



SEASON 31 2009-2010 BOWLER'S GUIDE



2008-2009 league champions #15 Swingtown Bowlers
(From L-R Jim Graf, Ken Ayers, VP Michael Brady, John Scheibelhofer (not pictured Terry Brown))



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Welcome to the start of season 31 of the 9 to 12 Bowling League. This guide will provide information on general league guidelines, contact information, and schedules. For new bowlers, please take a moment and read through the entire guide. Returning bowlers, new information is highlighted in red.



League officers Rob Homa, Michael Brady, Rick McKay, and John Paquet

WHO'S WHO

River Rand Bowl – (847) 299-1001

They are located on Des Plaines River Road just north of Rand Road (hence the clever name). If you are unable to make it to bowling and cannot reach any of your teammates or league officers, please contact the bowling alley and leave a message so that we can put your name on our sub list.

John Paquet – President (rand9212@wowway.com) - (847) 376-5905

John is responsible for overall coordination and working with sponsors, newspapers and individuals to make 9 to 12 a fun night of bowling.

Rob Homa – Secretary (retroactive1@comcast.net) - (630) 567-7196

Rob coordinates schedules, scores, lane assignments, standings, etc and also maintains the league's website <http://www.leaguesecretary.com/LeagueFilesStandings.aspx?LID=864> as well as the league's Facebook group. **Be on the lookout for the Facebook fan page this season!** Please turn in all paperwork to Rob each month.

Michael Brady – Vice-President (mebrady@sbcglobal.net) - (773) 274-5364

Michael handles the substitutes on the night of bowling. If you are a sub or if you need a sub, please find Michael! He always sits near the front entrance.

Rick McKay – Treasurer (shyguy9561@att.net) - (630) 351-0674

All money is collected and reported by Rick. At the end of the year, our treasurer distributes prize money.

Combined, your league officers now have 36 years total years of service to the league (Rob and John 10 years – Michael and Rick 8 years).



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THE LEAGUE

Bowling occurs once a month, on the third Saturday beginning **September 19**. We are called the Nine to Twelve League, but contractually, we start at 9:15. The 9:15 start time is real world time, NOT gay time. Please be at the lanes by 9:00 p.m. so that we can start at 9:15. If bowling begins, you will not be allowed to join your team until the next game unless the opposing team unanimously agrees to allow you to catch up. Be on time! For our first night, please plan to arrive by **8:45** so that we may have a short league meeting and allow the Secretary and Treasurer to collect forms and payments before we begin bowling.

Each month, be sure to check the lane assignment board to find out where your team bowls. It will be located next to Michael at the sub registration table. Also enclosed is a league schedule that identifies the lane assignments for the entire season except the final two position rounds.

SUBSTITUTE BOWLERS

All subs (and teams needing subs) should check in with Michael upon arrival. Teams are encouraged to bring their own subs along if possible. The **sub fee will remain \$10** this season and team captains are responsible for making sure their substitutes have paid. The **zero tolerance rule remains in effect this season**. If a substitute bowls on your team and has not checked in with Michael and paid the \$10 sub fee, the bowler will get **zero**. No exceptions. It is everybody's responsibility to remind your subs to pay.

LEGAL TEAMS

You must have at least 2 (of the 4) regular bowlers from your team on the lanes when bowling begins each month. If you have fewer than two, you forfeit all 7 points for the evening. (And yes, it is possible for both teams to lose all 7 points). Turn in your score sheets to Rob at the end of the night of bowling or again, you may forfeit all seven points. If you are bowling against a forfeit, do remember that you must bowl within 40 pins total of your team's scratch average in order to win the points; otherwise, **both** teams lose.

THE COST

The league fee for this season will be **\$154**. We would like to collect as much of this as possible the first night of the league. The money collected pays for 9 months of bowling, the administration of information (postage, supplies, etc.), the prize fund at the end of the year, and some special events that will occur throughout the year. You may also make your payment in two installments, with at least half (\$77) due on September 19 and the remaining amount due in January 2010. **There are NO exceptions to not having your payment on bowling night. You will not be allowed to bowl if your payment is not received. Forgotten checkbooks will no longer be an acceptable excuse. There is an ATM in the building or you can take a loan from a teammate.** All checks are to be made payable to "9 to 12 Bowling." You may also pre-pay half or all league fees via PayPal prior to the first night of bowling. Simply address your payment to shyguy9561@att.net. Hang on to your receipt in case we did not receive record of your payment. No PayPal credit card payments can be accepted.



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HANDICAP

Your final average and handicap from the end of last season will carry over to the first night of bowling. You will still set a new average going into October, but your handicaps from the end of last season will be used on the first night. This includes all regular bowlers from last year as well as substitutes from last year who are becoming full time bowlers. All other bowlers and substitutes will establish a new average. Handicap is calculated based on the 80% of 200 scale. An example is below:

$(200 - \text{Evening Average}) * (.80) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Your Handicap

Example: If your evening average is 175 do the following:

$(200 - \underline{175}) * .80 = \underline{20}$ You have an average of 175, a handicap of 20.

SCHEDULES

Included is a copy of the league schedule for 2009 – 2010. **There will continue not to be a formal food schedule, but because of the uncertainty regarding whether or not the snack bar will be open on bowling nights, please feel free to bring snacks. The league officers also appreciate birthday cake!**

The 24 teams in the league are divided into three divisions, the Top Division, the Bottom Division, and the Versatile Division. Teams are placed into their respective divisions based on their performance the previous season. This is designed to better evenly match teams to allow for a more exciting season.

Teams will bowl every other team in their division once between September and March and starting in April, playoff rounds will begin based on your performance. Prize money will be determined by your final standing.

SMOKING

River Rand Bowl is a non-smoking facility. We do allow for bowlers to take smoking breaks as needed but please be aware of the time so that there are not long delays between games. Your Secretary appreciates your cooperation as he must remain in the house until every team is finished.

PRESS INFORMATION & STANDINGS

We have had our results in the "family" newspapers over the years and this will continue. Thanks to *Windy City Times*, *Nightlines*, *Gay Chicago* and *Chicago Free Press* for publishing this information. We have had photos in the press on several occasions. If you do NOT want any photos in the press, just let the photographer know. If at any time you have questions about the league standings, go to <http://www.leaguesecretary.com/LeagueFilesStandings.aspx?LID=864>.

HUNTER'S SUPPORT OF LEAGUE

Hunter's is continuing its support of the league by allowing all 9 to 12 bowlers free entry to the bar on bowling nights. See John for a free entry coupon. Please thank Peter for his generous support of the league.



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200 GAMES & COCKTAIL LANE

River Rand has agreed to once again reward excellence with a free drink. If you bowl a 200 game, please see the person at the counter. We will also provide one round of free drinks to a lane of bowlers each month through a highly scientific selection process (ok, so we draw a paper number out of a container).

RAINBOWLERS JACKPOT

Pay \$1.00 at any point until final call is announced. After ALL teams have completed the second game, a number will be drawn. If you have bowled this score in EITHER your first or second game, you win the cash. If there is no winner, another number is drawn until we have a winner. In the case of a tie, the jackpot is split among the winners. **Beginning this season, Michael and John will be your new co-hosts for this event.**

FACEBOOK PAGE

If you have a Facebook account, be sure to join the fan page "9 to 12 Bowling." There you'll have access to the latest standings, e-newsletters and other important announcements.

PRIDE PARADE

The league is excited to announce its intent to march (for the first time) in the 2010 Pride Parade, scheduled for June 27, 2010. More information on how to participate on the special parade committee will be forthcoming later in the season.

OTHER SPECIAL NIGHTS

We will announce other special nights throughout the season, including our annual Turkey raffle, Secret Santa, Going for the Green, and Vital Bridges "Strike Out Hunger" charity event (scheduled for January 30, 2010.) **We will also have an end-of-year banquet sometime in June 2010.**

BASIC PHILOSOPHY

This league is dedicated to having fun. That means fun for everyone, including the league officers. When we have to do an extraordinary amount of work on bowling night, it takes away from our fun. Please follow the five basic rules of 9 to 12:

1. Have fun.
2. Be on time.
3. Be considerate
4. Pay your fees
5. When in doubt, see rule 1.

Good luck to everyone!



LEAGUE SCHEDULE 2009-2010

| LANES | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-8 | 9-10 | 11-12 | 13-14 | 15-16 | 17-18 | 19-20 | 21-22 | 23-24 |
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| 9/19/09 | 3-23 | 24-10 | 6-14 | 22-12 | 15-19 | 16-11 | 18-5 | 7-13 | 4-1 | 9-17 | 21-8 | 20-2 |
| 10/17/09 | 16-5 | 22-23 | 21-1 | 7-19 | 18-11 | 20-17 | 24-14 | 3-12 | 9-8 | 6-10 | 4-2 | 13-15 |
| 11/21/09 | 21-9 | 7-15 | 20-4 | 16-18 | 1-8 | 12-23 | 17-2 | 14-10 | 5-11 | 22-3 | 19-13 | 24-6 |
| 12/19/09 | 11-19 | 14-12 | 3-24 | 2-8 | 9-4 | 13-5 | 10-23 | 21-20 | 15-16 | 18-7 | 6-22 | 17-1 |
| 1/16/10 | 20-8 | 18-2 | 15-11 | 4-17 | 22-14 | 3-10 | 16-19 | 9-1 | 6-12 | 21-2 | 24-23 | 7-5 |
| 2/20/10 | 9-2 | 21-17 | 18-19 | 6-23 | 24-12 | 4-8 | 20-1 | 5-15 | 22-10 | 16-13 | 7-11 | 3-14 |
| 3/20/10 | 15-18 | 6-3 | 8-17 | 13-11 | 16-7 | 2-1 | 4-21 | 24-22 | 14-23 | 19-5 | 20-9 | 12-10 |
| 4/17/10 | DIVISIONAL POSITION ROUND | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5/15/10 | LEAGUE POSITION ROUND | | | | | | | | | | | |