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VIRGINIA STATE

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Dear Fellow bowlers,

I am writing today to let you know what is happening with the Women's State Tournament and to help with some of the rumor mill.
Last Tuesday, April 22, 2014 the Virginia State USBC was notified that Vinton Bowling Center, the Team Event house, would be closing later in that week. Anne Ray, Virginia State Women's Tournament Manager, Sam Farthing, Virginia State Tournament Chairman and I were in Reno at the USBC National Convention. Mike Eckles, Virginia State President was in Roanoke, Virginia. This group immediately went to work and began putting a plan in place to conduct business as usual for our tournament bowlers. After two days of phone calls and many one on ones with the staff of USBC in Reno, our options were to try and move the tournament or cancel the tournament. We decided that the only good option was to move the tournament to another center. Mike Eckles had begun working in the Roanoke area to do that and Lee-Hi Lanes agreed to help us out on short notice.

The Virginia State USBC didn't have enough time to notify everyone of the change but we put people in place to help make it an easy as possible switch and we announced the change on our web site. I was told that there were few problems other than some squads starting late.

With this change of location comes a change in the way this year's tournament is being conducted. Weeks 1, 2, and 3 will be a separate tournament from Weeks 4 and 5 with each having its own prize fund and champions. The tournament actually becomes two separate tournaments with ALL standings and prize monies reflecting this.

Anne Ray, Women's Tournament Manager has decided to add money to both prize funds this year and we hope this will help make a more attractive prize fund for each of the events.

I would like to thank Mike, Anne and Sam and everyone involve in this difficult time for helping and working to have this year's tournament continue. We felt it was what our bowlers would have wanted.

Regards,

Johnny Harris
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Association Manager