

Letter From the President

Hello, and Welcome to the 2009 ABT Summer Nationals. With the economic hardships we are all facing, we have made changes to this years Summer tournament, to help you, the ABT Bowler. We lowered the entry fees, implemented block qualifying and now have an **OTC** (other to cash) prize pay out, You spoke and we listened! With these and the other changes that have been made, I am truly excited about this year's Summer "Stimulus" Tournament.

The summer 2009 Main National event features a new "KING OF THE HILL" Championship. There are several branches that run split Classic and Masters Divisions, and others that run Combo Division events. This is a combination of these two formats. The winner of the Classic Division will bowl a two (2) game match against the winner of the Masters Division to determine the "KING OF THE HILL" and take home the first place prize of \$25,000 (if vested in the Bonus Progressive Pot). You will still qualify, bowl the semi's and finals within your own division and each division will still generate its own prize fund. There are eight qualifying blocks, and approximately one in ten entries from each division, in each block, will go to semi-finals. Once you make the cut in your qualifying block, you are guaranteed a spot in the semi finals! We are also offering (for the first time) multiple cashing. You can only make the semi-finals prize list once, but can cash in the **OTC** prize list in EACH squad block. For example, if there are 96 entries in your division, in a qualifying block of squads, based on the one (1) in ten (10); ten (10) members will advance to the semi-finals. Our national cashing ratio is one (1) in six (6), so the other six (6) (96/6=16) members that didn't make the semi finals cut will receive **OTC** (others to cash) prize checks of seventy- five dollars (\$75.00) each. After making the semi finals cut, you can still bowl squads for OTC prize checks, the crossover tournaments, high game pots and brackets. There are eight (8) squad blocks, so you could cash seven (7) times as an OTC and once in the semi-finals, generating 8 prize checks. This new "MULTIPLE CASHING, KING OF THE HILL" format will be ran in all future summer or fall national events. This new block qualifying only applies to the main event. The other side events this summer, and next years spring national event, will continue as previously ran.

This year there will also be a help desk located near the Bowling Centers main control desk behind lanes 27-30. The check-in room gets very hectic with 90 minute squads, so please have your questions answered before you go upstairs to the check-in room.

As you enter the main check-in room your first stop will be the check in table. You will be asked which event you are entering. You may then be asked if you want any other optional (cross-over) tournaments. The crossover-side tournaments include: The Seniors (through Friday), the Tournament of Champions, (Thursday night only) and the ABT Gold Members Only. A full entry fee is charged for each optional event that you enter. You will then be asked if you want the high game side pots (POTS) FOR **\$15.00** and the Bonus Progressive for twenty dollars (**\$20.00**). In order to make sure you are eligible to win the guaranteed first place of **\$25,000.00**, you must pay the full **\$20.00** in the Bonus Progressive on each entry. Your next stop, if you want is FUTURES or BRACKETS.

Futures are just that, pre-paying for future squads in the main tournament. Futures do not include the side tournaments. Brackets can and should be signed up for in the tournament room. A last chance to get into brackets will be offered on the lanes during practice. Once practice has concluded, no more brackets will be offered. Brackets are Combo division. All brackets are handicapped 80% of 225, like your national handicap. Bracket winnings can be picked up through the end of the tournament, in the tournament office. Copies of the bracket listing and final pay out sheets will be available at the help desk.

All qualifying except the doubles tournament are three (3) games.

You must be a Gold member to bowl the Gold Members Only event, over 50 to bowl the seniors, and be a register guest at Sams Town Wednesday night to bowl the Sam's Town Invitational. We only verify membership status before prize checks are paid. If you are not a Gold member, a senior, or staying at Sams Town and cash in any these events you will be disqualified from all tournaments and forfeit all entry fees paid. You will NOT receive a refund. Everyone can upgrade to Gold Level National membership at the National tournament. See the ABT Bucks Staff at the help desk, for more information on this Bonus, Equipment, and Cash Back Program.

A room is provided near the check-in room for ball storage. This room is only secured over night. We are NOT responsible for lost or stolen items from this room. We suggest you take your bowling equipment to your room for storage.

As an ABT Sponsor, Sams Town, contributes money to your tournament based on your play in the casino, and the nights you spend in the hotel. Make sure you are showing your Club Coast Card to the dealers and inserting this card when you play slot machines. Remember it is always best to stay where you play. If you have a casino host, make sure they know you are there because of the Amateur Bowlers Tour.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to all our members having an enjoyable tournament. We'll see you at Sam's Town.

Myron Mitchell

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