

Weekend Update – 12-29-08

Membership:

There are only **three days left** before the Membership fee is raised to \$50.00 (after December 31). The web site list will be updated totally on January 1, 2009, and all former member's names will be removed. If your name is not listed in **RED** on www.mhsibca.com, but you feel it should be, please Email the Bowl Swami today!

Top Scores and The Golden Pin:

Once again, many scores are missing from the **Top Scores** page on www.mhsibca.com. Scores achieved in non-conference matches require submission of a recap (score card) to verify. Tournament scores are also eligible, but please indicate what tournament, etc. **NOTE:** The Tournament Manager does not submit the scores...the coach must submit it! The Golden Pin will not start being posted until the latter part of the season, Mid-February, but there has been some concern expressed by a few coaches in reference to the Award Committee's decision to disallow individual scores rolled in an Invitational Tournament where the Kegel Broadway Pattern has been used. The decision by the MHSAA to use the Broadway Pattern during post season has opened the door for using it in Invitational Tournaments for practice before getting to the Post Season. At a Rules Committee Meeting in Lansing, it was suggested that Invitational Tournaments could be used for practicing the pattern. It was never suggested that those practice sessions would become legitimate inclusions for individual averages. Those who might wish further information on this matter should contact the Awards Committee or The Bowl Swami.

Tournaments:

Coaches who have not reserved spots in Invitational Tournaments may miss out, as several are all ready FULL with waiting lists. Check the Tournament Page, as it is often updated without announcements.

The **Bay City Western Bakers Dozen** and the **Bangor John Glenn Holiday Invitational** results are not yet posted, due to some unforeseen circumstances. In the Bay City Western,

Clarkston took down the Boys Championship while Bangor John Glenn grabbed the Girls Championship. Continuing what has to be an exceptional run, the Bangor John Glenn Girls took down their third consecutive Invitational Championship by besting all other teams in the John Glenn Holiday Tourney. Richmond won the Boys Championship (two years in-a-row)! The only Invitational tournament scheduled for this weekend is the ***Davison Holiday Mixed Doubles.***

The Bowl Swami:

There may have been some hazardous winds prevailing in the Southeastern part of the State causing malfunctions of The Bowl Swami's famous crystallized bowling ball transmitter. It seems there was a perforation of the upper strato-smiler shield and an obtuse crack along the frebularic transfer pipe. While the results have not been tallied as yet (results have not come in for the John Glenn Tourney), it is quite possible that those subterranean infractions of his number cruncher may have caused improper transmissions to have been let loose. Keep an eye on the web site to see how much effect it may have had.

BS and the wife have enjoyed way too many holiday gatherings...and he is almost holidayed out! He still found time to participate in a Guinness Book of World Records this past Sunday. He took part in the World's largest Poker Tournament. Once again, he did not win, but he managed to finish well enough to put some pocket change in his trousers.

The Bowl Swami and wife would also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year...and may this year see a turnaround in our economy to make things better!

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