends by, of course, attending the monthly Buzzard Meeting!

I remember the first Buzzard Meeting I attended a few years ago. I was very nervous because I was not a good bowler (and still not great, but getting better!) and was afraid that everyone would wonder why I was even there. However, after my first experience, I was hooked and now attend as often as possible. Why is that? Because I was made to feel welcome and nobody really cared whether I bowled well or not. We laughed and celebrated successes and failures. To me, this is what this club is all about. Bowling for the pure fun of the game and enjoying time with friends.

This month, plan to attend the March meeting. Say hello to the new members and make them feel welcome. Sign up to bowl with someone you don't know. Let's keep this club growing!

Let's Celebrate!

Birthdays

Carolyn Cook	2
Butch Castellese	4
Barbara Castellese	5
Mary Rutigliano	9
Sam Gay	10
Deb Sutton	11
Deanna Owens	14
Colleen Davies	17
Dennie Noll	19
Tom Josey	24
Russell Livingston	27
John Patino	29

Anniversaries

David Kemper	11
Carol and Marty Koterak	19

Be sure to come out and bowl in your birthday month and pay only \$10!

February Meeting Minutes

The latest gathering of the Houston flock was on February 21, 2016 at the Armadilla II Bowling Center. To start the meeting, Tom Carlson handed out the prize money from January. The Treasurer's reports for January and February were presented and approved by the membership. Tom then announced February's birthdays and anniversaries.

It was noted that there was a small turnout for the meeting, but this was likely due to the Houston Men's Invitational and Women's Houston City Championship being held in the same weekend as the meeting.

There was some discussion regarding the National Tournament scheduled for August. It was confirmed that the bowling would be held in Conroe, but there was some concern raised that the center would not be scheduled for completion until mid-July. Entry forms are not yet available.

New members Bill Bryan, Jonathan Petty, Joe Campbell and Janet Campbell were welcomed to the flock.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned to bowl.

And The Winners Are

We had 26 members attend the February meeting at Armadilla II Bowling Center with no pacers and everyone bowling. Congratulations to the following re-qualifiers: Sherry Cooper and Deanna Owens. Here are the winners:

Class A Men	Score	Payout
Scott Lurton	695	\$13.65
Roger Moon	679	\$10.73
Ray Hess	664	\$8.12

Class A Women	Score	Payout
Gail Hoke	662	\$13.65
Debbie Kirkland	649	\$10.73
Donna Castellese	610	\$8.12

Class B Men	Score	Payout
Michael Rutigliano	642	\$13.65
Butch Castellese	597	\$10.73
Jerry Bryce	581	\$8.12

Class B Women	Score	Payout
Deb Sutton	683	\$13.65
Janice Porter	609	\$10.73
Alice Ward	583	\$8.12

Buzzards-6 Splits Each		
Queen Buzzards	Deb Sutton	\$2.50
	Alice Ward	\$2.50
King Buzzard	John Rodgers	\$5.00



Totally Useless Bowling Facts

- In the movie Kingpin, Bill Murray's character Big Ern McCracken bowls 3 consecutive strikes at a tournament. Bill Murray actually bowled those strikes.
- In 1969, President Nixon had a bowling lane installed in the White House. He and the First Lady were avid bowlers.
- The Brunswick A2 pinsetter is known in the industry as a "tank". Many centers still operate with A2's from the 1960's. With proper maintenance, they'll last until the apocalypse.

Perhaps Useful Bowling Facts

- The optimal angle for a ball to hit the pocket is 6°.
- A standard lane is 79 feet long from the back of the approach to the back of the pin deck.
- A standard approach is 16 feet long, a lane is 60 feet long, and a pin deck is 3 feet long.
- A pin must tilt 9° to fall.



Pot of Gold

There was not a Pot of Gold Winner, so the February Jackpot will increase to \$191!

More Winners!

The Club provides additional opportunities to take home some cash and prizes each month. Whether you are a new bowler or a seasoned pro, be sure to get in on the action!

January's prize winners were as follows:

Door Prizes: Debbie Kirkland, Steve Angelia

Candy Guess: Donna Castellese

Bracket Winners

151 and Over Handicapped

First Place: Scott Lurton (2), Mike Rutigliano, Larry Keetan

Second Place: Roger Moon, Gail Hoke, Raymond Hess (2),

Second Chance: Wayne Harvey, Roger Moon (3)

150 and Under Handicapped

First Place: Butch Castallese; Second Place: Alice Ward

Scratch

First Place: Roger Moon; Second Place: Pete Harvey

Pins Over and Under

	OVER	UNDER
Game One	Gail Hoke +81	Steve Angelia -33
Game Two	Raymond Hess +46	Donna Castellese- 29
Game Three	Scott Luton +63	Pete Harvey - 47

Scratch High Game/Series

GAME ONE	GAME TWO	GAME THREE	SERIES
Wayne Harvey 200	Aaron Porter 204	Aaron Porter 207	Wayne Harvey 570

Strike/Split Pot

Strikes

John Rodgers (2), Roger Moon (2), Larry Keaton, Dennis Christian, Jeff Starkey

Splits

Alice Ward

Reminders

First and last names of bowlers are to be put on the re-cap sheets each month. Make sure the total number of splits and your games are totaled before you sign the sheet at the end of bowling. If you re-qualify, please make a note on the re-cap sheet and you can receive a Buzzard pin for \$ 2.00 and be entered for "THE ELLIE DEASON MEMORIAL THREE – IN – A- ROW "roll-off in January.

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Happy St Patrick's Day!

200 Club

Roger Moon	205 209
Terry Necessary	235 227 207
John Beuhler	211
Bob Van	226 225
John Skinner	234
Pete Harvey	216 208
Ron Radke	200 202
Rick Broussard	211
Jeff Starkey	211
Harry Green	211 211
David Bushart	200
Aaron Porter	204 207
Ray Hess	213
Gail Hoke	247
Dennis Christian	201
Scott Lurton	234

"Let there be no strangers in the BUZZARD CLUB - Only friends that have vet to meet"

Welcome New Members!

Please say hi to new members Bill Bryan, Jonathan Petty, Joe Campbell and Janet Campbell. Remember, that if you have friends who would like to join, or just enjoy bowling, you can bring them to the monthly tournament and they can bowl as Pacers.

Bowling Fun Facts

- The first indoor bowling alley, called Knickerbockers, was built in New York City in 1840.
- Up until 1905, bowling balls were made of wood.
- Before the standardized 10-pin game, bowling was often done with 9 pins and was used for gambling.
- Bowling's first governing body, the American Bowling Congress, was just for men. It wasn't until 1917 that women got their own governing body, the Women's National Bowling Association.
- Don Carter was the first bowler to land a \$1,000,000 sponsorship.

Mark Your Calendar!

MARCH 13, 2016

Copperfield Bowl
15615 Glen Chase Dr
(281) 550- 8710

APRIL 10, 2016

DelMar Lanes
3020 Mangum
(713) 682-2506

MAY 15, 2016

Tomball Bowl
14435 FM 2920
Tomball, TX 77377
281-351-1830

JUNE 12, 2016

DelMar Lanes
3020 Mangum
(713) 682-2506

JULY 10, 2016

Tomball Bowl
14435 FM 2920
Tomball, TX 77377
281-351-1830

**ANNUAL BUZZARD CLUB
TOURNAMENT**

Scheduled Date August 5-7, 2016
Hosted by Montgomery County
Chapter

Details will be announced when we
get them!

AUGUST 14, 2016

DelMar Lanes
3020 Mangum
(713) 682-2506

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Copperfield Bowl
15615 Glen Chase Dr
(281) 550- 8710

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Emerald Bowl
9307 Boone Rd
(281) 933-6180

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Copperfield Bowl
15615 Glen Chase Dr
(281) 550- 8710

DECEMBER 11, 2016

Christmas Party
Del Mar Lanes
3020 Mangum
(713) 682-2506

The meeting begins at **1 PM** and bowling begins at **2 PM** so please be signed up by **1:30 PM**

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