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*southern california*

# Nikkei *bowling news*

INCREASING THE GENERAL INTEREST IN THE GAME OF BOWLING WITHIN THE HERITAGE OF THE JAPANESE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY.

*Back in the 1950's, bowling was one of the most participated sports in America. Currently, there are less than 250 bowling centers in the entire state of California and total certified membership from USBC has dropped more than 65% since 1996.*

## Mini History of the Nikkei Bowling Association

The sport of bowling boomed in the 50's. The American Bowling Congress (ABC) was high in command with millions of members... millions of *caucasian* members. Thus, Nikkei bowling associations were created because of the minority segregation rules at the time. Pioneers such as **Hiroto Hirashima** from Hawaii, **Masao Satow** and **Fuzzy Shimada** have helped break those rules creating local and national Japanese bowling associations. The Southern California NBA is still in existence with three tournaments sanctioned: Mission Hills Nisei Tournament (Jan 2006), Premiere Lanes Nisei Tournament (April 2006), and the Pasadena Nisei Tournament (June 2006). With a major re-organization occurring with this association, NBA members will start to see more activity. As with any organization, new blood is always the key for growth and stability.

*We invite any and all members to our association meetings to see if they would be interested in helping to keep the vision of the association alive for our future members.*

	ABC (open)		WIBC (women)		YABA (youth)		Combined Membership	Centers	Lanes
	Members	Leagues	Members	Leagues	Members	Leagues			
<b>California</b>									
<b>1996-1997</b>	135,492	7,665	110,223	8,005	25,943	1,787	271,658	312	8,862
<b>2004-2005</b>	89,370	4,571	64,781	4,826	15,955	1,228	170,106	225	6,579

*Total National membership for the 1996-97 season was 4,405,032. Total National membership for the 2004-05 season was 2,896,053 dropping a whopping 65%!*

## 2006 Elections Coming – New Directors Needed!

The Southern California Nikkei Bowling Association's annual election will be held on **February 18, 2006** at **Premiere Lanes** in Santa Fe Springs. Two positions are up for election: President and Treasurer. In order to be considered for nomination to the SCNBA, you must be a current NBA card holder in good standing with the USBC and be currently bowling in an approved SCNBA Nikkei league. If you are interested in joining the board, have a working knowledge of USBC rules, and can attend meetings on the weekends and possibly on weeknights, then please contact us at **SCNBA300@yahoo.com** or contact **Bob Joice** at **(310) 414-9444**.

We also need directors representing their Nikkei leagues. Communication is the key and we need every league represented. Directors will attend meetings (3 times a year), deliver any pertaining information back to their league, and to help promote the services and purpose of the SCNBA. *Help be a part of preserving and promoting the Japanese heritage in this great sport of bowling!*

### USBC Merger: Local Associations *The end of an era for ABC, WIBC and YABA*

Local and state bowling associations have been extremely busy the last two years with the task of either merging or not merging. What does that mean? It means that each local association has been asked by the national bowling headquarters to merge the local ABC (open), WIBC (women) and YABA (youth) associations. There is a choice though. For example, the Ventura County Women (WBA), Men (BA) and Youth (YABA) associations are NOT merging and will remain as separate organizations. They will continue on as they are today, but will re-charter their associations with a new name such as Ventura County USBC Youth Association. Other associations like the San Fernando Valley Women and Youth Associations and the Los Angeles Men's Bowling Association WILL merge, soon to become the "Northern Los Angeles USBC Association".

Los Angeles is one of the most difficult areas in the nation for these transitions as many of the local associations have overlapping centers. Nationals stepped in to help decide the boundaries for San Fernando Valley resulting in the Los Angeles WBA relinquishing five centers and the Los Angeles YABA dissolving to merge directly with San Fernando YABA. Although the national headquarters is already the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), the local and state associations are still working on heading in that direction. All associations have to re-charter their new status and be up and running by 2007. *Definitely more to come on this hot topic.*

## Bonus Cash Awards Available at all NBA Tournaments

The NBA will be providing bonus cash awards in the three tournaments that they sanction. A \$50 bonus award will be paid for each 300 game and for each overall highest scratch game to one female, male, senior male and senior female (one per person). *Good luck everyone!*

## SCNBA Membership Gifts

For the 2005-06 season, every NBA member will receive a bag tag! This is just one way for us **THANK YOU** for being such a loyal member. *Take a look at our new logo that's on there too!*

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## San Fernando Nisei Tournament at Mission Hills - January 2006

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual San Fernando Nisei Tournament will be held at **Mission Hills Lanes** on **January 21-22, 28-29** and **February 4** with events of mixed team, men's team, mixed doubles, five game singles, senior team and senior doubles. Entries closed December 20, but there might be some openings. Contact **ERIC YOKOYAMA** at **SFVniseibowling@aol.com**. You must be a current SCNBA member in order to participate!

## NEW TOURNAMENT: 2006 NBA Invitational Roll-off

Save **March 26, 2006** on your calendar! The NBA is hosting a new tournament and will be donating 100% to the prize fund awarding **\$1400\*** to the top 4 teams (*\*based on 25 teams*). The format is mixed team with two games of qualifying. Teams will be cut to the final top 16 teams which will then compete in a single elimination roll-off. The entry fee is only \$10.00 per person and the tournament will be held at **AMF Beverly Bowl**. Entry forms will be available from your Nikkei league secretaries and will also be available at the next NBA tournament at Mission Hills Bowl in January. *Please be sure to read the rules as you must be a long-time SCNBA member in order to participate!*

## San Fernando Valley Nisei Bowling NEWS

Newlyweds **SHAR WADA** and **WAYNE TANOUYE** honeymooned in Jamaica following their wedding on November 19, 2005. **ED CHOW** bowled a 299 and **TERRY KAMAKURA** bowled a 290 on December 2. Send in your entries for the first SCNBA tournament of 2006 to be held at Mission Hills Bowl. *By: Julia Takeuchi*

## History of Pasadena Nisei at Beverly Bowl

The league started as **Aris Eyes** at Pasadena Bowling Center with 12 teams of five in 1949. The league moved to Eagle Rock Lanes in 1960 and changed the name to **Pasadena Nisei Mixed**. They started with 14 teams of fives. By 1980, the league

grew to 34 teams of fives. In 1987 Eagle Rock closed to become a post office so the league moved again to Little Tokyo Bowl with 38 teams of fours. In 1992 they also closed and the league made their last move Beverly Lanes with 32 teams of

fours. Today there is only 18 teams of fours. **ROBERT KIKKAWA** and **BOBBY MATSUMOTO** are the only charter members left. I joined the league in 1956 and have been their Secretary/Treasurer since 1960. *By: Yuk Hino*



### SCNBA Board of Directors:

Bob Joice	President
Lynn Matsubara	Vice President
Alice Shiozawa	Secretary
Dale Kakimoto	Treasurer
Stacee Fujii	Sergeant-At-Arms
Cori Murakami	Membership Coordinator

### Nikkei Leagues

Bahama Lanes	Gardeners
Beverly Bowl	Monterey Park Nisei
Beverly Bowl	Pasadena Nisei
Beverly Bowl	Beverly Nisei
Bowling Square	Nikkei Seniors
Canoga Park Bowl	SFV CC Nikkei
Cerritos Lanes	Aloha Mixed Four
Concourse Bowl	Sansei Trios
Corbin Bowl	SFV Nikkei
Covina Bowl	Covina Nisei
El Dorado Bowl	Japan Trade
El Dorado Bowl	Nisei Mixed Five
El Dorado Bowl	Nisei Mixed Hdcp
Fountain Bowl	FV Nikkei Trios
Gardena Bowl	Gardena Nisei Match Point
Gardena Bowl	Wednesday Nisei Mixed 4
Gardena Bowl	Gardena Islanders
Gardena Bowl	Saturday Family Night
Gardena Bowl	Sunday Sansei
Linbrook Bowl	Anaheim Nisei Mixed
Mission Hills Bowl	San Fernando Valley Nisei
Palos Verdes Bowl	Harbor City Nisei Mix 4
Premiere Lanes	Nisei B
Rossmoor Bowl	Tozai Nikkei
Westminster Lanes	Niko Niko Trios

If you would like to submit an article about your league or a special event, or place an advertisement, please call (310) 386-4021

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For Nikkei tournament info, visit [www.nikkeibowling.com](http://www.nikkeibowling.com).

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**February 18, 2006 • 11am**  
**Premiere Lanes**