

# San Jose Women's 500Club



## Summer Newsletter

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### The Newsletter Schedule

Suggestions for topics are welcomed and can be sent to [newsletter@sanjosewomens500club.com](mailto:newsletter@sanjosewomens500club.com). Newsletter submissions must be submitted for consideration one month prior to the release date listed below.

Fall Newsletter – October 15th, 2011

Winter Newsletter – January 15th, 2011

You can also find our newsletter on the Club's website

[www.sanjosewomens500club.com](http://www.sanjosewomens500club.com)

### 500 Club Tournament Attire

A white or black shirt with our Club logo or a white/black shirt with a collar without the logo is required attire for club members at Club tournaments.



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### Did you know?

You may know that when you step over the foul line in bowling and deliver the ball down the lane, you have committed a foul and get zero for that shot. But did you know that if you cross the line but don't let go of the ball, it's not considered a foul?

**Foul** – when any part of the player's body encroaches on or goes beyond the foul line and touches any part of the lane, equipment or building during or after a delivery.

Helpful hints and rules like this can be found on [usbc.com](http://usbc.com) website.

## National 500 Club News

The following Women's 500 Club's are holding tournaments in August, for additional information regarding dates and times please contact their club's directly.

- AUG 14th.....DELTA 500 Club Crazy Doubles Invitational – Stockton, CA
- AUG 13th.....20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gold Country Invitational Tournament - Sutter Creek, CA



### **Have you moved recently? Have a new email address?**

Do you have a new email address or contact information? Please make sure you update the San Jose 500 Club at the next tournament you attend to ensure you don't miss news of upcoming events.

### In Memoriam

Edith Prows – Written by Judy Roberts and Michaline Youngblood.

Our mom, Edith Prows, had a long and enthusiastic relationship with the sport of bowling. As with everything else she did in life, if she was going to be involved, she was going to do it right.

Mom started bowling in 1953. She would have been in her early forties. She and our dad, Stan, bowled together in a mixed league with another couple, the Gerlach's, at the Jose Bowl on Santa Clara Street. It was a Sunday night league, which Michaline can verify, because she clearly remembers begging our mom to let her stay home to watch Elvis on the Ed Sullivan Show. It was 1957. No such luck. At age 13, Michaline was deemed too young to stay home alone. So off we all went, to a true bowling "alley", not the well-lit, smoke-free "lanes" of today.

Our dad was tall and athletic, and he was the one who introduced bowling to our family. Stan had been a track and field star at Santa Clara High School, with some records that stood for many years after he graduated. Mom decided to join him in a mixed league, and hence her long association with bowling began. Jose Bowl was a place you could not forget. Judy and I still share memories and laugh in amazement at what bowling was like in the "old days". The proprietors were a husband and wife, Tish and Duffy Paiva. The place itself must have been built in the early 1900's. There was a grill in the front half of the building that offered classic diner fare. Our dad's favorite was a burger and fries; we girls liked the burgers too, but also relished a bowl of Tish's wonderful homemade chili. At the back were the noisy, dark, smoke-laden bowling lanes, perhaps 12 or 16 of them. The pins were set by mechanical pinsetters, operated by men of questionable repute. Mom said they were usually "winos" who came in off the street to earn money to support their habit.

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## UPCOMING 500 CLUB TOURNAMENTS

August 13, 2011 – Guys and Gals Scotch  
Doubles Open

PLACE: Cloverleaf

TIME: 1:00 PM

San Jose 500 club member open to anybody that holds a USBC card but women will and have to be paired with a guy to bowl. If they don't have a partner one will be assigned to them.

### 2011 Annual Open Meeting

The Club held our Annual Open Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The following Board Members will serve the San Jose 500 Club for the next 12 months.

Betty Russell  
Barbara Scott  
Elizabeth Brill  
Glendora Pitre  
Juanita Ramirez  
Kathy Bowman  
Phyllis Castrovinci  
Michele Graff  
Mo O'Neill  
Muffy Breaux  
Nicole Martinez  
Rita Wood  
Peggy Smiley



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You could see them scrambling around in the pit, picking up pins, then they would hop on the backstop while you threw your second ball, their legs dangling in clear view. Scorekeeping was done by hand, with overhead projectors reflecting the wafts of smoke that would rise up from the ashtrays at the front of the scorekeeping tables. Judy and I earned spending money by keeping score every Sunday; to this day we cringe, thinking about how much second-hand smoke we inhaled.

We earned 25 cents per bowler per game, with an occasional tip from a kind-hearted bowler who forgave any mistakes we made or lapses in attention we may have had.

We bowled together as a family in a league one year; our dad called us the “Muscles and Bustles”. Ironically, our dad stopped league bowling after a few years, but Mom never did.

It wasn't long before Mom was elected league secretary, and continued her duties in many more leagues to come. Recordkeeping was in her blood. She had worked for S. H. Kress Department Store as a bookkeeper before meeting and marrying our dad. She loved detail work, and made it a fine art. Whether doing secretarial or treasurer duties, her attention to detail was legendary. Our home pretty much looked like a business office, with one room dedicated to the many boxes and metal files of records she kept there. Computers being non-existent in those days, everything was done by hand, and hard copies stored as the records. After 'her' bowling league finished, Mom would compute the averages using her calculator, our dad would type up the standing sheet, and off they would go to Able Duplicating to have enough copies made to give to every bowler the next week.

Mom soon moved up to positions in the San Jose Woman's Bowling Association, and held those positions continuously for decades. In 1989 when Mom was inducted into the San Jose WBA

## TOURNAMENT RE-CAP

April 9, 2011

Edith Prows Memorial Tournament  
Congratulations to Don Dover who won the tournament with a 775 series.

May 7, 2011

Friendship and Fun Tournament  
Congratulations to Yolandi Celi who won the tournament with a 699 series.

## 2011 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

SYRACUSE, NY

The 2011 USBC Championship has just wrapped its 88 day tournament held at the OnCenter Convention Center on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to Michelle Feldman of Auburn, NY who won the Women's Championship title this year.

Congratulation also goes to Dede Davidson of Buelton, CA as she became the first women in the tournaments 92 year history with a 300 game and a 800 series during tournament play. Two other Women also rolled 300's during tournament play – way to go ladies. Several San Jose 500 Club members made the journey to the Women's Championship this year and a great time was had by all.

The 2012 Women's Championship is scheduled to run from April 14 through July 7<sup>th</sup> at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.



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Hall of Fame, her service record included 16 years as secretary and 18 years as director. She was a CWBA Convention Delegate for 34 years, and a WIBC delegate for 29 years. She was a charter member of the San Jose WBA "500" Club when it formed in 1975, and served on its formation committee. Mom served as "500" Club Treasurer for 14 years.

It was always the anticipation of what each roll of the ball might bring that kept up Mom's enthusiasm for bowling. She was not a champion bowler. Her lifetime high game was 267, high 3-game series was 590, and highest season average was 152. On days when things weren't going well, she would smile broadly and say, "Fire's out!"

Mom was most proud of her tournament competition record. She had bowled in 44 straight CWBA tournaments and 39 straight WIBC tournaments through 1999. She had every intention of making those numbers 45 and 40 in the year 2000. Her death on April 10, 2000, at the age of 88, cut short those goals.

Bowling lost a pioneer who took pride in sustaining a sport that came out of the "alleys" and into the "lanes" in her lifetime. We miss our mom terribly, but appreciate that the club she dearly loved keeps her name and spirit alive through the Annual Edith Prows Memorial Tournament. She would have been very proud.

Thank you to Judy Roberts and Michaline Youngblood for the contribution to the newsletter.

